



Mom and Dad

No more shining examples of the Ridgecrest spirit could be found than Mom and Dad Weeks. When we think of them, we immediately associate them with "others" and the love that Paul defined in 1 Cor. 13. Busy though they are, they are unfailingly concerned for our welfare and our spiritual growth while at Ridgecrest.

Dad's love, concern, and humility, reflected in his reading of 1 Cor. 13, means as much to us as the scripture itself. Mom's thoughtfulness in small details and her easy going, approachable nature have long endeared her to all staffers. Their gentle reprimands, Dad's "Now hear this", and Mom's "Are ya' listenin'?", their abundant encouragements such as, "We love you and want the best for you", provide further proof of their interest in the staffers.

Dad and Mom are indeed active but never too preoccupied to remember others. Their unselfish spirit and their devotion to God have enabled them to make numerous contributions to their fellowmen. Besides managing the Assembly and Camps Ridgecrest and Crestridge, Dad is in charge of a memorial park on the Assembly grounds and oversees all of the construction programs here. Also, he is first vice-president of the Lion's Club and a trustee of the North Carolina Symphony. Mom keeps tabs on the staffers and any problems they might have. She is proficient in the domestic skills, such as flower-arranging, serving, and knitting, and enjoys sharing herself and her experiences as she teaches girls to knit. Dad and Mom are active in the Ridgecrest Baptist Church during the winter months where he is a deacon and both are Sunday School teachers. Highlighting their winter is the annual Christmas reunion with old staffers.

Dad and Mom are much more than leaders and guidance counselors: they are our parents away from home. They love each of their 400 "kids" as if he or she were their very own, and they exercise this great love, as well as patience and understanding, in dealing with staffers. Having traveled widely to visit college campuses across the United States, Mom and Dad are familiar with many facets of our life in winter and are consequently well qualified to lead us during the summer.

Our appreciation for Mom and Dad and for all the little and great things they have done for us knows no bounds. Proof of our respect for them can be seen at staff meetings: our hushed anticipation as Dad approaches the microphone and our eager applause as Mom stands up to put in her word. One concrete evidence of our returning love to Mom and Dad is the naming of the girl's dorm, "Week's Manor", in their honor.

Following both the letter and the spirit of 2 Sam. 23:3, Mom and Dad lead us, always, "in the fear of God".

