

Drive-in ghosts jog recall of past derring-do deeds

(The following item was sent by Richard K. Klepper ('66) of 15656 Elmwood St., Middlefield, OH 44062. It should strike a chord with many readers.)

Recently, while visiting my parents in Salem, I noticed a landmark that, despite the large commercial growth experienced by the east end of Salem, appeared to be virtually undisturbed for many years. In fact, upon closer observation, it looked much the same as it did 30 years ago. I am writing of the Salem drive-in theater.

The east end of Salem possesses a historical site that is almost extinct in society due to the multi-screen theaters and the easy access of movie videos. When I asked my 11-year-old son, Seth, if he wanted to walk through the drive-in, he asked, "What is a drive-in?"

The Salem drive-in theater, now sandwiched between stores, offices and homes, sits there calmly, just waiting for another chance. It's all there, posts with speakers still attached standing like soldiers at attention, guarding the parking ramps, and honoring the large white screen, still intact and hovering over the remaining playground equipment that the big guys would hide behind and scare us little guys.

The projection/snack bar building provided a sense of being, as I began to remember and imagine the sounds and smells that were relevant to the building many years ago when I waited in line to be served wrinkled hot dogs, greasy fries and watered-down cokes to go.

What appeared to be a forgotten and abandoned drive-in theater had now become a monster of memories that flashed through my mind so

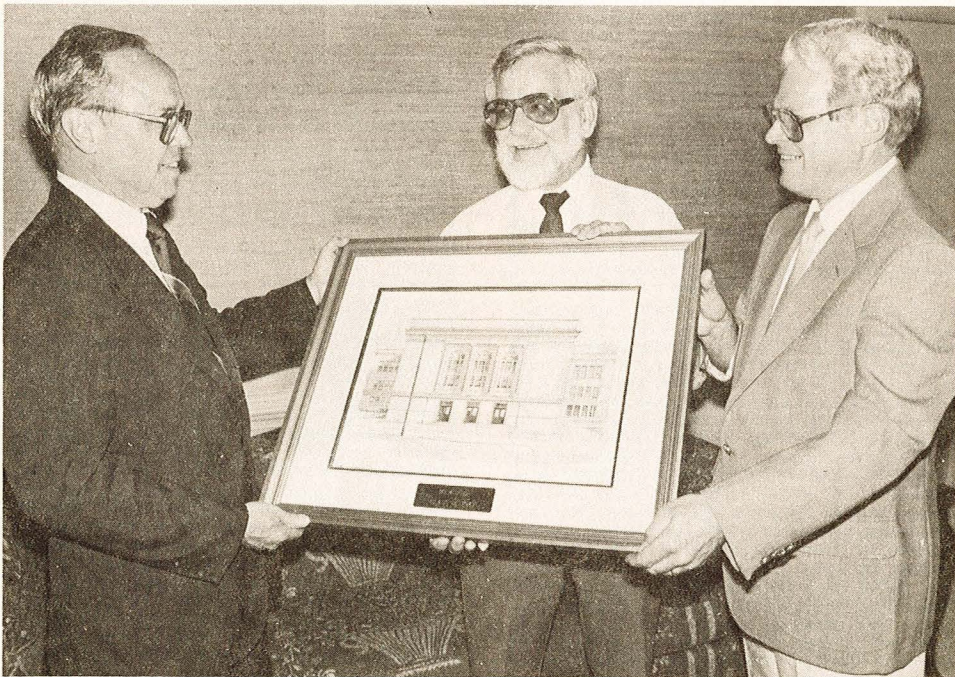
quickly that I was unable to sort and describe them. I realized that I had stumbled over a part of my life that I had forgotten. For you see, this now lonely lot provided me with fond memories of my childhood growing up in Salem.

When I found myself standing in the middle of the parking area among all the speakers, looking at my son, I recalled at a young age, we (the Millers, the Cranmers, Boogie Jackson and I, and probably some others) enjoyed the challenge of sneaking into the drive-in. This was not an easy feat. We had to plan and carry all our necessities—blankets, popcorn and pop (from Brownie's Sohio). We had to walk down the long drive (which is now Southeast Blvd.) very quietly and unnoticed (being quiet and unnoticed any time was a great task for this crew), then across 250 yards of a dark, scary, swampy and mosquito-infested area that separated the men from the boys. Our only hope was not to get caught by the "great white ushers" in the process.

The major obstacle to a successful mission were the ushers. They appeared to be at least seven feet tall, dressed in white, head to toe, and carried flashlights that would provide a beam of light two miles long, and they were always looking for us. They received an enormous amount of job-related satisfaction and fulfillment when they did catch us, and the worst part of it was, they forced us to leave the same way we came — through the swamp.

When we were successful, however, we were like a band of adventurous pirates who just seized a ship full of gold, and would take control of the first row of speakers, even though we had to look straight up to see the movie.

But there were other things to do than just watch the movie. I believe our biggest reward of sneaking in was chasing skunks between and under the cars. That would bring more excitement to the movie fans than any movies of that day and age. But, unfortunately, it also proved to bring the dreaded ushers.



Salem High Class of 1947 donated this framed drawing by Salem artist Ed Sullivan to the Alumni Association. It depicts the old high school building on J. Lincoln Ave. Holding the drawing are (l. to r.) Charles Gibbs, association treasurer; Richard Gottschling, class president; and Bob Hodge, class secretary-treasurer.

Generous alumni gifts total \$15,721

Contributions to the Scholarship Committee have continued at a high level since the publication of the 1989 summer newsletter, totaling \$15,721 since late June.

Below are listed contributions coming through the Alumni office through January 22.

Eleven of the 13 classes that held 1989 reunions made contributions, including \$1,939 from the Class of '39 and \$362 by the Class of '29, reported last summer. The eleven classes gave a total of \$7,298.

Each asked its members if they would care to contribute to the scholarship fund, pointing out that the Association had provided meeting rooms, address printouts and mailing labels for reunion planners.

Here is a breakdown of the other nine classes and their donations:

\$1,025	Class of 1934
\$1,000	Class of 1964
\$ 849	Class of 1944
\$ 530	Class of 1931
\$ 500	Class of 1974
\$ 473	Class of 1969
\$ 270	Class of 1954
\$ 250	Class of 1959
\$ 100	Class of 1979
—0—	Class of 1949
—0—	Class of 1984

CLASS OF 1921

Carroll and Greta Spiker Cobourn, Salem; Dorothy Failer Sullivan, Shaker Hts., OH

CLASS OF 1925

Ralph Hannay, Woodland Hills, CA, in memory of Margaret Hannay Roelen ('35); Friends, neighbors and relatives of Marguerite Schmid Greenisen ('25) in memory of Galen Greenisen ('25)

CLASS OF 1927

Anna P. McLaughlin, Salem, in memory of Frederick J. Limestahl ('27)

CLASS OF 1928

Ralph Tolerton, Missoula, MT, in memory of Fred Limestahl

CLASS OF 1929

Helen Shelton Wilson, Lakewood, CO; Dorothy Lieder Curry, Naples, FL, in memory of Blair Curry

CLASS OF 1930

John W. Terry, Chicago, IL; Harold E. Matthews, Greer, SC

CLASS OF 1931

Leila Beck Hainan, Bradenton, FL

CLASS OF 1932

Wm. K. Gibson, Salem, in memory of Mark R. Harroff ('67)

CLASS OF 1933

C. L. Hartsough, Salem, in memory of Mark R. Harroff ('67)

CLASS OF 1934

Dorothy Astry Cope, Salem, in memory of Mark R. Harroff ('67); Dorothy Day Corso, Salem; Jane Leonard Albright, Salem; Harold G. Bush, Windsor, CA; Robert J. Ketterer, Alliance, OH; Dorothy Miller Hayes, Salem; Harriet Nusbaum Robillard, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI; Helen Pauline Polder, Salem; Adele Weiss Bower, Salem; Anna Loesch Bentley, Columbus, OH; Stefan Oana, Canton, OH; Gertrude Bodendorfer Wikman, Salem; Lela Naragon Wright, Salem; Richard Dunn, Dearborn Hts., MI; George Izenour, Salem; Walter Hiltbrand, Salem; Marie Callahan Fawcett, Salem; Helmut E. Maroscher, Sharon, PA; Lillian Mundy Lallemand, South Lake Tahoe, CA; Edna Mentzer Eisentrout, Salisbury, PA; James Giffin, North Benton, OH; Robert McCarthy, Pittsburgh, PA; Dr. Walter Papesch, Bellair Beach, FL; Louise Hixenbaugh Gee, Tempe, AZ; Martha Holderieth Shears, Salem; Florence Solomon Highison, Youngstown, OH, in memory of; Earl Solomon; John Pukalski, Salem

CLASS OF 1935

Don Hammell, Miami, FL, in memory of Fred Limestahl ('27); Joseph Getz, Buena Park, CA; Raymond Bruderly, Alliance, OH, in memory of Lela Bruderly Cope ('31); Mary Bunn Bowman, Sonoita, AZ, in memory of Mark Harroff; Mary Ellen Holwick Moff, Austintown, OH, in memory of Raymond Moff ('32) and Paul Holwick; Margaret E. Stewart, Salem; Thomas D. Bennett, Spokane, WA

CLASS OF 1936

Betty Lewis Hammell, Miami, FL, in memory of Fred Limestahl ('27); Carl Young, Redwood City, CA; John C. Waggoner, Columbus, OH, in memory of Robert B. Waggoner ('38)

CLASS OF 1938

Anica Simion Bursan, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, in memory of Serafin S. Buta ('30) and Charles Wentz ('38); Mike Oana, Salem, in memory of Lydia Hinton

CLASS OF 1939

Alyse MacDonald Boehm, Salem, in memory of Mark Harroff ('67); Jack Hickling, Salem, in memory of Sheldon (Pete) Leaf; John F. Evans, Silver Spring, MD

CLASS OF 1940

Robert S. Clark, Rockport, MA; Joseph Kuniewicz, Sebring, OH, in memory of Stella (Sally) Kuniewicz Nichols ('35); Betty Valentine Lucas, Cleveland Hts., OH

CLASS OF 1941

Carl and Betty Percival Field, Salem, in memory of Mark R. Harroff; Mary Lou Brian Renner, Salem, in memory of Mark R. Harroff; Robert S. McCulloch Jr., Salem, in memory of Mark R. Harroff; Estelle Volpe White, Salem, in memory of Frederick Limestahl; Earl McDevitt, Arlington, OH; Mary Lou Brian Renner, Salem; Alice Sabona Oana, Salem, in memory of Lydia Hinton; Bob Bichsel, Victor, MT; Carl L. Smith, Salem

CLASS OF 1942

Dick Ellis, Marysville, WA, in memory of Wayne Steffel, Jack Tinsley, Joe Plegge; Eunice Smith Brown, Sarasota, FL, in memory of Wayne L. Brown ('27); Frederick Limestahl ('27); Gail L. Brown ('53); Donald F. Milligan, Coronado, CA, in memory of Edward J. Cobb ('42); Howard F. Krause, San Diego, CA; Joan Bevan White, Gainesville, FL

CLASS OF 1943

Virginia Snyder, Salem, in memory of Mark R. Harroff ('67); Jeannette Hutchison Whyte, La Jolla, CA; Gordon K. Shastten, Salem, in memory of John Farcas ('45)

CLASS OF 1944

Edith Coccia Brown, Canfield, OH; Barbara Wells Corrigan, Columbus, OH; Col. Dale Wykoff, Beaufort, SC; Betty Nicklason Williams, Norwalk, CA; John Cone, New York, NY, in memory of Lloyd Harroff ('46); Betty Lutsch Hinz, Parma, OH, in memory of Tony Hoover, Ginny McArtor Scullion, Ann Tolp Peterson; Emil Hank, Minerva, OH; Mathilda Martinelli Centafanti, Struthers, OH; Gene Howell, Flagstaff, AZ; Bob Shea, Chagrin Falls, OH; Betty Gray Daniels, N. Fort Myers, FL; William Stratton, Bushnell, FL; Glenn Halverstadt, Sanford, NC; Ray Fawcett, Akron, OH; Herb Mc Cave, Wilmington, DE; Marion Marshall, Defiance, OH; Carl Gartner, Minerva, OH; Eileen Weaver Hoover, Columbus, OH; Gerald Koch, North Canton, OH; Richard Scullion, Arlington, TX; Paul Horning, Warren, OH; Richard Widmyer, Houston, TX; Joseph Jennings, Youngstown, OH; George Ursu, Boring, OR; From Salem: Jack Rance in memory of Tony Hoover, Ginny McArtor Scullion; Don Oesch, Jean Vaughn Zeck, Philemena Limpose Fagan, Virginia Equizi Ciotti, Vesta Whitton Prus, Leonard Lance, Alma Alton Knepper in memory of Ginny McArtor Scullion; Doris Ellis Boughton, Nancy O'Connell Yakubek in memory of Joan O'Hara Hazlett; William Benson, Barbara Butler Greene in memory of Bertha Butler; Eugene Hively, Don Long, Janet Whinnery Zimmerman, Liz Stewart Oldcorn in memory of Joan O'Hara Hazlett; Richard and June Chappell Greene, Ann Bodirnea Miller, Martha Keyes Lange in memory of Mark R. Harroff ('67); Nick Solomon in memory of Earl Solomon; Elaine McGhee Hickling in memory of Sheldon (Pete) Leaf;

Class reunion gift in honor of deceased classmates.

CLASS OF 1945

Juanita Whaley Hoffmann, Bedford, OH; Jean Walsh Dale, Salem, OH, in memory of Monte Landwert ('78); Lucy Cocco Davies, Phoenix, AZ

CLASS OF 1946

Gift from Tony Colian and Lena Colian Ricci, Salem, in memory of their son and brother, Michael Colian ('46); Neil Rupright, New Albany, IN; Sara Serbanta Shasteen, Salem, in memory of John Farcas ('45); J. Wendel and Marian Beck, Salem, in memory of Jan Deane Healey ('71)

CLASS OF 1947

Donna Ward Chappell, Salem; Francis E. Lucas, Salem; Frank Hoopes, Salem

CLASS OF 1948

Ronnie A. Hannay, Salem, in memory of A. Katherine Hess Hannay ('29)

CLASS OF 1949

Barbara Burson Gorman, Waterbury, CT; Robert D. Baker, Salem

CLASS OF 1951

Anthony Ferreri, Salem; Eva Rae Hannay Cody, Salem, in memory of A. Katherine Hess Hannay ('29)

CLASS OF 1953

Paul J. Hannay, Tiffin, OH, in memory of A. Katherine Hess Hannay ('29); Jack Ference, Reynoldsburg, OH, in memory of Scherry Ann Powell Ference ('57); Joan Schuller Pollitz, Mapleton, IL, in memory of Ted Sabona ('48) and E.T. and Ruth Tribilcock

CLASS OF 1954

Margaret A. Hannay Garloch, Salem, in memory of A. Katherine Hess Hannay ('29); Class gift from 1989 reunion; William and Marjorie Jensen Potts, Salem; Charles Jones, Salem; Martha Everett Wehner, Parma, OH; Thomas Ehrhart, Salem; Nancy Miller Saviers, East Palestine, OH; Jere Hochadel, Salem, in memory of Scherry Powell Ference ('57)

CLASS OF 1956

Mable Lou Hannay McLean, Salem, in memory of A. Katherine Hess Hannay ('29); Bonnie Zimmerman Hayes, Jupiter, FL

CLASS OF 1957

Jack Sanders, Dallas, TX, in memory of Judy Julian; in memory of Scherry Ann Powell Ference ('57) from her mother, Margaret E. Hinckley, Salem

CLASS OF 1958

Thomas Corso, Salem, in memory of Dr. Paul Corso ('24) and William Corso ('33)

CLASS OF 1959

Lou Slaby, Clifton, NJ, in memory of Woody Deitch ('59)

CLASS OF 1960

Sally Snyder Sanders, Dallas, TX, in memory of Mark R. Harroff ('67); Marilyn R. Fenton, Voorhees, NJ, in memory of Robert Wiggers; David C. Stratton, Salem, in memory of Mark R. Harroff ('67); Mary Lou Anderson Mauch, Minnetonka, MN, in memory of Nancy Anderson Zocolo ('68)

CLASS OF 1961

Diane Mackey Berk, Franklin, TN; Richard and Penny Hess Esterly, Sinking Spring, PA; Dianne Altomare Vincent, San Jose, CA, in memory of David Griffiths

CLASS OF 1964

From Salem: Susan Anderson Rill in memory of Nancy Anderson Zocolo ('68); Arthur Schuster, Dallas Wells, Dianne Everhart Sauerwein, John Tarleton, Kathleen Hack Baker, Ralph Dumovic, Sandy' Sonor Capel, Thomas Bauman, Tom Pim, Wayne Washington
Linda Rankin Evans, Chandler, AZ; Allan Orashan, Brady Lake, OH; Bonnie Youtz Verminski, Pittsfield, MA; Carol Porter McCarthy, New Milford, CT; Charles Emmerling, Westerville, OH; Darlene Smith, Marina Del Rey, CA; Frank Kautzmann, Katy, TX; Howard Lambert, Oakland, CA; Janet Kuhl Graham, Chagrin Falls, OH; Jodale Kilbreath Hull, Plano, TX; Joseph Skrivanek, Syracuse, NY; Karen Ulrich Stillman, Los Angeles, CA

Kathleen Paptic Hardy, East Liverpool, OH; Lois Domencetti Dorazio, Levittsburg, OH; Marcia Everett Short, Massillon, OH; Mark Albright, St. Petersburg, FL; Mark Scott, Mayfield Hts., OH; Mary Ellen Garrett Beach, Wichita, KS; Michael Joseph, Warren, OH; Nancy Flack Davidson Guillory, Houston, TX; Pamela Downing Macy, Brooklyn, NY; Patricia Price Crone, San Diego, CA; Penny Balan Thomas, Aurora, CO; Philip Brantingham, Westfield, IN; Richard Sidingier, Gurnee, IL; Russell Hackett, Xenia, OH; Sam Watson, Hartsville, SC; Sue Yates Earlabough, Huntington Beach, CA; Susan Eckstein Skedel, Sagamore Hills, OH; Larry and Linda Nedelka Reader, New Smyrna, FL.

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