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GLEN ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1960

Our 50th Anniversary

By Classmate Dewey E. Fox

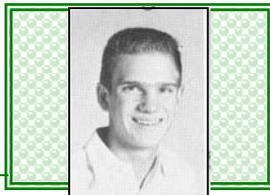
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This 1960 Class Newsletter is an attempt to keep in contact with our classmates and update their happenings in life.

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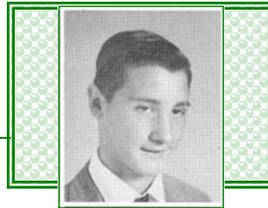
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BILL WHITENER

Another classmate found, Bill Whitener. You probably remember him. The last picture that we had of him was in the Sophomore Annual. This would be our 1958-59 school year. His father was in the military and he got transferred to South Carolina. So, we’ve not had contact with him for over 50 years. Can you believe that?

Bill lived just over the hill from Earl Bailey and they were good friends. Bill still has a cousin, at least one that I know of, that lives here in Burke County. As a matter of information we got **To Page 5**



GORDON SHUFFLER

Another classmate found by the efforts of Joe Greene. Joe took a chance and called a Shuffler in the phone book and it was Gordon’s brother. He got the phone number from him and called.

Gordon is now living in Charlotte and has been since he left Burke County in 1959, a long time ago. He told me he has lived in the same house since 1964.

You may remember Gordon, **Go to Page 2**

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



It is so hard to comprehend that it has been 50 years since we walked the halls of Glen Alpine High School. You look forward to graduation after all the years in school, but then a sense of loss surrounds you. A new phase of life begins and many decisions have to be made concerning which career you will pursue.

My decision to go to college was very unsettling. I had never been away from home, and I really suffered **Go to Page 2**

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50th Anniversary

GAHS Class of ‘60

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Photo by Dewey Fox



Early Fern



Continued from Page 1—from a terrible case of homesickness. I was very close to my family, and it was so hard to be all alone in a strange place knowing absolutely no one.

The Lord blessed me with 2 dear friends that really helped provide me with a loving and lasting friendship. We still keep in touch today. My college days began at Mitchell College in Statesville where I graduated with an Associate Degree. I transferred to Le-noir Rhyne University and graduated with my Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education.

My first students were 6th graders at Oak Hill Elementary School. From there I moved to 5th grade at Drexel Elementary School, and then to 4th grade and 3rd grade at Glen Alpine Elementary School.. It was ironic that I began my schooling at Glen Alpine and actually ended my teaching career by retiring from there after 32 years in the classroom. After retirement I taught for 8 years in Title I serving Glen Alpine and W.A. Young Elementary Schools. I have taught children of my classmates as well as children of my former students.

After college I met a very nice young man, Bobby Arrowood, from Salem. We began dating and later married. He was employed at Henredon for 40 years and served as Supervisor. We just celebrated our 45th anniversary this past January. We were blessed with a son, Greg, who lived a very short life—May 15, 1968-June 22, 1975. He was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of 3 and passed away at the very early age of 7. That was the darkest day of our lives!! Had it not been for family, friends, church family, and the love of Christ we could never have survived the grief and heartache. In his few years here on earth, he touched many lives. We made many friends through him that otherwise we would never have known. One special person, Dolly Maxwell, was an airline stewardess with Eastern Airlines at that time. She was so touched by Greg and his love for others that she began a fund for Eastern Airlines to sponsor him with a trip to Disney World in Florida. That was so exciting for him because at the age of 5, he was actually able to meet Mickey Mouse. Dolly became so dedicated in helping children like Greg, that she was instrumental in Make-A-Wish for children come true.

Later we were blessed with

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Continued from Page 1—Gordon Shuffler—he lived on Power House Road going toward Lake James and out of Glen Alpine. He came from a large family of 6 siblings for a total of 7 children. He did have one sister to pass away in the 1970's. He still has several siblings living here in Burke County.

I remember Gordon, his father and my father were good friends and Gordon would come to my house where we played together. I had forgotten this until Gordon brought it to my attention.

Gordon and his wife have six children, 2 boys and 4 girls with a total of 18 grandchildren.

He was a carpenter for the first 24 years of his career and later on worked on the machinery for recapping tires and maintenance. After that he begin installing new industrial machinery. He is now semi-retired and works about 3 days a week.

Even though Gordon left before graduation, we welcome Gordon Shuffler to the G.A.H.S. Class of 1960 and look forward to him and his wife coming to our 50th Anniversary.

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Charlotte, N. C. 28208

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No Email:

Psalms 1:1-2 RV

(1) Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

(2) But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psalms 7:8 RV

(8) The LORD ministereth judgment to the peoples: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and to mine integrity that is in me.

CONTINUED HAPPENINGS AND MESSAGES FROM CLASSMATES OF 1960

“I remember, Just Barely.....” Dewey Fox

Coon Skin Hat— I was driving on Interstate the other day and happen to see a dead raccoon on the right side of the road. I knew it was a raccoon because of the brown and black stripped tail. It brought back the memory of my younger days when I had and cherished a raccoon cap as supposedly Daniel Boone wore one just like it, and I was proud of that. I had a cap like frontiersman Daniel Boone. I don't know what finally happened to my cap, but it was my status symbol at the time. Or was I just crazy?

Eyeball to Eyeball— With a Snake. We always had hogs and cattle when I was younger and going to school, so I had chores to do each afternoon after school. And one of them was the pulling or cutting down the high weeds that grew about the small farm we had. I remember these weeds were three or four feet in height. This particular day I was on my hands and knees pulling these weeds to feed the hogs. As I looked up from the ground I was eyeball to eyeball with this large snake that had raised his head up to defend its territory that I was invading. Believe me, I got out of their quick. I didn't want anything to do with him.

Buying Raw Milk—I remember going to our neighbor about 1/2 mile out the road to buy pure raw milk, right from the cow. Grace Lail sold us raw milk, buttermilk and butter. Of course, it's against the law today to sell non-pasteurized milk products. “Well anyway, according to the government and the national milk society.” What a bummer! They take this good-for-you whole milk and heat it to a temperature that it kills all the vitamins, minerals and enzymes, at this point you have dead cancer causing milk that we are suppose to drink and like it. Back to the story. We would tell her what we wanted in advance and she would have it ready in a day or two. We would go to the back screened-in-porch to get the milk. If she wasn't home, we would just pickup the milk and leave her the money on the shelf. Do you think we have that kind of trust today? What an attitude change!

Lightning Bugs—You probably remember catching them on those hot summer nights. I remember we would gather up as many as we could and put them in a quart jar to watch them light up. It all came to mind last week when I saw some Lightning Bugs flying around outside of the house and putting on their bright display of lighting up as they fly by. Some people refer to them as Fireflies. I always called them Lightning Bugs. How about harnessing that energy!



Continued from Page 2—another son, Brad, and he has truly been a great blessing. As he grew, he always played school so I was not surprised when he chose the career of education. After he graduated, he attended Western Piedmont College and graduated with an Associate Degree. From there he went to Lenoir Rhyne University and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Middle Grade Education. He earned his Master's Degree in School Administration at Gardner-Webb University. At this time he was teaching in Hickory but was offered a position at Table Rock Middle School as Assistant Principal. He was still interested in furthering his education so he received his Education Specialists Degree from Appalachian State University. From Table Rock Middle School he went to Salem Elementary as Assistant Principal, and this past year he served Salem and Glen Alpine Elementary Schools. He has just recently been named as Principal for Chesterfield Elementary School and is very excited in beginning his new position. He is married to the former Christy McCormick, and she is presently teaching Science at Patton High School. She is currently working on the National Board while Brad is pursuing his Doctorate in Education.



All of us are very active in our church. Brad is the pianist and Christy plays the trumpet in our church orchestra. They have a son, Bryant, who is the light of our lives. He brings much joy and happiness to us. We are so proud of our family!

Nancy Duckworth Arrowood

**The News Herald on May 24, 2010 in
"50 Years Ago in Burke County"**

"Russell Gaylord received a plaque from the Morganton Jaycees making him a lifetime member in recognition of his work during eight years as a Jaycees."

**The News Herald on May 31, 2010 in
"50 Years Ago in Burke County"**

"Janie Christine Brackett of Valdese was crowned Burke County Dairy Princess. Mavin Hudson of Connelly Springs was first runner-up and SUNNY NEAL BROWNING of Nebo was second runner-up."

"The Glen Alpine Band halted its concert for a few minutes to give special recognition to its miniature mascot. She is cute Johnnie Lynn Fox, daughter of band member Mrs. J. C. Fox (formerly Linda Dickson). The baby wears the full costume of major-ette, complete with white strutter's boots."

**The News Herald on June 07, 2010 in
"50 Years Ago in Burke County"**

Glen Alpine High graduated 52 students. Nancy Duckworth was valedictorian and Anne Eggers was salutatorian.

~God's Charge to Joshua~

Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying, "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. [JOSHUA 1:1-2] [NAS]

There are some great stories and lessons in life to be learned in the Old Testament. Many Christians do not read the Old Testament as much as they do the New Testament, but the Old Testament has many men and women of God in its writings. **Read More on Page 6**

"Missing Classmates"

We've been searching and finding a few classmates since our last reunion seven years ago. Most of these leads are from kin or friends that knows them. I'm putting out this new list of "Most Wanted," so we can again review the names and see if anyone you know the whereabouts of or you know someone that may know the whereabouts of this old classmate. All you have to do is get me the phone number or address and I can take it from there. This is the year of our 50th, so I would like to contact everyone possible. Remember all I need is that slightest lead and I will be like a hound dog on a coon. (Or a Fox on the run)

Here is the most wanted list:

From the Senior Class Annual

- Ann Winters

From the Junior Class Annual

- Edith Daves Hall

From the Sophomore Annual

- Billy Dellinger
- Mary Powell
- Herman Wood

From the Freshman Annual

- Leroy Benfield
- Barbara Brown—(no kin to Bill Brown)
- Betty Harding
- David Jeanes
- William Justice—(no kin to Eddie Justice)
- Ronald Lindsay
- Carolyn Shook
- Annie Laura Simpson
- Charles Smith
- Ronald Suddreth



This is the list. You can go to the website and see what information we have on these classmates and if we have a picture of that person, it will be there.

Go to "www.deweyfox.com" and click on "Glen Alpine High School Class of 1960 and go to "Missing Classmates" and they are listed in order of year. Please review, someone has to know them. "HELP"

Thanks, Dewey Fox

Here she is: the Dairy Princess

Back as far as I remember, the month of June was known as Dairy Month.

In 1960, the people planning the annual dairy celebration decided they should include a Dairy Princess contest.

The requirements for the 1960 Burke county Dairy Princess were that she had to be at 17 and not more than 23 by June 1, a senior in high school, not now or previously married, in good health and a resident of North Carolina for at least one year. No contestant could be a professional model; neither could she hold any other state beauty title or be a previous winner in a Dairy Princess contest. And last and not least, she had to consume and enjoy milk and other dairy products.

They based judging on several subjective qualities, the most important being a pleasing voice, ability to think before an audience and effectiveness of presentation. Contestants earned more points for friendliness and ability to meet people, beauty, personality, poise, being photogenic and having natural-colored hair.

Eleven contestants vied for the 1960 Dairy Princess title. Among them from our class in Glen Alpine were Sunny Nell Browning and Avis Deane Anderson. Sunny Nell Browning was second runner-up.

This edited and adapted article by me was from The News Herald, June 14, 2010, written by Michael Conley.

I read in this article where two of our classmates were vying for the 1960 Dairy Princess title and thought it might be of interest. To see how things were done back in 1960. "We've come a long ways baby."

Dewey Fox, Classmate of 1960



From Page 1—Bill Whitener— Bill's phone number from his cousin. I called Bill one Sunday night and he said he still remembered me, after all these years. Bill is living in Eastover, S. C. which is close to Columbia, S. C. (Which by the way is the capital of S.C.; didn't know I knew that, did you?)

Bill spent most of his working career working in mechanicals for Johnson Controls. He continues to work part-time. So, I guess, we would call him semi-retired at this point in his life. Bill is married, but has no children. He was the oldest of his siblings, which he had two younger brothers; One living in California and the other in the Palmetto State of South Carolina.

Bill graduated from "Greer High School" in Columbia, S. C. Even though Bill moved away before the 1960 graduating class from Glen Alpine, we still count him a member of this class. We welcome Bill Whitener to the graduating Class of 1960 and Bill, we hope you can come to our 50th Reunion on September 24-25, 2010.

Bill's contact information is:

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To all Classmate of G.A.H.S. Class of 1960

Our 50th Class Anniversary is (believe it or not) this year. We plan on celebrating it on September 24-25, 2010. Hope you have it marked on your calendar. Go to Page six, last page and we have the itinerary for Friday and Saturday.

We will be sending you the registration form about the middle of August and hope you can have it back to us by September 01, 2010 so we can get a count of attendees. **Go to Page 6**

Friday Night Saturday Agenda

Itinerary

Friday— September 24, 2010

6:00 P.M.

Reception/Social/Dinner

Timberwoods Restaurant

Dutch

Spouse's/Guest Welcome

Located Exit 106 Interstate 40

Saturday—September 25, 2010

Old Glen Alpine High School

Spouse's/Guest Welcome

11:00 A.M.

Walk through Old High School

12:00 Noon

On your Own Lunch

1:00 P.M. till 6:00 P.M.

Free time

Relax-Socialize-Visit-Golf

6:00 P.M. to Until

Glen Alpine First Baptist

Dinner (Included)

Entertainment



To your left is the G.A.H.S. 50th Committee with the exception of Bob White who was not there when picture was make.

They are working hard and long hours to make your 50th Class Reunion enjoyable and memorable.

From Page 4—Joshua -

As your may know, Joshua was what we would probably call today, the right-hand man to Moses. And when Moses died, Joshua was charged with leading the Israelites into the Promised Land. (See Deuteronomy Chapter 31)

Joshua, Chapter 1, verse six, God tells Joshua to “be strong and courageous.” Then in verse seven, God tells Joshua to “be strong and very courageous” again, but in this verse He tells Joshua to be strong and “Very” courageous. God goes on in verse seven and eight. Let me just quote it from the Bible.

“Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. [JOSHUA 1:7] [NAS]

“This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. [JOSHUA 1:8] [NAS]

God instructed Joshua to “be strong and courageous,” and God goes on and tells him to “be careful to do according to all the law,” and “do not turn from it to the right or to the left.”

Hopefully the lesson for today; and the questions we should ask ourselves:

Are we strong and courageous when God calls?

Are we turning to right or left from the “Word of God”?

Are we departing from the “Book of the Law”?

Are we meditating on “The Word” day and night?

As we close for today with verse nine, let me ask the question again. When we have a call from God, are we being “strong and courageous?” If the call or mission is from God, then God is with you at all times. You will accomplish your call or mission.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” [JOSHUA 1:9] [NAS]

Brother Dewey E. Fox
