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# GLEN ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1960

Our 50th Anniversary

By Classmate Dewey E. Fox

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## 50th Anniversary

GAHS Class of '60

Sept. 24-25, 2010



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

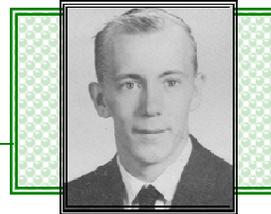
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Hello Dewey,  
Esquire Magazine has in each issue a "Things I've Learned" page on someone. Since I don't think that my dear GA Classmates need to be inflicted with my life's story ("I've had some hard times, lived through some sad times...." but I really have had adventure and fun as well) I thought I'd put down a couple of double-spaced pages kind of like the Esquire Magazine page. I could write a few more pages but I think this is enough.

Now Friend Dewey you do what you will with it.....I have had and continue to have an interesting life  
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Dewey asked me to write about my life since graduation. Thanks for the opportunity.

After graduation I married my high school sweetheart Joyce Keller. We have been married forty-eight years and live at 833 Summers Road Valdese, in a house that we built when we got married. We have two boys (Greg and Todd), daughter-in laws (Harriette and Amy) and three precious grandchildren  
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Please send me any news you may have and your email address for faster updates.



I kept waiting for someone to write their Bio or life story since the good olde days of Glen Alpine. We would call it "Life after Glen Alpine." I didn't get any more takers.

But, as you know we are now counting down to our 50th year anniversary since graduating from GAHS.

Mark it on your calendars.

**September 24-25, 2010.**

I noticed we have a passive group. Don't hear from you guys very often!

Photo by Dewey Fox



Foxglove in full bloom  
Beautiful, but poison

**“I Remember.....Just Barely!!!!!!”** by Dewey E. Fox

- **R C Cola and Peanuts**—How many remember buying a bag of peanuts and putting them in your favorite drink?
- **Shots at school**—I remember that at school is when we would get out shots. We would line up and get the shots, probably flu shots?
- **Ice Cream with Cola**— We would pour our favorite cola over some ice cream. I can taste it now.
- **Popcorn**—The whole family would get around the TV or the fireplace for games with a large pot of popcorn.
- **Cigarette shaped boxes of candy**—Do you remember these. How times have changed, in those days cigarettes were promoted in many different ways.
- **Small Cola shaped wax candy**—Remember those small wax bottles filled with a colored drink?
- **Nehi Drinks**—These Nehi drinks, don't think they sell them any more. Many of these drinks have gone by the wayside as Pepsi and Coca Cola marketing ran them out of business.
- **Orange Crush in dark bottles**—One of my favorite drinks, orange in a dark cold bottle.
- **Bubble Up brand drinks**—Bubble Up, a popular clear drink, something like Seven Up. I think I still have some of those old Bubble Up bottles.
- **Hop Scotch Game**—I remember mainly for the girls. They would draw the pattern out on the payment or dirt and jumping inside the square.
- **The Game, “May I”** - The game “May I,” do you remember it? We would have to say “May I” before doing something while in a group.
- **The Game, “Simon says”** - About the same as “May I,” but we would have to say “Simon Says” before each question or request.

**Howard Crump from Page 1**

(Brittany 24, Chase12, and Alexis 7)

I was employed as supervisor at Century in Hickory for eleven years. Then was self employed for the rest of my working years, working in a shop behind my house. I have enjoyed working with wood and making things for industry and the public. I have made many sofas, chairs, recliners, gun cases, gun stocks, clocks and cabinets. A shop behind my home may not seem much to some, but the Lord knew me and what was about to happen. All at once with no warning my back gave way and my legs became paralyzed. Doctors at Charlotte said no way I would walk again. What they didn't know was that many were praying for me. When doctors operated they found I had bone deterioration. My bottom vertebra crumbled and my spinal cord was nearly severed when my back fell down on my pelvis. This was in September 1987. I was put in a body cast and to bed for six months. Having to stay in bed relying on my wife for six months was a hard challenge. Eight bolts were put in my back and two bolts on metal plate connect my back to my pelvis. I said at first that the Lord knew me and what was about to happen to me. While I was confined to the bed and house, the men I had working for me ran the business. The Lord will take care of his children. Today I get around as good as I ever did. I just have to be careful. I give praise to the Lord for all of this.

Church has been a big part of my life. I attend Solid Rock Baptist. I am a deacon, a Sunday school teacher, lead the singing, and have been a choir director for forty six years.

Retiring in 2004, I have not worked since. My hobbies are traveling, fishing, and grandchildren. My wife and I have been to all but four states. I enjoy fishing and have been to Old Mexico four times fishing many lakes from Virginia to Florida. I enjoy being on the water, the challenge and competition of bass fishing.

The saddest day in my life was June 20, 2008 .I followed my Mother's casket to the cemetery. My Fathers health is declining fast. I can truthfully say I am thankful for Godly parents.

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## CONTINUED HAPPENINGS AND MESSAGES FROM CLASSMATES OF 1960



### Some Things I've Learned In Sixty Seven Years: ( In no particular order) Tom Wells

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..There is no grand meaning to life; no big reason for people to be on the earth that I can see. I suspect it is simply to help your fellow human beings along the way and leave the world better for your being in it.

..Friends, not friendly acquaintances, many times mean more to a person's life than family does. Really. Clifford Patton was my friend.

..Trying to have a reasonable discussion with someone who, on the topic at hand, says "God told me" is impossible.

..All religions have the "Golden Rule" or a version of it as a tenet of that religion. It is twisted by all of those religions.

..Growing old is not for weak people and sissies. One must be tough as whet leather to get old gracefully.

..Everybody wants to go to Heaven but nobody I know wants to die.

..Every parent's goal for his or her children should be simply that the children grow up to be good people. I got lucky . . . mine are.

..If there is a debt you feel you owe, it must be paid whether or not the payee wishes or dreads the payment coming.

..Boxing as a sport hurts.

..Of course when showering naked be certain to wash your face first.

..I despise the terms, Senior Citizen, Golden Ager, Seasoned Citizen, etc. If you have to label me something just call me old. I'm not a fan of labels anyway.

..Spending even one second with a mean person is stupid, futile, wasted and counter-productive time. Really.

..If a person doesn't have a sense of humor that person has no sense.

..Almost all wars are started by old men and young people fight them. Always.

..If you are a bigot then you need to become something else besides that. Something cleaner and smarter.

..Tolerance and patience in non-emergency times are true virtues.

..The United States has become something different than a true Democracy.

..Wishing gets you nowhere. Doing does.

..In all my years I've only seen what I considered to be an accident one time. Only once. If I thought about it, every accident, save that one, appeared to be preventable.

..No one is fearless.

..Sometimes it appears to me that there is a cause for capital punishment.

..Sports figures aren't really heroes at all. They can just do lots better at games, mostly with a ball, than many other people. There is heroism all around each of us in people who are going about their daily lives doing remarkable things with no fanfare nor big salaries. Talk to service men and women.

..Stroke scares me more than any other malady with which I'm acquainted.

..Dogs and cats are good.

..So are chickens. They are all beautiful. I had one for a pet. I used all my creative powers to name her "Miss Chicken". I loved her and enjoyed her company.

..We don't kill time. I do believe it's just the opposite.

..The flu epidemic of 1917-1918 changed my life, your life and the world forever.

..My grandchildren's lifestyles are as foreign to me as mine was to my grandparents.

..It is the quality of life that matters, not the fact of life.

..My mother said that in marriage, when all is said and done, the married couple must be friends to have a good life.

..Humor is not weakness and it's a big mistake to think it is.

..Yep. Live and let live is trite but is a fine way to live life.

..Nobody ever learned anything while talking. Listening is the trick.

..People like it when you pay attention to them.

..The earth's environment is of paramount importance. If we're not careful now and down-the-road with it the quality and fact of human life will disappear and with it the human race. Yes. It's that important.



..One of the truest things I ever read?  
"If you would succeed in life, you must be solemn, solemn as an ass. All great monuments are built over solemn asses." (Thomas Corwin)



### EARLY RETIREMENT

Will I live to be eighty  
 If I do, will I still get around  
 Will I have my desire to live and dream  
 Just the way I do now

Will I enjoy doing as I do now  
 In my free and plentiful time  
 Or lose the urge to go and do  
 Will I still control my mind

All these things we do not know  
 Luck controls our health and future  
 We may have the perfect retirement  
 Or succumb to mother nature

We have lived and continue to do so  
 Two homes and many lives we've been sharing  
 Retirement comes each weekend for us  
 Leaving old age for the optimistic and daring

Let's do not wait and take a chance  
 We'll leave early from this world so giving  
 Dying is not the fear; that's inevitable  
 The real fear is not living

BOBBY JOE BURKETT

The above poetry is in the book "Bob's Words," written by my friend Bobby Joe Burkett in the year 2009. It is a book of over 100 poems, simple and strait forward about everyday life.

The book is available, maybe at your book store and definitely on the internet, Barnes and Noble, etc. Or if of interest I could probably get you a signed copy for about \$20.00. Dewey E. Fox

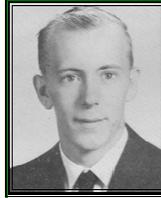
### "50" Year Celebration

A Celebration of Fifty Years...  
 "Class of '60" will soon be here  
 Classmates coming together again,  
 traveling from a distance and some who are near.

Sharing our stories and good times of the past,  
 things to cherish and memories to last.

Looking forward to seeing you in the fall,  
 hoping to stroll down that G.A.H.S. hall!

Martha R. Fox 4/2010



### From Page 2, Howard Crump

I have put on some weight, hair has turned white, and running has turned to a slow walk. I have to wear glasses to see, and my memory is short. Age has taken its toll, but I can say I have enjoyed life and doing the things I want to do.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion.

Howard



Howard—February 8, 2010  
 "Looking Good"



Daffodil Flats at the bottom of Linville Gorge Wilderness in Burke County. I wasn't able to make the trip this year but was



able to get pictures from other hikers. It was apparently an old home place many years ago. What a surprise walking through



the gorge and run up on this display of thousands of Daffodils in the middle of nowhere. "Just About." These pictures were taken about March 25, 2010. You can see more about the gorge from the guys and gals that have a yahoo group on the web where they share

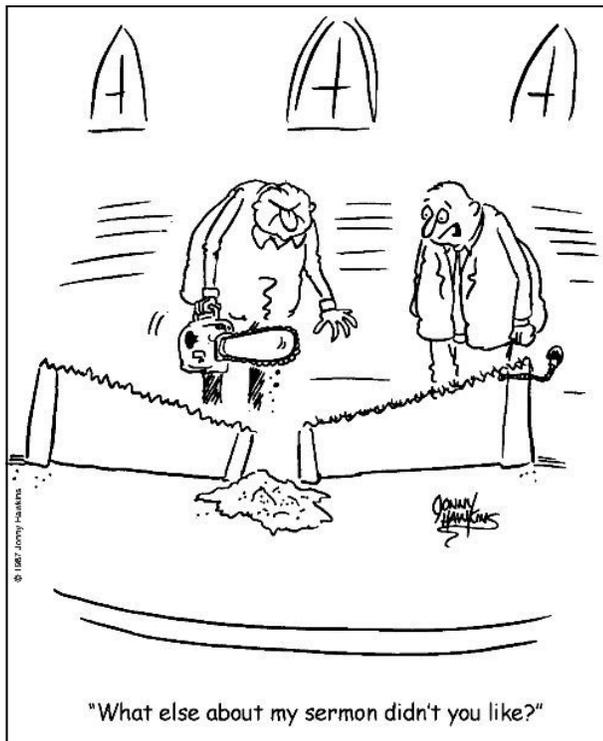
pictures, trips and general conditions of the gorge.



The News Herald on March 22, 2010 in  
 "50 Years Ago in Burke County"

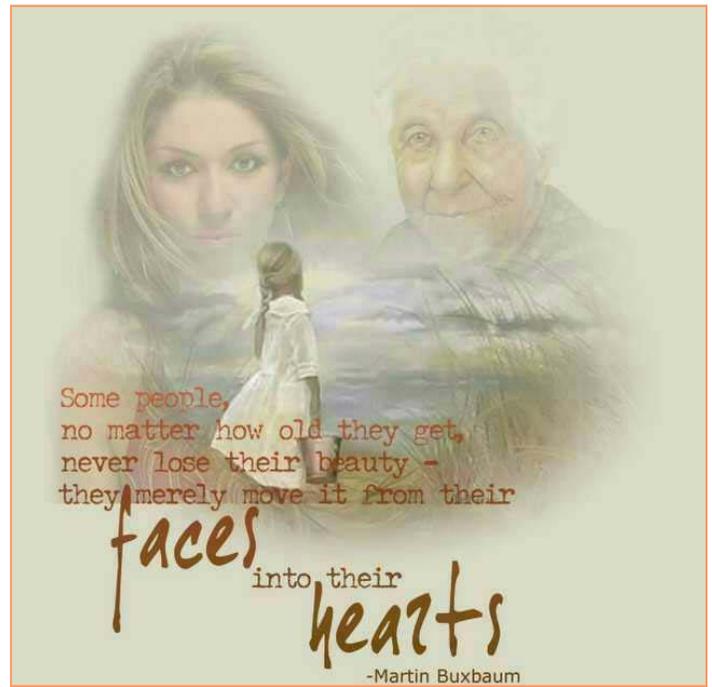
"Caroline Finger and ANNE EGGERS spent the weekend in Charleston, S. C., attending Corps Day festivities at the Citadel."

"Jaycees preparing for the Miss Morganton event have their first entrant; ANNE EGGERS of Glen Alpine."



I've learned... that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

FOR WHOSEVER SHALL  
 CALL UPON  
 THE NAME  
 OF THE LORD  
 SHALL BE SAVED.



From Page 1 (never allowed boredom to creep in at all) and presently I love it for lots of reasons, but since I don't like those big-go-driven Christmas Letters I receive each Christmas from well meaning acquaintances telling me all about their and their children's successes etc. I'll pass on the life story.

Tell 'em all Tom says "Hey".

You are a good man Dewey Fox

My good regards,

Tom



Picture of Tom taken at 43rd Class Reunion in the wonderful year of 2003. When you compare the two pictures above you can see that except for the gray hair and beard he hasn't changed much ?? You be the JUDGE!

For Tom's "Some things I've Learned in Sixty Seven Years; ( In no particular order: )" go back to page 3.

Enjoy!

THE BIBLE WILL KEEP YOU FROM SIN  
 SIN WILL KEEP YOU FROM THE BIBLE

Be sure to refill the ice trays, we're going to have company.

Watch for the postman, I want to get this letter to Willie in the mail today.

Quit slamming the screen door when you go out!

Be sure and pull the windows down when you leave, it looks like a shower is coming up.

Don't forget to wind the clock before you go to bed.

Wash your feet before you go to bed, you've been playing outside all day barefooted.

Why can't you remember to roll up your britches legs? Getting them caught in the bicycle chain so many times is tearing them up.

You have torn the knees out of that pair of pants so many times there is nothing left to put a patch on.

Don't you go outside with your school clothes on!

Go comb your hair; it looks like the rats have nested in it all night.

Be sure and pour the cream off the top of the milk when you open the new bottle.

Take that empty bottle to the store with you so you won't have to pay a deposit on another one.

Put a dish towel over the cake so the flies won't get on it.

Quit jumping on the floor! I have a cake in the oven and you are going to make it fall if you don't quit!

Let me know when the Fuller Brush man comes by, I need to get a few things from him.

You boys stay close by, the car may not start and I will need you to help push it off.

There's a dollar in my purse, get 5 gallons of gas when you go to town.

Open the back door and see if we can get a breeze through here, it is getting hot.

You can walk to the store; it won't hurt you to get some exercise.

Don't sit too close to the TV. It is hard on your eyes.

If you pull that stunt again, I am going to wear you out!

Don't lose that button; I'll sew it back on after awhile.

Wash under your neck before you come to the table, you have beads of dirt and sweat all under there.

Get out from under the sewing machine; pumping it messes up the thread!

Be sure and fill the lamps this morning so we don't have to do that tonight in the dark.

Here, take this old magazine to the toilet with you when you go, we are almost out of paper out there.

Go out to the well and draw a bucket of water so I can wash dishes.

Don't turn the radio on now, I want the battery to be up when the Grand Ole Opry comes on.

No! I don't have 10 cents for you to go to the show. Do you think money grows on trees?

Eat those turnips, they'll make you big and strong like your daddy.

That dog is NOT coming in this house! I don't care how cold it is out there, dogs don't stay in the house.

Sit still! I'm trying to get your hair cut straight and you keep moving and it is all messed up.

Hush your mouth!

I don't want to hear words like that!

I'll wash your mouth out with soap!

It is time for your system to be cleaned out.

I am going to give you a dose of castor oil tonight.

If you get a spanking in school and I find out about it, you'll get another one when you get home.

Quit crossing your eyes! They will get stuck that way!

Soak your foot in this pan of kerosene so that bad cut won't get infected.

When you take your driving test, don't forget to signal each turn. Left arm straight out the window for a left turn; left arm bent up at the elbow for a right turn; and straight down to the side of the door when you are going to stop.

It's: 'Yes Ma'am!' and 'No Ma'am!' to me, young man, and don't you forget it!

**Bring back any Memories?**

**Sure did for Me!**