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## Hopwood Memorial Church of Christ, Milligan College, Tenn., Dedicated April 13, 1941

### A Bit of Interesting History

#### Buffalo Institute - Milligan College, Tenn.

Some time prior to May, 1866, Rev. Wilson Galvan Barker came to Buffalo Creek (now Milligan College) to teach school. As there wasn't any school building, he began teaching in the old Buffalo Creek Church. This was a large log building, the length of two or more logs, with two doors; one was in the end, or front; the other, in the side with the pulpit opposite the door. Soon Mr. Barker commenced to repair the building. Moving the pulpit to the end opposite the front door, he had an aisle through the center, ceiled the church within, while the exterior was weatherboarded and painted white, with

shutters on the windows. This made a very fine appearance so many years ago.

Preaching services were held at Buffalo Creek Christian Church every fourth Sunday of the month, always with a good attendance. On the fourth Sunday in May was the big MAY MEETING, which was talked of and looked forward to with gladness, and great preparations were made for this occasion. Two sermons were delivered that day, and a big basket dinner was served on the grounds. People came for miles to attend, like a reunion. About 1894 or 1895 this old church was torn away, and a

more modern one erected. This latter was dedicated about 1896. Now that one has given place to a more beautiful and convenient building, near the same place where the mother church stood on the land given by Joshua Williams. (Dedicated April 13, 1941)

When Mr. Barker came to Buffalo, the nearest houses were those of Joshua Williams, on the ground of the late Alfred A. Taylor home of today. This house was a part of the old Archibald Williams home, he being father to Joshua Williams, and a son of the pioneer Edmund Williams. George D. Williams, brother of Joshua, lived across the creek, while up the stream was the home of a cousin, Pinkney P. Williams. This last family provided quite an addition to the church and school, for they rear-

ed eleven girls and three boys there. Across from the mill where the Williams house now stands was the home of Mr. Nathan Krouse. Mr. Barker found a home for his family over the hill on Toll Branch about a mile away, now the Usuary place.

The earliest record found of Mr. Barker's labors at Buffalo Creek dates May 28, 1866, when he gave a receipt to George D. & Samuel W. Williams for \$5.87 paid in 9 bu. of oats at .50 & \$1.37 in cash, on a bill of \$18.50 tuition fees. This left a balance of \$12.87 to be paid. The tuition fees were for George Taylor Williams—\$7.50; Rhoda J. Williams \$7.50; and Ida Anderson—\$3.50. This simple slip of paper antedates the charter of Buffalo Male and Female Institute, which was  
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## The Buffalo Range

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## Charles Ernest Crouch Class of 1925

Charles Ernest Crouch, member of the class of 1925, at present is Professor of Accounting at Vanderbilt University; President of Vanderbilt University Faculty Club; treasurer of Student Christian Association; member of the Board of Treasurers of Students Association; member of the Committee of School Relationship, and member of the Placement Bureau.

## J. Hopwood Letter

We are indebted to Mr. James B. Lyon of Bristol, Virginia, for the following letter written by President Josephus Hopwood to Mrs. W. J. Peebles in Johnson City, Tennessee.

This letter is characteristic of the thought and ideals of President Hopwood. We print it especially for the interest of those who were in attendance at Milligan College during the administration of President Hopwood.

Milligan College, Tenn.  
May 2nd, 1933

Mrs. W. J. Peebles,  
Johnson City, Tenn.  
Dear Sister Mollie: -

To-day we opened that beautiful basket, which you so kindly brought for my 90th birthday. The container and things contained, were all so pretty and in excellent taste, just like the little girl, Mollie, who used to trip down one hill and up another to reach old Buffalo Institute, and those three splendid brothers and that gentle mother. Well, well how the blessed memories come crowding in.

Please accept our sincerest thanks, **HEART FELT THANKS**, for the love, interest and help, which you have taken in our College work, you and your co-working brothers, all faithful and true to the interests and work which leads towards the Christ life.

May we all meet in the Beautiful Home Over There.

We always enjoy your visits, Mrs. Hopwood joins me in love and all good wishes,

Yours in His name and service.

Truly in Christ,  
J. Hopwood

## Alumnus Sends Donation

Mr. O. F. Kilbourne, class of 1906, encloses a check for \$12 as a contribution to the college. We trust that others will follow the good example of Mr. Kilbourne.

101 K Street  
Elizabethton, Tenn.  
March 17, 1941

Buffalo Range  
Milligan College  
Tennessee

Since Less and I have been together ever since we graduated (as well as all the time we were in school) one letter will do for both of us.

We married in August after we were graduated in May 1929 and came to Elizabethton where Less had a job as Manager of the Elizabethton Steam Laundry. For four and one half years I worked in the office with Less and still help him occasionally but my main job is at home now. We have two boys and one girl: Denis is almost seven years old, Paul five, and Sylvia is sixteen months old.

We are members of the First Christian Church. We teach Sunday School classes and take part in all church activities. Less is President of the Merchant's Association and a Director in the Chamber of Commerce; I'm a member of the Woman's Club. That's about all we have time for while our children are so young.

Mr. Long, I remember that you said the older alumni are more interested in Milligan than the younger ones. Well, we must be getting old because we are more interested in Milligan than we have ever been since we left there. This year we are paying the tuition of a "Day Student" and it is a great pleasure to us to give somebody else the opportunity of going to college.

I think the "Letters from Alumni" is the most interesting feature of the paper and I hope you will have lots of them to publish.

Please make known the plans for the Alumni Banquet as soon as possible so that many people can arrange to come. From year to year I look forward to seeing school friends at the banquet. This year I hope the banquet will be on a night when there is not a college program so there will be plenty of time for the banquet and for informal talk.

## Clyde E. Burns 1931

Clyde E. Burns, is a member of the class of 1931. After leaving Milligan College in 1931 Mr. Burns taught in Carter County Schools for one and one-half years. The next nine months were spent at Teachers College in Johnson City, where he majored in industrial arts and then went to Bristol, Tennessee, where he taught industrial arts and mathematics for four years.

After starting his work in graduate school at the University of Tennessee he taught one year in the Technical High School in Knoxville. He left that position to serve as Camp Educational Adviser in the C.C.C. where he remained for a period of two years.

At present Mr. Burns is instructor of industrial arts at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, in Cookeville, Tennessee. The M. S. Degree in Industrial Education was conferred upon him at the University of Tennessee in August, 1940.

While attending the University he was elected to honorary educational fraternities. Clyde E. Burns is the son of President C. E. Burns, President of Milligan College.

## Martha Witcher 1940

Martha Witcher, class of 1940, 226 Clinchfield Avenue, Erwin, Tennessee, enrolled in Milligan College in 1936 and graduated in 1940. Her present occupation is teaching third grade in Martin Chapel School, Erwin. Her community interests are church and school. Martha sends one dollar for a years subscription to the "Buffalo Range."

We live only six miles from Milligan so some of the former students who visit the college come by to see us. We would like for more of them to do that.

Sincerely yours,  
Bess Lumsden



# Letters From Out on the Range

HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL  
FRANKLIN, TENN.

March 18, 1941

Buffalo Range  
Milligan College, Tenn.

A review of my life since graduating from Milligan in 1931 can be told very briefly. It could not be otherwise. My outlook on life has not changed. I still believe that there are more good people than bad. I hope I never lose my sense of humor.

For two years I was principal of a rural elementary school in Crockett County. For the next four years I coached basketball and taught Science in Crockett High School, Maury City, Tennessee. While at Maury City I married in 1935. During that summer I attended summer school at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee. Each summer for some five or six years I was secretary - treasurer for a fruit broker. In August 1938 I was elected to my present position as Principal of Hillsboro High School, Franklin, Tennessee. Since 1938 we have doubled the enrollment and built a new gymnasium and three classrooms. I teach a Sunday School class each Sunday in the Methodist Church.

Our daughter, Sandra Ellen, was born April 8, 1940. Of course she is the center of the universe to us.

We are ever interested in Milligan and all that concerns her. We would like to hear from any of our school-mates.

Sincerely yours,  
Don N. Emerson  
Class of '31

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COLUMBUS, INDIANA  
March 20, 1941

Milligan College Alumni Ass'n  
Milligan College, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Long:

Every time the alumni paper is received from Milligan it is carefully read from cover to cover. You and your associates are to be congratulated upon this publication which serves a purpose that insofar as Milligan was concerned has not been adequate-

ly filled until the installation of a press at the college.

I recall how difficult it was to secure enough income from advertisers to publish an acceptable paper during my four years at Milligan. We were always dependent upon firms in Johnson City and Elizabethton for such help. You now have a paper that is completely independent and more time can be spent on content.

As you probably know, I have been in Columbus since March 1, 1936, practicing law. There is not much I can say except that I am busy all the time.

With kindest regards, I am,  
Very truly yours  
Edwin G. Crouch

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Station Hospital,  
Fort Barancas, Florida  
March 3, 1941.

Mr. J. Goff Long,  
Secretary Milligan College Alumni Association,  
Milligan College, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

Your letter received asking that each member of the class of 1924 write you a letter giving you his present occupation, and other items of interest concerning ourselves.

As you know I formerly resided at Paris, Tennessee, where I was engaged in the practice of medicine, some eight months ago, being a Reserve Officer in the Medical Corps, I was called to active duty for a period of one year and assigned to Fort Barancas, Florida. At the present time I am a Major in the Medical Corps Reserve, and Chief of the Surgical Service at this hospital. James T. Mc Kissick Jr., my brother who is also an alumnus of Milligan College is also in the army on the same status, and at the present time is stationed at Manila in the Phillipine Islands.

It is indeed a pleasure to receive the "Buffalo Range", and follow the progress of Milligan College from month to month.

Sincerely,  
John C. McKissick

First Christian Church  
Elizabethton, Tennessee

March 15, 1941

Buffalo Range  
Milligan College, Tenn.

NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE! Why, that was "before the war" - I mean the war the world is now in. Just a few years before that date we had fought a war to make the world "safe for Democracy", and when we walked down the steps of old Milligan with a "sheepskin" in our hands we thought we were going out into a world that was safe!

Well, you want to know where we as graduates of 1925 are and what we are doing. Let me say that I loved East Tennessee from the first day I set foot upon its soil, and here I am - after sixteen years out of Milligan. All of these years have been spent almost within sound of the college bell, thirteen of them with the First Christian Church, Elizabethton, Tennessee. I came away from Milligan with the conviction that Christ's redeeming gospel is alone sufficient for our world's deep need. To my mind this fact was never more evident than it is today. Mrs. Josephus Hopwood must have been inspired of God's Holy Spirit when she coined the slogan, "CHRISTIAN Education the Hope of the World." Godless education has had much to do with bringing the world into its present sad, sad condition.

God's blessing upon Milligan as long as it stands true to the ideals that gave it birth. Fraternal greetings and all good wishes to the members of the class of 1925.

Sincerely yours,  
J. J. Musick, Minister

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1705 N. 12th Ave.  
Pensacola, Florida  
March 14, 1941

Buffalo Range  
Milligan College  
Milligan, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Long:

This letter concerns two members of the 1935 graduating class of Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle

Cross.

Mr. Cross is Branch Manager of the C. I. T. Corporation, Pensacola, Florida having been transferred from the Nashville Branch March 2, 1941.

Mrs. Cross was before her marriage in July of 1940, Nancy Ruth Walker of Jonesboro. She was English teacher and Librarian of the Sulphur Spring High School for five years and after moving to Nashville taught in the city system six months.

Also that Mr. Cross was formerly an employee of the Hamilton National Bank, Johnson City.

Yours truly,

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Cross.

P. S. We are enclosing a check for the subscriptions of Buffalo Range for one year.

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Minor Hill, Tennessee  
March 20, 1941.

Milligan College Alumni Association  
Milligan College, Tennessee.

My present occupation is the same one I entered in the fall of 1931 - teaching commercial subjects and English in high schools. The last four of those years have been in the Minor Hills High School.

I spend most of my time in school church and other community work. I participate in P. T. A., Missionary Society and book club organizations.

About the most enjoyable thing I have ever done was the tour I made in the summer of 1939. I and five others made an automobile tour up the East coast, across to the West coast and back. We crossed 21 states and entered the borders of Canada and Mexico, visiting many, many interesting historical points and lovely natural scenic areas. The most attractive points were The World's Fairs, Salt Lake City, Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, Rocky Mountains and the Pacific.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Newell Freeman



1306 Oak Street  
Kingsport, Tennessee  
March 8, 1941

Milligan College Alumni Ass'n  
Milligan College  
Milligan, Tennessee

I have your recent letter stating that you would like to have letters from members of the class of 1924, giving you permission to publish them in the "Buffalo Range", so you have my permission to publish the following if you would like to.

After leaving Milligan in 1924 I went to work for Dobyns-Taylor Hardware Co. in Kingsport, Tennessee selling hardware and sporting goods, where I worked until 1927. I then went to work for Draper-Maynard Co. of Plymouth, N. H., manufacturers of athletic equipment. My job was that of traveling salesman, covering the entire south and southwest territory. I remained with this firm until September 1937, then returning to Dobyns-Taylor Hardware Co. of Kingsport, Tennessee, where I am now employed as mill supply salesman; calling on the industrial trade in Kingsport and East Tennessee.

I was married in 1931 to Edna Wright of Johnson City, Tennessee. We have one son four years of age.

I get back to Milligan a few times each year, and always manage to see some football games each year.

I'll be interested in learning the whereabouts of the class of 1924, several of whom I have not heard from since leaving Milligan.

Thank you for writing me, and I sincerely hope that everything is going fine at Milligan now.

Very truly yours,  
Robert T. Anderson

### Interesting History

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granted at the 34th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, passed December 10, 1866; signed by Wm Heiskell, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Joshua B. Frierson, Speaker of the Senate.

When Mr. Barker felt the need for a school building a committee was called and all united heartily in this wonderful work. There is in existence the original Subscription list dated June 7, 1867, Carter Co. Tenn.--The Trustees of Buffalo Male and Female Institute proposes to build on the site near the church, donated by Joshua Williams, a brick house sixty by twenty-five feet, one story high. All friendly to the enterprise are solicited to subscribe. Each subscriber promises to pay the sum annexed to his name." Then follows the list of names and their pledges.

The building proved to be a two story brick situated on the top of the hill above the creek, for Mr. Barker had an eye for scenic beauty, as he selected the site. Soon it was decided to build some houses for light housekeeping for students, and Mr. Sam W. Hyder, one of the Trustees built a two room house near the Institute. This was the house that the Hopwoods first called home. Mr. Hyder also built a two room house near the front entrance to the college, and Dr. Snodgrass built a small house near where the President's home now stands. Mr. Barker bought six acres of land, and erected an eight room, two story house, with a fire-place in each room. This stood near where Mr. Bailey now lives, and was used for roomers

and boarders. An old store house stood near Bailey's store.

About 1872 Mr. Pendleton, of Va. took charge of the school, and he built a house near the Institute, while others were later built. Among the other teachers were Mr. Benjamin Akard (now living in Texas), Miss Julia Young and a Mr. Turner, also of Va.

In August 1875, there came from Sneedville, Tenn., where he had spent some time, Josephus Hopwood and Mrs. Hopwood, to take charge of the school. The original two-story brick building with the two rooms, one above and one below, was added to by Mr. Hopwood. In 1881 the cornerstone was laid for Milligan College, and Buffalo Institute became a part of it. Mr. Barker gave over the work to the Hopwoods, and left to reenter the ministry, which he continued for several years in Missouri, returning to spend his last days with a daughter, the wife of a son of the old Joshua Williams--"George Dot" Williams, who lived at the foot of the campus, in the old Joshua Williams home. There he died in 1905.

The first graduating class to leave the halls of Milligan College was on May 14, 1882, with the following members--C. B. Armentrout, George E. Boren, Charles F. Carson, Aaron A. Ferguson, George W. Hardin, Lucy Hardin Matthews, Lula Crockett Hendrix, James H. Smith and James Alexander Tate. All of these except the last, have gone to the great beyond. Mary Lyons Peoples was a member of that class, but left before graduation.

Thus was the beginnings of Milligan College. Who can estimate the great good that has been accomplished all these years, the wonderful influence of Christian workers for the "Giver of All Good."

December 17, 1938.

The above sketch was written by Mary Lyons Peoples and added to by Mary Hardin McCown.

### Landon C. Bell

(Continued from last issue)

(c) Dr. E. B. Swem, Editor of William and Mary Quarterly wrote:

"Anyone familiar with Mr. Bell's 'Old Free State' knows that any other work from his pen on the history of the same section of the state could not fail to be of the greatest importance. The chapters preceding the genealogical notes, and the text of the vestry book treat of the church in general in Colonial Virginia, and of the religious and governmental activities of the church in Cumberland Parish. The reviewer recommends the perusal of these chapters as a trustworthy introduction to the study of church history in Virginia...

(c) Sunlight on the Southside, Lists of Tithes, Lunenburg County, 1747-1783:

The review in William and Mary Quarterly, Vol. II, 272 (2nd series) says, quoting Mr. Bell):

"The genealogical and historical source material of the Southside has scarcely been touched so far as making its substance available in print is concerned. In fact the surface has been barely scratched. As to Lunenburg County, a start has been made in "The Old Free State," and "Cumberland Parish," the author's previous volumes. But there is much material to be added to these before the field, for that country, even, can be said to have been covered. The present volume is intended as a modest addition supplementing the source material of those volumes.

"A principal object of the writer, in collecting, copying, abstracting and printing this material is to make such contribution as he may, small though it may be, to the preservation of the subject matter of records, which are from historical and genealogical viewpoints invaluable, and which are in process of disintegration through the inevitable effect of time; and which are, moreover, in constant danger of possible loss by fire, or some other such calamity.

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To J. Goff Long, Secretary Alumni Association  
Milligan College, Tennessee.

Enclosed is my check for \$1.00 for which please enter my name for one year's subscription to the Buffalo Range.

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Address .....