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GLEN ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1960

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Sea of Galilee, Israel

This 1960 Class Newsletter is an attempt to keep in contact with our classmates and update their happenings in life.

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NEW YEAR 2013

Here we go again, another dollar and another year; not sure about the dollar. But I'm sure about the new year. They seem to keep coming faster and faster as I get older. You probably feel the same way. By now I think all of us have reached that age of 70. For some, maybe a few years over.

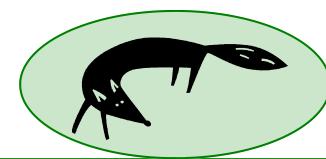
I have a feeling that the guy who said, "Life starts at 50," apparently had never reached 50 yet. Regardless of what anyone says, "It's no fun getting old from an aging standpoint." This physical body will just not do what it used to do or at least it doesn't work as well as it once worked. Dewey

ANNUAL CLASS LUNCHEON

As I write this, it is February 2013. And by the way it's a beautiful day, sunny and in the 60s.

Just wanted to remind you that our Annual Luncheon will be upon us in a few short months. May 17, 2013 is the date, at high noon. I think there was a western movie years ago by the name "High Noon." It all happened at high noon, and that is the way it will be come high noon, Friday, May 17, 2013. Plan to be there.

Please send me any news you may have and your email address for faster updates.



Visit to Israel

Please note the two pictures at the bottom of this page. The one on the left is the Sea of Galilee where Jesus calmed the raging sea and Peter walked upon the waters and didn't sink as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus.

The other picture on the right is a picture of 2000+ year old olive trees. These trees were around when Jesus was there and He probably walked by and prayed at this very spot. We don't know for sure, but trees are on the Mount of Olives.

I took these pictures while in Israel last November. It was a wonderful trip where we probably walked the very spots where Jesus walked. Go—you'll forever be changed! Dewey

Photo by Dewey Fox



2000 Yr Old Olive Trees



“Old Farmer’s Advice”

- * Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- * Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
- * Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- * A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- * Words that soak into your ears are whispered.....not yelled.

- * Meanness don’t jes’ happen overnight.
 - * Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
 - * Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
 - * It don’t take a very big person to carry a grudge.
 - * You cannot unsay a cruel word.
 - * Every path has a few puddles.
 - * When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
 - * The best sermons are lived, not preached.
 - * Most of the stuff people worry about ain’t never gonna happen anyway.
 - * Don’t judge folks by their relatives.
 - * Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
 - * Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you’ll enjoy it a second time.
 - * Don’t interfere with something’ that ain’t bothering you none.
 - * Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
 - * If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin’.
 - * Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
 - * The biggest troublemaker you’ll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every morning’.
 - * Always drink upstream from the herd.
 - * Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
 - * Lettin’ the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than putting’ it back in.
 - * If you get to thinking’ you’re a person of some influence, try orderin’ somebody else’s dog around.
 - * Never fight with a woman. You’ll lose.
 - * Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
- Don’t pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he’ll just kill you.**



Coach Arrington

“FROM THE CLASS”

Becky STAMEY Sehorn
writes November 21, 2012.

It was 85 degrees in my little old part of Texas yesterday, still wearing shorts and sandals. My pecan trees almost destroyed my roof this year, a bumper crop to say the least. Spent several hours cracking for one pecan pie last night. Usually the elderly Mexican ladies come through the neighborhood and pick them up, so I know they are not rotting on the ground. This year it was my duty and recovered buckets.

Have not been back to North Carolina since our reunion, hoping to get a trip in 2013. Love the newsletters, your loyalty to them is amazing. My best to you and yours.

Have thoughts often of Bill Brown and I am so glad I got to see him at our 50th.

Tom Deese writes November 19, 2012. FYI—I played in a Beach Band for several years in the 70’s with the bass player for the Ventures. Fun times!!!!

CONTINUED HAPPENINGS AND MESSAGES FROM CLASSMATES OF 1960



Glen Alpine inducts first-ever sports Hall of Fame, Left to Right— Jim Benfield, Jack Crump, Mrs. Coach Wilson Ralph Hawkins, Wayne Kiser, become inaugural members.

By: PAUL SCHENKEL | Morganton News Herald

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GLEN ALPINE --

Throughout Saturday night's inaugural Glen Alpine Hall of Fame awards banquet at the Glen Alpine United Methodist Church's Life Enrichment Center, one name kept popping up.

It's a name that was a common bond among all the inductees: legendary Green Wave coach Ralph "Jug" Wilson. Wilson — who was already a Catawba College (1984), Western N.C. and Burke County sports (1995) hall of fame member — was one of five men comprising the first class, and he coached each of the other four, Jim Benfield, Jack Crump, Ralph Hawkins and Wayne Kiser. And though all four of those men also excelled in other sports, football was the talk of the night.

Among Wilson's seemingly endless list of accomplishments, he was one of only four men to both play and coach in the Shrine Bowl. He was also the fifth-winningest football coach nationally at the high school level when he retired in 1982 with 269 victories.

Between his stops at GA and then Freedom, Wilson's teams won 18 championships, including back-to-back Western state titles in 1961 and '62. He also coached boys and girls basketball, baseball and track and was Freedom's first athletic director. Wilson passed away at age 74 in 1999, and the GA football field was named after him on April 30, 2011.

Wilson's widow, Anna Scott Wilson, received a standing ovation before addressing those on hand Saturday.

"I wish my husband could have been here," Wilson said. "He would have loved this. I can still hear the clicks (of the cleats) walking those steps down to the field. I get tears in my eyes sometimes when I see kids walking down there to play ball."

"(Jug) was so good at so many things. I'm glad he was a part in your lives and touched you like he did."

Crump was a part of the two championship gridiron teams of the early '60s and was GA's first Shrine Bowl selection, along with Marcus Martin in '62. No 1A school statewide has put two players in the game since.

"I'm honored to be here and accept this," said Crump, who holds Green Wave records for rushing yards and touchdowns in a game, season and career. "It's an honor to go in with these guys, especially Coach Wilson."

Hawkins (1957) and Kiser (1958) preceded Crump by a few years at GA. Hawkins had a 96-yard rushing touchdown in the Western state title game against Mebane as a senior and went on to earn a scholarship to play at North Carolina, while Kiser was named all-conference twice and ran for 900 yards and 15 TDs as a senior.

"I'm so, so happy to be included with these athletes," Hawkins said. "Glen Alpine is a very special place. I'm always proud to say I graduated from here."

"More important than the records were the people I played with," Kiser said. "Most of us were poor people and getting on a bus to travel was an experience. Just walking down the hill on those steps was special for us."

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"50 Years Ago in Burke County"**^ Seen/Heard in West Burke**

-Did you see the Western Riders some time ago? Who were they? Dewey Fox, Ronnie Scott, Jerry Orders and Harold White....all were on beautiful horses with a beautiful dog trotting nearby.
- A huge double boiler whiskey still, well hidden under a rock cliff in the Linville Gorge section, was destroyed by the Burke County Sheriff Department. The still and 11 mash boxes were found after a lengthy search, 100 yards off Highway 105. Deputies used 12 sticks of dynamite in destroying the whiskey plant and gallons of mash.

Taken from The News Herald, Monday, January 7, 2013. The still did not have anything to do with Glen Alpine, but I love this Burke County History. Then it may have had something to do with Glen Alpine, someone from G.A. may have owned the still. Who knows?

- Leonard's Grocery Store in Glen Alpine was broken into and a quantity of merchandise was missing. Entry was gained by forcing a rear door. Missing were cigarettes, pocket knives, pocket watch and .22 cartridges. Leonard told Chief Deputy Sheriff Alvin Wise that it was the 20th time in five years his store had been broken into.

*Taken from The News Herald, Monday, Jan. 2013.
This was the father of our classmate Mindora Leonard.*

"But the more we search the Scriptures, the more we perceive, in this doctrine, the fundamental truth of the gospel-- - that truth which gives to redemption its character, and to all other truths their real power." *John Nelson Darby*



I'm sure you have heard of Joe South, popular in the last 60s with a couple of songs I can remember. "Just Barely." The one I liked the best was "The Games People Play," and the other one was, "Walk a Mile in my Shoes." Mr. South died September 05, 2012 at the age of 72.

Both songs spoke of the way people were and the culture of the times. He also wrote another song which Lynn Anderson made popular, "Rose Garden." You remember it, "I know you can remember it if I can." It goes something like this, "I beg your pardon, I never promised you a Rose Garden."

Come to think of it, I believe I still have a couple of his albums in my garage attic.

He wrote many songs that spoke against hate, hypocrisy and inhumanity. Let me give you the words from his song, and my favorite, "Games People Play."

On the games people play now
Every night and every day now
Never meaning what they say now
Never saying what they mean

And they wile away the hours
in their ivory towers
Till they're covered up with flowers
in the back of a black limousine

*As you read the above,
"Have we changed that much?"*



From The News Herald, Monday January 28, 2013.

Glen Alpine Graded School, CA. 1903

The school had two front doors, one auditorium and two classrooms. The school term was eight months. This photograph is one of a series of early Glen Alpine photographs found by N. R. Parker.

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Benfield (1967) holds the GA passing records for completions, yards and touchdowns in a game and season. The Green Wave went 11-1 in his senior year.

"(Coach Wilson) through a winning tradition put Glen Alpine on the map," Benfield said. "When coach moved me to quarterback, I wasn't excited about the idea. But something coach drilled into us was this is a team, not a bunch of individuals."

All honorees were nominated with at least two letters of recommendation, and then voted upon by the Glen Alpine Hall of Fame committee, which was comprised of former GA athletes and selected by the town's Ruritan Club.

Master of ceremonies Ray Merrill was the main event organizer.
"I've wanted to do this for years. This (hall of fame) is a dream I've always had," Merrill said. "And it came true."



RALPH 'JUG' WILSON

J H Taylor.

Oct 9th. 1942.

"COPY OF ACTUAL LETTER"

My Dearest One

I will answer your letter
sure was glad to hear from you. Honey tell
Carrie I wish her all the luck in the
world for her and the baby and tell
her when she writes Fox tell him hello
for me, darling I can't tell you why
I have not sent you money until now
but it is a good reason I am sure but I
will send all I can from now on. Honey
I sure will be glad when this war is over
for I sure home sick for you. Well honey
it wont be long until Xmas but I don't
guess it will be a very good one this time
so many miles from you. Darling how is
your Mother and brothers fine I hope give
them my love. Well honey I must close
for this time answer as soon as you
get this letter.

all of my love for you.
Howard,

"Maxine's 1st Day of Employment"

So after landing my new job as a Wal-Mart greeter, a good find for many retirees, I lasted less than a day..... About two hours into my first day on the job a very loud, unattractive, mean-acting woman walked into the store with her two kids. Yelling obscenities at them all the way through the entrance.

As I had been instructed, I said pleasantly, "Good morning and welcome to Wal-Mart." Nice children you have there. Are they twins? The ugly woman stopped yelling long enough to say, "H— no, they ain't twins. The oldest one's 9, and the other one's 7. Why the h— would you think they're twins? Are you blind, or just stupid? So I replied,



"I'm neither blind or stupid, Ma'am, I just couldn't believe someone slept with you twice. Have a good day and thank you for shopping at Wal-Mart.

My supervisor said, I probably
wasn't cut out for this line of
work.

J H Taylor

Oct 9th. 1942

My Dearest One

I will answer your letter
sure was glad to hear from you. Honey tell
Carrie I wish her all the luck in the world
for her and the baby and tell her when she
writes Fox tell him hello for me. Darling I
can't tell you why I have not sent you
money until now but it is a good reason I
am sure but I will send all I can from now
on, honey I sure will be glad when this war
is over for I sure home sick for you. Well honey
it wont be long until Xmas but I
don't guess it will be a very good one this time
so many miles from you. Darling how is
your Mother and brothers fine I hope give
them my love. Well honey I must close
for this time answer as soon as you
get this letter.

All of my love for you, Howard

This is a letter that was found in Cobb Jennings Taylor mother's things when they went through her belongings. This is a letter written to Florence, Cobb's mother, by his father while in the Second World War. This was a few weeks before Cobb was born. Carrie in the letter is my mother and me "Dewey" was the baby mentioned.



There is now a large import of vegetables, fruits and other foods from China. China has the dirtiest, polluted environment in the world. We are what we eat!!

Think twice before buying!!!

How about those “Penny Loafers” with 10 cents (dime) in each of them?



Do you remember those Penny Loafers we used to wear. They were pretty cool at the time. Now, I doubt if anyone would want to wear them these days, especially these teenagers. Why were they called Penny Loafers?

Simply, they were made to put a nice shiny penny in the top of the shoe. Common Penny Loaders. Now if you had money, you could put in a dime instead of a penny. You couldn't put any thing larger in size than a penny, no nickels or quarters. After all, if you had that dime in your shoes, you could buy a big Nehi Orange and a pack of peanuts. These two dimes were life savers when in times of need.

I Remember –Just Barely.....Dewey Fox

Let me ask you, “Do you remember catching rabbits in your rabbit-gum?” For some reason I never did catch many rabbits, but I do remember tracking through the frosty pasture early each morning, before school, to see what I had in the gum. It seems I caught more possums than rabbits. I would find an old hollow log to make into a gum or I would make a rectangle gum with some old wood with a trap door in the front of the gum. I doubt if anyone sets rabbit gums anymore?



Psa 25:1 Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

Quotes of the Day

"Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt."

— Herbert Hoover

Mark your calendar— May 17, 2013, next annual Class of GAHS 1960 Class Luncheon, 12:00 Noon. Place to be determined. IDEAS ? Let me know!

- Things that haven't changed much.
- Tooth paste dispensers
- Toilet seats
- The Gospel



Remember the shoe salesmen in the old shoe stores? I'm talking back in the 50,s and 60,s. They would get the shoes from the back storage room for you to try on. They would then help you put the shoes on, see how they fit and make recommendations on size and style. He would then sale you some socks to match your new shoes as well as some shoe polish to keep them looking good. Try to get this service now-a-days!

- Quotes from C. S. Lewis

“All that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.”

Mere Christianity, 1952, C. S. Lewis

“A man can no more diminish God’s glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, “darkness” on the walls of his cell.”

C. S. Lewis

“The safest road to Hell is the gradual one—the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.”

The Screwtape Letters, 1942, C. S. Lewis

“The Eternal Being , who knows everything and who created the whole universe, became not only a man but (before that) a baby, and before that a fetus in a woman’s body.”

C. S. Lewis