



Founded in 1882

Salem High School Alumni Association

Spring, 1988

Vol. 4, No. 1



Quakers in the pros

Rich Karlis ('77)
Place kicker — Denver Broncos

Kirk Lowdermilk ('81)
Center — Minnesota Vikings

328 E. State St. Salem, Ohio 44460
Phone (216) 332-1427

President's message

By Joe Ciotti ('65)

Imitation, they say, is the sincerest form of flattery.

If so, The Salem High School Alumni Association is being flattered quite often.

Over the past year or so, we have had delegations from Alliance, Hubbard, Lisbon and Massillon visit us to obtain assistance in forming alumni associations of their own. One member of the Massillon group was Carl (Ducky) Schroeder, once an SHS football coach.

In addition, we have mailed out information to Dalton, Upper Arlington and Pascagoula, Mississippi, high schools and have exchanged notes with established and flourishing associations in Lakewood and East Liverpool.

We even got a request from a class from Eagle Rock High in Los Angeles for a copy of our "How to Plan a Class Reunion" booklet.

We have been glad to see the movement spread and like to think that publicity we have gained over Ohio has led to other groups being formed. We tell them all there is no secret formula. A lot of people contributed to our success since the association was organized 106 years ago and a few thought so highly of the organization that they bequeathed it a lot of money.

Certainly we are not above "stealing" ideas from other groups and have done so. We are not in any competition; everything is fair game for all the associations. That's the way it should be.

Editorial of 1980

Better streetcar system urged

(Editorial from April, 1908 Quaker, probably written by Editor Wilbur Smith, Class of 1909.)

Salem is certainly a progressive town and is constantly improving some part. Many of the streets have been paved, the city hall has been remodeled, the fire department has been improved and many other improvements have been made. But there is one thing lacking yet. She needs an improved street car system.

The tracks of the present system are so rough that the motions of the car remind one of the rising and falling of a boat rocked by the waves, or of a rabbit jumping through a thick clover patch. The cars are too small to accommodate the workmen who ride back and forth to the shops. The Garfield [now N. Lincoln Ave.] Avenue car is so small and old-fashioned that it

puts one in mind of the cars drawn by horses some years ago.

Another feature of the present system is the irregularity of the cars. A man does not feel safe to wait for a car for fear he will be late to his work or for his train. Besides if a car is down by the shops when the whistles blow, it is usually in such a hurry that it will not wait a few minutes for the men to get to it. It will go up the street with scarcely a man on it, and then, of course, the men will walk home as a general thing, for they can get home while waiting for another car.

Ought not, therefore, the street car system be improved for the sake of those who now live in Salem? And since the street cars are about the first object that visitors see when they come to our town, would it not be a good idea to improve the system so that they will get a good impression from the first?

Reunion groups seek addresses for classmates

Included in every SHS class is a number of people who cannot be located by reunion planners. Below is a list of those "lost" people in each class having a 1988 reunion.

If any readers have addresses on any of them, please forward to the Alumni office so we can get our computer list up to date.

CLASS OF 1933 — Paul Borlas, Glenn Stanley, Mary Lee Stewart, Frank Theriault, Ted Allen Visker, Annie Williams.

CLASS OF 1938 — Beatrice Garforth, Don Gibbons, Richard D. Jones, Max Lutsch, George Nagy (Julius Nestor), Vera Sharp, Ethel French Rentfrom.

CLASS OF 1943 — Dewey Shaffer, Elinore Eschliman Walpert, Ethel Kovash Thornton, Harold Shannon, Helen Bowman, James Steele, Jane Betz, Leonard Stoffer, Lorraine Adams, Richard Libert, Velma Kosci McCullough, Walter Krauss.

CLASS OF 1948 — Donald Maxson, Donna Getz Faix, Frederick Lippiatt, Harold Kibler, Helen Arbanitis Benner, Irene Swetey Patterson, Joe Vavrek, Joyce Wilson, Kenneth Kearcher, Lois May, Marjorie Dolence, Nancy Hunt Brand, Phillis Floyd Covert, Ray Mercer, Richard Gross, Ruth Circle Elliott, Theresa Iagulli.

CLASS OF 1953 — Don Schuck, John Beeson, Lynn Patterson Reppard, Phillip Bishop, Sallie Meier Dolance, Sally Mayhew Smith, Shirley Johnson Devine.

CLASS OF 1958 — Diane Young Kelley, Frank R. Wolfe, Pauline Hayes Reed, Rayn Voogla, Richard T. Harrigan, Robert Bennett, Robert Johns, Robert McGurren, Robert Platt, Stephen G. Kupka.

CLASS OF 1963 — Gregory J. Gross, Richard Lawrence, Richard J. Platt.

CLASS OF 1968 — Catherine Parker, Diana Crawford, Doris Coy, George Bott, James Circle, James Corey, Jerry Rockhold, John Michaels, Kathleen Bailey, Kathleen Comer, Kenneth Brown, Linda Quinn Hardin, Lois McLaughlin, Marcia Kovach, Patricia Fieldhouse, Richard Ziegler, Rita Smith, Ruth Jackson, Sandy Emelo Eaton, Shirley McCowin, William Kutz.

CLASS OF 1973 — Barbara Tullis, Bonnie Tullis, Bonita Seibert Rice, Carol Andres Holmes, Cathy Tausch, Cindy Roth Manning, Clyde Williams, Debbie Clark, Doug Burson, Doug Kaufman, Doug Kilpatrick, Ernie Emmerling, Frances Dutko, George Paparodis, James Barker, Joan Bettis Doehling, John Fritzman, John Jones, Joni McLemore, Kenneth Oesch, Larry Jackson, Larry Starkey, Linda Wolf Richards, Mark Van Fossan, Martin Thomas, Mary Jo Myers, Mary Sommers, Patty Meissner, Randy Hodges, Randy Jackson, Richard Grimstad, Rick Hardin, Robert Royle, Ron Kyser, Sandra Stoffer, Steve Harbert, Steve Heim, Steve Votaw, Terry Brown, Tim Hollingsworth, Tom Stanley.

CLASS OF 1978 — Steve Anderson, Tim Bailey, Steve Bolding, Debbie Brown, Sue Campbell, Scott Carson, Michele Chaffin McGoun, Jessie Christy, Paul Cunningham, Kim Dawes, Dave Donnelly, Louis Espinoza, Maria Jean Flory, Kyle Franzen, Denise Goehring, Paula Gonclaves, Lois Haddix, Jeff Hughes, Debbie James, Laura Janning, Ed Jeffries, Debra Kisner, Virgil Kunz, Katherine Long, Lucky Miller, Ron Moffett, Tim Norman, John Popa, Dennis Quinn, Jeannie Simmons, Virginia Smith, Terry Stover, Debbie Whitney, Mark Wilhelm, Tim Williams, JoAnn Zomara.

Team proves to be hardy

Research revealed that 24 of the 50 players from the undefeated 1929 Quaker football team (pictured in our last issue) are still living.

Karlis and Lowdermilk

Salem's NFL Connection

Salem High alumni who are long separated from Salem may not realize that their high school boasts of having two grads playing in the National Football League. This is unusual for any community, but for a small town it is very remarkable.

Add to that the fact that one of the two, Rich Karlis ('77), the Denver Broncos' place kicker, has played in the last two Super Bowls. The other, Center Kirk Lowdermilk ('81) of the Minnesota Vikings, almost made it this year. An added oddity: The two are brothers-in-law.

Rich has been with the Broncos for six seasons, coming from the U. of Cincinnati. Kirk has put in three seasons with the Vikings and was their starting center last fall.

Karlis, with his outgoing personality, is a popular figure in football-conscious Denver. He will likely stay in Denver when his playing days end. He currently works for a Ford agency there, a job he lined up on his own.

Rich has worked for the team and for its marketing group with great success. He is kept busy on the banquet circuit in Colorado. He is married to the former Dena Demis of Denver who presented him with a son on Feb. 28. They live in the suburb of Aurora.

The life of any NFL kicker is precarious, but the Broncos don't seem to panic whenever a kick is missed. Rich is likely to play for the team for quite a while.

Kirk, who was All-Big Ten center for Earle Bruce at Ohio State, makes his winter home in Carrollton, Ohio.

In a recent interview, Bruce said: "Lowdermilk is one of the most outstanding football players I've ever coached. You'd want to have him in the trenches fighting for you because he was going to make something happen. He's doing a great job for Minnesota. He's just an exceptional football player."

Bruce spotted Kirk when the young man won the Ohio high school state heavyweight wrestling championship and recruited him on the spot.

Kirk is married to the former Kellee Lyn Karlis, who also was a member of the SHS Class of 1981.

Both players are reported to be frugal and not afflicted by the "lavender Cadillac" disease that infects so many young pro athletes. They handle their money the old-fashioned way — they save it.

Salem High seems to be well represented in the NFL by two outstanding young men.

California-Salem reunion attracts super crowd

A turnout of 175 people attended the second annual Salem reunion held September 27 at the San Pedro (Calif.) Elks Lodge No. 966 overlooking Los Angeles harbor. People attended from California, Ohio, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Florida and Alabama, representing seven decades of Salem High graduates.

The reunion was planned and conducted by George Vavrek (Class of '45) who arranged a 75-foot table of memorabilia including news clippings, programs, Quaker annuals and photos. Sidney Simon ('42) donated more than 100 photos and materials which were displayed.

Following a brunch, a detachment of Marines from Encino, Calif., presented the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carlo Ferreri ('45). The Rev. Jerry Miller ('49), president of California Lutheran College, gave the invocation.

Vavrek made special presentations of plaques to Mary Siskowic Kordan Omaitis ('20), to Dan Ugran ('38) of Akron, to former Quaker football coach Ben Barrett of Boardman and to Bob Dixon ('40), executive coordinator of the SHS Alumni Association.

Dixon was the principal speaker, telling the group about the operations of the Salem alumni office. He said the association's newsletter is now being mailed to more than 9,600 SHS graduates. He traced the growth of the association and its scholarships, which totaled \$108,500 for 41 students in 1987.

Group pictures were taken and the entire affair was video-taped by Mary Kordan Hall ('49) and Dick Grell ('48). (Tapes and photos are available through Vavrek at 18750 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90504.) Each person received a souvenir program.

Vavrek introduced the reunion

committee, consisting of Mary Jones Antone ('51), Eleonora Buta Barson ('49), Betty Abblett Bartha ('40), Rosemarie Blair, Connie Petrucci Campanelli ('47), Carlo Ciccozzi ('48), Carlo Ferreri ('45), Mary Kordan Hall ('49), Dean Hansell ('70), the Rev. Jerry Miller ('49), Jack Pike ('71), Betty Shanteau, Marjorie Reeves Steybe ('45), Teresa Stokovic ('53), Susan Fleischer Timm ('63) and Rose Marie Scheuring Wilhelm ('46).

No date has been set for a third west coast reunion, Vavrek said, but it is in the planning stage. All west coast and western states SHS graduates will be notified.



George Vavrek presents plaque honoring Mary Siskowic Kordan Omaitis ('20) at West Coast reunion.



Former grid coach Ben Barrett, George (Soko) Vavrek, reunion organizer, and Bob Dixon, Alumni Association coordinator, pose at San Pedro reunion.

Scholarship repaid

The Association received a nice note from Dr. George Buta ('55) with a \$500 check enclosed "repaying my 1955 scholarship." He was overly generous since his scholarship totaled only \$400.

Dr. Buta, 4218 Brandon Ln., Beltsville, MD 20705, is a graduate of Kent State University. He got a masters in science at Kent and a doctorate in organic chemistry at Purdue U. He currently is employed by the Dept. of Agriculture in Beltsville, working in plan pathology and agriculture experimentation and plan ecology. He heads a team of PhD's.

Graduates support their association

Contributions from alumni to the Scholarship Committee since the publication of 1987 Fall issue of the newsletter have totaled \$11,342. Of that total, \$6,808 was given to the special Class of 1935 vocational scholarship fund.

Below is a list of those who contributed through early March. Please advise if any name has been omitted.

CLASS OF 1921

Dorothy Failer Sullivan, Shaker Hts., OH

CLASS OF 1924

Dr. Paul Corso, Salem

CLASS OF 1927

Fred Limestahl, Salem

CLASS OF 1929

Robert Van Blaricom, Kalamazoo, MI in memory of Glenn Whinnery ('30); Helen Shelton Wilson, Lakewood, CO; Dorothy Lieder Curry, Naples, FL in memory of Blair Curry

CLASS OF 1930

Carroll Rogers, Salem, in memory of Glenn Whinnery; Isabel Jones Rice, Clearwater, FL

CLASS OF 1931

Dorothy Harroff Johnson, Salem, in memory of Howard Potter ('31)

CLASS OF 1932

Elena Nonno Brewster, Salem; Gordon Scullion, Salem

CLASS OF 1933

Franklin Sutter, Pembroke, FL; Al Catlos, Salem; Merle Whitcomb, Salem; Viola Bodo Klenzing, Albuquerque, NM in memory of Ethel Bodo Beall

CLASS OF 1934

John Pukalski, Salem; Anna Loesch Bentley, Columbus, OH in memory of Walter (Micky) Loesch ('44); Robert J. Ketterer, Alliance, OH

CLASS OF 1935

Robert C. Hiltbrand, Salem; Cora May Reich Stone, Traverse City, MI in memory of Rex R. Reich; Jack Mullins, Rancho Santa Fe, CA; Harry E. McCarthy, Kirkwood, MO; Joseph O. Getz, Buena Park, CA

CLASS OF 1936

Joe Nonno, Salem; Roberta Godward Webster, Hampton, FL; Harry and Evelyn Crawford Bichsel, South Yarmouth, MA in memory of Eddie Moffett, Glenn Whinnery ('30), Ron Whipkey ('36)

CLASS OF 1937

The Rev. Paul C. Bailey, Lakeside, OH

CLASS OF 1938

Dan Ugran, Akron, OH in memory of Nick Tatu ('38); Jane Bechtel Phillips, Smyrna, DE; Helen Berg Labbe, Salem; Betty Lee Lyons Hegland, Augusta, MT in memory of Robert E. Lyons ('40); Thomas M. Beardmore, Hudson, FL

CLASS OF 1939

The Rev. John F. Evans, Silver Spring, MD

CLASS OF 1940

Betty Bichsel Lowry, Salem, in memory of Glenn Whinnery; Hilda Ulrich Kerr, Salem, in memory of Homer W. Kerr ('33); Joe Vender, South Euclid, OH; Harry Halverstadt, Los Alamitos, CA; Dorothy Lutsch Wolf, Homosassa, FL in memory of Betty Tullis and other '40 classmates; Sarah Wonner Beardmore, Hudson, FL

CLASS OF 1941

Bill Theiss, Midlothian, TX; Charles and Evelyn Koch Kille, Pinellas Park, FL; Robert R. Miles, Salem, in memory of Paul Bloor ('42)

CLASS OF 1942

William Dolinar, Portland, OR; Bob (Slats) Entriiken, North Wales, PA; Bill Rance, Columbus, OH; Sam Pridon, Salem

CLASS OF 1943

Marjorie McArtor Herder, Canoga Park, CA in memory of Ginny McArtor Scullion ('44); Christine Schell Pukalski, Salem; Jeannette Hutchison Whyte, La Jolla, CA; Dr. Emma Bauman Holmes, Fullerton, CA

CLASS OF 1944

The estate of Mildred Anderson Dailey, Salem; Richard J. Scullion, Arlington, TX

CLASS OF 1946

Jacque Orr Nedelka, Salem, in memory of Paul Bloor ('42); Patricia Bloor Miles, Salem, in memory of Paul Bloor

CLASS OF 1947

Clarence (Shorty) Votaw, Greenford, OH; Connie Petrucci Campanelli, San Luis Obispo, CA

CLASS OF 1949

Dr. Robert E. Campbell, Haverford, PA in memory of Frederick M. Campbell; Jerry H. Miller, Thousand Oaks, CA

CLASS OF 1950

Dr. Donald H. Mathews, Youngstown, OH

CLASS OF 1951

Jay England, Norristown, PA

CLASS OF 1953

Bonnie Campbell Sarginger, Salem, in memory of Glenn Whinnery; Paul and Sally Scullion Hannay, Tiffin, OH in memory of James Schmidt ('53); Joan Schuller Pollitz, Mapleton, IL in memory of Jim Schmidt ('53)

CLASS OF 1954

Charles Jones, William and Marjorie Potts, Salem, in memory of Sister Joan Hart ('54); J. Robert Sebo, Pittsford, NY in memory of Sister Joan Hart; Shirley Burrier Bush, Salem

CLASS OF 1955

Barbara J. Beery Lippiatt, Salem, in memory of Daniel Shaffer ('83); Dr. George Buta, Beltsville, MD; Dorothy Wright Bowman, Salem

CLASS OF 1956

Richard M. Coppock, Colorado Springs, CO in memory of Guy L. Coppock ('20)

CLASS OF 1957

Carolyn Paxson Core, Pittsburgh, PA; John F. Dotson, Canfield, OH

CLASS OF 1958

Paul Thomas Corso, Salem

CLASS OF 1959

Mary Lou Menichelli Hartzell, Salem, in memory of Rose Zocolo Menichelli ('35); David Starbuck, Albuquerque, NM

CLASS OF 1960

Marjorie Hiltbrand Woerner, Potomac, MD

CLASS OF 1961

Donna Safreed, Melrose, MA; Ronald and Sarah Wilde Wright, La Jolla, CA; Larry and Kathy Kleon Shaffer, Salem, in memory of Daniel A. Shaffer ('83)

CLASS OF 1962

Kitty DeFavero McDevitt, Salem; Susan Darner Sebo, Pittsford, NY; Fred and Agnes Kolozsi Kaiser, Silver Spring, MD

CLASS OF 1965

Barbara Hiltbrand Watson, Hartsville, SC; Dean R. Keller, Niles, OH

CLASS OF 1966

Susan L. Clark, Houston, TX

CLASS OF 1967

Philip M. Shasteen, Tampa, FL

CLASS OF 1968

Janet Fusco Leslie, Beavercreek, OH in memory of Lori Ann Wilt; Gene Tullis, Jonesboro, AR; Richard Everett, West Germany; Walter Sturgeon, East Palestine, OH

CLASS OF 1969

Barbara Hurray Hess, Dayton, OH in memory of Dr. Joseph J. Hurray

CLASS OF 1970

Jeff Butler, Atlanta, GA in memory of Craig Eric Anderson ('70)

CLASS OF 1971

Ed Emch, Salem; Nancy Fester Steele, Littleton, CO in memory of Mary England

CLASS OF 1975

Michele Hiltbrand Miller, Loveland, OH

CLASS OF 1977

Contribution from '77 class reunion

CLASS OF 1980

Tom Darling, Salem

CLASS OF 1987

Scot Scheuring, Salem

Posthumous honor goes to Jim Scullion

The late William (Jim) Scullion ('29) will be one of 10 former athletes and coaches to be inducted into the Lakewood (Ohio) High School Sports Hall of Fame on May 5. He was head football coach at Lakewood from 1950 through 1964 and coached two of the three undefeated teams in Lakewood's history. His teams won four Lake Erie League championships.

In addition, at various times he served as head coach of swimming, track and golf. He also coached football earlier at Olmsted Falls and Orange High Schools, compiling an overall record of 106-58-5 at the three schools.

Jim Scullion died of a heart attack in 1965. His sister, Mary Louise Scullion Pearson ('32), lives in Salem.



Dazzling 1919 Quakers

Replete with snappy sneakers and headbands is the SHS girls basketball team of 1918-19. Front row (l. to r.): Marjorie Whinery, Katherine Church, Nellie Kelley, Minnie Sechler, Janet Woodruff.

Back row: Margaret Leonard, Thelma Allen, Esther Hunt, Coach Miss Folsom. Janet Woodruff currently lives in Eugene, Oregon; Nellie Kelley Springer lives in Seattle, Wash.; and Minnie Sechler Koenreich resides in Salem.

"We played before every boys' varsity game," Mrs. Koenreich recalls, "and even went by train for a game at Beaver Falls. No., I can't recall our win-loss record, but we were pretty good."

Perry Indians' ineptitude nothing but spectacular

Outlined against a gray October sky, rode the Perry Indians....

Whaat?

The line above was inspired not only by Grantland Rice but by receipt of the photo (above) of the 1940 circa Perry Indians, an all-but mythical, no-talent baseball/football team that performed at the corner of S. Lincoln Ave. and Perry St.

The picture was sent to the association by Sidney Simon ('42) of Beverly Hills, Calif., from his collection of high school photos.

Competing against other neighborhood teams such as the Woodland Marketers, the Jennings A.C., the Aetna St. gang and the Dirty Dozen, the Perry Indians gave new meaning to the word ineptitude. They won a few and lost a lot, but always with a flair. If they lost by too big a margin, they submitted the game to the Salem News under the name Freedom Bulldogs to escape ridicule.

Copies of the picture were sent to all members of the team and elicited a response from Bill Theiss ('41), director of the Texas Youth & Government Program, Box 547, Midlothian, Texas, 76065. He wrote:

You made my month. I just about fell out of the chair when I saw the Perry Indian photo. It actually brought tears to my eyes for it conjured up so many fond memories.

I remember Dick (The Falcon) Beck ran great interference for me after catching a pass. S. (The Antelope) Metz always got in my way on criss-cross patterns. R. (Booger) Lieder knocked me out cold during an attempt to tackle him on a kickoff return. Remember how he ran with those knees going as high as his chin? I made the greatest tackle of my life on Art (Vulture)



ATHLETIC GREATS ? — Posing near high school in 1940, a year or two after their heyday, are the Perry Indians. Back row (l. to r.) Fritz Schmid, Dick Beck, Bob Lyons, Sanford Metz, Bob Lieder, Bill Theiss, Bob Dixon. Front row: Don Freed, Sherm Myers, Art Myers, Paul Myers.

Myers. It was fourth and goal and I stopped a touchdown.

We always played our best against the Aetna Street gang, led by Alex Simion.

The enclosed check is a lead gift to construct a physical memorial in honor of the Perry Street Indians and to be located on our playing field at the corner of Perry and S. Lincoln. I realize that we may have to get a restraining order on Sherm Myers to force him to donate the site, which apparently is his property. I am sure he won't mind tearing down his house.

Seriously, earmark the check for the scholarship fund.

(Editor's note: Theiss, a retired YMCA professional director with 34 years experience, is now directing the largest private Christian-centered educational program for high school youth in Texas as a part-time occupation. The 41-year-old program's purpose is to enhance the development of the American democratic system by enabling young people to prepare for moral and political leadership through training in the theory and practice of determining public policy.)

Two aces for McQuilkin — same round

After his February performance, Salemite Carl McQuilkin ('32) must be called the resident hustler of the Riverbend Golf & Country Club in Florida. Carl shot two holes-in-one in the same round.

The course is near Fort Myers Beach where Carl and his wife, Margaret, spend five months each winter. Carl, a retired pottery production scheduler, at one time operated the Sebring (Ohio) Country Club.

He aced the first hole, using a 9-iron on the 105-yard hole, then came back on No. 12 and aced it from 147 yards with a 7-iron.

It was a highlight of his 60-year golf career. Another came when he got to play an exhibition round at Salem Golf Club with 1940 U.S. Open champion Lawson Little.

Carl said he played well during the winter, "but I don't think I will apply to join the PGA tour at least until I am 75."

Reunion was fun...after all

(Last July, for the first time, Salem News Editor Gayle Beck attended her class reunion. Here, in part, are her reactions.)

After 20 years away from Salem High, I attended my first class reunion Saturday, and time played tricks on me all night.

The dozen people who lined up for judging as Classmate Who Has Changed The Least had aged so well that I moved into two times and places at once: 1987 in a Saxon Club pavilion and 1967 at a Whinnery's Barn dance.

But for sheer disorientation, the prize went to the Classmates Who Have Changed The Most. We whispered, "That can't be..." But it was. Time had done minor damage and had wrought major miracles. The winner had shed 100 pounds, and she deserved all the wolf whistles she never heard in high school.

I had class reunions with Best Friends, The Boyfriend and others. My Nemesis didn't show, but my Best Friend's Nemesis did. It took her husband and me all evening to talk her out of a well-planned revenge.

My two Best Friends are typical of what has changed and what hasn't. We giggled as I haven't giggled since graduation, and we mingled in pairs, a ploy that teenage girls made famous. One Best Friend, voted in college as the classmate least likely to have a family, showed me photos of her 15-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter.

I met the Boyfriend again late in the evening. He had been looking for me. I had been avoiding him. In a 20-year-old replay, I was overcome by shyness. A Best Friend, who also regressed 20 years for the occasion, had been nudging me all night and saying, "There he is, go talk to him." When he found me, I was rewarded with an easy-going conversation and a photo of the 16-month-old beauty who will always be the love of his life.

It was natural that we gravitated to people we had known best. But unlike 20 years ago, we met our other classmates with the openness and good humor of strangers who find themselves waiting together in the veterinarian's office or stuck on an elevator between floors. There were people I hadn't known except by name, but when we spotted each other and exchanged smiles, I had a warm sense of belonging to this crowd.

And that was before the music started. When our band from the '60s, the New Breed, came on, we

knew the moves, the lyrics and the feel again of those sweaty, exuberant nights at Whinnery's.

We did something as a class that we can be proud of. Danny Smith of the SHS Alumni Association announced that we had collected \$500 for the association. We hooted and clapped and felt good about having left our mark.

There is talk of a 25-year reunion cruise. In five years there may be photos of grandchildren to share, and more of us will qualify as Classmates Who Have Changed The Most. But because of Saturday, we'll have newer old friends to see, newer news to share.

It'll be more like old times...

High notes

Hundreds of our 9,600 newsletters had to be forwarded to new addresses or were returned to us when undeliverable. The extra postage bill for this was more than \$200. Please let us know when you move.

—0—

Lost your Quaker annual? We have dozens of extra annuals in our files and will gladly mail you one or more. All we ask in return is a donation to the association. One person requested a "new" 1942 annual, but was advised there is no such thing. They were all printed in 1942.

—0—

Lowell (Rib) Allen ('28) of Boardman, OH, the first high school pole vaulter to clear 13 feet, was an office visitor recently. He was asked how high he thought he could have vaulted using today's springy fiberglass poles instead of the heavy cumbersome bamboo poles of his day. "I prefer to wonder how high today's vaulters could go using the bamboo pole," he replied.

—0—

Alumni office visitors in mid-January were Bill Sponseller ('54) of Houston, TX, and his sister, Vonda

Lee Sponseller Adorno ('52) of Washington, D.C. She works for the U.S. State Dept. and recently completed a tour of duty in the Middle East. She is awaiting reassignment.

They are the son and daughter of Bill and Charlotte Hutchison ('31) Sponseller and their visit to Salem marked the first time in 32 years they had been reunited with their parents at the same time.

—0—

Fred M. Frank ('34) of Metairie, LA, called the office and requested names and addresses of all SHS grads now living in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. He said he plans to form a "Salem High Deep South Club." Only 37 grads live in those three states.

—0—

Teacher-track coach Mark Hannay ('70) of Mercer High School, Mercer, Pa., was the author of an article in the March issue of Scholastic Coach magazine. The story, "Plant Mechanics and Take-off," concerned pole vaulting techniques. Hannay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hannay, 975 Somerset Dr., Salem.

(Continued on page 11)



It's elementary...

Class of '27 grad earns top award in field of geology

Dr. Myron T. Sturgeon ('27), professor emeritus of geology at Ohio University, is the first recipient of the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources Mather Medal.

It is the highest award given by the Division of Geological Survey and goes to an individual who has made significant contributions to the understanding of the geology of Ohio and who has contributed to the mission of the Geological Survey.

The medal was presented to Dr. Sturgeon in Columbus in 1987 at a banquet that commemorated the sesquicentennial of the Division of Geological Survey.

Dr. Sturgeon, a Salem native, received his bachelor's degree from Mt. Union College and his master's and doctoral degrees from Ohio State University. He has maintained an active research program since his retirement from teaching at Ohio U. in 1978. He has authored or co-authored more than 60 scientific papers on the geology and fossils of Ohio.

He has been affiliated with the Division of Geological Survey since 1935. During this time he has

Alumni office, alias Sherlock Holmes, tracks down owners of rings

Three long-lost Salem High class rings have been returned to their original owners recently, with the Alumni Association playing a role in the operation.

A ring, missing for upwards of 10 years, was returned in October to Ruth A. May ('43) of 438 E. 8th St., Salem, who is a microfilm operator at Salem Community Hospital. The ring was found on the Duck Creek Rd. farm of Albert Hanna.

"I used to go out and help the Hanna's with their horses and I remember losing the ring one day. I thought it was in one of the fields and would never be found," she said. The ring was uncovered when a field was being plowed, Hanna revealed.

"I am so delighted I don't know what to say," Miss May laughed. "I never thought I would see it again."

All the rings bear the year of graduation and the owner's initials. On this one, the R.A.M. pinned it down.

Such was the case, also, when Bob Hinton ('38) turned in a 1940 ring to the Alumni office, bearing the initials S.M.W. Hinton could not recall when he had acquired the ring, but "it has been in a drawer at home for many years."

We surprised Sarah Wonner Beardmore with a phone call to her home at 14810 Capri Lane, Hudson, Florida, 34667, asking if she had once had a class ring. She said she had, but that it was lost.

The ring was mailed to her and she later wrote: "My ring arrived last week and I'm really happy to have it. I still can't believe it. Please thank Bob Hinton for his part in this unbelievable story."

Sarah is married to Tom Beardmore ('38).

The third case involved a ring found at Sevakkeen Lake more than 20 years ago by Virginia LeFevre, formerly of Sebring. It was a 1948 ring with T.G.S. initials. Mrs. LeFevre turned the ring over to her sister, Mrs. Margaret Seidel of Sevakkeen Lake who, in turn, gave it to Ralph and Eva Reader Landwert ('40), her neighbors. The Landwerts were never able to trace the ring, but turned it in last December.

It belonged to Ted Sabona ('48) of 3158 Collins Dr., West Palm Beach, Florida, 33406, who is married to 1947 Football Girl Nancy Trebilcock ('48).

After he got it back, he said: "What a Christmas present! I was still single when I lost it and I didn't have it very long. I spent a lot of time at Sevakkeen at square dances and swimming. I may have lost it swimming. I am certainly enjoying wearing the long-lost ring."

An added oddity: When we located Mrs. LeFevre, who now lives in Port Orchard, Washington, she was spending the winter in Port St. Lucie, Florida, only 30 miles from Sabona's home. The two later exchanged notes.

Has anyone else found a class ring?

investigated abandoned coal mines in northeastern Ohio and published two major volumes on fossils of the coal-bearing rocks of eastern Ohio and major report on the geology and mineral resources of Athens County. He also served for 20 years

on the Natural Resources Commission, an advisory group of the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources.

Dr. Sturgeon lives at 13220 Robinson Ridge Rd., Athens, OH 45701.

Notes from your classmates

From: Nancy Fester Steele ('71)
12086 W. Cross Ave. #208
Littleton, CO 80127

Enclosed is a small gift toward the alumni scholarship fund and a change in my address. I enjoy receiving the newsletter.

I've recently been promoted to general manager of a "Courtyard by Marriott" hotel in SE Denver after 10 years with Marriott Corp. This is my seventh assignment in various Marriotts in five cities. Denver's metro area has been home for five years, with a break of 10 months in Boston last year. Best wishes in 1988!

—0—

From: Dorothy Lutsch Wolf ('40)
17 Shumard Ct. East
Homosassa, FL 32646

Greatly appreciate the first class newsletter. It must be a big job and a great satisfaction, knowing you are making an important contribution to the community and education. Of course, most of us find it very interesting and informative.

We do miss Salem and Brecksville but are content in our new life. Stay healthy in 1988.

—0—

From: Fred M. Frank ('34)
446 Orion Ave.
Metairie, LA 70005

I received my 1988 Salem Community Calendar and it certainly brings back many memories, mostly happy memories. I remember checking out books at the public library; working at Mullins with my cousin, John Fritzman, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. to make enough money to buy my high school ring while going to school in the daytime; ball games at Centennial Park; marching to the cemetery on Armistice Day; my mother dragging me to Dr. Astry's office to have a tooth pulled; and many, many more.

But my fondest memories are of Vernal Grove School. I spent seven

years in that one-room schoolhouse and one year at Columbia St. School. I don't remember why I went to Columbia. Maybe my parents just wanted me to have a taste of city life. I grew up on a farm off Cider Mill Rd. The Lutsch family lived on another farm behind ours, and when I was in the first and second grades, Mike, Kate and George Lutsch and I walked to school together. We took a shortcut through the Althouse woods, and when the snow was over my head, Mike (who was in 7th or 8th grade) would carry me through the deep snow on his shoulders.

Every time I look at the calendar, I recall other incidents. I remember how bitterly disappointed I was while visiting Salem in the '70s, to find the school gone. I even remember one of my teachers, a Mrs. Mayhew.

Where can I get more information on Vernal Grove School? I am interested in the years 1922 through 1930. I would like to know the names of the teachers and students during those years.

I would appreciate any help anyone can give me.

—0—

From: Sally McGaffick Ademy ('69)
6459 Egret Lane #420
Bradenton, FL 34210

Since I enjoy the Alumni Association newsletter and want to continue receiving future editions, as requested, my new zip code is enclosed.

The latest article about the 1929 football team brought back many fond memories of my years at SHS. Reading about all the town spirit and student and town support in 1929 reminded me of all the fun and excitement involved with the athletic teams during my years at SHS (1966-69). I hope today's SHS students are experiencing that same Quaker spirit.

I would also like to say thanks for making it possible for me to obtain copies of my yearbooks.

Somewhere along the way from Ohio to Florida, I lost my original yearbooks and copies are better than none at all.

Thanks again for all you do.

—0—

From: Marjorie Harroff Stiffler ('41)
880 Homewood Ave.
Salem, OH 44460

Please send the newsletter to our son, Major Don Stiffler, Qtrs. 4312-C, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO 80840.

Don was in the SHS Class of 1970. He will be teaching at the academy for three or four years.

—0—

From: Isabel Jones Rice ('30)
301 Hobart Ave.
Clearwater, FL 34615

Thank you so much for sending me the Alumni Association newsletter. It is so great for me to be in touch with you. I have been away from Salem for many years but still have many fond memories of my years there.

It is such a revelation to me to hear about the work of the Alumni Association. You are to be lauded and I think it is so good. I can't imagine that I could ever get back to Salem and renew old acquaintances, but I sure like to hear about them.

—0—

From: Ron Hofmann ('66)
2977 Wintercreek Rd. SE
Jefferson, OR 97352

As usual, I enjoyed your newsletter. It is always nice to hear from part of the past that was important to me as I grew up in Salem.

I'm truly impressed with all of the fine work your alumni scholarship committee is doing. What an asset to a great organization!

I also enjoyed the article about Coach John Cabas. I remember him well. Thanks again for all of the fine information in your letter.

—0—

High notes

(Continued from page 8)

The Class of 1940, starting to lan for its 50-year reunion in 1990, will hold a picnic in Salem on July 24. Site will be the Robert Stamp home at 32643 Coffee-School Rd. (Go south on Route 9, turn left two miles past Route 45 bypass.) Members are to bring a covered dish and table service for the 2 p.m. picnic dinner. Ralph Landwert of Salem is in charge.

—0—

Sparked by large contributions by Cora May Reich Stone and Harry McCarthy, plus 27 others, the special Class of 1935 scholarship fund has grown to \$13,250. The Alumni Association awarded three vocational scholarships last June, totaling \$3,000.

The '35 fund, suggested by Mrs. Stone, was designed to help graduates who will be pursuing vocational courses of study rather than four-year colleges.

—0—

The Class of 1963 reunion will be July 1-2-3 with the reunion dinner July 2 at the Salem K of C hall. Class members should contact Joe Null at 216-332-4637 or Fred Naragon at 216-337-9678.

—0—

Madeline Patton Shivers ('77), who received her masters degree in education from Harvard last June, is the education reporter for the *Evening Gazette* of Worcester, Mass. She had previously worked for the Springfield (Ohio) *News-Sun* and had internships at the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *Cincinnati Enquirer* and Lafayette (Ind.) *Journal-Courier*.

She and husband, Joseph, reside in Somerville, Mass. She is the daughter of Madeline Patton of 830 Franklin St., Salem, and the late Thomas J. Patton.

—0—

Thirty years out of high school, Helen Kupka Baker, 31 Firestone

Blvd., Apt. 26-C, Akron, OH 44301, won a degree in applied science and hospitality management from Akron University in January. She was in the SHS class of 1958.

—0—

From: William D. Tullis ('50)
Box 144
Minerva, OH 44657

I want to express my appreciation to those responsible for the alumni newsletter. It is good to know and read about those in my class and others in years before and after. Keep up the good work.

—0—

Tim Smith ('73) of Salem donated a telephone answering system to the Alumni Association. Since we are open only on weekday mornings, the system enables people to reach us at all hours. The phone number is (216) 332-1427.

—0—

NEWSLETTER WRITTEN AND EDITED BY ROBERT J. DIXON, CLASS OF 1940

Salem High School Alumni Association Scholarship Committee
328 E. State St.
Salem, OH 44460

I enclose a check for \$_____, payable to the Salem High School Alumni Association Scholarship Committee (write SHSAASC on your check). Tax deductible.

\$_____ In memory of

Your name: (women include maiden name)

Address:

City, state, zip code:

Class year:

Nearest relative living in Salem:

Remarks:

Reunions in 1988

Ten Salem High School class reunions have been scheduled for 1988, plus the annual SHS Alumni Association dinner on June 4 at Timberlanes when the 50-year Class of 1938 will be honored.

The reunion schedule:

- 1933 — June 4 (noon) at Golf Club
- 1938 — June 3 at Golf Club
- 1943 — July 30 at Golf Club
- 1948 — Oct. 22 at Golf Club
- 1953 — July 9 at Timberlanes
- 1958 — July 2 at Golf Club
- 1963 — July 2 at K of C Club
- 1968 — July 16 at Saxon Club
- 1973 — July 9 at Elks Club
- 1978 — Sept. 3 at Hunt Club

Salem High School
Alumni Association
NEWSLETTER
328 E. State St.
Salem, OH 44460



Non-profit org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Salem, Ohio
Permit No. 12

1943
Frederick J. Krauss
906 Morris St.
Salem, OH 44460