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GLEN ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1960

Our 53rd Anniversary

By Classmate Dewey E. Fox

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Judie Arrowood Roper
2013 Luncheon

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

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"Donald Morgan"

Mr. Donald Ray Morgan, 71, of KERNERSVILLE, N. C. died Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at his home, with his family by his side. Don was born March 28, 1942, in McDowell County, to the late Roy Lafayette and Cora Taylor Morgan. Don was a U.S. Army veteran who served in France as a computer programmer. He was employed at several nuclear electric

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"Judy ARROWOOD Roper"

Judy Roper - MORGANTON Judy Arrowood Roper, 71, of Morganton, went to be with the Lord Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013, at the Burke Palliative Care Center. Born in Canton, Ohio, Jan. 3, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Donald Charles Arrowood and Frankie Reep Arrowood. Judy was

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



"Dewell Ronald Suddreth"

Dewell Ronald "Red Beard" Suddreth, 70, of Valdese, died Saturday, August 17, 2013. Per his wishes, no services are scheduled. Valdese Family Funeral Care and Perfect Peace Cremations has the honor of serving the family.

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Photo by Dewey Fox



Charles and Martha Gettys 2013 Luncheon

- Somewhat of a Disappointment

PAUL SCHENKEL for The News Herald, June 23, 2013 Hickory Daily Record

MORGANTON — While Freedom girls basketball coach Marsha Crump was deservedly included in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's recent top 100 coaches list, two other coaches with FHS ties were inexplicably excluded.

Oak Hill/Freedom [boys basketball](#) coach Terry Rogers and Glen Alpine/Freedom football coach Ralph "Jug" Wilson were nowhere to be found

(Rogers' teams compiled 603 wins (left out the part about Rogers since he had no ties to Glen Alpine) Dewey—now back to Glen Alpine ties, Coach Jug Wilson.

Wilson, meanwhile, is in four sports halls of fame: Catawba College (1984), Western N.C. and Burke County 1995) and Glen Alpine (2012). 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 spanning 34 seasons. His 1975 FHS team went 10-0 in the regular season — still just the second Patriot football team to head into the playoffs undefeated. Between his stops at GA and then Freedom, Wilson's teams won 18 championships, including 1A western state titles in 1961, '62, '63 and '65.

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 in 2011.

Oldies but Goldie News

“50 Years Ago in Burke County”

- **October 7—** Glen Alpine's Green Wave broke a three-game losing streak in convincing fashion Friday night by drubbing Old Fort, 46-0, in a Skyline conference contest Coach Jug Wilson unveiled a new running star in Steve Watson, a 155-pound junior fullback. Watson blasted the Redskins with 156 yards in 13 carries and scored two touchdowns.

-Taken from The News Herald October 07, 2013

(Psa 51:1) Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

(Psa 51:2) Wash me completely from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.



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Ronald Suddreth.

Ronald, as I remember him was somewhat quiet and reserved. He was red headed with some freckles. After early high school I lost track of him. I think he may have quit school to go to work, as many did in those days. I saw him one time during the last 50 years. There were sightings of him. He never made it to any reunions. He was located about a year before he died.

Unsuccessful — amongst other things.

Guitar Lessons—

Of all things, I always wanted to play music, especially guitar. I was too shy or lacked the confidence to play in the band.

I guess it was back in the 70s when I was in my 30s that I took guitar lessons. To make a long story short, I was never able to even tune a guitar much less play one. “You talk about tone deaf.” I couldn't carry a tune in a ten gallon bucket. So don't ask me to play at your next wedding. HA HA

Radio Announcer—

To make this a two-part story let me tell you about taking a course through WPCC for radio announcing.

I took the course at the Morganton radio station WMNC. It was quite an experience. I was successful in getting my Class 3, I think that was the proper certificate that you needed to be on the AIR back in those days. I'm sure it has changed today. I gladly lost interest when I found out how little they made. Well, I probably would not have made the grade anyway. With my nature and tongue—twisters it would have been a hard road to hold.

Why did I do these things as well as other things in life. The short answer is, “It was there” and I'm curious and was in a learning mode in those days.

Dewey

CONTINUED HAPPENINGS AND MESSAGES FROM CLASSMATES OF 1960

Lasting impression

Special to The News Herald

MORGANTON — As a young boy around the age of 9, Joe Greene has vivid memories of meeting two men at his boyhood home in the Dysartsville community. It was around 1950, Greene said.

"I was always thrilled to see the big REA (Rutherford Electric Association) truck coming down the Dysartsville Road," Green said. "The road was gravel and very few cars or trucks traveled through there.

"I loved to walk up the road and watch the electric workers doing line work or setting new poles. There were two men who appeared to be giants to me," he said.

Wearing hard hats and dangling tools on their work belts, "It seemed they would just jingle like nothing I had ever heard and it would remind me of Santa's sleigh!"

Greene said he enjoyed watching the two men climb to the top of the utility pole and dreamed of growing up to be an electric workman.

They "were so friendly to me," he said. The two men were Lewis Spencer and the late John Mabe and both worked for REA for nearly 40 years.

"Life took me in many directions and I have experienced many adventures since the days of my youth," Greene said.



The late John Mabe made an impression upon Joe Greene over 60 years ago.

Major moments he recalled in his life were becoming a Christian and marrying his wife, Kathy Fox.

"Over time, my memories of Lewis and John faded," he said.

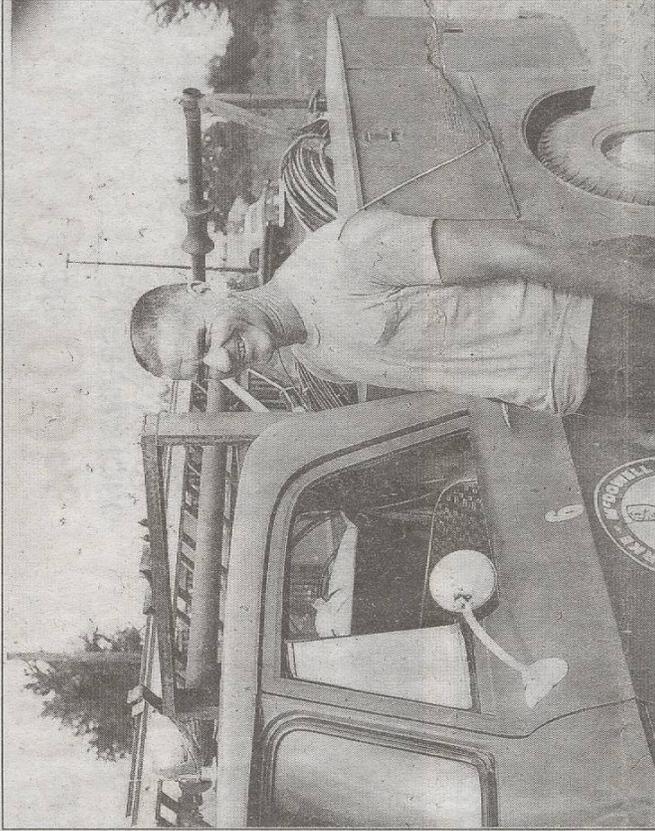
In 1984, Greene was reacquainted with Lewis Spencer while serving as music director at Calvin Height Baptist Church.

"What a surprise to learn that my friend from long ago, Lewis Spencer and his wife, Bea, were members!" he said.

The Greenses and the Spencers became close friends.

"Lewis was such a gentleman, always so complimentary of my singing or specials the choir would do. Bea was faithful to keep the nursery ... Every parent was appreciative of her love and care for their children."

Lewis' friend, John Mabe, passed away a few years ago. Greene said, "I remem-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Lewis Spencer with his work truck first made an impression on Joe Greene over 60 years ago. The two were reacquainted and became friends at church.

ber him coming to McDonald's in Morganton every morning for several years before he died. He would meet up with some friends, Alexander Corpening, and several others. That is where I was able to become reacquainted with John."

Lewis and his wife, Bea, currently live in Shelby. "We seldom get to see each other, but my wife and I treasure their friendship," he said.

I fondly remember those days as a young boy and then, later, having the

opportunity to serve in church together with this precious couple, he added. "I am 71 years old now, and I cherish the memories I have as a young boy watching Lewis Spencer and John Mabe out doing their job to make life better and a lot easier for everyone," Greene said.

He thanked Spencer for his impression on a young boy so many years ago. Greene said, "Lewis Spencer is a fine example of a man of integrity, dedicated to serving the Lord and his fellow man."

From the Past

Joe Greene and Ann Eggers seem to remember everything in their childhood. Ann Eggers writing her memoirs with vivid details of what happened then and there. I hardly can remember what happened yesterday. We have put some of Ann's memoirs in several newsletters. Be sure to read them, they will get your brains spinning, for what is left. Joe Greene wrote the article to the left and published in The News Herald March 2013

Oldies but Goldie News

“50 Years Ago in Burke County”

- A man arrested at a moonshine distillery received painful burns when he toppled into a vat of seaming mash after he reportedly attacked Sheriff David Oaks with a Hawkbill knife. While deputies were pursuing two other men who fled from the scene, the attacker drew a knife and struck at Sheriff Oaks who said the blade scraped the inside of his arm. The sheriff said he swung one time with his fist aimed at his attacker and the man lost his balance after the blow and pitched forward into a box of mash which was being preheated with steam. The attacker literally “spun like a top” by the blow from the sheriff that carried him 10 to 12 feet to the point he landed in the hot mash. Sheriff Oaks quickly grabbed him by the belt lifting him from the mash and placed him into cold water while an ambulance was summoned.

(I know this doesn't necessary apply to Glen Alpine, but I feel that “white liquor stills” were an important part of Burke County history. Who knows it may have been someone from good old Glen Alpine, N. C.)

“Taken from The News Herald March 25, 2013”

(Psa 50:10) For every beast of the forest *is* Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

(Psa 50:11) I know all the birds of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field *are* Mine.

Man is a fallen star till he is right with heaven: he is out of order with himself and all around him till he occupies his true place in relation to God. When he serves God, he has reached that point where he doth serve himself best, and enjoys himself most. It is man's honour, it is man's joy, it is man's heaven, to live unto God. --Charles Spurgeon

“Martha HOLLAND Gettys husband of 52 years dies August 23, 2013”

Below information taken from the local News Herald.



Charles Gettys MORGANTON Charles Ray Gettys, 73, of Brentwood Rd., Morganton, went to his eternal home Friday, Aug. 23, 2013.

He was born Oct. 21, 1939, in Cleveland County, to the late Roscoe Gettys and Vertie Waters Gettys. For many years, Charles owned and operated Silver Creek Body Shop and Gettys Used Cars. He was an active member of Rain Hill Wesleyan Church where he sang solos in the church choir and planned class trips. Charles was a good Christian man with a gentle spirit who was loved by everyone. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, antique cars, bird watching, singing gospel music, and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Martha Holland Gettys of the home; daughters, Karen Livingston and husband, Jim, of Drexel, and Crystal Morrison of Valdese; grandchildren, Lauren and Matthew Livingston, Emily, Alex, and Aaron Morrison and their father, Hal Morrison; siblings, Richard Gettys, Steve Gettys and wife, Dolores, Martha Franklin and husband, Steve, and Margaret Gettys, all of Morganton; brother and sister-in-law, Ray and Betty Waycaster, and David and Judy Holland, all of Morganton; and a number of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by a brother, J.W. Gettys. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 27, at Rain Hill Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Lou Gardner officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends this evening (Monday, Aug. 26), from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center where the body will remain until placed in the church 30 minutes before the funeral hour. Memorial contributions may be made to Burke Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 1721 Enon Rd., Valdese, NC 28690, or to Rain Hill Wesleyan Church, 5763 Rain Hill Church Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Condolences may be made online at www.sossomanfuneralservice.com.



Anne EGGERS Chapman: when she learned of Judy's death.

Nothing I could post tonight would be more important than saying how very much we are going to miss our lovely, sweet classmate, Judy Arrowood Roper. She was a good friend in Miss Hallyburton's first grade class and remained a dear friend throughout high school and beyond. I can't recall a time in all those years seeing her angry or rude or without compassion for those around her... really a bright spot in everyone's day every day, always soft-spoken, always smiling, always helpful and friendly. Thank you, Dewey, for enabling all of us to stay together over time; I'm especially grateful for our last reunion luncheon where I had a chance to spend time with her. Judy, we will remember you always and fondly. *"From Anne's Facebook Post."*



There Were Places Freshmen Didn't Belong

It was unspoken, but the "unspoken-ness" blared, as in over an intercom. No freshmen were allowed to sit on the concrete "half-wall/benches" alongside the front steps leading into the elegant entrance to the high school building. And definitely, no freshmen were allowed on the wooden bench right outside Mr. Young's office, where everybody who was anybody caught up on the latest gossip, who was dating whom, who got in trouble the day before, and who got tossed in jail for a few hours Saturday night for drag racing on the narrow mountain road to or from Clearwater Beach. That bench held a dual purpose: Occupied while the rest of us were in class by "those awaiting their fate at the hands of Mr. Young," it held a DISTINCT dual-purpose. Yes, upper-classmen were important and busy enjoying the commraderie of their own kind, while the rest of us observed at an imaginary designated distance and envied, waiting our turn, actually longing for the day we'd not be afraid to join in without ridicule.

Anne EGGERS Chap-

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Snapshots... a memoir



From Page 1 Donald Morgan –

generating stations as a dosimetry records specialist and retired from driving commercial trucks in 2012. Don was a beloved husband, dedicated father and loyal friend. In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by a brother, Howard Leroy Morgan. Surviving are his wife, Sammie Carol Putnam Morgan; two sons, Christopher Morgan and wife, Ronda, of Seattle, Wash. and David Morgan; three grandchildren, of Statesville; two sisters, Sarah Carswell, of Jensen Beach, Fla. and Gladys Denton, of Dallas, Texas; and one brother, Charles Morgan, of Glen Alpine. A celebration of his life will be held at his home at a later date to be announced. Hayworth-Miller of Kernersville is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care Center, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 in memory of Donald Ray Morgan. Online condolences may be made at www.hayworth-miller.com.

Taken from The News Herald July 2013

"Donald Ray Morgan Remembered"



I noticed over the years that we remember people differently, depending on our relationship with them. I remember Donald as a good-looking or maybe handsome boy, always neatly dressed with his loafer shoes, white socks and rolled-up blue jeans. Of course that was common dress for the day, but they looked so much neater on him than they did me.

He was very popular and according to the 1960 Senior Directory in the Annual an active guy.

Donald Ray Morgan—Football 2,3,4; All Conference Football 4; Dramatics 3; Sophomore Class Treasurer; Senior Class Vice-President; May King 4; Senior Superlative "Neatest."

I don't think Donald made it to any of the Class Reunions and I believe I saw him one time 15 years ago.

“What’s in a Word”

They used to be Hospitals— now Medical Centers
 They used to be Rest homes— now they are Long
 Term Care, Family Care and Group Homes

Obituaries—

Russell Gaylord, 88, of Grace Ridge, and Glen Alpine, N. C. died Saturday, August 17, 2013.

“Remember he was one of our Glen Alpine High School teachers. He taught farming and the shop. It was special to go to his classes, it wasn’t like sitting in a classroom environment. I also remember he didn’t mind using the paddle. My project for FFA (Future Farmers of America) was a strawberry patch which I had to keep up and he came around at end of school year to inspect and grade. Don’t remember what I made, but I passed. I also made a bookcase in shop which I still have today. Can’t say that about many things. He made it to our 43rd Class Reunion.

I think his wife passed away a couple of years ago.

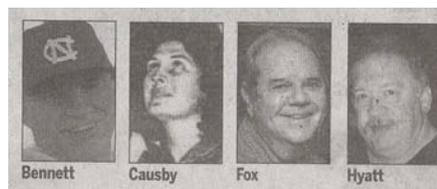
Darrell Powell, 74, of McNeely Drive, Valdese died unexpectedly Monday, September 09, 2013, at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston Salem, N.C.

Note by editor: I usually don’t put ex-spouses in but; Mr. Powell was the ex-husband of our Becky BIGGERSTAFF Powell. They had one son, Rocky Powell. Darrell was well known in the boxing arenas and circuits, especially in North Carolina. He fought in the late 50s and early 60s and was a N.C. Golden Gloves Champion, and went to the Olympics where he roomed with Muhammad Ali.

(Heb 9:27) And as it is appointed to men once to die, but after this the judgment,
(Heb 9:28) so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many. And to those who look for Him He shall appear the second time without sin to salvation.

Information on the deceased can be view on the class website; www.deweyfox.com and click on G.A.H.S. Class of 1960 and click on Deceased Classmates.

Glen Alpine Sports HOF Inductees Announced



Special to The News Herald Sunday, September 29, 2013

GLEN ALPINE – Charles “Hoof” Bennett, Carol McGalliard Causby, J.C. “John” Fox and Jack Warren Hyatt were recently announced as the four newest members of the Glen Alpine Sports Hall of Fame.

Those four will officially be inducted at the second annual GA Sports HOF banquet on Oct. 26 at 5 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center of the Glen Alpine United Methodist Church.

Bennett (class of 1950) is credited with giving Glen Alpine High School the nickname “Green Wave.” He lettered for two years as a star basketball player for the school and after graduation helped establish one of the first booster clubs in Burke County with start up of the Glen Alpine Quarterback Club.

Causby (1961) was a star basketball player for the Green Wavettes and was named all-tournament in 1960, all-conference in ’60 and ’61 and was selected the team’s most outstanding player in ’61. She still holds the scoring record for one game among Burke County girls players with 55 points against NCS D in ’61.

Fox (1957) was a three-sport athlete, who played football, basketball and softball. His play at fullback in 1956 helped lead the team to a Western Regional runner-up spot, losing to Mebane 33-32. The 11-1 team was the one that put the Green Wave on the state map.

Hyatt (1967) was also a three-sport athlete, playing on two conference champion football teams. In basketball, as a point guard he was all-county in ’67. He also was a half-miler in track.

Bob Arrington (1968) is the speaker for the evening. Tickets, which include a catered meal, are \$15 each and can be purchased at the door or by calling the GA Ruritan Club at 828-584-3730 or 828-404-535.

NOTE – May have had induction by time of this newsletter.



From Page 1 Judy ARWOOD Roper— a member of Gibb's Chapel Wesleyan Church where she served as assistant Sunday school secretary. She

graduated from Glen Alpine High School in 1960 and attended Western Piedmont Community College where she was president of the Student Government Association and graduated Phi Theta Kappa with an associate's degree in Art and Fine Arts. Mrs. Roper was a member of the Glen Alpine Women's Club and was a chairman of the International Affairs Department. She is survived by her husband, Joe Eddy Roper of the home; sons, Alan Roper and wife, Debra, of Morganton, Vince Roper and wife, Regina, of Morganton and Gannon Roper of the home; sisters, Donella Dagerhardt of Morganton, Frances Guszczko of Miami, Fla., and Lynn Smith of Morganton; grandsons, Grayson, Gavin, and Wade Roper; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Judy was preceded in death by her grandparents, Frank and Cora Jane "Bessie" Reep and Henry and Hannah Arrowood. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Gibb's Chapel Wesleyan Church with the Revs. Roger Bracket and David Orders officiating. Burial will follow at Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends this evening (Tuesday, Sept. 24), from 5 to 7 p.m., at Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory



Center where the body will remain until placed in the church 30 minutes prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Burke Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 1721 Enon Rd.,

Valdese, NC 28690. Condolences may be made online at [www. Sossomanfuneralservice.com](http://www.Sossomanfuneralservice.com)

Taken from The News Herald September 2013

(Jer 17:14) Heal me, O Jehovah, and I shall be healed, save me, and I shall be saved; for You are my praise.



“A Mild- Mannered Angel”

Every where she went and whenever I saw her she was always in that Mild-Mannered Angel mode. As I look back on it, she never changed that I can see, she was always Judy with that maturity above her age, even in high school she never seemed to get upset nor would she go around talking about others. This shows her personality and how she was reared. This trait carried over to her other three sisters also. Knowing this family, even as a kid, was top-notch.

Judy’s grandmother and my grandmother were sisters, so I guess that puts me, maybe her second or third cousin. “Never have quite figured it out.” Anyway, it is close enough to claim kin.

To start off with—Judy was one of the best looking, dressy girls in high school. Also neat and in that mild-mannered mode. Ready to take on the world. Looking through the Glen Alpine H.S. annual I noticed that she was “Maid of Honor” in the May Court of that year. I had forgotten about that. During 1960, she was given the honor of “Most Athletic” along with Phillip Mangum.

Noting from the 60’s annual, under “Senior Directory” she had a full resume.

Judy Ann Arrowood—Senior Superlative “Most Athletic”; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Bus Patrol 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Dramatics 3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; May Court Maid of Honor 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Softball 1. You can see she led a full active life.

We will all miss Judy, she never moved far from her raisings. She was always the same. She kept in contact and attended all of the GAHS Class of 1960 functions, she was a delight! I’m sure she will be missed by all of her family. Hope we all see this Mild-Mannered Angel in Heaven.

May the Good Lord smile upon us all!



L/R Dewey Fox- Thomas Carson- Joe Greene

TOM CARSON—To the left is an update what we look like after 53 years after graduating from high school. What do you think, have we held up very well?

Joe and I went to see Tom Carson and it happen to be picture day. As many of you know our classmate Tom Carson is incarcerated in Avery County. Due to several unfortunate circumstances, Tom was given a life sentence and he has been in about 17 years.

Tom speaks highly of his GAHS Classmates and has called several of them. I'm sure he would like for you to write him. Please do. **Thomas Carson #0067866**
Avery Mitchell Corr Inst
600 Amity Park Road
Spruce Pine, N. C. 28777



Local Blogger Wins Award

It wasn't too long ago that Anne Eggers Chapman met with The News Herald in a Glen Alpine restaurant. Sifting through photos, she excitedly told stories about her family and life in Glen Alpine in the 1940s and '50s.

Chapman had chronicled her stories in a blog entitled "Snapshots ... a Memoir" since February.

At the urging of friends, she entered and won an award through the North Carolina Society of Historians. "It was a really big surprise," Chapman said. "It made me feel like it's worth doing."

Chapman's blog focuses on times growing up in the small town of Glen Alpine. She talks of her family, school and even a chance meeting with Elvis. "I started it as a very personal thing," she said. "I did not mean for it to be as

encompassing as it is."

Chapman said she began the blog as a way for her children to know about her life growing up.

It evolved with the help of social media and now many people reminisce about days long ago.

"I just love reading your stories, Anne. Such a bright spot in my day. How I wish I had your photographic memory," Connie Fox Scott Ritenour said on Chapman's Facebook page.

After receiving encouragement from friends, Chapman submitted blog selections into a book format for the N.C. Society of Historians Award, a move that won her the Robert Bruce Cooke Family History Book Award.

"It's a way of keeping (my) history alive," she said. "It was based on continuing the blog."

Chapman said she has plans to compile a full book to be released in June of 2014.

Taken from The News Herald, Thursday, October 24, 2013

See Anne's memoirs at www.snapshots4memoir.wordpress.com

Snapshots... a memoir