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First Valedictorian Writes to Alumni

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Omaha 2, Nebraska
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Mrs. Edward Johnson,
Arnold, Nebraska
Dear Mrs. Johnson:

I greatly enjoyed the May issue of ARNOLD ALUMNI NEWS and wish to commend whoever is responsible for its composition and publication.

As you probably know, Ethel Perkins, Clarence Mills, Lloyd Belts, and Ruth Neeham Spencer, were also members of the first graduating class in 1913, which does not seem like forty-one years ago. In those days, all the seniors gave graduating orations. As I remember, mine had the high-sounding title of "Newspapers — A Menace or an Amelioration".

I think I was valedictorian of the class of 1913 and Ruth Neeham was salutatorian. Two years prior to that, we had had graduation exercises when eight of us finished the 10th grade, since the school did not then have plans for teaching the 11th and 12th grades.

In 1911, I was salutatorian and Ruth was valedictorian. There was a great deal of scholastic rivalry between Ruth and me all during high school, which I guess was good for both of us.

I remember a funny incident at the 10th grade exercises. I was supposed to deliver my oration at a certain place in the program, but I got buck fever and jumped up and let it go ahead of schedule.

If I have accomplished anything in life, a great deal of credit is due E. C. Pickett. When I started to school in Arnold, it was a rough place for anyone to teach. They did not have nine months of school and a lot of the country boys did not start until after the fall farm work was done and left when the spring work started, so you had all sizes and ages in different classes.

The discipline, or lack of it, was really something. The room was heated by a big, old, pot-bellied stove. It was quite a common occurrence for someone to throw a

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We Honor The Class of 1915



With the 29 new graduates of 1955, we are honoring the class of 1915. Four members of this group recently got together for a picture for the paper.

Pictured are: left to right:— Mrs. Laurene Menary Strietweiser of Broken Bow, Nebraska and Miss Anita Bonta, John Dennis and Mrs. Cecil Nansel Smith all of Ar-

nold.

The other two members not pictured are: Vernon Tubbs of Hot Springs, South Dakota and George Backes of Arnold.

We hope they will all be with us on Saturday, May 28, as it is not often an entire class has the privilege of being together after so many years.

Second Alumni Dinner A Success

The success of the second Annual Alumni Dinner, held on May 29, 1954, proved that the reorganization of the association was certainly worth while.

The dinner was held "Smorgasbord" style in the high school and over 330 plates were served the former "grads" and their guests, from far and near.

Wendell Smith, class of '51, was master of ceremonies for an entertaining program, in the school auditorium. After this a business meeting was called by Mary Margaret Davenport, class of '39, the presiding president.

A dance was held downtown. Many who were unable to attend the dinner, joined the others there where old acquaintances were renewed, and new ones made.

We hope all of you are making plans to come this year — May 28th is the date. We'll be looking for you.

Give Credit Where Due

Much credit for the successful reorganization of the Arnold Alumni Association should go to Evelyn Cunningham Young, class of '47, who now resides in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Evelyn made several trips here to help and encourage the local "alums" and takes an active part in helping and planning. She, along with Marcia Dennis, class of '48, and Bernadine Dennis Hoppas, class of '39, have spent much time and effort both years. The material for the paper was collected and edited by them.

Thanks Evelyn, Marcia and Bernadine, from all of us.

Does any one still have a copy of the first Arnold High School song "Neath The Purple And The Gold"?

Be sure and read the letter from Charles Reed, the Arnold High school first Valedictorian.

Buffet Dinner and Banquet - May 28

This year the dinner will be served buffet style at the high school — starting at 6:30. A program is being arranged that will be of interest to everyone.

The class of 1915 will share honors with the class of 1955.

MENU

Fried Chicken or Ham
Potato Salad & Baked Beans
Relishes & Rolls
Pie & Coffee

The dance committee has engaged the Tommy Morgan orchestra, and all is informal.

Tickets for the dinner are \$1.00 per person.

Tickets for the dance are \$1.00 per person.

Dues are 50 cents per membership.

Fill out the blank and send for your reservations with your dues to: Mrs. Byrne Beatty or Mrs. Kenneth McDowell before May 10.

We will see you on Saturday, May 28th.

Alumni Initiates Class of 1924

(Taken from an old Sentinel Clipping)

On Friday afternoon, members of the A. H. S. Alumni, gathered at the Baptist church to initiate the Seniors and in order to properly subdue them and detract from the "lofty dignity" which they have acquired in the last week, they were forced to dress in some very ancient and ragged costumes and parade in this manner through the business section of our city.

One might have thought this to be a "clean-up" campaign to see the proud Seniors sprinkling streets, washing windows, etc.

Following this they returned to the church where they were blindfolded and served the first installment of the banquet but which for some reason they failed to appreciate.

The initiation was in charge of the Misses Emma Gion and Charlotte Croghan who are to be congratulated on the success of this unique method of initiating.

Letters . . . From The Old Gang

Space is so limited many interesting letters have had to be deleted to make room for as many contacts as possible. Keep writing all the news though, for every one gets to read the letters or hear them and all are looking for news of old friends and classmates.

Enclosed is my dues for the Alumni. I regret I will be unable to attend again this year. Thanks for sending me the news. I did so enjoy it, one never forgets their school days and friends they knew and its so good to read about so many.

My husband has his own business here in San Pedro. I keep the books for him and also for an insurance office.

Our son, Edward, spent four years in the Navy. He is now in his second semester of college after seventeen months in Japan and Korea.

We try to attend the Arnold picnic each year. We saw Mr. Pickett there one year.

I hope this year's Alumni is a greater success than the last and I shall be thinking of everyone on May 29th.

Evelyn Sell Zierlein
San Pedro, Calif.

Dear Friends:

How I would love to be with all of you on May 29th, but only yesterday I received the paper and invitation. We move so slow down here that I'd never be able to make it now. But starting now I am planning to be there in '55.

I hope every one has a grand time and my thoughts will be with you.

Sincerely,

Hazel Marie Mills Smith '36
Rt. 3, Green Acres
Andalusia, Ala.

Dear Signa:

I just received my invitation so please forgive if my reply is late. Many thanks for sending the paper. I would love to be at the dinner, but time does not permit me to do so, maybe next year.

It was nice reading the Alumni News and seeing the picture of Mr. Hare. He doesn't look a day older. Another teacher I would like to hear about is Mr. Benjamin. He was another wonderful fellow.

We love California. It is truly a wonderful place to live.

Eileen Ricker Will '26
Salinas, California

Alumni Officers

President — Hazel Forrester Stuppelbeen, class of '34
First Vice President — Dessie Robison McIsaac, class of '24

Second Vice President — Betty Pinkston McDowell, class of '41

Secretary — Flora Parsons Beatty, class of '24

Treasurer — Letha Mae Morrow McDowell, class of '39

The Annual Banquet Will Be Held May 28th

Annual Dues This Year — 50 cents

We hope to keep the dues at a minimum, so that every former graduate will become a member. The dues make this paper possible — we hope you all want to continue receiving it each year.

Dear Alumni:

Guess this is one way to get out of the "Lost, Strayed or Stolen" column, expect I could be classed in one of those categories as I haven't been in Arnold since 1935.

Your news is most interesting and hope it can be continued. The directory of the alumni you mention will be most interesting and especially so if the maiden names of the ladies are given as well as the married names.

Everett A. Bennett '29
1712 Redondo Street
San Diego 7, Calif.

It was good to receive your successful issue of the Alumni News. It brought back many happy memories, but only a few names of those of the "old gang" that I knew.

I regret that I cannot be with you Saturday evening, but wish you a most happy and successful reunion. If the class of 1916 could get together for our 40th anniversary I most assuredly shall make every effort to be present.

Please give my greetings to any and all who remember Ruth Knox, especially Mr. Pickett, should he be present.

Ruth Knox Stough '16
Lincoln, Nebraska

Impossible to make it this year. I'm in the retail shoe business and it's hard to get away. Maybe next year. Why don't you take some group pictures for our next paper?

Opal Koenig '31
1031 J. St.
Sacramento, Calif.

I just received the Alumni News and was so glad to get it. This is the first I've heard from the school since I graduated in 1944. I was married in 1946 and have three children. My husband has been with the Pacific Fruit Express for seven years. He worked at Nampa, Idaho until he was transferred here in 1953. We will come if nothing happens.

Pearl Pinkston Hablitzel
Roseville California

To The Alumni of Arnold Hi:

I have just received, thoroughly read and enjoyed the "Alumni News". How I would love to attend the Smorgasbord, but I just can't make it.

We live on an irrigated farm 26 miles west of Thermopolis, Wyoming on Owl Creek, with the Owl Creek Mountains on the south and the Washokies to the west.

When any of you are enroute to Yellowstone Park, drive on out and say "hello".

We have five children and my oldest will graduate in '55.

Marie Troyer Daniels '30

Dear Alumni:

Was so glad to receive the Alumni News. There was news of people I hadn't heard of for years.

I get a lot of news from my father, yet many of those in school when I was, he doesn't know.

Good luck with the organization and I hope to be able to attend some time.

Una McGuire Walkup

Telegram: Greetings and best wishes to the entire Alumni. Had planned to be there but was unable to come. The best of luck to everyone and the association.

Bill Smith '20
Bertha Robison Smith '17
Gillette, Wyo.

Thanks for the invitation to the Alumni banquet, but sorry I can't be there. It is good to see the letters in the paper. I did see a few of the Arnold bunch at the Long Beach picnic. A group to be proud of.

Enclosed find my dollar for the dues.

Grace Hammond '30

Regret that we will be unable to attend the Smorgasbord. Enclosed are \$2.00 for our dues. Gearld has been promoted to Private First Class and is at present cooking for the M.P.'s here at Fort McClellan. Hope the Smorgasbord is a huge success.

Pfc. Gearld '51 and
Louise Troyer Steele '53

Sorry I can't make it back to the Alumni dinner this year as I most certainly enjoyed it last year. I am getting married on the 30th of May in Mitchell, South Dakota and it seems I have to be present to kiss the bride and help cut the cake. Otherwise, I assure you I would be among the happy Alums. Hope your dinner is a great success as I know it will be.

A special "hello" to the class of '45.

Don L. Shreve

I received the Alumni paper last week and was so pleased to find articles written by so many. I would have loved to attend the banquet this year, but that is impossible.

We have three children, all are grown and married. The oldest daughter, Bernadine, has three girls and a boy. The youngest daughter, Lorraine, has one little girl. My husband works with heavy equipment in construction work.

Lois Bailey Wolverton
Redondo Beach, Calif.

Your Paper

This is your paper. Don't be afraid to contribute. If there isn't room for all the news or ideas sent, many get to read your letters while here, and information concerning your where abouts is available to your friends. So remember, This Is Your Paper.

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shotgun shell in the coals and when it exploded, there would be soot blown all over the room and everyone dacked to avoid being hit by the stove lid on top.

Things got even worse later. For several years, no teacher finished her term. A year before Pickett came, we had three teachers during the year.

The first was a man whom we practically ran out of town, the second was a minister's wife who had a nervous breakdown, and the third was a dear little old lady from Broken Bow who gave up after a few weeks.

The next year, they hired Pickett who was an ex-Army captain. He had coal black hair that stood up like wire when he was excited. We were quite leary of him for a few weeks, wondering what he would do if we got out of line.

Finally, one boy, who later became seriously entangled in a criminal matter, committed a serious breach of discipline. We all had goose pimples as we saw Prof Pickett flare up but, much to our surprise, he simply told the offending student that he was not a gentleman and ordered him to go home and not to come back until he could behave like a gentleman.

Well, we all wondered if Pickett was as tough as he looked, but we found out.

The next Saturday night, by grape-vine rumors, we learned that the boy's older brother and his father were laying for Pickett, who knew nothing about it. That was before street lighting and they accosted the professor in the middle of the street. Before you could repeat the multiplication tables, Pickett had beaten both of them to a pulp.

From then on until I graduated, which was about six years, Prof never had to lay a hand on the pupils. We knew just how far to go and we were scared to death to go any further.

On the other hand, he was one of the finest friends anyone could have had. There was not a thing in the world he would not do for one of the pupils. While he was a little short on academic training, he was one of the finest explainers I ever encountered.

He had a way of translating school studies into challenges. Best of all, he stressed the necessity of our first knowing the reason rather than the rule itself.

Arnold's Poet . . .

JOSEPHINE GION CHARLES

Class of '24
1840 West 8th Street
Hastings, Nebraska

Among her interesting hobbies is the writing of poetry. She is a member of Chaparral Poets, Ars Poetica of Nebraska, and Avalon, an international group of writers.

Her work has been published in various poetry magazines, The National African Violet Magazine and has been accepted for an anthology which will be off the presses in December of this year.

In the past year, Josephine has won six prizes in poetry contests held by the Nebraska organizations and a first prize in a contest sponsored by Chromatones, a publication of Long Beach, California.

The following is a poem she wrote for the Arnold Alumni:

With Alumni of my high school class,
Once each year I always pass
Like Alice through the looking glass

To find the laughter and the tears
That we have shared in childhood years

For memories can like a star,
Light up our lives; relate the far
Children we were to what we are.

by Josephine Gion Charles

While I did not have any money with which to do it, he did fire me with the ambition for more education, with a result that I started on my way to college with less than \$50.00 to my name and, some how, I made it, knowing all the time that Prof would give me his last nickel if I asked for it.

It is just possible that I may be there on May 29th, but right now, I cannot say definitely.

Yours truly,
Charles S. Reed

Three Generations Attend at Arnold

Three generations have attended the Arnold school:

John Dennis — class of '15; his daughter, Bernadine Hoppas — class of '39; who has daughters attending Arnold schools now.

Edith Judkins Watson — class of '14; whose sons: Stuart — class of '35 and Robert — class of '40 have children in school at Arnold. Stuart and Bob are in business together in Arnold.

Mynor and Cecil Smith — class of '18 and '15, respectively — whose son, Robert — class of '42, has a daughter attending school in Arnold.

Where They Are . . .

The Arnold Alumni has reason to be proud of its members. They have an extraordinarily fine record of self-reliance and progressiveness. In every line of work and endeavor they seem to be the aggressive, solid citizen.

A few more we have heard of:

Floyd Pease — class of '18 — county treasurer, Torrington, Wyoming.

Carter Simpson — class of '20 — with Sinclair-Continental Oil Co., Lake Charles, La. We are especially proud of Carter for his service with the Boy Scouts of America, as one of the National Officers.

W. N. "Bill" Smith — class of '20 — vice-president of the Stockman's Bank at Gillette, Wyo., and a member of the Wyoming State Legislature.

Dr. Edward Lindell — class of '24 — physician. Has a clinic at Roseburg, Oregon.

Lynn Ricker — class of '24 —

druggist at Lewiston, Montana.

Darr Ricker — class of '24 — druggist at Hardin, Montana.

C. James Simpson — class of '25 — instructor at the Central high school at Omaha, Nebr.

J. Ernest Deming — class of '28 — attorney with private practice at Omaha, Nebr.

Dwight Horn — class of '33 — state field representative of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, State of Colorado, at Denver, Colorado.

Robert E. Clisbe — class of '36 — field supervisor of the local employment service office of the Wyoming State Employment Service at Casper, Wyoming.

Rev. Donald Shaw — class of '37 — minister of the Evangelical United Brethren Church at Lamar, Nebraska.

Basil Wehrman, Jr. — class of '40 — sub manager of the National City Bank of New York at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the last seven years. He is now home on vacation and will return to Brazil in June.

John M. Pope — class of '40 — high school principal and basketball coach at Cambridge, Nebr., the past five years. He plans to return again next year.

LeRoy Pope — class of '42 — instructor and coach at Gibbon, Nebraska high school the past six years. Tentative plans are for California.

Helen Leonard Crosland — class of '42 — is the capable assistant to her husband, Bill Crosland, editor of the Arnold Sentinel.

Dorothy Geiser Tomsen — class of '45 — registered nurse at Clarksville, Tenn. She plans to accompany her husband, Lt. Willis Tomsen, to Germany next spring.

Russell Pope — class of '45 — entering the field of education, as coach and instructor after graduating from Kearney State Teachers College this spring.

Doris Hunse — class of '51 — graduates from Kearney State Teachers College this spring and will teach in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

I'll be there. Reserve ----- plates for me at the Buffet Dinner.

Sorry, I can't make it -----

Remarks:

Signed -----

Address -----

Where They Are . . .

Patricia Faherty — class of '48 — instructor at Kearney, Nebraska the past three years in kindergarten. Plans to teach in Arnold this next year.

Genevieve McGuire Miller — class of '41 — lives in Arcadia, California. She teaches music in her home.

Many younger members are furthering their education:

University of Nebraska . . .

Norvin Pearce, Kenneth Wehrman and Alan McClure.

Studying for the Ministry . . .

Jerald Belts and Dean Shaw.

Kearney State Teachers . . .

Valetta Hunsie, Ted Anderson,

Don Harsin, Eleanor Schlozman,

Doris Halshizer.

Hastings College . . .

Marilyn Best, Sandra Carlson,

Shirley Nansel, David Pearce.

Servicemen We've Heard From . . .

Wayne Koch — instructor of

Naval Science Ordinance Supply at

Stanford University near San

Francisco, Calif.

Dee Scott — naval base at San

Diego, Calif.

S. H. 3 Larrie Geiser — at Mid-

way Islands.

Don McMahon — at Great Lakes

Naval Station.

Staff Sergeant Garner Kraser —

at Sacramento, Calif.

Lt. Gilbert Hickenbottom — now

in Japan where his family recently

joined him.

A Picture of the Original



This is a picture of the original Arnold school house, with part of the grade school, most of whom are now are alumni members.

This building was used for the entire school — beginners to the tenth grade — until it was replaced by the present grade school in 1914.

1st. Lt. Louis Paul Rose — Lake Charles, La., recently home for a visit with his father, L. P. Rose, and his brother, Jennings of the merchant marines.

William "Bill" McGuire, Navy, of Baltimore, Maryland Naval Reserve Training Center at Fort McHenry.

Edgar A. McGuire is transferred to the fleet reserve and is at the present time home on leave.

Elvin Kilmer — instructor at the Lowry Air Base, Denver, Colo.

ANY ADDRESS CHANGES?

Mail will be received if addressed to the Arnold Alumni Association at Arnold, Nebraska.

Be sure to send any change of address. It is hoped a directory can be completed this year. Members who send their dues will receive this, along with their paper, next year.

MR. BENJAMIN

One who has been asked about by so many, is Mr. Benjamin, who was here in the '20s. He was a particular favorite. His address is: 3 Park Lane, Apt. 1 B Mount Vernon, New York

What Does The Alumni Mean To Me

by Mildred Deming McMahon

When I was asked, "What does the Alumni mean to me?", my thoughts immediately went back to the first time I was privileged to attend an Alumni Banquet many years ago with the graduating class of '23.

What did it mean to me then?

Of course, there was all the fun, but besides that, there was a feeling of pride and accomplishment. One of my goals in life had been reached. Oh, it was wonderful to feel so adult, so wise, so grown up — if only for that one magic night.

Now that I am many years older and several times a grandmother, does the alumni mean any less to me now?

No — my associations are infinitely richer, my memories of school days and friends become more vivid as plans for the alumni progresses. This year all six of my children will be members of the same alumni too, giving it an added meaning for me.

An active alumni organization means more people actively interested in our present school and what is more important to any of us then our schools — our families.

Arnold is a grand town, full of fine and wonderful people. And so of course our alumni is the "best ever".

I, like all the rest of you, am looking forward with renewed zest to seeing all my old school mates and teachers.

Oh, it will be wonderful to be young and gay again — if only for that one magic night.

I'll be seeing you.

ARNOLD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Arnold, Nebraska



Lucille Peter

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