



35th Edition

# GLEN ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1960

Our 54th Anniversary

By Classmate Dewey E. Fox

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Great Granddaughter  
KAMYA

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

### HONORARY CLASS MEMBERS GAHS CLASS OF 1960

Bob Duckworth and Shirley Brown were made "Honorary Class Members" during the May 2014 Luncheon.



Bob is a strong supporter of our class and all of Glen Alpine. He comes to our luncheons and usually has some story to tell about Coach Jug Wilson and Glen Alpine Football.



Shirley Brown is the widow of our Bill Brown. She attends our class functions and says that she feels closer to our class than her own.

### CHARLES "CHUCK" MATHIS DIES



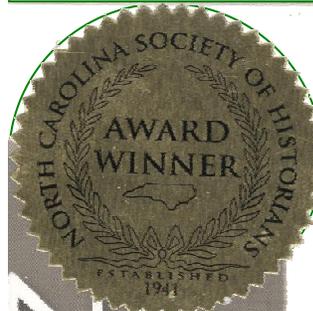
"Big as Life" Charles "Chuck" Mathis dies four days after our May 16 Class Luncheon. "A shock to all of us." **Continued Page 4**

### May 2014 Class Luncheon

"I went to my high school annual luncheon and a revival broke out."

This is the way I felt when we open the class for prayers and blessings. I'm proud of the class for standing up for their faith in Jesus Christ and they are not ashamed of Him.

We had a great time. Everyone glad to see each other, talked about old times, as well as what is happening today with everyone. **Continued Page 9**



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You May Remember one of these back in your farming days?

### “Why do you call me Lord”

No one has any right to believe that he is indeed a Christian unless he is humbly seeking to obey the teachings of the One whom he calls Lord. Christ once asked a question that can have no satisfying answer, “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

—A. W. Tozer

Thanks so much, Dewey. I completely agree that it was a love story in the truest sense. Please let me know when your review is available, I look forward to reading it and seeing your award-winning newsletter.

Leslie McKesson

**Mrs. McKesson is author of “Black and White” the book I reviewed last newsletter**

Really nice coverage in that article, Dewey – both for you and for the Society of Historians.

Congratulations again on a well-deserved honor, not only for the newsletters but for your all-around interest in the preservation of local history!

I couldn't be more proud of you and Annie Chapman for the Society's recognition of your exceptional work. Imagine – only 80 winners out of more than 600 entries!

I had not yet read the paper when your e-mail came. I made a copy of the article/photo for my file.

Thanks for sharing – and keep writing!

Blessings,

Maxine

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Guys, this is Maxine McCall, the author of “They Won't Hang a Woman” the story of the hanging of Frankie Silver for murdering her husband, hanged in 1844. Maxine is the person that presented the program at our May 2013 Luncheon about the legend of Frankie Silver that lives on.

The best of all is, God is with us.

--John Wesley's last words, March 2, 1791

Mr. Fox, Thank you for sending me the copy of the newsletter that I received in the mail today and especially for the feature you did on my book about Pilot Mountain School.

I hope to spend this evening reading the ghost story at the end.

No wonder you were recognized with an award. It's a wonderful piece of work!

Now that I have the email address, I'll be able to keep up with your newsletter. I look forward to it.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Griffith

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**Mrs. Griffith is author of “Lessons Learned” the book I reviewed last newsletter. The story of Pilot Mountain School. Located Hwy 64 S.**

Dewey, received the wonderful newsletter and appreciate the nice things said about my sister Judy. I decided to send it to Fran and feel that it will lift her spirits. Fran has had 15 radiation treatments and is continuing the chemo. I am so glad she was able to visit Judy before her death. Her children have planned a cruise for their family during Thanksgiving week. I hope Fran is going to feel up to it. She is a trooper. Continue to keep her, and us, in your prayers. THANKS!

Also, the Glen Alpine Woman's Club is starting to collect memoirs of life growing up in GA. If we get enough, we plan to have them in a booklet for sale with all monies going for scholarships. Would love for you to write some articles for us. We have just started so it will be next year before we can get it organized.

Look forward to seeing you!

Donella

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**Donella is Judy Arrowood Roper's sister and Fran is their sister who is sick with cancer.**

Dewey E. Fox

“In God you come up against something which is in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that — and know yourself therefore as nothing in comparison — you do not know God at all.”—C.S. Lewis

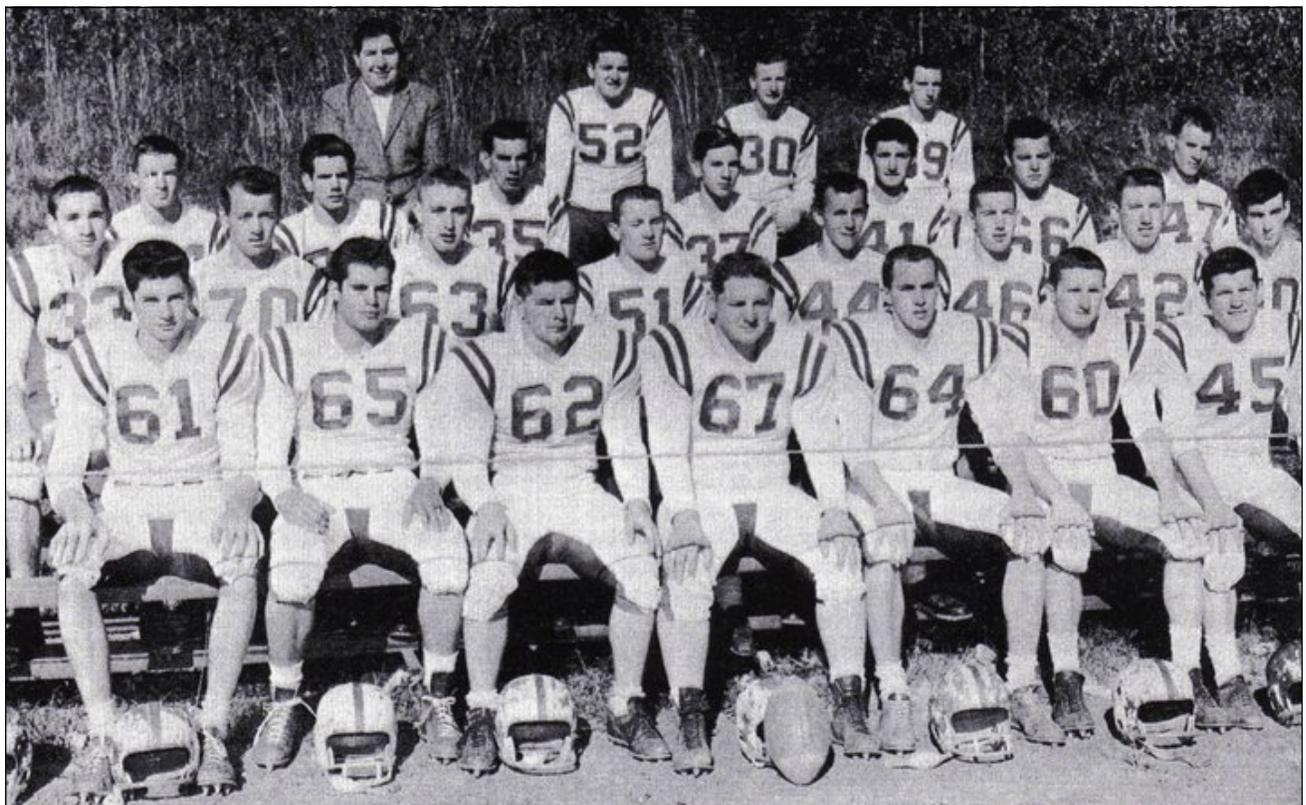
# CONTINUED HAPPENINGS AND MESSAGES FROM CLASSMATES OF 1960



Bob's-Cola Bottling Company operated in the building at the intersection of West Union Street and Fleming Drive, Morganton, N.C., as a bottling company from 1945-50. Taken from News Herald, January 6, 2014.

As some of you know I collect old drink bottles, cola, milk, medicine etc. I searched and I had a few bottles from BOB'S COLA Bottling Co. I'm mainly interested in local bottles as well as some North Carolina bottles. If you have any local dairy bottles from one of our dairies here in Burke County; Swan Pond, Whipp-o-wil etc. let me know.

1959 Glen Alpine High School Varsity Football Team—How Many Class of '60 Can YOU name?



Complements of Bob Duckworth/Facebook

## Continued from Page 1— Charles “Chuck” Mathis



Chuck seemed to be the picture of health when at the class luncheon four days before he died. Showing us his magic tricks, laughing and talking to everyone. He never met a stranger and could converse with the best of them. You can just look at his picture on the front page and see his personality. This picture tells you a lot about him and was probably the last picture taken before his death.



He lived in McColl, South Carolina which is on the North and South Carolina state line, south of Laurinburg N. C. McDougald Funeral Home and Crematorium are helping with the family. The following information is from Charles' obituary.

Charles "Chuck" Mathis, 72 went to be with the Lord, Tuesday May 20th, 2014. Born in Haywood County, NC on December 19th, 1941, he was the son of the late Jesse Washington Mathis and Della Mae Smith Mathis. He attended Glen Alpine High School, Crossnore High School, and graduated from Thomasville High School class of 1960. He attended Wingate College. He served three years in the US Army, worked for Hoechst Pharmaceuticals, Solar Labs, and USPS. He was an ordained licensed Minister and served the Lord as a Missionary to Mexico from 1974 to 1980. Most recently he helped fill the pulpit at Fellowship Independent Baptist Church, Rockingham, NC where he was a member.

Mr. Mathis was a self taught magician and loved entertaining all ages anywhere, anytime.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Ronna Claire Newton Mathis; three sons, Charles Timothy, wife Shannon in Monroe, NC. Jeffrey Thomas, wife Regina in Matthews, NC. Robert Henry, in Wingate, NC. Grandsons, Kyle Newton Mathis, Quade Austin Mathis, and Step grandson Scott Grogan, and also 7 nieces and 9 nephews.

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**“HE WILL SURELY BE MISSED BY ALL”**

## Being Southern



Being Southern was always a beautiful thing, as far as I was concerned. I had always been aware of the softness of life, the way people were to each (at least in public) often referred to as the genteel ways of being. I was also aware of the value of tact as the demeanor of a true Southerner (along with multiple ongoing opportunities for the use of “Bless His/Her Heart.”) I was happy being a great-great granddaughter of the Confederate soldier, Abel Pitts, whose picture hung in the hallway of the old home place built by his son, John David. Their progeny pretty well filled the town of Glen Alpine, especially Pea Ridge. A lot of other fine families whose own contributions resulted in a ton of cousins and the always confusing “who’s kin to whom around town?” All of this served well in keeping the gossip to a minimum, should it fall on the wrong set of ears. I have to blame my deep love of life and the people around Burke County for the embarrassing degree of nostalgia that came over me when “Gone With The Wind” was released as a movie right before the Greensboro College May Day festivities were in the planning stages in the spring of 1960. My crazy head had always been filled with dreams of plopping myself into the middle of dreamy music, like the Gone With The Wind’s movie score. Smack on top of that, add an idyllic setting, like the lush tree-lined lawn sweeping toward the Main Building on campus, its huge pillars looking for the world like Tara, herself. It had already been a huge surprise for me to get to be on the May Day Court in the first place, what with my mouth filled with metal and five months or so of French Chef’s pastries packed onto my backside. I found myself one early spring afternoon in the dressing room of Montaldo’s, an elegant shoppe where wedding gowns and formal attire were sold for obscene prices, trying on a gorgeous pink taffeta gown with an enormous lavender bustle on the back (saved by the bustle, thank goodness) selected by the May Day school event committee and straight out of the movie. I don’t recall Mother or Daddy batting an eye at the price (though they should have) because again, I was so thrilled I failed to realize how difficult that might have been for them financially. May Day 1960 arrived on a gorgeous, crystal-clear and balmy day... the magnificent “Gone With The Wind” score blaring beautifully over well-placed speakers throughout the grounds as we walked toward our “Tara” for the day. And while I was enthralled by the beauty of the music and the day, I couldn’t help thinking of the tragedy of the Civil War, the death, pain and anguish that was so rampant, still was throughout the nation and beyond, all added to the present day unrest, the ongoing bitterness that couldn’t be shoved under any carpet, the plight of my black college friends whose color was preventing them from forward movement in their lives. And suddenly I was exactly between my love for the South and my inner sense of fairness, and was, sadly, in no way equipped to make a real difference. Yet!

Anne EGGERS Chapman

### Snapshots... a memoir

*Giving voice to the life and times of  
Glen Alpine, NC, in the '40's and '50's*

Ann’s WEB [www.snapshots4memoir.wordpress.com](http://www.snapshots4memoir.wordpress.com)

**EMAIL FROM BOB**

In honor of the great people I've met from the GAHS Class of 1960 and to the memory of some of those people that have gone on before us. A special thanks to Dewey Fox for his work to keep the Class of 1960 intact with communication and his newsletters.

**Bob Duckworth**



Ralph "Jug" Wilson, left, 1944 Hickory High School Senior Year  
Thanks to Bob Duckworth

**EMAIL FROM ANNE**

"Just back from Texas, and Becky told me all about the luncheon. I'm so sad I missed all of you. ....for arranging for us to be together on beautiful occasions. Thanks, Dewey, as I always say, for all you've done for all of us. So sad I missed seeing you, being there, but my love and affection are always with my classmates who mean the world to me!!"

5/25/2014 Anne EGGERS Chapman

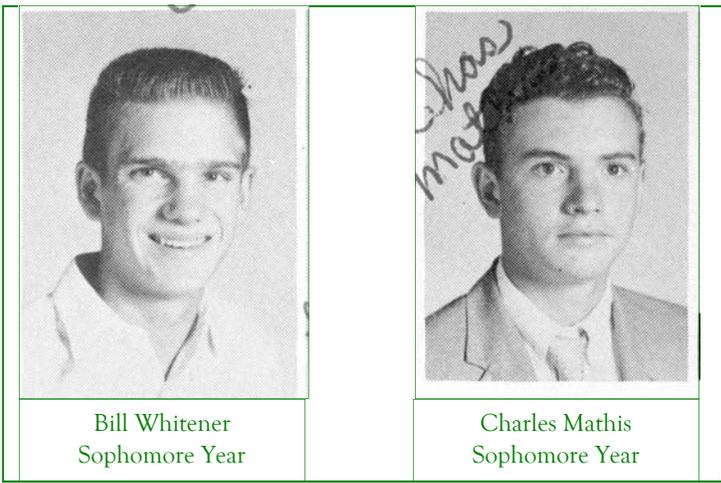


*Glen Alpine Springs Hotel*

Often the question is asked, where is the location, in which the Glen Alpine Springs Hotel, used to set?

£ This hotel was located off (what is named today as) Roper Holler Rd. 5 miles south of where the Brindletown fire department is located today. Back in 1870, who knows what road was used to get from the Glen Alpine train station to the Hotel. However: today it would be quite reasonable to (from the former Glen Alpine train depot) go past the Glen Alpine High School. Cross the Jamestown Road. Take Conley road to hwy. 64. turn right. Go approximately 4 miles. Turn left onto Roper Holler Rd. Stay on Roper Holler road until it start up the mountain. At the point where the road starts up the mountain, off to the left, is where the Glen Alpine Springs Hotel used to set.

Thanks to Allen Merrill - Glen Alpine Website



Bill Whitener  
Sophomore Year

Charles Mathis  
Sophomore Year

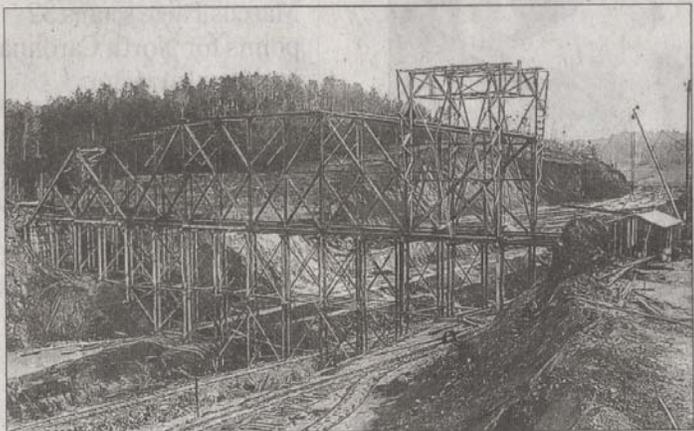
**55TH CLASS OF 1960 GAHS REUNION**

Believe it or not, next year we will celebrate our 55th Year since we graduated from good old GAHS Class of 1960. As you know we have had annual luncheons for the last three or four years and the years between every five years. Then each fifth year we plan a bigger celebration. The luncheons have been the 3rd Friday in May. To make a change we are thinking about September of 2015. An outdoors get-together, under a cover, with a live band or some type of music. Make a whole day or a long afternoon where we will be able to talk and catch up on old times and even current times. We are all changing; kind word for getting older.

We are looking for a committee to help plan and expedite the 55th year. If you want to help, let me know. So far we have myself, Joe, Vickie, and Nancy.

**Picture Burke @ your library**  
 Burke County Public Library  
 Morganton Valdese C.B. Hildebrand

**CANAL BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION**



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**C**anal Bridge under construction at Lake James on Highway 126 (1916-19). This steel truss bridge was known as "camel-back" type of design. It has been replaced. In the 1980s, the bridge was considered for eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. This photograph was donated to Picture Burke from Historic Burke Foundation (R. M. Lineberger collection).

Information on the deceased can be viewed on class website; [www.deweyfox.com](http://www.deweyfox.com) and click on G.A.H.S. Class of 1960 and click on Deceased Classmates.

**EMAIL**

A big thank you to the GAHS Class of 1960 for the invitation to their 54th gathering of their graduating class today. Thank you for awarding me as an honorary member of your fine class. Dewey Fox has done a wonderful job in keeping the classmates together and in touch with each other. You are all gracious and wonderful classmates! Thanks for the ink pen and the opportunity to speak about my two favorite subjects, Glen Alpine and Jug Wilson.

**From GAHS web Facebook- Bob Duckworth**

**Millions of Farmers in Heaven.....**



A farmer and a lawyer were killed in a car accident and showed up in heaven together. St. Peter greeted them at the pearly gates and told them he would take them to the homes where they would be spending all of eternity.

The two men got into St. Peter's holy vehicle and headed down a gold road, which turned into a platinum road, which turned into an even grander road paved with diamonds. Eventually they ended up at a huge mansion. St. Peter turned to the lawyer and said: "Here is your home for the rest of eternity. Enjoy! And if there is anything you need, just let me know."

Then St. Peter took the farmer to his home. They headed back down the diamond studded boulevard, to the platinum highway, to the street of gold, to an avenue of silver, along a stone alley and down an unpaved footpath to a modest cottage.

St. Peter said to the farmer: "Here you go" and went to leave. Shocked, the farmer said: "Want a minute. How come the lawyer gets the big mansion and I get this little cottage?"

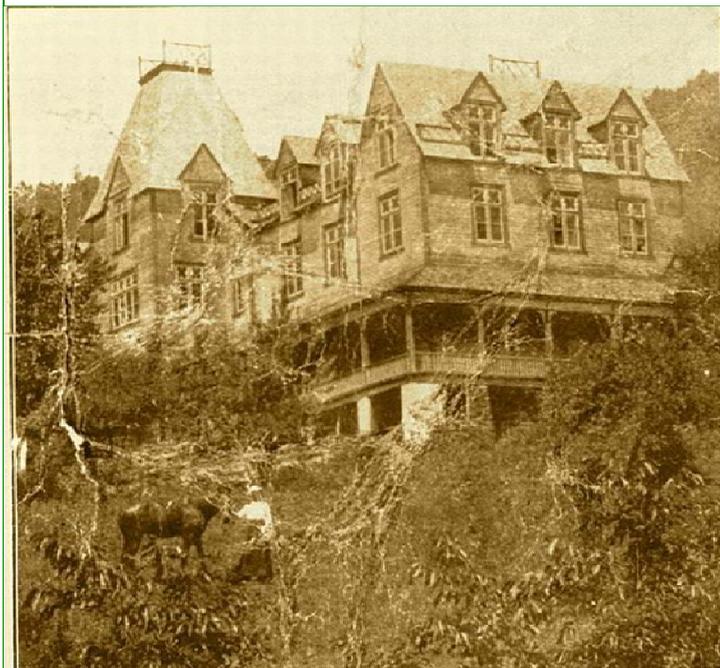
St. Peter said: "Well, we have millions of farmers here in heaven, but we've never had a lawyer before."

### GLEN ALPINE SPRINGS HOTEL 1870-1934



Glen Alpine Springs Hotel Located near Brindletown in Burke County. Incorporated by Thomas George Walton and John H. Pearson in 1870. When it opened its doors in 1878, it was the largest frame building in North Carolina. In addition to healing waters, it offered many amenities such as billiards, bowling, lavish meals, and dancing. The hotel closed in 1902. The building was used for a school until 1909. The structure burned to the ground in 1934.

Source: R. Douglas Walker, Jr 2005-04-22-00



This is the Old Glen Alpine Hotel. It was popular with tourist and especially since it was across the road from the railroad tracks. The main mode of transportation when traveling a far distance in those days.

This hotel was closed in the late 1800s.

The hotel was located where the brick Hennessee house is now located, on the west side of the buildings in Glen Alpine.

**GLEN ALPINE SPRINGS,**  
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For further information, address,  
 W. H. MORRISON, Prop'r G. A. S.

-1894 Morganton Herald Advertisement -

Source: Facebook from Susan Houck post January 11, 2014

### Quoteworthy

“If you have transformed the taxing agency of the state into a political weapon;....if you are setting up a massive government program to gather the financial and health information of every citizen, and control their access to care; and if you have a spy agency that can read the mail and listen to the communications of every individual in the country, you don’t really need a secret police to destroy your political opponents. Once you have silenced them, you can proceed with your plans to remake the world in your image.”

David Horowitz

**Oldies but Goldie News**

**“50 Years Ago in Burke County”**

- >> Seen/heard in West Burke: Snow, Snow, Snow—Who needs or wants it? Anyway it’s here, so let’s make the most of it. Chief of Police G. O. Brittain, looking at the rear of his car after being hit by another car.
- >> Miss Anne Eggers will have the leading role in one of three one-act operas which will open the opera season at Greensboro College. She will portray the lead role of Lucy in “The Telephone” by Menotti.

Taken from The News Herald January 6, 2014  
A look back into January, 1964



- >>Seen/Heard West Burke- Dr. Calvin Acuff is having a beautiful home build on top of old White hill, northwest of Glen Alpine. Looks like a “motel” from a distance.....Earl Fox having one constructed at the near end of Lail Road (known as Buzzard Roost).....

Taken from The News Herald January 27, 2014  
A look back into January 1964

NOTE: The Earl Fox house, (my father) was my house that was being built.



- >>Glen Alpine High School has chosen Laura Hyatt and David Eggers by the student council of Glen Alpine High School as the Students of the month of January.....

Taken from The News Herald February 10, 1964  
NOTE: David Eggers is the younger brother of our own Ann EGGERS Chapman

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**Oldies but Goldie News**

**“50 Years Ago in Burke County”**

- >>The Glen Alpine Wavettes, coached by Jug Wilson, won the regular season championship of the Burke County Conference with a 9-1 record, losing only to NCSD, Vonda Stroupe, Becky Biggerstaff, Barbara Kelly, Laura Hyatt, Harriet Buchanan, Edwina Fox, and Jean McGalliard all saw extensive starting duty.

Taken from The News Herald March 24, 2014

A look back into March 1964

Note: Barbara Kelly is a sister of Faye Kelly and Edwina Fox is sister to your editor Dewey Fox



- >>The Glen Alpine girls, coached by Jug Wilson, won the championship of the Burke Conference for 1964 by sweeping both BCC tournaments games. The green Wavettes also led the regular season standing with a 9-1 record. The players were Jean McGalliard, Edwina Fox, Harriet Buchanan, Vonda Stroupe, Becky Biggerstaff, Barbara Kelly, Judy Johnson, Belinda Wilson, Brenda Buchanan, Candace Barrier, Laura Hyatt, Barbara Benfield, Glenda White, Barbara Abernathy and Frieda Powell.

Taken from The News Herald April 2014

A look back into April 1964



- >>Mrs. Nina LaFevers, Glen Alpine High School English teacher, was all smiles when students dedicated the school yearbook to her. Presenting her with a copy is Curtis Patton, editor of the annual, “The Turkey Tail.”

Taken from The News Herald May 19, 2014

**Oldies but Goldie News**

**“50 Years Ago in Burke County”**

- >>Thomas Deese, a 1960 graduate of Glen Alpine High School, will present his senior recital in trombone in the fine arts building at Appalachian State Teachers College. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Deese of Carbon City Road.

Taken from The News Herald March 3, 2014

A look back into March 1964

- >>Seen/Heard in West Burke—  
.....Saw Joyce Keller shopping at the “Stop and Shop” .....

Taken from The News Herald March 17, 2014

A look back into March 1964

NOTE: This should be Joyce Keller the wife of our Howard Crump

- >>Within the next 30 days the old Skyland Drive-in Theatre will open under new management and a new name, the Morganton Drive-in Theater. Joe Rector owner of the High Peak Drive-in Theater, recently purchased the drive-in on Carbon City Road and is currently in the process of completely remodeling the outdoor theater. Rector bought the theatre from J. J. Accardi and Y. E. Spake.

Taken from The News Herald April 21, 2014

A look back into April 1964

NOTE: I know this has nothing to do with Glen Alpine High School, but we all probably remember the old drive-in theater which was located somewhere behind Ingles Food Mart.

I remember as a small boy one of my highlights in life was popping a large pot of popcorn and going to the Skyland Drive-in Theater. Movies started at dark, not at a time.

**Continued from Page 1—May 2014 Class Luncheon**

As classmates were coming in, I was taking their picture, and I hope I didn’t miss anyone.

As previously mentioned we opened in prayer led by Joe Greene. As the waitress was taking orders and giving us our drinks, I read an email from Ann Eggers Chapman letting us know that she would be out of town and would not be there. Bill Whitener was recognized as a first timer. We have been in contact with Bill for several years, but just have not got him to a class function. He lives in Eastover, S. C. We were all glad he came. Looking forward to many more visits by him.

We had a short business meeting mainly to discuss our next year 55th Anniversary and looking for committee members to do the planning.

As many of you know Joe Greene makes pens out of wood and acrylic. They are beautiful. He awarded me one for the many years of class dedication. He also awarded a pen each to Bob Duckworth and Shirley Brown as new Honorary Members of the Class of 1960. By the way, Joe sells these pens; give him a call for one.

We had a Moment of Silence for the classmates that have passed away since our last luncheon.

Bob Duckworth told us about the efforts of trying to get Ralph “Jug” Wilson into the North Carolina Hall of Fame. If you want to write a letter see me for the forms.

We ended up the luncheon with our own magician Charles Mathis doing his magic tricks, keeping everyone spell-bound.



Bill Whitener - First Timer

Below are two samples of the pens that Joe Greene makes by hand. They are really nice and made to last a lifetime. Has replaceable ink cartridges. And will make great individualized gifts. Call Joe Greene today!







GAHS Class of 1960  
Luncheon May 16, 2014



"This is the day that the Lord has made"





Shirley Brown—Honorary Classmate



Bob Duckworth- Left—Honorary Classmate



Dewey Fox, left and Joe Greene

Joe Greene presented one of his “Greene Manufactured” ink pens to Shirley Brown and Bob Duckworth as Honorary Classmates.

**Some final notes;** thank Joe and Kathy Greene for the pictures above. In the death of Charles Mathis we took up a collection for donation to his specified charity, which is Faith Baptist Church Missions in Charlotte, N.C. from the Glen Alpine High School Class of 1960. I appreciate ALL of you guys; just keep me posted on events.

### *Answers from God's Work*

**Question:** Why do so many people reject Jesus?

**Answer:** “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

John 3:19

**Question:** What does God call an atheist?

**Answer:** “The fool has said in his heart, There is no God.”

Psalms 53:1

**Phil Callaway's definition of success:** “I will consider myself a success if I am walking closely to Jesus every day, building a strong marriage, loving my kids, performing meaningful work, and making others homesick for Jesus.”\*



Randy Parks caught relaxing at a local furniture store in November 2013. Don't know if he purchased the chair or not, but it sure looks comfortable. Taken from The News Herald, November 20, 2013.