

# ARNOLD ALUMNI NEWS

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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 KONI 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 (Beltz) 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 (Beltz) 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.

### 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

### 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 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### CLASS OF 1922

Those wonderful 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 \$1,000,000,000 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 Lannfol".

### 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?

### CLASS OF 1924

Refresh your memories with this — presenting the play "Always in Trouble" at Stapleton, Nebr.; Dr. Edward Lindell as the Hoo Doo Ooon 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.

### CLASS OF 1925

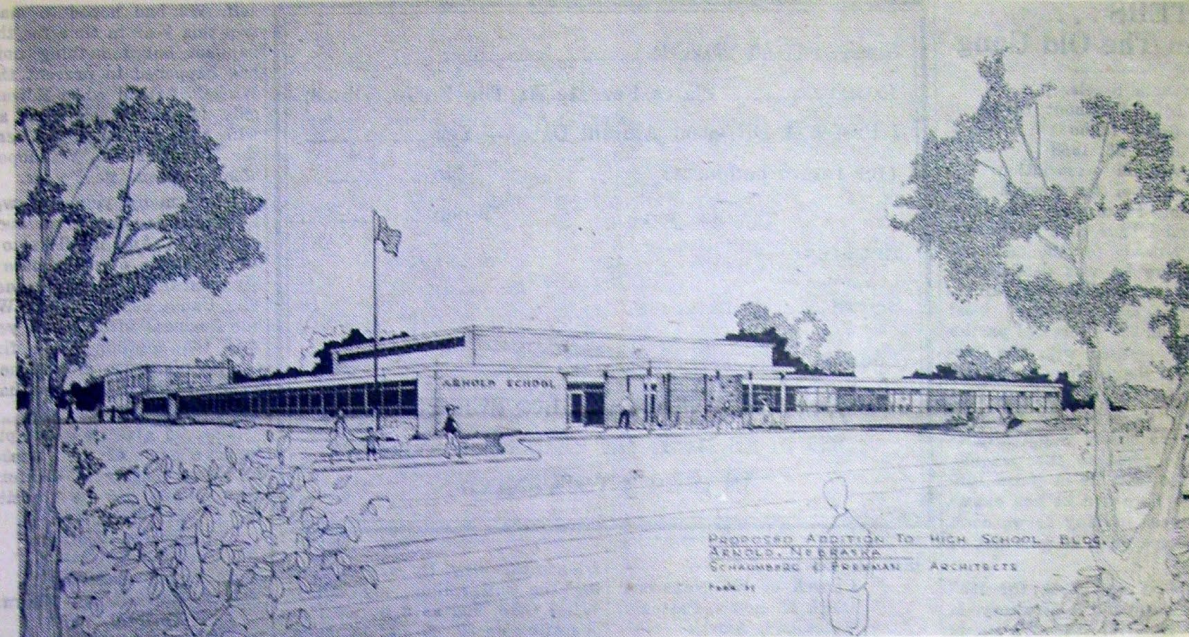
#### Do You Remember?

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. Berthack was the idol of the class of twenty-five.

### 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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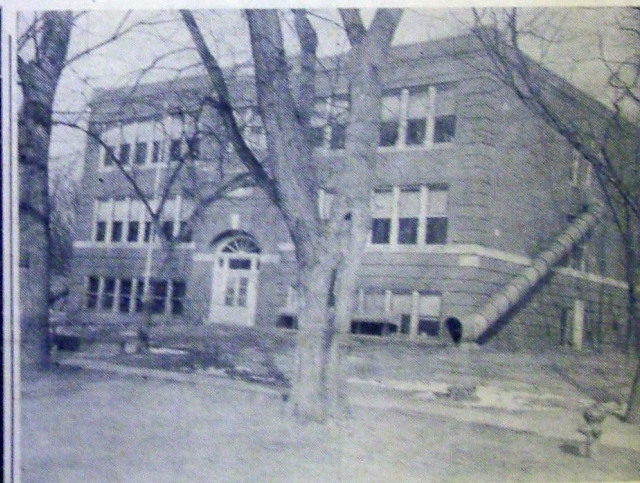
Dance at Myers' Hall Following Banquet and Program

— Forrest Roland Orchestra —

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

Dues 50 cents annually

— MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW —



Arnold's Present Grade School

## 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.

## 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 to gether 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.

Since we last wrote, two more lives have come to bless our home. Stephen Lester was born on March 3 and she was later joined by a sister, Esther Marie. And let us recommend to all fellow alumni, the virtues of our family plan: our eldest is now 15 (Evelyn) and the next 12 (John) thereby providing us with "built in" baby sitters.

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.

But a "ham fest" is easily arranged and we might contact old

friends this way. By way of starting the ball rolling, my call is: WL 7 COZ, and as a novice I am operating on 80, 40 and 15 meters on Monday afternoons and Monday and Friday evenings, via code of course.

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 50c for his and if they are paid apply it to my next year's dues.

His new address is: 23709 Walter 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 do hope I am not too late for the 1958 edition of the Alumni paper as I do enjoy it immensely, in fact I have it close at hand and read it over and over, anxiously awaiting the next year's edition.

The joys and sorrows of my childhood classmates are of great concern to me.

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 1934

## High-Lites From The Good Old Arnold High

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### CLASS OF 1928

We were 29 strong, with a very congenial sponsor, Mr. Frank Allen. When school began that fall, there were 145 registered in high school. Our basket ball team was the best. On a full schedule for the year we played such towns as Gothenburg, Broken Bow and North Platte. Our team was composed of Joe Lester as captain, Earl Haight, Ralph Smith, Melvin Goodenow, Francis Schlotman, Ernest Deming, Kenneth McCants, Herman Nelson, Leo Grissom and Gerald Spratt. When our boys boarded the train at Merna, enroute to Lincoln to play in the state tournament, the entire school gave them a grand "send off".

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### CLASS OF 1929

Thirty years ago—That really dates one when one starts to reminisce. There are many long dormant incidents that spring to mind. Graduation day should have been a high light, but I find it overshadowed by the banquet. How those little red radishes flew thru the air. Then there was "sneak day". It began in the still small hours with ghostly figures emerging from the eerie shadows all converging toward a central spot. Then everyone climbed into a grain truck and started the long trip to New Helena.

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### CLASS OF 1930

1930 can be remembered by many things. It was the first year of the depression, the days of bell bottom trousers and short skirts. There were 32 members in our class. Our class officers were Herman Nelson, president; Alberta Robinson, vice pres.; Margaret Pearce, secretary; and Lowell Watkins, treasurer. The class of 1930 claims the doubtful distinction of having the tallest boy, the shortest girl and flattest purses of any class in history.

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### CLASS OF 1931

One of the highlights of the senior class of 1931 was the morning we crawled in the back of Charlie Nansel's truck and took off for Kearney on that long wait for sneak day.

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### CLASS OF 1932

Margaret Sauter, class of 1932 held the distinction of being the

the youngest student ever to complete the full 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.

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### CLASS OF 1934

The largest class of the Arnold high school alumni was the Class of 1934. Forty-one (41) were graduates that year and about one-half that number still live here.

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### CLASS OF 1935

Concerning the 21 graduates of 1935, one-half were honor students. At that time the requirement for the honor roll was higher. You could only have one B and the rest had to be A's.

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### CLASS OF 1936

As I recall our four years were quite different than now. Our basketball games and music contests were closer to home. Our sneak day was quite a contrast to now. We hired Charley Bassett's truck and all 32 of us and two sponsors piled in the back — just stock racks and no tarpolin — left early in the morning and drove to Keystone Dam. Here we spent the day and took in a show at North Platte and we were home by midnight. I doubt if there was \$25.00 spent by the entire class and that would scarcely take one on their three or four day jaunts now.

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### CLASS OF 1937

In turning back the hands of time twenty some years, many memories of the days spent in "good old Arnold High" come to mind. As Freshmen our first worry was initiation, when dressed as babies, we were required to walk the plank, examine "fish eyes" & perform various other stunts. As I consider the sophomore year my memory is very vague. However I do recall the occasional trips made by some of the World History class members to the principal's office. The Junior year brings to mind the Junior-Senior banquet. We held our Pirate Banquet in one of the rooms above the Red, White and Blue garage. One of the high-lights of our Senior activities was the day we sneaked all the way to Kearney. That day will bring varied memories to each of us, but we did have fun.

—Darrell Dennis Rosentrater

### 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 choru" singing the "Three Little Fishes" or better remembered as Boop-Boop-Do-Do-Do-Do-Watom-Chew;

The girls who practiced carpentry at Holloween time;

Picture day in North Platte;

Ell 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, 1932. Three hundred and fifty alumni attended this banquet.

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### CLASS OF 1940

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 37, 15 served in World War II and two were killed in service — Vaughn Nichols and Carl Sergun. Nine still live in Arnold.

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### CLASS OF 1942

Unlike the present three and four day sneak days out state, the class of 42 will recall their sneak day spent in North Platte. The one day trip was made in a truck and we sat on bales of hay. It rained most all day. To my knowledge all members of this class are living, except Betty Smith Fredricks. Of the 24 members, only five live at Arnold.

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### CLASS OF 1944

Remember that night we had to stay after school and listen to Mr. Hars tell us we were the most stupid algebra class he'd had. What dejection! Now we know it was one of his many wonderful tactics with every freshman class to get our noses to the grind stone. Who could ever forget those play practices when we were Juniors. Oh for the patience Mrs. Stacy had.

### CLASS OF 1945

The class of 1945 will remember two important days in 1945. The day we went to Kearney by train (U. P. Railroad) with a stopover at Miller, Nebr., and the day we had pictures taken at North Platte and how our sponsors said we should start home by midnight. We won't be so bold as to say we out smarted them, but the hour of departure was slightly deferred.

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### CLASS OF 1946

Do You Remember?  
The time when we were having English class and the teacher was disgusted with some in our class because they weren't paying any attention. All of a sudden one of the pupils snapped a picture of the teacher while she was the angriest and disgusted. The pupil was caught and dismissed from class. We were all anxious to see how the picture came out. Well, it was a good picture, but someone's head got in the way of the camera so we just saw the top of the teacher's head in the picture.

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### CLASS OF 1947

Do You Remember?  
That cold day when the girls in our class were sent home because they had rolled their jeans up to avoid the snow. Then in the afternoon the boys appeared with turned up jeans. Then the day John Anderson presented the big red apple to the professor and his reason for doing this I'm sure you all remember.

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### CLASS OF 1948

The class of 1948 was honored to have Gov. Val Peterson give the address at our commencement.

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### CLASS OF 1949

Remember the "49ers" singing "These Have Been The Best Years Of Our Lives".

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### CLASS OF 1953

In the class of '53, there were twenty eight members. Most of them will remember the good time we had putting on our Junior and Senior plays, working on Junior-Senior banquets and pestering the teachers in one way or another. I think we also will realize now that the education we received, laid a good foundation for the rest of our lives.

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## 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. Foundes, 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 prejudice or bias, and because rights of the defendant constitute a principle which is not tampered or overlooked.

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