



This interview was conducted 6/3/22 by Alice Wallace

1. NAME/HOW LONG ATTENDED CMC/CIRCUMSTANCES THAT BROUGHT YOU HERE?

–My name is Mary Bucher Wallace. I am 96 years old. I have been attending Central Manor since I was an infant, brought here by my parents, Fred and Ethel Bucher. IA MacDannald was my grandfather, (Ethel's father), so the camp experience is in my blood. I've attended every year except for the roughly 7 years that my immediate family lived in Texas. I even brought my newborn son to camp in 1954!

2. COULD YOU SHARE A FEW MEMORIES OF EARLIER TIMES AT CAMP?

–I remember Miss Espenshade, who was the children's teacher. She had the children produce several programs for the evening sessions and sent home passages for each of us to memorize over the summer. It about ruined my summer because I had a hard time memorizing. (My cousin, Janet Garling Piper, never had a problem with this!)

–There was no recreation or craft program when we were kids so us girls played with our dolls in the woods. The boys would steal them away from us. One activity that lasted for years was "skinning the cat" on the bridge railings. When we were older we would walk to Washington Boro and one time, the farmer made us walk back on the farm fences because he thought we were ruining his tobacco field.

–One big change is the bathrooms. They used to be at the top of "Boogie Man Hill" and were a series of outhouse holes with no dividers—therefore no privacy. (I have no idea how the name of the hill came about.)

3. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE LEGACY AND LONGEVITY OF CAMP?

–The camp has always been faithful to God's Word and God has blessed it as a result. The speakers, such as Andrew Telford, William Allen Dean, Lehman Strauss and Donald Hubbard were excellent teachers.

–The camp is also a place to renew family and friend relationships. It was the only vacation our family had growing up and I looked forward to it every year.