



# GLEN ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '60

By Classmate Dewey E. Fox

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This is the pen I purchased in Washington, D. C. in 1960. You can see the year '60 and the Capitol Building image.

Should we be thinking of a Grand Reunion for everyone that has ever graduated from old G.A.H.S.??? " Comments."

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

## TRACING DOWN THE CLASSMATES ONE BY ONE

Website to Browse:

[www.deweyfox.com](http://www.deweyfox.com)

### News—

I continue to try to trace down all of the classmates of the 1960 graduating class. We consider anyone that went to school with us in this class whether they graduated in 1960 or not. The classmates that I'm trying to find are the ones that were in the "Annual" beginning with the Freshman class, this list I have mailed to each of you and it's available on the "Class of 1960" website. As you know the only classmate that actually graduated with us that has not been found is Ann Winters. See page 2 for information on new classmates.



This is the "Mother's Pen" that I purchased in Washington, D.C. in 1960. I didn't remember purchasing this pen until my mother gave it back to me a year ago and told me about the history of this pen.

Dewey

Hope everyone had a nice holiday with family and friends. Wishing you the best for 2005.

If you choose to be off this mailing list, please let me know. No questions asked.

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

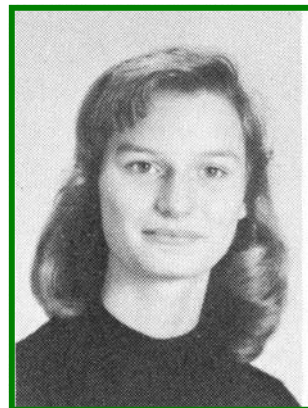


New Emails- None

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Inez Ross—See Page 2

Hi, everyone. I had planned on this Newsletter coming out in March. But, I filled it up with information, "so what the heck." - ENJOY

Photo by Dewey Fox



"Sun Rise"  
Black Mountain Area

## CONTINUED HAPPENINGS AND MESSAGES FROM CLASSMATES OF 1960

### Jack Allen BURLESON

Many of you may remember Jack. He apparently quit school when he turned sixteen as many did in that day. His picture did not appear in the "Freshman Annual." At the young age of eighteen he was shot in the head by another person. It was truly a situation of him "being in the wrong place at the wrong time." The date of Jack's death was February 20, 1960, the year of our graduation. He was born April 06, 1941. His body is buried in the Burleson Family Cemetery in Avery County outside of Newland on Spanish Oak Road. For further information, view the "Class of 1960" website and it will be under "Deceased Classmate Information." I have the local paper account of the shooting as well as the Certificate of Death. "Go to [www.deweyfox.com](http://www.deweyfox.com) to view"

### Inez ROSS Carswell Ledbetter

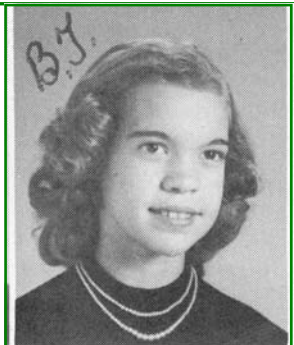
I found that another of our classmates had died and you may remember her; Inez Ross. I knew that she lived in Glen Alpine and after thinking about her I remembered Clyde Ross, which I was friends of for a time while in school. As a matter of fact, I took over his early morning bicycle paper route through the streets of Glen Alpine. Kids don't do that type of thing anymore. It's a different world nowadays.

I called Clyde and he advised me that Inez was his sister; I had forgotten. Clyde said that Inez died of cancer October 27, 2000, and was born November 23, 1941. I don't know if she quit school or not but her picture did not show up in the Annual after her Sophomore Year. Inez was originally married to Jimmy Carswell and he died. They had two girls. She later married Claude Ledbetter and lived in McDowell County when she died. She is buried in the cemetery of the Freedom Missionary Baptist Church in McDowell County.

Betty Jean TURNER—I understand that Betty Jean died at a very young age. I have searched the cemetery books for Burke County and checked for a Death Certificate at the court house and have not found one with the name Betty Jean Turner. She may have married and her last name may have changed. Does anyone out there know anything about Betty? If so, let me know. **SEE UPDATE BELOW**

Shirley SISK—As most of us may know Shirley Sisk was apparently beaten to death when she was 30 years old. I have now posted a copy of the actual News Herald account of the death and obituary on the internet as well as her "Death Certificate." Go to [www.deweyfox.com](http://www.deweyfox.com) and click "Class of 1960" and choose the option "Deceased Classmates Information" and then Shirley Sisk.

Betty Jean TURNER Sisk—After much searching I have finally gotten the information on the death of our classmate Betty Jean. Every night or so I would go home and tell my wife that I was closing in on the mystery of Betty Jean Turner and last night I told her that tomorrow (12/15/2004) will be the day and it was. I found out that she was married and had changed her name to Sisk, but was divorced according to her "Certificate of Death." She was born August 16, 1942 and died October 13, 1965 at the young age of 23. She is buried in the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Graveyard on Conley Road. More information on [www.deweyfox.com](http://www.deweyfox.com), click on "Class of 1960" and then "Deceased Classmates Information" and Betty Jean TURNER Sisk.



Betty Jean Turner

**Website:**

Many of you get this newsletter but do not have email. But if you have access to the internet in some way there is a website for the Class of 1960. Go to [www.deweyfox.com](http://www.deweyfox.com) and click on "Class of 1960." The site has many pictures and articles. Feel free to wander around in the site – Most Interesting.

All of the newsletters that has been published are on the site, with the latest one having a flashing "Hot News" logo. It has a listing of all the missing classmate that have not been located. There are pictures of the class of 1960 as well as the updated individual pictures at the 43rd Class Reunion.

Thanks, Dewey

I borrowed Sunny's Annals to get some information and pictures. I was thinking about the number of people in our class. So I counted the number of names in the Annual for each year. FRESHMAN 87, SOPHOMORE 69, JUNIOR 52, SENIOR 59. It appears a lot more started high school than finished; for whatever the reason.

**Mission Trip to Mexico**— Myself and six others went on a Mission Trip to Mexico the third week of November. We stayed in the country outside of Mission, Texas at a Christian Center for wayward children. We drove across the border into Mexico each day to work on a church. We put a new roof on the church as well as a suspended ceiling, new wiring and lights in the church. We worked in, I assume, one of the poorest areas of Mexico. No churches had air conditioning, heat and not many song books. The floors in all the churches we visited were concrete and the pews were hand-me-downs or made out of regular wood. —Some with no cushions. It's amazing how the Mexicans make-do with what they have and are very appreciative of what you give or do for them. Most have the old traditional "outhouse" as I was used to when growing up. In spite of their living conditions, they are very clean people.

Gracias,  
Dewey Fox



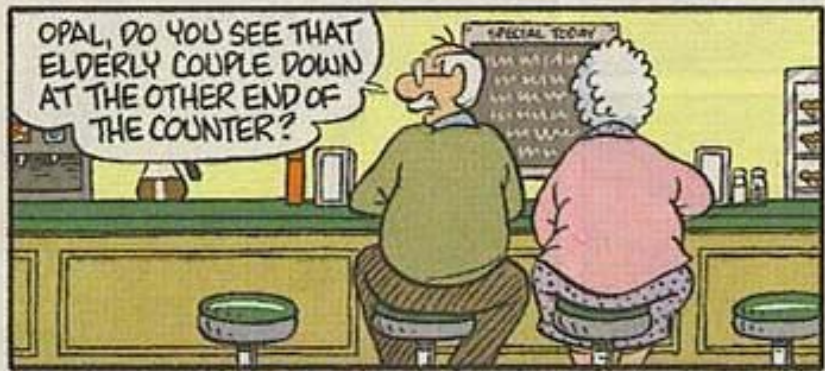
## “Ten Signs You are Getting Old”

1. When young ladies start opening the door for you at the post office.
2. When younger people start calling you sir.
3. When the mother looks better than the daughter.
4. When enjoying a romantic candle light dinner, you can't see to eat.
5. When you are over weight, but who cares.
6. When you believe that anything you wear matches.
7. When you drive slower than the speed limit.
8. When due to all your aches and pains, you realize you are no longer immortal.
9. When you realize life is fragile and you're only put here for God's purpose.
10. When you try to live each day, realizing there may not be a tomorrow.

By Dewey E. Fox

“In a moment of inspiration”

**PICKLES**  
BY  
**BRIAN CRANE**



**The secret of Living to 100 was!!**

- have a great set of genes,
- a great sense of humor, and
- the capacity to never give up working.

George Burns 1896-1996

**Senior Drivers**

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 40. Please be careful!"

"Wow," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"