



*Founded in 1882*

# Salem High School Alumni Association

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## West Coast SHS reunion to have encore

A West Coast reunion of Salem High graduates last October was so successful that its sponsor, George (Socko) Vavrek ('45), intends to repeat it in 1987.

"We drew 150 people to the Long Beach reunion," Vavrek says, "and we had so much fun, we are going to do it all over again on September 27. Those who came really enjoyed the visiting and thought the idea of a reunion was a great one. All of us who worked on the reunion were pleased with the turnout. We are hoping for 200 people this year, including some former teachers."

Vavrek obtained addresses of 394 SHS grads from the Alumni Association in staging his first reunion. He has added about 100 more for 1987 and will contact almost everyone on the West Coast.

Graduates from seven decades (20's through 80's) attended last fall, including John Siskowic ('22), the oldest. Grads came from Ohio, Washington D.C., California, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado and Ensenada, Mexico.

A champagne brunch was highlighted by special presentations by Vavrek. He gave special football trophies and framed athletic achievement awards to Siskowic, 1921 football captain, and Sam Drakulich ('30), a member of the undefeated 1929 team.

"Lady graduate" figurines went to Vera Ziegler Rose ('27) and Connie Petrucci Campanelli ('47). Large special plaques went to artist Tom Berger ('41) of Denver and to Wilbur ('39) and Ruth West Spalding ('40) of Alliance, Ohio, for traveling long distances to the reunion.

A large memorabilia table displayed many Salem news clippings, programs, Quaker annuals and photos of teachers. A group picture was taken and the entire affair was video taped. Photos and tapes are available through Vavrek.

The Rev. Jerry Miller ('49), president of California Lutheran College, told the group about the Alumni Association and its scholarship program, urging contributions.

Vavrek introduced his reunion committee that included: Betty Abblett Bartha ('40), Mary Catherine Jones Antone ('51), Rosemarie Scheuring Wilhelm ('46), Carl Ciccozzi ('48) and Miller.

Anyone who may be vacationing in Southern California in September is welcome to attend the second annual reunion. Graduates who live in New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, Hawaii, Alaska and Washington will receive invitations.

Contact Vavrek at 1674 Corinth Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025 for further information. Phone: (213) 837-9306 (home) and (213) 477-6290 (office).



# President's Message

Since the day of our first open house at the SHS Alumni Association office in June, 1984, we have come a long way. Our office was first staffed and open to the public in September, 1984 and has been open 250 days a year ever since.

Most important, we have brought the "message" of the association to all our graduates through our newsletter which is now mailed to more than 9,000 people. The newsletter was written, designed, addressed, sorted and mailed from our office, aided by some volunteers. The current edition is the fourth printed and distributed.

The office, manned by Bob Dixon ('40), coordinator, and regular volunteer Bob Lieder ('40), has also:

Written, printed and distributed a "How to Plan a Class Reunion" pamphlet, again with volunteer assistance;

Entered all graduates' names and addresses in office computer;

Hosted 54 class reunion evening meetings in 1986;

Provided reunion classes with up-to-date printouts of class members and provided mailing labels;

Hosted pre-reunion receptions in office for classes desiring;

Collected and displayed memorabilia;

Distributed scholarship checks;

Sent representatives to give welcoming talks at reunions;

Provided extra copies of Quaker annuals for those requesting;

Answered heavy correspondence and inquiries.

I would like to remind all our graduates that the office is for your use. Feel free to visit anytime. It is your association and we are here to serve you any way we can. In return, you can help us by notifying the office whenever you change your address.

Joe Ciotti ('65)  
President

## Enrollment up in city schools

Enrollment for Salem City Schools increased by 41 students during the 1986-87 school year.

According to figures released by Supt. Robert Pond's office in October, 1986, the total school population was 3,043, compared to 3,002 the year before. Enrollments after the first full week in October are considered official and are reported to the state for state funding calculations.

Enrollment in Senior High School was 1,015 (a drop of 19); Junior High 432. The balance of the students were enrolled at Buckeye, Reilly, Prospect and Southeast grade schools.

## Alumni Association

### Committees

#### Executive

Joseph Ciotti ('65), president  
Barbara J. Beery Lippiatt ('55), vice president  
Polly Begalla Schaffer ('61), secretary  
Jackie Welsh Hergenrother ('54), treasurer  
Dorothy Day Corso ('34)  
Dr. Will Stamp ('50)  
Robert Zimmerman ('51)  
Pat Schmidt McNicol ('53)  
Sally Snowball Chappell ('60)  
Dr. Michael Love ('69)

#### Scholarship

Daniel E. Smith ('46), chairman  
Charles Gibbs ('43), treasurer  
Frederick E. Cope ('25)  
Joyce Cosgrove Ehrhart ('53)  
Betsy Young Johnson ('59)  
Dr. Gail Herron ('62)  
Joseph Ciotti ('65)  
Atty. Robert C. Roberts ('70)  
Robert Delane, SHS principal

## Booklet plots reunion course

A much-needed aid for class reunion committees has been written and distributed by the SHS Alumni Association. An eight-page pamphlet, "How to Plan a Class Reunion," was mailed to each class chairman in March.

The pamphlet was designed to assist new classes in planning their first reunion, but also should be of assistance to older classes which may be able to pick up some new ideas.

Contributors to the pamphlet include: Alice Sabona Oana ('41), Jacquie Orr Nedelka ('46), Barbara J. Beery Lippiatt ('55) and Bob Dixon ('40). All four have worked on each of their class reunions.

The pamphlet leads reunion planners through each phase of the operation and even supplies all the local phone numbers needed.

Any class reunion chairman who did not receive a pamphlet may pick one up at the Alumni office, 328 E. State St.

## Quaker annuals needed

Copies of Quaker annuals from 1962, 1982 and 1986 are needed by the Alumni Association. Each has been requested by various SHS graduates.



# Alumni gifts boost scholarship funds

Since the publication of the October, 1986 issue of the Alumni newsletter, contributions totaling \$5,785 have been received by the Scholarship Committee from Salem High graduates.

Below is a list of those who sent in contributions through mid-March. Please advise if anyone has been overlooked.

## CLASS OF 1925

Harry L. Houser, East Aurora, NY in memory of Helen Smith Houser

## CLASS OF 1927

Myron T. Sturgeon, Athens, OH

## CLASS OF 1929

Robert van Blaricom, Kalamazoo, MI

## CLASS OF 1930

Isabel Jones Rich, Clearwater, FL; Sam Drakulich, Sun City, AZ; Ann van Blaricom Falor, Akron, OH in memory of Maude Elizabeth Griselle ('87)

## CLASS OF 1932

Valeria Trombitas Cantelmo, Warren, OH, in memory of John Trombitas ('36); John Paul Olloman, Salem, OH; Dr. Raymond Sprowl, Los Angeles, CA

## CLASS OF 1933

Frank Culler, Salem; Ellis and Betty Hanson Coy, Salem, in memory of Teacher Herbert Jones; Jean Scott Krebs, Accokeek, MD

## CLASS OF 1934

Margaret Moff Culler, Salem; Kathryn Simone Trombitas, Salem, in memory of John Trombitas and James Appedisian; John Pukalski, Salem; Stefan Oana, Canton, OH; Albert A. DeRienzo, Mt. Ranier, MD, in memory of Michael and Nicolina DeRienzo

## CLASS OF 1935

Margaret Stewart of Salem; Lucyle Hiliard Lucas, Byesville, OH; Richard E. Bartchy, Cheswick, PA; Lowell Shallenberg, Tullahoma, TN, in memory of Edwin S. Dawson; Cora May Reich Stone, Traverse City, MI; Rudy Schuster, Salem; Hilda Kloos Sandacz, Harper Woods, MI; Jean Gallatin Dilworth, Salem; Florence Kleon McArtor, Salem; Carl A. Weigand, Kissimmee, FL; Grace Roessler Karp, Salem; Martha Schmid Bailey, Salem; Margie Hart Scanlon, Mastic, NY; Robert Dole, Salem; Dorothy Rakestraw Schontz, Naples, FL, in memory of Helen Papesch, Orben and Virginia Koenreich Metz; Janet Walker Roos, North Canton, OH; Mary Untch Petrick, Tinton Falls, NJ, in memory of Anna Untch Woerther ('32) and George (Dutch) Woerther ('34); Helen Goble Barrow, Columbiana, OH; Mildred Woods Rhodes, Matthews, NC; Helen G. Solomon, Bay Village, OH in memory of John S. Solomon ('35); H.D. Harris, Salem; Glen Detrow, Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Clara Mae Rich Sprowl, Los Angeles, CA; Horace Schwartz, Longboat Key, FL; William Guappone, Cincinnati, OH; Thomas Bennett, Seattle, WA.

## CLASS OF 1937

Ellen West Tetlow of Salem in memory of Alden (Buzz) West; Marie Englert Hardy, Salem; Anna Mary Lease Ellithorp, Atlanta, GA, in memory of Dr. Donald E. Lease; Betty Martin Harris, Salem

## CLASS OF 1938

Irene Schmidt Beals, Columbus, OH; Ward (Peach) Eckstein, Columbiana, OH, in memory of Marjorie Ann Eckstein ('36); Ethel Hine Dawson, Stafford, VA; Charles Trotter, Salem; Helen Berg Labbe, Salem; Dr. Richard J. Cavanaugh, Studio City, CA

## CLASS OF 1939

Kay Rich Knoedler of Salem; Mildred Kastanek Moon, Portland, OR, in memory of Louis and Antonia Kastanek; Donald L. Vincent, Salem; Betty Bell Huston, Mission, TX; William C. Hiltbrand, Salem; John F. Evans, Silver Spring, MD

## CLASS OF 1940

Beatrice Hersman Pierce, Wooster, OH; Robert J. Dixon, Salem; Helen Brunner Durham, Canfield, OH

## CLASS OF 1941

C. Boyd Helm, Salem; Lucille Scheuring Burnitz, Carpentersville, IL; Robert Ballantine, Jackson, MI

## CLASS OF 1942

Elizabeth Eppinger Heim, Salem; Homer Asmus, Ridgewood, NJ; Al Zocolo, Salem; Jack Wiegand, Orinda, CA; Bill Rance, Columbus, OH; Bertha Englert Sweeney, Cincinnati, OH, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Englert

## CLASS OF 1943

Virginia (Jinny) Snyder, Salem, in memory of Barbara Ruth Brian ('43); Gene McArtor Schieffelbein, Wilmington, DE, in memory of Barbara Brian; William B. Beardmore, Rochester, MI; Tina Schell Pukalski, Salem; Mary Jean Reeves Weigand, Akron, OH; Irene Fratila Leaf, Salem, in memory of Mary Fratila Whinnery ('40) and Alexander Fratila Jr. ('35); Frank Andres, Spokane, WA; Robert P. Zeck, Salem

## CLASS OF 1944

Mae Gfeller Leonard, Salem; Jeanne Vaughn Zeck, Salem, in memory of George Vaughn ('51)

## CLASS OF 1945

Sally Campbell Reinartz, Gates Mills, OH; Jeanne Walsh Dale, Boardman, OH

## CLASS OF 1946

John W. Works, Silver Lake, OH

## CLASS OF 1947

Gertrude Zerbs Works, Silver Lake, OH; Frank Hoopes, Salem

## CLASS OF 1948

Virginia Burrier Benson, Chapel Hill, NC

## CLASS OF 1949

Robert E. Campbell, M.D., Haverford, Pa.

## CLASS OF 1951

Joyce Vaughan Constant, Falls Church, VA

## CLASS OF 1952

JoAnn Simich Poland, Orlando, FL

## CLASS OF 1953

Shirley Fox Beaulieu, Coventry, CT

## CLASS OF 1955

James Beard, San Antonio, TX

## CLASS OF 1956

Janice Maxim Cherry, Salem, in memory of Robert Staufeneger ('54); Rosalia Lisi Schlueter, Salem

## CLASS OF 1959

Sandra Cox Whisenand, Laguna Hills, CA

## CLASS OF 1961

Kenneth D. Moore, Columbus, OH; Diane Mackey Berk, Franklin, TN

## CLASS OF 1962

Colby Vincent, Largo, FL; Nancy Ward Hanna, Columbiana, OH; Thomas Hone, Arlington, VA; Fred and Agnes Kolozsi Kaiser, Silver Spring, MD; Robert Snyder, Falmouth, MA; Susan Darner Sebo, Pittsford, NY; Ann Sutter Simpson, Beaver Falls, PA; Peggy Hess Gotschall, East Liverpool, OH; Bob Oswald, Wilmington, DE; Manfred Meine, Fairfax, VA; Walter Han Jacksonville, FL; Joseph Kozar, Talmadge, OH; Penny Silver Allen, Port Orchard, WA; Susan Fisher, Oakland, CA; Judy Ward Eckley, Huntsville, AL; Brenda Smith Phillips, Spokane, WA; Susan Mathews Eaton, Minneapolis, MN; and all of Salem — John and Peg Schuster Panezott, Jud Chappell, Ted Lisi, Grace Pandolph Banez, Kenneth Alesi, Kathleen Messenger Johnson, Joyce Moffett Weaver, Tom Mercer, Dalbert Zimmerman, Ted Thorne

## CLASS OF 1964

Susan Eckstein Skedel, Sagamore Hills, OH

## CLASS OF 1966

Janet Falkenstein Taylor, Zionsville, IN; Jack Hurray, Billerica, MA; Larry Fester, Phoenix, AZ; Dave Roberts, Fairfield, OH

## CLASS OF 1967

George C. Zeller, Cleveland, OH, in memory of Ward C. Zeller ('41); Roy Bush, Poland, OH

## CLASS OF 1968

Herman H. Rothbrust, Salem, in memory of Rolf H.J. Vogt ('30); Kathleen Scahill Roberts, Fairfield, OH

## CLASS OF 1969

Jeanne Trotter Beasley, The Woodlands, TX

## CLASS OF 1970

Kristine Karlis Steele, Lakewood, CO; Dean Hansell, Los Angeles, CA

## CLASS OF 1972

Nancy Roth Freeberg, Peachtree City, GA

## CLASS OF 1974

Mindy Milligan Saunders, Birmingham, MI; Mark Hurray, Columbus, OH

## *Crouch donates old issues*

Copies of monthly Quakers, printed in 1923, were presented to the Alumni Association by Bill Crouch ('36). The monthly Quakers, along with several Quaker annuals, are from the estate of his aunt, Mrs. Martha Hoffman Conkle ('22) who died in June, 1986.



# Fascinating report tells of city schools near turn of century

A fascinating account of finances, teaching staff and course of study in Salem schools in 1898-99 is found in a board of education report issued in 1898, recently given to the Alumni Association.

The gift came from Jean R. Lease ('27) of Box 2186, Danville, VA 24541. All facts and figures were included in a 112-page booklet issued to all interested parties. It was printed by the Thomas J. Walton Steam Printing House.

Here are some of the highlights of the volume:

The report showed total receipts for the year ending 8/31/98 of \$54,831 of which \$25,330 came from local taxes and \$2,929 from state tax.

Expenditures totaled \$38,369 for four elementary schools and Salem High School. The entire payroll for the 31 teachers employed in the system was only \$14,623, an astonishing average of only \$461 each per annum. Salaries for the superintendent and two supervisors totaled \$1,700.

The board reported a balance on hand on 8/1/98 of \$16,462.47. The board included R.V. Hampson, president; A.C. Yengling, clerk; L.B. French, Kate S. Church, S.B. Richards and Walter F. Deming. W.P. Burris was the superintendent. (He held the office from 1897 to 1900.) Supervisors were L.L. Weaver (Writing and Drawing) and Esther H. Boone (Music).

Teachers were: High School — J.S. Johnson, principal and instructor in Latin and German; Lillian Robb, English; Jessie A. Alberson, history and math; F.T. Jones, natural sciences.

Fourth Street building — Mrs. G.W. Peeples, principal and teacher of eighth grade; Ella Snyder, seventh grade; Carrie I. McArtor, sixth grade; Muriel Tatem, fifth grade; Nina E. Weiss, fourth grade; Margaret Pow, third grade; Lavina E. Oliphant, second grade; Martha H. Justice, first grade.

Columbia Street building — Maggie Umstead, principal and teacher of eighth grade; Frances M. Harris, seventh grade; Alice Hoffstot, sixth grade; Margaret B. Hartman, fifth grade; Emma Sidwell, fourth grade; Lois Henthorne, third grade; Max French, second grade; Emma N. Cooke, first grade.

East Main Street building — Laura Donaldson, principal and teacher of seventh grade; Effa Fawcett, sixth grade; Elizabeth Wilson, fifth grade; Elizabeth Horne, fourth grade; Emily S. Hawkins, third grade; Gertrude E. Stutler, second grade; Amanda McKee, first grade.

Prospect Street Building — Virginia Willaman, principal and teacher of sixth and fifth grades; Mary E. Shipman, fourth and third grades; Leora Thompson, second and first grades.

Truant officer was David Groner and janitors were

Frank Probert, George W. Fisher, Cyrus C. Young and J.W. Sprague.

In 1898 there had been 302 students graduated from Salem High School, the first in 1865. Alumni Association officers in 1898 were Berry A. Baxter ('77), president; George Cooper ('96), first vice president; Mrs. L.L. (Anna Boyle) Gilbert ('66), second vice president; Mary Harris ('94) secretary; T.T. Church ('78), treasurer; Laura Cooper ('98), corresponding secretary.

## Rare scholarship is to benefit 'average' student

A unique scholarship has been started for the Salem High School Alumni Association by the Class of 1935. It will benefit an "average student" who does not intend to attend college.

The concept was proposed by Cora May Reich Stone ('35) who started the project with her own check. She mailed the following letter to all of her classmates:

"I think we all will agree that Salem has a most unique scholarship system. I have had an idea for some time and last week mailed a check to the scholarship committee to start a scholarship for the average student who cannot attend college. I taught high school for 17 years and found the athlete and academic student, rightfully so, got all the scholarships. I personally feel that there is a good kid in the middle range who is the one who makes our lives more comfortable.

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### *'... they became Mr. and Mrs. Solid Citizen'*

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"I am referring to the ones who become plumbers, carpenters, beauticians, nurses, secretaries, barbers, tradesmen and businessmen, etc. In most cases, they become Mr. and Mrs. Solid Citizen.

"My name is NOT to be on this scholarship in any way. I have asked that it be called the Class of 1935 Scholarship. Hopefully this can reach \$10,000. Please contribute. Make checks payable to the Class of 1935 Scholarship. Address: SHS Alumni Asso., 328 E. State St., Salem, OH 44460."

At this writing no decision has been made by the Scholarship Committee on how to select a recipient each year.

Contributions from class members started coming in immediately and now total \$6,075.



# Salem Memorial Building was 'home away from home' for thousands of youths

Would you believe that the Salem World War Memorial Building, which opened in 1924, came about as the indirect result of some concerns of the Needlework Guild of America in 1914?

As reconstructed from Memorial Building archives, that concern was voiced by Mrs. H.A. Walton, president of the guild, who discovered a flaw in the organization's distribution of new garments to the poor of Salem. She found that quite a number of people made a habit of going around to different organizations and getting all they could from each group. Mrs. Walton decided there should be a clearing house to take care of such people.

She called a citizens meeting in February, 1914 and a committee of Mrs. Walton, Miss Mary Anderson and the Rev. G.C. Wise was named to consider an organization. This was done and the name Community Organization Society of Salem was accepted. Later it was changed to Salem Council of Social Agencies.

Eight years later, it was to merge with the World War Memorial Building Association for the construction of the Memorial Building.

(On August 2, 1919, articles of incorporation were filed forming the Salem's World War Memorial Building Association. Common usage later reduced this name to World War Memorial Building. The purpose of the corporation was to perpetuate the memory of the soldiers, sailors, marines, members of the Red Cross and all who participated in the World's War of 1917 and 1918.

(Other purposes were to provide facilities for social, civic, educational and moral instruction, improvement and entertainment, to provide means and facilities for exercise tending to promote physical culture, development and for recreation and amusement.

(Incorporators listed were Fred R. Pow, Lewis P. Metzger, G.R. Deming, J.C. Boone and P.J. Dean.)

The organization got monumental financial help from W.H. Mullins, president of the city's largest manufacturing plant and a most civic-minded man. In 1919 the Mullins Advisory Committee was formed and Mullins bought the Salem Community House and gave it to the Council of Social Agencies. (At that time, the Community House was the Memorial Building of its day. It was and is located at the corner of Wilson and S. Ellsworth Ave. It was sold to the Czecho-Slovak Society in 1924 for \$7,000 and operates to this day at 313 S. Ellsworth Ave. as the American Slovak Club.)

A year later, Mullins gave \$1,000 to provide operating funds. He followed this up in 1919 by giving \$10,000 toward a new building. By today's standards, this gift had a purchasing power of about \$150,000.

*W. H. Mullins*

*... benefactor*



Excavation for the building started in the spring of 1922. That same year, the Salem Council of Social Agencies awarded \$11,000 cash and the Community House property to the Memorial Building fund. A good guess is that the new building cost about \$16,000 to construct.

The Council wanted a swimming pool constructed and wanted a community-wide recreation program started. The pool was never built, but the program was realized. In 1923 the Council changed its name to Salem Community Service Association and three years after that turned the building over to the World War Memorial Building Association which was to direct all operations.

In January, 1923 Raymond F. Carter was hired for \$5,000 a year as the building's first executive secretary. Miss Mary Holderman was named assistant secretary at \$1,800 a year. She was to resign a year later. In May, 1924 the building board rehired Carter, but cut his salary by \$1,000.

The first event ever held in the new building was the annual Salem High School Alumni Association banquet on June 25, 1924. By that time Carter had assembled a summer staff that included a Miss Pearson, Miss Ella Myers and Joseph Martin Kelley. Carter said 7,771 people toured the building between June 23 and July 26.

Carter hired Miss Marial Luther as girls' recreation worker at \$3,000 a year and in October, 1924 Ethel Woodruff conducted the first kindergarten classes in the building.

In November, 1924 the board set a membership fee for the people using the building (including children). W.H. Mullins objected, saying he wanted it to be free for all. He suggested that manufacturers and merchants pay \$2 per capita for support of the building and started to fund off with a \$1,000 donation himself. No fees were ever charged building users.



In May, 1925 Carter resigned his position before departure for the west coast and Joe Kelley was employed as Secretary of Community Service on a six-month trial basis at \$200 a month. He had been boys' recreational worker under Carter.

### JOE KELLEY ERA

Thus began the Joe Kelley era. It is impossible to write about the Memorial Building without assigning Kelley the lead role. In January, 1926 the board made his appointment permanent and raised him to \$3,000 a year. He was to continue on the job for more than 25 years.

Mike Schuller ('24), former personnel manager at Mullins now living in Mapleton, Ill., recalls that when Kelley started his job on a trial basis his friends went around enlisting support for him all over town. Fellows he had worked with swarmed over the Memorial Building, using every piece of equipment. Joe could point to increased building use and that helped his case.

A good athlete at Salem High, Joe ('17) entered Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, in the fall of 1918 on an ROTC scholarship. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and played football and baseball at Kenyon. He attended Kenyon for two years, returning to Salem in the spring of 1920.

Joe worked at the American Steel and Wire Co. (Nail Mill) plant in Salem for about four years, leaving when Carter hired him. Work conditions at the Nail Mill were horrendous, so noisy in places that no one could hear, not even someone shouting. Joe suffered a hearing impairment from that job that endured the rest of his life.

He married Ella Smith in 1925. A teacher, she had to quit her job because the school board did not permit married women to teach at that time. In the late 1930's she returned to teaching after children Joseph F. (Jimmy) and Carol reached school age. Joe ('45) is now a doctor in Cleveland, Carol Kelley Kerr ('48) lives in Warren. Mrs. Kelley died in December, 1985.

Schuller recalls: "You must realize that Joe ran the place night and day without any helpers. Along with running the building, Joe did the officiating for the games he organized, both softball and basketball.

"Joe did play on teams, but also had to help run the games. In softball, we did get umpires who were from the outside, first by volunteers, later with a small payment.

"There were Saturday evening dances at the building for quite a long time and one of the most popular bands was made up of Mount Union students. I have no idea why they discontinued. I think outdoor softball started in 1927 and the Mullins team won in 1928.

"Joe started an indoor softball league in the building, using a ball with a big outseam. If the ball hit the wall and was caught, it didn't count as an out, but if it came off the ceiling and was caught it was an out. The Nail Mill defeated Schaefer Billiards in the championship playoffs.

I can't recall any Schaefer players other than Lefty Shannon and myself. Lefty was the pitcher. On the Nail Mill team were Harry Fisher, Mex Harrington, Paul (Judy) Myers and Jimmy Reardon.

"If a player threw his bat, he was ejected from the game. One night Lefty threw the bat and hit Joe Kelley right in the mouth, knocking out his teeth. Joe went to the hospital and Lefty was thrown out, even though he was pitching a no-hitter."

Softball was played adjacent to Reilly Field, then later at Centennial Park. Kelley also organized horseshoe competition, boxing and even Easter egg hunts. Something for everyone.

Through it all, thousands of boys stormed through the building every day. Saturdays were pure bedlam. There is not a Salem boy over 48 years of age who does not recall Joe Kelley because they partially grew up in the Memorial Building. Some even attended kindergarten there. Joe knew almost every one by name and he displayed monumental patience in answering their endless questions while still keeping them in line. No boy sassed Joe Kelley; he commanded great respect.

Joe's salary went on a roller coaster. At the end of 1927, he was raised to \$3,600, but then economic conditions started to affect the building's operations. Joe was cut to \$2,400 in May, 1932, then down to \$1,800 six months later. He was not to get back up to \$3,600 until 1944.

The most money Joe Kelley made in 27 years at the Memorial Building was \$92 a week and that only the last 11 months of his life. It has been reported that Joe had been talking to Weirton Steel Co. in Wheeling about a job as recreation director at its plant, but nothing ever came of it.

On August 17, 1951 Salemites picked up the *Salem News* to read the shocking news that Joe Kelley had died at 4 a.m. after spending the previous day working hard staging the annual clambake at the Salem Golf Club. Joe was 51. He is still survived today by his son and daughter and sister, Nellie Kelley Springer ('19) of Seattle.

Thousands of friends paid their last respects and viewed his body in the lobby of the Memorial Building that weekend.

Nine men have followed Joe as building manager. They were: Ward Zeller (starting Aug. 1951), Joe Boone

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Joe Kelley

... remembered





# Our readers write of high school days

From: Clair R. King ('33)

*(Editor's note: This letter was received in November. Mr. King died unexpectedly on January 6, 1987.)*

Since I date clear back to the class of '33, I doubt if anyone at the Alumni office remembers me. But I recently received the Fall newsletter, and I feel I must let you know how much it reinforced my pride in having been born and raised in Salem and attended its schools. And the whole publication is great, well done. I enjoy reading about the many activities of the Association, of course, but of particular interest is seeing the names of, and reading about, so many people I knew, or knew about, there at home.

John Alan was superintendent when I started in first grade at old Fourth Street school. And incidentally, in my opinion, that school was a one-of-a-kind, most interesting structure. It was so huge, stood head and shoulders above the whole city, and could easily be seen from miles away. Tearing it down caused the city to lose an important example of what made it stand out a bit above many of its sister cities and towns in the area.

Supt. Alan died the year I was a junior in high school, I believe. I remember him well. Someone told me one time that he visited every room and class in every school at least once each year.

And I remember Wilbur Springer as a handsome, athletic man, with a no-nonsense, yet fair-minded and pleasant way of guiding the high school. And, of course, I remember Nellie Kelley Springer as she would hurry out and around the school from the superintendent's office. I guess most everyone in town knew Joe Kelley. For years, as a boy, I assumed he was on the school faculty since there seemed to be as many kids in the activities at the Memorial Building as at the school.

These are some of the people that come to mind in their various roles as members of the high school faculty and I hope I am not too far off on the spelling: "Pappy" Hilgendorf, Ethel Beardmore, Hazel Douglas, Martha McCready, Lois Lehman, Mary Lanpher, Floyd Stone, Chester Brautigam, Herb Jones, Grace Orr, Velda Lawn, Doris and Fred Cope. (She was Doris Shoop then; I had her in biology and was one of those who fished things out of the formaldehyde jar — I'd have jumped in the jar if she had asked me to!). The names and resultant recall of the people arouse fond memories of some of the very best years of my life.

I, too, was in the first Salem High Band, mobilized and directed by Sam Krauss in the school year 1928-1929. Such names as Serafin and Georgiana Buta, Nick Nedelka, Don Lease, Oland Dilworth, Chuck Meek, Cal

Filler, Red Culler, Keith Harris, Dan Holloway, Marion McArtor, Dick Albright and Sam himself, conjure up scenes of those wonderful, sometimes pretty hectic, first rehearsals on the old auditorium stage, finally culminating in the first-ever concert by the SHS band. Just think how many hundreds of students just like us have played in concerts by that organization in nearly 60 years! But there was only one first concert!

One of the odd problems that surfaced when the band was being formed, was whether to have girls in the band. The oldest and best high school band in the county was East Liverpool, and it had only boys in it. Not a few parents, some teachers and even some of the boys in the band, objected to girls being considered equally able and willing to hold their own as players. But of course they were. The dissenters were overcome and girls were accepted. I think Georgiana Buta, Rachel Cope and the elder of two Callahan sisters were the pioneers. Soon after, the younger Callahan girl and Margaret Megrail joined up.

Our first uniforms consisted of black capes and little hats, worn over white shirts and white duck trousers. The next year, under Tom McCullough, new uniforms were purchased, much to our delight — and, yes, we did look like a Salvation Army band!

For some reason, a brass quartette was formed. Marion McArtor, Bill Holloway, and I, with Dale Leipper volunteering to play the school's newly-acquired brass horn, became the SHS Brass Quartette. We played a great deal at school, church, civic, club and lodge functions in and around Salem until graduation in 1933. Then we stayed together, playing our way through Wittenberg College until graduation in 1937. Three of us survive, Marion McArtor having died in about 1958.

My efforts at making the football team were pretty futile, consisting mostly of being soundly beaten up each afternoon through the course of the day's practice. Their era was one of successful seasons, including at least one unbeaten year — 1929, I think. So Coach Stone suggested strongly that even the willingness to play had merit, such other attributes as size and skill were lacking, so I might do myself and the school more good by returning full-time to playing in the band! I recall particularly Les Older, Bull Sartick, Joe Schmidt, Bill Smith, the Scullions, the Corsos, three Sidingers, two Becks, John French, two Carpenters, Gordy Keyes, at least three Copes and two Greenisens, among lots of others.

In that era, Salem played Alliance each Thanksgiving morning. In about 1930, the game was played in Alliance and it was cold — nearly zero at game time. The still-new band was there, one of our first and few trips to away games. We couldn't play much because our horns froze up. And I think it was Keith Harris who required prompt medical attention when his lip froze to his trumpet mouthpiece! Then the game ended in a scoreless tie, as I recall.

Rumors that a new modern school and stadium were



to be built stirred up the school and community for sure. We were all proud of them — the stadium was very modern and an area showplace. And the excitement when the lights were first turned on for a night game! The famous Salem Night Relays saw many thrilling events. Earlier I recall when "Rib" Allen broke the state, then national pole vault records.

Our 50th class reunion, in June, 1983, was most enjoyable. It only required a few moments to get past the obvious fact that we were all 50 years older than we were on that June night of our commencement, then the years fell away and it became a memorable experience to recall, with so many old friends, those great long-gone days at the old Salem High School. I hope to attend the next one, whenever it is.

I'll probably never be of much help financially, but you can bet I'll continue to "talk up" Salem High's Alumni Association!

From: Harvey C. Lehman (former teacher)  
112 N. Lakeside Dr., Apt. 2-4  
McPherson, KS 67460

Dear former journalism student: The Alumni bulletin has just arrived and I have gone over it carefully. I will gladly give you an A-plus on this "classroom production." You are doing a super job and I am proud of you.

I am taking this copy over to the chairman of the Alumni Association of McPherson College here in town. He can see what a high school association is doing. He has been amazed at the amount of money in the Salem High School Alumni Association endowment fund and the significant number of scholarships awarded each year.

I am glad to remind him that I was a part of the high school with the foresight of students, teachers and patrons of Salem High. I know we can count on you to keep up the good work.

I taught in Salem from 1932 to 1946. I wish I could know how many of my former students actually made journalism their life profession. My best wishes go to those who were in my classes.

Enclosed is a small check, only a token, to show in part that Salem High has meant much to me over the years.

From: Lowell W. Shallenberg ('35)  
1002 Hood Dr., Tullahoma, TN 37388

Our compliments and thanks for another excellent issue of the newsletter! We have enjoyed each issue as it brings back fond memories of both faculty members and fellow classmates.

I particularly enjoyed Nellie Springer's comments about Supt. John Alan and her husband, Wilbur Springer, and their views on and contributions to the athletic program. In that same vein, I would like to recognize one of the long-time school board members during the 30's and 40's, Mr. Edwin S. Dawson.

Mr. Dawson was not only an outstanding industrialist

but a man deeply interested in and dedicated to better education. He believed in close cooperation between industry and the educational system. More particularly, he drew my attention to the co-op system of engineering education during my junior year and I am greatly indebted to him for his continuing interest as I pursued that program of undergraduate study at the U. of Cincinnati. Such genuine interest and concern on the part of Edwin Dawson and many like him have enabled all of us to recall with pride our days in Salem High!

Thank you for the newsletter. Keep up the good work — it is greatly appreciated!

Enclosed is contribution to the Alumni Scholarship fund made in memory of Edwin S. Dawson.

From: Homer (Shad) Asmus ('42)  
114 Wickersham Dr.  
Savannah, GA 31411

Only Bob Heddleston's hot fudge sundaes were better than your recent newsletter. Looking forward to more fascinating reading in future editions! As a former recipient of an SHS Alumni Association scholarship (1942), my enclosed check is partial repayment of same.

From: Robert P. vanBlaricom ('29)  
527 Lodge Lane, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

I relish every word in the newsletter. It is well done. Reading it, I learn so much about old friends, where they are, etc. Some of the items are about things before my time and much of it that I can remember. Then there are many interesting things about Salem that have happened since I moved away. Most important is recognition of accomplishments still on the scene.

Here in Michigan, I'm especially aware of what Max Fisher has done. He is famous here and justifiably so.

Finally, I think the Salem High School Alumni Association is so wonderful I want to make a contribution. My Salem High School experience has certainly been one of the best parts of my life.

## Memorial Building

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(temporary), Lee Burton (1956), Rusty Tomlinson (1958), Harvey Woods (1967), Frank Kress (1974), Jack Wilson (1979), Kevin Schwartzhoff (1982) and Bob Zeck (1986).

Wilson and Schwartzhoff presided over the building's renovation in 1982-83 that cost \$315,295, about 19 times the original cost of the building. Of that amount, \$180,000 came from the Salem Community Foundation, \$90,000 from the Area Office on Aging District XI and \$45,295 from a Community Development block grant.

*(An account of the Memorial Building's present day activities will be printed in the 1987 fall issue of the Alumni newsletter.)*



# Pond resigns top post

Robert E. Pond, superintendent of schools in Salem since 1967 — the second longest tenure of the 16 superintendents who have served here — will take early retirement in July.

Pond has 34 years of experience and points out that "in this district, anyone with 30 years can retire, no matter his age."

Although there are frustrations in every job, Pond says that is not necessarily from day-to-day problems, but the feeling that "you never get all that you want accomplished for the betterment of the kids. That's what we're here for. If you take away the kids, what have you got? They are by far our most important reason for being here."

Perhaps his continued effort to put the students' needs first stems from his days as a teacher. "There is great satisfaction in being in the trenches with a

## *Nifty mini luncheons are becoming tradition*

It all started in the spring of 1986 and has now evolved into a monthly happening — the Salem High Class of 1955 holds mini reunion luncheons.

According to Barbara J. Beery Lippiatt, class secretary and reunion organizer, Rosie Sulea Cardoso, who lives in Clarence, NY, started the whole thing. Rosie commented that it "must be nice to live here and see your classmates all the time." Trouble was, classmates didn't see each other often.

So they decided to hold regular informal luncheons at a restaurant and the first was in September with two attending. In October there were seven. In November Classmate James J. Wilson stopped by their table and asked if guys could join in. Sure they could.

In December, 15 came to lunch and in January 12 were present and a precedent was set. The group now meets the last Wednesday of each month. Those who have attended include: Barb Lippiatt, Rosie Cardoso, Shirley Werner Kataro, Marilyn Parker Winn, Janet Reeder, Heather Lozier Oriole, Jeri Jackson Smith, Carol McQuilkin Dougherty, Bill Alexander, Frances Ziegler, Pat Jurczak Saltsman, Marilyn Litty Hart, Sharlene Sanlo Doyle, Barbara Wright, Floyd McCartney, Ken Schwebach, Ray Hertel, Jim Wilson, Evelyn Ernst Pete, Pat Rist Libb, Dick Saltsman and Melissa Layton Long. Sometimes guests attend and they are welcome.

No invitations are issued; simply come if you are interested. Call one of the above classmates for where and when if you are in town on vacation.

"We really do have fun visiting," Barb says, "and it doesn't matter how many attend. The idea is to know about the luncheon, but not to be pinned down and HAVE to be there. There is total freedom from apologies."

What a great idea!

youngster and watching him learn — there is nothing that compares to that."

Pond says he has no plans to leave Salem and that his wife, Lu Elyn, will most likely continue teaching at Prospect School.

The Ponds reside at 1145 W. State St., Salem.

The board of education is currently conducting a search for Pond's successor.

Past Salem superintendents include:

1853	William McClain
1854	Alfred Holbrook
1855-61	Reuben McMillan
1861	H.H. Barnaby
1863	J.C. Cummings
1864-75	William D. Henkle
1875-77	William Wood
1877-87	George Carruthers
1887-97	Myron Hard
1897-00	W.P. Burris
1900-13	Jesse S. Johnson
1913-31	John S. Alan
1931-59	Earl S. Kerr
1959-65	Paul E. Smith
1965-67	Victor Woods
1967-87	Robert Pond

## Recent grads make news

Greg Pshsniak ('82) was commissioned a second lieutenant on his graduation in May from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Awarded a bachelor's degree in geography, Greg was also a valued member of the academy's football team. He is the son of Peter Pshsniak of W. 4th St.

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Dr. Gene E. Tullis ('68), son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tullis of Georgetown Rd., has entered practice as cardiovascular thoracic surgeon at St. Bernard's Regional Medical Center in Jonesboro, Arkansas. He completed his undergraduate work at Ohio State and Kent State Universities, and was graduated cum laude from KSU in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in zoology. After a five-year general surgery residency in Denver, he completed two years cardiovascular and thoracic surgical residency in Pittsburgh. He is a four-year veteran of the Air Force, spent a year in Vietnam, and is a major in the Army Reserve Medical Corps.

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The Tennessee Society of Hospital Pharmacists awarded the Hospital Pharmacist of the Year award to James R. Knight, based on his accomplishments and innovative practices in his duties as pharmaceutical director at the Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, TN. Knight and his wife, the former Michele Stack, are both 1965 SHS graduates. His mother, Mrs. Sara Knight, resides in Salem.



## Scores continue to climb

Salem High School officials were pleased with a five-year update they received on American College Testing (ACT) scores. It shows that Salem's average ACT composite score was 20.6, compared to the national average of 18.8. That places Salem at the 77th percentile of all schools in the nation during this last round of testing.

By category, Salem High has been consistently higher than the national average, and perhaps even more important, is the fact that scores have risen over each of the last four years in almost all categories.

This would indicate that Salem High students, by and large, are well prepared to enter and compete at the college level. The school is proud of the ACT performance.

## *Their loss will be felt*

The year 1986 took a heavy toll on Salem High class reunion planners. Four reunion secretaries died during the year.

Included were Betty Jones Barckhoff ('26) who died in January; Leonard Jones ('33) who died in May; Mary

Ruth O'Hara Koppenhafer ('39) who died in December; and Barbara (Bobbie) Brian ('43) who died in the fall.

All four will be hard to replace because over the years they had demonstrated their dedication to their class's affairs and worked hard to stage reunions.

No successor has been named for the Class of 1926, but the following will take over reunion planning for the other three classes:

1933 — Margaret Megrail Chidester (337-6587)

1939 — Viola McGaffick Wiggers (337-6939)

1943 — Adelaide Kott Wagner (337-6006)

## Roessler is remembered

Salem High's most prolific athlete, Chris Roessler ('23), died in Lakeworth, Fla., on March 8. He won 12 athletic letters while in high school, competing in football, basketball and track. He competed in the pole vault, high jump, javelin and shot put. No other athlete has ever won 12 letters at SHS.

A retired employee of Hunt Valve Co., he had moved to Florida 10 years ago. Surviving are his wife, Hazel Bruce Roessler, two brothers, Charles and Keith of Salem, and three sisters, Grace Karp and Virginia Shepard of Salem, and Reva Machockes of Youngstown.

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## REUNIONS IN 1987

Twelve Salem High School class reunions have been scheduled for 1987, plus the annual SHS Alumni Association dinner on June 6 at Timberlanes when the 50-year Class of 1937 will be honored.

According to Joe Ciotti ('65), association president, the following reunions have been scheduled:

- 1927 — June 6 Lunch at Golf Club
- 1932 — June 5 at Golf Club
- 1936 — June 5 at Golf Club
- 1937 — June 5 at Saxon Club
- 1942 — Aug. 15 at Golf Club
- 1947 — June 27 at Elks Club
- 1952 — July 11 at Timberlanes
- 1957 — July 11 at Golf Club
- 1962 — June 27 at Canfield Country Club
- 1967 — July 18 at Saxon Club
- 1972 — Sept. 5 at Saxon Club
- 1977 — Nov. 28 at Timberlanes

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