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Welcome From The President

Dear Alumni,
Can you believe it? Another year has come and gone, and it's approaching Memorial Day weekend which means "Alumni Time" in Arnold.

We, the alumni officers, Penny (Crow) Strasburg '73, 2nd vice president; Gaylene (Garrison) Weber '51, 1st vice president; and Carolyn (Blowers) Bowers '81, secretary-treasurer; and myself, have been trying to be organized for the fast-approaching deadline of May 27th. We started having meetings in January and are following with one every month. So far, so good. Hopefully we'll be ready.

Penny seems to have her menu planned and Gaylene is working on her program. Of course our secretary, Carolyn, is always busy this time of year. Our nominating committee of Melva (Scott) Phillips '73 and Judy (Collier) Gracey '73

have been busy getting "volunteers" to run for office. I have good music with Terry Fales '68 providing the sounds and acting as D.J. Our MC this year (Ray Croghan '68) should provide for our entertainment (if he doesn't, we'll run him out of town).



1988 President Brad Nansel, left, and Master of Ceremonies Dan Keyser, right, honored Mynor Smith, the only member of the Class of 1918 present at the banquet.

Donation Box Will Be Set Up At Banquet

The Arnold Alumni Association is a non-profit organization. A few new items need to be purchased in the future, such as new microphones. There will be a donation box set up at the banquet to help cover the costs of these purchases if anyone would like to make a contribution.

We want to thank everyone who pays their dues ahead of time. It helps the Alumni save money in printing and mailing post cards.

Thanks also to those who inform us of deceased alumni and address changes. It all really helps.

Class Of 1989

Kristen L. Anderson - 1
Mike Andre - 1 & 2
Donald L. Barrett
Reese A. Beatty - 1 & 2
James Davenport - 2
Shad Flint - 2
Christy (Foran) Winfield - 1 & 2
Melanie Geiser - 1
Patricia Gunnerson
Heidi Hornung - 1 & 2
Debbie Johnson
Paul Johnson
Duane Kautz
Jeri Ann Lehtkuhler - 1 & 2
Nicole Lusk
Steven Mackley - 1
Patti McConnell - 2
Angeline McDonald - 1
Nicole Mills - 1 & 2
Aaron Olson - 1
Shelly Patton - 1
James Peterson - 1
Martin Pirnie - 1
Charles Robinson
Micheal Shank
Alan Suhr
Dean Weinman - 1 & 2
Kyle Weinman - 1 & 2
1 - Father is Alumni
2 - Mother is Alumni

Alumni Association 1988 Financial Report

Beginning Checkbook	
Balance	\$1,783.97
- INCOME -	
Dues	684.00
Directories	360.00
Meal Tickets	1,932.00
Dance	85.00
Paper	8.00
Postage	29.00
Pictures	182.00
Sale of Food	73.50
Total	\$3,353.50
- EXPENSES -	
Post Cards	136.50

Roaster (gift to school)	93.57
Sales Tax	137.97
Postage (Directories & Newspaper)	218.36
Food	1,738.15
Kitchen Labor	280.90
Dance	150.00
Printing	455.72
Labor (Janitor & Sec.)	175.00
Misc. (Flowers, Film, Supplies)	266.87
Total	\$3,653.04
Ending Checkbook	
Balance	\$1,484.43

And last, but not least by any means is Janet (Cole) Larreau '78, our Alumni News editor. She does all the work to make this paper possible. A special thanks to all these great people! Looking forward to visiting all honored classes. See ya May 27th!

Brad Atkins '68
Alumni President

Ray Croghan To Emcee 1989 Alumni Program

Master of ceremonies for the 1989 Alumni program will be Ray Croghan of Omaha, Nebraska.

Ray was graduated from Arnold High School in 1968. He attended Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, on an academic and athletic scholarship and received his B.A. in math in 1972.

Today Ray is president and chief operating officer of Applied Communications, Inc. (ACI) in Omaha. ACI is a leading provider of computer software for electronic funds transfer systems, with customers in 25 countries.

Ray joined ACI in 1980 as a systems analyst and held several management positions with the company before being appointed president in 1988. Prior to joining ACI, he worked as a computer programmer at First Greatwest Corporation in Lincoln and as a programmer trainee at Bankers Life Nebraska.

Ray and his wife, Deb, have two daughters. Cassidy Rae was born in 1980, and Amber Dee was born in 1982. Deb, a systems analyst, is a native of Madison, Nebraska.

In his spare time, Ray enjoys several hobbies including water and snow skiing, golf, tennis, racquetball, and race car driving in one of his



three race cars. The road racing experience began at Arnold State Park in a 1961 Falcon. Since then, Ray has claimed the title to three road races and was named Nebraska regional driver of the year in 1985. Ray also enjoys bicycling and owns two bicycle shops in Boulder, Colorado, with his brother, Jeff.

Alumni Welcomed Home At 1988 Alumni Banquet

By Darlene Rimpley

When do you know that you're at an Arnold alumni banquet? Well...you know when you see Jo Keyser hugging one person, talking to someone else, and with one hand trying to point the way for another.

You know you're at an Arnold alumni banquet when you hear jokes about Bible sellers, a body under a porch, and Stan Deterding, Marion Scott and Bob Forrester, and they all bring down the house.

You know you're at an Arnold alumni banquet when you see Denny Conner crawling on his knees, climbing on chairs, and sneaking up on people to take pictures.

You know you're at an Arnold alumni banquet when 70 year graduate, Mynor Smith, thanks God for his good years, and he receives a standing ovation.

You know you're at an Arnold alumni banquet when it's announced that the "water is off" and nobody gets rattled.

President, Brad Nansel started the evening off in a good mood as he roamed among the guests giving door prizes, making announcements and visiting with the guests.

The memory of deceased classmates was honored with the song "Amazing Grace" by Lucinda Dennis, accompanied by Sunbeam Oman Swanson.

Master of ceremonies, Dan Keyser, '75, of Wood River, did one super job as he welcomed the alumni guests and the honored classes.

Top honors for greatest distance traveled went to Sherrie Sailor Corbin

of Anchorage, Alaska.

In the honored classes, the Class of 1968 had 20 for the most members present, but the Class of '48 had the best percentage-wise as they had 16 of 21 living members attending.

The "Golden Class" of 1938 had 15 of their 22 living members present to observe their 50th year of becoming elite Arnold grads. The 60 year class had 10 of 15 living members present, and Mynor Smith represented his other two living classmates.

The Class of 1988 was well represented as they became the newest members.

Miles Jacobson lived out his "nightmare" of being the vice-president-in-charge-of-entertainment, assisted by the BVD specialists, Ted Bubak, Mark Engleman, Mike Davenport, Brad Nansel, Rod Watson, Brad Atkins, and Mynor Smith; the dancing raisins (members of the 1988 class); singer Deb Brosius, the dentist Rob, and off-stage announcer, and an alumni octet.

Begin all that with hot-off-the-grill pork chops and all the good food to make a great meal, served to over 500 people, planned by Vice-President, Eldon Christensen, and it makes for one great evening.

A happy Brad Nansel announced...and next year's president is Brad Atkins, '68; first vice-president (program) Gaylene Garrison Weber, '51; and Penny Crow Strasburg, '73 is second vice-president (meal). Carolyn Bowers has one more year as secretary/treasurer.

Upcoming seniors did an excellent job of serving and cleaning tables, and many alumni and spouses were involved in all phases of making the 1988 banquet and program a pleasant memory. To these officers and people go the thanks of the many alumni members.

How do you know you're at an Arnold alumni banquet? You know because you're in a crowd of the happiest people you've ever seen!

Price Reduced

The 1987 Alumni Directories are still available and can be purchased for \$5.00 each at Cal's Best Service or The Arnold Sentinel. If mailed, \$1.25 postage and handling will be added.

Alumni Organization Formed 50 Years Ago By Class of 1939

Nineteen-eighty-nine marks the 50th anniversary of the Arnold Alumni Association, which was formed by the honored class of 1939 during their senior year. Seven members of this class, Mildred Bailey Smith, Lorine Bean Rutner, Leon DeLosh, Bernadene Dennis Hoppas, Pearl Hutchins Andre, Letha Mae Morrow McDonald, and Bob McDowell, are residents of Arnold. We salute this class for their foresight in organizing what is 50 years later a thriving Arnold Alumni Association.

The following article was taken from the December 29, 1938 issue of The Arnold Sentinel, and details the first Alumni Association meeting and banquet.

GRADUATES OF ARNOLD HIGH SCHOOL FORMED ORGANIZATION TUESDAY

The first meeting of the Alumni organization of the Arnold high school was held Tuesday evening at the Baptist Church where a banquet was served, covers being arranged for 144 guests and a number of others were served at the cafes.

The church was attractively decorated with the Christmas motif. A pretty lighted tree centered the stage and the color scheme was further carried out on the tables. A delicious three course banquet was served by the students of the Junior class of the high school, the meal having been prepared by the Baptist Ladies Aid members.

W.E. Powell served as toastmaster and introduced the following program: vocal selection, Doris Mudd, Myra Watson, Mildred Bailey, Winifred Shaw, Margaret Steburg and Elsie Stuppelbeen accompanied by Genevieve McGuire; vocal solo, Winifred Shaw, with Mildred Bailey as accompanist; toast, School Clubs, Margaret Steburg; piano solo, Genevieve McGuire; toast, Education, Willard Brummett; vocal solo, Era Mae Ervin, accompanied by Margaret Naylor; toast, Alumni, Robert Lewis.

The election of officers was held and Willard Brummett was selected as president; Mrs. Gerald Harter, vice president, and Robert Lewis, secretary and treasurer.

The first class to be graduated from Arnold High School - that of 1913 - was represented at the banquet by three of its members: Mrs. Ethel Collins Perkins, C.E. Mills and Lloyd Beltz. Each year's class from 1913 to 1938 was represented, with but two exceptions.

It was decided that these banquets should be an annual affair in the future, with the regular date being the Thursday following Christmas day.

New Alumni Officers Will Be Elected During Banquet

Ballots will be cast Saturday evening for the coming year's alumni officers. Those running for office will be:

President: John McDonald, Brad Forrester, Dennis Conner, and Roger Peterson.

1st Vice President: Karla Rockwell and Joy Crow.

2nd Vice President: Genevieve Collier.

Secretary/Treasurer: Jeanette Blowers and Margaret Leach.

Hopefully by the time of alumni, more names will be added to this list. If you wish to run for any of these offices please contact Penny Strasburg or Melva Phillips.

Terry Fales To Provide Music For Alumni Dance

With last year's outdoor dance proving to be such a hit, this year's dance will continue in the same tradition! Terry Fales will play your favorite tunes throughout the evening, and requests will be taken for almost any kind of music. The dance will be held on the north side of the school. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the old gym. Ticket price at the door will be \$2.50 for singles, and \$4.00 for couples.

Tribute To Alumni

See page five for tribute to alumni who have passed away during the last year.

1989 ALUMNI BANQUET & PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1989

BANQUET SERVING TIME: 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

BANQUET TICKET PRICE: \$4.00 PER PERSON

-- MENU --

Ham
Baked Potatoe W/Sour Cream & Butter
Green Beans
Orange Delight
Deep Dish Apple Pie
Tea Rolls
Tea or Coffee

PROGRAM TO FOLLOW...

"AS YEARS GO BY"

DOOR PRIZES TO BE GIVEN THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM

- 1989 DUES WILL BE DUE AT THE DOOR -

Addresses Needed For Alumni Members

The three-year-term of Carolyn Bowers will expire when a new secretary/treasurer is elected in May. Carolyn has worked very hard to keep everything organized, but your help is needed. Many addresses of alumni members are not known at this time, and keeping up with deceased members must be a rough job. Please alumni, remember that someone is donating their time throughout the year to keep the organization running smoothly. Notify the secretary of any address changes, and help her out by telling her of any deceased members that you know of. Following is a list of addresses that are needed at this time:

1918: Ethel Johnson (Mrs. Jim Smith).
1923: Frank Pinkston.
1924: Maurice Thelen.
1925: Gladys Wolverton (Mrs. Robert Seever).
1926: Evelyn Sell (Mrs. Harry Zierlein).
1929: Bernard Critchfield.
1933: Edith Peterson (Mrs. Edith Foley), Donald Russell.
1934: June Dunn (Mrs. June Blummer), Robert Gunter.
1936: Leona Lindell (Mrs. Terry Bannister).
1940: Mary Virginia Dawson (Mrs. George Thompson).
1941: Harold Phifer.
1943: Evert Vian.
1945: Donald Shreve.
1946: Vernon Kolbo, Eleanor Taylor (Mrs. Wayne Shank).
1948: Maxine Bassett (Mrs. Henry Jodeman), Dean Chrisp.
1949: Gilbert Hickenbottom.
1950: Stanley Woodward.
1951: Larry Geiser.
1955: Joe Lewis.
1956: Ronnie Morrison.
1958: Allan Baxter, Dee Blummer.
1959: Gary L. Davis.
1960: Shirley Carlson Davis.
1961: Jim Teahon.
1964: Darrell Sheets.
1965: James Foran, Patricia Hughes (Mrs. Douglas Minning), Phyllis Konings (Mrs. Duane Cantrell), Karry Strasburg (Mrs. Karry Jensen).
1966: Ronald Coursey, Dewayne Larsen, Connie McFarland Southall, Monte Sanford.

1967: Mike Dunn, Tony Rozniarek.
1970: Herb Hall.
1971: Connie Hoerr (Mrs. Michael Kersten), Travi Parks (Mrs. Clifton Ross), Dave Sergun.
1972: Dennis Dailey, Mark Koubek.
1973: Marla Blakeman (Mrs. Emery Harris), Jean Chrisp.
1975: Robert Cox, Jeanne Gracey, Penny Stotts.
1977: Dale Barnes.
1978: Vickie Lemmer.
1979: Kathy Clements, Ken Hoskins, Tami Nansel.
1980: Randy Blicnow, Dennis Mattox, John Meyer, Lori Nansel, Troy Tickle.

1981: Marcia Beatty, Rod Booker, Dan Nansel.
1982: Brenda Pelton, Tracey Teahon Peterson.
1985: Jeff Larson, Linda Larson.
1986: Eleanor Mackley, Rainey Pelton, Donna Rockwell, David Winfield.

"As Years Go By" Is 1989 Program Theme

"As Years Go By" will be the theme for the Alumni Program, planned by Gaylene Weber. The program will follow the banquet, with the honored classes of 1929, 1939, 1949, 1959, 1969, and 1979 being recognized. Door prizes will be given throughout the evening's entertainment.

Banquet Menu

This year's menu for the banquet will include ham, baked potatoe with sour cream and butter, green beans, orange delight, deep dish apple pie, tea rolls, and tea or coffee. Serving will be from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., with a banquet ticket price of \$4.00 per person. 1989 dues will be due at the door.

Information Sought On Stuffed Bald Eagle

Attention alumni! Is there anyone who knows the history of the stuffed bald eagle that has been in the high school library for many years? If you have information contact Carlene (Mrs. Doug) Lanham, school librarian.

1989 HONOR CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1929: Contact Ruby Barrett or Ruth Aydelotte for information.

Class of 1939: Saturday, West Room of Arnold Country Club, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Class of 1949: Saturday, Blue Room of Arnold Country Club, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Class of 1959: Saturday, meet at Doug Lanham home prior to banquet. Sunday: noon meal at Legion Hall.

Class of 1969: Saturday, Denny Conner home, 2:00 p.m.

Class of 1979: Saturday, Legion Hall, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.



1928: Back row, left to right: John Tryon, Callaway; Joe Lester, Escondido, California; Francis Schlootman, Ogallala; Elma (Potter) Conley, Arnold. Front row, left to right: Hildred (Robinson) Waits, North Platte; Norna (Lewis) Tryon, Arnold; Wilma (Basset) Van Cleave, Arnold; Marjorie (Kellenbarger) Farmer, Eureka, California; Cecil (Nansel) McCartney, Omaha; and Arvilla (Mills) Watkins, Arnold.

Alumni Letters

Janice Lindholm Life '49 Hastings, Nebraska

I can't believe it's been 40 years since us 49'ers graduated. After graduation I spent almost 10 months working in Denver. I returned to Arnold and worked at the Blue Grill, Pool's Dept. Store and then Harberts Bakery. In October of 1960 I married Don (Bud) Life. He and his dad were in the bakery business in Arapahoe, Nebraska. We lived there until April 1951, when we moved to Hastings, Nebraska. Don went to work at the Naval Ammunition Depot there until 1956. We then started Don's Pastry Shop and 10 years later closed the doors on that. Don went to work at the post office and was there 22 years. He retired in October of 1987.

We have five children and six grandchildren. Our eldest son and daughter and all of our grandchildren live in New Mexico. One son is in Lincoln and we have two daughters at home and attending Hastings College; one of which will graduate in May.

I'm looking forward to visiting with former classmates. See you May 27th.

Janice Lindholm Life

Dorothy Brower Gill '49 Spring Valley, California

Dear Classmates,
Forty years passes by so swiftly! Norris and I were married the same year I graduated so that makes one less date to remember. A sign of old age I suppose.

We were married in Arnold but moved to San Diego right away and this is where we've lived ever since, except for two years (from 1952-1954) that we lived in Nebraska.

Norris worked at Rohr Corporation for 27 years and is now retired - although he has a part-time job to

keep him out of mischief.

We have three children: Ray and Carol live and work here in El Cajon. They have two children. Ron and Marla live in Yakima, Washington and also have two children. Rhonda and Lauris have lived in Yokosuka, Japan for four years and plan to be back in the U.S. by 1990. They have six girls. We got to go visit them this past year. What a delight!

We are both enjoying good health and we do thank God for that. We are looking forward to seeing you all and being at the banquet this year. Would love to see a real good turnout of my classmates and spend some time reminiscing with you all.

Dorothy (Brower) Gill

Robert Magnuson '49 South El Monte, California

Dear Pat,
Looks as tho I better get this letter off to you. As I was lucky enough to



1938: Back row, left to right: Leo Hartman, Danbury; Darrell McFarland, San Diego, California; Leona (Harwager) Olson, Arnold; Esther (Gallington) Dobbins, Stapleton; Doris Shields Bowers, Arnold; Ann (Walker) Shadel, Callaway; Lester Atkins, Torrington, Wyoming; Don Clizbe, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Front row, left to right: Jim Morrow, San Diego, California; Hazel (Worrell) Choate, Bellevue, Washington; Irma Pinnell Babcock, Dewese; Evelyn Magnuson Tabor, Riverside, California; Marjorie (Long) Weinman, Arnold; Donald Shields, Arnold; Wilbur Purcell, Arnold.



1948: Back row, left to right: Bill Clark, Sutherland; Stanley Deterding, Arnold; Bob Forrester, Arnold; Earl Hayes, Louisville, Kentucky. Middle row, left to right: Bob Anderson, Denver, Colorado; Paul Holt, Aurora, Colorado; Bob Koubek, Arnold; Earl Dailey, Arnold; Norvin Pearce, York. Front row, left to right: Don Swanson, Arnold; Marion Scott, Arnold; Maxine (Bassett) Joederman, Cushing, Oklahoma; Donna (Steele) Claudson, North Platte; Lyle Prell, North Platte.

get my vacation as I wanted, I'm looking forward to being at the banquet.

As for the past 40 years (where did they go?). I was in and around Arnold working at different jobs until 1953. In September of 1953 I married Audrey Kramer of Stapleton and we moved to California. I have driven trucks in California all this time and the past 13 years for Von's Grocery Co.

We have two children and four grandchildren. David works for South California Edison Co. and has three children. Donna has one child and is a homemaker at present and also a reserve deputy for L.A. County Sheriff's Dept. on the Sheriff's Posse.

We like to travel, fish, and square dance, but work keeps me pretty busy.

Hope to see all the old gang in May.

Robert Magnuson

Valetta Hunse Delahunty '49 Gothenburg, Nebraska

Dear Classmates,
It is hard to put forty years (has it been that long?) in just a few years.

I taught in three country schools, Rock Island, Prairie View, and Upper Finchville, right out of high school. I enjoyed it so much that I decided to go to college. I went to Kearney State College and received a Bachelor of Science in Education. My first teaching job after receiving my degree was teaching home economics in the Gothenburg High School.

Tom Delahunty and I were introduced that year, and were married in August 1957. We have three wonderful children. Tom Jr. is maintenance man at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte. He

and his wife, Sonia, have a son, Joe, who is 1½ years old. Jerry is a carpenter in Kearney and has built some beautiful homes. He and his wife, Jody, have two daughters, Jessica who is five years old, and Jenna who is 2½ years old. Kathleen our daughter lives in Topeka, Kansas. She has a degree in computer science. She and her husband Jeff have a son, Shawn who is 2 weeks old.

I took a recess from teaching until our children were in school. Then I was offered a job in a consolidated rural school teaching 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, so I went back to Kearney and got my elementary degree in education. I now teach first grade in Gothenburg.

We have enjoyed farm life until 2½ years ago when we moved to town. Now Tom commutes to the farm instead of me commuting to town. Tom and I go camping and square dance for recreation.

Valetta Hunse Delahunty

Russ Dillon '59 Billings, Montana

Dear Carolyn,
I should first apologize for not having written this sooner. We are (thankfully) again very busy where I work and the evenings and weekends seem to keep slipping away. On the same note, the past thirty years have also sorta' slipped away! I received a letter from Doug Lanham and three other local Class of '59 grads today and it did impact me! "Thirty years!", I thought... "now whereinell did thirty years slide away to?" For some reason, I remembered the words and the tune to our class song - "We've laid around and played around this old school too long, etc."

My wife (Mary Ellen) and I have traveled quite a lot in the past ten or fifteen years and both of us enjoy seeing the country. A large amount of it was thanks to Detroit Diesel... they sent us to Mexico three times, to Disneyworld in Florida, on a cruise ship in the Caribbean and to resorts in Arizona. In May of 1988, we flew to Frankfurt, Germany and toured West Germany, East and West Berlin, Austria, Holland, Belgium, and Denmark.

mark, Sweden and Norway with our youngest daughter (Michelle) and her husband who were then stationed with the Army in Giebelstadt, Germany. We'll probably be broke the rest of our lives but it was worth it! The kids had two cars over there and had everything planned (I think perhaps, two of those countries just might fit inside Montana without touching the border, though!). We're now making plans to take a vacation in the Canadian Rockies this summer or to upstate New York, Vermont and Massachusetts this fall. Only the vacation schedule (and funds!) will tell!

My plans are to be in Arnold on May 27th and I'm anticipating seeing fellow Class of '59 grads and other long-time friends. I've enclosed \$5.00 for dues which must be payable now; (are they still only \$1.00 per year or am I behind the times?) I'd like to thank you and the rest of your officers in the Alumni Association for all of your hard work and the countless hours of your time. I've told many people about our organization and they're always amazed. A special "Thank You" to all of you good people there at "home". See all of you on the 27th!!

Sincerely,
Russ Dillon
Class of 1959

Donna Rae Harwager Story '59

Jim Story

Coon Rapids, Iowa

Dear Carolyn,

It is so hard to believe we graduated 30 years ago but it is true and fast approaching - this May. Hope we can have a real good turnout at the alumni in May. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

All of our kids are gone from home now (never thought the day would come), so Jim and I can kind of do what we want to - when we want to.

Randy, the oldest, and wife Lisa live at Storm Lake, Iowa. Randy works at IBP and Lisa works and is now going to college to be a multi-media teacher.

Brian and wife Jane live at Ellsworth, Iowa where Brian works on a farm and they have a big feedlot.

Kelli Sue and husband Kim live at Story City, Iowa where Kim works for Land of Lakes. He just graduated from Iowa State in December. Kelli is attending Iowa State and has two more years before she gets her degree.

Johnny Joe will be leaving in March for Connecticut where he will be starting a new job in construction of tennis courts.

Bobby is in the Navy and his homeport is San Diego, California.

We also have three granddaughters and expecting our fourth grandchild in July. We talked to Jerry in Alaska and he would like to be here if everything works out for him but is still too early for him to say. Hope to see everyone in May.

As Always,
Donna Rae (Harwager) Story
and Jim Story

Lila Blixt Kitch '59 Borger, Texas

Hello!

I am Lila (Blixt) Kitch. I graduated in 1959. I graduated from Grace College of the Bible in Omaha in 1963. I met Sherman Kitch from Kansas in Omaha and we were married August 1963.

We have three children: Renee is married and a youth pastor's wife in Portland, Oregon. Randy and Robbie are attending our local junior college. Sherman works for Phillips Petroleum Co. and I am a bookkeeper for an office supply in Borger.

God has been really good to us and we find great joy in knowing Him.

Lila Blixt Kitch

Alison Dillon '69

North Platte, Nebraska

Dear Janet,

The class of 1969 graduated May 9th and it sure is hard to believe it's 20 years later. ALREADY! Time really

does pass quickly and I don't feel 38 years old!

The Lord is GOOD and these 20 years have been good ones. I enjoy life.

I've enjoyed keeping in contact with many classmates and am looking forward to hopefully seeing many of them in Arnold at our reunion May 27th.

I've lived in North Platte the last eight years, and am employed at the Stockman Inn.

I'm affiliated with the Berean Fundamental Church. My church family and activities of the church are a big, important part of my life.

Best wishes to all. See you in Arnold May 27th.

Sincerely,
Alison Dillon

Cheryl Ferguson Bouwens '69

Lennox, South Dakota

Dear Carolyn,

My husband, Norman, and I will be attending the banquet this year for the first time since 1974, I believe. For my ten year reunion we were living in Holland, MI and both in school which made coming back not feasible. Now that we are closer to home, I'm excited about getting together with former classmates and friends.

Thank you to the alumni committee for all the work they do behind the scenes to make alumni so memorable for all of us who don't do the work but enjoy the benefits from those who do. You ARE appreciated!

Sincerely,
Cheryl Ferguson Bouwens

Evelyn Blixt Kolb '39

Uniontown, Ohio

Dear Letha Mae,

Thanks for your letter regarding our 50th year. I borrowed the book of letters from the 1938 class while there last summer. Surely enjoyed reading them. At first I thought letters should be in Alumni paper but after reading the book this class distributed, quickly changed my mind. I will be happy to send a letter for you. Hope all classmates will do the same. I would also like to share in any expenses incurred with meetings, etc.

Don't know just when I will arrive for banquet, but when I do, if I can help I would be happy to.

Hope the alumni officers see fit to allow Mary Alice to act as M.C. Anna and I surely enjoyed the program when she performed the last time. Would think it wouldn't be a problem for them to OK this as it would save them a lot of work.

Don't know whether Lou will attend or not. It is so different for him to go back now that Bud is gone. They were such close friends. If I can help in any way from this distance, let me know.

Best Wishes,
Evelyn

Joy Weinman Potter '39

Kearney, Nebraska

Dear Letha Mae,

I received your letter about our 50th year grads. I think the booklet of letters from each one would be wonderful.

I intend to be there. I will be gone to McAllen, Texas after Christmas until about April 1st. I have purchased a trailer home in the same court as my brother, Paul and Marjorie Weinman have and also many other Arnold couples have. The weather will be warm there - also the swimming pool and hot pool is heated all winter long. I would be glad to write a letter for the booklet.

All My Love,
Joy Potter

Francis Clerihan '39

Panama City Beach, Florida

Dear Letha Mae,

Appreciated getting the information for the 1989 reunion and thought I should acknowledge getting same. I have been out of touch for several years. Believe that I wrote Bernadene that I hoped to attend the 50th reunion. However, now am not sure. I



1968: Back row, left to right: Sue Ellen (Larreau) Foster, North Platte; Jeane (Sheets) Breuer, Gothenburg; Nesha (Vian) Brown, North Platte; Karen (Gunter) Furmanski, North Platte; Kathy (Fitzgerald) Fager, Colorado Springs, CO; Brian Olin, Arnold; Ray Croghan, Omaha; Brad Atkins, Arnold. Middle row, left to right: Mike Steele, Arnold; Doug Ferguson, Osceola; Larry Hughes, Craig, Colorado; Margaret Ann (McDonald) Mills, Arnold; Duane Norman, North Platte; Linda (Best) Baker, Akeny, Iowa; Linda (Potter) Kinder, Napa, California. Front row, left to right: Eldon Christensen, Arnold; Dan Witthuhn, Stapleton; Marvin Larsen, Arnold; Patty Watson, Denver, Colorado.

visited North Texas last year during some very bad weather. I contracted double viral pneumonia which in turn caused congestive heart failure. After several weeks in the hospital I lost 42 lbs. Down from 170 lbs. to 128 lbs. Have gained most of the weight back and the doctor predicts full recovery, but the doctor has not released me and I still take some medication. Am not sure that I will be released, so I can travel by May. I own and operate a small business but have sufficient help that I only work when I want to.

It has been many years since I have been in Arnold. I was there for the funeral of my father and later my mother, but recollections of anyone I saw or visited with is quite vague. I do recall that you and I had a visit in Mrs. Conner's house in the early 1960's. I enjoyed that very much.

Getting back to the 50th reunion: the "get together" and booklet of letters sounds fine. By a booklet of letters I guess you mean a letter from each person briefly outlining their life since graduation and what they are doing at present. Believe that would be very interesting. I, for one, have had many different experiences since graduating in 1939.

If I am unable to get there for the reunion, hope to go later in the year and perhaps visit whoever is still around. One thing, if and when I do come I would like to know if the Arnold Hotel is still in operation or if there are any other motels or hotels available.

Hope that this letter is not too long and rambling, and that you are able to read it.

With Very Best Regards,
Francis

Winnie Shaw Johnson '39
Broken Bow, Nebraska

Dear Letha Mae,
I must get an answer to your letter on the way. I guess I just hate to think about how long it has been - but putting it off won't change anything.

I would be willing to write a letter if that is the wishes of the majority. I do intend to be at the banquet at this time. At least there is nothing else on the calendar that might prevent it. I don't know that I completely understand about the book of letters. Are all the letters from the classmates compiled and put into a book? It sounds very interesting but whether or not I want one depends on the cost and what all is included. I don't feel that I can promise to help make plans. I know it puts a burden on those who live in the home town. It would depend on how often we would have to meet etc.

I hope this answers the questions you asked.

Sincerely,
Winnie Johnson

Menada Zoerb Phifer '39
Mason City, Nebraska

Dear Letha Mae,
Your letter reminds me how many calendar sheets have flipped up since we were the Arnold graduates. A lot has happened to each of us since then!!

I hate to make any suggestions, because I know the work always seems to fall on the same faithful workers all the time. However, since you asked I will make the following comments:

Name tags for the 50 year

THANK YOU...

THANKS FOR THE LETTERS ALUMNI!
YOUR TIME IN WRITING MAKES THE
ALUMNI NEWS A PLEASURE TO READ
YEAR AFTER YEAR!

wear the rest of the day at school!
Thank you, Letha Mae, and be sure to let me know if - or what I could do to help - in any way.

As Ever,
Menada

like a booklet or whatever is compiled.

I will make an effort to be at the 50th and do hope to see all of our classmates. Thank you for your efforts.

Your Classmate,
Lloyd

Charles H. Sell '30
Harbor City, California

Dear Carolyn,
Enclosed please find check for \$3 for dues - 1988, 1989, 1990 for the Alumni Association for Charles. Time goes so fast we forget to do these things. He wants to keep his membership as long as he's able.

We hope you have a large attendance for your banquet and get-together. He has always wanted to attend but the year we had definite plans, 1977, circumstances prevented and we didn't get to Arnold until later that year. Now it is impossible. Best wishes to all.

Doris Sell For
Charles H. Sell

Catherine Sprague Verbeck '31
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Carolyn,
You will find my dues enclosed for the year 1988. I will be unable to attend but the year we had definite plans, 1977, circumstances prevented and we didn't get to Arnold until later that year. Now it is impossible. Best wishes to all.

My maiden name was Catherine Sprague. I was in the class of 1931. My brother, Everett, graduated the same year.

We were able to attend our 50th class reunion. That was eight years ago. We certainly enjoyed it.

Everett lost his wife in 1966 from cancer and I lost my husband in 1978 from a rare neurological disease. Everett has never remarried but I remarried in 1986.

Everett had a 5-bypass heart surgery this spring. He has bounced back and is feeling great. We were afraid we were losing him.

Even though he lives in Denver and I in Colorado Springs, we see each other quite often. Our two younger sisters died several years ago. One was 40 years of age and the other was 57.

We are busy and happy with church family, art classes and many activities.

Hello to our class friends,
Catherine

Lloyd Frosh '39
Santa Ana, California

Dear Letha Mae,
It is hard to believe 50 years will soon pass and we are all getting younger.

The booklet of letters sounds great and yes I will write a letter and would

Doris Shaw Chesley '39
Callaway, Nebraska

Dear Letha Mae,
I laid your letter aside - so I'm slow. I'll try to help you with the reunion. I'm so poor about getting to them, but am planning on this one. Let me know what I can do.

Doris C.

Laura Long Chesley '39
Bristol, South Dakota

Dear Letha Mae,
In response to your recent letter, yes, I would be interested in a booklet about our class and we do plan to be there for our 50th reunion.

Since we left Arnold in 1961, life has been rather routine. As worked as a manager and then field rep for Western Dairies for a number of years, then had cattle and farmed some. We are now retired and live on our farm about two miles from town. I retired from the post office several years ago.

We enjoy our two daughters and their families of seven grandchildren very much and stay active in our church. We have made many trips to Arnold over the last 28 years. It is always good to go "home". I am really looking forward to seeing our class again, several I have not seen since we graduated. Fifty years is a long time.

Sincerely,
Laura Long Chesley

Elaine Nelson Martin '39
Hermiston, Oregon

The years have passed swiftly by and now to try and sum up fifty years in a short letter.

After graduation I taught in the rural schools of Nebraska and worked at Sioux Ordnance Depot. I married a home town boy, Clarence Martin. We moved to Oregon in 1961 and Clarence worked for the U.P. Railroad. We have one son, Frank, who is in the U.S. Air Force. We are enjoying "Retirement years", good health and keep busy with different activities.

Yes, we plan on attending the Alumni Banquet and looking forward to renewing old acquaintances with old friends and making new ones.

Elaine Nelson Martin

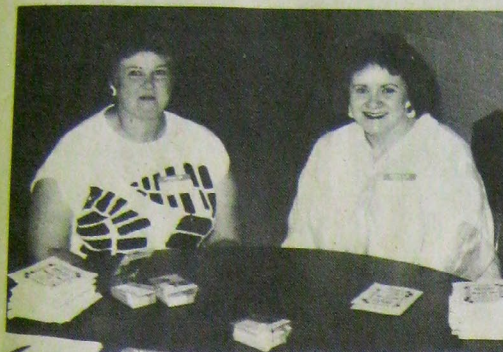


Tad Geiser '86, Norman Andre '87, Skipper Koubek '87, and Ryan Geiser '87.

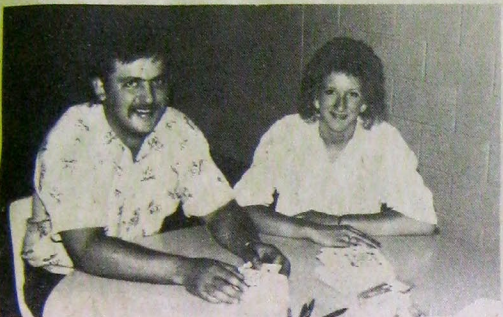


1978: Back row, left to right: Kirk Crawley, Broken Bow; Kent Kilmer, Oxnard, California; Carol Crosland, Omaha; Phyllis (Mackley) Ramm, North Platte; Kent Chrisp, Auburn; Roger Gracey, Lexington. Middle row, left to right: Ben da (Snyder) Crow, Arnold; Randy Clouse, North Platte. Front row, left to right: David Bean, Eustis; Kerry Barnes, Lexington; Todd Smith, Arnold; Brenda (Collier) Shinn, Gibbon.

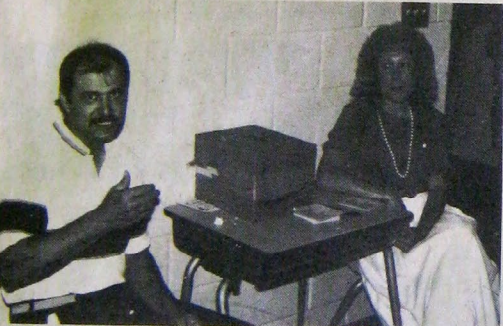
HELPING OUT AT THE BANQUET...



Caro (Keyser) Lehmkuhler '72 and Alison Dillon '69.



Ted Bassett '79 and Chris Bassett.



Tim Olin '65 and Christy (Preston) Olin '76.

In Honor Of Departed Alumni

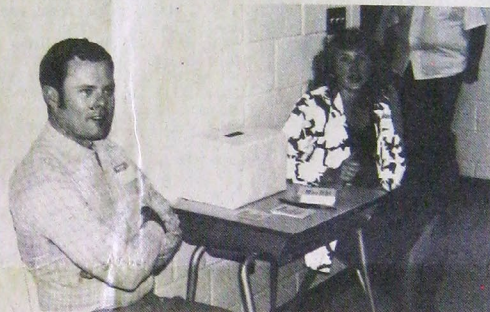
Betty Jameson 1942
Randy Anderson 1985
Anna Ondrak Marrs 1957
Stanley Iiams 1934
Mildred Burnham 1933
Katherine Dailley Armstrong 1953
Jessie Lindell Bartley 1929
Iva McCandless Dailey 1929

TO A FRIEND

You entered my life in a casual way,
And saw at a glance what I needed;
There were others who passed me or met me each day
But never a one of them heeded.
Perhaps you were thinking of other folks more,
Or chance simply seemed to decree it;
I know there were many such chances before,
But the others - well, they didn't see it.

You said just the thing that I wished you would say,
And you made me believe that you meant it;
I help up my head in the old gallant way,
And resolved you should never repent it.
There are times when encouragement means such a lot,
And a word is enough to convey it;
There were others who could have, as easy as not -
But, just the same, they didn't say it.

There may have been someone who could have done more
To help me along, though I doubt it;
What I needed was cheering, and always before
They had let me plod onward without it.
You helped to refashion the dream of my heart,
And made me turn eagerly to it.
There were others who might have (I question that part) -
But, after all, they didn't do it!
Grace Stricker Dawson



Bob Conner '72 and Renae Conner.



Mark and Cindy (Sheets) Preston '79.

Frieda Wolverton Paine '29
Auburn, California

Dear Ruth,
Thanks for the note - it sure doesn't seem like 60 years since graduation day.

My plans are to attend the banquet May 27th. I'd like to bring two guests if permitted - my daughter and granddaughter.

I hope there is a KOA campground near as travel will be in the motor home. If not, no problem as it is self contained.

Yes, I remember you - you had a twin brother named Roy. I think you lived up Gandy way so we weren't well acquainted - right?

What do I do about the price of the tickets - how much and should they be prepaid? If I do not hear from you again will presume the tickets can be paid upon arrival. Thanks - see you soon.

Frieda Paine

Byrne F. Horn '29
Denver, Colorado

Dear Ruth,
I hope I can make it for THE 60TH but right now I am not sure I can.

I am still single and still living in Denver. I am retired and living off of UNCLE SAM.

I have just moved again and my new address is: 9850 Federal Blvd., Number 6, Denver, CO 80221.

Hope to see you all on May 27th but that is just a maybe.

Sincerely,
Byrne F. Horn

Beulah Simpson Upton '29
Hemet, California

Dear Ruth,
Thank you for sending the card reminding me that our class of 1929 will be celebrating sixty years since we left dear old Arnold High, to go our different ways to see what we could achieve to help make our country a better place to live. I hope we have done our part well.

Some have been happy times and some sorrowful. The ones we have lost were sorrowful to me, the latest being Iva Dailey.

We had planned on making the trip to Nebraska together in May, but the good Lord had other plans and took her home on January 2, 1989, very suddenly. I still plan to come, but it will be alone now.

Al is almost blind and other health problems. I've had both eyes operated on without the success I had hoped for. It is hard for me to write, as you can see. So we've had our share of health problems.

We've had a cold, dry winter here. We're so short of moisture, but not of people still flocking in here. Not enough room.

We were happy to have Geo. and Bernice Halstead stop by to see us. Also Betty's husband and daughter. Always glad to see folks from home.

I will be looking forward to seeing everyone. I always enjoy the alumni banquets. I've missed three since '29.

So "Hats Off" to all of you there that make this possible every year. It is a lot of hard work and we say "thank you", very much. Looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,
Beulah (Simpson) Upton

Borgia Pickrel Kruser '29
Cove, Oregon

Dear Ruth,
Thanks for the card of alumni information.

Well, to begin, I am going to be 78 years of age in April if the Lord decides to keep me around. My lifestyle is very simple. We have not did much traveling, except short one day rides. Have been to L.A. several times to see Harold's sister and family - and to Roseville where our one daughter lives. Our other four kids live in Oregon. We have five grandkids in California. All married except



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Melva (Scott) Phillips '73 and John Phillips '70 greet alumni.



Kim Strasburg '74, Terry Mills '75, Dena (Weinman) Mills '83, and Anelita Strasburg.

cept one grandson. One grandson in Spokane, Washington in the Air Force; one in Beaverton, Oregon; one teaching in or near Portland. One here near Medford. Fourteen all total, and nine great-grandkids.

We live in S. Cove and have for 25 years. Our 3rd daughter is a nurse and works at a big hospital in Medford. Our youngest girl works also for the Federal Credit Union in Medford. They both live out in the country. Our



Debbie (Bean) Brosius '75 entertains at the program.

one and only son works for a big lumber mill. We attend a community church in a rural setting. All four kids are born again Christians, and are involved in church affairs. We live near an adult trailer park and I visit several elderly people about every week. I do lots of letter writing. I write to Beulah Simpson Upton at least about three times a year. She is not too well. Too bad about Iva (McCandless) Dailey. She had planned to attend the alumni. Not sure if I will be there or not, it's all up to the Lord. We attended the weddings of three of our grandsons this last summer, one in May, one in August, and one in October.

We've had a lot of snow this winter, besides rain earlier, and very cold this last week. First real cold in winter for several years. We needed the rain and especially the snow in the

mountains, to fill streams and water for irrigation next summer.

We have a good well, but the water level was low last summer, and some wells went dry. I'm just recovering from a bout with sinus infection, and I guess a touch of flu or whatever that is going around. If I think of

something that you might be interested in, I will relay it to Ruby Barrett in my next letter to her. Hope all is well with you and yours. I saw in the paper of Alice Giles and her son, Stanley's visit to the Arnold area.

As Ever,
Your Friend Borgia



Dorothea (McClure) Hill '34 and Doug Ferguson '68.



"The future's so bright we've got to wear shades." Scott Cool, Mike Davenport, Phil Koubek and Ted Bubak were some of the members of the Class of 1988 attending their first banquet.



Darrell Crow '53, Ronnie Bean, and Elvin Kilmer '52.



Ardis (Bassett) Roth '44, Cliff Furmansk, and Charles Roth. Ardis and Charles have been active in many programs through the years.

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