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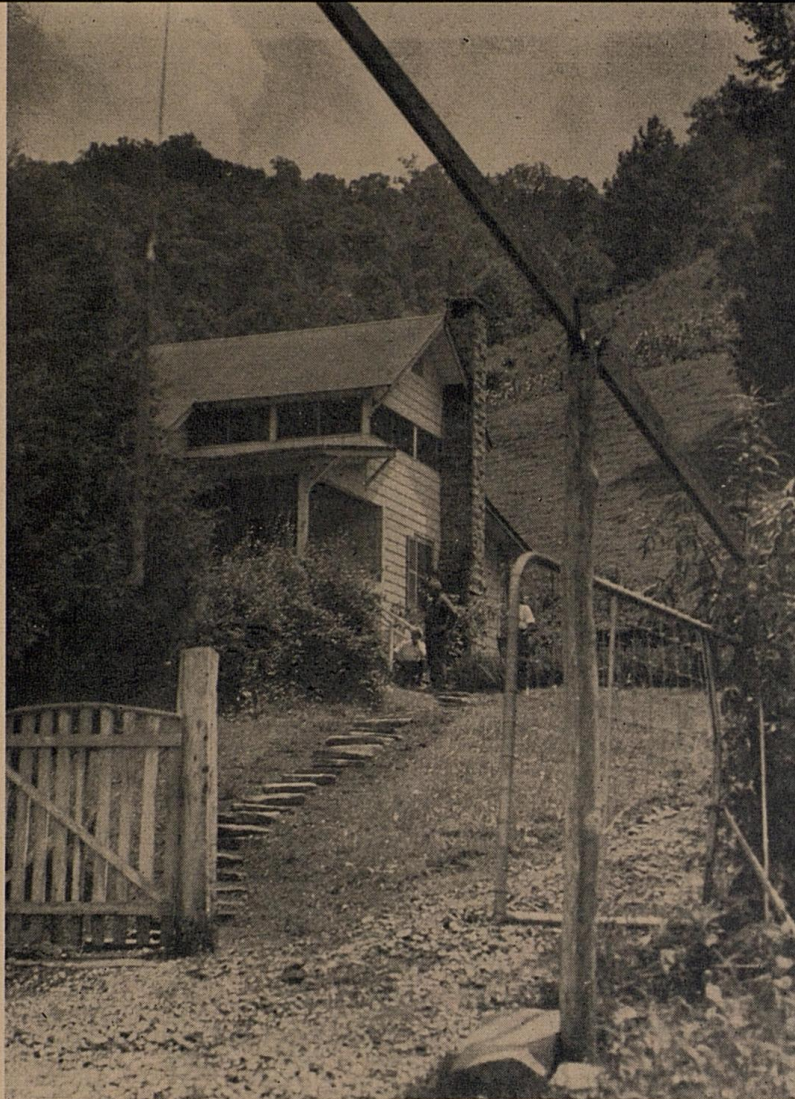
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To the Officers and Trustees
Frontier Nursing Service, Incorporated
Lexington, Kentucky

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have made a detailed examination of your records and accounts for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1958, with the results as disclosed by the annexed Exhibits and supporting schedules.

Your books have been closed under our direction and are in accord with this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

(Signed) HIFNER AND POTTER
Certified Public Accountants

Lexington, Kentucky
May Twenty-third
Nineteen Fifty-eight

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
of the
FRONTIER NURSING SERVICE, Inc.
for the Fiscal Year
May 1, 1957 to April 30, 1958

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.

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, each covering one page, to make easier reading. The auditors' own Summary is the first category. The second is their list of Endowments and Reserves. The third category covers all Revenue Receipts. The fourth category we have put into two columns—to the left the expenditures of the last fiscal year taken from the audit, and to the right the Budget accepted by our trustees for the current fiscal year, based on last year's expenditures.

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

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

BALANCE SHEET

As at April 30, 1958

ASSETS

Cash on Hand—Petty Funds.....	\$ 615.00
Cash on Hand—Undeposited.....	350.00
Cash in Banks:	
Security Trust Company—General Account.....	19,361.75
Security Trust Company—Alpha Omicron Pi Account....	7,430.38
Security Trust Company—Social Service Special Savings Account	3,947.38
Peoples Bank, Hazard—Organization Account.....	511.66
Total Cash	\$ 32,216.17
Temporary Loans Account.....	1,407.50
Realty, Equipment and Livestock.....	379,498.03
Endowment, Memorial and Reserve Fund Investments at Original Costs, in hands of:	
Security Trust Company, Lexington, Kentucky.....	620,451.58
Liberty National Bank & Trust Co., Louisville, Ky...	85,250.83
Guaranty Trust Company, New York.....	185,000.00
Bankers Trust Company, New York.....	86,500.00
Total Investments—Original Costs.....	977,202.41
Accounts Receivable	1,088.97
Total Assets	\$1,391,413.08

LIABILITIES

Accrued Payroll Taxes Withheld.....	1,264.85
Money Borrowed	17,000.00
Endowment, Memorial and Reserve Funds.....	977,202.41
Total Liabilities	995,467.26
Free Surplus	395,945.82
Represented by—	
Contributions and Income from Organization to April 30, 1958.....	4,854,830.00
Less:	
Expenses Paid from Organization to April 30, 1958.....	4,458,884.18
Net Income—Organization to April 30, 1958.....	395,945.82
* * * * *	
Total Revenue Receipts.....	4,854,830.00
Total Endowment Receipts.....	977,202.41
Total Monies Collected.....	5,832,032.41

STATEMENT OF ENDOWMENT AND RESERVE FUNDS
April 30, 1957 and 1958

	Totals April 30 1957	Additions During Year	Totals April 30 1958
Designated Funds—Income Restricted:			
Joan Glancy Memorial Baby's Crib.....	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Mary Ballard Morton Memorial.....	85,250.83		85,250.83
Jessie Preston Draper Memorial (1).....	15,000.00		15,000.00
Jessie Preston Draper Memorial (2).....	185,000.00		185,000.00
Belle Barrett Hughitt Memorial.....	16,000.00		16,000.00
Isabella George Jeffcott Memorial.....	2,500.00		2,500.00
Bettie Starks Rhodes Memorial Baby's Crib....	5,000.00		5,000.00
John Price Starks Memorial Baby's Crib.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Nora Oliver Shoemaker Memorial Baby's Crib	5,000.00		5,000.00
Eliza Thackara Memorial.....	1,880.18	\$ 178.28	2,058.46*
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
Louie A. Hall Legacy in memory of Sophronia Brooks for a Center and its endowment....	54,028.96	2,259.08	56,288.04*
Margaret A. Pettet Legacy.....	1,953.70		1,953.70
Hattie M. Strong Memorial.....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Jane Short Atwood Legacy.....	7,500.00		7,500.00
Sub-totals	\$412,863.67	\$ 2,437.36	\$415,301.03
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
Wm. Nelson Fant, Jr. Memorial.....	78,349.52		78,349.52
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
Elisabeth Ireland Fund.....	17,257.50		17,257.50
Elizabeth Agnes Alexander Legacy.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Richard D. McMahon Legacy.....	943.23		943.23
Anonymous—General Endowment	102,400.00	(15,900.00)	86,500.00
Mrs. W. Rodes Shackelford in memory of her two children.....	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
Elizabeth B. Perkins Legacy.....	152,970.44		152,970.44
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.....	2,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00
Sophia Cogswell Stiger Memorial.....	3,000.00		3,000.00
Mrs. John W. Price, Jr. Fund.....	10,800.00		10,800.00
Charles N. Kavanaugh, M.D. Memorial.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Margaret C. Breckinridge Legacy.....	3,000.00		3,000.00
Sub-totals	\$930,165.05	(10,462.64)	\$919,702.41
Reserve Account:			
Mrs. Louise D. Crane.....	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
Mrs. Frederick Mosley Sackett.....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Mrs. Eliza A. Browne.....	16,000.00		16,000.00
Winfield Baird Fund.....	20,000.00		20,000.00
Lillie McGinness Legacy.....		2,500.00	2,500.00
Harriet H. Grier Legacy.....		5,000.00	5,000.00
Totals	\$980,165.05	(2,962.64)	\$977,202.41

* Income added to principal.

REVENUE RECEIPTS
Statement of Donations and Subscriptions Paid
May 1, 1957 to April 30, 1958

SUMMARY:	Contributions	Benefits and Bargain Box	Totals
Alpha Omicron Pi.....	\$ 4,179.17		\$ 4,179.17
Baltimore Committee.....	2,118.09		2,118.09
Boston Committee.....	6,127.29		6,127.29
Chicago Committee.....	5,763.43		5,763.43
Cincinnati Committee.....	9,057.35		9,057.35
Cleveland Committee.....	7,529.14		7,529.14
Daughters of Colonial Wars.....	3,098.35		3,098.35
Detroit Committee.....	14,850.00		14,850.00
Hartford Committee.....	1,179.50		1,179.50
Kentucky:*			
Blue Grass Committee.....	9,934.00		9,934.00
Louisville Committee.....	7,037.50		7,037.50
Miscellaneous Kentucky.....	1,815.34		1,815.34
Citizens Hyden Hospital Fund.....	3,306.10		3,306.10
Minneapolis Committee.....	1,609.50		1,609.50
New York Committee.....	19,815.04	\$ 4,171.00	23,986.04
Philadelphia Committee.....	4,729.46	1,329.00	6,058.46
Pittsburgh Committee.....	13,317.77		13,317.77
Princeton Committee.....	1,714.00		1,714.00
Providence Committee.....	1,950.80		1,950.80
Riverdale Committee.....	1,354.00		1,354.00
Rochester Committee.....	2,824.48		2,824.48
Washington:**			
Washington, D. C. Committee.....	7,071.15		7,071.15
Washington Benefit:			
Contributions through Benefit.....		1,549.45	
Proceeds of Benefit.....		1,100.13	2,649.58
Miscellaneous.....	10,215.64		10,215.64
Totals.....	<u>\$140,597.10</u>	<u>\$ 8,149.58</u>	<u>\$148,746.68</u>

* Total for Kentucky \$22,092.94

** Total for Washington \$9,720.73

OTHER REVENUE RECEIPTS:

Fees for Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery.....		7,586.17	
Payments from Patients:			
Income from Nursing Centers.....	13,560.61		
Medical and Surgical Fees.....	11,569.44		
Hyden Hospital Fees.....	17,276.52		
Hyden Hospital Clinic Supplies.....	13,422.95	55,829.52	
Wendover Post Office.....		3,717.60	
Investment Income.....		50,778.34	
Miscellaneous.....		366.38	118,278.01
TOTAL—ALL REVENUE RECEIPTS.....			<u>\$267,024.69</u>

LAST YEAR'S EXPENDITURES AND THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

I. FIELD EXPENSES:	1957-1958	1958-1959
(Hyden Hospital, Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery, Wendover, and Six Nursing Centers)		
1. Salaries and Wages.....	\$ 77,629.51	\$ 80,500.00
2. Medical Director.....	8,675.01	8,500.00
3. Dispensary Supplies (See Note 1).....	37,552.35	37,000.00
4. Running Costs: Food—minus board of residents; cows, fuel, electricity, laundry, freight and hauling, et cetera....	41,094.58	42,000.00
5. Feed and care of 19 horses and mules (See Note 2).....	4,527.03	4,500.00
6. Jeeps (18), Truck, Station Wagon Ambulance.....	8,167.23	8,500.00
7. Maintenance of Properties.....	15,364.43	20,000.00
Total Field Expense.....	\$193,010.14	\$201,000.00
II. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:		
1. Salaries, Accounting and Auditing, Office Supplies, Postage, Telephone and Telegraph, Printing, etc.....	\$ 36,603.45	\$ 37,000.00
III. SOCIAL SECURITY TAX.....		
	2,795.89	2,800.00
IV. SOCIAL SERVICE.....		
	8,008.65	8,000.00
V. GENERAL EXPENSE:		
1. Insurance (Fire—\$301,000.00 coverage) Employer's Liability, full coverage on truck, 18 jeeps, and station wagon).....	6,048.92	6,000.00
2. Quarterly Bulletins (covered by subscriptions).....	4,179.78	4,300.00
3. Statistics.....	914.32	2,700.00
4. Miscellaneous Projects such as: Doctors and Nurses for study and observation, professional books and magazines	743.93	700.00
5. Miscellaneous Promotional Expenses beyond the mountains	1,232.68	1,200.00
	\$ 13,119.63	\$ 14,900.00
SUB-TOTAL*.....	\$253,537.76	\$263,700.00
6. NEW LAND AND BUILDINGS, MOTOR VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT, AND LIVESTOCK:.....	13,749.00	6,300.00
TOTAL EXPENSE.....	\$267,286.76	\$270,000.00

* The Audit Report shows this total for Expenses, and the item of NEW LAND AND BUILDINGS, etc. is shown separately in EXHIBIT B.

Note 1: Approximately 1/3 of supplies relayed to Districts.

Note 2: Five animals belong to FNS employees, who must ride to work.

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

INVENTORY

Our auditors set a value of \$379,498.03 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 the frame Annex, a Memorial to "Jackie" Rousmaniere; Joy House, home of the Medical Director, a gift of Mrs. Henry B. Joy; 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; two water tanks; two employees' cottages; and outbuildings such as garages, work shop, pighouses, forge, pump house, two fire hose houses and the Wee Stone House.

Wendover

Three log houses, as follows: the Big House ("in memory of Beckie and Polly"), the Old Cabin and the Ruth Draper Cabin; the Garden House; the Upper and Lower Shelf; the Couriers' Log Barn and Aunt Jane's Barn; numerous smaller buildings such as the cow barn, cow hospital barn, mule barn, tool house, chicken houses, forge, apple house, pump house, jeep shed, two fire hose houses, two water tanks, and the Pebble Work Shop.

Georgia Wright Clearing

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

Jessie Preston Draper Memorial Nursing Center
(Beech Fork; Post Office, Asher, Leslie County)

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

Frances Bolton Nursing Center
(Possum Bend; Post Office, Confluence, Leslie County)

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

Clara Ford Nursing Center

(Red Bird River; Post Office, Peabody, Clay County)

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

Caroline Butler Atwood Memorial Nursing Center

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

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

(Bullskin Creek; Post Office, Brutus, Clay County)

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

(Post Office, Bowlingtown, Perry County)

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

Subsidiary Clinics

Six small clinic buildings on the following streams: Bull Creek, Stinnet (Mary B. Willeford Memorial), Grassy Branch, Hell-for-Certain Creek, the Nancy O'Driscoll Memorial on Cutshin Creek, and Sizerock on Upper Bullskin.

Livestock

Thirteen horses; one mule; one registered Brown Swiss bull; twelve cows; two heifers; registered Hampshire brood sow, and eight pigs; over two hundred chickens.

Equipment

Equipment includes: eighteen jeeps; one Ford station wagon-ambulance; one three-quarter ton truck; tanks; engines; pumps; farm implements; plumbers' tools; sixty-two pairs of saddlebags; saddles; bridles; halters; hospital equipment and furnishings; dispensary supplies; and household furnishings and

equipment at Hyden, Wendover, and the six outpost centers, variously located in a seven-hundred-square mile area.

II.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS

The data in this section are supplied by the statistical department of the Frontier Nursing Service; by records kept on guests and volunteer workers; and by the social service secretary maintained by the Alpha Omicron Pi Fund.

1.

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL

We have been so fortunate during the whole of this past fiscal year to have Dr. W. B. Rogers Beasley continue on as our medical director. His ability is equalled only by his kindness. So attached to him are his thousands of patients and all of his colleagues in the Service that it will be a wrench indeed to give him up in September, when he goes to England on a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the London School of Tropical Medicine.

Our thanks go out again to the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. Not only have they continued to take without charge the children referred to them by Dr. Beasley for expert pediatric care but they have twice sent in several of their residents for pediatric clinics in our territory. We are, as always, grateful to Dr. Francis Massie for coming to Hyden Hospital from Lexington last fall for one of his free surgical clinics. We welcomed with him Dr. J. B. Holloway, Dr. P. V. Tanedo, Miss Louise Griggs, and Miss Christine Reynolds.

Our gratitude is given anew to these physicians and surgeons in Lexington, Louisville, Cincinnati, and Hazard who have given courtesy care to many of our patients, or have reduced their fees for patients able to pay only small sums. Dr. H. G. Reineke of Cincinnati has continued to read the Frontier Nursing Service x-ray pictures we mail to him.

We extend our warm thanks to the Kentucky Crippled Children's Commission and the Kentucky Cancer Clinic for the free care given the patients we referred to them.

Our very special thanks go to the Kentucky State Depart-

ment of Health for the kindness and coöperation of its Commissioner, Dr. Russell E. Teague, and the directors of its divisions. Dr. Helen B. Fraser, Director of the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, has been especially helpful to us.

Our gratitude goes out in fullest measure to the Kentucky Board of Nursing Education and Nurse Registration and its Executive Secretary, Mrs. Marjorie C. Tyler, for the consideration they have shown our Frontier Nurses.

2.

HYDEN HOSPITAL

Hyden Hospital—with 27 beds and 12 bassinets, 2 incubators—was occupied 7,562 days last year by 1,389 patients with a daily average of 20.7 patients at a cost per patient day of \$10.75. Of the 1,389 patients cared for at the Hospital during the fiscal year, 254 were sick adults, 577 were obstetrical patients, 211 were children, and 347 were new born. There were 17 deaths in the Hospital, of which 8 were new born. There was no maternal death. There were 105 operations performed. The out-patient department, with the Medical Director's clinics, received a total of 10,144 visits.

3.

DISTRICT NURSING

In the 12 districts operated by the Service from the Hospital, Wendover, and six outpost centers, we attended 10,722 people in 2,365 families. Of these, 5,133 were children, including 2,413 babies and toddlers. The district nurses paid 21,032 visits and received 24,914 visits at their nursing centers and at their special clinics. Bedside nursing care was given in their homes to 2,134 sick people of whom 29 died. At the request of the State Board of Health, the Frontier Nursing Service gave 6,140 inoculations and vaccines against typhoid, diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough, polio, et cetera, and sent 2,659 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 456 women in childbirth and gave them full prenatal and postpartum care. Of these 456 women, 10 were delivered by the Medical Director. There were 458 live births and 3 stillbirths; 5 deliveries of twins; 314 new cases admitted; 458 closed after postpartum care; no 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 53 emergency deliveries, where the mother had not been registered or given prenatal care, which resulted in 21 live births, 1 stillbirth; and 31 emergency miscarriages (26 early, 5 late). Postpartum care was given to 9 other unregistered mothers. There was no maternal death.

Outside-Area Cases

There were 196 women from outside our area who were carried for prenatal care. Of these, 38 were closed before delivery. Most of our outside-area patients move into one of our districts or our Hospital for delivery. In that case they are transferred to our regular midwifery service. However, the nurse-midwives did go outside our area to deliver 23 such patients of 23 live babies, in their homes, with no maternal death.

5.

FRONTIER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MIDWIFERY

The Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery has two classes annually, each of six months' duration, which start on October 15th and April 15th. During the past year 14 registered nurses were graduated from the School. The thirty-sixth class since the

School opened in 1939 is now in attendance. When its work is completed on October 15th, the School will have sent 187 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, and Alaska, the Philippines, India, Thailand, South Korea, Canada, France, the Middle East, and in parts of Africa and South America.

6.

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT
(Alpha Omicron Pi Fund and Other Grants)

During the past fiscal year the Social Service Department of the Frontier Nursing Service has given financial aid to 140 families or individuals as follows:

- Provided monthly allowance to 2 persons, one a Berea College student.
- Provided monthly pension to one person.
- Gave grocery orders to 30 families—a total of 86 orders.
- Provided garden seeds to 22 families.
- Aided one burned out family.
- Paid school fees for children of 9 families, tuition, books, hot lunches, a total of 20 children.
- Made loans to 11 families—mainly for hospitalization or special medical care.
- Purchased glasses for 13 children (**New Eyes for the Needy Fund**).
- Paid dental bills for 4 patients.
- Paid Lexington hospital bills for 4 patients.
- Provided bus tickets to 8 patients to obtain medical attention in other parts of the state.
- Bought coal for one family.
- Paid ambulance bills for 3 patients.
- Paid physicians' fees for 12 patients.
- Paid for blood transfusions for one patient.
- Purchased wheel chair for one patient. (Later reimbursed by family.)
- Purchased back brace for one patient.
- Purchased artificial eye for one patient.
- Paid for medications for one patient.

Supervised construction of orthopedic play table for a child with cerebral palsy.

Bought occupational therapy materials for one paraplegic patient.

Paid clinic fees for large number of patients (later reimbursed by those able to pay).

Many patients have been transported to and from the Frontier Nursing Service Hyden Hospital and outpost centers. In addition there were:

- 6 trips to Harlan with 23 patients for eye examinations.
- 9 trips to London with 20 patients to the Tuberculosis Sanatorium Clinic.
- 34 trips to Lexington with 24 children to the Kentucky Crippled Children's Commission, 3 patients to a Lexington hospital, 1 child to Shriners' Hospital, 4 adults—2 to Lexington Clinic, one each to the Cancer Clinic and a Lexington optical company.
- 11 trips to Cincinnati Children's Hospital with 24 patients.
- 1 trip to Manchester with 14 patients to the annual clinic of the Kentucky Crippled Children's Commission.
- 1 trip to Houston to register two students at the Houston School.
- 3 trips to Berea, to admit 1 student, introduce 7 to the dean.
- 1 trip to Danville with 2 patients to the Mental Health Clinic.
- 1 trip to Frankfort to admit 2 children to the Kentucky Training Home.
- 4 trips to Hazard—2 patients to Mount Mary Hospital, 2 patients to the regional heart clinic, one patient to the Hazard Clinic, one patient to the orthodontist.

General services and aid have been given to other families and individuals as follows:

Distributed clothing, shoes, books, etc. to many families and local schools.

Aided the Christmas Secretary in arranging the annual Christmas programs.

Services and time given in coöperation with county agencies such as the Red Cross, 4-H Council, Welfare and Health Departments, county judges, county child welfare and vocational representatives, the Kentucky Crippled Children's Commission, Berea College, and the Frontier Nursing Service medical director, district nurse-midwives, and the Hospital staff.

A special debt of gratitude is owed the Salvation Army in Louisville, Lexington, and Cincinnati, for their hospitality to our patients.

7.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Thirteen couriers and twenty-one other volunteers worked for the Service a total of 1,347 days.

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. Guests of the Service during the past year have included not only Americans, but people from England, the Philippines, Iran, Scotland, Canada, the Kingdom of Laos, India, Lebanon, Indonesia, Bolivia, British Honduras, and Formosa.

9.

CHRISTMAS

The Frontier Nursing Service gave toys and candy to more than 5,000 children at Christmas, and clothing to those that needed it. The Service also held Christmas parties at many different places for these children, with Santa Claus, Christmas trees, and Christmas carols. All of this was made possible by the generous response of hundreds of people to our annual request card for the children's Christmas.

III.

THIRTY-THREE YEAR TOTAL

It will be of interest to our members to read a few totals covering the whole thirty-three-year period of work.

Patients registered from the beginning.....	51,760
Babies and toddlers.....	21,096
School children	9,215
Total children	30,311
Adults	21,449
Midwifery cases (reg.) delivered.....	11,831
Maternal deaths, 11 (9 puerperal, 2 cardiac)	
Inoculations.....	209,467
Patients admitted into the Hyden Hospital*.....	19,697
Number of days of occupation in Hyden Hospital.....	159,497

* For 28 years and 6 months. The FNS Hospital at Hyden was opened in the fiscal year 1928-1929 and operated only six months in that year.

CONCLUSION

Those among you, our subscribers, who have done us the honor to study this long report of our past fiscal year will grasp its significance. As in former fiscal years we have accounted for every penny you have given us, and have told you what we did with every dollar. Our gratitude to you for making it possible to carry this immense volume of work is equalled only by our gratitude to the staff who have carried it, and to our thousands of patients who are nearly all of them neighbors and friends.

We are happy to have remained solvent in this time of rising astronomical prices for everything we buy. We are glad to have been of use not only in our own territory but in many of the world's troubled areas where people who have studied our methods are now serving. Our own program for the rural child and its mother is helping children and mothers in far-flung corners of the earth, children and mothers who have never heard of us and whom none of us will ever see.

It takes courage to be responsible for a great philanthropy. All those who have stood behind Frontier Nursing Service have showed that courage. And faith as well. We shall all carry on together with courage and in faith.

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IN HONOR OF DR. BEASLEY

Friday, July 25, dawned moist and muggy, just like most other days in the month of July this year; but it was to be a very special day in Leslie County, Kentucky. For weeks some of the leading citizens in this section had been planning a surprise party for Dr. W. B. Rogers Beasley, Medical Director of the Frontier Nursing Service, in recognition of "his devotion, his kindness, and his service." During the two years he and Mrs. Beasley have lived at Hyden they have endeared themselves to all who know them. Dr. Beasley's thousands of patients are scattered over a thousand square miles in three or four counties, but the neighborhood in which he lives is that of Hyden, county seat of Leslie.

The leading citizens, representing the people of Leslie County, had decided to put on a "This Is Your Life" program for Dr. Beasley in the High School auditorium on this memorable Friday, July 25. Although hundreds of people knew about the surprise party, Dr. Beasley remained in complete ignorance. The committee in charge of arrangements had enlisted the help of Jean Becker, his clinic nurse, who was going with him to the Possum Bend Nursing Center at Confluence. She agreed to make delays of one kind or another so he would be late in returning to Hyden. Through a ruse she got him down to the auditorium where some four hundred people had gathered in an atmosphere of tense excitement. Mr. Fred Bullard of Hazard, the "Ralph Edwards" of the program, and an excellent one, was on the platform going over his script and photographers were making last minute adjustments of their lights and cameras when Dr. Beasley arrived amid a loud burst of applause. So completely unexpected was it all to Dr. Beasley that he still had on the khaki pants and T-shirt which he wore on his trip to Possum Bend.

Mr. Bullard's narration of Dr. Beasley's life was deeply moving. The first voice heard behind the screen was that of his mother, Mrs. Shubael Beasley, and the next that of his aunt, Mrs. W. F. Omberg. Both of these ladies had driven up from Memphis, Tennessee, just for the program and both came out on the stage after Dr. Beasley had heard them speak. Mr. Bullard went on through Dr. Beasley's childhood, holding up a picture

of him as a tiny tad on his first steed, a donkey named Merry Christmas, and enlisted his mother's corroboration of childhood incidents. Mr. Bullard brought out his early affection for his church, St. John's Church of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Memphis, where he served as an acolyte. He brought out Dr. Beasley's education at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, and his medical education at the University of Tennessee Medical School at Memphis, and internships and residencies at the Charity Hospitals in New Orleans and Monroe, Louisiana.

Somewhere along the line of all of this Mr. Bullard asked him to recognize another voice, which was that of his wife. Then "Trink" Beasley came out on the stage and stood beside him. Mr. Bullard brought out her war service with the American Red Cross in India, and later service in Europe, their meeting at Sewanee, and their marriage before he interned in New Orleans. Then young voices were heard and the children came dashing out on to the stage, throwing their arms around their father's legs. There were William Boddie Rogers Beasley, Jr., age 8, Eugenie Gabrielle, age 6, (both born in Louisiana) and Battle Alexander, age 5, born in Bolahun, Liberia.

This took Dr. Beasley's life over to Africa, after his decision to take charge of the Hospital of the Episcopal Church Holy Cross Mission at Bolahun (because it didn't have a doctor and needed one); the family trip by boat to Freetown in Sierra Leone and then the dreadful trip overland to Bolahun.

A few Bolahun incidents marked the narration. There was the time when "Trink," left alone with the children, had an invasion of driver ants which she had heard ate children. With the help of her colored boy she got her young safely away from the ants. There was the time when one of Dr. Beasley's patients needed new teeth. He took an impression of his mouth and sent it to Memphis. At this point another voice was heard behind the curtain—that of Dr. David Fox, a long-time dentist friend from Memphis, who had come up with his wife for the program. He stepped out on the stage and told of making the set of teeth for Dr. Beasley's patient, which were sent to Africa and were a perfect fit.

Dr. Beasley's life was brought up to the present when the

Associate Director of the Frontier Nursing Service, Helen E. Browne, came on the stage to represent the Service and a number of the district nurse-midwives came up in their riding uniforms. Mrs. Breckinridge was represented on the stage by her great niece, Julia, daughter of Major James T. Breckinridge of the United States Marine Corps, on a visit at Wendover. It was Julia's tenth birthday and she received a big round of applause.

After all of this came the presentation of gifts to Dr. and Mrs. Beasley from the people of Leslie County in appreciation of "his devotion, his kindness, his service" during the last two years. Amid loud applause Dr. Beasley was presented with a movie camera, projector and screen, and a tape recorder, and a written message from the Governor of the Commonwealth announcing that it was his pleasure to proclaim Dr. Beasley a Kentucky Colonel. "Trink" was presented with a silver serving tray inscribed with her name and Hyden, Kentucky, 1958. Last, but by no means least, Dr. Beasley was presented with the keys to a 1958 Ford Station Wagon which was waiting for him outside the building. "Trink," who is president of the Parent-Teachers Association of Hyden, said, "This is the first time I have ever been speechless in this building!"

In concluding the program, Mr. Bullard referred to Dr. Beasley's departure in September on a Fulbright Scholarship for a year's study in England at the London School of Tropical Medicine. Dr. Beasley said that although there wasn't much need for Tropical Medicine in Kentucky, he would love to come back again if the future permitted him to do so.

The program was followed by a reception in the Presbyterian Sunday School rooms where a very happy time was had by all. We are often bragging about the "grapevine" system of communications in the mountains. This was one instance where the system acted in reverse. This whole evening was planned and carried out without Dr. Beasley's hearing one whisper.

Contributed

WISHES THEY WOULDN'T

Old mountain lady, speaking of Middle East crisis: "It seems like I wish they wouldn't."



MRS. MARGARET ADAMS OF CAMP CREEK
Riding her horse, Bob, to Wendover as usual
with her broken wrist in a cast.

THANKSGIVING DAY REUNION IN ENGLAND

For several years the old staff in Britain have been invited by Nora K. Kelly to hold the reunion at the Watford Maternity Hospital, King Street, Watford, Hertfordshire. For those who wish it, overnight hospitality is provided. Please write "Kelly" if you can attend the Thanksgiving Day reunion on Thursday, November 27, 1958. Come any time from 2:30 p.m. on through the afternoon and evening.

The Frontier Nursing Service staff in Kentucky gather together at Wendover on Thanksgiving Day not only in celebration but in remembrance. Many years ago the old staff in Great Britain took up this custom and even during the war, and the awful London bombing, some of them always managed to get together on Thanksgiving Day. The group in Kentucky and the group in England meet at almost the same hour, allowing for the difference in time, and with them in spirit are those of the old staff who have left this world.

AVE ATQUE VALE

by

OLIVE BUNCE, R.N.,S.C.M.

For twenty-eight years the Margaret Durbin Harper Memorial Nursing Center at Bowlingtown has been a part of a wonderful community of mountain people. For the last five years I have had the privilege of working there—and they have been happy years. Friendship, security and a sense of fulfilment have been mine in no small measure. Now it must end.

The Buckhorn Dam is now a reality on its way to completion, and soon this beautiful valley will become part of a lake. Even at this late hour I find it impossible to realize that the familiar homes will be gone, and the friendly faces of our neighbors will be scattered as it were to the four corners of the earth.

The smoke will not longer be rising from the houses over the river on a winter morning, and the friendly rivalry of "whose light goes on first" will cease to exist. I shall miss the music of the foxhounds running on a winter night. There will be other hounds and other friendly rivalries but I am afraid, somehow, it may never be the same for me again.

If leaving Bowlingtown means so much to me, how much more must it mean to those families born and raised here who have known no other home. My heart goes out especially to the old people. To be forced to leave the homesteads which were their fathers' before them is a bitter blow, yet quietly and without fuss they are setting out to "hunt them a place." They will, of course, take their memories with them, but will miss sadly the old familiar places. The children will soon adapt themselves as all children do. For some it may mean better opportunity and a better education—a wider approach to living.

In Bowlingtown as in all areas covered by the Frontier Nursing Service, we have tried, and I think succeeded in improving the health of the people, especially that of the children. This legacy of better health they will take with them into their new life.

Some of our families are trying to locate their new homes near the other nursing centers. I feel very proud to think that

the tie of affection and trust between this center and the people is sufficient to influence their decision.

It is hard to give up the Bowlingtown center. Over the years this "shell that was a house" became a home in the best sense of the word. Endowed not only by money but by acts of service of many in the community, I feel the center has become a symbol of trust and security for those in need.

In time the Margaret Durbin Harper center will be located in a new area and the work will go on, but our old friends will not be forgotten in the new. May all of our community—young and old—find peace and prosperity wherever they may be.

FROM A PATIENT

Inclose find a check for \$20.00 twenty dollars in full for my operation. Here is hoping everything is going fine in your hospital. I want to thank each and everyone of the staff for being so nice and patient with me. I could have had this paid but was not able to work until March.

God bless all of your staff is my prayer.

WANTED

Volunteer Christmas Secretary. For the first time in our history we do not have a Christmas Secretary lined up well in advance of the holiday season. Please, we do want someone as early as possible in November.

Staff Position: Social Service Secretary (*Alpha Omicron Pi Fund*). This vital post will be vacant October 1, when Maryellen Fullam returns to her own home. Read the social service section in our Annual Report to see how large and important this work is. Please send your application to Miss Agnes Lewis, Wendover, Leslie County, Kentucky.

A WINTER'S TALE

by

ALICE HERMAN, R.N., C.M.

Tuesday, January 28, started out like any other routine day, during the six months in which I was a student at the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery. We student midwives attended lectures and classes in the morning, ate lunch and then set out on district calls.

I had completed my calls and records by 3:00 p.m. and was enjoying a blazing fire and hot tea in Mardi Cottage when the phone rang. A woman up at the head of Thousandsticks was "wasting bad." Miss Hickson, the supervisor, told me to get the saddlebags and be ready to leave "on the double."

We jumped into "Junko" (the jeep). The woman's husband was leading the way in his jeep. We couldn't travel very fast because the roads were a sheet of ice with several inches of snow on top. Time seems an eternity when we know a patient is hopefully and anxiously waiting for us.

About forty-five minutes had passed by when we came to a division in the creek. The husband stopped his jeep and came running back to us. He said the traveling was much worse from here on; he thought we should all get into his jeep because it had more pull than ours. We grabbed the saddlebags and climbed in. He stepped on the starter, but the motor sputtered and "conked out." So we transferred the equipment back to ours and started out. We just got around the bend in the creek when we were faced with a broken down lumber truck—right in the center of the creekbed! By this time Miss Hickson and I decided to shoulder the saddlebags and start climbing the mountain. It was now the edge of dark. When we reached the top of the mountain it was pitch black. We could see the lights of the cabin long before we reached it.

I shall never forget the sight that met our eyes when we walked through the doorway. Grandma and grandpa were sitting calmly by the fire. The "least one" was sitting on grandma's lap watching grandpa whittle on a stick. The patient was lying in bed with her legs elevated on the slanted back of a straight chair. The back of the chair had been padded with a homemade

quilt for added comfort. Extra quilts had been placed over and around the patient to keep her warm. I was deeply impressed by the first aid this woman had received from a family who had never taken a course in First Aid, and probably had never read a book on the subject, yet had simply provided the essentials: warmth, elevation of the lower extremities, and **calmness!**

Miss Hickson quickly "sized up" the situation and together we carved out a plan of emergency treatment, working toward our goal of getting the patient to Hyden Hospital with the least amount of trauma to her. We briefly and simply explained the situation to the family. They agreed, and soon we had the woman prepared for the journey down the mountain and back to Hyden. She was carried to the nearest available vehicle. When we reached our jeep we transferred her and the quipment. Never once did this mountain woman complain or express any feeling of anxiety or fear. Anyone who has bounced over rocks and through frozen mud in a jeep knows that it isn't very pleasant at any time, so it really must be a trial for one who is ill.

We arrived at Hyden Hospital around 7:30 p.m. Dr. Beasley performed minor surgery on our patient. A few days later she was back with her family.

We sincerely regretted that there was no baby from the call to bring happiness to that mountain home, but the courage and quiet faith of the woman has left a record written on our minds. She could have been any woman from any creek bed in these hills.

FRIENDSHIP

To laugh a bit and joke a bit
And grasp a friendly hand;
To love a bit and scold a bit
And know they'll understand,
To tell one's secret hopes and fears
And share a friendly smile;
To have a friend, and be a friend
Is what makes life worth while.

Buddy's, Charlottesville, Va.

OLD COURIER NEWS

Edited by
AGNES LEWIS

**From Mrs. B. L. E. Talman (Bobbie Miller),
Washington, D. C.—May, 1958**

I remarried last September 21st and have recently moved to the above address (3913 Huntington Street, N.W.). My new husband is a Captain in the Navy and may be retiring in the near future, so we don't even know how long we will be here.

From Nancy Aub, Belmont, Massachusetts—June 5, 1958

It is a small world that "Herbie" (Gleason, my fiancé) should know Jinny Branham. I hope she also told you what a nice person he is! We are getting married in Cambridge on July 18 and plan to live in Boston. He's just finished Harvard Law School and will work for a judge in Boston next year. I don't know how long it's been since I've written so I'll catch you up a bit on me.

I finished Radcliffe in 1956, then spent five months in Europe, mostly absorbing Italian life and culture. On my return, I got a job as Case Aide for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, where for eight months I was doing social casework. It was a very difficult and very interesting job. Last fall I enrolled at Simmons School of Social Work. One year has now passed and another yet to go. It's an interesting field, and I have enjoyed it very much. The FNS can take credit in pushing me in this direction!

**From Mrs. John Stone (Jane Bidwell), Greenough,
Montana—June, 1958**

Life is most hectic for all of us now. We not only have to keep our own houses intact but are in the process of cleaning up the ranch for the summer season which starts this weekend.

Spring cleaning is quite a job. All the buildings are of log which have to be wiped down even to the cracks in the wood which you get at with a knife. After everything is washed down

and floors are spotless, they have a wax put on them which takes 24 hours or more to dry. Then you put everything back into place. We have two dining rooms, a pool room and large living room to get in order. We have to do enough cabins to accommodate our first guests who arrive about the same time as our help.

We have been deluged with rain which has been just fine for the crops. Unfortunately the weeds also profit as well as the lawn which is beginning to look like a hay meadow.

Our wild life has disappeared to a great extent. The deer have all headed for the higher country. Occasionally we see a bald eagle, blue heron or osprey down on the river.

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From Mrs. Paul Church Harper (Tips Stevenson),

Lake Forest, Illinois—June 17, 1958

We will be right here all summer. Peter is working on a construction job; Alicia, who just graduated from Vassar, is taking typing and shorthand; and Dave is just enjoying his first vacation from boarding school. I always keep hoping I can get in the car some day and drive down to see you, but there is always so much to do right here—a family to take care of—when they were little, I thought they were demanding; but now that they're grown, it's even more so—probably because we do so much together, playing and working.

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From Olivia (Lela) Van Norden, Roxbury, Connecticut

—June 20, 1958

I constantly think of the F.N.S., and will miss it terribly this summer. Being there has made my last two summers the best—don't know what I'll do without it this summer! If ever anything should happen so that I might be of some use, I will come in a minute.

I went to Newport last weekend to watch the start of the Bermuda race—such a beautiful sight! Terrific winds blew them out of sight too soon, but while they were around the water was one mass of sail and multicolored spinnakers. So many boats starting at once made quite a tangle, and I still can't understand how they all kept clear of one another.

**From Mrs. Arthur Perry, Jr. (Mardi Bemis), Concord,
Massachusetts—June 30, 1958**

We fly to Denver tomorrow and thence to Santa Fe, California, Wyoming and Minnesota with Susan, Artie and Ned in tow (Pete and I as escorts).

Sue Morse Putnam is home again (up the road) looking so rested after two years in Austria! I hope she'll be on hand for our Christmas Preview the end of October.

Will be home again July 27th, then off to South Tamworth, N. H., for August. Susan goes to Madeira School near Washington on September 17th so I'll be that much closer to Kentucky and someday may get to Wendover again.

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**From Mrs. Carl F. Shelton (Betsey Schadt), Detroit,
Michigan—June 30, 1958**

I'm afraid you'll never remember me after all these years, but perhaps if you'll dig through those old records stuffed away in the attic you might find my name listed (Betsey Schadt) as a courier in the summer of 1938. What a fine crop of grey hairs I've raised since then!

My daughters are now aged nine, eleven, and fourteen; all three are currently away at camp where the one activity they love above all others is the riding. Fortunately, they get quite a bit of it—more I think, than is usual at most summer camps. Perhaps I'm raising a new crop of couriers for the FNS.

My fourteen-year-old is several inches taller than I which doesn't mean she's unusually tall, however. Do you remember that I used to stand on a stool to groom the horses?

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**From Lenore (Len) Fredrickson, Grand Canyon, Arizona
—July 2, 1958**

Having such fun with Katy Quarmby and my friend from Syracuse—camping out here. We camped at Ganada Presbyterian Mission last night, took a back road north of main highway to Canyon through Indian country—lots of deserts, mesas, sheep, buckboards, cowboys, and colorful Navajos. We are becoming true westerners and losing that eastern tourist look.

August 7, 1958

I was honored to receive your kind invitation to Joy's wedding; and remembering Hobert's daughter's wedding, I regret to say I will not be there to join in the fun.

I spent four days with Katy Quarmby in the latter part of July touring the Grand Canyon. We had a wonderful time—especially, since Katy filled me in first-hand on FNS news since I was there in 1956.

I will always cherish my summer with you as a courier and can only thank you again for helping me make my decision to be a nurse. I will start training this fall at the Cornell School of Nursing.

From Mrs. Bruce McCormick Putnam (Amy Stevens),

Rangely, Colorado—July 9, 1958

It never fails—when the FNS bulletin comes, I feel so close to Wendover again because of all the very complete news that it carries to all of us who get it at a distance. No camp or school or college has ever accomplished the closeness in its magazine that the FNS bulletin does.

We still don't know when we'll be transferred, or where, but we expect maybe it'll be Los Angeles sometime in the late fall. I am beginning to like Rangely so much that I'd rather stay here than go to California.

We've had a wonderful time having visitors: Sam [her brother] came through, then Liz Cushman (maid of honor) and a friend spent the night on the way to Jackson, Wyoming; a classmate and her family came the fourth of July from Denver; and Bruce's former roommate and his wife dropped in unexpectedly. Bruce's Mom comes for two weeks soon, so we are having a fine time entertaining. We need some FNS people, though!

My cooking is improving, although I run out of ideas—have thought so many times of the menus I did at Wendover; and wish I could remember what we had! We've been on several trips—one time we were away for almost three weeks, going to Redlands, California, to see Bruce's parents; to Los Angeles on business; then to Rock Springs, Denver, and home. It was very interesting and a lot of fun, but it certainly is more than wonderful to be back at home!

From Jean S. Alexander, Bernardsville, New Jersey

—August 3, 1958

Now that we are in the month of August, I find myself getting more and more homesick for Wendover. I wish so much that I had been able to come and see you; but I have too many things to do before going abroad. I think I am leaving around the first week in September; and before school begins over there, I hope to get a chance to see "The World's Fair." All this, however, seems to be very far off in the distance.

I have just returned from a lovely cruise up the coast of Maine, taken with my aunt and uncle. Unfortunately it was interrupted by the Middle East crisis, so we never got as far as we had hoped. Please tell Mrs. Breckinridge that we anchored in a lovely little cave called "Christmas Cave," not far from Booth Bay. There is a lovely yellow house right by the shore, and they told me there that it belonged to a Mrs. Breckinridge. I went and knocked on the door, but the house was shut up for the summer, I think. It's so pretty!

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From Linda Branch, Pinedale, Wyoming—August 4, 1958

Sandy, the gal I live with, is working at the doctor's office with me this summer. We've moved—a few months ago—into a small house which was cheaper than living in an apartment. Sure is more quiet and private too. The seeds I planted three months ago are about to bloom now that the frost season is near!

Have done some fishing and swimming this summer. Rode only once and that was a 35-mile ride moving horses.

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From Mrs. Richard G. Eberhart (Betty Butcher),**Cape Rosier, Maine—August 15, 1958**

I am so happy to think Eloise [her niece] is having the happy advantage of experiences at the FNS, and I know how much she'll get out of knowing all of you. I don't think anything I ever did made more of an impression on me or left me with happier memories than my visits to the FNS.

Dickson, our eleven-year-old son, is about to return from camp; and Gretchen, our seven-year-old daughter, is learning to ride a horse in preparation for being a courier. Dick spends

most of the summer writing and playing with his boat, and every once in a while I pray for a day ashore.

WEDDINGS

Miss Anne Ross Reynolds of Hudson, Ohio, and Mr. Frank Augustus Sparrow of Englewood, New Jersey, on June 28, 1958. Mr. Sparrow will enter his second year at New York University—Bellevue Medical College—this fall.

Miss Nancy Cope Aub of Belmont, Massachusetts, and Mr. Herbert Parsons Gleason of Cohasset, Massachusetts, on July 18, 1958. [See Old Courier News.]

We wish for these two delightful brides and their lucky young husbands many happy landings.

A BABY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Stone (Jane Bidwell) of Greenough, Montana, a son (their first child), George Putnam Stone, on February 24, 1958. Baby George weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces. Since his parents own and operate the E Bar L Ranch, this bouncing boy will, no doubt, be a real little cowboy!

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Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to **Mary Gordon Kraft** of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the recent death of her mother; and to **Louise Lewis Wood** of Worcester, Massachusetts, in the loss of her father—both Mrs. Gordon and Dr. Lewis had been invalids for a long time; and to **Toni Harris Crump** of Geneva, New York, whose father died unexpectedly last week.

SUMMER COMPLAINT

Now Matthew, the eldest son of Christiana, fell sick, and his sickness was sore upon him, for he was much pained in his bowels, so that he was with it at times pulled, as it were, both ends together.

Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan—17th Century

WHY?

Why will we hold a grudge
Against some one we know?
And, why do we misjudge
A friend, no mercy show
Until great hurt is done?

Why do we not learn to go
The second mile, like He said?
And upon our friend, bestow
Love, and some gladness spread
Until his love, we've won?

Maude Tucker Smith
(Mrs. Alton A. Smith)

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Rogers and Gabrielle Beasley at "Joy House"
Children of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Rogers Beasley

EDITOR'S OWN PAGE

There is always a feeling of sadness in the coming of the fall of the year. This is intensified for us now because of two things. *In Honor of Dr. Beasley* you will read of how deep a hold he and his wife have on the affections of everyone in here. You will also read that he has left us on a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the London School of Tropical Medicine. Dr. Beasley has had the kind of training and experience rarely given to any but the medical missionary. He is a good ob-gyn man, a surgeon, and can handle pediatrics and general medicine as well. The churches try to see that the doctors they send to rural areas in foreign lands are equipped to meet every emergency. Unfortunately for the rural areas in these United States few doctors are so equipped. It is our hope that Dr. Beasley will come back to us again where he is so needed and so wanted. But as this Bulletin goes to press the Frontier Nursing Service has no medical director at all. We will have to relay our surgical emergencies and our complicated obstetrics outside our territory until a new medical director comes. Many professional friends are trying to help us to get a good doctor, and to get him quickly.

Our second source of sadness this fall is pictured on the covers of this Bulletin and described in the article Olive Bunce has written. We, like our patients in the Bowlingtown area, are having to leave that lovely valley where we have been rooted since 1930. Where the Margaret Durbin Harper Center has dispensed beneficent service for twenty-eight years there is to be a lake. If the going is so hard for us, how much worse is it for our neighbors and patients whose people have lived there for some one hundred and sixty years. In *A Working on Wolf Creek* you will read about our plans for a new Margaret Durbin Harper Center in another fine neighborhood. But the old one will be gone forever and the people of the valley will never be a neighborhood again. *Ave Atque Vale.*

OLD STAFF NEWS

Edited by
HELEN E. BROWNE

From Audrey Williams in Wigtownshire, Scotland—May, 1958

This has been a busy place for babies as the nearest hospital is 33 miles away. There were 13 home confinements in the first 10 weeks. I finish relieving here at the end of June and have decided to go to Argyllshire. On July 1st, I start at a small place called Tayvallich. My district will consist mostly of a peninsula about two miles wide, with Loch Sween on one side and the Atlantic on the other. It is about 35 miles south of Oban. Last year I bought a second hand piano and have been continuing to learn on my own. It is going to be a problem, getting it moved. Best wishes to all I know. I may be seeing you next year, as I hope to come to the States for a holiday.

From Myrtle Onsrud in Macherla, India—May 1958

I find the Quarterly Bulletin so interesting. It is like a fresh breeze from the mountains. These are hot days in Macherla—the temperature in my room has been up to 110 degrees for several afternoons. This is May, and what a lovely time it is at Wendover. I plan to leave for a vacation as soon as our Medical Superintendent and his family return from their holiday.

We are building a new health center and it is a slow process. The basement is done which is a good start. Public health nursing is new in this country and it is hard to get qualified staff.

From Joyce Stephens in Gloucestershire, England—May, 1958

It sure was good to see—and hear—Mary Quarles again. She arrived on the evening of May 8th, having crossed from Calais that day. She certainly looked a bit worn out—not surprising considering the extent, and speed, of her continental tour, which she enjoyed very much.

As C. A. Joyce's Cotswold (approved) School for Boys is only two miles from here, I am lucky in having a contact there per one of the S. Cerney school mistresses (her husband is next in command to Joyce) we went over on the Friday evening and

were shown around. She was very interested in this school—so much so that she spent all one morning there. The folks at the school were delighted to show her around, for she was so interested, and interesting, unfortunately though, Joyce was on vacation.

On the Sunday afternoon we were invited to the christening of one of my babies and the bean feast after. We did the job properly and went to chapel with them first! The local Doctor and her husband (both Irish and perfect dears) were there. Monday I had off, so we went home for lunch and tea, via the Slaughters, Stow-on-the-Wold, Broadway and Evesham, and back via Bredon Hill, calling in to see Mrs. Hillman and Nancy enroute.

Tuesday evening we had the Townsends and showed them my FNS, Canadian, and American slides. It was a grand opportunity having Mary to answer questions, instead of me having to be responsible for the workings of the American nation! They, of course, were most interested to hear all about work and life in the N. J. Woman's Penal Institution.

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From Vera Chadwell in Hampshire, England—June, 1958

I am quite settled in my new district—I came here last October—this reminds me so much of the FNS although I have no horses—one gets attached to a car when it shares the day to day work of life. The scenery here is lovely—Spring was a picture. I think I told you I was doing fully combined duties including health visiting, school, etc. So much variety is pleasing and I like the Hampshire people very much. This has been a hard year doing a lot of gardening and cleaning out of weedy flower beds, etc., which got terribly overgrown between the previous nurse leaving and my coming. Wish you could see it all here—do be sure to visit me when you come home—it is peaceful here as well as scenic. Ivy Durley (who visited me while I was in the FNS) is home now from Newfoundland and has a district like mine in Hampshire, 36 miles away at Fordingbridge—close to the New Forest.

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From Janet Reinbrecht in Liberia—June, 1958

I am leaving Liberia the end of this month. In many ways I hate to leave as there is so much to do. At times, it seems im-

possible for the mothers to be so ignorant of how to care for their babies. Almost every week I lose a baby by drowning, because the mother thinks the baby must have water and pours it down the child's throat in such a way that it gets into the lungs and cuts off the breathing. But, of course it is encouraging to see others who take such good care of their babies, that they only bring them to the dispensary to have the Cod Liver Oil bottle filled.

On my way home I plan to stop in Sweden where I will attend the wedding of a friend I knew in China. We grew up in the same little town, and I never expected to have the privilege of seeing her a bride in her own country. Then I am meeting a friend in Brussels and we will see the Fair together, and then a trip on the Continent by car, seeing as much as we can in three to four weeks. I sail from Rotterdam on August 12, and all being well should be in old U. S. A. by the end of August, just in time to be with my sister when she will have her third child. My address will be: c/o Mrs. Jay Nisely, R. D. 2, Dillsburg, Pa.

From Elizabeth Hillman in London, England—July, 1958

I have had interesting interviews with Miss Hill of WHO when I was in Switzerland in April, and with Miss Bayes at the College who is very much in favor of domiciliary work. Yesterday I had tea at Watford with Miss Kelly and Miss Chetwynd, and I am starting work on the district at Watford in October.

I had to leave Lower Mall in March when new owners took over, and I was fortunate in finding a bed sitting room in Chiswick, with French windows opening on to the garden in which I can do as I please in the way of gardening and sun bathing. The usual English summer is slipping by with many grumbles about the weather, but we have had some sunny days. Lydia and I had a hot, sunny week-end on the south coast. We slept on the beach! Lydia is now at a summer camp—in a professional capacity—on the Isle of Wight. I am going down for my day off next week. Please give my love to everyone.

From Helen Farrington in Battle Creek, Michigan—July, 1958

This summer has gone by so fast that it is almost impossible to think that it has been nearly four months since I was in Ken-

tucky. Darlene Wilke came to visit me last week, and we went over to visit Nina and Scotty. It was a grand reunion day, and we talked Kentucky and FNS to our hearts' content. When I hear of many of the experiences that other nurses have had in public health, I am even more thankful for my years with the FNS. I am still trying to recruit nurses for you. I feel that my year at the University of Michigan was very worth while. Next Friday is my last day as a student; then I am going home for a vacation before starting my new job. I will be in a small town in Minnesota, down in the south-west portion of the state. I am looking forward to my work there.

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From Anne Hunt (Jo-Anne) in St. Georges, Bermuda

—July, 1958

I have been here two months now, so I am quite settled in; I even have a little dog, part golden retriever and part collie. He is very pretty and loves to swim. I do a lot of swimming and have become enthusiastic about underwater exploring with goggles, etc. One cannot help but wonder at the beautiful and weird creatures of marine life.

My work is varied and interesting and I like the people very much. A committee does all the organizing and fund raising for the nurse. They have just bought a piece of land on which to build a house for the nurse!

I hope to get the chance to visit Kentucky next year, but at the moment things are so unsettled in the world that one cannot be sure of what might happen. I think of you all often.

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From Delphine Jewell in Nigeria, West Africa—July, 1958

It is a quiet Saturday night in Nigeria. The crickets and frogs are chirping, and a cool breeze is blowing in the front door. I have been here three months now and each day I find myself feeling more "at home." My trip from England was pleasant and uneventful. I came up country by plane, so my first glimpse of this country was from the clouds. The rest of the trip from Jos to Bambur was in the doctor's jeep station wagon. There were a few times when I wondered if we were on the road or in the bush, but ten hours after we started the lights flashed on

a sign reading, "Gunter Memorial Hospital." Then I realized we had arrived. The doctor performed a Cesarian section thirty minutes after we arrived, so I was properly orientated.

My home is a white stucco house sitting on top of a hill, overlooking the rest of the compound. I share it with my college mate who is the laboratory technician. We have a beautiful valley to the back of us, so we feel we are in an ideal spot. Most of my time has been concentrated on language study and helping in surgery. There are hopes and plans for getting the maternity work built up. Most of the women come to the hospital because of some complication. There is real need for prenatal care, and for health teaching.

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From Jane Furnas in Tucson, Arizona—July, 1958

Time has flown since we left Hyden. We stayed with my sister in Ohio for a few days before starting west, and we had a wonderful trip out here. We camped for two nights in Red River Canyon north of Santa Fe, by a beautiful, cold mountain stream where Kim (their dog) had the time of his life. We visited with several old staff—Florence Shade, Katie Quarmby, Rose Evans and Anne Fox. We saw some Indian dances in a pueblo, near Santa Fe.

We have been very busy getting settled here, and I have had several interviews at the University. We are both attending a "Child Development and Family Life Conference" at the University in August. It will give us the opportunity to meet many of the nursing leaders in Arizona.

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From Polly Hicks in Andrews, North Carolina—July, 1958

As you perhaps have heard I sold the store back to my Uncle and I have been home doing nothing. I was very tired and the rest has been good for me. Had I been financially able to carry the store longer it would probably have made money but business was bad during the winter months. Anyway, it was good experience for me and I liked it very much.

I read, embroider, play bridge and canasta, and have been to Chattanooga and to Aiken, South Carolina visiting friends recently.

I hope everything goes well with you and Frontier Nursing Service.

I got an invitation to Joy's wedding—just wish I could be there for it. She is such a very sweet girl and she writes that she is so happy.

My love to you and best wishes to all I knew while I was with you.

WEDDINGS

Miss Joyce Hilditch of Kingham, Oxford, England and Mr. Robert Mishler of Glendale, Arizona at Wendover, Kentucky, on August 20, 1958. (See Field Notes)

Miss Barbara Seely (Bobby) Hunt and Mr. Norman William Bane, both of Rochester, New York on August 23, 1958 in the Colgate Rochester Divinity Chapel, Rochester, New York.

To these four young people we send our best wishes for many happy years together.

NEW BABY

To Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bowling (Primrose Edwards) a son, William Asher, born at Hazard, Kentucky, on August 22, 1958. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz., and is their third son.

A LETTER OF LIKING

It was really a milestone when I reached five years of service with the Frontier Nursing Service. This, with the furlough check, and being a member of the Septuagenarian Club has heaped pleasure upon my head. I often ask myself what I have done to deserve so much. While working here, another great pleasure has been the meeting of people from many countries who are working for the betterment of their homelands.

I like meeting these people.

I like their programs.

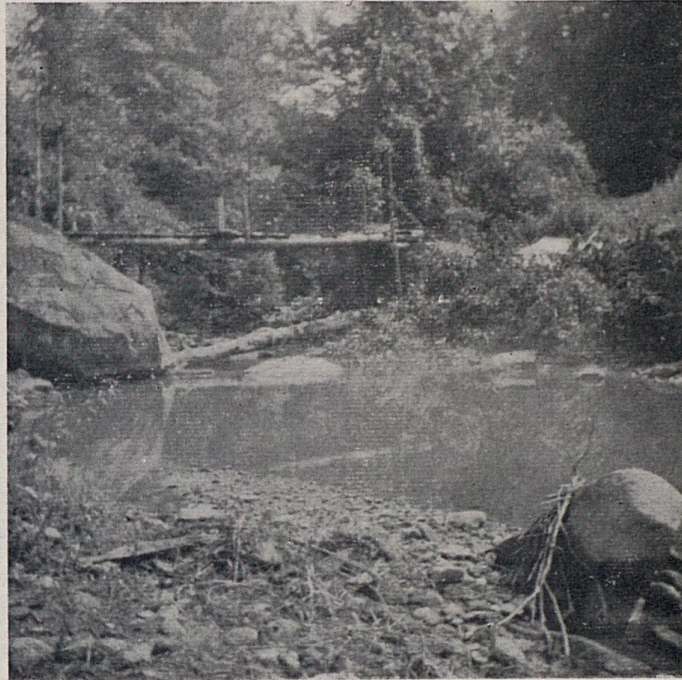
I like being a septuagenarian.

I like my furlough check.

(Signed) Bella Vaughan
Hyden Hospital Secretary

A WORKING ON WOLF CREEK

by
BETTY LESTER, R.N., S.C.M.
Assistant Director



For many years the people who live in the Cutshin area have been asking if they could have a nursing center in their midst. Cutshin Creek itself has a highway from Wooton over to Blue Diamond on Leatherwood Creek—nine miles of which are black-topped and the other nine miles gravel. Many creeks and branches flow into Cutshin from both sides with hundreds of families living on them.

Over a mountain on Wolf Creek, flowing into Coon Creek, is an area as beautiful and as thickly populated as anywhere in here but without a good road. There are many families on Big Fork, Big Rock, Roan Creek and Baker Fork. Beyond these on White Oak, Bad Creek, Laurel, are still more.

The Margaret Durbin Harper Memorial Nursing Center at Bowlingtown in Perry County will soon be closed. With the building of the Buckhorn Dam that whole area is to be turned into a lake. The Federal Government is giving the Frontier Nursing

Service the money to rebuild the Margaret Durbin Harper Memorial Nursing Center, elsewhere. Mrs. Breckinridge has decided to survey the Cutshin area and to rebuild the center there. I was chosen to do the survey.

The first requirement was a house to live in and I found an empty one belonging to Mr. Floyd Cook, who, with his wife, was as anxious as any one to have the nurses there. They went with me to inspect the house and to see what was needed to put it in good shape. Mr. Cook, who let us have it rent free, was willing to do what was necessary but I suggested "a working."

Mrs. Breckinridge was willing and word was sent around asking all who could do so to come on Tuesday, July 29—the day decided upon so that Dr. and Mrs. Beasley could be with us.

Since it is the custom at a working that the people for whom it is done provide dinner we had to arrange and plan what to eat. Mr. Cook suggested a "fish fry," with him donating the fish, which was the best plan anybody could have.

Just after 6:00 a.m. the first workhand arrived and before 8:00 a.m. nearly 100 people—men, women, and children—had come with hammers, saws, mowing blades, sledge hammers, and a power saw, besides trucks. The women got busy inside the house, cleaning, painting, and papering the five rooms and two porches. The boys cut weeds and brush and cleaned the yard.

Since the house is across Wolf Creek it was approached by a foot log about twelve inches wide, a precarious mode of travel for people not used to it. The men decided a bridge should be built and the right place was discovered where two huge rocks, their tops high above the water, faced each other diagonally across the creek. One team went up into the forest and cut down two pine trees, lopped off the branches to make logs roughly forty feet long and with the help of a mule hauled them to the site. Another team in the big truck went off to an abandoned saw mill and sawed planks about three feet wide to make the floor. To get the two logs into position with only man power needed real hard work—men wading waist deep in water, others from the top hauling on chains, others cutting niches in the rocks for the logs to fit in. But it was done.

In clearing out the weeds a bale of wire had been found and it was used to make sides for the bridge so no one could fall

off. One of our people had gotten dizzy crossing the foot log and two men had jumped waist deep into the creek to help her. A lot of wet folk but no tragedies.

Meanwhile, at the Cooks' house women were making corn bread, cutting up tomatoes and cucumbers, cooking beans, making potato salad, coffee and koolade, all donated by neighbors. One man built a fire in the yard and fried the fish, and by noon everything was spread out on a long table. The FNS contingent had arrived early, and all were helping with the work when the call to dinner came. One hundred and ten people sat around eating, talking, and resting. Never was there a happier gathering and everybody had enough to eat and drink.

Then back to work. In mid afternoon another halt was called and watermelons, donated by Mr. John Lewis and cooled in the rapidly flowing creek, were cut up and eaten.

By 4:00 o'clock the last worker had left; and what a difference had been made! Screens were on the windows, the inside of the house shone, the yard was cleared of weeds and brush, and the bridge was wonderful.

JUST JOKES

"How did you make your neighbor keep his hens in his own yard?"

"One night I hid half a dozen eggs under a bush in my garden, and next day I let him see me gather them."

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A little girl visiting her uncle on the farm was watching a cow chewing her cud.

Uncle—Pretty fine cow, that.

Girl—Yes, but doesn't it cost a lot to keep her in chewing gum?

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While reading the evening newspaper, Jenkins spied an interesting item and called to his wife. "Listen to this . . ."

"Alexander Jones, well-known naturalist, slipped over a Rocky Mountain precipice yesterday while reaching for a wild flower. As he fell, he gathered momentum . . ."

"What an enthusiast he must have been," wifey interrupted sadly. "Imagine, picking flowers even as he fell."

OUR MAIL BAG

From the chairman of our Blue Grass Committee: I so often think, and never have the chance to say, what a really fine little publication your Bulletin is—you keep such a wonderful balance between “doing” and “being,” and are a real inspiration to so many of us.

From a New Jersey subscriber: I do so enjoy receiving the Bulletin and keeping abreast of the wonderful work.

From a subscriber in Illinois: I have just been rereading the Bulletin. I love it and read every word with interest, particularly the English letters.

From a subscriber in Virginia: I am grateful for each copy of the Bulletin and for *Wide Neighborhoods*.

From a Minneapolis subscriber: We greatly enjoyed your interesting and well-written book *Wide Neighborhoods*, and wish to contribute the enclosed to your worthy work.

From a Baltimore subscriber: I started reading *Wide Neighborhoods* again. There are so many passages I like, had the same feelings in some of the places in Europe, and always enjoy your quotations.

From the mother of Olive Bunce in the Isle of Wight: I felt I must write and tell you how much my husband and I have enjoyed reading *Wide Neighborhoods* and we feel so proud to think our daughter, Olive, is with the Frontier Nursing Service and able to help in the good service.

From a subscriber in New Jersey: I think your work is so outstanding in every way, and I have the sure feeling that not a penny is wasted! It seems to me you combine Christianity and welfare work in the way it should be combined, together with such a high standard of nursing.

From an eight-year-old Kentucky Girl after a brief visit at Wendover: I had a good time at Wendover. I liked riding on Bess the mule. Thank all the girls for helping me have a good time. I hope I can come again. From Kim.

BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS

Last year we suggested that a gift to the Frontier Nursing Service in the name of someone dear to you, our subscribers, would be a fitting way to celebrate Christmas. Several friends responded to this suggestion and we sent the recipient of each gift our own attractive Christmas card with the name of the donor written on it.

A number of you give the *Frontier Nursing Service Quarterly Bulletin* (price \$1.00) to friends for Christmas or at other times of the year. A card is always sent these friends in your name.

If any of you would like to send an inscribed copy of *Wide Neighborhoods* as a Christmas gift, we will mail the book, postage paid, to any address in the world upon receipt of the list price of \$4.00.

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We want to remind all of you who live in and around Boston that the First Annual Christmas Preview will be held in the Colonial Room of the New England Mutual Hall in Boston, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 29, 30, 31, 1958, under the direction of the Boston Committee of the Frontier Nursing Service, Inc.

Under one roof some 20 outstanding stores from New England and New York will exhibit their most attractive articles. For this privilege they pay us a fee and we in turn hope to provide them with a large and enthusiastic public.

Do your Christmas shopping early and start it in the Colonial Room of the New England Mutual Hall of Boston.

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Dr. Maurice O. Barney, former medical director of the Frontier Nursing Service and now a leading obstetrician-gynecologist in Rochester, New York, is speaking to the Genesee Hospital Alumnae Association on September 8, after this Bulletin is in the press. We have sent Dr. Barney our Kodachrome slides and only wish we could be present in person, all of us, to hear his talk.

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We have received the 1958 report of the Florence M. John-

son Hospitality Fund Committee of Nurses House at Babylon, New York, and have read it with deep emotion. Miss Johnson was not only loved by us as a friend but admired profoundly because of the wonderful way in which she handled hospitality, under the New York Chapter of the American Red Cross, for overseas nurses. Time out of number she met Frontier Nurses when their ships docked and took care of them until she put them on their trains for Kentucky. During the past year this fund, subscribed in her memory, has entertained nurse guests from twenty-eight countries, including Lebanon.

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Mrs. James C. Breckinridge, widow of Lt. Gen. Breckinridge of the United States Marine Corps, has sent us a letter from which we venture to quote because we were highly elated by it. It is from Captain R. W. Peterson, of the U. S. Navy, in command of the U. S. S. General J. C. Breckinridge, a transport in the Pacific. Captain Peterson acknowledges gifts from her of copies of Frontier Nursing Service Quarterly Bulletins and *Wide Neighborhoods* for the ship. He writes, "I have been enthralled with both of these literary gems . . . Two of our nurses have already read *Wide Neighborhoods* and said they enjoyed it immensely. One said that such nursing, with all the improvisation necessary, should be part of the training of every nurse."

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Several friends in England and America have sent us copies of *The Times* of London of Monday, May 26, 1958, with a long article about the Frontier Nursing Service. It is such a good article, so factual and so kindly, that we hate to find fault with its title. We in the Frontier Nursing Service do not like to be called "Angels on Horseback."

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We have been so enthralled by an article in the *Rochester Times-Union* of Wednesday, June 18, 1958, called "Garden of Fragrance Creator" that we obtained permission to transcribe parts of it in this Bulletin for our readers. Mrs. Thomas G. Spencer has been one of our trustees for some twenty years. Her interest in nursing goes back a long way. She has served on the Nursing School Board of the Genesee Hospital for 46 years, six

of them as its president. We cannot enumerate all of the philanthropies of various kinds with which Mrs. Spencer is identified. We want rather in this quotation to bring out the creative beauty of her "Garden of Fragrance" and refer to her exquisite rose garden, the loveliest and most complete, we are sure, in all America. To have wandered in it is a dream memory. Here follow our excerpts from the *Rochester Times-Union* story:

Something like magic seems to happen when Mrs. Thomas G. Spencer translates her garden dreams into reality.

Harriet Hollister Spencer is horticulturist, rosarian and herbalist, and a civic leader and philanthropist.

Outshining all her artistic achievements horticulturally is her new herb and rose garden for the people of Rochester to enjoy at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences.

It is called The Garden of Fragrance and it is truly "a garden of pleasure for fragrance to flavor . . ."

Imagination, patience and perfection have made this setting a thing of beauty.

One has but to look at its herbs and roses and note its symmetry to realize how much perception, study and technical knowledge have gone into its architecture.

As a result of years of work and study, visitors to the garden will learn herb lore from ancient plants, visualize the living "History of the Rose" or just enjoy the sweet scents and the orderly design.

The tall wife of banker-business man, Thomas G. Spencer, comes of a distinguished family. She has long been dedicated to family, city and country.

Her patience and understanding have won her a host of friends . . .

In the large, brick home . . . there is a hospitable dignity. Here also is her own beautiful garden which she developed herself and which has attracted garden lovers from far and wide.

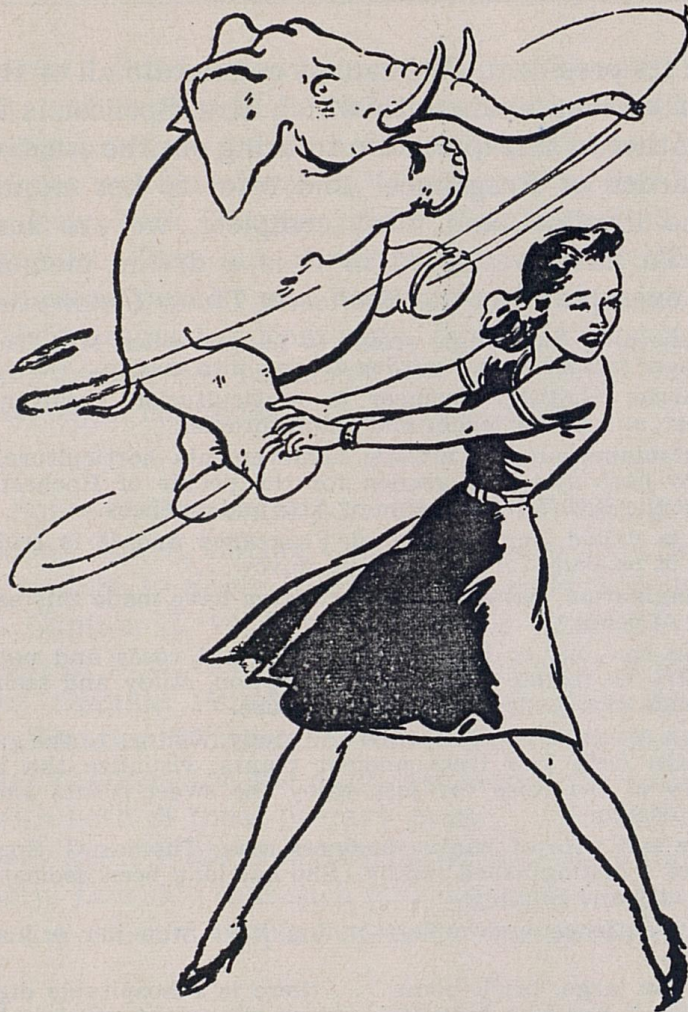
"My own garden has been built slowly over 30 or more years," she explains. "It is an old Box Garden which has come to include a Tudor Garden of four Knots (those curious knotted gardens of Parkinson around 1838).

"The Tudor Garden holds only Tudor plants and in it is incorporated the living 'History of the Rose' which has been 20 years in the making. It now includes roses collected from all over the world."

With typical generosity she has opened her gardens to many groups over the years . . .

It was in appreciation of her devotion to her various social service groups and particularly for her contributions to the knowledge of rose history, herb care and landscape design and various other phases of horticulture that the Rochester Museum named her a Fellow last month . . .

WHITE ELEPHANT



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If you want our green tags, fully addressed as labels, for your parcels—then write us here at Wendover for them. We shall be happy to send you as many as you want by return mail. However, your shipment by parcel post or express would be credited to the Frontier Nursing Service at the Bargain Box if you addressed it

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FIELD NOTES

Edited by
PEGGY ELMORE

On Wednesday, August 20, Joy Hilditch and Robert Mishler were married in the Wendover living room by the Rev. Glenn Rummel. Dr. Beasley gave the bride away; Mary Simmers was maid of honor; and Dean Stump was the best man. Marion Hickson sang "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden" and "A Wedding Prayer," accompanied by Liz Palethorp at the organ. Most of the FNS staff were able to come in for lunch before the ceremony and approximately seventy-five people attended the wedding and reception. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Keever of Dayton, Ohio, friends of the bride; the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mishler, and his aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mishler and Mr. and Mrs. William Shaub.

The couriers had found and decorated a small wagon, to which they hitched a reluctant Bess. The bride and groom rode in style from the Big House to the jeep that transported them across the river to their car.

Joy had been home to England to see her parents who were unable to come to the wedding. When she returned, Mary Simmers gave for her a lovely tea and shower, attended by FNS staff and friends from the Flat Creek neighborhood.

This was Wendover's third wedding—and we are definitely improving with practice. We even have a "wedding routine" set up now in Agnes' rainbow file!

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Merrylegs, one of the two Bowlingtown horses, was the only victim of a violent thunderstorm which caused considerable damage at the Bowlingtown Center on Friday, August 8. Lightning struck a tree near the barn. This tree crashed into a large poplar which in turn fell across the electric light cables to the barn, bringing them down and sending current from the live wires through the wet earth to the horse stalls. Merrylegs received an electric shock through all four feet and, in getting out of the stall, badly skinned her face. Olive Bunce got in touch with Beth Burchenal at Wendover and Beth telephoned the office

of our trustee, Dr. Charles E. Hagyard, of the veterinary firm of Hagyard and Hagyard in Lexington. Dr. Davidson advised a large dose of Sparine, a tranquilizer available at Hyden Hospital. Beth, with junior courier Vicky Coleman, went to Bowlingtown to give the drug, and Merrylegs was eventually calmed down. We were deeply appreciative that Dr. Bishop of Hagyard and Hagyard telephoned later to ask how Merrylegs was. Her face is healing well and she has recovered from the shock. We are lucky indeed that she wasn't killed.

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We were delighted to welcome Father Seifert and a group of Sisters from Mount Mary Hospital in Hazard for lunch at Wendover in July.

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We are deeply grateful to Dr. J. B. Holloway, Jr., of Lexington, Kentucky, for the gift of "Sweet," a lovely bay mare.

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Another addition to the animal kingdom in the FNS is Candy, a cat who flew from England to join her mistress, Pat Richards. Candy was welcomed to the Service with the gift of a box of flea powder!

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Betty Lester has been appointed to represent the FNS on the County Social Service Advisory Committee by the Commissioner of the Department of Economic Security to help administer the affairs of the Children's Services and Public Assistance programs in Leslie County.

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The Alpha Omicron Pi Scholarship Student this summer was Ellin Anderson of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Ellin spent six weeks with the Frontier Nursing Service helping the social service secretary, Maryellen Fullam.

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After Jean Hollins left in late June for her visit to her family, Beth Kidd of Webster, New York, came down to help Beth Burchenal in the Courier Service. For the first summer period the junior couriers were Julie Lyon Foster of Hinsdale,

Illinois; Victoria Post of Wayland, Massachusetts; and Jean Alexander of Spring Station, Kentucky. Eloise Eberhart of Wilmette, Illinois (niece of old courier Betty Butcher); Victoria Coleman of McLean, Virginia; and Janie Haldeman of Louisville, Kentucky (daughter of old courier Jane Norton) came in August for the second six-week period. Leigh Powell came down from New York early in August and will be with us until sometime in September. We are most grateful for all the help given the FNS by these girls.

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On September 10, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Rogers Beasley, Rogers, Jr., Gabrielle, and Battle sail on the Queen Elizabeth for England where Dr. Beasley has accepted a Fulbright Scholarship for a year's study at the London School of Tropical Medicine. It is impossible to say how much we hate to see the Beasleys go or how much we will miss them. The departure of the Beasleys, and two other important happenings in the FNS this summer—the closure of the Margaret Durbin Harper Center and the survey for a new center on Wolf Creek—are covered more fully in the articles **Honoring Dr. Beasley, Ave Atque Vale, A Working on Wolf Creek,** and **Editor's Own Page,** elsewhere in this Bulletin.

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We are very sorry that Ruby Day had to give up the midwifery course in the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery to go home to take care of her mother who is ill.

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We regret that we must say goodbye to several FNS staff members in each issue of the Bulletin. Jane Furnas and Peggie Foster left Hyden Hospital the end of June. Anna May January, with the invaluable help of our old friend Miss Hope McCown ("Sister Hope"), ran the Hospital until Liz Palethorp returned from her holiday in late July. Hannah Spence and Charlene Tucker of the Wendover staff and Betty Snyder of the Hospital staff left in mid-summer. Lillian Ruth Lewis, who helped Mary Ruth Sparks this summer, returned to school in September, and "Sparky" herself will leave us soon after this Bulletin goes to the printer. We are delighted that Hope Muncy will return, when

"Sparky" goes, as secretary to the medical director, a post she held for many years.

It is a pleasure to welcome the following new staff members: Josephine Finnerty of Ireland, and Sara Swindells and Grace Roberts, from England, all nurse-midwives; Marie Langdon, as a secretary at Hyden Hospital, and Mary Witeaker, Hospital housekeeper; Margaret Prescott, Angie Hoolsema, Lois Miller, Josephine Holdridge, and Zelda Pierson, hospital nurses; Cecile D. Watters, statistician; and Patsy Crumley and Adine Stephens, in the Wendover offices. Clara Pierce and May Houtenville were at Hyden Hospital for a few months during the summer.

Wendover has had the pleasure of entertaining the younger generation this summer. John L. Grandin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Grandin of Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, spent ten days with us in June. Mrs. Breckinridge's great niece, Julia, was here for six weeks. Julie's mother, Mrs. James T. Breckinridge, and her brothers, Breck and John, brought her to Wendover and spent several days. Grace Terrill's granddaughter, Kim Holley of Louisville, and Agnes Lewis' great nieces, Judy and Susan Lingle of Cincinnati, were here in July, and Carlyle Carter and Carrie Lou Morgan came in August for their annual visit. Linda Lindblade, sister of Zondra of the ex-staff, spent a week at Confluence with Barbara Walsh while her mother, Mrs. Merle Lindblade, gave a week of her vacation helping Agnes Lewis at Wendover. We are grateful to Miss Naida Eakin for bringing Kim from Louisville and for driving Dr. Soonthara Pongspipat down to Lexington.

A number of the old staff were back briefly this summer: Marion Hickson, Alice Herman, and Addie Hamilton came for Joy's wedding; Ivaleen Caudill brought a friend to lunch one day; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Reukberg (1954 Keuka volunteer Nancy Harmon) spent a night at Wendover as did Barbara Hunt, Dorothy Johnson, Zondra Lindblade, and Isabelle Dougal Mar-raine.

Dr. Harlan S. Heim, who was a tremendous help to us in our early years, Mrs. Heim and their son Bob lunched at Wendover in July. Miss Margaret Gage, an old friend of Mrs. Breck-

inridge and the FNS, spent two weeks with us in June, to the delight of all of us. Mr. and Mrs. William Burchenal, Beth's parents, came for a weekend, and Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Foster came down for Julie at the end of her courier period.

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On June 21-22, Dr. Marian E. Gallaher, Dr. Joseph C. Blanton, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Yale of Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, came down for another wonderful pediatric clinic. Mrs. Charlotte Harris worked at Hyden Hospital for two weeks as a volunteer. Miss Myriam Castro of Puerto Rico spent two months with us observing and helping with the work in the Hospital, on district, and in the Graduate School. Miss Castro was in the United States under the sponsorship of the Rockefeller Foundation and came to us from the School of Public Health and Hygiene at Johns Hopkins University, where she had just received her master's degree.

Dr. Lupo Carlota of the Philippines, Dr. Ngvyen T. Phong of Vietnam and Dr. Soonthara Pongspipat, WHO Fellow from Thailand, came for several days in July. Miss Martha Oliver and Miss Frances Brewer (an AOPi), of St. Luke's Hospital in New York, were here in August, bringing with them Miss Jacqueline Reese and Miss Ruth Cheeks, student nurses at the Medical College of Georgia. Miss Nosrat Haghoh-Yaghin from Iran lunched at Wendover in late August and Miss Dora May of Indiana University and Miss Ora White of Jewish Hospital in Louisville were with us for two nights.

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We are deeply grateful to Mr. Fred Morgan of Hyden for the gift of his time and his large sanding machine for sanding the floors of the waiting room and offices at Hyden Hospital.

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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
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Olive Bunce, nurse-midwife in charge of the Margaret Durbin Harper Center, and her sister, Mrs. Stanley Viney, mounted on Missy and Merrylegs.

The ford, the river itself, the nursing center, and the whole lovely Bowlingtown Valley will be covered by a lake when the work on the Buckhorn Dam nears completion.

