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Master of Ceremonies Jerry Ahrens speaks with Peggy (Beltz) Bowman '17, the oldest alumni present at the 1990 banquet.

## Over Six-Hundred Enjoy 1990 Alumni Banquet & Program

Darlene Rimpley

Why does a person "come home" to Arnold for an alumni banquet? It could be for the meal - the 1990 banquet featured baked steaks with mushroom gravy. Or it could be the program which follows. Maybe they are hoping to win one of the numerous door prizes that are donated by local business people. I suppose it could even be the dance that follows.

All of the above are part of a great Arnold Alumni Banquet without a doubt. But the very best part - the part that leaves warm feelings and good memories are the people. Shaking hands with Roy Blix of Ord, and hearing him say it is so good to come home to attend the alumni. To have David and Ardelle (Dillon) Sheets of Loveland, Colorado stop and visit not once, but twice. To look across the auditorium and see Harvey Brown getting a hug from a pretty young lady. To get to visit with Hazel Atkins from North Platte, and see half a row of Atkins' setting in front of me. To watch the honored 50 year and 60 years alumni having such a great time. To have a small reunion with my own classmates, Margaret Lilly Jensen of Cozad and Wes Larreau of Arnold, as we looked ahead to our big 40 in '92. The feelings I've just related are certainly not expressed according to proper English as taught to us by Ruth Winfield, but I know that similar feelings could be multiplied by the 600 guests that attended the 1990 alumni gathering.

Vice-president Genevieve Collier was in charge of the meal, which was enjoyed by 500 people. Besides all of the alumni members and their spouses who help in the serving, a number of underclassmen

volunteered to carry trays, serve the drinks and clean up, and their help is much appreciated.

John McDonald, 1990 Alumni President, kept the pre-program time moving by giving away a number of door prizes.

Pat Derting Crow, Winnie Shaw Johnson and Dorothy Larreau held a lovely memorial for deceased alumni members.

Jerry Ahrens, class of 1947, and Master of Ceremonies for this year, did a great job of entertaining the crowd as he shared some of his memories of Model-A Fords and former classmates.

The honored classes introduced themselves and as we listened to all of the towns and states they named as home, we realized how strong the alumni ties are.

The class of 1930 had five members present: Margaret Root Conley, Lowell Watkins and Howard Simrus, all of Arnold, Willa Phifer Brummett of Ventura, California, and Ray McCandless of North Platte.

The class of 1940, which had 37

graduates, had 20 of the 30 still living in attendance. They came from Arizona, California, Idaho, Illinois, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, four from Nebraska, other than Arnold, and nine from Arnold.

The class of '50 took honors for

returning attendance with 17 out of 23

graduates being present, with two deceased.

There were 15 (out of 20) members of the class of '60, 22 out of 33 living (two deceased) in '70, and nine out of 30 of the class of '80. The newest alumni members, class of '90, had all but one of their members in attendance - seven out of eight graduates.

Peggy Beltz Bowman, class of 1917, claimed honors for being the earliest graduate present, but Myron Smith, '18, was also there.

Chris Olin Holst of San Diego, California and Willa Brummett of Los Angeles, California seemed to claim the farthest distance award.

Then it was time for "Late Night Court". Joy Crow, vice-president, directed this program which gave us a good idea of the caliber of education gained at Arnold High. The honorable Judge (Denny Conner) presided over the court which had Rich and Kim Beshler as opposing attorneys, Debbie (Bean) Brosius, Gary Crow and Jim Long as officers of the court, and an assorted crew of offenders, including Ralph and Karla Nansel, Kent DeLoach, Gary Mills, Brad Atkins, Pam Lamberty Long, and Penny Crow Strasburg. Denny Geiser, Melva Phillips and the Dancing Raisins (which I didn't recognize) made up the rest of the able cast.

Officers for 1990 will be: President, Gary Larreau; 1st vice-president (program) Karla Cole Rockwell; and 2nd vice-president (meal) Jo Johnson Crow. Janet Olson Blowers is in her second year of a three year term as secretary-treasurer. It was also voted to raise yearly alumni dues to \$2.00.

A dance, with music by Terry Fales, followed the program. Yep! An Arnold Alumni Banquet is many things, but most of all the people.

### Class Of 1991

A.H.S.'s Class of 1991 will present their senior picture composite and will become official alumni members at this year's banquet. Second generation alumni are identified by 1) father is alum, and 2) mother is alumna.

Colleen Renee Anat - 1 & 2

Melissa E. Curns

Lynette Kay Christensen - 1

Bonnie Lee Koubek - 1

Andrew Jay Schwartz

Dustin Brent Mills - 1

Roger Lee Fox

Jesse I. Halstead - 1

Corina Lynn Carlson

Michael Reed Flint - 2

Heidi Lea Michalski

Mary Louise Fox

Marty L. Gracey - 1 & 2

Connie Dee Koubek - 1

Lana Marie Anderson - 1

Shane Patrick Winder

Ricky John Schmidt

Lisa Marie Vickers

Susan K. Fox

Loriann Marie Christensen - 1 & 2

Tera Lynn Barrett

Eight On Ballot For  
Election Of New Officers

Alumni will cast their ballots for 1992 officers at the banquet Saturday evening. The eight individuals running for office are:

PRESIDENT:

Terry Fales ..... 1968

Paul Phillips ..... 1973

Kent DeLoach ..... 1986

1ST VICE PRESIDENT (program):

Denny Geiser ..... 1956

Tim Rosenthal ..... 1979

Karla Nansel ..... 1958

2ND VICE PRESIDENT (banquet):

Jeane Sheets Breuer ..... 1968

Ronda Flint Snyder ..... 1984

Thanks For The  
Letters, Alumni!

Once again, thanks for the letters, alumni! Your letters are read and enjoyed by so many alumni that we'll be able to join in the fun this year. Over and over, they write how much they look forward to the annual newsletter, and your letters are the reason why.

## Mike McDonald To MC 1991 Alumni Program

Master of Ceremonies for the 1991 Arnold Alumni Program will be Mike McDonald of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mike is a 1980 graduate of Arnold High School. He attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, graduating in May, 1990, with a Journalism degree with a major in Broadcasting.

Mike worked for Great Plains Communications, Inc. during the summers of 1987 to 1989.

He began working at S.R.J./Gallop in March, 1990, as a Marketing Interviewer and continued working there as a Supervisor of Consumer Interviewing after graduating from college.

Mike is an avid sports fan and a member of Theta XI and AER Broadcast Fraternities.

He is the son of John ('62) and Deanna McDonald of Arnold, and the



fiance of Sheryll Samson of York, Nebraska.

## Welcome From The President

Hello, Arnold Alumni. It's once again time for the festivities of Alumni and Memorial Day weekend. The plans made so far look to make for another great time. All of the officers and committees have done a fine job of fulfilling their duties to provide for a fun-filled, gala event. A big thank you to all who are involved in this!

At this point, a special thank you to the nominating committee of Rhonda (Snyder) Crow '78, Karla (Olson) Nansel '58, and Dennis Conner '69, and the nominees for next year. Their efforts will help keep our alumni one of the best around.

We have what I believe to be the youngest master of ceremonies ever to preside at the program - Mike McDonald, class of 1985. (Thanks Mike, let's have fun). It's good to see the young bucks get right into the thick of things.

Also, the program sounds like it should be great, headed up by Karla (Cole) Rockwell '73. Arnold High...Remembering - what a musical event this should be! (And, "Oh, my, what fashions will they wear?")

The banquet, headed up by our own Jo (Johnson) Crow '80, is set to be one

of the tastiest to be served. This should help hungry alumni get through the program and dancing the night away.

By the way, dance music will be provided by Terry Fales again this year, due to the fact that he does such a fine job. Terry says an alfresco dance will be a possibility, provided we don't get wet. Keep your fingers crossed - it seems to always rain a little that evening.

A big thanks to Janet (Olson) Blowers '54 for keeping all of the books in order, and details in mind. What a fine job she does.

And yes, oh yes, I can't forget The Alumni News editor, Janet (Cole) Larreau '78, also a big help to me in a lot of the other details and duties of mine. Be sure and give her a big thank you when you see her that evening. Much appreciated, and well deserved.

In closing, I'd like to say that I hope to see many alumni return this year, so as to make Mike and myself as nervous as possible for the big event! I hope that all who plan to attend can do so without unexpected surprises. Come, and enjoy!

Gary Larreau '78

## Banquet Menu

The following menu will be prepared by Vice President Jo (Johnson) Crow and helpers, and will be served from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.; ticket price will be \$5.00 per person:

Sliced Roast Beef

Au Gratin Potatoes

Green Beans

Jello Salad

Dinner Roll & Butter

Pudding Dessert

Ice Tea or Coffee

## Terry Fales To Provide Music For Dance

Terry Fales will again provide music for the alumni dance, playing music for all ages and tastes. The dance will be held from 10:00 - 1:00, and admission will be \$2.50 for singles and \$4.00 per couple. The location will be announced following the program.

## Paying Dues Ahead Saves Money & Time

We want to take this means of thanking those alumni that pay their dues ahead of time. It helps save money in printing and mailing post cards, and it saves the secretary/treasurer's time.

Thanks also to those who inform us of deceased alumni and address changes. The few minutes you take to inform us of changes helps more than you know.

## Donation Box To Be Set Up At Banquet

Each year, many alumni generously contribute to the Association through a donation box set up at the banquet. This box will again be set up and the money will be used to help cover costs of extra purchases made in the future.

See inside for alumni letters...

Arnold Alumni Association  
INVITES YOU TO COME "HOME"  
MAY 25, 1991

## Alumni Association 1990 Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$2,150.00
	- INCOME -
Dues	802.00
Meal Tickets	2,405.00
Directories	93.00
Donations	34.50
Dance	408.50
Postage	27.00
Sale of Food	44.75
Pictures	111.00
Total	3,925.75
	- EXPENSES -
Sales Tax	89.08
Post Cards	138.75
Postage	200.40
Advertising & Printing	439.85
Dance	225.00
Pictures	163.78
P.O. Box	10.00
Food & Food Supplies	1,729.76
Kitchen Labor	255.80
Janitor & Sec.	175.00
Flowers	156.52
Bad Check	11.00
Total	3,594.94
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$2,480.81

### 1921 Graduate Writes Of Long & Happy Life

Sidney Benson Whaley was born in Brown Valley of the Seven Valleys (Callaway) on 2-20-04, the third child (of 13) of Earl and Gertrude (Nansel) Whaley.

I attended school through the eleventh grade at the Sand Valley School in the Sand Valley community of rural Callaway. Upon completion of the eleventh grade, I, along with an older brother Lynn, attended our senior year at Arnold High School where we graduated with the Class of 1934.

After graduation from high school, I went to Grand Island School of Business for one year. During this year at Business School, I worked as a Clerk for the Clayton Pharmacy and also delivered prescription drugs on a bicycle. Lynn also worked for the same drug store driving a dray wagon.

After one year in Grand Island, I went back to the Sand Valley community and worked for my parents on the farm for a couple of years.

When I was about 21 years old, I went to Omaha and worked in another drug store for a time and tried some other minor jobs - selling clothing, etc. After that, I obtained employment at the American Railway Express Agency as a Shipping Clerk, Freight Hauler and Platform Worker.

I was also the guard on the money wagon at times. There were times I even worked on Sundays, loading wagons so they would be ready for early deliveries on Monday morning. I also drove the wagons on occasion, making deliveries.

About the time I was leaving my employment at the American Railway Express Agency in Omaha, Walt Weaver, pharmacist in Callaway, asked me to go to work in his drug store. Walt was obviously aware of experience I had gained through my employment in Grand Island and Omaha. However, I was again needed at my parent's farm, so returned to help them out.

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Beverley and husband Bill Fellers live in Lexington, have two sons, Bill III and John. I have two great-grandchildren in this part of my family - Kristen and William Fellers IV.

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### Honored Class Letters

Lowell Mills '31  
Arnold, Nebraska

Dear Mary,  
Just a line to let you know that we plan on meeting at the cafe for a noon meal and get together, and then go to the banquet in the evening.

Our family consists of three boys: Gary, Donald and Lester and their families. They all live in the Arnold community.

I want to take this means to thank the people, who have worked so hard to make the Alumni the great success that it is over the years.

See you all at the banquet.  
Lowell Mills

Susan Hutchins VanSickle '31  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Mary:  
Thank you, Mary, for your letter about the report of 60 years. Well, where have the years gone??

I brought into this world four beautiful healthy babies. Two oldest girls graduated from high school at Edmond, Oklahoma. We had moved there, so my husband could work in a defense plant during World War II. He helped make the C-47 plane for Douglas - The Work Horse Plane.

It would be fun to get reacquainted again.

I'm enclosing an article from "New Horizons", a paper for senior citizens. You may find it interesting.

Best wishes to all,  
Susan Hutchins VanSickle

NOTE: Harold Soderlund is husband of Bash Perkins, a classmate from the Arnold High School Class of 1931. Bash passed away about ten years ago.

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MEMBER ESTABLISHES A  
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manager and part owner of KFAB and founder of KOOG (now KESY) in Omaha. Since 1958, the Lincoln native has been president of the Soderlund Company, an advertising representation firm. His company has sold radio and television advertising and produced programs, like "The Martha Bohlson show."

My husband has been gone 17 years, but I have kept myself busy making apple butter, which I love, crocheting afghans, then giving them away, going to quilt at church, laughing and trying to stay out of mischief. Yes, going down river with friends in a canoe, getting dumped into the river, going horseback riding with granddaughter Charleen or on long walks. At present, March 9th, I'm with Bonnie trying to regain my strength after surgery. So, when will I be back in Arnold? Not sure when the doctor will release me. I have enjoyed life a great deal. God has been so good to me. Looking forward to May 25 at the Green Room.

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I still live alone. You might write me and let me know how all turns out. I went to country school with Nellie Twist a short while.

Sincerely,

Ethel (Kelly) Andre

(Continued from page two)

Rosie Rader Corbin, Kennesburg, Colorado; Mona Sargent Crow, Arnold; Carolyn Cole Geiser, Holdrege; Betty Bean Cole, Arnold; Jerry Dillon, Mandan, North Dakota. Second row, l-r: George Hardin, Wichita, Kansas; Pat Hickenbottom Boucher, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Sunbeam Oman Swanson, Arnold; Donna Leach Paden, Elkhorn; Kathryn Crow Henry, Callaway; Betty Peterson Schuster, Callaway; David Sheets, Loveland, Colorado; Back row, l-r: Paul Rosenthal, Arvada, Colorado; Joe Giles, San Jose, California; Dale Anderson, Morrison, Colorado; Kenny Nansel, Arnold; Bill Hennan, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Washington.

Cathering Sprague Verbeck '31

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Mary:

How nice to hear from you. It was nice also to hear those familiar names of long ago - Thressa, Freda, and Lowell.

Everett, I, and my husband are planning to come. We will also come to the noon meal at the Model Cafe in Arnold.

We plan to do as we did ten years ago (how time flies) at our 50th. We stayed in North Platte. We do not know anything about motels, hotels, etc., in Arnold.

I hardly know what to say about my family. There are many and far flung from one coast to another: three children, eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Sincerely,

Mary F. Tryon

P.S. John's brother, Bob Tryon, a member of the Class of 1931, died March 17, 1991. After graduation in 1931, Bob attended college at Kearney three years. He married Martha Melick June 4, 1939. He served in the army in World War II in both Europe and Korea. He was an R.E.A. electrical engineer several years, an Allis-Chalmers dealer in Durango, Colorado, a few years. Then he was employed as estimator for Bechtel Electric in Los Angeles for a number of years. The last five years before retirement, he was coordinator for Bechtel in constructing the power plant at Page, Arizona. He and Martha have two sons and two grandchildren. Since retiring, they have been living at Tucson, Arizona.

In our return, we are enjoying the best of the world - the warmer climate of Arizona and Big Wonderful Wyoming. We are grateful to a loving God who has met our every need, including the healing and recovery to Lynn following open-heart surgery in the summer of 1990.

We plan to attend the Alumni dinner and look forward to seeing all of you May 25th.

Sincerely,

Helen Harper

P.S. My sister, Ethel, the class of 1931 married Guy Simpson in 1939. A little girl, Treva, was born to them.

Ethel died in July 1943 from heart failure caused by rheumatic fever she suffered when we were juniors in high school. Treva lives in Spokane, Wyoming and works as a secretary

in a very progressive era.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you.

Sincerely,

Cathering (Sprague) Verbeck

Opal (Koenig) Georgian Redding, California

A note from Opal (Koenig)

Georgian of 1931 Bechelle Lane, Redding, California 96002 informs us that

Lenore Leonard Hopkins '41

North Platte, Nebraska

Following graduation I taught rural school for three years. After my third term, I decided I wanted to try something different and moved to Grand Island.

In 1945 I married Frank Hopkins, from Boston, Mass. He had completed his tour of duty overseas and was stationed at the Air Force Base in Grand Island.

We decided to make our home in Nebraska. Two years later we moved to North Platte and started our own business.

By this time we had started our family: three sons and one daughter.

In 1957, I began working for Safeway Stores, Inc. and retired from this job in 1983.

Frank and I were divorced in 1963. Needless to say, the following years were very busy, raising a family of four by myself and holding down a full-time job.

My children were wonderful and all are doing very well in their chosen careers. Also I have been blessed with two grandsons and three granddaughters.

I am enjoying retirement, but still keep busy...taking trips and not having to rush home to a job.

Am looking forward to seeing my classmates and friends at the banquet.

Sincerely yours,  
Lenore Hopkins

Sarah Simms Peterson '41

Arnold, Nebraska

After graduation from Arnold High School in 1941, Sarah attended college at Kearney, then Kearney State Teachers College. While teaching in the Grand Island schools, she and Jim Peterson met. Married at Arnold, they then lived in Vancouver, Washington and Evanston, Wyoming.

In 1954 they thought Nebraska looked pretty good and moved to the ranch north of Arnold where they now live. Their two children, Carol (Leach) class of '69 and Roger, class of '71 and their families live in the Arnold area.

Since retirement, Jim and Sally joined the ranks of those enjoying RVing and spend much of their time on the road. Winter finds them in Apache Junction, Arizona and in summer Good Sam activities, as well as other camping clubs, take them to many parts of this great country of ours where they seem always to find something else of interest.

Don Erikson '41

Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Friends:

Darline and I plan to be back for the banquet this year.

We left Arnold in 1951 to join Mobil Oil Company. After many moves and several oil companies, I joined Gates Rubber Co. in 1966 I took a "buy out" and early retirement from Gates, rather than move again. Two weeks later I decided I had flunked Retirement 101 and joined John Day Co. in Omaha as Product Manager. I will be retiring from this job on 2/28/91. I will probably be doing some part time consulting work and some traveling in the future. Darline retired from the Aluminum Company of America a few years ago.

We look forward to renewing old acquaintances in Arnold in May.

Sincerely,  
Don Erikson

Helen Jacobson Koch '41

Shickley, Nebraska

Classmates:

In the fall after graduation I went to California for about 6 months, then returned and went to Omaha to the Capitol Beauty School where I became a licensed cosmetologist in October 1942, and worked in the Wiles Mar Beauty Salons in Broken Bow until I married my husband, Kenneth Koch of Shickley August 19, 1944. Kenneth was in the army at the time so we were in Delaware and Missouri. After his discharge in 1945 we returned to Nebraska and lived on the Koch farm north of Shickley for the next 43

years.

I never returned to the beauty business, but became a full-time housewife, mother and helper at whatever I was needed.

We were blessed with two sons, Keith and Kurt, and one daughter, Kay, and 10 grandchildren. Keith is a carpenter and lived at Merna about 15 years. He and his family returned to Shickley and they live on the Koch farm. Kurt and his family live in Grand Island and he is associated with Roche Drug Company, and was formerly a physician's assistant. Kay and her family live near Sacramento, California where she practices her nursing and is an Endocrinologist Therapist.

On July 31, 1988 we retired into Shickley and plan to spend the rest of our days here. We are both very active in our church, community and school. We attend senior citizen exercises three mornings a week trying to keep our good health; and also walk 1-3 miles a day.

With God's blessing, we hope to be able to celebrate our 50 years of marriage in 1994.

Lula M. Hopkins Zierlein '41

Lewellen, Nebraska

Dear Arnold Alumni:

My business here at Lake McConaughy keeps me very busy but I enjoy the real estate business and all the great people I work with. When I think of retiring I ask myself why, so don't plan on doing so in the very near future.

My home is overlooking the lake on one side and the sandhills on the other so I have no reason to go looking for a nice place to live. Many people come here to retire and it is an active community.

My children are in Nebraska, Wyoming, New Mexico and Iceland and I visit them all at least once a year, so do a lot of traveling. Even went to Luxembourg and Germany in December when I went to Iceland for Christmas.

When I am not working or traveling I keep active with Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development and Tourism in the area.

I have this year's banquet on my calendar so will see you then.

Sincerely,  
Lula M. Zierlein

Tressie Hartman Garner '41

Will try to be at the banquet this year since it will be 50 years for our class of 1941.

Sincerely,  
Tressie Hartman Garner

Arlene Johnson Eastburn '51

Temecula, California

Hil Gaylene,

Thank you for the invitation for supper in your home on Friday, May 24th. We do plan to be in Arnold and will be pleased to accept your invitation. We had such a good time when we were all together on our 30th. (Doesn't seem like that has been 10 years.) Bay how time flies.

When we came back for our 30th, Melvin, Dean and their wives, and Tommy and I flew back together. I've been wondering if they plan to go this time? I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. I'm sure none of us have aged and will look just like we did 40 years ago. Ha! I know three or four years ago I didn't recognize Barbara (McMahon) Westman. That wasn't because she had changed so much, it was my memory.

Love,  
Arlene

Margie Thompson Shepler '51

Kearney, Nebraska

To my classmates of the class of 1951:

Where have the last 40 years gone? Doesn't seem too long we had our 30th, but time goes faster when we start to get older. Ha! Will try and bring you up to date what has happened good and bad since I saw you 10 years ago. My husband had a heart attack and died in bed in November 1984 and I was in the hospital at the time with bronchial asthma. This was a shock



Class of 1960: Front row, l-r: Mark Larreau, Arnold; Jo Johnson Crow, Arnold; Cindy Crow, Denver, Colorado; Suzanne Sanford Kinghorn, Arnold. Back row, l-r: Jody Strasburg, Arnold; John Kilmer, Independence, Missouri; Marsha Simpson Grant, Arnold; Troy Tickle, North Platte; Karen Fox Main, Stapleton.

as he had not been sick.

Kay and family live in Wilcox so get to see them fairly often. Keith lives in Kent, Washington by Seattle; Karen is still in Kearney and Kristy in Fairbury. Kay, Karen and families and my friend and I went to Fairbury this last Sunday for Kristy's boy's first birthday and had a great day. Keith's boy and Karen's boy are three weeks apart and started to kindergarten this year.

I am manager at the Green Stamp store and have been there 10 years.

I am still active with my Rebekah Lodge work and belonged to that 40 years this year also.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone May 25th and see how many faces we can't put names with.

Sincerely,  
Margie (Thompson) Shepler

Richard D. Lipp '41

North Platte, Nebraska

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Arlene Johnson Eastburn '51

Temecula, California

Hil Gaylene,

Thank you for your kind invitation. We will not be able to get there Friday, but will try to be there Saturday, May 25th, hopefully in the afternoon.

After many years in northern Wyoming, we are now in northeastern Colorado. We still miss Wyoming but are glad to be closer to family and friends.

We really enjoy the location.

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## Lasting Advice To Avoid Lost Last Times...

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following article first ran in the North Platte Telegraph February 18, 1974, and over the years readers have requested more copies of this column than any other. The writer of this beautiful piece is Mary Ann Morton Koch, a 1951 graduate of Gandy High School. She has written the Telegraph's Dear People column for 20 years. I was one of many touched by this article, and have kept it tucked away. As alumni gather in May to mark the passing of time and to remember friends and loved ones who have passed away, it is only fitting to share it with all of you.

So many good things happen for the last time and you don't even realize it until much later when you begin to feel an empty place where something once was.

For instance, the last time for holding your youngster on your lap and cuddling or comforting them comes and goes without trumpets or fanfare and you never know that it was for the last time.

The last conversation with your parents comes and goes and too late you realize it was the last time and there was so much you didn't ever say.

You touch the hand of a friend in fond farewell for the last time never knowing that fate will intervene and the friendship is but a memory of someone dear to you.

For the last time you are filled with the bubbling joy, vitality and vigor that goes with youth.

For the last time you look into the eyes of a child and see the innocence. The next time you look, the eyes are a little guarded and knowing.

For the last time you dream a dream, only to put it aside, not knowing that you will never believe in it again.

For the last time you share coffee and conversation with a friend and then because of circumstances, or a misunderstanding or something hurtful that someone said, it never happens again.

For the last time all of the family is together under one roof for a holiday dinner and the next time a chair is vacant forever.

Even the disquieting things that happen for the last time leave a void. Like the last time you get up in the middle of the night to comfort a frightened youngster.

Who ever knew that the last bittersweet kiss of young love was the last kiss before he or she found someone new?

Perhaps it is the measure of God's love for us that we often do not know when we have walked a pathway for the last time. Perhaps it is to be more pain than the heart could bear to know.

Perhaps it is a mark of maturity that more and more things are happening for the last time. Perhaps it is a part of adjusting to life to replace each last time with a first time for something new.

Perhaps we should strive to live in such a way and with such fulfillment that we have no regrets when we realize we have turned the last page for the last time in that particular book.

But to live that way, with no regrets for the word of sympathy withheld, the surge of love denied, the helping hand unextended, the encouraging look concealed - to live with no regrets takes so much giving of oneself that few are equal to the challenge.

How marvelous it is to meet that rare person who knows that to give of one's store of love in no way diminishes the supply that is left for sharing with others.

Perhaps in each encounter we should share enough of ourselves that we have no regrets if we are unknowingly touching that person's life for the last time.

### IN HONOR OF DEPARTED ALUMNI

The following alumni have passed away since the 1990 edition of The Alumni News:

Warren Alexander ..... 1916

Bernice Davis McCullough ..... 1918  
Persis Tubb ..... 1922  
Melvin Goodenow ..... 1927  
Mrs. Glen Pinkston ..... 1927

(Althea Snyder)

Kathryn (Jones) Claudson ..... 1928

John Tryon ..... 1928

Robert Tryon ..... 1931

Mrs. Arnold Anderson ..... 1934

(Phyllis Bailey)

Mrs. William Hill ..... 1934

(Dorothy McClure)

Wilbur Purcell ..... 1938

Marvin Clinebell ..... 1944

Mrs. Carl Glaze ..... 1945

(Bernice Shields)

Mrs. Al Johnson ..... 1947

(Lucille Teahan)

Jon Davenport ..... 1963

### DECEASED HONORED CLASS ALUMNI

1921: Charlotte Croghan (Mrs. Lynn Whaley), Amie Gilbert,

Garland Harrell, Theresa Melton (Mrs. Herb Johnson), May Mills

(Mrs. Lewis Oldson), Howard Ryan,

Viola Shaw (Mrs. Dewey Hagler),

Lynn Whaley.

1931: Herbert Beckler, Grace

(Klump) Hammond, Marguerite

(Main) Williams, Archie Nansel,

Bash Perkins (Mrs. Harold

Soderland), Robert Tryon, Donald

VanWormer, Ernest Vogel, Ethel

Widholm (Mrs. Guy Simpson).

1941: Betty Brewer, Donnel

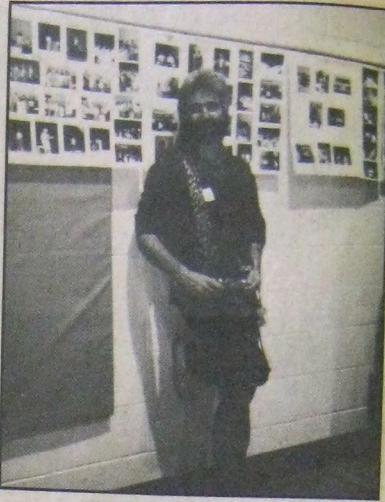
DeLosh, Alvin Koubek, Harold

Phifer, Harry Weber.

1951: Donna Belle Castle (Mrs. Ralph Williamson), Bill McCandless.

1961: Jim Anderson.

1971: Dale Wehman



Photographer Rick Beshale '71.

### Notes From Alumni...

Vivian Johnson Steele '33, writes that she would love to be able to attend the banquet, but is unable to travel this far anymore. She looks forward to the paper, and hopes that everyone has a nice banquet and program.

Margaret Ann Morris Durch '47, is looking forward to the annual paper, and hopes to make it to her 45th.

James M. Clegg '31, writes that he will not be able to attend the alum-

ni celebration this year. Family obligations, etc., make it impossible.

Bonnie A. (Simpson) Upton '29, of San Marcos, California, writes that if health permits, she plans to attend this year's banquet. She appreciates the few people who keep the banquet going and says God bless all of you for all of your hard work.

Beverly Horn Townsend '53 won't be able to make it to the banquet this year, but hopes to one of these years. She now lives at Harbor City, California. Her husband, Gene, passed away in May of 1990. Her two sons, Craig and Brian, and their families live close by. Her daughter, Terri, lives in Gypsum, Colorado. Beverly has five grandchildren - all "great kids".

Mildred Lucille Butler Carter '35  
Boise, Idaho

Dear Janet:

As of now we are not sure if we can make it to the Banquet or not, but will let you know.

We have enjoyed the news letter so much and look forward to it each year.

Appreciate all the work you do to make this occasion possible.

Sincerely,  
Lucille Carter

Donald E. Pearson '44  
Farmington, New Mexico

Dear Janet:

I am not sure if we will get to the banquet this year. I guess it is too early to know. We were quite busy last year with our business and this year looks good so far. But getting together with all our friends is quite an attraction. I am quite proud of Arnold for the way they keep the Alumni Association going. When you talk with other people about their hometowns you realize not very many make such a production as Arnold.

Sincerely,  
D.E. Pearson

Kathleen Spargo Sanders '44

Donna, Texas

Janet,

You all are doing a great job. Something so worth while to keep going. Had your job many years ago. Lots of work, but enjoyed. Can't believe I'm so near to the 50 years. When the Alumni was first organized I would think "my those old folks graduated 50 years ago". And now I'm nearly one of them.

Can't make it this year as my last granddaughter is getting married that evening. Two grandsons are still single. Dearly cherish our great-granddaughter.

Our best to you & yours,  
Kathleen

Joe & N.J. (Wehrley) Downing '38

Helena, Montana

Dear Alumni:

Another year has slipped away and spring must be "waiting in the wings" since we have received our annual card from Arnold Alumni. Will enclose a check with our dues, and hope to attend this year. Must wait a little while, however, to know for sure, and will write again later for banquet tickets.

Our life much the same, no big changes in the last year. Our family has been fortunate to all be working and in good health. Weather in Montana fine at the present, with quite a lot of snow all around us, and we are thankful for the moisture.

Hoping to see, and visit with, old friends in May.

Sincerely,  
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