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"It is not now as it hath been of yore;— . . .  
The things which I have seen I now can see no more."

—William Wordsworth



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June 15, 1968

To the Officers and Trustees  
Frontier Nursing Service, Incorporated  
Lexington, Kentucky

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have examined the statement of financial condition of the Frontier Nursing Service, Incorporated as of April 30, 1968, and the statement of revenue and expense for the fiscal year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of Frontier Nursing Service, Incorporated as of April 30, 1968, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

/s/ Owens, Potter & Hisle

OWENS, POTTER & HISLE



FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
FRONTIER NURSING SERVICE, Incorporated  
for the Fiscal Year  
May 1, 1967 to April 30, 1968

PREFACE

As has been our custom since we were one year old, we present our annual report of the fiscal affairs and of the field of operations of the Frontier Nursing Service to its trustees, members, and subscribers.

We have, as in previous years, divided our report into two sections. One section is about money, and one section about work.

Under the heading of Conclusion, we tell something of what the year has meant to us.

I.

FISCAL REPORT

Our annual audit is so detailed, and therefore so voluminous, that we do not print it in full. The figures that follow are taken from the Exhibits and Schedules of the last audit. We have divided these figures into four categories. The auditor's own Balance Sheet is the first category. The second is his list of Endowments and Reserves. The third category covers all Revenue Receipts. In the fourth category we have put the Expenditures of the last fiscal year taken from the audit and the Budget for the current fiscal year.

Under a fifth category, called Inventory, we account for all our properties. All five categories are given in sequence on the following pages.



## BALANCE SHEET

As at April 30, 1968

### CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash on Hand—Petty Funds.....	\$ 930.00
Cash in Banks:	
First Security National Bank—General Fund.....	71,893.67
First Security National Bank—Alpha Omicron Pi.....	-0-
First Security National Bank—Social Service.....	647.98
First Security National Bank—Staff Payroll.....	2,240.70
Peoples Bank, Hazard, Ky.—Organizational Fund.....	10,621.06
Sub-total—Cash.....	\$ 86,333.41
Accounts Receivable.....	338.30
Investment—Mary Breckinridge Hospital Building Funds (Schedule A-1).....	581,837.65
Total Current Assets.....	\$ 668,509.36

### TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS AT ORIGINAL COST IN HANDS OF TRUSTEES: (Schedule A-1)

First Security National Bank & Trust Company, Lexington, Kentucky.....	\$2,063,195.37
Liberty National Bank & Trust Company, Louisville, Kentucky.....	84,945.33
Morgan Guaranty Bank & Trust Company, New York, N. Y.....	229,232.89
Bankers Trust of New York, New York, N. Y.....	137,496.50
Citizens Fidelity Bank & Trust Company Louisville, Kentucky.....	175,000.00
Total Trust Investments.....	\$2,689,870.09

### FIXED ASSETS:

Property and Equipment..... (Exhibit C).....	\$ 664,805.06
Less:	
Accumulated Depreciation..... (Schedule B-2-1).....	40,078.50
Total Fixed Assets.....	\$ 624,726.56

### OTHER ASSETS:

Campaign Expense—Mary Breckinridge Hospital Building Funds..... (Exhibit C).....	\$ 34,909.15
TOTAL ASSETS .....	\$4,018,015.16



BALANCE SHEET (Continued)

As at April 30, 1968

**LIABILITIES:**

**Current Liabilities:**

Accrued Payroll Taxes.....	\$ 2,037.58
Accrued Blue Cross Premiums.....	( 329.60)
Total Current Liabilities.....	<u>\$ 1,707.98</u>

**Reserves:**

Liability for Contributions to Mary Breckinridge Hospital Building Fund.....	\$ 792,749.47
Liability for Gain or Loss on Investment of Mary Breckinridge Hospital Building Fund (Exhibit E).....	13,768.27
Liability for Gifts, Endowments, Legacies in Trust Funds at Original Receipt Value (Exhibit D).....	2,359,750.80
Reserve for Gain or Loss on Trust Funds (Exhibit E).....	330,119.29
Total Reserves.....	<u>\$3,496,387.83</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$3,498,095.81

**NET WORTH:**

Represented Contributions and Income Accumulated through April 30.....	\$8,780,104.55
Less: Accumulated Expenses Paid through April 30.....	8,260,185.20
Total Net Worth.....	<u>\$ 519,919.35</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH.....\$4,018,015.16



## STATEMENT OF ENDOWMENT AND RESERVE FUNDS

April 30, 1967 and 1968

Designated Funds—Income Restricted:	April 30 1967	Additions During Year	April 30 1968
Norah Oliver Shoemaker Memorial Baby's Crib..\$	5,000.00	\$	\$ 5,000.00
Children's Christmas Fund in Memory of Barbara Brown.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Donald R. McLennan Memorial Bed.....	12,750.00		12,750.00
Margaret A. Pettit Legacy.....	1,953.70		1,953.70
Jane Short Atwood Legacy.....	7,500.00		7,500.00
Mrs. John W. Price, Jr. Fund.....	10,800.00		10,800.00
Winfield Baird Foundation.....	105,000.00		105,000.00
Elizabeth Canby Bradford du Pont Memorial Nurse.....	25,000.00		25,000.00
Mrs. Henry Shipman Legacy.....	20,000.00	3,810.00	23,810.00
Wilson Neel Memorial Baby's Crib.....	951.85		951.85
Jessie Preston Draper Memorial No. 1.....	15,000.00		15,000.00
Jessie Preston Draper Memorial No. 2.....	185,000.00		185,000.00
Joan Glancy Memorial Baby's Crib.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Louie A. Hall Legacy in Memory of Sophronia Brooks.....	83,010.72	4,431.81	87,442.53
Isabella George Jeffcott Memorial.....	2,500.00		2,500.00
Belle Barrett Hughitt Memorial.....	17,000.00		17,000.00
Eliza Thackara Memorial.....	3,402.98 <sup>(1)</sup>	317.92	3,720.90
Bettie Starks Rodes Memorial Baby's Crib.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
John Price Starks Memorial Baby's Crib.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Mary Ballard Morton Memorial Wing.....	85,250.83		85,250.83
Sub-total.....	\$ 596,120.08	\$ 8,559.73	\$ 604,679.81
(1) Prior year correction.....		\$ 91.11	

### Designated Funds—Income Unrestricted:

Marion E. Taylor Memorial.....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Fanny Norris Fund.....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Marie L. Willard Legacy.....	3,127.36		3,127.36
Mrs. Charles H. Moorman Fund.....	1,100.00		1,100.00
Lillian F. Eisaman Legacy.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Lt. John M. Atherton Memorial.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mrs. Morris B. Belknap Fund.....	26,375.00		26,375.00
Elizabeth Ireland Fund.....	22,457.50		22,457.50
Elizabeth Agnes Alexander Legacy.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Richard D. McMahon Legacy.....	943.23		943.23
Mrs. W. Rodes Shackelford in Memory of her two children.....	15,000.00		15,000.00
Hattie M. Strong Memorial.....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Beulah Bruce Brennan Memorial.....	2,000.00		2,000.00
Anna Rosina Gooch Memorial.....	16,625.00		16,625.00
Jeannie B. Trull Legacy.....	33,253.33		33,253.33
Frances Kendall Ross Legacy.....	17,100.00		17,100.00
Elizabeth Sherman Lindsay Memorial.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Helen N. and Beatrice A. Wilson Fund.....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Sophia Cogswell Stiger Memorial.....	23,401.42		23,401.42
Dr. Charles N. Kavanaugh Memorial.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Margaret C. Breckinridge Legacy.....	3,000.00		3,000.00
Mary Hallock Armstrong Legacy.....	2,000.00		2,000.00
Winifred Irene Leckie Memorial.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Lena G. Anderson Legacy.....	7,078.50		7,078.50
Lisette Hast Legacy.....	10,944.00		10,944.00
Edward S. Jouett Legacy.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Herman Bowmar Fund.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mrs. Henry James Legacy.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Jean Hollins Memorial Fund.....	5,185.67	100.00	5,285.67
Anne Steele Wilson Memorial.....	2,638.17	200.00	2,838.17
Mary Churchill Humphrey Fund.....	1,001.00		1,001.00
Mrs. Bissell Carey Legacy.....	5,000.00		5,000.00



## STATEMENT OF ENDOWMENT AND RESERVE FUNDS

April 30, 1967 and 1968

	(Continued)	April 30 1967	Additions During Year	April 30 1968
Dr. John M. Bergland Memorial.....		1,000.00		1,000.00
Edward C. Wilson Legacy.....		49,250.00		49,250.00
Ann Allen Danson Fund.....		3,431.92		3,431.92
Helen Rochester Rogers Legacy.....		5,000.00		5,000.00
Virginia Branham Memorial.....		10,453.95	125.00	10,578.95
Mrs. Herman F. Stone Fund.....		2,000.00		2,000.00
Annie Wallingford Anderson Memorial.....		5,100.00		5,100.00
Mrs. Edna C. Lapham Fund.....		15,250.00		15,250.00
Edith M. Douglas Legacy.....		10,000.00		10,000.00
Adeline Shaw Martindale Legacy.....		76,701.80		76,701.80
Flora G. Fletcher Legacy.....		30,000.00		30,000.00
Fannie B. McIlvain Memorial.....		3,015.00		3,015.00
Catherine Mellick Gilpin Memorial.....		1,406.00	75.00	1,481.00
William Nelson Fant, Jr. Memorial.....		78,349.52		78,349.52
Lucie Wilshire Graham Memorial.....		-0-	5,476.86	5,476.86
Elizabeth B. Perkins Legacy.....		152,971.86		152,971.86
Eliza Davitt Hartley Legacy.....		150,000.00		150,000.00
Cordie M. Williams Legacy.....		458,254.25		458,254.25
Margaret H. T. Hunt for Caroline H. P. Thornton Memorial.....		1,000.00		1,000.00
Anonymous (Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. Trustee)...		137,496.50		137,496.50
Mrs. Morris B. Belknap Legacy.....		-0-	175,000.00	175,000.00
Sub-total.....		\$1,453,910.98	\$180,976.86	\$1,634,887.84
<b>Reserve Accounts—Income Unrestricted:</b>				
Mrs. Louise D. Crane.....		4,000.00		4,000.00
Mrs. Frederic Moseley Sackett.....		10,000.00		10,000.00
Mrs. Eliza A. Browne.....		16,000.00		16,000.00
Winfield Baird Fund.....		550.00		550.00
Lillie McGinness.....		4,007.50 <sup>(1)</sup>	789.56	4,797.06
Harriett H. Grier.....		5,000.00		5,000.00
Maurice S. Miller.....		5,000.00		5,000.00
Leila A. Morgan.....		5,000.00		5,000.00
Eliza Davids.....		6,000.00		6,000.00
Bertha G. Wood.....		13,028.77		13,028.77
Doris A. Farrington.....		4,920.00		4,920.00
Mrs. E. A. Codman.....		2,000.00		2,000.00
Mrs. Irving E. Raymond.....		4,000.00		4,000.00
Mrs. George M. ToeWater.....		12,418.16		12,418.16
Mrs. Oswald Villard.....		1,000.00		1,000.00
Leila M. Weeks.....		2,469.16		2,469.16
Frances Margaret Bradford.....		5,000.00		5,000.00
William E. Brigham.....		10,000.00		10,000.00
Mrs. Polk Laffoon.....		1,000.00		1,000.00
Mrs. W. Garland Fay.....		1,000.00		1,000.00
Mrs. Louise W. Breckinridge.....		2,000.00		2,000.00
Miss Elizabeth R. Hooker.....		5,000.00		5,000.00
Sub-totals.....		\$ 119,393.59	\$ 789.56	\$ 120,183.15
Sub-Grand Totals.....		\$2,169,424.65	\$190,326.15	\$2,359,750.80
Capital Gain or Loss on Trust Funds.....		330,925.17	( 805.88)	330,119.29
GRAND TOTALS.....		\$2,500,349.82	\$189,520.27	\$2,689,870.09
Cash Additions to Trust Funds (above).....			\$190,326.15	
Deduct: Prior Year Corrections..... <sup>(1)</sup>			880.67	
Total Cash Additions for the Year.....			\$189,445.48	



## REVENUE RECEIPTS

### Statement of Donations and Subscriptions Paid

May 1, 1967 to April 30, 1968

**SUMMARY:**

	Contributions	Benefits and Bargain Box	Totals
Baltimore Committee.....	\$ 1,233.27	\$	\$ 1,233.27
Boston Committee.....	7,753.97	6,500.00	14,253.97
Chicago Committee.....	4,461.66		4,461.66
Cincinnati Committee.....	6,675.99		6,675.99
Cleveland Committee.....	22,484.58		22,484.58
*Daughters of Colonial Wars.....	2,368.50		2,368.50
Detroit Committee.....	8,347.37		8,347.37
Hartford Committee.....	1,555.59		1,555.59
**Kentucky:			
Blue Grass Committee.....	6,606.50		6,606.50
Louisville Committee.....	5,880.00		5,880.00
Miscellaneous State.....	1,657.06		1,657.06
Minneapolis Committee.....	1,270.50		1,270.50
New York Committee.....	23,671.79	2,023.65	25,695.44
Philadelphia Committee.....	5,846.59	1,976.35	7,822.94
Pittsburgh Committee.....	13,024.94		13,024.94
Princeton Committee.....	771.00		771.00
Providence Committee.....	853.00		853.00
Rochester Committee.....	1,556.96		1,556.96
Washington, D. C. Committee.....	12,845.13		12,845.13
Miscellaneous.....	64,741.52		64,741.52
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>***\$193,605.92</b>	<b>\$10,500.00</b>	<b>\$204,105.92</b>

\*Donations from various state chapters.

\*\*Total for Kentucky.....\$14,143.56

\*\*\*Includes.....\$ 500.00 transferred to Endowments.

**OTHER REVENUE RECEIPTS:**

Fees—Graduate School of Midwifery.....	\$ 4,960.00
Fees—Speaking Engagements .....	100.00
Income from Nursing Centers.....	31,783.43
Medical and Surgical Fees.....	20,026.91
Hyden Hospital Fees.....	88,280.39
Hospital Clinic Funds and Sale of Supplies.....	52,588.46
Wendover Post Office Receipts.....	403.31
Sale of Post Cards.....	22.75
Royalties and Sales of "Wide Neighborhoods".....	211.04
Livestock Sales, Net.....	360.40
Expense Refunds .....	-0-
Income from Investments—Trust Funds.....	135,781.05
Insurance Reimbursement—Wrecked Car.....	500.50
Miscellaneous Income .....	256.91
	\$335,275.15
Add:	
Non Cash Deduction—Cost Livestock Sold.....	292.00
<b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS.....</b>	<b>\$335,567.15</b>



## LAST YEAR'S EXPENDITURES

	1967-1968
<b>I. FIELD EXPENSE:</b>	
(Hyden Hospital, Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery, Wendover, and five Nursing Centers)	
1. Salaries and Wages.....	\$234,098.23
2. Medical Directors .....	28,238.25
3. Dispensary Supplies .....	100,255.50
4. Running Costs: Food—minus board of residents, cows, fuel, electricity, laundry, freight and hauling, et cetera.....	47,716.52
5. Feed and care of 5 horses and 1 mule.....	1,915.31
6. Jeeps (19), Car, Truck, Station Wagon Ambulance.....	8,052.87
7. Maintenance of Properties.....	13,066.29
<b>TOTAL FIELD EXPENSE.....</b>	<b>\$433,342.97</b>
<b>II. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:</b>	
1. Salaries, Accounting and Auditing, Office Supplies, Postage, Telephone and Telegraph, Printing, et cetera.....	\$ 91,178.46
<b>III. SOCIAL SECURITY TAX:.....</b>	<b>\$ 15,167.45</b>
<b>IV. SOCIAL SERVICE:.....</b>	<b>\$ 13,922.70</b>
<b>V. GENERAL EXPENSE:</b>	
1. Insurance (Fire \$369,000.00 Coverage), Employers' Liability, full coverage on truck, jeeps, and station wagon.....	\$ 12,536.00
2. Quarterly Bulletins (covered by subscriptions).....	4,739.41
3. Record Department .....	6,377.50
4. Miscellaneous Projects such as: Doctors and Nurses for study and observation, professional books and magazines.....	2,422.05
5. Miscellaneous Promotional Expenses beyond the mountains.....	2,563.48
	<u>\$ 28,638.44</u>
<b>TOTAL RUNNING EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$582,250.02</b>
<b>NEW LAND AND BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND LIVESTOCK ADDITIONS .....</b>	<b>\$130,028.04</b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$712,278.06</b>

### BUDGET FOR 1968-1969

A Budget of \$510,000.00 was authorized by the Board of Governors for Operating Expenses and was approved at the Frontier Nursing Service Annual Meeting on May 22, 1968.



## LAND, BUILDINGS, LIVESTOCK AND EQUIPMENT (From Exhibit C of the Audit)

### INVENTORY

Our auditors set a value of \$676,946.21 on these holdings, after adjustments. Among the major holdings are the following:

#### Hyden

A stone Hospital, one wing of which is the Mary Ballard Morton Memorial, one wing the Mary Parker Gill Memorial, and frame Annex, a Memorial to "Jackie" Rousmaniere; Bolton House, home of the Medical Director; Aunt Hattie's Oak Barn, gift of Mrs. Henry Alvah Strong; Mardi Cottage, the Quarters for the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery; The Margaret Voorhies Haggin Quarters for Nurses; Joy House, a gift of Mrs. Henry B. Joy; A frame cottage adjacent to the new hospital site; St. Christopher's Chapel; "Betty's Box"; employees cottage; and outbuildings including work shop, forge, pump houses, fire hose houses; and two water storage tanks.

#### Wendover

Three log houses as follows: the Big House ("in memory of Breckie and Polly"), the Old Cabin and the Ruth Draper Cabin; the Garden House; the Upper Shelf and Lower Shelf; the Ham-Way Hut; the Couriers' Log Barn and Aunt Jane's Barn; numerous smaller buildings including: Pebble Work Shop, tool house, forge, apple house, jeep shed, the cow barn, dairy barn, chicken houses, pump house, two fire hose houses; and two water storage cisterns.

#### Georgia Wright Clearing

A caretaker's cottage, storage house and barn; extensive pasture land for horses and cows; a barn and stockade; two wells.

#### Jessie Preston Draper Memorial Nursing Center

Frame building and oak barn; deep well, pump house and water tank; fenced acreage for pasture and gardens.

#### Clara Ford Nursing Center

Log building and oak barn; fire hose house; walled-in spring; two deep wells, pump houses, and water tank; fenced acreage for pasture and gardens.



**Caroline Butler Atwood Memorial Nursing Center**

Frame building and oak barn; fire hose house; walled-in spring; deep well, pump house and water tank; fenced acreage for pasture and gardens.

**Belle Barrett Hughitt Memorial Nursing Center**

Frame building and oak barn; jeep shed; fire hose house; walled-in spring; water tank; fenced acreage for pasture and gardens.

**Margaret Durbin Harper Memorial Nursing Center**

Frame building and oak barn; two-jeep garage; deep well and pump; fenced acreage for pasture and gardens.

**Subsidiary Clinics**

Four small clinic buildings on the following streams: Stinnett (Mary B. Willeford Memorial), Mudlick, Leatherwood, and Grassy.

**Livestock**

Five horses, one mule; five cows; three heifers; three calves; one Hampshire brood sow; and over two hundred chickens.

**Equipment**

Equipment includes: nineteen jeeps; one Ford station-wagon- ambulance; one one-ton truck; one passenger car; pumps and motors; farm implements; carpenter and plumber's tools; saddlebags and district nursing bags; saddles, bridles; halters; hospital equipment and furnishings; dispensary supplies; and household furnishings and equipment at Hyden, Wendover and five outpost centers, variously located in a seven-hundred square mile area.

**II.****REPORT OF OPERATIONS**

The data in this section are supplied by the record department of the Frontier Nursing Service, by records kept on guests and volunteer workers; and by the social service department.



## 1.

## MEDICAL AND SURGICAL

The increase in patient visits to our outpatient clinics at Hyden Hospital has meant many long hours for our two dedicated physicians, Dr. Mary L. Wiss and Dr. Mary Pauline Fox. We are deeply grateful to Dr. William P. Grigsby of Kingsport, Tennessee, who came to Hyden last summer to relieve for a vacation for our Medical Directors. For part of the time he was assisted by Dr. James P. Murphy who was awaiting his call to the Armed Forces. Now, one year later, our doctors are desperately in need of a break. We need a relief physician for four to six weeks and will appreciate it if any of our readers will refer us to the man or woman who may be interested in general practice among rural families.

We welcomed our old friend, Dr. Thomas B. Grossman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who gave us another tonsil clinic last September. The pediatric residents from the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati gave us clinics for children during the year and held seminars for our nursing staff. The physicians from the Daniel Boone Clinic in Harlan have been most helpful in acting as consultants in obstetrics and pediatrics and we are grateful to Dr. Elwood L. Woolsey who conducted the oral examinations for our student nurse-midwives. Dr. David B. Stevens of Lexington continued to hold orthopedic clinics at Hyden, and we were delighted to welcome our old friend, Dr. Edward H. Ray, Sr., Lexington, Kentucky, who came up for a urology clinic. To the physicians, both in and out of the mountains, to whom we refer our patients, we owe a big debt of gratitude.

We welcome the help that has been given to us during the year by the various divisions of the Kentucky State Department of Health. We wish to make special mention of the help given us by the medical specialists in the various departments at the University of Kentucky Medical Center to whom we refer many of our medical problems.

## 2.

## HYDEN HOSPITAL

Hyden Hospital—licensed to operate 16 beds, 12 bassinets, 2 incubators—was occupied 7,109 days last year by 1,604 patients with a daily average of 19.4 patients, excluding newborns. Of the



1,604 patients cared for at the Hospital during the fiscal year, 698 were sick adults, 495 were obstetrical patients, 411 were children and 280 were newborn. There were 45 deaths in the Hospital, of which 5 were newborn. There was no maternal death. The outpatient department, with the Medical Director's clinics, received a total of 26,382 visits. There were 118 operations performed.

### 3.

#### DISTRICT NURSING

In the 12 districts operated by the Service from the Hospital, Wendover, and five outpost centers, we attended 9,993 persons in 2,310 families. Of these, 4,005 were children and babies. The district nurses paid 13,919 and received 13,367 visits at their nursing centers and at their special clinics. Bedside nursing care was given in their homes to 1,387 sick people of whom 5 died. At the request of the State Board of Health, the Frontier Nursing Service gave 1,857 inoculations and vaccines against typhoid, diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough, polio, et cetera, and sent 7,071 specimens for analysis.

This part of our report has reference to general district nursing only and does not include midwifery carried day and night by the nurse-midwives along with their district nursing. The figures for midwifery are covered under the following section.

### 4.

#### MIDWIFERY

##### Registered Cases

The nurse-midwives and the midwifery students of the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery (under the supervision of their instructors) attended 296 women in childbirth and gave them full prenatal and postpartum care. Of these 296 women, 18 were delivered by the Medical Director. There were 290 live births and 4 stillbirths; 3 deliveries of twins; 1 delivery of triplets; 198 new cases were admitted; 311 closed after postpartum care; 7 miscarriages. There was no maternal death.

##### Emergency Cases—Unregistered

In addition to these regular registered maternity cases, the Medical Director and the nurse-midwives were called in for 27



emergency deliveries, where the mother had not been registered or given prenatal care, which resulted in 6 live births, 1 stillbirth and 20 emergency miscarriages (17 early, 3 late). There was no maternal death.

#### Outside-Area Cases

There were 101 women from outside our area who were carried for prenatal care. Of these 4 were closed before delivery. Most of our outside-area patients move into one of our districts or to our Hospital for delivery. In that case they are transferred to our regular midwifery service.

### 5.

#### FRONTIER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MIDWIFERY

The School admits two classes annually. Seven registered nurses were taken in each class of 26 weeks duration. The fifty-sixth class will begin in November, 1968. The School has sent 327 nurses, qualified as midwives and in our frontier technique, to render service all over the world. Graduates of the School are in a number of our states, including Alaska; the Philippines, New Guinea, India, Thailand, South Korea, Canada, France, the Middle East, and in parts of Africa and South America.

Guest lecturers to whom we are most grateful are Dr. M. A. Carnes, anesthesiologist at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Dr. Doane Fischer, pediatrician from Harlan, Dr. H. H. Cherry of the Kentucky State Tuberculosis Hospital in London, and the nutritionists from the State Department of Health who hold a workshop for each class in the School.

### 6.

#### SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

During the past fiscal year the Social Service Department of the Frontier Nursing Service has given financial aid to families or individuals as follows:

- Gave emergency grocery orders or help with the food stamp program to 42 families
- Bought coal for 9 indigent families
- Paid light bills for 6 indigent families
- Provided seed potatoes and garden seeds for 15 families
- Provided school clothes and shoes for 30 children



Paid all or part of boarding school expense for 5 children  
Bought school lunches for 6 children  
Bought school books for 4 high school students  
Paid Practical Nurse Training fees for 1 girl  
Made 3 loans for adult education  
Bought glasses for 6 patients (New Eyes for the Needy Fund)  
Paid all or part of outside city hospital bills for 5 patients  
Paid travel expenses to Lexington and Cincinnati for 35 patients for clinic and hospital visits  
Paid ambulance bills for 57 trips with patients  
Assisted 1 burned out family  
Provided emergency loans for 4 families  
Provided help with rent for 3 families  
Bought a hearing aid for 1 patient  
Paid laboratory fees for patients at Lexington and Louisville clinics (Any patients who can pay reimburse the Service.)

Many patients have been transported to and from the Frontier Nursing Service Hospital at Hyden and the outpost centers. In addition, there were many trips with patients to hospitals and outpatient clinics in Harlan, Lexington, Louisville and Cincinnati.

Clothing and bedding were distributed to needy families and books were given to local schools.

Service and time were given in cooperation with the American Red Cross, the Welfare and Health Departments, the County Judge, Vocational Representatives, the Frontier Nursing Service Medical Director, district nurse-midwives and Hospital staff.

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### VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Dozens of volunteers, including couriers, physicians, nurses and secretaries, gave thousands of hours of work during the year.

## 8.

### GUESTS FOR OBSERVATION AND STUDY

As in other years the Service entertained guests, for observation and study of its work, from all over the world. These came not only from North America but from Europe, Asia, South America and Africa.



## 9.

## CHRISTMAS

The Frontier Nursing Service held Christmas parties at many different places for the more than 5,000 children under its care, with Santa Claus, Christmas trees and Christmas carols. Our local district committees provided trucks to carry supplies from Hyden to the outpost centers, and were helpful in many other ways. All of this was made possible by the generous response of hundreds of people to our annual request card for the children's Christmas.

## CONCLUSION

We present our 43rd Annual Report with the knowledge that a large part of our achievement is due to the firm support we receive from our thousands of friends both in and out of the mountains who encourage us to carry on with the work. We are deeply grateful to the senior members of our staff in the field for helping to insure continuity in our work in these times of rapid change. Our courier service has been invaluable to us during the year in helping the nurses at the outpost centers and in the Medical Director's clinics at Hyden.

The Director and the Assistant Medical Director are serving as members of councils which are planning for comprehensive health care on a regional basis. Interest in our plans for preparing a "family nurse" is evident among the Federal and local health agencies. When we have more space for nursing education in our new hospital we can further develop our plans. A progress report on our campaign for capital funds appears elsewhere in this Bulletin.

MARVIN BRECKINRIDGE PATTERSON  
(Mrs. Jefferson Patterson), Chairman  
EDWARD S. DABNEY, Treasurer  
HELEN E. BROWNE, Director



## POETIC ACCOUNTING

It is axiomatic that any organization which solicits donations from its friends to support its work must be prepared at all times to account for the money it receives and spends. Thus, from its first year of existence, the Frontier Nursing Service accounts have been audited by a Certified Public Accountant and each year our auditors, and our donors, have been satisfied with the state of our affairs. It hasn't been at all easy, but we have never closed a fiscal year "in the red", and anyone who wished to inquire could tell how much of our income came from donations, or endowments, or patient fees, et cetera, and how we spent every cent of our income.

This happy state of affairs existed for many years—forty, to be exact—and then came Medicare and Medicaid. One would not think that a beneficent idea such as medical care for the aged and the indigent would cause enormous problems for an organization which had devoted forty years of service to an area which had nearly been forgotten by all but private philanthropy. But, regrettably, it did. As was true with any charity, we were terribly grateful for every penny of income (we still are!) and we did the best we could, giving service within our means, not worrying about the cost of each aspirin. Then, in 1966, we were told that if we wanted the elderly and indigent patients under our care to benefit by Medicare and Medicaid, we could no longer follow our usual accounting practices of keeping our books on a cash basis but we would have to go on the accrual system, and that we would have to determine the actual cost—to us—for every pill, every bandaid, every service rendered.

It is not our intention to bore our readers with the multitude of problems entailed in this change-over. With the help of our own auditors, of the audit firm employed by Medicare, and of an independent certified public accountant and a systems expert, and at some considerable expense, we are making the difficult transition. And if there are a few more grey hairs among the staff—well, that's progress.

And what has all this got to do with poetry? We must confess that during the past year nothing on earth seemed less poetic than the subject of accounting. So we were diverted and



delighted to come across a letter from a man who, obviously, did not consider accounting dull or prosaic. This letter, which also gives an amusing bit of FNS history, was written on May 24, 1935, by our first (and until his death our only) auditor, Mr. W. A. Hifner, Jr. of Lexington, Kentucky, to Mr. C. N. Manning, the first FNS Treasurer, and we quote it for your pleasure.

"My dear Mr. Manning:—

"A short time ago a friend, a man who is nationally known as being at the very top of his profession, made the statement to me that he did not see how I could work with figures all the time, as the mere thought of figures, especially tabulated statements, almost gave him nervous prostration.

"It was a revelation to me that anyone could entertain such an attitude in regard to figures. I had never before realized that to some persons an annual report or financial statement is just another form of the multiplication tables.

"To the accountant, figures are merely the tools with which to work. Just as the sculptor makes use of his hammer and chisel to bring forth out of the rough marble his conception of a Venus de Milo, so, also, does the accountant make use of figures to convey his conception of facts and events that have occurred. The accountant's sole function is to assemble the figures in such a manner as to present a true picture of the facts, and his success is measured by the extent to which his assembly is most readily understood.

"In transmitting to you, Mr. Treasurer, the annual audit report of the Frontier Nursing Service for the fiscal year just ended, I wish I had the ability to convey to you the succession of exquisitely beautiful pictures these annual reports have visualized to me.

"I shall never forget the first audit we made for the Service. The Director walked into our office, a total stranger; dumped on the floor an old rusty pair of saddlebags, and calmly announced that she wanted her accounts straightened out. You will please note that I say "accounts" and not "books", as the Service survived the first several years of its existence without the aid or impediment—according to one's point of view—of books of any kind.

"I do not know how familiar you may be with saddlebags, but that was my first introduction to the species, and I am still amazed at the enormous mass of papers that first pair of saddlebags disgorged. They reminded me of nothing else quite so much as an old rag bag my grandmother kept hanging on the inside of her closet door as a receptacle for



the most varied assortment of cloth, of every hue and texture, it has ever been my lot to inventory in any department store.

"And, just as the contents of that humble old rag bag, under the deft fingers of my grandmother with the aid of her looms and frames, were gradually transmuted into some of the most beautiful quilts, rugs and carpets it is possible to describe, so, also, did the simple contents of that first visitation of saddlebags, and its annual successors, when assorted and assembled, depict the realization of hope and the futility of despair; the glory of tasks well done and the satisfaction of service rendered.

"I shall not attempt to describe to you all the beautiful scenes these annual reports have brought to my mind, as they are too many and too varied. Their predominating motif, constantly recurring, seems to be the spirit of an intrepid adventurer and pioneer, wearing a girdle of courage, a mantle of faith and hope, a banner of mercy, and a shield of duty; a spirit imbued with an overwhelming and intense love for little children.

"In the collaboration of these reports I have been accorded the privilege of witnessing history in its making: where the warp and woof of a better civilization, in an area larger than many principalities, has been fabricated thru the piecing together and skillful application of an infinitude of small contributions from the four corners of the globe, to the end that generations yet unborn will be endowed with better minds and hearts by reason of a natural heritage of better bodies.

"Other pioneers and adventurers have been memorialized in bronze and stone, granite and marble, but to live, both contemporaneously and thruout future generations, in the minds and hearts of men is the high honor justly earned by the Director of the Frontier Nursing Service.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ W. A. HIFNER JR."



## OLD COURIER NEWS

Edited by  
JUANETTA MORGAN

### **From Virginia Storrs, Cambridge Massachusetts**

—May 31, 1968

We're now finishing exams here at Radcliffe. I have one more in a couple of days, then home for a week, before heading to Franconia, New Hampshire, for twelve weeks as a tennis instructor—certainly very different from last summer's courier work.

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### **From Mrs. Paul Church Harper (Marianne L. Stevenson),**

**Lake Forest, Illinois—June 18, 1968**

I got home a week ago after two months in the Middle East, Afghanistan and Russia. I visited a Christian missionary hospital in Lahore, Pakistan, which was immensely interesting—naturally I asked if they used nurse-midwives and the reply was they wished they could get them! I've forgotten the name of the FNS nurse near Lahore—anyhow, they know her and have immense respect for her. Our present FNS hospital may be crowded and inadequate, but be thankful that the families of patients don't come and cook for them in the halls and wards! The hospital in Peshamor, which is the eastern gateway to the Khyber Pass, was full of cases of gunshot wounds. That part of the world is dominated by Kuchi and Pushtoon tribes who take their blood feuds in deadly earnest.

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### **From Sally Lawrence, Rochester, New York—July 22, 1968**

I enjoy receiving the Bulletins as they bring back many wonderful memories of my summer there and keep me up-to-date on FNS achievements.

I am still working as a Public Health nurse for Monroe County but have recently become a part of a new comprehensive Neighborhood Health Center located in the inner city. Although the center is just getting started, we hope that by offering complete and improved health care to all members of the families, to bring about an improvement in general health in the area.



**From Paula Granger Atkeson, Philippine Islands**

—August 1, 1968

How nice to have a word from you and to see the wonderful plans for the new hospital. I wish we could come for a visit but presently we are half way around the world in the Philippines where Tim is the General Counsel of the Asian Development Bank.

The boys have adapted to their new life well. We take family trips most weekends, and have visited a volcano, Spanish forts and a Chinese cemetery, the International Rice Research Institute, a swimming hole named Alligator Lake and Nasugbu beach on the China Sea. To do this we have bounded over more pot holes, driven through more tropical downpours and guessed our way along more unmarked roads than we expected. But the result has been adventure.

Tim and I have taken many interesting trips including India, Taiwan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Russia. It is all very exciting but we do miss home!

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**From Jean Woodruff, Binghamton, New York**

—August 4, 1968

Graduation (from nursing school) is near—September 9th. My grandmother and I are going to Denmark, Sweden, Norway and England for three weeks, leaving New York on the 11th. When we return I'll be going to Westerly, Rhode Island, to work and will be living with one of my classmates for awhile.

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**From Mrs. Trenchard More (Katherine Biddle),****Chappaqua, New York—August 15, 1968**

We have moved from Woodbridge, Connecticut to Chappaqua. Trenchard has several connections with Yale and is doing research at I.B.M.'s laboratory at Yorktown Heights.

We spent six weeks in Woods Hole and Naushon Island, Massachusetts. Having often visited Naushon Island when I was a child, I was delighted at the opportunity of staying there ten days in August with the children.



**From Sherry Lewis, Vienna, Austria—August, 1968**

I had a wonderful time as a courier this summer. I have since been through Italy, Switzerland and Austria. We spent two mornings in Vienna watching the Lippizanners training. They are so beautiful. We went up a couple of mountains on gondolas but it was always snowing on top so we didn't see too much.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to **Elizabeth Campbell Hall** in the death of her mother, Mrs. Wilson A. Campbell, June 9; and to Mr. Louis A. Cherry, husband of **Katherine Bulkley Cherry** who died July 15 after an illness of several months.

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**BITS OF COURIER NEWS**

**Nancy Walker Seeley's** mother writes us that Nancy has been working as an aide at Hartford Hospital for two years.

**Kathy Towne** is working with the Roxbury Multi-Service Center in Roxbury, Massachusetts, as a case worker.

**A WEDDING**

Miss Charlotte Forbes and Dr. John Rae Wunderlich, on June 22, 1968, in Sheridan, Wyoming. We send a host of good wishes to this young couple who are now living in Bethesda, Maryland.

**BABIES**

Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Foote (Roberta Fulbright) of St. Louis, have a second child, William Fulbright Foote, born July 3, 1968; and Mr. and Mrs. E. Donald Jones (Beth Burchenal) of Cincinnati, have a little sister for Billy—Catherine Ewing was born July 23, 1968. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Short (Posy Lincoln) had their second child, and first daughter, Florence Kelly Short (Polly) in Greenwich, Connecticut, on July 25, 1968.



## MARY BRECKINRIDGE HOSPITAL AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

### Progress Report

As many of our readers know, we started with our active campaign in November of last year. The first of our city committees to get under way was Louisville. Others followed during the winter and spring and some are planning to conduct their campaigns this fall and winter. During the summer of 1967, our Board of Governors and every member of our staff had participated one hundred percent with their pledges and donations to the Hospital Fund. Our patients had reached their goal of \$25,000.00 which they hope to double during the next two years.

Prior to launching the campaign for capital funds, we sought professional advice in making our plans for meeting our needs during the period 1968-1970. Our fund raising counsel prepared for us a schedule of giving which in their estimation we required in order to meet our goal. We want to share with our readers the measure of our success and to express our deep appreciation to all those who have helped us during the first nine months of the campaign.

On page 24 you will find the estimated scale of giving required to meet our goal, and on page 25 the scale of gifts and pledges we have received to date.

We have purchased the site for the new hospital and have paid our architect for the completed plans which have been approved by State and Federal health authorities. Thanks to the many hours of voluntary help which has been given to us by members of our committees, our campaign expenses have been relatively small. Our National Treasurer has invested gifts to the Hospital Fund and we are happy to announce that as this Bulletin goes to press we have \$1,030,511.00 in the Mary Breckinridge Hospital Investment Fund.



**SCALE OF GIVING REQUIRED**  
**FOR \$2,800,000**

(Estimated by Fund Raising Counsel)

No. of Gifts	Size of Gifts	Totaling
1	\$500,000	\$ 500,000
1	300,000	300,000
2	250,000	500,000
3	150,000	450,000
3	100,000	300,000
5	50,000	250,000
5	25,000	125,000
8	10,000	80,000
11	5,000	55,000
40	1,000	40,000
Hundreds	Under 1,000	200,000
	Total	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> \$2,800,000



**GIFTS AND PLEDGES RECEIVED**

No. of Gifts	Size of Gifts	Totaling
0	\$500,000.00	
0	\$300,000.00	
1	\$250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
1	\$200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
2	\$150,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
1	\$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
1	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
2	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
6	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
5	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
12	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
141	\$1,000.00 - \$9,999.00	\$ 292,379.05
Hundreds	Under \$1,000.00	\$ 131,422.92
Total		\$1,783,801.97*
* Cash Received	\$1,105,118.46	
Balance on Pledges Due 1969-70	\$ 678,683.51	



During the past year we have been working with State and Federal health agencies who have indicated their interest in our future plans for education of the rural district nurse and we believe they are beginning to realize the Mary Breckinridge Hospital will provide us with adequate space which we must have for clinical teaching. The new hospital is step number one towards the development of our educational plans.

Those of us who had the privilege of working with Mrs. Breckinridge for so many years know that we must not break ground for the new hospital until we have sufficient funds to complete and equip the building. With the anticipated annual increase of construction costs, we hope it will not be too long before we can see our way to breaking ground.

H.E.B.

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### AN EQUAL AMOUNT

"Why are you sobbing, my little man?"

"My pa's a millionaire philanthropist."

"Well, well! That's nothing to cry about, is it?"

"It ain't, ain't it? He's just promised to give me five dollars to spend, provided I raise an equal amount!"



## THE BEST OF THE BULLETIN

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### TOO SOON, MR. STORK

by  
ANNA MAY JANUARY, R.N., C.M.

On a cold icy morning, the temperature two degrees below zero, Mousie, our large collie, let us know someone was at the gate.

Yes, Sam had come for me. Mary was bad off and wanted me at once.

During the night, old Mother Nature had covered earth and trees with a glistening mantle of white—a beautiful sight to behold. She had succeeded also in making travel very hazardous.

I saddled Kelpie and started Sam in the lead on his mule Tim, laden with baby blankets, hot water bottle, and a roll of cotton for the new arrival. (Baby was on his way two months in advance.) Kelpie and I brought up the rear—all moving at a snail's pace. We arrived at Wilder Creek (the road) frozen solid with ice. Kelpie decided that, stork or no stork, she wasn't going to risk her neck. No amount of coaxing or persuasion could change her mind. So, someone's mind had to be changed. Deciding that it was mine, I dismounted. Praying the while that my boots wouldn't spring a leak, I pounded the ice, breaking it as best I could, making a path for Kelpie. Then I crept along in front, Kelpie behind—each of us doing many fancy dance steps unknown in the dancing world. However, we did manage the Virginia Reel perfectly in several places along the creek. Sam and Tim riding up ahead of us were in a dance world all their own.

At 8:00 A.M., after fifteen minutes travel, we arrived at the little cabin. Unlatching the gate, I heard the old familiar refrain, "Lordy, look down upon me and have mercy on my soul." I took off with as much speed as possible, almost arriving under the front porch in the sitting position known to those people who do setting up exercises in the early morning.

I eased into the door. Mary was punishing something awful. At a fleeting glance, I saw she wouldn't punish much longer. My



fingers were numb with cold. I managed to get my bags open (grandma was too excited to open them) and my hands washed in a pan of water with ice floating about, which really looked like icebergs to me at the moment.

Hurriedly, I assembled the most essential supplies, made my premature jacket, and was standing ready to help Mr. Stork when he arrived.

Grandma, in her concern, wanted to know if the baby was "ketched in the side." I assured grandma that "ketched" or "unketched" the little man was arriving at a fast rate of speed.

At that moment I was concerned with the temperature of the room, for grandma in her fright and anxiety had not kept the fire going and poor old Uncle Rig, in the other room, was "bad off" sitting by his fire. However, thinks I to myself, at least the shying act and the dance steps are over. But, alas, the thought was just born when the little three-pounder arrived. As I reached for my premature jacket, both feet took off in one clear swoop across the room. I met myself coming back, ice frozen on the floor, with one hand grasping the cold air and the jacket dangling from the other one. I managed to keep upright, thinking the while: what an awful time to fall and konk my head, with a three-pound baby, a newly delivered mother and a frightened grandma.

In a little while we had a nice fire going, a pasteboard box lined and filled with warm bottles, the little one tucked in, pink and warm. With mother made comfortable, I looked around for my stethoscope. Grandma, with two sweaters on, shawl over her head, seated in a rocking chair, a peaceful grin on her face, was listening intently to her heart, through sweaters and all. "I just wanted to see how my heart was actin'," she said.

At 2:30 P. M. I left a tiny baby snug and warm, Uncle Rig vastly improved, the young father and a neighbor sawing wood, grandma at peace with her heart and the world, and started on my way home. The sun was breaking through the dull gray clouds, the snow dancing and sparkling on the trees. An old mule, saddle and all, was coming along, falling down, getting up and falling down, getting up, going a little way and falling again. But always getting up. What a parable to Life—up and down, falling down and getting up. So long as we can keep on getting up—that is what counts.



## OLD STAFF NEWS

Edited by  
EILEEN H. MORGAN

### **From Ruth Alexander Ingerson in San Jose, California**

—June, 1968

I have been helping out part time as a preschool nurse for this Mexican-American ghetto area and wanted to send you the first month's salary. This preschool program is a State program patterned after the National Head Start and is an "ecumenical church" at work in the community it serves.

I wish FNS and all of you much success in this great project. Please give my kindest regards to any there whom I may have known.

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### **From Linda Cheney Knudsen in Denver, Colorado**

—June, 1968

Since getting married a year and a half ago, we have been living in Denver. We are both transplanted Easterners and really like it here. Walt is an engineer at one of the big aircraft companies. We just bought our home and are expecting our first child the end of July. I stopped work a month ago and find that a house and yard keep me more than busy.

Please say hello to anyone else I may know there.

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### **From Meta Klosterman McGuire in Chattanooga, Tennessee**

—July, 1968

The reason for my long silence is that our firstborn, Ellen Elizabeth, married Joseph Patrick Robinson recently. Jim and I are both happy with her choice. He graduated from college on May 25 and went to work yesterday for Bethlehem Steel in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. It is a "fer piece" from here but we only hope they will be happy.

I always hear from Kay Gardiner in Canada and I don't suppose it will be long before her daughter gets married. It all seems rather impossible because only yesterday we were all together in the Kentucky hills. One of these days Jim and I are



going to make a trip to the hills and see just what is going on. Everything sounds so fascinating and it would be a real experience. Our youngest, Terri, is majoring in sociology and we wish she would come to help you some summer, but she is fascinated with the surroundings here.

Give everyone my love.

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**From Elizabeth Hillman (Hilly) in Wales—July, 1968**

I am writing this while sitting in the sun by a canal in Wales. We (Lydia Thompson, two others) have been having such a pleasant holiday, going all of two miles an hour through these canals which show much variety. On our homeward run, however, we have engine trouble and I'm reminded of the jeeps and their idiosyncrasies, particularly as a horse-drawn barge has just gone by at a very steady, reliable pace!

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**From Tharon McConnell in Nhatrang, Vietnam—July, 1968**

It has been three months since I arrived in Nhatrang to join the team here. In cooperation with the Protestant Church of Vietnam, VNCS operates a hospital, clinic, and school of nursing here. At the moment almost all of the staff holding responsible positions are Westerners. We are working to change this. We have turned the X-ray department over to a Vietnamese. The co-director of the school of nursing is a Vietnamese who has her degree in nursing from a university in the United States. Trained nurses are hard to find. Because of the demand for nurses and our desire to help improve nursing care in Vietnam, we began a one-year school of nursing. Presently there are eight students. It is our hope to supply trained, qualified nurses for other medical facilities as well as our own.

The hospital here is a busy one. We usually have between forty-five and fifty general patients and fifty tubercular patients at any one time. Four mornings a week we have general clinic with one hundred seventy-five to two hundred people being seen. Eye surgery is done three mornings a week. We are the only hospital in this part of Vietnam that does eye surgery and for this reason almost all of our surgery is limited to eye work. One morning a week we have tuberculosis clinic, providing care and



treatment for some one thousand eight hundred people with diagnosed tuberculosis in our area. Four afternoons a week a team from the hospital goes out into the village in a tuberculosis screening program.

Sometimes as we work in this unstable situation under the constant tension of the war and the uncertainty of how long it will last, we ask ourselves if we are in any way preparing these people to carry on a ministry of love and reconciliation when we leave. Are we helping the Vietnamese to help themselves and their fellow man in need? One of my greatest thrills has been watching the student nurses learn the joy of serving. In Vietnam nurses have always sat behind a desk or handed out the medicines, expecting the family to take care of the patient. We are trying to teach our girls the ministry of healing and that has been a real challenge! But what a reward it is to watch some of our students realize that life is much richer when you reach out to help others in their needs. It is with these students who will be the leaders of the Vietnam of tomorrow that we must live, work, and play in such a way that they discover the meaning of a life devoted to others.

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**From Peggy Brown Elrington in Edinburgh, Scotland**

—July, 1968

We are having such a good holiday in England and getting around to see lots of friends and lots of places. We've really enjoyed this visit to Edinburgh. We spent one night with Jo [her sister, an old courier]. She is very well and sends her love. The boys are growing up and are fun.

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**From Tricia Ware in Leicester, England—August, 1968**

As you can see, I am still at the Home for the Blind. At the moment we are having a "face-lift" and, in addition to my twenty-six old ladies, I have had painters, plumbers, builders, electricians, old Uncle Tom Cobley and all, to contend with. But still, as we mutter to ourselves through clenched teeth as we fight our way around ladders and under dust-sheets, it will look lovely when it is finished!

Life goes on much as usual. I went to Tunisia for a holiday



earlier this year. Quite fell in love with the camels. We are thinking of having a canal cruise for a week at the end of September. Not that I know a thing about boats, but you can't go far wrong on a canal, can you?

Oh, yes, I've just "burst into print." A very modest book of poems. Can't really imagine who will buy them, but there—the cover is a nice bright orange colour, very cheering. I'm writing a book at present and if that ever gets published, who knows, I may be able to afford a visit to Kentucky. Here's hoping anyway.

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**From Hazel Reesor in Toronto, Canada—August, 1968**

I have recently joined the Missionary Health Institute here in Toronto, and have been asked to set up an orientation program for trained nurses and nursing assistants who plan to work in isolated areas in the tropics. Our building is at the groundbreaking stage on property adjacent to the newly opened North York General Hospital and the new Regional School of Nursing. Housed in the same building will be a clinic for people travelling to and from the tropics, where all necessary physical examinations can be done, and treatment carried out. This department is known as International Health Services. There will be a chapel seating one hundred people and chaplain service offered to patients, students and staff.

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**From Nora Kelly in Wareham, Dorset—August, 1968**

I cannot imagine the FNS without Agnes and Lucile—they are part of the institution. I was with the FNS just before they came but they have carried on much longer than I. I am sure you will miss them both very much. I hope you will have able and experienced replacements for them.

I cannot help thinking of you and the terrific undertaking it must be to raise the money for this new hospital. You will need all the courage and fortitude possible. I do hope you have lots of stalwart and resolute people backing you all the way. Don't forget if there should be anything I can do I will.

If all goes according to plan I hope I may be able to visit the United States and Canada next year. I know I have said this before but I am free now. I feel the FNS is a must but it will



be too soon for the new hospital as I thought about the spring of 1969 and the picture of the dogwood on the Bulletin cover made me want to come more than ever.

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**From Marie Sullivan in Belem, Para, Brazil—August, 1968**

I can hardly believe I am in Brazil. There were so many delays at the end. My visa was two weeks past flight date in coming, but I got a permanent rather than a visitor's visa which saves a lot of money and red tape on this end.

I shall be in the city of Belem nine months to study Portuguese. When I can handle the language a little bit I plan to take guitar lessons.

There are four of us in my class, a couple,—he is from England and she from Scotland—, another English girl and myself. The couple in charge of the school are Canadian, so I almost feel as though I am back at FNS.

There are all kinds of fruit trees in our yards. Coming from New England, it's a treat for me to have mangoes, limes, coconuts and many more.

Greetings to everyone I know.

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Wedding

**Miss Peggy Ann Farmer** and Mr. Thomas Lynn Hensley in Hyden, Kentucky, on August 31, 1968.

Our best wishes go to this young couple for a long and happy life together.

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In Memoriam

We were saddened to learn of the death of three old staff members. **Isabella Dougall Marraine** died suddenly on May 30, 1968, at her home in Florida. "Dougall" was one of our early nurse-midwives, having joined the staff in 1929. She kept in touch with us through the years and returned to visit her friends in the Kentucky hills on several occasions. She loved nursing and continued to "care" for people long after her official retire-



ment. We send much sympathy to her son and daughter on their loss.

**Frances Brown** died on June 16, 1968, following surgery for cancer in Louisville, Kentucky. Fran had made many friends in Leslie County. She was head of the record office at Wendover for a short time and later worked with the Leslie County Welfare Agency, where she fulfilled her desire to work directly with the people. We send our deepest sympathy to her family and her host of friends.

**Rebecca Brown** (Becky) died on June 21, 1968, following a stroke. Becky was with the FNS as a relief secretary for a short spell of time, and made many friends. She loved everything about Wendover. Her musical talent gave pleasure to many people. We will miss her and send our sympathy to her sister and her many friends.

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### REQUIEM

Under the wide and starry sky  
Dig the grave and let me lie:  
Glad did I live and gladly die,  
And I laid me down with a will.

This be the verse you grave for me:  
Here he lies where he long'd to be;  
Home is the sailor, home from the sea,  
And the hunter home from the hill.

—Robert Louis Stevenson



## OUR RAREST MAMMAL?

by

CHARLES L. HOMOLKA

Another species of wildlife may soon vanish from the American scene. This is the black-footed ferret *Mustela nigripes*, a mysterious, seldom seen and little known animal. Its life history is not thoroughly understood, its range is not certain, and the number of individuals which survive is still less certain. Even the National Park Service has little information about it, but wildlife conservationists agree that it is near extinction. It may be the rarest mammal in the United States today.

A member of the weasel family, the black-footed ferret looks like a yellow-tinted mink. It is buffy-yellow with lighter underparts but is easily distinguishable by the black tip of its tail, its black feet, and the black mask across the face. Its range coincided with that of the prairie dog on which it preys. John J. Audubon and John Bachman were the first naturalists to describe it. Their description was based on an imperfect skin sent to them from the lower waters of the Platte River of Nebraska by naturalist Alexander Culbertson in 1851. Nearly 25 years passed before the animal was reported again, and other naturalists began to doubt whether it even existed. In 1877 Elliott Coues wrote that he could obtain only five or six fragmentary skins, and when Clinton Hart Merriam wrote his synopsis of the weasels of North America in 1896, he reported having fewer than half a dozen specimens with which to work. This shows that the black-footed ferret has always been quite rare, even when the West was first being explored and settled. The Wildlife Management Institute calls it "one of the very rare species . . . on the danger list for many years." Several years ago Walt Disney and his staff were able to trap three black-footed ferrets in the central part of South Dakota for the motion picture, *Vanishing Prairie*. These were later released in Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota, and Jess H. Lombard, park superintendent, reports: "Insofar as we know, they are still here, although they are rarely observed and their sex not known", but in 1961 scientists from the American Museum of Natural History could find no specimens for study.



Little is known about the habits of this ferret. It is believed to be almost entirely dependent upon the prairie dog for its existence, and is seldom found in an environment other than that of a prairie dog town. That it breeds in prairie dog burrows is largely conjecture based on the fact that its prey is principally the prairie dog. Other victims may include rodents, birds and reptiles but there are few reports to substantiate these. In Custer County, Nebraska, a ferret was seen carrying a thirteen-lined ground squirrel, and years ago a ferret reportedly lived under a wooden sidewalk in Hays, Kansas, where it killed rats.

Since the prairie dog is still being wiped out in many areas, the black-footed ferret is also vanishing. At first, the prairie dog population increased with the advance of civilisation, for many of its predators such as wolves, coyotes, hawks and eagles were killed or driven from the prairie. The removal of the buffalo and other large game eliminated an important competitor for forage, and the introduction of crops increased its food supply. But about the turn of the century full scale war was declared on prairie dogs, which competed with domestic livestock for grass, and there was large scale destruction by poisoning and fumigation. The prairie dog's original range extended from the Missouri River in Montana and the Dakotas southward through Texas; its western limit was the Rocky Mountains, except in the south where it extended into Arizona, and the eastern limit was roughly the 97th meridian. The ferret was found in the same area.

In 1952 the plight of the ferret was discussed by the executive committee of the American Committee for International Wildlife Protection, who asked Victor H. Calahane to make a survey to determine its numbers and distribution. This produced 42 acceptable reports involving 90 ferrets, most of them sighted between 1948 and 1952. In some cases duplication of reports was suspected and the actual number of animals seen may have ranged as low as 50 or as high as 60 or 70. Nearly one third of the reports involved dead animals, most of which had been shot, trapped, run over on roads, or had died in captivity. Most of those observed alive were reported in prairie dog towns then being eradicated. Although it is not known if they eat poisoned prairie dogs, the ferrets may be killed by fumigation. Also, whenever a town is eliminated, the ferrets, if they



have been lucky enough to survive, must move to more favourable habitat—if they can find it. South Dakota reported the most ferrets—followed by Montana, Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota, Wyoming, Texas, New Mexico and Utah. They appear to be most numerous from Central and Western Nebraska to the south-west of North Dakota.

One recommendation is to establish populations of black-footed ferrets in sanctuaries where prairie dog colonies can survive. This was attempted in Wind Cave National Park with the three ferrets used in the Walt Disney picture. Live-trapping and relocation in suitable habitat was favoured as the best approach. However, the ferrets are so rare and little understood that other biologists recommend a life history study in order to determine their basic needs for survival.

In a recent prairie dog report of the Conservation Foundation and the New York Zoological Society, biologist Carl B. Koford observed that a study of the life history of the black-footed ferret “is a project that will require patience, skill, resourcefulness, and luck”. There may not be much time for such a project. The Colorado Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, combining efforts of Colorado State University, the State of Colorado, the Wildlife Management Institute, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, says it has “no information on the black-footed ferret other than that it is nearly extinct”.

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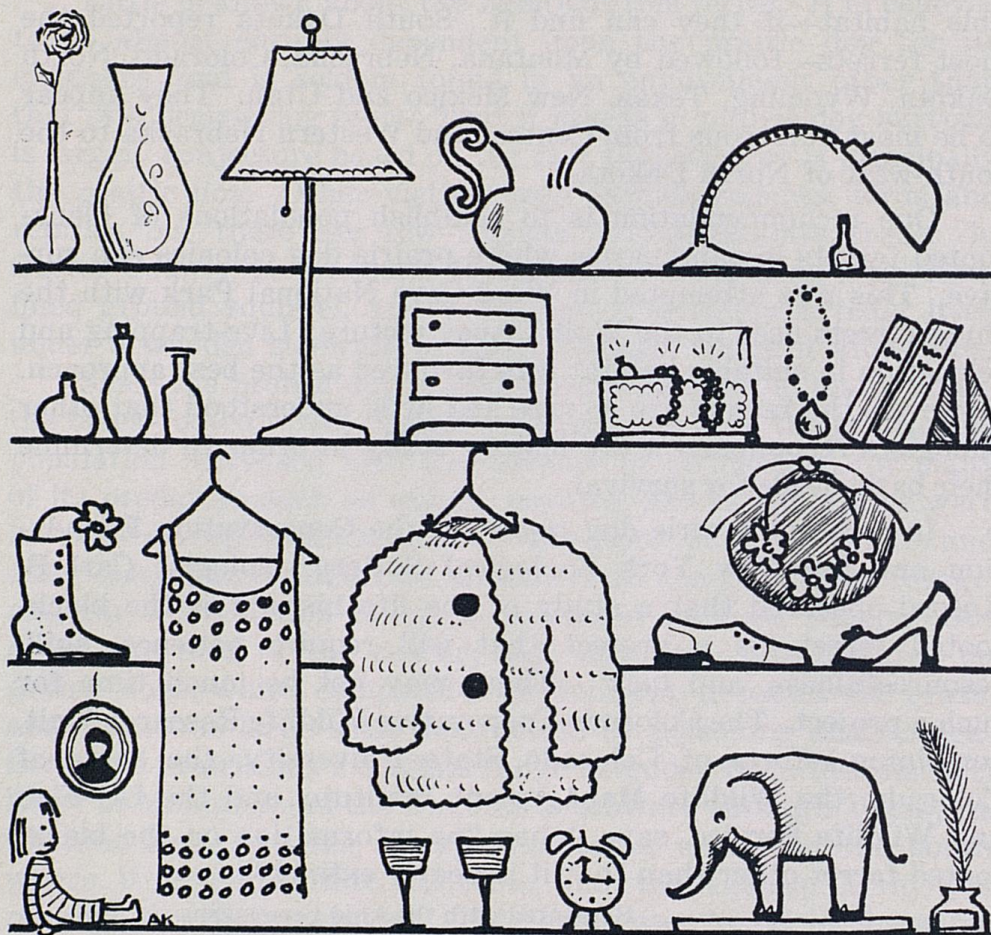
The millionaire's young daughter returned from finishing school and her father gave her a tour of their new mansion. At the swimming pool they stopped to watch several athletic young men diving and stunting.

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—*Modern Maturity*, August-September 1967



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## FIELD NOTES

Edited by  
PEGGY ELMORE

As we began work on this bulletin we were finding it difficult to "keep our cool" as we sweltered in the longest, hottest spell we have had in years. Eastern Kentucky had the doubtful honor of having the highest temperature in the nation last week when the thermometer registered 105° at Quicksand. At breakfast time this morning, the thermometer on the terrace by the Big House stood at 48°, and now we are happily shivering!

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The copy of THE ROAD which belongs to our Blue Grass Committee is now in the hands of Mrs. John H. Kerr, Jr., 124 South Ashland Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky. If anyone in the Blue Grass area is interested in showing the film to a group they should get in touch with Mrs. Kerr.

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We are deeply grateful to the Abbott Laboratories for a generous gift of vitamins for distribution to our indigent patients.

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The Mary Breckinridge Day Committee has chosen Saturday, October 5, 1968, for the 7th Annual MARY BRECKINRIDGE DAY in Leslie County. Final arrangements have not yet been completed but we are all looking forward to another successful occasion, and we hope to see many old friends in Hyden on the first week end in October.

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Lucile Hodges joined the staff of the Frontier Nursing Service as its bookkeeper in the summer of 1930 and, although she had not been here continuously during the following thirty-eight years, she was an important part of the Wendover family and we have missed her since she retired at the end of July. Lucile was a warm friend of every animal in the FNS; her wildflower garden on the hill above the Cabin is one of the most beautiful sights at Wendover every spring; she was known far and wide as the best supervisor for the "Happy Pappies" and the Neighborhood Youth Corps in Leslie County.



Lucile has retired to her home in Huntsville, Alabama, and, although we have not heard from her since she left Wendover, we are not surprised or alarmed: she warned us it might be three years before she was settled enough to write!

We are most grateful to Madeline Gamble for postponing her own retirement to take over our vitally important books from Lucile and to get the new accounting system under way.

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We are sorry to lose others of our staff. Sandy Conville returned to her home in Pittsburgh in July and Sue Miller left in early August to get ready to go overseas. Kristi Davis, who has given us a year's volunteer work under the auspices of the Episcopal Church, leaves us September 1, and Lillian Moreau, who has been helping with accounting at Hyden Hospital, left the end of August for a vacation in the west before returning to her home in Canada. Freida Begley, who has worked at Wendover for the past year, is entering Cumberland College this fall.

Two other staff members who are leaving to further their education are D. J. Snell, who has been assistant to the dean of the Midwifery School, and Jane Burt. Jane came to help us out when Betty Palethorp had to return to England in 1967. We are most grateful to her for starting our program for training nurses aides in the hospital and for her efficiency in organizing the drugs and supplies for hospital accounting.

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Three nurses have come to us to spend a few months during the summer. They are Alexandra Jagiello, a nurse-midwife from Perry, New York; Kathy Heidt, Lexington, Kentucky, and Candy Griffin, Monroe, New Hampshire. We are also happy to welcome to the staff Joy Boese, Upland, California; Barbara Ann Brinkman, Millbrae, California; Nancy Lou Wagner, Ellicott City, Maryland; Nancy Kaufer, Richmond, Virginia; Sister Jeanette Richard, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Kathryn Kroll, Colfax, Washington.

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It has been much fun and great help to us to have Noel Smith McAlister of Pomona, New York, back with us during the month of August. Noel had been our Social Service Secretary in



the late fifties and she came back this summer to take on the job again while Betty Lester was at home in England on holiday. Noel has also been introducing Sharon Nedrow of Clifton Springs, New York, who will be assisting Betty with social service, to the area and to the work. We are glad to welcome Sharon to the FNS staff.

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It is with a great deal of gratitude that we acknowledge the services of other kind people who have helped us out this summer. Dr. Mildred E. Ward of San Antonio, Texas, came for a week as relief Medical Director so that Dr. Wiss and Dr. Fox could get away for a few days. Agnes Lewis relieved for Juanetta Morgan's vacation and Mary Ruth Sparks returned again this year for six weeks as a volunteer in the Hyden Hospital offices. Darline Wilke of Evanston, Illinois, who was with us some years ago and who has just completed work for her Master's in medical and surgical nursing, gave five weeks of her summer holiday to help out at Hyden. Two student nurses from the University of Vermont, Elizabeth (B. A.) Cunningham and Linda Andrews, spent two months with the FNS where they gained experience both in Hyden Hospital and on the district. Mrs. Helen deVilliers of Washington, D. C., spent two months at Hyden, helping out where needed in the offices. Our doctors are pleased to have Thomas C. Howald of Cleveland, a senior medical student from the University of Cincinnati, to assist them for three months this summer and fall. A pre-med student from Harvard, Peter Ross, is spending about a month at Hyden, to work with our family planning statistics and bring them up to date.

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A group of Peace Corps Volunteer nurses who are in training at the University of Kentucky are spending a week, in rotation, with the Frontier Nursing Service during late August and early September. These young volunteers are scheduled to go to India in October.

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The first summer couriers to arrive at Wendover were Ann Ficklen, Wilmington, North Carolina; Susan Harding, Wayzata, Minnesota; Sherry Lewis of South Freeport, Maine; Suzie Stam-



mer, Berea, Kentucky, and old courier Cornelia Hamilton of Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Mary Grosvenor of North Kingston, Rhode Island, arrived in mid-July. Mary is still with us and she was joined, in early August, by Julie Breckinridge, Summit Point, West Virginia, back for her second term, Betsy Godley, New Canaan, Connecticut; Pamela Hauserman, Cleveland, Ohio; Mary Lansing, Southport, Connecticut; and Ilona Laszlo, Sandy Hook, Connecticut.

In addition to their routine courier chores, these girls have worked in the doctors' offices at Hyden, in the x-ray department, at the outpost centers, and in the Wendover offices and were of tremendous help to us.

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We have had the pleasure of entertaining a number of overseas guests this summer—from Thailand and Ethiopia, Korea and Belgium, from India and Upper Volta in Africa.

From a bit nearer home, our old friend and Trustee, Miss Margaret M. Gage, came from California in June for her annual visit which was greatly enjoyed by every one of us. Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Mayer of Madison, Wisconsin, spent a couple of days with us while their daughter, Marianne, was with us as a courier. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, came back to see us while Cornelia was here this summer and Mrs. W. F. Hauserman of Cleveland and her two young daughters drove Pam to Wendover. Dr. and Mrs. John A. Cunningham of Burlington, Vermont, and Miss Helen Cunningham of Richmond, Vermont, came down to see their daughter, "B.A." Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Stammer of New York City and Berea visited Hyden and Wendover while Suzie was working at Hyden. Mrs. Ten Eyck Lansing of Southport, Connecticut, drove her daughter, Mary, to Wendover in early August for her first visit to the FNS since she was here twenty years ago to research a book she wrote on the Service for teenagers.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Boggess of Central City, Kentucky, and Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Love of Jefferson City, Missouri, stopped by to see us in July and we are grateful to Mrs. Boggess for showing *THE ROAD* several times in the Central City area following her visit.

When Mr. Henry R. Heyburn of Louisville, a member of



our Board of Governors, came up on business in July we were very happy indeed to have him bring his mother, Mrs. John G. Heyburn, on her first visit to Wendover. During the preparation of our annual audit, Mrs. Jane M. Gallaher of the firm of Owens, Potter & Hisle of Lexington, spent a couple of days with us to see at first hand the work she has helped audit for so many years. We were delighted to have a brief visit from Mrs. Samuel G. Watson and Miss Virginia B. Johnson of Charleston, West Virginia, in late August. As president of the West Virginia Society of the Daughters of Colonial Wars, one of the State Societies which gives scholarships for our Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery, Mrs. Watson has long been a friend of the FNS.

Many of the staff have entertained personal friends and relatives during the summer. One of the "family guests" whom we were most pleased to welcome was Miss Joan Browne of Wymondham, Norfolk, who came for three weeks' visit with her sister. Joan spent a week in the mountains to see something of the FNS and then she and Brownie had a short holiday together before she had to return to England.

The week of August 18 brought sorrow to three FNS families. Mrs. John H. Lewis, Sr. of Hyden, the sister of our Hope Muncy, died on the Sunday following a long illness. Mrs. Jason Morgan of Camp Creek, the mother of Wendover nightwatchman Aden Morgan, died on Friday, August 23, at the age of 88. The third tragedy occurred the afternoon of Saturday, August 24, when Tim Morgan, the sixteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hays Morgan of Wendover, complained to his brothers and several neighborhood youngsters of feeling dizzy and collapsed into the river. Tim was pulled from the water quite quickly by the children and his older sister, and Judge George Wooton, who was passing by, began artificial respiration promptly, and help soon arrived from Wendover and Hyden Hospital, but Tim did not regain consciousness and died in the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

All of the old staff and the couriers and the guests to Hyden and Wendover who have known Hope and Aden and Opal and Hays Morgan will join us in extending deepest sympathy to these three families.



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Miss Margaret M. McCracken, R.N., C.M., B.S.; Miss Joan Fenton, R.N., C.M., B.S.

**Clara Ford Nursing Center**

(Red Bird River at Peabody; Post Office, R. 3, Manchester, Clay County)

Miss Mabel R. Spell, R.N., C.M.; Miss Elsie Maier, R.N., C.M., B.A.

**Caroline Butler Atwood Memorial Nursing Center**

(Flat Creek; Post Office, Creekville, Clay County)

Miss Patricia L. Sarge, R.N., C.M.

**Belle Barrett Hughitt Memorial Nursing Center**

(Brutus on Bullskin Creek; Post Office, R. 1, Oneida, Clay County)

Miss Carol Gidney, R.N., C.M.; Miss Susan Kennedy, R.N., B.S.

**Margaret Durbin Harper Memorial Nursing Center**

(Post Office, Big Fork, Leslie County)

Miss Susan Cross, R.N., S.C.M.

S.C.M. stands for State Certified Midwife and indicates a nurse, whether American or British, who qualified as a midwife under the Central Midwives Boards' examination of England or Scotland and is authorized by these Boards to put these initials after her name.

C.M. stands for Certified Midwife and indicates a nurse who qualified as a midwife under the Kentucky Department of Health examination and is authorized by this Department to put these initials after her name.



## FORM OF BEQUEST

For the convenience of those who wish to remember the Frontier Nursing Service in their wills, this form of bequest is suggested:

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (or property properly described) to the Frontier Nursing Service, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Kentucky."

### HOW ENDOWMENT GIFTS MAY BE MADE

The following are some of the ways of making gifts to the Endowment Funds of the Frontier Nursing Service:

1. **By Specific Gift under Your Will.** You may leave outright a sum of money, specified securities, real property, or a fraction or percentage of your estate.
2. **By Gift of Residue under Your Will.** You may leave all or a portion of your residuary estate to the Service.
3. **By Living Trust.** You may put property in trust and have the income paid to you or to any other person or persons for life and then have the income or the principal go to the Service.
4. **By Life Insurance Trust.** You may put life insurance in trust and, after your death, have the income paid to your wife or to any other person for life, and then have the income or principal go to the Service.
5. **By Life Insurance.** You may have life insurance made payable direct to the Service.
6. **By Annuity.** The unconsumed portion of a refund annuity may be made payable to the Service.

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The principal of the gifts will carry the donor's name unless other instructions are given. The income will be used for the work of the Service in the manner judged best by its Trustees.





**FRONTIER NURSING SERVICE, Inc.**

**Its motto:**

“He shall gather the lambs with his arm  
and carry them in his bosom, and shall  
gently lead those that are with young.”

**Its object:**

To safeguard the lives and health of mothers and children by providing and preparing trained nurse-midwives for rural areas in Kentucky and elsewhere, where there is inadequate medical service; to give skilled care to women in childbirth; to give nursing care to the sick of both sexes and all ages; to establish, own, maintain and operate hospitals, clinics, nursing centers, and midwifery training schools for graduate nurses; to educate the rural population in the laws of health, and parents in baby hygiene and child care; to provide expert social service, to obtain medical, dental and surgical services for those who need them at a price they can afford to pay; to ameliorate economic conditions inimical to health and growth, and to conduct research towards that end; to do any and all other things in any way incident to, or connected with, these objects, and, in pursuit of them, to cooperate with individuals and with organizations, whether private, state or federal; and through the fulfillment of these aims to advance the cause of health, social welfare and economic independence in rural districts with the help of their own leading citizens.

Articles of Incorporation of the  
Frontier Nursing Service, Article III.

**DIRECTIONS FOR SHIPPING**

We are constantly asked where to send gifts of layettes, toys, clothing, books, etc. These should always be addressed to the FRONTIER NURSING SERVICE and sent either by parcel post to Hyden, Leslie County, Kentucky 41749, or by freight or express to Hazard, Kentucky.

Gifts of money should be made payable to

**FRONTIER NURSING SERVICE,**

and sent to the treasurer

**MR. EDWARD S. DABNEY**

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