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1958 Banquet Well Attended

Around 238 members of the Arnold Alumni Association attended the banquet on Thursday evening, May 29, 1958 for last year's banquet.

The Methodist and Catholic ladies served the dinner.

The following officers were elected for 1958-59:

President: Bobby Smith

1st Vice President: Mrs. Ed Purcell

2nd Vice President: Mrs. Gene

Pinkston

Secretary: Mrs. Dick Olson

Treasurer: Mrs. Roy Lindholm

Former Arnold Resident Honored

For her life long dedication to high standards and genuine interest in the teaching profession, Miss Grace Boyce, fifth grade teacher at Yucca school in Calif., was presented a Honorary Life Membership from her Parent Teacher Association in the Founders Day meeting.

Miss Boyce is a former Arnold resident and a graduate of the Arnold high school.

Dr. R. Stanley Harris, honorary mayor of Lancaster and a former student of Miss Boyce, made the presentation.

In further tribute to Miss Boyce, Dr. Harris said, "You have not only maintained the highest standards academically for your students, but have given a great deal of yourself in sincere interest and help which has not been confined to the school room alone. Children wherever they may be, are your main concern."

Miss Boyce holds life credentials in Colorado and Nebraska.

SEE YOU AT
THIS YEAR'S BANQUET
Friday Evening
May 29th
Dinner from 5:30 - 7:30
Program at 8:00

Wendell Smith . . . Master of Ceremonies



Master of Ceremonies at the 1959 Arnold Alumni Reunion will be Wendell Smith, a 1951 graduate of the Arnold high school.

Following graduation, Wendell started working at Radio Station KCON at Broken Bow as announcer and entertainer. He then transferred to Radio Station KRVN at Lexington, Nebr., as announcer & entertainer.

In the fall of 1954 he attended school in Kearney and the next year he attended College at Wilmore, Kentucky.

After coming home he again worked at KRVN in Lexington. In April of 1955 he went on KHOL-

TV at Kearney, Holdrege as announcer and entertainer.

Wendell later moved to Lincoln and announced over Radio Station KLMS.

On June 17, 1956 he was married to Miss Rogene Rogers and soon afterwards they moved to Hallam, Nebraska where Wendell was minister of the Methodist church for two years and also attended Wesleyan College.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have a baby boy eight months old.

In February of this year, the Smiths moved to Lexington where he is again working at his old job on KRVN.

LETTERS . . . From The Old Gang

Dottie Gene (Belitz) Bowman,
1115 N "O" Street
Fremont, Nebraska
May 6, 1958

Dear Edith:

Enclosed please find a check for \$1.50 for my Alumni dues and the directory and supplement.

We would certainly like to attend the banquet this year, but find it impossible. Everyone on the Alumni committee should be congratulated for all of the time and work they put into the ban-

quet. Alumni News and directory. I have yet to talk to anyone whose Alumni organization does so much for its members. I know I certainly look forward to it all each year.

We moved to Fremont last July after living in Shelton for five years. We really like it here.

Brad is in the second grade this year and Tami Jo is in kindergarten and yet it seems only yesterday I graduated from high school.

My best regards to the class of '46.

Sincerely,
Dottie Gene (Belitz) Bowman

Four Classes To Be Honored

This year's honored classes will be the classes of 1929, 1939, 1949 and 1959.

This new system of honoring four classes every year has been very successful. It has been used the past few years at Arnold.

With this new system, all the classes will be honored within a relatively short period of years.

Each honored class is urged to try and have a perfect or near perfect attendance.

Make this year's Alumni Banquet a wonderful and happy place for the reunion of old and new friends.

LETTERS . . . From The Old Gang

Mrs. Lloyd Oman.

May 9, 1958
3890 Oakshire
Berkley, Mich.

Arnold Alumni Association
Arnold, Nebraska
Dear Sirs.

Enclosed you will find a money order for two dollars (\$2.00) for payment of my Alumni dues for 1957 and 1958.

I see by the postmark in the card that it was mailed April 16, 1958 and mailed to my old address and I did not receive it until after May 1.

I feel very badly about this as I hate to lose out on my paper. I am enclosing the money for the new directory too.

Hope sometime to get back to Arnold for one of your banquets.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lloyd Oman
3890 Oakshire
Berkley, Michigan

Owen Messersmith
April 21, 1958

Arnold Alumni Association:

Enclosed is \$1.00 for the dues. Please send me the papers.

Sorry, not to be able to attend the banquet.

Owen Messersmith
Box 343
Pleasant Garden, N. C.

The High-Lites At The Good Old Arnold High

CLASS OF 1913

Some Contrasts

When the Class of 1913 graduated there were very few cars in this part of the country and so our mode of transportation was quite different than now. When we went to have our graduation pictures made, we went to Callaway on the train. For our "Sneak Day" we were given an afternoon off from school which we spent down along the South Loup river near where the old mill used to stand. Also each graduate had to write and deliver a speech which was called an oration.

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CLASS OF 1914

Denver, Colorado
April 15, 1959

Dear Alumni:

The Class of 1914 started out as quite a large mixed group, but by the time we graduated it consisted of only five girls who were Dora Lester, Mae Lester, Elva Davis, Helen Mills and myself. Claud Pickett was the teacher. At this time all are living as far as I know, except Helen Mills, who passed away some years ago. To me, the most outstanding experience during those years was graduation. In those days we had to write our own oration, memorize and deliver it. The churches at that time had gone together and were holding a union revival meeting in a roughly built and temporary building. I believe it was just south of the town park. Since it hadn't been announced that the service would be dismissed for the graduating exercises, the school was asked to hold the graduating exercises there since people from miles around would be coming to hear an outstanding speaker. So to their disappointment and our embarrassment, we were the speakers of the evening.

The Class of 1914
Edith Watson

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CLASS OF 1915

Do You Remember?
That on our graduation day the speaker didn't come;

Of course there was a reason, they hadn't sent for one.

We each wrote & gave a speech and no titles were the same;

Because in this we had no choice.

Prof. Pickett chose the name. Cecil talked on "The Europe War" and gave much information;

"Tonight we launch where shall we anchor" was John's theme for his oration.

Anita told how "Far value received we truly promise to pay"; And Vernon advised "Just, say you can and success will come on your way".

George told how "Every moment counts as we journey on to fame";

Laurine said "Making the most of ourselves should be our greatest aim".

Then Hardin's band played music - the selections I don't recall; But as I offer this final line, I'm sure I confess for all,

Never a speaker so frightened at what they were going to say; As were the six speech makers on our Graduation Day.

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CLASS OF 1916

I've been asked to write a line or two
For the Alumni class that I belong to
Like most of the rest I started with pencil and pad
And thought very little of what I had

But the years pass by and you finish school
And are happy to be out was the general rule
But when you grow older and learn what you had
The times you were sad, when you should have been glad
Now here I am married and have children of my own

And those children are married and have children of their own
But no matter how old I may get, or how far I may go
I will always remember my class I want you to know

You were all very dear I remember so well
And the feeling I have I won't try to tell

So here's wishing you well where ever you are

And the memories I have, just nothing can mar

Leona M. Backes Norgard
1215 E. 16th Street
Central City, Nebraska

CLASS OF 1917

The first time the Arnold High School Basket Ball team went to Lincoln was in 1917. It was also the only year in many that Arnold had a football team. Because of the tragedy which occurred it was discontinued and not revived until Coach Colvin came here.

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CLASS OF 1918

The Class of 1918 was the last class which was permitted to complete the high school course in three years. After this it required four years which explains why there was no graduating class in 1919.

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CLASS OF 1921

It was the year 1921 that the first Arnold high school annual was published. It was called "Smiles and Blues" and was in four volumes. The first was dedicated to the editorial staff. The second was for the Freshmen class. The third was for the Sophomores. But by the time we were ready to publish the fourth volume we realized we were running out of money, so that one was dedicated to both the Junior and Senior Classes. We took great pride in this achievement and there was lots of work and patience put forth. The first three issues had several pictures of personal that were of interest, but the last one had none. All but one of our class of 10 are still living. Theresa (Melton) Johnson died a little over a year ago.

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But when you grow older and learn what you had
The times you were sad, when you should have been glad
Now here I am married and have children of my own

And those children are married and have children of their own
But no matter how old I may get, or how far I may go
I will always remember my class I want you to know

You were all very dear I remember so well
And the feeling I have I won't try to tell

So here's wishing you well where ever you are
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CLASS OF 1922

Those wonderful years of the early 1920's. Interesting items from the school paper, "Arnold High School Smiles and Blues" read: The pension list showed 362,277 living Civil War veterans (three wars ago); At least one man in the United States had a private fortune of \$1,000,000 and no income tax; Of a party of teenagers it was said the evening was spent playing Flinch; The girls basketball team lost to Merna and how could either team have won with those balloon type bloomers they wore; The paper said we were reading "The Merchant of Venice" and "Vision of Sir Lannfolf".

CLASS OF 1923

Class mates of 1923 - Do you remember our sneak day during our Junior year? We were the first to take this privilege before being Seniors. We went to Broken Bow in a truck and as we were

eating our picnic lunch on the court house lawn, Mr. Grims, the county superintendent came out to learn what it was all about. Then he bought ice cream for us. How dared the faculty punish us when the county superintendent OK'd our escapade?

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CLASS OF 1924

Refresh your memories with this — presenting the play "Always in Trouble" at Stapleton, Nebr.; Dr. Edward Lindell as the Hoo Doo Coon traveling there by train (first class); Plans for the midnight banquet changed by the angry hotel manager; three girls not returning home with us the next morning and all that other hanky panky.

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CLASS OF 1925

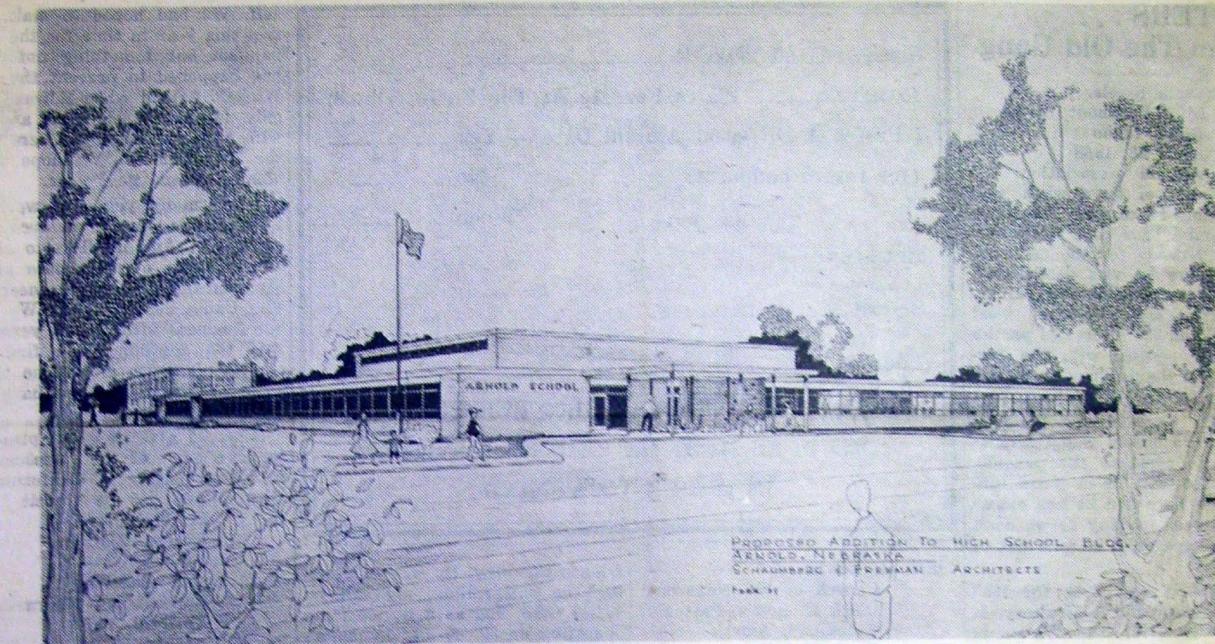
Do You Remember?
Professor Berthock was our sponsor and to show our adoration we gave him a golden watch. On our night of graduation, each thought they should be the one to make the presentation. So all 24 of us lined up. It was like a coronation. Then weren't we the pleased ones when with a quiver in his voice the professor said, "some think this class is wild but I think they are really choice". We respected every teacher as their memory we revive, but Prof. Bentack was the idol of the class of twenty-five.

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CLASS OF 1926

This incident took place during our Freshman year. We decided what the Seniors could do, we could do. So we planned a "sneak day" which was carried out by the taking of sack lunches and going on an all day hike — two days before school was dismissed for the term. The next morning we realized our folly. The freshman class was the only class at school. We were given tests in every subject and told the tests would count one third of our final grade. Then we were given the job of erasing the marks in all books used by the entire high school. The test papers were not graded but were put in the wastepaper basket and we were given zero. I'm sure the class will remember this "sneak day" of ours. Incidentally, we did pass the ninth grade and went on to become the first class to graduate from the new school house in 1926.

— Frances (Bryan) Rimpley
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Architect's Drawing of Arnold's Proposed New Grade School

PROGRAM

— HONOR CLASSES —

1929 — 1939 — 1949 — 1959

Dinner at the Arnold High School

5:00 to 7:30

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PROGRAM

8:00 P. M.

Master of Ceremonies: Wendell Smith

Musical Numbers: "Melody of Love" and "Put Another Log On The Fire" by Naomi Johnson and Barbara Purcell

Puppet Act: Dorothy Hill

Fashion Show

Memorial Ceremony: Bob Watson

Ballot Boxes will be placed at the entrance and voting will be done when the Alumni register

1959-1960 Officers will be announced at the end of the program

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Dance at Myers' Hall Following Banquet and Program

— Forrest Roland Orchestra —

Dinner \$1.00 per person — Dance \$1.00 per person

Dues 50 cents annually

— MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW —

Bond Issue Defeated

Voters of School District 89 went to the polls on Tuesday, May 5 in Arnold and voted down a \$413,000 bond issue to build a new grade school, gymnasium and ag shop. A total of 756 votes were cast with 389 voting against and 367 voting for the issue. There were four ballots that were not counted.

The votes were tabulated and counted by the county clerk and two assistants from Broken Bow.

In order for this issue to have carried, it would have had to win by 55 per cent of the votes cast. Just what will be done about this issue is not known at this time. But the residents of District 89 will be faced with the problem of remodeling of the old grade school or a new election.



Arnold's Present Grade School

LETTERS . . . From The Old Gang

Mrs. Kenneth Steele.
5103 Fairmont Street
Boise, Idaho
April 28, 1958

Arnold Alumni Association:
I was out of town when your card came concerning the dues. Ken and I have been in California and Nevada for the past two weeks where he was demonstrating his snow machine at ski resorts. The demonstrations went real well and the interested parties were very pleased with the performance of the machine. So we are real hopeful for the future.

We may be in Arnold the first of June. We surely would love to be able to come to the banquet, but our son, Jim, is in Boise Junior college here and he has exams the last week of May so we don't want to come until he gets out of school.

Enclosed is my check for 1957 and 1958 dues and a directory. If it's too late for the '58 paper it will be OK anyway.

Mrs. Kenneth (Vivian) Steele

Opal Georgian (Koenig)
Sacks' Shoe Outlet
1031 Jay Street
Sacramento, California
Dear Class Mates and Friends:
Enclosed find my dues for this year's paper.

Again I find it impossible to attend the banquet, but I do hope every one that attends will have a real nice get together and I am sure they will.

I really enjoy the paper. It's the next best thing to seeing everyone in person.

My best regards to all,
Opal Georgian (Koenig)

Mrs. Lou Merz.
Seneca, Nebraska
April 23, 1958

Arnold Alumni Association
Dear Alumni:

Enclosed please find \$1.00 for my dues to the Alumni for 1958 and 1959.

I will not be able to attend your banquet this year. It is so close to school being out. We still have one girl (a sophomore in high school) going to school and have to move to town to send her, so it's a very busy time after school is out moving back to the ranch.

We live on a ranch 15 miles north of Seneca and have three children, two out of school.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lou Merz

Sorry, I Can't Make It -----

Reserve ----- Plates For Me At The Buffet Dinner

I Prefer A Different Alumni Date — Yes -----

(for future banquets) No -----

When -----

Remarks:

Signed -----

Address -----

BANQUET TICKETS — \$1.00 PER PERSON

1959 DUES MUST BE PAID BY MAY 18th

IN ORDER TO ATTEND

Clark H. Lewis.
Church of the Nazarene
Clark H. Lewis, Pastor
Ketchikan, Alaska
April 27, 1958

Arnold Alumni Association
Arnold, Nebraska
Dear Friends:

Word just reached us today of your banquet May 29. How Nellie and I would like to be there. The gathering which we attended in 1956 was surely enjoyable.

Perhaps you would be interested in some vital statistics about us. On June 11, we will complete our eighth year in Alaska. A little over a year was spent in Nome, and the remainder in Ketchikan. Our church here is continually growing, with our Sunday school now running over 100 in attendance.

Enclosed is our check for dues for Nellie (Hartman) and myself and \$1 for the directory.

Sincerely, in friendship,
Clark H. Lewis

Evelyn Zierlein.
San Pedro, Calif.
May 7, 1958

Arnold Alumni Association:

Due to an oversight on my part I am delinquent with my dues. Enclosed please find a check for \$2.00 which will include a directory. My brother, Charles H. Sell, is not certain his dues are paid, if they are not please include 50¢ for his and if they are paid apply it to my next year's dues.

His new address is: 23709 Waller Avenue, Torrance.

My new address is 549 36th St., San Pedro, however we plan to move in September and at that time I shall send our permanent address.

I am wondering. Are there others among our Arnold Alumni who are amateur radio "ham" operators. Surely here must be.

Would it be of interest to put out the word and include their call letters in your directory? Many of us are so very far from the center of operations that a visit once every four or five years is about all we can manage.

Our son, Edward, has been married two & one half years & he has planned to visit his birthplace with his wife and Harry and my

self. We had hoped to make the trip this year in time for the May banquet but something unforeseen has happened to prevent the trip. We left Arnold when Edward was only 18 months old. He and his wife both are employed here with the Telephone Co. We hope to be able to attend next year.

After many years of working, I decided to once more become a housewife. And needless to say I am enjoying every minute of it. My husband is Port Engineer for Van Camp Sea Food Co. We sold our business after seven years, it was too confining and find we are happier with more time to do some of the things we have always wanted to do.

It would give us great pleasure to have any of the Association members visiting in California to stop by and pay us a visit.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Zierlein

Mrs. Arnold Anderson
Gothenburg, Nebraska
April 22, 1958

Dear Friends:
It's nice to hear that the Alumni Association is still carrying on. In these days of sudden and constant change and an era of speed and uncertainty it's pleasant to know that there are a few things such as the annual paper and the banquet to strengthen our ties with the past.

We think you've been doing a fine job and will look forward to the meetings, even tho we can't always attend each year.

We have just sold our farm here on the edge of Gothenburg, and are planning to relocate in some college town, probably in Colorado.

Our eldest son is taking pre-med at Harvard College in Massachusetts. Daughter, Nancy, graduates from High, one a freshman, one in Junior High and our little "P.S." is a first grader; so that makes life rather complicated. But, also worthwhile.

As we grow older we feel that giving our children every chance to grow in Christian faith, then helping them to help themselves to a good education in their chosen field, is a good goal for us as parents — "much easier said than done".

Please find enclosed a dollar for the '57 and '58 dues and a picture of our family.

We'll look forward to the 1958 paper and banquet and wish reservations for two.

Mrs. Arnold Anderson
(Phyllis Bailey)
Class of 1932

the youngest student ever to complete the fall course in the Arnold schools. Margaret was several months short of her sixteenth birthday when she received her diploma in May. No other student under sixteen had been graduated from the Arnold schools.

Margaret ranked second in her class and received two scholarships. The unfinished rendition by the "mixed choir" singing the "Three Little Fishers" or better remembered as Boop-Boop-Ditom-Ditom-Watson-Chew;

CLASS OF 1939
Check Your Memory On These
The "Aurora Borealis";
The Tobacco Chewers;
The case of the disappearing
lettuce from the pantry;

The unfinished rendition by the "mixed choir" singing the "Three Little Fishers" or better remembered as Boop-Boop-Ditom-Ditom-Watson-Chew;

The girls who practiced carpentry at Holloween time;

Picture day in North Platte;

Bill Baldwin's goat;

When the music went "Round
and Round" during noon hour in
the gym;

Sneak day in the Dutch Mill at
Kearney and getting lost on the
way home;

The labor of organizing an
Alumni Association our senior year
and in order to get this project
started we sponsored an Alumni
Banquet on December 27, 1938. Three
hundred and fifty alumni attended
this banquet.

The girls who practiced carpentry at Holloween time;

Picture day in North Platte;

Bill Baldwin's goat;

When the music went "Round
and Round" during noon hour in
the gym;

Sneak day in the Dutch Mill at
Kearney and getting lost on the
way home;

The class of 1940 had as its
starting class a total number of
55 enrolled as freshmen, the highest
thru that time. As sophomores
there were 39, as juniors, 37 and
37 graduated in 1940. The dark
spot of this class was the passing
away of Massie Pinnell on May
14, two days before receiving her
diploma. Of the 27, 15 served in
World War II and two were killed
in service — Vaughn Nichols and
Carl Sergun. Nine still live in Arnold.

The class of 1941 had as its
starting class a total number of
55 enrolled as freshmen, the highest
thru that time. As sophomores
there were 39, as juniors, 37 and
37 graduated in 1941. The dark
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37 graduated in 1949. The dark
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The class of 1950 had as its
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there were 39, as juniors, 37 and
37 graduated in 1950. The dark
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The class of 1951 had as its
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there were 39, as juniors, 37 and
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The class of 1955 had as its
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there were 39, as juniors, 37 and
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The class of 1956 had as its
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55 enrolled as freshmen, the highest
thru that time. As sophomores
there were 39, as juniors, 37 and
37 graduated in 1956. The dark
spot of this class was the passing
away of Massie Pinnell on May
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55 enrolled as freshmen, the highest
thru that time. As sophomores
there were 39, as juniors, 37 and
37 graduated in 1958. The dark
spot of this class was the passing
away of Massie Pinnell on May
14, two days before receiving her
diploma. Of the 27, 15 served in
World War II and two were killed
in service — Vaughn Nichols and
Carl Sergun. Nine still live in Arnold.

High-Lites From The Good Old Arnold High

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CLASS OF 1954

Do you remember when the class of '54 were seniors and some one "accidentally" put Annie Ervin's cow in the school house on Halloween? Who would have done a thing like that? It was only a few days until the Senior play. Phew! It took days to get the mess all cleaned up — between arguing with Miss Graham over whether the stage should be cleaned or whether the play should be learned. Over her protests, the stage was "cleaned" with only small "evidence" of Annie Ervin's cow left.

CLASS OF 1955

The class of '55 had fun together in everything they did. One thing that comes to my mind was the snow we waded through on May 1st to the Junior - Senior Banquet which we gave the Seniors. It might be interesting to know we have only four girls and seven boys who aren't married from the class of '55.

CLASS OF 1958

Remember when we met the slinky girl in Rapid City, South Dakota. That was one night with never a dull moment during our sneak day vacation.

John Deming Praised For Court Justice

Charles S. Reed
Omaha, Nebraska
March 3, 1959

The Arnold Sentinel
Arnold, Nebraska
Gentlemen:

I don't know whether the en-

closed has any news in it, but it happens that when I go to the Panama Canal Zone to attend directors' meetings, I quite often see John E. Deming who was a graduate of Arnold High School about twenty years ago.

He is now a judge of the Magistrate's Court at Balboa, Canal Zone. Being interested in him, my attention was called to the editorial about him that appeared in a newspaper put out in the City of Panama - Republic of Panama which is enclosed.

Yours truly,
Charles S. Reed

Column captioned: "Mirror Of The Times" by J. M. Floundes, appearing on page 15 of "La Hora" of Tuesday, July 29th, 1958. (Translation by John A. Michaelis, Clerk of the Court, Magistrate's Court, Balboa.)

1. Law enforcement procedure in the Canal Zone. A matter which attracted our attention in the Balboa Court. Justice along democratic lines, without privilege or prejudice. The capable and intelligent Judge Deming.

On Friday the 25th of this month we attended the Balboa Court, which is presided over by the distinguished and gentlemanly Judge John E. Deming, aided by his efficient clerk of court, expert and skillful in translating the statements, testimony, evidence or other judicial matters that need be performed with scrupulous accuracy in a court of law, most especially in one such as functions across the boundary from us, scarcely separated by the white lines stretching from one end to the other of 4th of July Avenue.

We do not conceal the fact that we were exceedingly impressed by the democratic proceedings under which justice is meted out in that locality controlled by the North American jurisdiction, but not sovereignty, which the latter

do not have.

On behalf of a Cuban citizen, resident for many years in our country, we appeared as a witness in a case wherein he was charged with the offense of vagrancy, which we deny, for we know that Juan Antonio Martinez, the citizen from the Pearl of the Antilles (Translator's note: Cuba) is no such thing. He is an individual given to untiring labor, the owner of two well-patronized barber shops in the capital city, and besides that he is a commission agent. Money he likes, but not in the manner of a Shylock, and he tries to obtain it via lawful & regularly approved methods. For that reason, we repeat, we appeared in the capacity of a witness.

At the start of the trial, everyone present in the courtroom where trials are held has to rise from their seats, and they resume their places when his Honor the Judge takes the bench. The clerk of the court, John A. Michaelis, a zealous and diligent public official, reads off the contents of the affidavits of complaint to whoever is not familiar with the language of Shakespeare. Then a member of the police force, if he is the complainant, or a member of the detective office, if he likewise be such, makes his statement and they describe the nature of the offense.

A circumstance which impelled us to pay even more attention to the trial proceedings was the fact that it makes no difference to the Judge whether a policeman, official or detective is the complainant or accusing party against the defendant; neither does prejudice nor discrimination, the color of the person or the circumstances of the case against the latter, influence him.

More than anything else, proof and evidence are of concern to him, a factor which is to be not-

iced throughout the proceedings. In that court, as far as was observed by us, the purpose is to fulfill the duly prescribed requirements of the law and democracy, and the defendant is offered every opportunity to establish his innocence.

Along these lines, everything embracing and comprising a procedure which is genuine and free of objectionable features, serves to obtain that end, as regards matters of a purely law enforcement or correctional nature.

The defendant himself is asked whether he wishes to secure the services of an attorney, to continue the trial in order to obtain witnesses and evidence, should such not be present, or to postpone the matter in order to get the advice of counsel, a procedural form which frankly prompts me to applaud and praise the judicial system adhered to in the Canal Zone.

All these precepts of law having been complied with, the Judge, following conscientious deliberation and determination of the matter submitted to him for decision, hands down his findings in a rather restrained fashion, free of the harshness and severity by which many mistaken people suppose that a violator of the law is reformed. The penalty is moderate and correctional from a moral viewpoint, particularly when first offenders or minor offenses are concerned.

We say once again, to us the judicial and law enforcement proceedings which we witnessed in the Balboa Court appeared fair, especially because therein is noted the absence of favoritism (as regards police officer or public dignitaries of certain rank), of no-justice or bias, and because the rights of the defendant constitute a principle which is not only overlooked.

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