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First Alumni Dinner Held

Arnold High School's first alumni dinner in several years was held May 29, 1953. It was a complete success.

Over 340 former students, respective wives or husbands, crowded into the High School Auditorium where tables were attractively set.

The theme of the dinner featured the 40th anniversary of the first graduating class. Three of the five members of this class were present. They were Ethel Perkins, Clarence Mills, and Lloyd Beltz. Charles Reed, also a member of the first class sent a letter of greeting.

Jerald Beltz (class of 47) was toastmaster and introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. C. H. Hare, who was Supt. of Arnold Schools for many years. Musical numbers and short talks from former teachers and students filled out the rest of the program.

Following the organization meeting the Alumni dance was held downtown with Johnny's Ramblers furnishing the music. Everyone voted that the evening was a complete success. We hope to see all of you on May 29, 1954.

Send Your Name

Several have voiced a desire for a copy of the directory of the alumni.

To help insure accuracy in compiling a directory, won't you please make certain that your address is correct in our files.

**PAY YOUR DUES
SEE YOU MAY 29**



C. H. HARE

Hare To New Post

C. H. Hare, superintendent of schools at Broken Bow, was named assistant director of certification in the State Department of Public instruction.

When W. A. Rosene retires from the directorship next January, Hare will succeed him, State Supt. F. B. Decker said.

Hare's appointment as assistant is effective Sept. 1.

Hare holds degrees from Nebraska Wesleyan University and the University of Nebraska, and has attended summer sessions at the University of Illinois and Denver University.

He was at Arnold 19 years before going to Broken Bow, and taught one year at Blair and two in Lincoln.

New Officers Are Elected

Signa Harter, as the last active president of the Alumni, conducted the organization meeting that followed the dinner. Mary Margaret Davenport was elected to head the group for the year.

Mary Margaret is a graduate of the class of '39.

Other officers completing the slate, all from Arnold, are Don Smith, first vice-president; Raymond Koubek, second vice-president; Mildred McMahon, secretary; and Winifred Johnson, treasurer.

Annual dues were set at one dollar. It was decided to hold the next banquet on May 29, 1954. This seems to be a good time as so many former Arnold people return each year for Memorial Day.

More Expected To '54' Banquet

The first alumni banquet held last year was such a success that we are looking forward to an even larger turnout for the Smorgasbord and dance which have been planned for this year.

We hope that this will continue to be an annual affair. This places the responsibility on the alumni in and around Arnold. It has been very difficult to obtain the addresses of all Alumni, therefore, our files are incomplete. Won't you help complete these by keeping in contact with the secretary each year.

Your dues of \$1.00 per year are making this paper possible. We were gratified at the number of alumni who sent their dues for membership in the association even though they were unable to return for the festivities last May.

Notes Of Old And New Alumni

To old and new Alumni members also greetings to those that were absent:

Being a member of the first graduating class and living here through the years, I have seen a great many changes, especially from our two room school house, and faculty consisting of two teachers, to the present schools. Our class entertained the class of 1914 at my house.

The banquet last year was a big success.

Ethel Perkins
Class of 1911

Just a little difficult to get there. Probably not many there from the Class of 1917. In fact there weren't many in the class of '17. Good luck with your organization and hope you have a fine time. I fear we old timers will be greatly outnumbered. Greetings to Lloyd B., Clarence M., Floyd L., Peggy (Beltz)!, I don't know who else is around there that were '16 or '17.

Nolan Alexander
Class of 1917

We are very sorry we were unable to attend the Alumni Banquet. It may be we can come this year.

We want to keep our membership so you will find \$2 for our dues.

Times sure have changed. Our oldest daughter has two sons and lives in Yakima, Wash. Our son Lynn has graduated from college and now has a church in Ontario, Canada. His fiance lives at Hamilton, Ontario, about 90 miles from him. They were married Sept. 5, 1953. We attended the wedding at Hamilton. Our youngest daughter is 11.

Keep up the good work.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pinkston
Classes of 1923 and 1927

Enclosed find one dollar for my dues. I wish I could have attended the banquet, but am afraid I can't come this year, I graduated in 1918 and have lived in South Dakota ever since. We had a ranch in Zieback County and lived there 30 years.

We had a family of four boys and four girls, and went through good years and bad, drought, grasshoppers, and depression, but they were good years, and happy ones. In 1948 we sold the ranch of 17,000 acres and moved to a 200 acre farm near Spearfish so we would be near school. We like this place fine and have very good schools including the State Teachers College.

Three girls are married and one oldest son John Jr. is in the army, now located in France.

The twins, James and Marshall, are 19 years old and attended Brookings College this past year. The two young-

est and two oldest granddaughters are here going to school.

We have many attractions here in the Black Hills, one outstanding is the Passion Play which is given three times weekly through July and August. We have a wonderful climate, and beautiful scenery.

Greetings to all the class of 1918.

Mrs. Laura Eddy

I am teaching the third grade. This is my seventh year since coming here. I started teaching in 1945, having been "drafted" by shortage. Back to college, one whole year and a few summer sessions. I'll soon have a BA. Have five grandchildren, two children, a husband who would enjoy a Nebraska visit, too, since he is a native of Nebraska.

We have a small apple orchard with

about all other fruits for family use, and a small pasture acreage with some cattle. It is a small ranch in terms of wide open spaces, but it is more labor than one man can do in this area.

We are in sight of Mt. Adams, Mt. Ranier, and St. Helens. It's a beautiful, productive Yakima Valley—the Fruit-bowl of the Nation.

Nina Robinson Barnett
Class of 1922

I am certainly happy to see the Arnold Alumni being organized. I sincerely wish I could take an active part or help in some way.

I regret that I am unable to attend the banquet, but here's hoping it will be a success beyond your expectations.

Wayne Koch

News of Classmates

This paper is somewhat limited for space; therefore, the class news takes

Lost

Strayed or Stolen

Won't you help us get the correct address of the following?

Eva Richards (17)

Samuel Person (18)

Nellie Church (18)

Vera Purcell (25)

Gladys Wolverton Severs (25)

Mildred Imboden Larson (26)

Sylvia Arria (27)

Melvin Brumbaugh (27)

Walter Holden (27)

Vivian Wills Leafe (27)

Max Phifer (27)

Mrs. Elmer Anderson (28)

Joe Burnham (28)

Kenneth McCante (28)

Hildred Robinson (28)

Bernard Critchfield (29)

Everett Bennett (29)

Venetia Geiser (29)

Lillian Grissom (29)

Hyrna Horn (29)

Borgia Kruser (29)

Everett Morrison (29)

Freda Wolverton Paine (29)

Helen Pinnell Hutchison (29)

PAY YOUR DUES

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E. C. Pickett 'Drops A Line'

Congratulations, Old and New Timers, on the reorganization of the Alumni.

Thanks for the invitation to assemble with you.

I just can't think of anything that would please me more.

Well, a few months ago I bought a new car, and since then, I haven't had money enough to buy gas.

So I will try to write something for you.

Of all the rules I ever learned in rhetoric or oratory, just two stand out in my memory. One—"Don't talk or write on a subject unless you know considerable about that subject, lest there be someone in that audience who knows the subject well."

If I should tell you how the law would apply in a certain case, Charlie Reed

might be there. If I should tell you how to run a bank, Clarence Mills or Lloyd Beltz might be there.

If I should tell you how to successfully manage a country home Cecil Nansel, whom fate tried to conceal by naming her Smith, might be there.

So I chose to violate No. Two—which says, "Don't overuse the pronoun I" and tell you all about me.

This will probably not be interesting to nine-tenths of the association because I fear a generation has arisen who knows not Joseph. Misquotation from Exodus 1-8.

I am a very lucky guy.

The first and most lucky thing that ever happened to me was that I was born in America. Do you realize I might have been born in China or Africa or Siberia?

What a wonderful advantage that gave me!

Then as a second lucky streak I put in my formative years in Nebraska where men think for themselves and do not follow.

We sometimes think of our politicians as great leaders but a great leader implies a large following.

Upon that basis I was once a great leader. I worked for a farmer and each day about daybreak before my real work began and again about dusk after my work was supposedly done, it was my duty to scatter corn across the hog pen. To keep from being surrounded I had to run, but I had a large following.

Again I was lucky to have been born at a very interesting time in the rolling by of centuries. I have seen more changes in the manner of human living in my time than occurred during recorded history. I was born the year the telephone was invented. And many other inventions occurred near the same time, but since there is a lag of several years between invention and general use you older members of the alumni have practically had the same experience.

When I first came to Arnold I traveled no faster and with very little, if any more comfort than did the Pharaohs. History does not tell us just when men found out how to put two wheels on an axle but it was at least five thousand years before they learned to place two wheels in tandem and make a bicycle.

Will our posterity of the next two hundred years see changes as rapid. I think they will and changes greater and faster. Will they be for the better? As my Mexican friends say, "Quan Sabe." (Who know).

Will they look on this little space of time which God gave you and me, to do as we saw fit, with a view which we are denied.

We could make this a time of real advancement if we would remember the teaching of our childhood and get back to real religion. We have religion all right, but "we use it as a spare tire instead of a steering wheel." (Quoted from Hayes, a news announcer).

When I used to teach after coming to the conclusion that I had my students thoroughly confused I gave them a night if not a weekend to straighten out.

Now if this conglomeration of words has confused you don't worry. I am thoroughly confused myself.

E. C. Pickett
First Supt. of Arnold Schools

Rotary Club 25 Years Old

The Rotary Club will observe its 25th Anniversary at an inter-city meeting on Thursday evening, June 3. An interesting ladies night program is being planned.

Each year the club sponsors an athletic banquet for grade and high school letter winners. This year the banquet will be held on Tuesday evening, May 4, at the Methodist Church.

The Club presents the National Honor Society pins to the High School winners each year at graduation.

Ed Erickson is Club President, while Superintendent Jack Welch will take over as president at the start of the fiscal year on July 1.

Attention all Servicemen!
Now hear This!!!

Many are interested in what you are doing, where you are, where you have been, and where you are going. Please keep in touch with the association, and watch for the Servicemen's Column.

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Arnold certainly has need of this fine work for the young ladies as well as the teen-age boys. If the girls' troop receives the co-operation the boys' troop has had, they have a bright future.

Let's help these young people develop into good citizens.

Chamber Represents 65 Business Groups

The Arnold Chamber of Commerce is an active organization representing sixty-five businesses.

The present Chamber is striving for improvements to be made on Highway No. 92 which runs through Arnold.

Each year they sponsor a Fall Festival and Rodeo and at Christmas provide entertainment for the children. Any action taken toward bettering our village is wholeheartedly backed by our members.

Lester Schlootman, president, presides at the business meetings held each month in conjunction with a banquet. Other officers are Lyle Berry, vice-president; Sigma Harter, secretary and treasurer. The Board of Directors includes W. B. Hagler, Floyd Lucas, Crawford Pool and Leland Busch.

We extend our welcome to the Arnold Alumni and best wishes for a successful gathering on May 29.

VITAL STATISTICS

Won't you please notify the association of any births, marriages, or deaths, so that in future issues we may incorporate a Vital Statistics Column.



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Make Your Plans Now

Now is the time to make your reservation for the Alumni Smorgasbord at the High School Auditorium, Saturday, May 29, 1954, at 6:30 p. m.

After the Smorgasbord will be the Alumni Dance. Guests are welcome.

Fill out the blank and return by May 10 to Mrs. Ed Johnson or Mrs. Harry McMahon.

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Business Club Elects Officers

The Business Women's Club meets every first and third Monday of each month—one business and one social—at the Blue Grille. This year among other things a bedside table was donated to the Arnold Community Hospital. Books for the library, \$50 was set aside to be used for a community project.

Also the club contributed to the Polio, Red Cross, Crippled Children, and the public schools.

New officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. Ralph Edminston. Vice-President, Mrs. Harry Peters, Secretary-Treasurer, Gwen McFarland

I'll be there, reserve _____ plates for me for the Smorgasbord.

Sorry, I can't make it _____

Remarks:

Signed _____

Address _____

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ARNOLD, NEBRASKA