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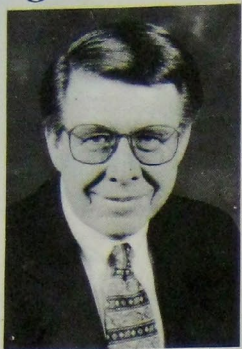
## >>> Welcome Home... Alumni! <<<

### Dr. Roger W. Best Will Emcee 1997 Program

Alumni of Arnold High School will gather on Saturday, May 24th, for the annual banquet and program. Master of Ceremonies will be Dr. Roger W. Best.

Dr. Best is the current holder of the Durham Professorship of Business and the Division Chair for Business Programs at Louisiana College. Prior to his current position, he retired from Northwestern State University which is part of the University of Louisiana system. His last position at Northwestern was that of Dean and Provost. He has also served as a visiting professor in Europe, lecturing in Germany and England as part of a graduate management program for the U.S. Air Force. He participated in a similar program that took him to Turkey and England. In these positions he held a GS 14 equivalent rating. In addition to Northwestern State University, he has taught for the University of Arkansas, Dana College, Central Missouri State University and Troy State University. More recently, during the summers of 1994 and 1995 he traveled and taught in the Peoples Republic of China. He plans to return to China in 1997.

Dr. Best has been a contributor to textbooks, presented published papers in professional organizations, and served as a management consultant for various corporations, hospitals, and government organizations. His experience also includes employment in several businesses. A native of Custer County, Nebraska, he is a 1957 graduate of Arnold High School. He graduated from Dana College in Nebraska where he was a varsity football letter-



man, honor student, and winner of the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award. He earned both the MBA and Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas.

He is a past president of several organizations including the Natchitoches Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, the Ozark Economic Association, Louisiana Business Deans, and served as chairman of the board of the Central Louisiana chapter of the National Management Association. He has held a variety of other community service and church related positions. Dr. Best is married to Shirley Sulin Harter Best who is an Educational Diagnostician with the Rapid City School Board. They have two grown sons; Jason, a management consultant with Federal Mogul Corporation and Andrew, an electrical engineer with General Motors Corporation.

### Welcome From The President

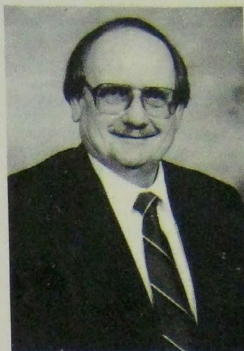
Dear Alumni,

Another year has gone by for all of us and ten years for the honored classes. Seems like the last ten years have gone by as fast as one year used to when I was in high school at Arnold. Everything is relative I guess.

Many of you will not know my background so I would like to tell you a little about myself and how I came back to live in Arnold. Maybe some of you have considered or will consider Arnold as a place to live and retire.

I graduated from Arnold High School 39 years ago in the class of 1958, and graduated from Kearney State Teachers College in 1962. Albert Fuller was one of my favorite teachers and was instrumental in my decision to become a math and science teacher. I did not understand what a good teacher Mr. Fuller was until I had my own teaching experience at Merna, Nebraska in 1963 and 1964. Another Arnold teacher who left a favorable impression on me and many students was Darrel Lloyd. However, English and basketball were not endeavors that fit my abilities. It was not long after I left high school before I wished I had paid more attention in English and speech.

My next stop after leaving Merna was the University of Nebraska at Lincoln where I was a teaching and research assistant in the department of chemistry. Mr. Fuller and Dr. Fox from Kearney were still influencing me. I think I was more successful with the students at UNL and I enjoyed the work. I obtained a Masters degree from UNL and moved to Kansas City, Mo. where my four adult children still live.



In Kansas City and Hutchinson, Kansas I held several positions in the Research Department of Farmland Industries, Inc. I worked with a variety of agricultural chemicals, fuel additives and feed. This work rekindled my interest in agriculture and living in large cities was something to which maybe I never adapted.

Diane and I moved to Arnold in 1984 and started farming full time. We have gotten wound up in farming more than I ever expected, as I was just going to farm as a kind of retirement hobby. More than half of our farm production goes directly for food which is popcorn and sunflowers.

I did visit Arnold many times while living away and have not missed many Alumni Banquets. Some of the things I enjoy about Arnold are the relatively quiet rural community where it is economical to live, and five different places to eat! That is quite

something for a town of our size.

The hunting is very good although I don't participate much any more. Volunteer work is available to those of all ages who are willing to give of their time. The landmarks are quite special as are the family, friends and those local characters we hear stories about all the time.

As you can see, I have a variety of experiences and do enjoy living in Arnold again. I hope many of you can return for the 1997 Alumni Banquet. The Arnold Alumni Association has always been considered one of the BEST because of YOU and your support.

Sincerely,  
Duane R. Romans

### Class Of 1997

Nine members of the Class of 1997 will become members of the Arnold High School Alumni Association at the May 24th program. Their senior picture composite, presented to the president on Saturday evening, will be displayed with those of previous graduates of A.H.S.

Second generation alumni are identified by 1 (father is alumni) and 2 (mother is alumni).

Joe Cool  
Brandon Crow - 1  
Danelle Gibson  
Cody Greaney - 1 & 2  
Richard Hurnung - 1 & 2  
Matthew Reed  
Jeremy Steele - 1  
Chana Stoddard  
Shawn Strasburg - 1

### Program

The entertainment segment of the alumni program is titled "Generations of Talent," planned by first vice-president Melanie Peters Chesley ('77).

### Over 500 Attend '96 Banquet

By Janet Cole  
Larreau '78

It was Wednesday, May 22, 1996 and everyone in the small village of Arnold, Nebraska was tuned into the radio station to hear the forecast for the weekend.

"You don't have to look at the calendar to know a holiday is coming," said the weather reporter. "We won't see the sun until Tuesday."

A collective groan was heard throughout the village, as everyone gassed up their mowers to get one final mowing in before the honored guests arrived.

The above mentioned honored guests began trickling into town over the next three days, coming from the far corners of the U.S. via planes, trains and automobiles.

By Saturday, May 25th, over 500 Arnold High School alumni gathered in the school auditorium for an annual event that is known as one of the best high school reunions in the state - or maybe even the country.

The honored classes had met earlier in the day for their individual reunions, and were visited by alumni president, Dwaine Lehmkuhler ('71), and emcee Steve Kilmer ('74), who were garnering information for the program later that evening.

At 5:00 p.m. the line started forming for the banquet,

planned and prepared by 2nd vice-president Dena Mills ('83) and her able helpers. The guests enjoyed a meal fit for a king of smoked pork chops, delicious potatoes, green beans, crescent roll, and peach dessert. Members of the sophomore and junior classes helped serve.

Alumni members who have passed away in the last year, and deceased honored class members, were remembered in a memorial service given by Eugene Purcell.

Bobbie Smith, a board of director on the Arnold School Foundation, acknowledged the following gifts made to the foundation:

Robert L. "Leon" Morrison in memory of C.R. "Bus" Morrison and Ronald G. Morrison '56, Friend of the Foundation.

Chet and Dottie Beltz Bowman in memory of Emma Gion Mills '22, Benefactor.

The gifts were presented to foundation secretary, Carolyn Watkins.

Memorials given in the past year were also acknowledged:

Donald D. Oberg in memory of Virginia Weinman Oberg, Donor. Friends and family of William

Stuart Watson in memory of William Stuart Watson, Donor.

Anna G. Glaze in memory of

Sophie Joy, Friend of the Foundation.

These gifts are acknowledged and recognized on a plaque, presented to Arnold School Board President Rick Beshaler, by foundation board of director, John Beshaler.

Numerous small gifts given during the past year were acknowledged in the memory book.

The Arnold School Foundation awarded scholarships to two graduating A.H.S. seniors this year.

President Lehmkuhler introduced emcee Steve Kilmer, by recalling his high school basketball days.

Steve then introduced the honored classes.

No members of the class of 1926 were in attendance.

The Class of 1936 had 14 members of the original 32 present.

The Class of 1946 had 9 of the original 22 present. It was at this point that the emcee wanted to know the real story behind Tim Turley tipping over his Model A.

No response was given by class members.

The Class of 1956 had 17 of the original 23 present. "How did Denny Geiser get the milk cow up to the 2nd floor study hall?"

was the question of the moment, but again, no response

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### New Alumni Directories Available Soon

The Alumni Association is printing new directories this year, and they will be available very soon.

Directories are updated and printed every five years. These give what we hope is the current address of every graduate, married woman's names, and denotes those who have passed away in the five years since the last directory.

There will be mistakes! Even though we hoped that every address that was turned in was current, we have found that in mailing out dues reminder cards that was not always the case, and cards were returned. Some of the people were in process of moving at the time the addresses were gathered, and by the time the new one was turned in, the material had already gone to the printers. There are a few graduates that we could not find in spite of all of our efforts.

Darlene Rimpley was chairman of this year's directory, and was assisted by members of the classes (in most cases) who contacted either the members themselves or family members to update addresses. Several people helped proofread material, and Janet Larreau was a big help as she

also corrected while she was setting the type at *The Sentinel* office.

Some interesting facts: there are 2,073 Alumni listed in the directory. The Class of 1934 had the largest class with 42 members, and the Class of '73 was next with 38. Twenty-four classes had 30 or more members. The classes of '13, '14, '15, and '17 had either 5 or 6 members, the Classes of 1920 and 1990 had eight members each, and this year's class has nine.

The largest number of siblings who are Alumni are the ten children of Loren and Maryann Anderson. The seven children of Les and Sophie Crow were second in that category.

Directories are available from Sharron Bean, Alumni Secretary. The cost is \$6.00, and if they are to be mailed, there will be a charge of \$1.90 postage.

### Banquet Menu

Second vice president Merri Jo Rosentrater Halstead ('73) has planned the following menu for the banquet.

Roast Beef  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Corn  
Fruit Salad  
Rolls & Butter  
Apple Crisp  
Coffee - Iced Tea - Water.



**'96 Banquet**

Continued from front page was heard from his loyal classmates.

The Class of 1966 had 16 of the original 34 members present. "Was it Gary Mills or Mike Keyser who drove across Stuart Watson's yard that night?" the emcee asked. Alumni may never know.

The Class of 1976 had 18 of the original 31 present. The emcee asked for comments on Barry, Craig and Bob's run in with a mean bartender in Colorado.

The Class of 1986 had 15 of the original 20 members present.

The newly graduated Class of 1996 had 14 of the 21 members present. Dan Bombeck, president, presented the class to the association. While introducing himself, Joe Bob Atkins announced that he was adopted.

In between introducing the classes, the emcee said that he had asked Caro Lehmkuhler the secret to her and Duaine's long lasting marriage. "We're both in love with the same guy," was her response.

Fourteen three-generation families were present at the program and were introduced. Alumni present and announcing four generation families were Mynor Smith, Darrell Dennis Rosentrater, Cleo Deterding, and Gene Purcell.

The emcee recalled his memories of the gymnasium, including basketball games with Callaway. Doc Prendergast's hygiene visits (including telling students to keep their nose out of everybody's business), the Phillips and Ferguson boys whipping every one in wrestling - on and off the mat, and food fights and Mr. Story.

Out of state visitors were recognized, with Alaska being the farthest distance traveled.

Returning faculty included: Ronnie Swanson, math teacher, 1964-67; Glen Troyer, teacher, coach, principal, late 50's to 70's; Marion Fuller Nelson, music, 40

years; Alice Crosby, 1940's elementary teacher; and Diane Finch, speech and drama coach. The program, planned by 2nd vice president, Susan Nelson ('75) was a "Night of Commercials." Deb Bean Brosius ('75) appeared as Edythe Ann, and kept the audience entertained in between segments, including:

"Ladies Night Out" with Rick Beschuler ('71), Gary Crow ('79), Marion Scott ('48), and Kent DeLosh ('66), dressed for the occasion.

Eric Nelson ('95) and Darren Weinman ('86) modeled "Premium Design Diapers."

Duane Romans ('58) and Melva Scott Phillips ('75) did some "laundry."

Raoul ('62) and Judy Johnson took care of a snoring problem.

Other cast members included: Diane Romans, Pam (Lamberty) and Jim Long, Tammy Milne Weinman, Jo Johnson Crow, Sue Lamberty DeLosh, Patty Lamberty, and Nyla Lamberty Walker.

New officers for 1997 were announced: Duane Romans, president; Melanie Peters Chesley, 1st vice-president; and Merri Jo Rosentrater Halstead, 2nd vice-president. Sharron Bean will continue serving as secretary of the association.

Dennis Conner ('69) was in charge of the dance that followed at the Forrester's Dodge City building.

A host of people made the 1996 reunion successful, and a look at the new slate of officers guarantees a great reunion in 1997.

**NOTE:** Special mention should be made of a byline that is normally seen on the alumni story each year. Darlene Rimpley, who has covered the event for the paper faithfully for many, many years, underwent surgery, and was not able to attend. We will look forward to her byline being on the alumni story in 1997.

Naomi Johnson Schryver  
Wayne Koch  
Ila Mae Landry Campbell  
Robert Newkirk  
Marshall Potter  
Lucille Stone Brown  
Roger Van Wormer  
**1947:**  
Leonard Croghan  
Lucille Teahon Johnson  
**1957:**  
Anna Ondrak Marrs  
Alice Romans Butler  
**1967:**  
Joe Steele

**Dance Music**

Terry Fales will provide dance music at the Forrester's Dodge City building at the junction of Highway 92 & 47 from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The cost will be \$5.00 per couple; \$2.50 single.

**Correspondence**

**Josephine Ondrak Bailey '55**  
**Montebello, CA**

I'm still working for American Greetings Card Co. as a Merchandiser. Been over 6 years now.

My 3 daughters are all doing fine. Still have one unmarried and no grandchildren.

Sure did enjoy our 40th reunion in '95.

Hope to see everyone in May.  
As always,  
Josephine

**Geraldine (Geiser) Sauer '62**  
**Kansas City, MO**

Dear Sharron,  
My husband, Clarke, and I live

in Kansas City, Missouri. Our little community is a suburb called Gladstone. Clarke worked in private industry for 26 years, here, and is now employed by the Department of Agriculture.

I miss coming to Dad's "Arnold's Cafe" and seeing everyone. I was able to renew old acquaintances.

Thank you!  
Always,  
Geraldine

**Donald Shaw '37**  
**Shawnee Mission, KS**

I plan to attend the alumni banquet at A.H.S. on May 24, 1997 (this year will be my 60th year since graduation). I was part of the class of 1937.

I am using Shawnee Mission address now instead of Roeland Park. It's all the same, really. You see Shawnee Mission is the post office for 5 suburbs of Kansas City including Roeland Park. The latter is so often misspelled that I use Shawnee Mission. Same thing, only more efficient for me.

Donald Shaw

**Scenes From The '96 Banquet**

Four generations of alumni...Mindy Strasburg '96, Cleo Deterding '27, Pat Deterding Crow '53, and Penny Crow Strasburg '73.



Six honored classes were present at the A.H.S. Alumni Reunion held Memorial Day weekend. The one remaining member of the Class of 1916 - Nettie Zierlein - was not able to attend. Remaining members of the Class of 1926 - Gladys Bowers Yost, Elva Brown Fox, Laura Pinkston Showeld, and Mable Smith Anderson - were also not able to attend the reunion. Those present for the Class of 1936 reunion included: (front row, l-r) Fern Brittan Cornell, Hazel Marie Mills, Smith, Fern Schroeder Hall, Alice Holden Tullis, Frieda Lewis Sutton, Leona Lindell Bannister, Luda Bailey Myers; (2nd row) George Halstead, Robert Clizbe, Bob Brown, Marion Dunn Koefoot, Marie Atkins Deterding, Verna Olson Klatt, Thomas Christensen.



Class of 1946 - (front row, l-r) Dorothy Lindholm Gast, Barbara Scott Garrett, Leona Christensen Shields, Dorothy Gene Beltz Bowman; (2nd row) Tim Turley, Dean Myers, Russell Pope, Stanley Pearson, Bob Myers.

**Letters From Honored Classes**

**Cleo (Spratt) Deterding '27**  
**Arnold, NE**

Dear Alumni,  
"Every day is a gift, that's why they call it the present."

Time flies for me. I went to school in a sod school house in District 113 Lincoln County. Nineteen pupils and Miss Knox was our teacher. We walked or rode a horse some. We then transferred to District 64, Yucca Valley. We walked 3 miles unless bad weather, then one of the dads took us. Spratts, Lindells, Beans, Luce's, Walker, Hayes, and Hunts, all came from west of the highway. The teachers walked from boarding places too. The Powell girls stayed at Chambers, different teachers stayed with John Brewer's and Bunk Nansel's family.

In Yucca Valley one year, we had 56 children and 1 teacher. Then had 2 teachers after that. We had to take 8th grade examinations at Broken Bow and you had to pass them. My folks and Uncle Author Iams said, "we girls were too young to go to town." So Lethia, Crystal, and I took 8th grade 2 times, didn't hurt us any, as we graduated from high school the top 3 in our class.

I went 2 years in the old red brick school which sat where Mrs. Larreau built a house. We played basketball in basement of Baptist Church, the last period of the day. Everybody went home at 4 o'clock, as we had to help do chores at home.

I went the last 2 years in the new school on the hill. We had a Home Economics Department and a real General Science room in the southeast corner. The typing department was in the northwest corner. Crystal and Lethia took typing and I took Home Ec. We had very good teachers in both schools.

We had roller skating parties in the Anna Ervin building, which is where the north half of John Reed's store is now.

I was married in June of 1927 to Ed Deterding. We had 3 children Pat (Mrs. Darrell Crow) of Arnold, Edgar Lee of Anselmo, Cammy Jo (Mrs. John Amen) of Lincoln; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Every one of them busy, well and enjoying life, I hope.

I have lived in Arnold all my life.

I enjoy Alumni very much - seeing old friends, lots I don't know any more though. I sure plan to be at Alumni this year. Do hope to see some of the other five members of my class, as that is all that is left of the 21 members of the Class of '27.

Thanks to all the people who work so hard to keep the Alumni going.

Cleo (Spratt) Deterding

**Max Phifer '27**  
**Denton, Maryland**

Dear Cleo,

It has been a long time since we were in the junior play together were in the Junior High School - or was that Crystal? See, I am not sure, it was so long ago. Please forgive me for using my word processor. My hand writing is so shaky that I am sure that you could not read it. And besides that, I can use the spell checker to point out misspelled words.

I hope that Orval Sauter can make it again. I always regarded him as my friend - he and Lowell Watkins. Tell me, is Lowell Watkins still living?

I left Washington and the Puget Sound Country in 1989 and moved to Maryland because of health problems. Our daughter - who married an airlines pilot -

lives on the Eastern Shore and she wanted me to be a little closer so she could take care of me. I sold our house and sold my boat and bought a riverside house on the Choptank River. It is about thirty miles from Gail's house. The Choptank is a tide water estuary that flows into the Chesapeake Bay about forty miles from where we live. Choptank is Nantekoke Indian for "River that flows both ways." So, you see, we still live on the waterfront. We have about an acre and a half of land - about the same as we had in Washington except this is mostly lawn with a couple dozen trees standing around while our western home was mostly trees. I have a riding mower which helps to keep the place tidy.

The town of Denton is over 300 years old and there used to be a slave market where the court house square now is. Denton is the country seat of Caroline County. Adams Landing is about a thousand feet south of where we live. The settlers, even before the Revolutionary War, would bring their produce - mostly tobacco and cotton - here to send down the river to the Bay to be put on sailing ships for England.

Your friend,  
Max Phifer

**Ellis Wilmoth '27**  
**Merna, NE**

Dear Alumni,

I graduated from Arnold in 1927. I lived with my parents southwest of Arnold. In 1929 we moved to north of Merna. I married Doris Anderson in 1933. We moved back over to the area northeast of Arnold in 1944. After living there a year, we moved back over northeast of Merna to my grandparents' homestead. In 1952 we bought the place we had lived on north of Merna. In our early married years. We semi-retired in 1976, built a house in Merna and are residing there.

We have two daughters, Arlene Halliwell (Edwin) and Mary Heim (Joe), both at Merna. Mary and Joe live on our place north of town. We have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Lea Ann Halouska (Paul) is our oldest granddaughter, so I still have roots in the Arnold area.

Sincerely,  
Ellis Wilmoth

**Karl Thelen '27**  
**Salem, Oregon**

Karl sent the alumni a post card of his home, Capital Manor, a nondenominational Christian Continuing Care Retirement Community nestled in the heart of the Willamette Valley, and the following note:

Dear Arnold Alums -  
Thought you might like to see where some ancient Arnold Alums finally wound up. There are a mere 428 of us living here.

I'm still doing a lot of music choir, quartet, even solos, and direct men's and lady's choirs here at Capital Manor.

Brother Max, who attended AHS two years, or was it three? passed away last April, so I'm not likely to visit in Nebraska. I'll miss doing that.

I do wish the classes who assemble a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,  
Karl Thelen

**Class of 1937**

**Myra (Watson) Jahnke '37**  
**Denver, CO**

Dear Alumni Friends:

Just a note to say hello to everyone in case I can't get to the banquet.

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## Letters

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quiet as it's uncertain at this time.

It's two years in April since Elmer passed away and the time has passed so quickly. But God has been so good to me and taken very good care for which I've been so thankful for.

Summer times I keep myself so busy with yard work and I have such great neighbors, friends, family and my church, so I don't have a lot of spare time.

Would love to see everyone, so will just have to wait and see how things work out for me.

Love to all,  
Myra (Watson) Jahnke

## Ilah (Eddy) Wardrobe '37 Spokane, WA Alumni,

It seems impossible to have graduated 60 years ago. I thank the "Good Lord" every day that I'm in good health. I want to say a "special Hi" to all classmates and Arnold friends alike. I left there several years ago but it's still home to me.

Well, 20 years ago I took tours of Spain, then Africa thinking that would be my last. Last summer, 1996, Foreign Travel scheduled tours from Phoenix and then to Spokane to London. I was fortunate enough to tour London. I wouldn't take a million for my experience, but I wouldn't go again for a million. I walked so much I'm sure I'm 2 inches shorter (Ha). Changing of the Guards, "Gold Domes" in the cathedrals, London Bridge, Chapel of Princess Di's wedding, the beautiful drives through the countryside, etc., etc. Here are "my only" drawbacks. I don't care for lamb to eat. I like cheese, but not a steady diet of it, and lastly, they served every kind of bread you could think of. It was a "gr-r-eat" experience.

Sincerely,

Ilah (Eddy) Wardrobe

## Darrell Dennis Rosentrater '37 Arnold, Nebraska

Dear Classmates and Alumni friends,

Sixty years! How time does fly!

The fall after my graduation from high school, I taught in the Rosentrater school south of Arnold. I continued there for a total of five years and attended Kearney State Teachers College for three of the summers.

In October of 1940 I married Harold Rosentrater and moved to the farm where I still reside. Our four children, two sons and two daughters, have been my pride and joy through the years. Harold passed away in January of 1983.

I've done my share of traveling over the years. In the summer of 1954 our family visited Washington D.C. and many interesting sites in that area. The highlight was the extended trip to New York City, where we took a boat ride to the Statue of Liberty and climbed up to her forehead. In August of 1972 Harold and I, accompanied by our daughters, drove up to Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada. That was as far as the road went at that time so we continued another one hundred and fifty miles by train to Lynn Lake. We had a wonderful visit with our friends in that northern mining town. In February of 1974 Harold and I flew to Spain. While there, we traveled by hydroplane past the Rock of Gibraltar to Morocco on the northern coast of Africa. Other trips have taken us to visit friends and relatives in Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Colorado, Montana and California. In June of 1989 I celebrated my 70th birthday while on a tour to Alaska with my sister, Bernadene Hopp.

pas. Church has been an important part of my life, musically and in teaching. I thank God for my parents who always encouraged me to do my best in everything, my family, my relatives, and my friends who have all helped me to have a very fulfilled life. I'm looking forward to May.

Love,  
Darrell

## Margaret Steburg Powers '37 Escondido, CA

Dear Darrell:

Unless something unforeseen happens, I plan to be there for our 60th...hard to believe that many years have passed since our graduation.

After attending University of Nebraska for two years, worked in Nebraska for several years, then Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio. In 1947, I married Thord Powers in Hyattsville, Maryland, and became an "instant mother" to stepdaughter Ann. She was a juvenile diabetic, requiring a lot of care, which probably made our relationship closer than usual.

In 1948, began a career in banking which lasted almost 29 years. Thord headed the Estimating Department of a machine shop/development company until he started his own business. During these years we lived in Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. and also had a beautiful place on the Patuxent River at Broome's Island, 10 miles from Chesapeake Bay.

Since Thord planned to retire in May, 1977, I took early retirement in January of that year. We spent three winters in California looking at various locations, and then moved to Fallbrook in September, 1980. The first time Thord was in Fallbrook Hospital. I discovered Roger Gunther and Loren Scott working there and they truly helped me a lot the following months.

Along with the happy times, we had all the usual struggles and sadnesses. Ann passed away in 1978 and Thord in August, 1985. In March, 1986, I moved to Escondido, where my uncle and aunt, Joe and Marjorie Lester, lived. I kept an apartment in Arnold through 1992 and spent my summers there.

A few months after I moved to Escondido, my house was robbed and I discovered the Police Department had a volunteer program. Have been there since August, 1986, working 900 to 1000 hours a year maintaining mug and line-up files, matching up aliases, and have just finished setting up parolee books. It's a great place to work. Did volunteer at a shelter for abused women and children, but gave it up when my other volunteer hours increased. Along with volunteering at my church, being active in my sorority alum group, having season tickets to Moonlight Theatre and to Charger football games, time goes by very quickly. Also like to travel as much as possible.

All in all, I feel I've had the best of all worlds - fantastic parents who were always caring and supportive, a great marriage, a challenging and rewarding career which enabled me to travel and meet many interesting people, a loving family and loyal friends who brighten each year.

See you in May.

Margaret Steburg Powers

## Class of 1947

### Ardelle (Dillon) Sheets '47 Loveland, CO

Dear Alumni,

After graduating almost 50 years ago, I taught school that



Class of 1986 - (front row, l-r) Eleanor Mackley Arens, Michele Hedberg, Jacinda Peterson Ross, Tammy Milne Weinman; (2nd row) Darren Weinman, Chad Lusk, Donna Rockwell Schnell, Katrina Goodenow, Deanna Anderson Poe; (3rd row) Charles "Chip" Blowers, David Winfield, Tad Geiser, Shawn Peterson, Rainey Pelton Haney, Larry Gunther.



Class of 1996: Top row, l-r: Mark Hagler, Robbie Sheets, Mindy Strasburg, Amy Conner, Dan Bombeck; middle: Kyle Leach, Joe Bob Atkins, Melissa Larreau, Patty Turner, Leslie Smith; bottom row: Rachelle Halstead, Jennie Halstead, Mandy Edelman, Brandy Pierce Mason.

fall at a rural school south of North Platte. I stayed with my aunt and her family on their farm. As I told our kids, and now the grandkids, "in the olden days" you could train to be a teacher while in high school. I was barely 17 years old that fall, and my three 8th graders were 14 years of age. The only bad thing, the distance of 50 plus miles from there back to Arnold and on home might as well have been 500 miles as I was home only three times that school term of '47-'48.

Teaching at Loyal School north-east of Arnold the next three years was great! I have fond memories of those years, and the nice families there. One winter Sunday, I froze the top of my right ear walking from the highway to the home of Dave and Norene Mills. Norene remembers this when I see her in Arnold. I remember, too, when I feel the top of my "stiff" ear. We enjoyed neighborhood card parties at the school, too. I drove across the sandhills from my parents' home in Cedar Grove to Loyal when weather permitted.

Richard Lilly got the Model A Ford out of the sand on a hill for me one time when it became stuck. I stayed with Mrs. Peterson some, and then Fay and

Margie Wilson. Fay would come get me in his jeep, that's when the Model A couldn't get across those six miles. I recall the "Blizzard of '49" while teaching at Loyal. I saw the Hoskins family last August at Festival time. The Watson family moved to Oregon later. Anderson's moved to the area later. A couple years ago, I saw all of Norene's children at Memorial time. LaCede and Suanne were my students. My fifth and sixth years of teaching were along a pretty stretch of river out of Eddyville. Sumner, and Broken Bow. I stayed with Roy and Hazel Ferguson, another great family. In December of '52, my second year there, I married David Sheets, another Arnold alumni. After the school term ended in May, we lived in Arnold several months.

December of '53 brought a move to Casper, Wyo. with our 2 month old baby girl Carol, who was born at the Arnold Hospital. My brother Jerry Dillon and a couple of his friends took Carol and me to Casper where David had been working for several weeks. We arrived two days before Christmas, and I liked Casper immediately. A mobile home we rented, and one we bought, did have running water

but no bathroom. Our sons Tom and Steve were born in December '54 and October '56 respectively, in Casper.

In the fall of '61 I signed up to substitute teach. Since I had taught kindergarten thru eighth grades, I was kept very busy. Within two months I was substituting for a kindergarten teacher who broke her leg; this lasted thru the next April. I was kept busy from the fall of '61 through the spring of '65 teaching kindergarten. Two years we ran three sessions a day. I loved this time of teaching in Casper. And, not having to sweep the floor, carry water, or build a fire of wood and coal was nice, too.

The fall of '65 thru '69 found me helping with my husband's business, "Dave's Beetle Service." He worked on Volkswagens. During this time our three children seemed to be growing up fast. In early '70 I began working at the Casper Children's Home. What an eye opener, some of their stories were so sad!

We moved to Loveland 26 years ago this month of March. I like Loveland, but not as well as Casper at first. I taught Head Start here one year; I didn't care for the format. David worked at Volkswagen in Ft. Collins a

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while, but has been an over the road truck driver for more than 25 years. I go with him sometimes, but I don't care for snowy winter roads. We enjoyed a nice trip for 10 days in Nov. '96. I've also been with him to the Washington and Oregon area, as well as Calif., across to Ark., Mem-

phis, Chicago, and states in between. The Columbia River area east of Portland is very pretty.

Carol, her husband, and 4 children live on the next block here in Loveland. Tom and Steve are in Montana. Steve and one daughter live in Montana with his older daughter living in Washington. She's planning a June wedding; we attended her graduation in June '96 at

Auburn, WA. Carol's oldest has graduated, too, almost 2 years ago. We enjoy our one grandson and five granddaughters.

For 10 years I've enjoyed helping with Loveland's Valentine re-mailing program. An article about this event was in a recent Family Circle magazine. I'm still an avid reader. As a high school freshman, I think I read every Zane Grey book at the Arnold Library.

I started high school in the fall of '45 at Arnold. We seven Dillon's graduated from Arnold High. Alison in May '69. If I recall correctly, my parents had one of us in high school all those years except for one.

Am looking forward to our reunion in May.

Sincerely,  
Ardelle (Dillon) Sheets  
Class of '47

## John Anderson '47 Upland, CA

Dear Sharron,

I received a call from Bonnie (Smith) Rose who filled me in on the dates and cost of the alumni dinner. I'm excited about coming back after all these years. I'll see you the 23rd of May.

Yours truly,  
John Anderson

## Glenna Dee Perkins Slezak '47 Litchfield Park, AZ

Dear Sharron,

I have already notified Bonnie Rose that I won't be at the '97 Arnold Alumni Banquet. I would, however, like a copy of this year's Alumni News. Hope this year's banquet is a tremendous success! I'll be thinking of you all!

Perk Slezak

## Patricia Giles Mitchell '47 Redding, CA

Greetings,

I'm really looking forward to seeing all of you in May. Will we recognize each other???

I taught school one year - near Arnold, 1947-48.

Attended U. of Wyoming - met a lot of cute guys - one in particular - Howard L. Mitchell, a Navy vet. We were married in 1950. Had four beautiful children - 2 girls and 2 boys (my husband and oldest child are deceased). Have five grandchildren - 3 girls, 2 boys. The oldest, 19 years, is a junior at U. of Arizona; the youngest, age 2.

We moved to Redding in 1960. My husband was a registered Civil Engineer. I took care of the children and household until our youngest entered high school. I then began a full time career with the State of California.

Retired in July 1993 and now goof off and travel a lot.

Go Cardinals - see you in May.  
Pat M.

## Barbara Anderson Peterson '47 Brady, NE Alumni,

I was married to Lyle Peterson in February of 1948 and have since resided in Brady. Lyle had one daughter when we were married, and then we had a son and 2 daughters. The oldest daughter lives in Denver, the son in Lincoln, one daughter in Phoenix, and one daughter in North Platte. We also have one grandson.

I worked in the cafe in Brady for several years and for 7 years worked as a nurses aid in the Gothenburg hospital. For the last 31 years I have been a contract driver for the North Platte Telegraph, as is Lyle since he retired from the railroad in 1985. We each drive 200 miles nightly, six nights a week. We may retire completely some day, but so far

## Looking Back At The '96 Banquet...



Rick Beshaler '70 and Kim Myer Beshaler '74.



Nellie Layton Twist '51, Jeanette Bassett Andrews '55, and Charlene Scott Mahnke '56.



Brad Nansel '79, Connie Nansel, Loren Scott '76, Lorie Scott, Kirk Keyser, and Joan Keyser '76.



Mary Croghan Hardin '55, Elmer (Bub) Geiser '40, and Dee Croghan '40.

seems good to be busy.

We will be looking forward to attending the class gathering and banquet on the 24th.

Sincerely,

Barbara Anderson Peterson

## Ted Anderson '47 Lexington, NE

Sharron,

This will be the AHS class of 47's fiftieth reunion. It doesn't seem possible that it has been 50 years, especially when I am only 49! I will be there tho, regardless of age.

Sincerely,  
Ted Anderson

## Arline (Mackley) Buchholz '47 Thornton, CO

Alumni,

It does not seem possible that 50 years have slipped by already!

After graduating from high school, I worked and lived in a few different states and finally settled in Colorado, where I met and married my husband, Stanley.

We have lived in Thornton, Colorado for the past seventeen years, along with our three children, Sheila (recently deceased), Roland and Kathleen.

Stanley is owner and operator of Buchholz Erectors; Roland is in his first year of college at Front Range; and Kathleen is in her last year of high school.

## Faylin Finch '47 Arnold, NE

Alumni,

Faylin Finch graduated from Arnold High School with the class of 1947. After attending Kearney State College for two years, he worked at the Arnold State Bank for one year. He then joined the United States Navy for a four year stint, which included one year in Korea. He was discharged in 1954. He then worked for Halliburton Oil Company in Worland, Wyoming until 1960. Following another stint in the Arnold State Bank, he took over management of Finch Ranch Company in 1963. He served as a bank director for some 15 years, until its closure. In 1965 Faylin married Diane Craig Manley of North Platte.

Diane has been a speech and drama teacher, freelance writer and speech judge for many years. Faylin has three children...Tracy, daughter of Fay and Diane; a stepson, Craig Man-

ley of Morrill, Nebraska; and Pamela Mills, daughter from his first marriage.

Through the years, Fay has enjoyed trap shooting, bowling, hunting and fishing. In his many trap shoots, he has brought home numerous trophies. He and Diane continue to travel and to enjoy the family get-togethers.

At this time he's becoming a real pro at being a grandfather to Tracy's children, Stefan and Schyler and to Craig's three children, Sarah, Ryan and Steven. Although he's not too great at changing diapers, he is good at playing blocks and cars with the little ones.

## Jerry Ahrens '47 Arnold, NE

Alumni,

I guess we (the classmates of 47) are to write a brief history of our lives since we graduated. How do you put 50 years in a brief letter? Well, I'll try.

After graduation, I was engaged in farming with my Dad on Tallin Table. I met a wonderful girl and we married New Years Eve of 48. The highlight of this marriage was being snowed in at my in-laws for two whole weeks!! On our honeymoon!!

Darlene (Darb as she is called) and I have three children: Cindy, our oldest, has three girls, lives in Oshkosh, NE, and works at Cabelas. John and wife LuAnn and three children (two girls and a boy) live in Moreno Valley, CA.

He was a teacher, but changed to computers and software. Likes it much better. Carla and husband Doc. John live in Budapest, Hungary with their two boys and a girl. They are in missionary work, O.M., Project Hope, med. clinics, new churches, and etc. So we have a total of 9 grandkids and 5 greats (4 girls and a boy). We enjoy them a lot, when we get to see them.

We recently went to Budapest to see Carla and family. Spent almost three weeks over there. Toured a lot of Budapest - 2 1/2 million people live there! It was good to get home, but it was a fun trip. Many, many old buildings, from churches to castles, bomb shelters to outdoor markets.

I'm employed at the Arnold Feed and Seed and still live at Arnold, only in the city.

Hope to see all of the class of "47" at the '97 banquet.

Jerry Ahrens

## Alumni Association Financial Report

Beginning balance.....	\$6,878.78
INCOME:	
Dues.....	1,255.00
Ne, Direct.....	98.80
Out State.....	10.96
Postage.....	2,706.54
Meals.....	23.00
Donations.....	4.00
Paper.....	342.00
Dance.....	131.03
Food Resold.....	193.00
Pictures.....	152.66
Sales Tax.....	
	<b>\$4,930.79</b>
	<b>\$11,809.57</b>
EXPENSE:	
Postcards.....	140.00
Sales Tax.....	122.95
Print-Supplies.....	880.02
Postage.....	192.45
Food-Supplies.....	1,952.37
Labor (Sec-Jan.).....	400.00
Dance.....	250.00
Pictures.....	108.20
PortaPots.....	84.00
Banquet Labor.....	379.00
	<b>\$4,508.99</b>
ENDING BALANCE.....	<b>\$7,300.58</b>



**Robert L. McMahon '47**  
**Anaheim, CA**  
Alumni.

I attended college until the summer of 1950 when Ted Anderson, Faylin Finch, Russ Pope and I joined the navy for four years. I graduated from Kearney State College and taught science at Clarks High School, Clarks, Nebraska for three years. During this time, I received a Master's Degree at Greeley College and also spent a year at Harvard University. The next year was spent at the University of Kansas as a graduate teaching assistant in biology.

I moved to Anaheim, California in 1960 and taught biology for 31 years. During the summer of 1969, I toured Europe for ten weeks. That fall, I was selected as the Outstanding Biology Teacher of California by the National Biology Teachers Association.

I took a sabbatical leave from teaching in 1974 and traveled around the world for nine months. Most of the time was spent in Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia. I also visited Tahiti, Fiji, Singapore, India and Thailand.

I retired in 1991 and have been traveling throughout the United States with adventure in mind. The 40+ trips have included D.C. (2), New Orleans (3), Texas (2), Missouri (14), Nebraska (10) Denver (10), Seattle (1), Florida (1) and Vermont (1). Some of the trips were to attend Elderhostel classes.

**Lou Seda '47**  
**Arnold, NE**  
Alumni.

I graduated in the year of 1947. In the spring of 1948 I decided I wanted to make the harvest, so I worked as a harvest hand. In 1952 I bought my first machine and truck, which I trucked locally. I ran the harvest from Texas through the Dakotas and in to Montana for about 55 years. I farmed some on the side. I also did some over-the-road trucking. I met my wife at Wilton, North Dakota, while I was on harvest and in November of 1950 we were married. We have four wonderful children. Our oldest, Cheryl, lives in Texas; Roger lives at Anselmo, Nebraska on a ranch; Karen lives in Wray, Colorado; Cynthia "Cindy" lives in Broken Bow, Nebraska.

We have ten grandchildren and two step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren. I worked in my later years for the Custer County Highway Department for seven years and I retired from there in 1994.

Lou

**Lois Frosh Clevenger '47**  
**Salem, Oregon**

Hello Classmates of '47,

Well 50 years, and what have I accomplished? I taught school one year, got married and had 2 children while we lived in Nebraska. We moved to Oregon in '51 and have lived in the N.W. part of the state all the time. My husband worked on dairies, farms and then he went to welding school and did body and fender work and went on to help build road pavers. All the time, 5 more children arrived and I worked in canneries and for the school districts. When the last child got in school, I went to work at Willamette University. They didn't let me get past the kitchen. I helped prepare meals for 400 to 600 students each and every day. Was there four plus years and then went across the street and worked as a custodian for the state in the capitol building. At this time we bought another home 12 miles from town and had our own little farm.

We lived there 19 years. I now live in Salem. I have a few ladies

come to my home and I teach them machine knitting. I will see you at the banquet.

A classmate,  
Lois Frosh Clevenger

**Dwaine Carlson '47**  
**Omaha, NE**  
Alumni.

After graduating from AHS, I farmed with my father until June '51, when I was drafted (I'm a coward) into the army. I attended Medical Field Service School in San Antonio, Texas and from there I went to Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, CO. I then shipped over to Germany with the 54th General Hospital. I was mustered out in May '53, and after working at various jobs around Arnold, decided to enroll at KSC to take advantage of the G.I. Bill. I enrolled the Fall of 1954.

Ely Schlottman also enrolled at KSC and received her two year degree in 1956. We were married on 30 March '56 and celebrated our 40th anniversary last year with a reception at Kountz Memorial Lutheran Church sponsored by our children and their spouses. Ely has been a very supportive, loving wife and mother all those years and still "Makes my day."

I graduated from KSC in '58 and accepted a position with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Jan. '59. When we moved to Omaha we had a boy (Shawn) 2 years old and a daughter (Shayne) 2 months old. In June of '61 Brett was born and Heidi followed in '66.

Our children are all happily married and we have seven grandchildren. Four grandsons: 14, 9, 4 and 3, and three granddaughters: 9, 4 and 3. They all live close enough that we get to see them, and spoil them, quite often.

I retired in Jan. '94 after 35 years with the C of E. I keep busy by doing volunteer work at least twice a week and sometimes 4 days a week when the weather doesn't allow me to golf. I drive a van to transport senior citizens wherever they need to go and distribute blood to Omaha and Council Bluffs hospitals for the Red Cross.

Ely worked as a legal secretary for eighteen years and is now Asst. Director at St. Lukes Child Development Center.

I traveled extensively with the C of E and Ely and I have taken many vacation trips exploring a large part of the U.S. and Hawaii. Our latest trip was to the U.S. Virgin Islands in Nov. '96 where we worked as volunteers with Lutheran Disaster Response. LDR is rebuilding homes damaged by Hurricane Marilyn which passed through in Sept. 1995 with winds exceeding 175 miles per hour. It was very educational as well as rewarding. We loved the warm weather!!!

I'm looking forward to seeing all my classmates and know this reunion will be a great success thanks to the hard work of all the good people of Arnold. We out-of-towners are very grateful for all the hard work that allows us to come back and renew old acquaintances each year.

See you there!!!  
Dwaine Carlson

**La Verne C. Smith**  
**Elk Horn, IA**

Dear 1947 Classmates,

Received your letter several months ago about our 50th reunion.

After graduation, I farmed for a couple of years until I went into the navy in which I served for four years. After my discharge, I attended college in Lincoln for a year and then signed on with AT&T. I retired in 1990 after 35 years. I have lived in Elk Horn, Iowa since 1960 when I married

my wife, Joyce. We have 3 children, Carol, Craig and Kevin. We also have two granddaughters, Kalee, 7, and Keisi Jo, 3 years old. They keep Grandpa and Grandma young.

We spend our winters in the southern states, this year in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. We are both retired and enjoy traveling. It seems the children always need help, so we are carpenters, plumbers and electricians, thus keeping us busy.

We plan on attending both the picnic and also the get-together and reunion on Saturday.

Sincerely,  
La Verne C. Smith

**Floyd Geiser '47**  
**Oakland, NE**  
Alumni.

After graduating from Arnold, I went to KSTC at Kearney for a year, then transferred to Omaha where I earned an Associate Degree in Accounting.

Started working for the J.C. Robinson Seed Co. at Waterloo, NE in their accounting department.

I met my wife, Colleen, when she came to Waterloo to teach. We were married January 27, 1951.

In April, 1951, I was drafted into the army and spent 21 months - a year, of which, was in Korea.

We have two children - Tom, born in 1953, is seed production manager for the seed company I started with. He has 4 children. Jane, born in 1955, lives in Omaha and is PR director for Bethpage Mission. She has 2 children.

My wife and I moved to Oakland, NE in 1973, when I accepted the position of District Sales manager for Northeast Nebraska.

I retired in 1991 from the Seed Company. We spend our winters of time playing golf - at least 72 holes a week each. We both enjoy Las Vegas, so normally fly out there twice a year.

Please make reservations for us at the banquet.

Floyd R. Geiser

**Ethel (Halouska) Smith '47**  
**Junction City, Kansas**

Dear Ruth and Arnold Alumni,

Thank you for your letter reminding us it has been fifty years since we graduated from Arnold High School. The time has gone by so fast.

Following graduation, I began teaching school in the fall of 1947. I taught one year of school at Center and two years at Cliff. During the summer of 1948, I traveled with my father, Frank Halouska, and my brother, Glenn, to visit my brother, Al, stationed at White Sands Proving Ground near Las Cruces, New Mexico. We then traveled to visit my sister, Lou, stationed at Fort Sam Houston near San Antonio, Texas. I attended Kearney State Teacher's College during the summer of 1949.

I decided to join the United States Army in June of 1950. I was sent to Fort Lee, Virginia for thirteen weeks basic training. After completing only ten weeks, I was sent to Fort Belvoir, Virginia for a two week refresher course in driving. Following completion of the driving course, I was assigned to the United States Army Motor Center located at the Pentagon in the Military district of Washington, District of Columbia. I worked driving staff cars to relieve male soldiers for combat in the Korean Conflict. After chauffeuring general officers and other dignitaries for a while, my superiors discovered they could read my writing on the trip tickets and put me in the dispatch office. I answered phones, wrote trip tickets, and called the

drivers on the P.A. system to give them their assignments. General Eisenhower and other V.I.P.'s came through the Pentagon motor pool while I worked there. It was very interesting work and I was promoted to Assistant Chief Dispatcher.

I married Corporal George O. Smith, a co-worker, on June 13, 1953. George also chauffeured many generals and dignitaries. He drove Mamie Eisenhower to the Inaugural Ball. He also drove small David Eisenhower in the green Cadillac staff car that is now in the Eisenhower Museum, Abilene, Kansas was one of the vehicles my husband drove and maintained during our days at the Pentagon.

In February of 1954 George was chosen by General Linsner to be his personal chauffeur. The government reopened Fort Hauchuca, Arizona and had spent one million dollars on the barracks. General Linsner and

my husband were assigned to Fort Hauchuca. There was no W.A.C. Detachment (Women's Army Corp) at Fort Hauchuca so I could not transfer. I was honorably discharged from the United States Army in June of 1954. I accompanied my husband to Arizona where I was employed through United States Civil Service as a dispatcher for the motor pool. George received orders for Germany. Those orders were canceled and we were sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, where our daughter, Kathy, was born in 1955. We were sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Fort Sheridan, Illinois where our daughter, Janet, was born in 1962. George continued driving for many different generals. In 1964 we were assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas and George retired from the United States Army in November 1965.

George was recalled into the U.S. Army in 1968 to participate in the Secret War in Thailand. Continued on page 7.

**Scenes From The '96 Banquet**

Four generations of alumni...Craig Smith '67, Leslie Smith '96, Don Smith '40, and Mynor Smith '18.



Pat McMahon Denison '55, Stanley Deterding '48, and Robert McMahon '47.



Mona Sargent Crow '50, Jeanette Hayes Keller '53, and Bob Crow '48.

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which was in direct support of the Viet Nam Conflict. George was seriously wounded in 1969 while stationed at Sattahip, Thailand on the Gulf of Siam. He suffered with his service connected injuries until he passed away in April 1976. During our married life we visited many historic sites and national treasures. Some of these included the Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Washington Monument and Reflection Pool, the Smithsonian Institution, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, George Washington's home, and the cherry trees in bloom along the Potomac. We also traveled to Alabama, Maine, Montana, Disneyland in California and Disney World in Florida, the Mormon Tabernacle in Utah, Yellowstone, the Painted Desert, Royal Gorge, Chicago, New York City, and many more places of interest.

From 1976-1981 I did much volunteer work for my church. I was also employed part time at Montgomery Ward in Junction

City, Kansas. In March of 1981 I became a federal employee again. I worked for U.S. Civil Service at the Consolidated Processing Center at Fort Riley, Kansas. During eight years we processed thousands of troops in and out of the fort. I became Lead Clerk of In Processing. There were cohorts of 150 soldiers or more arriving at a time and others leaving for new assignments, as well as many being discharged. In 1991 I retired from U.S. Civil Service, having received several awards, congratulations, and monetary appreciations. I have been a Wal-Mart Associate for over five years. We have nice people to work with and nice people to work for - so it's a great life.

I'm looking forward to attending our reunion.

Sincerely,

Ethel M. (Halouska) Smith

**Doris Glaze Street '47**  
**Callaway, Nebraska**  
Dear Alumni,

Since leaving high school, I got married to Claris Street and have lived in Callaway for 50 years. We raised 3 kids - 1 boy and 2 girls.

Gary, the oldest, is an attorney and vice president of Hoechst Marion Russell, and attorney for the patent department. His wife is a pharmacist. They have four children - a boy who is an attorney, a girl who is in law school, another girl who is going to be a psychiatric nurse, and another boy who is a freshman in high school. They live in Loveland, Ohio.

Our oldest daughter, Cher, lives in Scotland and is married to a Scotsman. They have no children, and they own their own company in Scotland, England, Florida, California and Texas. Our youngest daughter, Gina, and husband live in Colorado Springs, Colorado and have one daughter and one grandchild. He's a building contractor and Gina competes in horse shows. She has a jumping horse.

Claris and I kept busy with his business (building contractor), vacationing every winter, Vegas,

**'96 Banquet...**

Tracy Finch Franzen '84 and Dennis Conner '69.



Judy Geiser, Virginia Brown Geiser '42, and Terry Geiser '67.



Dennis Geiser '56 and Jack Carlson.

Big Red games, and lots of golfing, and I bowl, and also lots of dancing. I am a volunteer at the rest home.

Claris died in 1994 of cancer. Now I still travel, golf, bowl - I've had a great life and great friends, who could want more.

Your Classmate,  
Doris Glaze Street

**Ruth Yanken**  
**Arnold, Nebraska**  
Dear Classmates,

As most of you know, I started out with the class in 1943 as one of 54 freshmen, but I quit in my junior year to get married. Kenneth passed away in Jan. of 1996 just 1 month and 5 days before our 50th anniversary.

I did get my diploma from the Arnold High School after taking the G.E.D. test in 1974.

Kenneth and I settled in a

home in Arnold. I have lived in Arnold since I was 9 years old. I started to school in Arnold as a 4th grader so I have known some of you a long time.

We had two daughters, both who live in the Denver, Colo. area. Rogene, our oldest, teaches at Parks Jr. College. She has a BA degree in Business Administration and Management. She and Greg have an adopted daughter, Kacey, who is 8 1/2. Greg is vice president of Diagnostic Medical Supplies. Renee got a BA degree in nursing, and is a R.N., but after 17 years of nursing she decided to try something else, so she and her husband, Ron Cunningham, bought a TCBY (yogurt treats) and she manages that. Ron is a parts and service manager at O'Merc Ford. They have two children, Wendy, 16 1/2, and Colin, 14 1/2.

Kenneth was a self employed trucker for most of our wedded life. He had driven a school bus for the Arnold School District 35 years at the time of his death. I have driven a school bus for 31 years as a substitute driver and more recent, full time.

God has been good to my family, and I. I'm so glad I accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour as a young person as I don't know what I would have done without His presence in my life. "Without Him I would be nothing."

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again at our 50th alumni class reunion in May. Ruth Yanken

P.S. Even though I didn't graduate at the same time this class did, I have always been included in all the class gatherings, which I have really appreciated down through the years and I'm especially looking forward to our 50th class reunion.

**G. Harlan Lantz '47**  
**Anchorage, AK**  
Alumni.

I was in the Navy when WWII ended and spent 10 months in the Philippines and China. I worked five years for the Bureau of Reclamation in Nebraska surveying potential power and irrigation dams. The last three years I was a Survey Party Chief.

In 1953 my wife, two daughters and I moved to Alaska and homesteaded in North Kenai. In 1954 I went to work for the Alaska Road Commission. I worked on Alaska Highways for 28 years doing design, location, inspection and construction contract administration. During the last 18 years I was responsible for all State Highway construction administration and inspection on the Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak Island and the Alaska Peninsula as far north as the Kuskokwim River.

I retired in 1982 to work on some ideas, do some pet peeve writing and catch up on our boating and fishing.

I am mostly self educated. I had 1 semester of college (16 credits)

and completed an I.C.S. Surveying and Mapping course in 1953. I passed the Alaska Registered Land Surveyors test in 1958 No. 749 15.

I helped write the Alaska Standard Specifications for Highway Construction dated 1981. I have watched the development of oil and gas in Alaska very close. I was living in Soldotna when oil was discovered at Swanson River in 1957.

I am 69 years old, have been married 49 years, have four children, thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

G. Harlan Lantz

**Marvin Weber '47**  
**Arnold, Nebraska**  
Dear Alumni,

After graduation, I went to work in our family service station.

In August 1951, I took a two year leave of absence to help Uncle Sam in the U.S. Army.

On October 15th, 1953, I married Gaylene Garrison, Class of 1951. We have lived our entire married lives here in Arnold. We have 4 children - 2 boys and 2 girls. Also 7 grandchildren - 2 boys and 5 girls. We enjoy our family very much, as they all live pretty close to home: Vicki and family in Cozad, David and family in North Platte, Devra and family in Cairo, and Dan and family in Gothenburg.

I continued in the gasoline and service station business until October of 1985, when I became a rural mail carrier working out of the Gothenburg post office. I retired on December 1, 1995. We enjoy traveling mostly to Colorado where Gaylene's sister Pam and her families live, and to Kansas City, where my brothers and their families live.

We are active in our Nazarene Church, and we thank God for the good health He has given us over all these years.

We are looking forward to our class reunion and hope to see you all there.

Marvin Weber

**Margaret Ann (Marrs) Dorch**  
**'47**

**Chippewa Falls, WI**  
Dear Alumni,

A new life began after graduation when I married a Wisconsinite and moved to Chippewa Falls where I have lived forty some years (we are cheeseheads). We had a daughter and two sons and proudly we have eight grandchildren.

I graduated from college twenty years after high school. I got a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master's Degree in Education. I taught in elementary school and was a unit leader for a number of years and developed an economics curriculum which got honors at the National Economics Foundation in Washington, D.C.

After doing volunteer work and serving on several foundations, I moved on to owning a computer assembly plant and took part in the Governor's Trade Mission to the South Pacific. We are in general construction and own a golf course.

I retired recently from the businesses and now enjoy hobbies of collecting paper dolls, genealogy, bird watching, seasonal activities, and travel. I am very fortunate to have good health and a happy life with those I love. There is never a dull moment!

Margaret Ann (Marrs) Dorch

**Jerry Beltz '47**  
**Omaha, Nebraska**  
Dear Alumni,

Against all odds, I was graduated from the Arnold High School in 1947, after spending the previous year in the Navy. Jennings Rose and I joined the Navy in

May of 1946; Japan got wind of it and gave up just two months later.

After college in Kearney I was in Seminary in Kansas City for three years; had two pastorates in Iowa before going into full time evangelism. I have held meetings across the United States from San Diego to Camden, Maine, and from Texas to Washington State. I have been invited to hold meetings in Korea, Hong Kong, Japan and, recently, in Canada.

I have had the privilege to travel around the world 3 times - to Europe and the Holy Land over a dozen times and other places such as Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, and the Fiji Islands.

I was married to Miss Hyun, Moon Yung in 1976; our son, Jerad, is in his first year in college. I have discovered there are two things you can't have at the same time - ten dollars in your pocket and a kid in college. We now make our home in Omaha. Best wishes to all fellow graduates.

Jerry Beltz

**Theda Nansel Coleman '47**  
**Merna, Nebraska**  
Dear Alumni,

I feel that I have truly fulfilled the class prophecy for me. After graduation I taught rural schools for three years, then in 1950 I married Laurence Coleman. We started married life on a farm between Arnold and Merna. We're still there and plan to continue as long as health permits. I did all the things that housewives of my generation did, raised a family, cooked, sewed, canned, helped with chores, joined clubs, and active in my church. We had two children. Our daughter was a nurse. She died in a car accident in 1976, a parent's worst nightmare. Our son is a veterinarian and practices in Broken Bow. We have two beautiful granddaughters, who are 6 and 2. Nothing exciting except I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour and He has been my help and refuge in life's trials and joys. Oh yes, Pat is still a friend even though many miles separate us.

Theda Nansel Coleman

**Maurice Scott '47**  
**Minden, Nevada**  
Dear Class of 1947!

After high school I worked around Nebraska and Kansas on various jobs. In May 1951, I married Jackie Geiser and was drafted into the army in June 1951. I was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for basic training and then to Korea for 15 months. I was discharged in 1953. Jackie and I moved to California shortly thereafter and I worked for Douglas Aircraft for Arnold. Our two children were born in Nebraska. Rhonda in '55 and Rodney in 1956. We left Arnold in December 1956 for California. In 1958 I went to work in a service station that we later purchased from the owner in 1971. We closed this business in 1975 and bought another one in Lomita California. We sold the business in November 1986.

We traveled around the United States and Canada in 1987-1988 in our motor home, Jackie and I were fortunate to spend four weeks in Australia in 1989 and in 1993 we enjoyed two weeks in England with friends that live outside of London.

We moved to Minden, Nevada in May of 1990. Our daughter lives in San Pedro, California and is a travel agent. Our son lives in Meridian, Idaho, where he worked for the State of He is married and we have two little granddaughters: Hannah who is three and Abigail is eight

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## ltters

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nth's old.  
e plan on attending The Ban-  
t and the other activities.  
Seeing You!  
Maurice Scott

## na Perkins Slezak '47

**Richfield Park, AZ**  
r Alumni,  
ft Arnold in the summer of  
for Omaha where I worked  
Radio Station KFAB while  
ying for a degree in Journal-  
at the University of Omaha. I  
did newspaper ads for the  
Penney Company. With my  
in hand, I went to work in  
for Allen & Reynolds Ad-  
ising Agency writing radio  
television copy. (Pick Peter  
in the Polka Dot Wrap!")  
ried college sweetheart Don  
k who by now was a 2nd  
tenant Air Force pilot.  
e he flew bombing missions  
Korea, I continued to work  
& R.

r Don's return from the Ko-  
War, we led the life of a  
ary family, living in Florida,  
boma, Massachusetts, Cali-  
a, Colorado and back to Cal-  
a for a final tour. Don re-  
from the Air Force as a  
el having served 30 years  
nd career for Don as an  
eering Program Manager  
odyear Aerospace took us  
itchfield Park, AZ (near  
ix) where we live today.

ad two children, Sue and  
Sue died in her third year  
nedical student at Loyola  
h School of Medicine in  
go. Steve has a Ph.D. in  
mics and is a professor at  
hool of Finance at the Uni-  
y of North Carolina at  
l Hill. He & wife Kathy (a  
r) have two girls, Rachel  
nly, ages five and seven.  
Don retired for the sec-  
ime in '89, we have trav-  
some - Bangkok, Hong  
Singapore, the Malaysian  
sula, all over New Zealand  
arts of Australia as well as  
of the United States. We  
lly escape the Arizona  
er heat by going to Steam-  
springs, Colorado, but this  
e'll spend three months in  
I keep active by bowling,  
ding to a Gourmet Group,  
eering at a charitable  
shop and writing occasion-  
llicity and news items for  
s groups. It's been a great

Glena

## Lucas McKain '47

**Lincoln, Nebraska**  
e,  
and it's more than like-  
a don't know who I am,  
my life, or part of it.  
day: October 5, 1929. I  
orn in Arnold at Emmet  
the Pope's house.

ocation: Domestic Engineer  
d). Now I'm into Casino  
g and trying to be a good  
ma and friend.

ly: Mary Dymond and  
Dymond. She has taught  
for 21 years. They recent-  
ght a small acreage south  
shey, and enjoy family life.  
a McKain, lives in Sylmar,  
and works for Ghatsworth.  
cts as Sales Manager and  
lot of traveling for them.  
rt and Tami McKain live  
of Sutherland. He is com-  
technician for NPT Power  
They have three sons and  
er baby they hope to make  
of their family. Mark is 15,  
on 6, Juston 8, and Gregory

many years in Arnold: All  
e, but I like the small town.  
one knows you. I like to  
the big city like where  
is in L.A. There's many  
things to do. People there  
tendly, too, but I guess I  
se the quiet.

First car: 1970 Ford pickup that  
I still have, so does my son.  
First job: Arnold switchboard,  
with Anita Bonta as my boss.

Most embarrassing time: Was  
when Pat Giles had to go to Bro-  
ken Bow to get turkey eggs on a  
school day. I and Arline Mackley  
and Theda Nansel went with  
her. Amazing how we all got in  
that little pickup and still had  
room for the eggs. Miss Sanders  
got a call from Broken Bow  
Schools (we had to drive by  
there), so we got some extra  
study time after school.

First date: Freshman year. I'm  
not telling who, since those that  
knew me already know.

I consider a good day if: Every-  
one is well and I get to see or be  
with family and friends.

When relaxing: I like being in  
the yard and enjoying birds and  
flowers. Also I still have two  
horses I still ride. One is 34.

The most pleasure I have is  
when I can have all my children  
and grandchildren together at  
the lake or home with me. Noth-  
ing stays the same, everything  
turns onward, so I enjoy God's  
gifts and for each day that by  
His grace He has given me.

So this is what I am, and my life  
so far.

Betty McKain

## Charles Blowers '47

**Arnold, NE**

Dear Classmates,

How do you put fifty years of  
history on one sheet of paper?  
The years have went by so fast.  
Like they say, time flies when  
you're having fun.

I started farming right out of  
high school. The Lord has been  
good to us over the years and  
with lots of hard work and en-  
couragement from family, we  
have had a good living. I say we  
because in August of '54 I mar-  
ried Janet Olson. We were  
blessed with five children and  
nine grandchildren, so far. Don't  
know why we didn't have the  
grandchildren first; they are so  
much fun.

They set a special table for us  
who have been out, two twenty  
five years. Don't that sound bet-  
ter?

Look forward to seeing you all  
in May. We'll celebrate!

Your classmate,  
Charles Blowers

## John Anderson '47

**Upland, CA**

Dear Bonnie,

Here is a sketch of where I've  
been, what I've done and some  
high points:

After leaving Arnold I attended  
Pasadena (Nazarene) College in  
Pasadena, California where I  
earned a BA degree in Music  
Theory. During the last few  
months of my stay there the  
army began sending friendly lit-  
tle notices about getting a phys-  
ical and reporting for duty so I  
managed to enlist in aviation  
cadets in the air force just in  
time to escape their clutches. (I  
thought I'd rather fly than walk).  
I left cadets to marry my last  
college sweetheart and we two  
settled in Washington D.C. for  
eleven months after which I took  
early separation to attend col-  
lege.

The University of Southern Cal-  
ifornia had a strong music de-  
partment so I enrolled there and  
earned two teaching credentials  
and a General Supervision cre-  
dential. I eventually earned a  
Masters in Science in Music Ed-  
ucation and a Doctor of Philoso-  
phy degree in Music Education.

My first assignment was teach-  
ing choral and general music in  
Pomona (California) at Emerson  
Junior High School. The next as-  
signment was teaching all music,  
band (also marching band), or-  
chestra, girls glee, a capella choir  
and madrigals at Pomona High  
School.

I was then privileged to be  
hired as music consultant by the  
Riverside County Superinten-  
dent of School's office. Responsi-  
bilities expanded to Coordinator  
of Fine Arts, Coordinator of For-  
eign Language, Coordinator of  
Teacher Recruitment, Coordina-  
tor of Gifted and Talented Edu-  
cation and Coordinator of the  
Academic Decathlon to mention  
a few.

The opportunity came in 1985  
to take early retirement after  
having spent 19 years in the  
county office and 29 years in all  
in education. I took it.

I found retirement boring so  
became part owner in a furni-  
ture brokering business in Mex-  
ico, tried real estate sales, but  
eventually went back into educa-  
tion, first as vice president in a  
private educational organization  
called SMART. The thought of  
teaching college classrooms was  
appealing so I joined the staff at  
National University, Riverside

Campus where I supervised stu-  
dent teachers, coordinated the  
student teacher program and  
taught teaching methods (Clini-  
cal Teaching/Clinical Supervi-  
sion, another duty in the River-  
side County Superintendent of  
Schools office).

Music? I have been music direc-  
tor in the Nazarene churches at:  
Altadena; Washington D.C., Bur-  
bank and Upland. Add those to  
the First Baptist Church in  
Riverside and a stint in Walnut  
Christian Chapel. I have directed  
church choirs for about 25 years.

My wife's name is Joy who is a  
teacher. We have a wonderful  
family: Robin, a teacher; Tama-  
ra, an office manager; and last  
but not least Tracey, who quit  
managing a clothing store to  
bring us Morganne, our four  
year old granddaughter. Both  
Robin and Tamara are fine musi-  
cians.

We have lived in Upland in our  
dream home which we designed  
and built (with the help of a  
builder friend).

Thanks for listening. See you in  
May.

John Anderson

## Robert E. Leach '47

**Aurora, Nebraska**

Alumni,

In 1948, my parents moved  
from the lower Finchville area  
to the farm between Callaway  
and Broken Bow. I lived at home  
but worked as a farmhand in the  
Arnold area for three or four  
years. In 1951, I spent some time  
in the home construction occu-  
pation at Kearney.

In June of 1951, I was drafted  
into the U.S. Army during the  
Korean War. I took basic train-  
ing at Fort Sill, OK, was in Japan  
for three months going to per-  
sonnel school, and then spent 15  
months with the 121st Evac Hos-  
pital near Seoul, Korea, as a per-  
sonnel clerk. I was discharged as  
Corporal Leach in May of 1953.

In June of 1953, I was married  
to Loretta Schneringer of Call-  
away. We lived in Broken Bow  
until 1956 when we moved to  
Kearney, NE. I worked with a  
power company until 1960.  
In 1960, I entered the insur-  
ance business as a State Farm  
Agent, then as an insurance ad-  
juster for Farmers Mutual of Ne-  
braska. We lived in York until  
1969 when I bought into an in-  
surance agency at Aurora, NE.  
Last year I sold my interest to  
my son, Steven Leach. I am  
presently semi-retired and work-  
ing in the real estate and the  
farm management business.

Loretta and I have four chil-  
dren, all married: daughters, Pa-  
tricia, Lincoln, NE; Suzanne and  
Janelle, Phoenix, AZ; and son  
Steve in Aurora. We have five  
grandchildren and two step-  
grandchildren.

Besides work, I enjoy golfing,  
sporting events,

(we have a fifth wheel RV). We  
belong to a camping club and  
still like to fish and hunt. I spent  
a few years on the local school  
board (my political fame), and  
several years on various United  
Methodist Church boards, both  
at the local and state levels.

I have enjoyed the friendships  
from my Arnold High School  
days, especially the annual alum-  
ni programs and our Class of 47  
get togethers.

Many thanks to all the Arnold  
area alumni who have spent  
many hours making this a great  
time for those of us who live  
away. It's great to come back and  
renew friendships.

50 years - seems like yesterday.  
Will see you this May.

## Darold Croghan

**Denice, FL**

Alumni,

From 1947 to 1948 I worked as  
a farm hand for several farmers.

In 1949 I worked for the U.S.  
Geological Survey.

1950-1954: Joined the U.S. Navy  
and then met my wife Rose, in  
Rhode Island, while I was sta-  
tioned there. Moved to Arnold  
and worked for Watson's Gro-  
cery Store. Moved back to Rhode  
Island and started working for  
Armour and company. In 1953,  
we were blessed with our first  
daughter Debbie.

1954-1960: Moved back to  
Arnold and again worked

for Watson's Grocery. Left  
Arnold to move back to Rhode  
Island to join the Navy. We were  
blessed again in 1957 with an-  
other beautiful daughter, Kathi.  
Left the Navy with a medical dis-  
charge.

1960-1997: Went into the Civil  
Service, U.S. Department of Agri-  
culture, Meat and Poultry In-  
spection Service for 26 years. My  
job took my family and myself  
on some more traveling. We  
moved from Rhode Island to  
New Jersey and then to Ohio.  
There was an opening for an in-  
spector to relocate to Nebraska  
so we moved to Broken Bow.

This time my daughters ended  
up moving back to Ohio and so  
Rose and I followed them. One  
more move took our daughter  
Deb and her family to Florida,  
with Kathi to follow, and when I  
retired, Rose and I followed  
suite. We all are still in sunny  
Florida. I'm now working, so  
hard, on a golf course living with  
my wonderful wife of 45 years,  
as of this August, and my two  
young looking daughters and  
their families close by.

Darold Croghan

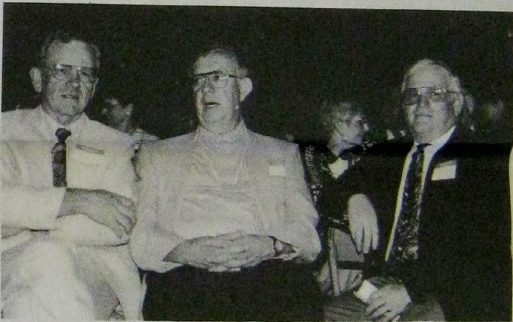
## Burdette Crow Deterding '47

**Arnold, NE**

Dear Alumni,

My, how time does fly. It does  
not seem possible that fifty years  
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## '96 Banquet Scenes



Jim Croghan, Dee Scott and Bub Kilmer from the Class of '52.



Patsy Finch Kilmer, Marilyn Best Scott '53, and Shirla Croghan.



Suanne Mills Lind '60, Glen and Shirley Troyer, and John Mills '65.

## Letters

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have passed since we graduated  
from the Arnold High School.  
Fifty years has made some of us  
older, grayer and in my case,  
blessed with happiness and our  
health. After graduation, I kept  
books for an implement dealer  
for six years. Stan Deterding (a  
1948 graduate of Arnold High)  
and I were married in California  
while he was in the Marine  
Corp. After his discharge, we  
moved back northwest of Arnold  
and farmed with and for his dad  
(Louis Deterding). Years later,  
we purchased his folks' place,  
moved there and are still there.  
We have three children, Gloria,  
Greg and Glenda, and seven  
grandchildren (plus one  
grandson-in-law) all who live  
within a four hour drive from  
us. We do not see them often, as  
they are all very busy with their  
lives, but enjoy them when we  
get together.

Our coffee pot is always on,  
stop by anytime.

Burdette Crow Deterding

## Class of 1957

### Howard Morrison '57

**North Platte, NE**

Dear Ruth:

We received your letter regard-  
ing the Class Reunion this year.  
If I am feeling up to it we will  
meet with the class at "Custers  
Cafe" and go to the banquet and  
program too.

Thanks for all you and Sherry  
are doing on the plans.

Sincerely,  
Howard Morrison

### Janette Brower Patterson '57

**Murietta, CA**

Dear Alumni,

It does not seem possible that  
forty years have come and gone,  
since graduating from Arnold  
High School, but then again my  
body and hair color is beginning  
to tell my age.

I am anxious to see all my class-  
mates and school friends of  
other years. I really do hope the  
classmates that live in Nebraska  
make a special effort to be there,  
as do those of us that live far  
away!

Just a little update of happen-  
ings in my last 10 years: Duane  
(my husband) retired after 35  
years with the City of Orange,  
Ca. Fire Department, so we have  
been doing some traveling and  
plan on doing more in the near  
future.

Our son Brent gave us a darling  
granddaughter, and daughter  
Jodi and husband gave us two  
adorable grandsons, all of which  
we help love and spoil just a lit-  
tle. Ha!

Hope to see everyone the end  
of May.

Sincerely,  
Janette Brower Patterson

### Joan (Jodi) Troyer Craig '57

**North Platte, NE**

Dear Alumni:

The past 40 years have been  
quite exciting and interesting  
and I am certainly looking for-  
ward to spending time with my  
classmates at our reunion, as I  
have not attended one since the  
20th.

After business school and a  
brief stint as a legal secretary I  
married and began raising a  
family, as if we had many choic-  
es in 50's and 60's. The next 20  
years went by so fast being a  
wife, mother and volunteer for  
many organizations, including  
Cub Scouts, Campfire Girls, PTA  
(am I not the least likely in our  
class to be awarded a life mem-

bership in the PTA???) Also spent  
many hours volunteering at the  
local hospital and the Communi-  
ty Playhouse.

For my 40th birthday I received  
tuition to return to college to  
chip the rust off my skills and  
then returned to work, this time  
as a medical transcriptionist. I  
enjoyed 15 years in the same job  
and then retired again when  
Dave took his retirement from  
Union Pacific. I now spend a lot  
of time at the bridge table, going  
to the swimming pool most  
mornings for a little exercise, do  
some crafts and Dave and I like  
to travel whenever possible.

As I note the roster of the  
school system in North Platte  
there are certainly a lot of  
Arnold graduates names, which  
makes me think we all received  
a good education at good old  
AHS.

Looking forward to renewing  
old acquaintances.  
Jodi

### Ruth (Frosh) Ross '57

**Arnold, Nebraska**

Dear Alumni,

The Class of "57" will celebrate  
our 40th at "Custers" before the  
banquet this year. We had a  
good time visiting with so many  
ten years ago. I hope they will  
make it again.

I worked for two years after  
graduation, then married Larry  
Ross of Callaway in March of '59.  
We have three children, and five  
grandchildren. Our youngest  
daughter moved back from Cali-  
fornia last fall, so they are all liv-  
ing in Arnold. We get to enjoy  
the grandchildren's school  
events, and watch them grow  
up, as we grow older!!?

We lived at Callaway until  
1966; Larry farmed with his fa-  
ther until he retired. We moved  
to the Frank Middleton farm  
where we still farm and ranch.  
*The ranch lies at the edge of the*  
sandhills in Powell Canyon. It  
has been a challenging experi-  
ence, but a good life.

We have been blessed with  
good health and friends over the  
years, but are looking forward  
to spending our winters in a  
warmer climate in the next few  
years.

Ruth (Frosh) Ross

### Roger Best '57

**Alexandria, LA**

Dear Duane,

It will be a sincere pleasure to  
return to Arnold for the annual  
alumni association meeting and  
have the opportunity to again be  
with other former graduates. I  
often think of how unique and  
special our Alumni Association is.  
None of my colleagues through  
the years, who came from  
various parts of the U.S.,  
have ever known of a high  
school that had an annual alum-  
ni meeting that could attract an  
attendance that equaled almost  
100 per cent of the town's popu-  
lation. Most of my friends speak  
of alumni affairs that take place  
every ten years and that are lim-  
ited to one class rather than in-  
cluding all graduates. They are  
puzzled by how an annual meet-  
ing could be continually organi-  
zed and sustained year after  
year.

I have to try and explain that  
the people of Arnold have a com-  
munity spirit and energy that re-  
mains irrepressible. Probably  
the worst label you could put on  
someone in Arnold would be to  
call them lazy. Those of us who  
fell in that category had to move  
on after graduating from A.H.S.  
It is truly impressive to consid-  
er the number of local graduates  
and the hours they spend to con-  
tinually provide alumni address  
directories of former graduates,  
special class receptions, a ban-  
quet, program, dance and over-  
all atmosphere of collegiality.  
Such an effort is indicative of an

exceptional culture and tradi-  
tion that many large corpora-  
tions and other organizations  
spend millions of dollars trying  
to achieve. They know that such  
a culture just doesn't happen  
easily or quickly.

Not only do designated individ-  
uals work hard for this annual  
event, the entire community ex-  
tends its hospitality in welcom-  
ing many out-of-town graduates.  
I live in an area of over 100,000  
people and it is unheard of to  
have any single event that could  
attract 40 percent of the popula-  
tion. Graduating from A.H.S. is  
probably not an unparalleled  
event, but the connections and  
ties that bring us back together  
are truly special.

I look forward to seeing you  
May 24.

Personal Regards,  
Roger Best

### Noel Olin '57

**St. Paul, NE**

Dear Ruth,

I would really like to attend the  
banquet on May 24th, but I can't  
make plans until after the dis-  
trict high school golf meets on  
May 19th.

If I have a boy qualify for state  
golf, then I will have to say here  
to get him ready for the meet on  
the 27th and 28th.

If I do come, it would be just  
for the May 24th banquet as I  
have a previous commitment on  
the 25th.

Tell everyone "Hi" and tell  
them I often think of my '57  
classmates!  
Noel

### Ken Hartman '57

**McCook, NE**

Dear Ruth and fellow alumni:

It is with a great deal of honor  
and pride that I add my name to  
those who plan to attend the  
40th anniversary of the class of  
'57. Truly another exceptional  
class of Arnold High School.

Karen and I live in McCook as I  
finish my 31st year of education  
at McCook Senior High School.  
Two more years will give me a  
total of 38 years of teaching and  
I will be able to retire and con-  
centrate on those other great  
things in life.

We will have, by alumni time,  
eleven grandchildren. I thought  
that the older one became, the  
smaller the home they are to  
have, but not so!

Count us "in" on the catered  
Sunday dinner. Sounds like a  
great time. It is with a great deal  
of anticipation that I look for-  
ward to meeting all my friends  
and classmates.

Thanks to all those who work  
so hard to make all these good  
things happen.

We'll see you soon.  
Your classmate,  
Ken Hartman

### John R. Hardin '57

**Castle Rock, CO**

Dear '57 Classmates:

With Arnold in the rear view  
mirror forty years ago, my jour-  
ney after graduation started  
with college in Kearney and then  
on to Lincoln for a degree. As  
you would expect, rock and roll  
music kept my attention and I  
had to play guitar in a band for  
several years. During this time I  
joined the Air National Guard  
and later spent two years on ac-  
tive duty in Colorado and  
Louisiana. I met my wife Shirley  
in Lincoln and over time we  
raised two daughters who are  
now grown - one married and  
living in Winston-Salem, North  
Carolina and the other finishing  
graduate school at Iowa State.

No grandchildren to brag about  
yet.

We moved to Denver in 1965  
where I returned to college for  
an MBA while Shirley taught

school. We never left Colorado  
permanently after that but em-  
ployment took us first to Col-  
orado Springs, then to Castle  
Rock (where we put down  
roots), followed by Denver, then  
back to Castle Rock. In Colorado,  
I have worked for the telephone  
company, a start-up title insur-  
ance company and finally man-  
aged real estate with Atlantic  
Richfield Company for its coal  
and mineral operations in the  
western U.S. and Alaska. I spent  
twenty years with Arco and thor-  
oughly enjoyed my work assign-  
ments, the last being the sale of  
the remaining properties of the  
Anaconda Copper Company  
which had been acquired by  
Arco in the 1970's. I was asked to  
take early retirement and did so  
in October, 1994.

Since then I became self-  
employed and offer real estate  
consulting and brokerage ser-  
vices to coal mining companies  
in the west. As you might guess,  
Arco is one of my better cus-  
tomers.

For fun, we like to stay phys-  
ically active, travel, and see the  
sights. Before our youngest  
daughter turned 21, she could  
say part of her education came  
from visiting ten foreign coun-  
tries and most of the islands in  
Hawaii. We particularly have  
fond memories of volunteering  
and serving on the support staff  
for the 19



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District in Lincoln, Ne from March of '76 to July of 1979 as a conservation technician on wildlife habitat enhancement and flood control dam construction.

We moved to Cincinnati, Ohio for six months following Julie's graduation from UNL with degree in Mechanical Engineering. Moved back to Lincoln for a year and a half while Julie finished her Master's degree.

We moved to Texas in summer of 1981, where I worked for the Army Corps of Engineers as a Construction Rep for thirteen years. Julie worked for fisher Controls in Sherman, Texas. We have two boys, Bryan (12-16-75) and Scott (1-28-75). Julie and I were divorced in summer of '85 and I raised the boys until Bryan went to live with his mother the last two years of high school while Scott stayed with me until he graduated. We lived in first Sherman, then Denton, Sulphur Springs and Boerne, all in Texas.

I caught the soccer bug in Texas and have coached ever since, started coaching my kids and continued after they were too old to play. My favorite hobby has always been backpacking trips with my two boys. After hunting pheasants around Arnold!

With both boys out of the house, and me still single and fancy free (still am), I retired from the Army Corps in April of '93 and took off for the wild blue yonder. I have been traveling ever since with brief stints at working to make enough to pay the bills. I have been in all of the lower 48 states, and hit all but a handful of our National parks. I backpack extensively and have been on all of the major trails in the USA. Jobs have included a summer at Grand Canyon Lodge, fall at ski lodge in Winter Park, CO, summer with Schwann's (driving a route truck) at Plattsmouth, NE, and one fall at Arnold during harvest working for Craig Halstead. I spent this last fall sailing with friends in the Chesapeake Bay on a 58 ft. sailing yacht. We hope to take an around the world trip within the next couple of years. Would be a trip of two years duration!

Working this summer at St. Mary's Lodge at Glacier National Park in Montana. Hate to miss the reunion, but have bills to pay!

Dennis Leach

#### Barb (Bidstrup) Foran '67 Arnold, NE

Dear Alumni Members,  
How fast the years have gone, not only am I having a 30th class reunion but will also celebrate our 50th anniversary this year.

Outside of being stationed in Germany for 2 years, we have been in Arnold. Same corner and good neighbors for 29 years. When I got to Germany, Lenni Blixt and Dennis Leach were stationed there, but by the time we found out where they were, they had been transferred to Viet Nam. Our daughter was born in Germany, she was called our little Foreign (Foran) girl. She has now grown up and is married to Scott Winfield. They have 2 children, Brent and Amanda, and will soon have another in August. Being grandparents is one of God's best blessings and a great past time.

Harv works for the Village and I work sometimes for Tami Koubek at her greenhouse. I am a member of the Village Tree Board and am the City Forester. I am a Master Gardener from the Univ. of Lincoln, this is where my interest in trees and working with them came from. We still have a large garden and lawn. Each year we try and make the garden smaller and the lawn larger. One of my instructors

once told us if you didn't at least have one failure a year you were not experimenting and growing in your work. Come by here in July and August, some years I feel we have really grown in our work. I also had someone tell me that whether you go to heaven or hell, your job will be the one you detested most on earth. Well folks, I will be dragging a hose around for eternity!

I have a few hobbies, canning crafts and reading. I also like working on our family history and my collection of cookbooks (over 550 of them). I didn't say I liked to cook a lot, just read the books. Harv collects Legos and shot glasses (over 400), so I guess another hobby is dusting the shot glasses.

Both Harv and I are on the Vol. Fire and Rescue Dept. The members are a great bunch to work with. Harv is also on the State Ambulance Advisory Board. I attend the meeting with him (as his unpaid secretary).

We finally stepped in to the century and got a computer this year. It's been fun, madding and a real test on our sense of humor, but we are really enjoying it. The grand kids have been using it, so we have to keep going or they will pass us.

Hope to see a lot of you in May.  
Barb (Bidstrup) Foran

#### Linda (Myer) Hardy '67 Weston, NE

Dear Friends,  
Our big news of the year is our recent move to an acreage. We moved to "the farm" (9 acres) in Sept. It was a daunting task to move 9 people, 2 dogs and 13 years of accumulated "stuff."

A little about the family:  
Rosie at 5 years, remains the baby of the family; Ariell is 6 and in kindergarten; Allison is 7 and in first grade; Josh is 10 and a 5th grader; Jared is 14 and an 8th grader at Neumann; Jeff is 16 - look out drivers! - and a sophomore at Neumann; and Jason is a sophomore at UNL.

As you can see by the run down on our children, we are busy busing, coaching, cheering and encouraging. The kids point out that we have no lives of our own - at least, that's what I think they mean when they say "get a life."

Linda

#### Lila Hermansen Pile '67 Gurley, NE

Dear Alumni,  
I attended Mid-Plains Junior College for two years. It was here I met my future husband, Bill. After graduation from Mid-Plains we attended Chadron State College for two years. We were married in August 1970 and graduation from CSC in May 1971. That fall we moved to Harrison, Nebraska where we lived for six years. I taught business classes part-time and worked first at a law office then at the bank. Both of our boys were born while we lived in Harrison.

In 1977 we moved from Harrison to Mullen where Bill held the position as high school principal for 16 years. I stayed at home with the boys for a couple years before returning to full time work as the K-12 school librarian in 1979. It was a wonderful community in which to raise the boys.

In 1993 we moved to our present home here at Gurley, Nebr. My husband is superintendent of the Leyton Schools and I am the upper elementary media specialist in Sidney. I am responsible for the library in two buildings plus teaching computer classes to about 375 students each week.

The boys are now grown. Tom graduated from Chadron State College this winter but is staying in Chadron as a graduate assis-

tant in the math department. Brian is a sophomore at Chadron and enjoying the 'college life.'

Life has been very good to us these past thirty years. I hope my classmates have fared as well. I am looking forward to visiting with them on May 24th.

As ever,  
Lila

#### Lennie Blixt '67 Ft. Riley, Kansas

The following note was written by Lennie's wife, Carole.

Dear Barb -  
I'm so glad you asked!

After graduating from Harvard Business School in 1972...just kidding!!!!

Lennie spent two colorful years in the Army in Germany and Viet Nam.

He then journeyed to Chapman, KS where he worked for brothers Larry and Leroy until 1984. He then started working at Ft. Riley, where he continues to be employed. In 1979 he married Carole (me) who had two lovely daughters.

One daughter remains and has blessed us with a fine granddaughter named Shelby, who lives in Dallas, TX with her parents, Jennifer and Russell.

Lennie has many interests which include gardening, fishing, serving as an American Legion member, and of course, visiting Dallas as often as possible!

Carole Blixt

#### Keith Brown '67 Lincoln, Nebraska

From 1967-1970, I attended Kearney State College. I got married in 1970 to Deldee Jo Deaver. From 1970-1976, I was in the U.S. Navy. During that time, I had two girls: Terri L. Brown, born in February of 1971, and Nikki M. Brown, born in April of 1974. Our family lived in Virginia for 2 years, South Carolina for 2 years, and Scotland for 2 years. In August of 1976, I worked for Olin's T.V. as a repair man. In April of 1977, I went to work for Scott Electronics in North Platte, Nebr. From 1977 to 1987, I lived in Arnold and worked for Scott's in North Platte. In August of 1987 I moved to Lincoln, Nebr. to work for Scott Electronics at the home store. In 1995 I became a buyer for a company called Lester Electrical which is where I am at today. I am still involved in drag racing which is a carry over from my high school days with my brown 1950 Ford.

Keith

#### Dennis Rosentrater '67 Arnold, NE

Dear Classmates,  
The past thirty years of my life can be summed up in four simple words: stayed home and worked! This is basically true; however, there are a few highlights that happened along over the years that weren't work. I'll try to include some of these events.

After graduation I remained at home and helped my father on the family farm. After his death in 1983, I took over and am still trying to match my wits against the weather and prices and everything else a farmer must consider on my land. I also sunflowers on my land. I also sunflowers on my land. I also sunflowers on my land.

We are hatching their eggs and raising the young for the meat market. I have enjoyed some traveling over the years. I have taken several vacations with my family to California, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, South Dakota, and Iowa. The longest trip I took was

in 1977 when I flew to Spain with several of my family members. I also attended a Nebraska football game in Florida.

In April of 1995 I married Cathy Larreau and left the quiet, boring evenings on the farm for the non-stop activity and fun of a home with six children. Being a dad and a grandpa is a great thing!

Sundays will find me singing in the choir and enjoying the services.

Dennis Rosentrater

## Letters...

#### Rita Watson Workman '63 Cathedral City, CA

Dear Sharron,  
As much as we travel, I'm so glad you manage to catch up to me.

I hated missing the big 30th last year, but we were in Reno. There's a chance we'll make this one if Denver wins out over northern California or Washington.

We always love to see everyone and have so much fun and laughs at Alumni. Some things never change.

I'm working in the cardiac unit as an R.N. at Eisenhower Medical Center in Palm Springs. I'll

be there until the end of April, so if anyone is wintering here, look me up.

Sincerely,  
Rita Workman

#### Gaynelle Catterson '44 Creighton, NE

Dear Sharron,  
Thank you for sending me the reminder for my dues. I do enjoy getting The Alumni News.

I live too far away for some one to drive me to the banquet, and I can't drive that far myself. I trust you have a good turn-out and a good time.

An Arnold Alumni,  
Gaynelle (Johnston) Catterson

#### Joycelyn (Potter) Weber '41 Olathe, KS

Dear Sharron,  
Sorry I'm unable to be at the banquet. My oldest grandchild, Jamie Weber, is graduating from college on the same date. I'm hoping to be attending her graduation which is in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Joycelyn (Potter) Weber

#### Margie Thompson Shepker Kearney, NE '51

Dear Alumni Members,  
Guess it is that time of year again. I plan to attend the banquet this year as it is easier to get Saturdays off now since I am manager of the Green Stamp as

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## Scenes From The '96 Banquet



Glen Troyer, Craig Halstead '74, and John Beshaler '73.



Kirk Keyser and Melanie Peters Chesley '77.



Kim Myer Beshaler '74, Sherri Romans Wienke '74, and Melva Scott Phillips '73.

## Letters

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of January 1, 1996. I was some what apprehensive about the position, but everything has gone real well. It will be 17 years in July I have been with the company. My big trip this last year was last June when my granddaughter got married in Portland, Oregon, and I had all four of my kids together for four days and it was great. I spent two weeks out

in the Seattle area and it was a great vacation. My son thinks I should move out there but I have been in Kearney 50 years and my girls all live in Nebraska, so I'm sure I will stay put.

Even though we aren't an honored class this year, I'm looking forward to seeing old friends again. Hard to believe we will have our 50th in 2001. How time flies when we are having fun. Ha!

Sincerely,  
Margie Thompson Shepker

#### D.E. Pearson '44 Farmington NM

Don Pearson writes that they will probably not get to the banquet this year due to their oldest granddaughter graduating from high school. "We will be thinking of you all, though, at that time. Have a great alumni banquet."

#### Fern L. (Croghan) Russell '49 Lincoln, NE

Dear Sharron,  
I thought I would write a little note to update you on what has been happening in the Russell household. We have four children, nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren.

Russ retired from the Nebraska State Penitentiary a year ago last November after 18 years. I just retired in January from the National Bank of Commerce after 28 years. So far it has been great. Our youngest son (Mike) will retire from the Navy in two years so I thought I should be able to retire before him.

We have been living in Lincoln for twelve years and really love living here. There seems to be something to do if you're looking for excitement.

I am hoping to attend the banquet this year. I haven't been there since my fortieth.

Sincerely,  
Fern L. Russell

Y'all have a goodern on May 24.  
Wendell D. Smith  
Candelaria Rt. Box 63  
Marfa TX 79843

#### Gary D. Connely '58 Austin, TX

It's a beautiful day here in

## Scenes From The '96 Banquet



James Chapin '51, Norene Hall Chapin '54, Era Mae Ervin Widholm '54, Helen Widholm Harper '51, and Lynn Harper.



Raoul Johnson '62, and Judy Johnson.

Austin, Texas and I'm looking out over Lake Travis as the sun dances across the water.

Time is flying - I mean really flying because yesterday I finished my oatmeal and Carol and Carmen Vogel stopped to pick me up for my freshman year and I didn't TEASE them at all as they drove to old Arnold High.

Can't tell you for sure if I'll make Alumni this year but will try. Perhaps next year on my 40th reunion!

I'm a disaster (no pun intended) insurance adjuster having worked Hurricane Opal, Bertha and Fran down south last year and enjoy the travel, great people I meet, and being able to help in a time of need.

Please excuse my lovely linen, writing paper but I ran out of newspaper print or I would have saved some \$ by using it.

Tell all interested folks Hello for me, God bless them and I'll see you all one of these fine days. Be good to yourself!

Gary D. Connely

#### Lenore Leonard Hopkins '41 Hi Sharron,

Sorry I won't be able to attend the banquet this year. Thanks to all, you do such a great job!

#### Paul Rosentrater (1950) and Nola (Leach) Rosentrater (1951) write: "Thanks so much for all the hard work all of you do for the alumni. We do appreciate it!"

Melvin E. Clark '55  
Pennsylvania Furnas, PA  
Sharron,  
I am currently teaching at Penn State and will have two many things to do when the semester is over to plan any trips to Nebraska in May, so will not get to Arnold. We expect to put our house on the market this summer (finally), and move somewhere we can have decent garden, so May will seem busy.

Melvin E. Clark

#### Alan Lavern Leach '48 Loveland, CO

Allen writes that he has retired and moved from Danville, Calif.

to Loveland, Colo. He plans to attend the banquet in May.

## Honored Class Letter

#### Margaret A. (Stauffer) Lee '37 Axtell, NE

Dear Friends of Class of 1937:

Just a short note with dues and tickets for meal at the banquet. Sure will be glad to see old friends that I graduated with in 1937, as Margaret A. Stauffer. I soon will have my 80th next February 22nd. Hope I keep doing well and soon will be able to return to my home in Axtell in less than 3 months. We sure did receive a big snow storm over the weekend. Well, must get this mailed in plenty of time.

Love to all,  
Margaret A. (Stauffer) Lee

## Alumni Who Help Keep Arnold On The Map

Following is a list of those alumni who have stayed, or returned to Arnold and own, or co-own businesses here.

Dot Lindholm Gast '46 - The Store.

Brad Nansel '79 and Cal Joy '65 - Cal's Best Service.

Leann Ross '85 - Le' Ross Professional Services.

Sharron Welty Bean '56 - Bean's Boutique.

Bob Forrester '48 - Forrester's Dodge City.

Terry '75 and Dena Weinman '83 Mills - Mills Hardware.

Sue Lamberty DeLoch '72 - Sue's Beauty Shop.

Bob Crow '48 and Pat Deterding Crow '53 - D & K Lumber & Farm Supply, Inc.

Wade Preston '82 - Arnold Insurance Agency.

Lee Eastburn '79 - Jim's Bar.

Darren Weinman '86 - Weinman Tractor Repair.

Tami Milne Weinman '86 - Arnold Child Care Center.

Mitch '71 and Lisa Ross Geiser '79 - Pretty Petals Floral.

Marvin Larsen '68 - Marv's Dispatch.

Gary Mills '66 - Mills Oil Products.

Gary Larreau '78 - Larreau Construction, Inc.

Rich Hornung '65 - Hornung Construction.

Tami Koubek '77 - Springview Gardens

Roger Jacobson '61 - Jake's Trucking.

Marion Scott '48 - Scott Construction.

Brad Atkins '68 - Atkins Auction.

Ken Wehrman '54 - Financial Planning.

Rick Beshaler '71 - Beshaler Gravel.

Blaine Hagler '73 - Hagler Trucking.

The following alumni hold positions in the business community.

Mike Lucas '69 - Village of Arnold Utilities Superintendent.

Patty Lamberty '79 - Arnold Village Clerk, CMC.

Tim Rosentrater '79 - manager, Farmland Service Coop.

Darlene Hagler Rimpley '52 - Finch Memorial Library Director.

Dave Crow '70 - manager D & K Lumber & Farm Supply, Inc.

Janet Cole Larreau '78 - News Editor/Advertising Manager - The Arnold Sentinel.

We hope we haven't missed anyone.

## Designated Table

Since the classes are larger, there will only be a special table set up for the 50 year graduates at the banquet.

## Free Pictures

Pictures taken at the banquets before 1986 are free for anyone who would like them. These will be in the sixth grade room.

A 1925 Arnold High graduate, Mildred Deming McMahon, was famous for taking pictures at every Arnold event for many years, and the alumni banquet was no exception.

After Mildred passed away, her children generously sent many, many of her pictures to Finch Library, and they became available for the public to look at, and if there were any pictures they wanted, to take them.

There are still many pictures to look at, both at the library, and some at the banquet.

Enjoy them when you are "home."

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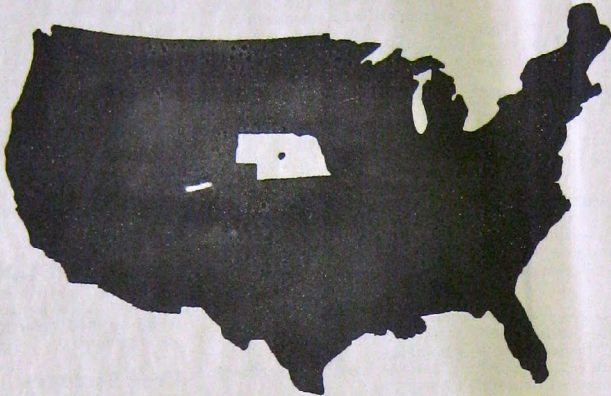
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