

Notes from Patrick

Well, the first newsletter went well. It included information on eight classmates. This newsletter more than doubles that with information on 20 classmates. I invite anyone to write me with information on yourselves since graduation. Otherwise, you will receive a phone call from me, sooner or later, for an interview. See below for info.

I decided to also add an announcements section for anniversaries, etc. There is also information about the CD and how to use it. See Newsletter Contents.

I don't usually copy software or music. The music on the CD was prepared in 1971 for the first reunion and I wrestled with my conscious about putting it on this CD. I managed to rationalized it.

Several classmates sent some money or stamps to me after the last newsletter, and I would prefer that no one did. If you wish, I will put a small box for contributions for the newsletter at the 45th reunion.

Please note the info on mini-reunions and the 45th reunion (page 11). The mini-reunions will be hosted at classmate homes.

This is the last page to be printed for late info. Add Bro. Malcolm (Gilbert) Melcher to address list: 60 N. Catherine St., Mobile, AL 36604, 251-438-3812, bmalmcolmm@yahoo.com.

Pg.4, Ken Kaiser should be Kenny. Sorry about that Kenny.

Information requested for newsletter:

When were you married, and to whom, from where? Schools?

Jobs that you have had in your career.

If in the service, what branch and units, and what did you do?

Any exciting things in your career?

Names of your children and their ages or birthdates.

Optional- Names of grandchildren and ages.

Have you travelled much? If so, where?

What are your hobbies?

What are your spouse's hobbies?

Letter from Helena Howard Harris

I graduated from the Mobile Infirmary School of Nursing in 1962, then worked for a while at the Infirmary and at Druid City Hospital in Tuscaloosa.

My older sister had been living in Michigan for a long time so I decided to work for a year in a northern hospital.

I met Howard Harris, a signpainter, and we were married in December of 1964. After that, I did some general duty but mostly private duty nursing.

We enjoy traveling and have enjoyed trips to Texas, driving through the beautiful bayou country of Louisiana; to Chapleay, Ontario, a little town in the far north woods of Canada. The streams there are so pure they don't have to treat the city water supply taken from the river. We have travelled to Montreal and Quebec staying on an island in the St. Lawrence River.

They all enjoy hiking, canoeing, reading and touring museums, plus many individual interests.

We have hiked in the Smoky Mountains, St. John's in the American Virgin Islands, and toured Puerto Rico.

We are active in American Youth Hostels and the John Birch Society. We attend a traditional Episcopal Church.

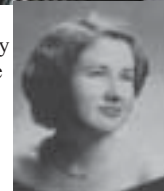
Howard and I have moved back south, and have built a new brick home on the Bon Secour River on the exact land where I was raised.

We have two children, Benjamin and Jason Lee. Our older son, Ben works in a small metal shop in Anderson, SC, and has three daughters. The younger son, Jason, is a computer programmer in Anderson, SC, and has two sons and two daughters.

Howard is an avid bicyclist, promoting bike trails in the Gulf Shores area, and has ridden from Michigan to Foley via PA and SC. He has written a 144 page book on bicycling and covers riding in cities like Toronto, Pittsburgh, Detroit, and a number of states. (Books are available in Foley at the train depot museum or give him a call.)



Son, Ben and family are on the left: Hannah, Ben, wife Christa with baby Rebekah. Son, Jason and family are on the right: Levi, Jason, wife Rachele, Zachery and baby Savannah. Howard is center back. Helena is sitting, holding Lydia (Jason's daughter)



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Letter from Hilda Hastings



Hilda -
from 58 yearbook

Hilda and husband,
Frank Benson
Taken July 28, 2001

I was from Summerdale, and attended Foley through the 11th grade. I was married and didn't graduate with the class. I went to Germany with my husband, and received my diploma later. Frank is the brother of Cynthia Clopton's husband, so we are now sister-in-laws and have always been best friends.

I have lived in Leeds, Alabama located about 17 miles northeast of Birmingham for the past 29 years. I retired from The Leeds Water Works Board last July 28, 2001 after 28 years. I started out on the bottom and I ended up going as high as a female could go there. I was Office Manager and Human Resource the last twenty years.

We were blessed with two wonderful children; Duane is 40, and Kay is 38. Duane is married and has two girls and two boys, ranging in age from three to eleven. They live in Huntsville.

Kay is married and has three children, a boy 14, and girls 8 and 12. They live in Flower Mound, Texas near Dallas, and she is a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner and works at Parklin Memorial Hospital.

My birthday is September 11th, so my 60th birthday was a horrible day and one that I will never forget.

An actual radio transmission:

Tower: "Eastern 702, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on 124.7"

Eastern 702: "Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure. By the way, after we lifted off we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway."

Tower: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern?"

Continental 635: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, roger; and yes, we copied Eastern and we've already notified our caterers."

Interview with Joan Fowler



Joan and husband, Don Mahon
Taken Feb. 18, 2002

Joan - from 58 yearbook

I met Joan and her husband Don for lunch on February 18 of this year for the interview.

Joan Fowler married in 1959 and moved to Chicago for 22 years. She divorced in 1977 and remarried in 1980 to Don Mahon. She and Don moved to Spanish Cove in Lillian on the water, and he commuted to Atlanta for flights with the company. (He told the company Spanish Cove was outside of Atlanta.) It is...waaayy outside! (Yankees don't know southern geography.) They lived there until 1987, then moved to Houston. During that period in Spanish Cove, Joan sold real estate.

Don has worked with a company based in Massachusetts since college, and the firm is now owned by a Finnish company and headquartered in Helsinki. Therefore, Joan gets to travel to Europe frequently. They have had the opportunity to travel much of the world except the far east. Paris is her favorite city of the world.

Don will retire next year and they plan to move to 15 acres they own in Kentucky near Louisville and build a home there to be near their children. They would also like to buy a condo down south for vacations.

Joan has two daughters, Deborah and Suzanne, a grandson, Bradley, and a granddaughter, MacKenzie.

Interview with Frank Hamilton



Taken on April 23, 2002

I met with Frank at a McDonald's in Pensacola, and immediately noticed that he has maintained his weight very well, unlike most of us.

Frank went to Southwest Alabama Tech after graduation, for two years studying Office Machine Repair.

He joined the Marines for two and a half years. While only in boot camp, he was promoted to PFC, and Lance Corporal in two months, and E-4 in 18 months. He maintained a 4.9 out of 5.0 in Conduct and Proficiency. He says that he was a gung ho Marine!

After the Marines, he returned to Pensacola, and remained single until 31.

He married Dot 27 years ago on June 30th. She attended Murphy High School in Mobile, and has had a career in teaching and is still a teacher at Pleasant Grove Elementary.

Frank retired from Mainside after nearly 40 years as a Communication Specialist, travelling around the US working on everything from the PC stations to routers, etc. *[I assume that the service time was added to that at Mainside]*

Frank and Dot have lived at their present address for the past 27. He is very active at the First Baptist Church, working with the youth, and teaches Sunday school.

He was a Scout Master for 13 years, the longest of any in the 75 years of Troop 10. His son, of course, was in the scouts.

They have a daughter and a son. Kelley is a graduate of Judson College with a major in Computer Science, and Frank, Jr. is a graduate of Auburn, also with a major in Computer Science.

Frank enjoys fishing and shrimping.

Information from Joy Callaway Robinson:



Joy with a new grandchild.

I married Dick Buskens in 1958. After high school, my parents drove me to Denver, Colorado to visit my husband, training in the Air Force. After training, we lived in Wichita Falls, Texas and Smyrna, Tennessee. It made us grow up without help from our parents and we learned to live on what old Uncle Sam paid us.

After the service, we moved back to Gulf Shores. By then, I was expecting my second child. Dick tried to make a living doing carpenter work and fishing, eventually building boats in our back yard.

One of the biggest changes in our life was changing religion. I always loved to try to read the bible but never understood much more than the basic stories.

I have been a minister of Jehovah's Witnesses, now 39 years. I studied for two years. My husband was also a minister up to the day he died, and my five children, their spouses and my grandchildren all serve our Great God and Creator Jehovah.

My husband of 37 years and my sweetheart, from when I was 15, died with pancreatic cancer in 1994 - the quick kind. He lived just a short time after being diagnosed in March and dying in August, at home in the same home we built when we married in 1958. We had to add on to it a couple times as our children came along. It is 1.5 miles west on Hwy 180, the Ft. Morgan Highway.

My first two children were Mark and Brenda, 10 years later, along came a second son Jody, and five years later,

another daughter, Darla. I was a full time mother, wife and homemaker and loved it. I helped with our business also.

My two sons have followed in their fathers footsteps. He was a Master Boat Builder and built many fishing boats and charter boats over the years. Our business was Island Marine Service, Home of Buskens Boats. My oldest son just finished a 53 foot catamaran shimp boat.

My youngest daughter, Darla Buskens just graduated last May (2001) from Foley and went to live in Anchorage, Alaska with her sister for seven months. It was the first time since I was 19 that I did not have any children at home and this was my first year in 35 years not to get up at 6am to get one ready for school. It was a strange feeling, but one I can get used to.

When Darla was two, I wrote a 300 page book on the coastal people of Alabama as my daddy was a fisherman, and my grandfather and his father. I published the book, gave history talks and sold quite a few. I interviewed all the oldest native residents I could find, and wrote their stories as they told them, along with my life and what was happening at the time.

For 11 years, I gave history talks in the winter for the University of South Alabama Elder Hostle Group (college for a week with senior citizens).

Florman Robinson, my husband of two years and four months has had 42 radiation treatments for cancer plus an operation since August.

Before that, he fell and had two broken ribs and was anemic, but hopefully, this new year will be better. He is feeling much stronger and able to do a few much needed chores. We put up a new bookcase as I love to read and did not have a bookcase.

I live between two homes since I married and my computer is in Gulf



Shores. I am never there long enough to do much writing.

I take lots of pictures and love to share them with others. It may be a cotton field, an autumn leave, a sunset, etc. I also write articles for the Baldwin Times about how life used to be. On page 272 of the new book on the History of Baldwin County, is a short story and picture of my husband as a baby, and another article on the Little Lagoon.

My mom and I also were on the planning committee for the Gulf Shores Maritime Museum. It is across from the library. I donated copies of all my old photos and video tapes of 15 old-timer interviews, telling how life used to be. These can be seen at the museum.

I'd love to hear from any of my classmates from Foley High.

I love reading, writing, photography, people and learning.

Letter from Patsy Riemer Faust

Thought I would write a few lines to let you know my name has changed. I was married in August of last year to someone I knew over 35 years ago and used to live here.



My name is now Patsy Faust and my husband's name is Pete. He worked at Mainside until they shut NADEP down. He didn't like staying at home, so he went to truck driving school. He worked in Pensacola for a while, but has been with Woerner Sod for over 4 1/2 years now. When my health lets me, I go with him.

By my first marriage, I have four children: Ted, Howard, Sean and Bridgett. I have eight grandchildren.

Pete has three children and four grandchildren.

The 12 grandchildren range in age from 19 to one month. It is a total mad house on holidays.

-- Patsy

I was making wisecracks one day, and Joe Lucassen told me that I should go to Hollywood. The walk would do me good. Someone else chimed in, and said that I should be on the stage. And it leaves in ten minutes!

Interview with George McElroy

This story starts with Joy Callaway in January, at a Dairy Queen in Bay Minette.



Joy was waiting for a drink refill and struck up a conversation with a couple waiting in line. The man said that he and his wife were on the way to the beach from Cullman, Alabama. Joy mentioned that she lived there all her life. The man, said “well, my name is George McElroy”. And this is how George was found after all these years.

I called George and did an interview.

George grew up in York, Alabama, about 30 miles east of Meridian, MS. His father was first to Gulf Shores and started a business, and the family followed. George attended Foley High in the 10th and 12th grades, with the 11th back in York, AL.

Now, an interesting fact that I didn't know, was that we had servicemen in school. George, Jack Kelly and James Everage joined the National Guard in 1958 and took basic in May of 1959. After graduation, George attended William Carey College in Hattisburg, MS, and Southern Miss, majoring in Education.

George continued in the National Guard and also spent 16 months on active duty, and later changed to the Air National Guard, with a total of 23 years service.

While at Gulf Shores and working in the family business (McElroy Cottages) in the late 60's, there was a family from Cullman, Alabama that would stay there that had a daughter. That daughter, Glenda, later became George's wife, and they have been happily married for 30 years.

He spent a total of 27 years teaching Elementary School and High School in Cullman, Alabama.

George and Glenda have one daughter, Christy.

George had several brothers; Allen that lives in Orange Beach, and Johnny, six years younger who died of lung cancer last year.

I asked George about travelling, and he said that they went on a cruise to Alaska in May of last year.

Interview with Kenny Kaiser



Taken at the Foley Bowling Alley restaurant on April 27, 2002.

Kenny Kaiser farmed with his dad for several years, then worked in construction in Pensacola. He returned to farming until 1989.

He then worked with Beard Equipment, selling golf and turf equipment for 2½ years.

Kenny has worked with Gulf Telephone since then, and is presently the Warehouse Manager.

He has been studying the past four years to become a Catholic Deacon, which obviously is much more than a protestant deacon. He was ordained in June, and can perform weddings, funerals, etc. Should something happen to Marie, he is required to remain celibate, like a priest.

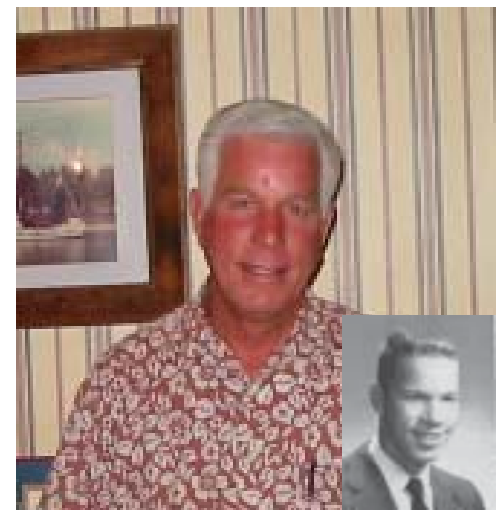
He and Marie were married April 20, 1963. They have five children:

1. Annette married Robin Kaechle of Elberta, and has three children: Robyn, Jack and Caroline.
2. Regina married Phillip Constan from Opelika and has one son, Nickolas.
3. Kenny, Jr., is divorced, and has three children: Kenny III, Kelton, and Kollyn.
4. Cindy, single, is a nurse practitioner in Pensacola
5. Tricia married Mark Hamlin, and has two children, Carson (girl), and Jonathan. They live in Dawsonville, GA.

Kenny would like to golf, but only gets to play several times a year.

He and Marie live east of Elberta on Hwy 95, also know as Pirate's Cove Rd.

Interview with Joe Lucassen



Taken at the Foley Bowling Alley restaurant on April 27, 2002.

Joe went to Auburn briefly and was in the Air Force for a short time. He had ear problems, so he was discharged because of that.

He worked at Doering and Dixie Furniture. He was at Gulf Chrysler for 18 years.

Over the course of the years, Joe has had four car lots, and presently owns Lucassen Auto Sales. His wife Linda, and their son, Mark also work at the business.

Joe married Linda Morris Nov. 20, 1965. They have two children: Mark, 35, is married and has a stepson David. His wife is Elizabeth. Michelle, 30, is married and has a daughter, Sophia. Her husband is Sam.

Joe and Linda have travelled to Hawaii, Mexico, Israel, and the western US. They plan to travel up the east coast in the near future. Joe collects lighthouse memorabilia so he should find more up in the Northeast.

Joe likes working and cars. Linda enjoys gardening. They are active in church and teach Sunday School. Joe and Linda helped start the Assembly of God church in Gulf Shores.

Joe was in the Civil Air Patrol in the early '60s. He presently has a powered parasail under construction (*by someone that knows what they are doing*). The model is called a “Six Chuter”. It has two seats, so after he gets a bit of flying time, I will be interested. It is hard to crash a parasail. It flies 20mph top speed and glides at 20mph.

Interview with Godbee Smith



Godbee at his "office", where he parks every Tuesday and Friday morning (Wright's Drug Store). Taken April 2002.

Godbee had the following jobs between graduation and 1962, when he went to school: Irwin's farm, Roy Walker Marine in Orange Beach, State of Alabama as Ag Inspector for soy beans, Surf Bowl (bowling alley) in Gulf Shores, Feed store manager, and nights at Foley Bowling Alley.

He went to Livingston College at Livingston, AL in Sept. 1962 and graduated in March 1966.

Godbee returned to Foley and worked two years with Arthur Holk Insurance Agency. Then on Feb. 16, 1968, he went to work in Foley with South Baldwin Bank, formerly State Bank of Elberta. He became an officer in Jan 69, Asst VP, Exe. VP and then President in 1985. The bank was bought out by 1st Alabama in 1983 and the name was changed to Regions Bank. He retired in 1998.

Godbee married Judie Larson June 15, 1968. They have two sons: Lewis Thomas Godbee Smith, Jr., born May 3, 1972, and Stuart Leonard Larson Smith, born Oct. 15, 1975. Lewis has two children, Lewis Thomas Godbee Smith the third, and a daughter, Morgan.

They enjoyed a trip to Sweden to visit Judie's cousin, in June 2001.

Godbee enjoys boating, and Judie enjoys cooking.

Godbee had a stress test in early May and flunked. On May 8th, he had angioplasty in two arteries and a stint in the larger of the two. He said it went well, with no pain. It will be hard to change the diet in the future, but is something that he has to accept.

Interview with Al Graham



Al, taken at the bowling alley restaurant in Foley April 27, 2002.

Al was Bubbie in school, and he does not care to be called that as an adult.

He went to Pensacola Junior College, then worked at Chemstrand, then back to PJC.

He joined the Marines as a Marine Aviation Cadet in July 1962. While in the Marines he flew the following aircraft: T-34, T-28, AF-9, TF-9, F11-A, and F8. While on final approach for a landing in an F8 Crusader jet fighter in Hawaii, the engine caught fire and exploded, and he had to eject. That was his only involuntary jump, but he also had recreational jumps in the local area before the Marines.

His VMF232 unit transferred from Hawaii to DaNang, Vietnam, and he returned to the civilian world in 1967,

He started flying with National Airlines in August 67 as co-pilot of 727's, DC-8's, DC-10's and captain of 727's. National was merged with Pan Am, and he flew with Pan Am as captain of 727's and the 310 Airbus. He flew out of NY for five years, and was based in Berlin for one year.

Delta took over Pan Am in 1991 and he lost some seniority. He was downgraded to captain of 737's, then captain of 727's, 757's and 767's. He retired **Sept 8, 2001!**

He was married ten years to a former runner up of Miss Teenage America.

He has a son, Chris, that is in the Marines, and flies CH-46 cargo helicopters (similar to the Army CH-47).

As a pilot, Al has had the opportunity to travel throughout Europe, South and

Central America, and of course, Vietnam and SE Asia.

He is in good health except for the aches and pains of growing older.

He doesn't miss the airlines, but loves flying and has built one ultralight plane (KOLB Firestar) and is building a twin engine aircraft (AirCam).

He owns the former Navy Kaiser Flying Field, has built a hangar, and is building an apartment in it. He will sell his house on Neumann Dr. (*interested?*)

Mickey Nelson Griffeth



Micky and Jack, taken at the bowling alley restaurant in Foley April 27, 2002.

Mickey and Jack Griffeth were married June 6, 1959. Jack was in the Navy at Barin Field, as a storekeeper.

She worked with the Foley School for two years, then moved to Mobile in September 1961 and to Fairhope in May 1967.

She worked with Delchamps for 28 years until they were bought out by Jitney Jungle.

After Delchamps, helping her mom and dad became a full time job. Her mom passed away on May 27, 2000 and her dad is still living.

Jack retired from the Alabama Dept. of Transportation in 94 after 33 years. Then they built a new house in Fairhope.

They have two sons, Frank and Kent. Frank works in Mobile. He has two sons, Ben, 13, Blake, 9, a stepson Jeffrey, 12, and a stepdaughter Ashley, 18 that graduated in June.

Kent has a daughter, Rachel, born in Oct, 2001.

As others have said, her hobby is her grandchildren.

Interview with Leslie Stump



Taken on May 1, 2002

I met with Leslie and Yvonne at their home on Magnolia Springs River.

Leslie joined the Army National Guard in Dec. 1957. He married Yvonne January 21, 1961. Several months later, in March, 1961, he joined the active service and went to Ft. Benning, GA for training.

He then went to Medical Corp training at Ft. Sam Houston in Texas. He worked at the Brook General Hospital. Leslie was transferred to Hawaii with the 25th Infantry until May, 1966. During that time, he had training in Taiwan. He was due to rotate back to the states in April, but because of the war, all transfers were frozen.

The unit went to Cu Chi, Vietnam. He spent only six months there because he was returned due to Yvonne's medical complications with their first baby. He was at Ft. Benning, GA until his release from the service in March, 1967.

Leslie joined his uncle as an electrical contractor, then worked at Mainside in Pensacola in a metal shop for three years. He then went to work with Westinghouse for four years.

He was farming part time from the mid 70's until the mid 80's, then returned to Mainside as an electrician 83-96.

He rejoined the Guard in 86 for ten years, to acquire a total of 20 years total service.

Leslie developed cancer in his left eye in 1990 and it had to be removed in 1993. The doctors have now found a liver tumor related to the eye tumor and he now travels to Houston every six months to see specialist there.

Leslie and Yvonne have three daughters and one son: Lisa, Gina, Rita and Eric.

Double Interview with Bernard Thiem and Linda PatrickThiem



Taken April 27th at the bowling alley

'58 yearbook

Bernard and Linda were at the bowling alley get-together, and the above photo was taken (April 27th, 2002).

I visited them at their home in Silverhill for the interviews.

Bernard joined the Air Force, and was at Maxwell Field, near Montgomery. He trained as a flight line mechanic with jets. He was a T-33 jet Crew Chief there. He was then transferred to Galena, Alaska, working with F-102's and F-106's.

From there, he was transferred to Cannon AFB in Clovis, NM, and was Crew Chief of an F-100 jet. He was transferred to Eglin AFB and worked with F-4's, and left the service in 1967.

Bernard went to St. Louis and helped build F-4's for nine months until a layoff occurred. He went to Lockheed Aircraft in Marietta, GA (by Atlanta) and helped build C-130's and C-5's until 1973 with another layoff.

He went to work with Sears as a service technician and worked with them until he retired in 1997.

Linda's family managed the Gulf Gate Lodge at Orange Beach, and the family moved to Pine Bluff, AR in 1958. She graduated there in 1959.

Her father worked with the Transformer Corporation, and she worked there for two years.

She married Bernard Feb 11, 1961 and travelled with him while in the service.

When their travels stopped in Atlanta, Linda went to work with McDonald's

for 19 years as a shift manager. She then worked with Sears for five years before retiring.

They have traveled while in the service, and took an interesting trip on the AmTrak. They recommend getting a sleeper cabin. They hope to travel some with the South Baldwin Senior Travelers.

They have a daughter, Sheila, 40, and she has two daughters, Tara, 23 and Tamara, 20. Their second daughter, Donna is 38, and has a son and daughter; Christopher, 12, and Christin, 15.

Bernard has a workshop, and enjoys gardening.

Linda enjoys embroidery and yard work. They both enjoy fishing, hunting and bowling.

Interview with Pat Norrell Walley



Pat and Bill - May 5, 2002

I met with Pat and Bill on May 7, 2002 at Spanish Fort.

Pat attended Southwest Tech and studied secretarial work. She then worked with the Mobile Press until she married April 22, 1961 to Bill Walley.

Their first daughter, Karen, was born July 16, 1964. She married Gordon Casey of Pensacola and Spanish Fort. They have twins 5½ years old, Landon and Lauren.

Their second daughter, Cheryl, was born June 14, 1967. She is divorced and lives in an apartment behind Pat's house. She has a daughter, Autumn, nine years old and as cute as can be.

Pat's mother lives in a house next door. All of us that attended school in the early grades remember Mrs. Norrell and Mrs. Wirth as homeroom mothers. All of Pat and Bill's activities are shared and enjoyed with their daughter Cheryl and granddaughter Autumn.

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They have a motor home and enjoy camping, even if it is sometimes within Baldwin. Cheryl and Autumn join them.

Pat's hobbies include the camping, grandchildren, and reading. Bill enjoys fishing and camping.

Bill has been a barber his whole career and still spends some time at his shop. He employs three other barbers.

Information from Lynne Blackwell Miller



Taken in May 2001 on a cruise to Alaska with the extended family.

Clyde and I were married July 11, 1958.

My first job was at the Dune's Restaurant in Gulf Shores, and worked with Elberta Klemm.

Shelley Dawn was born Dec. 7, 1959

Marlon Clyde was born April 2, 1961.

I worked at Vanity Fair in Robertsdale in '64 and '65.

Rondalyn Marie was born Sept. 16, 1966.

We opened a restaurant, Old South Fried Chicken and Seafood in Gulf Shores, in March '71. We closed the business for the winter in Sept '79. Three days later, Hurricane Frederick roared through. Water was 3-4 feet high in the building. Huge oaks were uprooted and debris from the beach was 3-6 feet high around the building (a mile from the beach).

The business was leased to Danny's Fried Chicken in Jan., 1980.

We moved to Orange Beach in '80 and still live there.

I worked at Souvenir City in Gulf Shores '84-'90, then we reopened



Clyde and Lynne with the four grandchildren: Jenna Nicole, Colton Blaine, Trace McKain and Marlon Blaine.

Old South. We leased the business to King Neptune's in '94.

I started working at Seacrets Gift Shop at Zeke's Landing in Orange Beach, and still work there.

Shelley is not married, and owns Sea Clipper Hair Salon in Gulf Shores, and lives in Orange Beach.

Marlon married Shirley Chambliss, and has two sons. Marlon Blaine (7), and Trace McKain (1). They live in Gulf Shores. Marlon is a partner at Miller Plumbing Co. with Clyde.

Rondalyn married Al Stevens, son of Carolyn Jaye (Stevens) Collins from our class. They have a daughter, Jenna Nicole (18) and a son, Colton Blaine (12). Ronda and Al both work for Vic Roberts (former classmate) at Roberts Air Conditioning in Gulf Shores.

My favorite pastime is doing things with my grandchildren.



Interview with Mike Miceli



Mike at work. 4-26-02



I visited Mike on April 26, 2002 at his store; a convenience store, gas station, RV campsite and boat ramp service. His store is on the Ft. Morgan road, Hwy. 180 West.

After graduation, Mike went to Auburn for a while, then left. He joined the Marines and started at Camp Geiger, NC. He then went to Ft. Benning for parachute training and made about 70 jumps during his seven years. He was in Force Recon, and included training in Coronada, CA for Escape and Evasion, and Amphib Recon School. He then went to Key West, where he attended the Navy Underwater school.

After leaving the Marines, he remained in the Marine Reserves for four more years. He returned to Auburn and graduated in 1969 with an Education major. I will skip a long story, but Mike became a principal at White House Forks, AL before graduating from Auburn. He was there in 1968 and 1969.

Returning to Foley, he worked some with Lou Childre, then when his dad became sick in 1971, Mike returned to the beach to work with his mom. That ended with hurricane Fredrick in 1979.

He had a restaurant for several years. Then in 1986 he decided to go to Africa. He returned to the US and went to Alaska and worked one summer on a fishing boat. He headed back to Alabama after one storm with 60mph winds and 25ft waves.

Mike had a produce store and rental property until 2000, then bought the present business.

Mike has been married twice, 64-76 and 76-81. By the first marriage, he has two daughters: Cayne, and works at the University of New Orleans, and Christy, married to Dallas Richmond of Fairhope.

By his second marriage, Mike has a daughter, Sophia, married to Doug DeMent. Mike has one grandchild and one on the way.

He likes hunting, fishing and antique guns. He has travelled in Africa, Europe and Mexico.

Mike made tandem parachute jumps (*like Pres. Bush*) on his 50th and 55th birthdays!



Apr 27th at the bowling alley mini-reunion.

E-Mail from Irene Holman



I met Terry in Pensacola and married in May 17, 1964. At that time I was working for a company in Pensacola as Supv., Stock Transfer, working with the big boards on a daily basis. While there I went through an underwriting process and stock split — good experience.

We moved to Mobile, and I worked for GAF/Ruberoid for a few years before Terry was called to preach. There I worked as Asst Personnel Manager, and gained invaluable HR experience. Of course, I just love people, and over the years have discovered this to be my greatest working joy.

We relocated to Hot Springs AR when the company Terry was working for went on strike. There I worked for UMC Industries as Executive Assistant to the President and each year for six months, I also worked for the Chairman of the Board who came over from Germany. We lived in Memphis while Terry was in the Seminary (Mid America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis).

While he worked and held a position in various churches there, I worked as a legal secretary for the managing partner and two other senior partners in a very large law firm. This was in the 70s when word processing was hitting the market, and I was the only one in the office brave enough to get in on the cutting edge.

During Terry's last year of seminary he was called to a church in Forrest City AR. There I worked at Sanyo, a large manufacturing facility, for senior management (Japanese) and learned a great deal from them.



Terry and Irene

From there Terry moved to a church in Charleston AR. I worked as an Executive Assistant to the President for Beverly Enterprises in Fort Smith. Again, I brought in new technology, saving the company a lot of time and money.

From Charleston, Terry moved to a church in Malvern, AR. (early 1980s). Here I worked on a government pilot program. I was director of an agency to find jobs for personnel who had lost their jobs due to plant closings. The program was very successful, and is still there today. Then we came back to Florida where Terry pastored in Holt and Niceville (from which he retired in Sept., 2000). Since retirement from the pastorate, Terry has been involved in a couple of things part time. First substitute teaching - one school year was all he could take of that!!!!!! He is now a biological technician at Eglin AFB, and enjoys it very much.

I went to work with the HQ Command Air Armament Center at Eglin AFB, FL. in Jan., 1989. Currently, after being hand-picked to set up a base-wide IDB (integrated database) in 1999, I have seen this come to fruition (baselined it on 6/1/01). I have received many awards, most recently, Civilian of the Year for the Air Armament Center.

We have two sons, Chris and Danny. Chris and Michele have two girls Brilee Paige (1) and Jenna Cathryn (5) Chris

and Michele live in Charleston AR. Chris is in the printing business in Fort Smith, and Michele is an elementary education major, teaching school in Fort Smith AR.

Danny and Angelina reside in Pensacola, and have two children, Jake (6) and Danielle (3). Dan is an industrial engineer and Angelina is a home manager.

In the ministry there was no time for personal business, so travels were limited, mostly to catch a vacation or visit relatives. We have travel plans for our retirement, God-willing!

Terry and I love golf. My goal is to become a "good" golfer. I also like to write, landscape, and flower gardening. Terry enjoys fishing, flower gardening. He and I both love the beach and go as often as we can.

E-Mail from Buddy Perry



Taken April 27th at the bowling alley restaurant in Foley.

Buddy sent the following information via e-mail to me.

He attended Old Miss and South Alabama. He married Sylvia Mixon of Foley on September 3, 1965 (still married).

He worked with the US Army Corps of Engineers as a Civil Engineer and Project Manager. His most important assignment was as Project Manager for relocating the US Southern Command for Panama to Miami. After retirement from the Corps he was the Site Manager for the construction of a \$425 million steel mill.

Buddy and Sylvia's oldest daughter, Melissa Ann, was born Mar. 25, 1971,

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Perry -continued from page eight and died Jan 18, 1977. Their second daughter, Angela Dian was born May 1, 1976 and graduated from Auburn with an MS. She works as a representative for Merck.

Buddy has been fortunate to have travelled extensively including Germany, Austria, Panama, Honduras, Belize, Columbia, Mexico, Canada, and Puerto Rica.

His Hobbies include stained glass and computers. Sylvia spends time taking care of elderly. She enjoys reading.

Found Classmates

Several classmates informed me that **Leonard "Pee Wee" Steadham** died during the past couple of years.

George McElroy, Ann Stuckey, Don Odom, Elberta Klemm and Eugene Linton have been found. Elberta wasn't lost, but I had received returned mail and dropped her off the list.

I surfed the net for actress's addresses and found an address for **Fanny Flagg** in Santa Barbara, California. It must be an agent that handles her fan mail because Mike Miceli has her number in Fairhope.

Still Missing Classmates (Will rerun until found)

1. **Joann Driver** - My last record was in 1978, when she was in Michigan.
2. **Robert Gray** - no leads
3. **Helen Jones** - no leads
4. **Cygni Ott** - She disappeared after graduation. Someone told me that she went into the military. Unfortunately, women are harder to find because of name changes.
5. **Larry Sergent** - I called every Larry or Lawrence Sergent in the US with no luck. His parents moved to Foley and opened the Dairy Queen. I believe that they sold it after a few years and moved to California.

Short jokes

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

A lot of money is tainted. It taint yours and it taint mine.

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

Announcements

Clara Kuffskie Wallace married Albert King Sr. on January 5, 2002. He was married 47 years to his first wife until she passed away. Clara had been married to Norman Wallace for over 40 years before he passed away.



Clara and Albert ready to leave on a 30 day trip in their new motor home (Jan 2002).

The following photo was taken at Leslie and Ynonne's 40th anniversary on Jan. 21, 2001. Their children are: Eric, Lisa, Gina and Rita



Eric Stump is in back. Left to right, Lisa Stump Murphy, Gina Stump, Norra Ann, girlfriend of Eric's, Logan Stump, son of Eric's, Rita Stump Fiala, Arthur Fiala, Jr. Sitted is Yvonne and Leslie. The young girl standing by Yvonne is Corine, daughter of Eric, and Yvonne is holding Veronica, daughter of Rita.

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocaine during a root canal? He wanted to transcend dental medication

Get-together April 27th

We had an informal get-together of some of the classmates at the Foley bowling alley on April 27th. We were in competition of time with the "mullet toss" and the Elberta German Fest". Irene Holman Floyd was expected, but was sick. Eleanor Russell had several jobs to cater that day, with the restaurant. Lynne Blackwell was working, Carolyn Vance Cole was turkey hunting, and on and on.

I took photos of all that were there. I later interviewed a number of them, so their photo is in their interview column. Photographed but not yet interviewed:



Major Jones

Preston Black and his wife. He did not graduate with us, used to run around with Joe Lucassen. An interview will be in the next newsletter.



Miles Neumann

Bernice Daniels Lindsey



Standing: Carolyn Vance Cole and Ken Underwood (class of '60)
Sitting: Pat Smoote Beard, Patrick Koehler and Clara Krehling Schoen.
Photo taken in April 2001 at the Foley bowling alley restaurant. About 17 were present.

Advantages of being the Editor and Producer of a Newsletter:

I get to put what I want in it. I receive a lot of e-mail daily, mostly jokes and save many of them. I have enough saved from Theresa Hagendolfer Papa's husband to produce a book!. Henry, contact me for printing information! I also receive Christian related e-mail that I like. The following was an e-mail joke that I love, from Warren Faulk:

The Golden Telephone

A man in Topeka, Kansas decided to write a book about churches around the country. He started by flying to San Francisco, and started working east from there.

Going to a very large church, he began taking photographs and making notes. He spotted a golden telephone on the vestibule wall and was intrigued with a sign, which read "\$10,000 a minute." Seeking out the pastor he asked about the phone and the sign. The pastor answered that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to Heaven and if he pays the price he can talk directly to God. The man thanked the pastor and continued on his way.

As he continued to visit churches in Seattle, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, New York and around the United States, he found more phones, with the same sign, and the same answer from each pastor.

Finally, he arrived in Alabama. Upon entering a church in Foley, AL, behold, he saw the usual golden telephone. But THIS time, the sign read "Calls: 35 cents."

Fascinated, he asked to talk to the pastor. "Reverend, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I have found this golden telephone and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven and that I could talk to God. But, in the other churches the cost was \$10,000 a minute. Your sign reads 35 cents a call. Why?"

The pastor, smiling benignly, and replied, "Son, you're in the South now....It's a local call."

One of Patrick's quotes: "I used to be conceited, but now I have no faults at all!"

Another E-mail Joke:

[Modified to fit our class]

All of my friends look so old, but I never age[Sounds like Doug]

While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered that a guy with the same name had been in my high school class almost 45 years ago. Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was too old to have been my classmate.

After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Foley High School.

Yes," he replied.

When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1959."

Why, you were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely and then asked, "What did you teach?"

Trips to Israel

A Jewish father was concerned about his son who was about a year away from his Bar Mitzvah but was sorely lacking in his knowledge of the Jewish faith. To remedy this, he sent his son to Israel to experience his heritage.

A year later the young man returned home. "Father, thank you for sending me to the land of our Fathers," the son said. "It was wonderful and enlightening; however, I must confess that while in Israel I converted to Christianity."

"Oy vey!" replied the father, "What have I done?" So, in the tradition of the patriarchs, he went to his best friend and sought his advice and solace.

"It is amazing that you should come to me," said his friend. "I, too, sent my son to Israel, and he returned a Christian."

So, in the tradition of the patriarchs, they went to the Rabbi. "It is amazing that you should come to me," said the Rabbi. "I, too, sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian. What is happening to our sons? Brothers, we must take this to the Lord." They fell to their knees and began to wail and pour out their hearts to the Almighty.

As they prayed, the clouds opened and a mighty voice said, "Amazing that you should come to Me. I, too, sent My Son to Israel".

The Building Fund

There is the story of a preacher who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation "I have good news and bad news." "The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program." "The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

What about your "dash"?

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came her date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
That she spent alive on earth..
And now only those who loved her
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own;
The cars...the house...the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left,
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real,
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile..
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read
With your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?

The CD Information

I decided to send everyone a CD even if you have no computer. Maybe your children do, and your grandchildren will probably require them. It is the future.

The CD includes the 1957, 58 and 59 yearbooks, plus photos taken in 1959 around the school, the Senior Play, Kid's Day at the beach, and all reunions. All of the photos have captions. All of the above were saved in Adobe Acrobat and you can read and see them with free Acrobat Reader. If you do not have it on your computer, or you have an older version, I included it on the CD. Additionally, there are 78 songs from the 59 era, but you can only play them on the computer. Call for any assistance. I will help by phone, or assist you on your computer when I am in Foley.

Instructions for putting Acrobat Reader on your computer:

If you don't know the basis of copy and paste commands or about folders and files, get some else to do it. If you do know, then simple copy the file named **ar500enu** on the CD to your harddrive. Once copied, find the file on the harddrive, usually at the bottom of the list after transfer. Double click on it and it will run the setup. It will put an icon on the desktop.

Using Acrobat Reader:

Open Acrobat Reader. Click on File and Open. Find the files on the CD drive. Select desired file. The pages will scroll, using the scroll bar on the right side of the screen. You can enlarge or reduce the pages by clicking on the minus or plus symbols at the top of the screen. If you click on the magnifying glass, you can zoom in on a specific person or thing.

Note at the bottom left, it will list the number of pages and what page you are on. There are buttons for "previous page" and "next page".

Listening to the Music:

If you have Windows ME or XP, Windows Media Player will automatically find the music, convert to audio and play the music. A window will display the list of songs and artists. I put the music in four folders listed as FHS1959-1, -2, -3 and -4.

If you have Windows 95 or 98, the

Windows Media Player is inferior and can not find the music. If you are on the internet, you can go to www.realone.com and download the free basic RealOne program. It is very good. If you don't have internet service, it may not be worth the trouble of playing the music as you can play only one at a time. Insert the CD, find the desired song on the CD and double click. Windows Media Player should play it.

If you are proficient on the computer, I recommend copying the music to the harddrive in a folder named My Music. If you don't have one, create one. If you don't know how, call me and spend a dollar for about 20 minutes. If you have a new computer with Windows XP, it has an excellent tutorial that will teach you how.

Once the music is copied to the harddrive, open Windows Media Player. Add the files to the Audio List. When you have all of your music listed, it automatically creates lists of artists and their songs, and albums. You can create Playlists with songs that you select from your music list. If you have a CD burner, you can then make an audio CD of your selected music, and play the CD on any CD player.

Aerial Photos (.pdf file)

There are aerial photos that I took in April. They include Boggy Branch, Bon Secour River, the Lagoon, Orange Beach, Al Grahams airstrip, Elberta, Barin Field, Foley, including old FHS.

Class Reunions

One of the greater tasks in the past has been getting correct addresses for the classmates. That is no longer a problem as I am keeping the list current, with phone numbers and 40 with e-mail addresses.

I don't work. I sit at my computer from 7am to 8pm working on something, or on the internet. Working on projects like the '59 newsletter and reunions is what I enjoy, and others benefit from it.

Therefore, I contacted Warren, our president, and other class officers for a quorum, for permission to plan the 45th reunion. I have the interest, the time and the address list.

If I sound domineering, sorry about that. I spent 30 years in management and I believe in organization. Planning now for the 45th reunion will allow classmates to plan their schedules.

In 1971 when I planned the 71 reunion (we didn't have a 10th), I mailed out a questionnaire about several dates for the reunion. At that time, Thanksgiving Friday was preferred by the majority. I have made phone calls to those that have a greater distance to travel and have asked them. Based on their response, and my personal choice of Thanksgiving Friday over a summer date, that will be the date.

Summer would be a greater expense for any from out of town that would be staying at a motel. The rates are at least three times higher.

Thanksgiving Friday allows someone within 8-10 hours driving, enough time to drive to Foley, attend the reunion and be back to work on Monday, if they are still working.

While that is the busiest time to fly, only several would be flying, if any.

Should it be in 2003 or 2004? Year 2003 would be 45 years from our senior year, whereas, 2004 would be six months after the true anniversary of graduation. Additionally, several classmates may pass away between 2003 and 2004. We are getting older! Therefore, I have chosen the date of Nov. 28th, 2003 for the 45th reunion.

Likewise, in the past two years when I was in Foley, we would have a mini-reunion and have 12-20 get together at the bowling alley restaurant.

The problem was that is was last minute planning, and classmates already had plans or were not contacted. Looking at the calendar, I propose that we have quarterly mini-reunions on the fourth Saturday of Jan, Apr, Jul and Oct. Classmates could then schedule their plans and include the get-together. Buddy and Sylvia Perry have volunteered to host the July 27th at their home in Fairhope. Mary Ann Holz Scaff has volunteered for Oct. at her home. A calendar and maps for their homes are enclosed.

Do I have any volunteers for Jan, Apr, Jul and Oct. 2003? Expect up to 25.

July 27th mini-reunion hosted by Buddy and Sylvia Perry. Time: 1pm

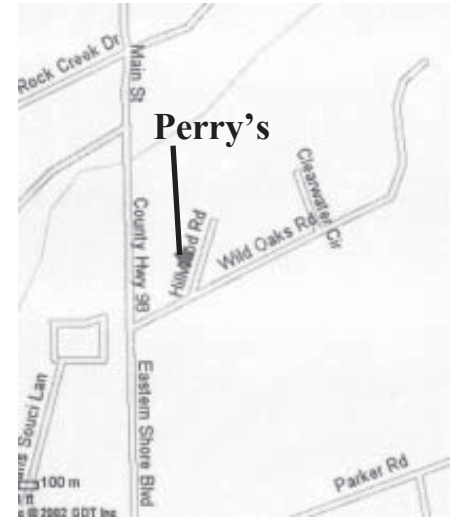
Maps and directions to their home in Fairhope.



Map #1
They are located just off the east side of Scenic 98, north of Hwy 104 from Silverhill.
You can get to Scenic 98 by travelling through Silverhill, west until the road curves around into Scenic 98.
You can go north or south on Hwy 42 to Parker Rd, turn west to Scenic 98.



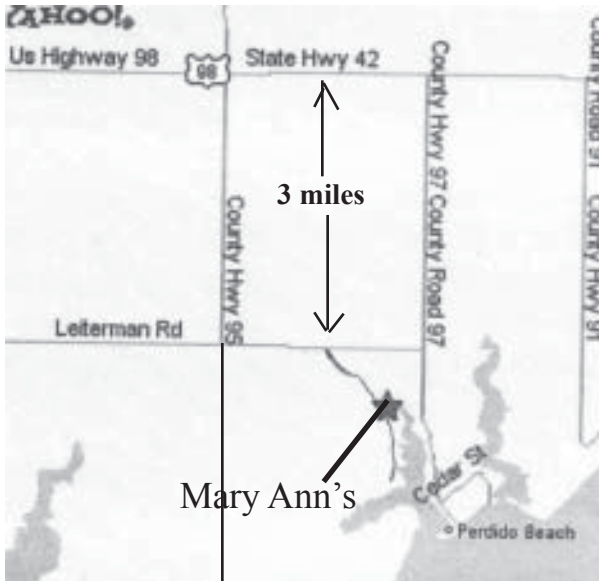
Map #2
Travelling north on Scenic 98, from Parker Rd, turn at the first right, into Wild Oaks Rd subdivision.



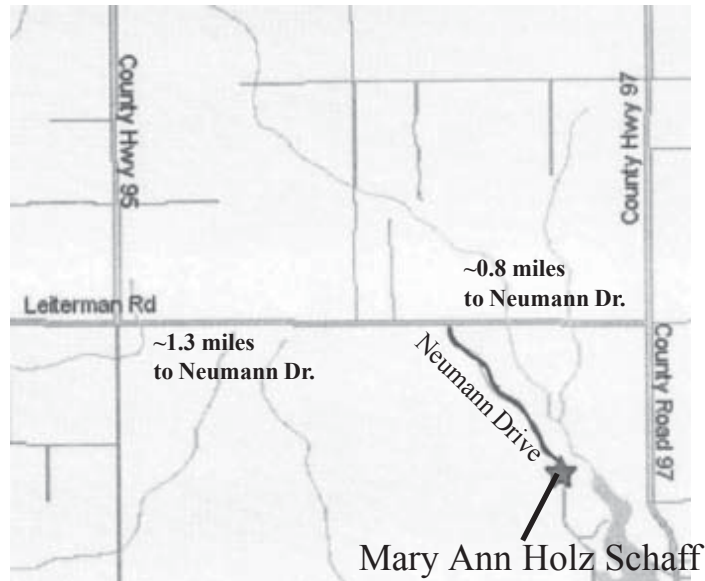
Map #3
Turning right into the Wild Oaks Subdivision on Wild Oaks Rd. Hillwood Road is the first street on the left. They are the first house on the left. The house is cedar, and the lot is natural.
22781 Hillwood Rd.
251-928-1988

October 26th mini-reunion hosted by Mary Ann Holz Schaff. Time: 1pm

Maps and directions to their home in Elberta.



Map #1
Travelling east from Elberta, turn right (south) on Hwy 95 (Pirates Cove Rd).
Travelling west from Pensacola, turn left (south) on Hwy 97.
On either road, go south 3 miles to Letterman Rd.



Map #2
From Hwy 95, turn left on Letterman Rd and go east about 1.3 miles.
From Hwy 97, turn right on Letterman Rd and go west about .8 miles.
Turn south on Neumann Drive, and go 1.2 miles to:
9108 Neumann Drive (on the left), 251-987-1491
They call their drive "John Deere Drive"
(While down that road, Al Graham's house at 8836 will be for sale next year)