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Today's Center for Tomorrow's Future!

## Eastland's Ready For Your Visit Here June 20,21,22

### Biggest Reunion Ever Predicted

Eastland's taking a deep breath with the coming of Spring, in wild anticipation of a summer that will feature the 1975 Eastland High School Ex-Student Homecoming on June 20, 21, and 22.

Gigantic plans are being made. Exes around the world are already packing and making plans to vacation in Eastland for the big event. Subscriptions to the Telegram indicate that Exes are everywhere and they're all keeping up with planning.

Local planning is frantic, with Exes President Carl

Garrett riding herd over an army of volunteers getting ready for the big get-together.

Mrs. Evelyn Daniel and Bill B. Hart are in charge for the religious service which will be held at the Wendell T. Siebert Elementary School Sunday, June 22, when Dr. Cecil Peoples, President of Lon Morris University at Jacksonville will be the principal speaker. Dr. Peoples is the only Ex who is presently serving as a college president.

Mrs. Ima Ruth Taylor will be in charge of registration at the

Elementary School Friday, June 20, with registrations to get a special souvenir pin with the school colors. Registration will be \$1.50 per person.

At the registration desk will be a representative for the Wendell T. Siebert Scholarship Fund, which is presently accepting contributors to help worthy students.

Neil Day, Bob Day and John Hart will be in charge of a golf tournament at Lone Cedar Country Club.

Saturday evening a barbecue catered by Vance Godby will be held at Maverick Stadium with Bob King in charge. Tickets will go at \$3.00 per plate and some 2,000 are expected.

Three big dances (count 'em) will be held Saturday night. One will be at the Lone Cedar

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Ya'll Come!  
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Welcome EHS Exes!

Country Club. Another at the Elementary School and the third, a sock hop, at the old High School gym. A ticket at \$2.50 will admit persons to either dance. W.H. Hoffmann and Bruce Pipkin are in charge.

The Association's next mailing will include a post card for reservations. It's very important that barbecue reservations be made in advance, Mr. Garrett said, because the caterer will only be able to provide a few extra servings.

Housing is already getting in short supply with all Eastland motels filled for the Homecoming weekend, and only limited rooms available in Cisco and Ranger. The next mailing will include a list of motels in Stephenville, Abilene and Breckenridge.

Each registrant will be responsible for making his or her own motel and - or housing reservations, Mr. Garrett said. The Eastland address for the Exes Association is P.O. Box 688, Eastland, Texas, 76448.

# EHS



## 1975 EHS Homecoming Edition

*The Before*



CLASS OF 1944 - - Stylish back in 1944 when this group of boys and girls were seniors, were short dresses and 10 cent war stamps. Knees of the girls were carefully shown. In the picture bottom row: Peggy McFarland, Julia Brown, Teresa Samuels, Beth Conner Reineman, Emma Dee Barker, Dorothy Lou Johnson, Jody Harris. Second Row: Louise Cannon, Mary Ruth Gilliam, Evelyn Blanchard, Betty Jean Smith, Betty Mae Jones, Joy Hogan, Martha Lou McDonald, Lois Hoffman. Third Row: Wynelle Carroll, Virginia Houston, Catherine Cornelius, Ellen Geue, Jeanne Crossley, Naomi Mackey, Margaret Greiger, Wanda Couch, Sammy Bisbee. Fourth Row: Tommy Overby, Norman Durham, Drexell Guyton, John Howell, Bob Harrison, Dick Brogdon, Wid Crawford, Johnny Armstrong, Estes Halkias Back Row: Marvin Hood, Charles Beskow, Paul Gibson, Eugene Stiffler. Picture taken in 1943 when students were juniors.

*The After*

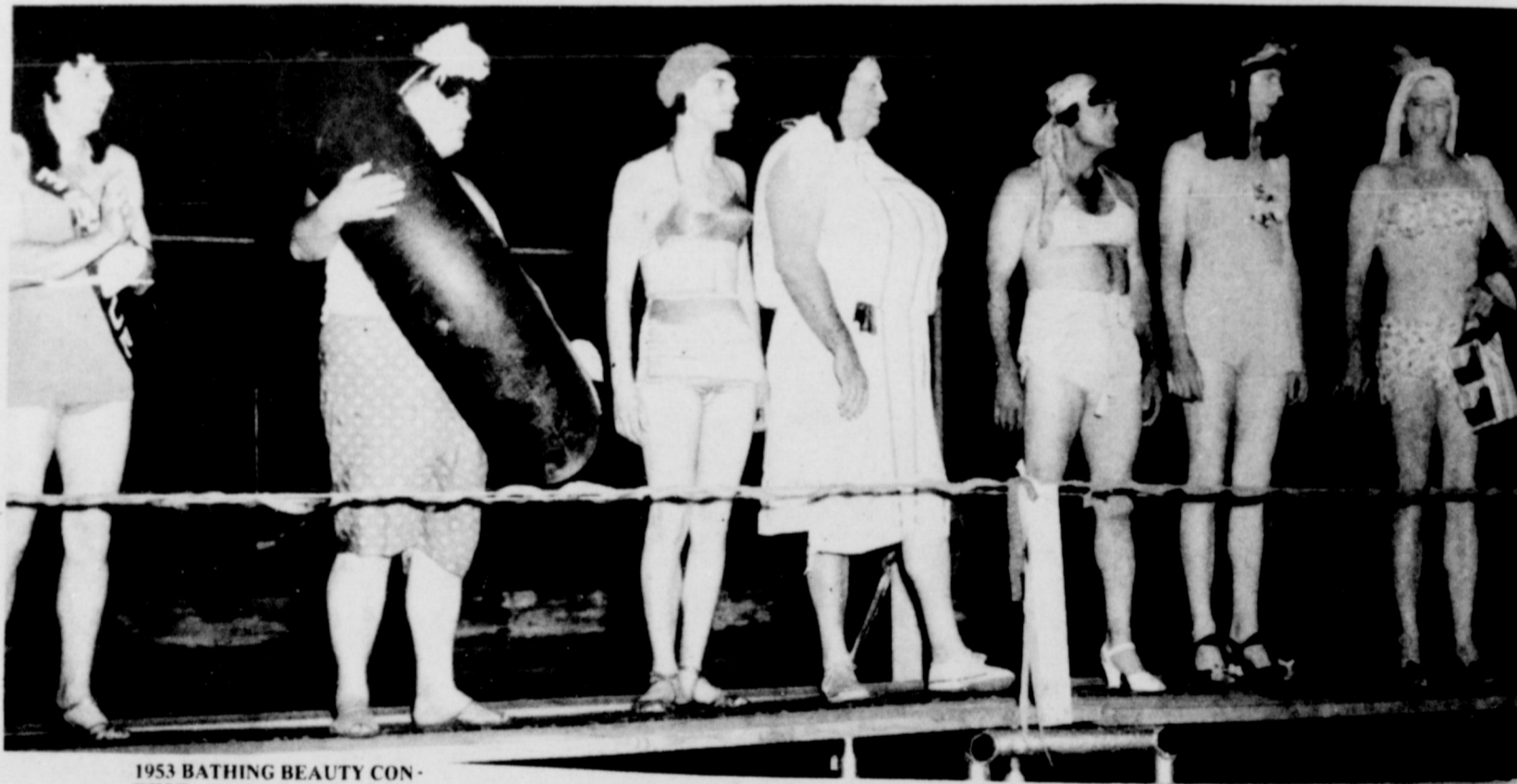


HOMECOMING 1970 - - Front Row: Dick Brogdon, John Marvin Hood, F.L. Spurlen, Paul Gibson, Norman Durham, Charles Beskow. Middle Row: Wid Crawford, Marlin Cagle, Jody Harris Cagle, Ellen Geue Crawford, Flo Brogdon, Dee Rushing Miller, Kathleen Collir Kroll, Faye Spurlen, Clarene Seabourne Lindley, J.C. Lindley. Back Row: Jane Durham, Billie Beskow, Bettye Jones Pryor, Mrs. Paul Gibson, Catherine Cornelius Germany, Jack Germany.

**CLASS OF 1965**  
 Hey, hey look alive  
 Here comes the Class of '65  
 Can you believe it's been 10 years  
 Since we stood on the stage  
 And shed those tears  
 It was a sad and happy time for me  
 HAPPY because we finally made it!  
 SAD for friends we'll no longer see.  
 Now's our chance to meet again  
 And tell each other where we've been  
 What we've seen and what we've done

And what new things we've just begun.  
 Ten years ago who would have thought  
 That these 41 kids  
 Could ever be taught  
 To do the jobs they are doing today  
 Some of which read this way:  
 We have a doctor, a lawyer, but--Indian Chief?  
 Salesmen, businessmen - and professional people  
 Teachers teaching at all different levels  
 From grade school to high school  
 And even college professors

A newspaper reporter, a nurse, and electrician  
 Housewives, mothers, and perhaps a beautician.  
 And would you believe--an FBI man  
 Whose help I could use to find the rest of the clan!  
 In order to find out--WHO does WHAT?  
 Come to our party at 2:30 o'clock.  
 We'll meet in the EHS cafeteria  
 On Saturday evening to create some hysteria!  
 Class Agents  
 Jan (Taylor) Cooper  
 Mike Siebert



1953 BATHING BEAUTY CONTEST--At the Fourth of July Celebration held in the city park in 1953, an unusual group of beauties vied for honors. Contestants left to right were John Kilgore, Fats Moser, David McKee, Neil Day, Frank Hightower, Ross Rucker, and James Reid. Named outstanding beauty and awarded many prizes was James Reid.

*We've Come A Long Way Since*

*Welcome Exes*



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**EASTLAND, TEXAS** **FDIC**



SOME OF M.H. PERRY'S ATHLETES 1944 - - Back Row: M.H. Perry, Jack Ernst, Jim Hardwick, Alan Hunt, Lewis Crossley, Thomas Davis, Dick Sparks. Front Row: Pete McFarland, Harvey Grigsby, Margil Wadley, Roy Ray Mitchell.



VOLLEYBALL, 1944- - Back Row: Geraldine Robertson, Margaret Bourland, M.H. Perry, Patsy Safley, Jan Spalding. Front row: Sue Watson, Patricia Smith, Paula Duncan, Betty Harkrider



SOUTH WARD GRADUATION 1946 - - First Row: Zena Grissom, Jim Ed Willman, Maxine Rusk, Rodney Stephen, Joe Ernst, Herby Weaver. Second Row: Ann Day, Nancy Wright, Sarita Seale, Dickie Evatt, John Whatley, Buster Graham, Jane Myrick, Claudine Lasater, Mary Ann Garrett, Nell Gibbs. Top Row: Mrs. Bernice Durham, principal; Helen Alford, Mary Alice Freese, Buddy Aaron, Audrey, Crews, Noma Lee Harbin, Babs Sherrill, Guy Warden.

That Day and Knight detention hall at EHS in the twenties was famous (or infamous) all over the county---almost as well known as the BumbleBee Society organized by Mildred Day and Sue Day many years later. Almost impossible to locate, that buzz in study hall was maddening! And Jerry Penn, Innocent Onlooker, was unfairly blamed! Oh, well, he didn't hold it against the teacher, and Sue and Mildred thought it hilarious

Innovation! Miss Sherry Nixon was the first official girl Fire Boy, and what a pretty one she was.

The high school girls enjoyed having their pictures made and the boys and women faculty members hated it. There was always a scramble to hide proofs? Is it still like that?

The 1939 class has sometimes been referred to as the BOB class---one third Bobs: Bob Ferguson, Bob Keasler, Bob Leslie, Bob McFarland, Bob Perkins and Bob Searles. Any Others? No Robertas.

Why didn't we save all those clever rhymes and squibs that Leon Hale wrote at the end of his themes and exams? We could make real money!



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**RIP AND SIP CLUB 1946 - - Top Row:** Marilyn Brink, Miss Loretta Morris, sponsor; Veda Myrl Sneed, Jeanne Green, Gay Nell Whitley, Annie Pearl Harris, Billie Jean Armstrong, Ruby Brinkley, Betty Allison. **Third Row:** Jan Spalding, Dorothy Sims, Nell Frost, Wanda Williams, Joyce Tucker, Jeral Stuart, Wanda Thompson, Troy Williams. **Second Row:** Barbara Martin, Betty Gay Allen, Pat Rushing, Betty Ferguson, LaVerne Cornelius, Bobby Shero, Nancy Harkrider, Joyce Mathews, Betty Harkrider, Naomi Wood. **Front Row:** Patsy Young, Myrlene Griffin, Patsy Safley, Shirley Frazer, Mary Halkias, Wilma Brinkley, Geraldine Robertson, Rita Fox, Juanita Duffield.

**THE CLASS OF 1953**  
By Dolores Warden  
[Mrs. J. Don Vann]

Members of the class of '53 are the magical Jack Benny age of 39, except for some who have already taken the dreaded plunge into 40. Happily, there are no obituaries to report; we seem to be a healthy and prolific group.

**DO YOU REMEMBER?** The big song on the juke boxes that spring was "Bumming Around"; football captains were Don Roff and Norman Watson; Joe Muirhead had a license number on his two-toned

Pontiac to match his jersey number 34; class officers were Don Webb, Bob Jones, and Dolores Warden; Janie Dutton and Bob Jones were queen and king of EHS (Edith Cox and Don Roff were runners up); the coronation had an "Over the Rainbow" theme; the senior play was "June Graduate" and was considered "very sophisticated" (the reviewer from the Eastland Telegram said he could say unqualifiedly it was the best he had ever seen, and then stated it was the first he had ever seen); Patsy Simpson was band sweetheart and Mable

Grimes was football sweetheart; the Co-Ed club invited every girl in the incoming freshman class to belong to the club; Jana Weaver was chosen as class beauty; DAR awards went to Don Webb and Dolores Warden; four members who did not graduate with the class but were claimed as our own were Sissy Ellis, Judy Haines, Lonnie Young and Gay Poe; the Kendrick made the large ring for the ring presentation; the Hobo Party on Seaman Street; Teacher Johnson's 4A English Class at 7th period was all girls (eleven of them); Bettie Robin-

son's parents, the Guy Robinsons gave more parities and attended more class events than any parents; Edith Cox's father could get the greatest number of teenagers in his small car and would drive them anywhere; formal dresses were strapless, full, and had lots of net; casual dresses were just above the ankle; our short, short, short kid-day dresses were knee length; the boys' suits had gigantic shoulder pads and the pants were baggy; favored boys were the four Dons--Martin, Webb, Roff and Chrisman; honor graduates were Jana Weaver and Dolores Warden; members of the class worried about choosing a college, finding a job or getting a mate.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Four still live in Eastland (Sallie Cooper, Shorty Kendrick, Patsy Simpson, Gay Poe); three are grandmothers (Rhea Hurt, Celeste Richardson, Mary Ann Henderson); seven married Eastland classmates (Sallie Cooper, Douglas Crabtree, Earline Miller, Don Roff, Jana Weaver, Norman Watson, Gay Poe); one lives out of the continental United States (Edith Cox); ten live in a state other than Texas; two could not be located (W.L. Dean Jr., and Janice Garrison); three, at least have daughters graduating from high school this year (Mable Grimes, Norman Watson and Patsy Simpson); two still have parental homes side-by-side on Seaman Street (Jana Weaver and Mable Grimes); the award for longest residency must go to Rhea Hurt, because she moved to Monahans in December, 1952, and still lives there; a few classmates got together for two reunions in 1974--in September, Sissy Ellis was hostess at her

new townhouse in Fort Worth to Judy Haines, Eileen Vaughan, Mary Ann Henderson, Mable Grimes and Dolores Warden. Sissy is still in a wheelchair from her bout with polio, but she is an accomplished home maker and mother of two beautiful daughters--in December, Dolores Warden was hostess to Judy, Eileen, Mable, Gay Poe and Sallie Cooper for a luncheon in Denton.

I did not hear from our president, Don Webb, but our vice president, Bob Jones, has been in the Army 19 years and is a Major now teaching ROTC at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He and his wife Suzie have a 17 year old daughter, Julie, and a 15 year old son, Frank. Your secretary-treasurer, Dolores Warden, married a TCU classmate, who is now an English professor at North Texas State University. We have a ten year old son, Christopher and a nine year old daughter, Vanessa, who helped with the mailings to the Class of '53 and are looking forward to staying in a cabin on the lake for the homecoming festivities.

Gay Poe Hart and Sallie Cooper Kinnaird have reserved the Farm Bureau Building for the classes of '52, and '53 reunion. See you there!

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

The class picture of 1940 was probably the last time that many of the class were together. Surprisingly, all but four stayed in Texas. Unfortunately, six are deceased. There is only one person out of the class we cannot locate--Dr. M.C. Sparr, where are you??

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## Class Meeting On Saturday, June 21

1905 - 1913: Meeting at the apartment of Iona Day Sikes, No. 7 Sabine Terrace Apts., 2 p.m. Agents: Iona Day Sikes and Sallie Day Garrett.

1914 - 1919: Meeting at the Siebert Elementary School, Room 9, 1 p.m. Agent: Edith Rowe Wood.

1920 - 1922: Open House, 402 W. Sadosa, (Teach Johnson's home) 1:30 p.m. Agents: Pebble Hargus Boles and Verna Johnson. EVERYONE COME BY!!!

1923 - 1925: Meeting in Room 3, announced by agents George Fields, Zinna Henderson Bourland, Mineola Graham Varner and Lucille Martin Calloway.

1926: Meeting at the Bank Conference Room, 1:30 p.m. Arranged by agent Volney Day.

1927: Luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vaught, 2000 Blair Dr., 12:30 p.m. Agent: Homer Smith.

1928: Luncheon at Lone Cedar Country Club, 12:30 p.m. Agents: Ann Hunt Carpenter and Jim Golden.

1929: Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frost. Agent Ila Mae Coleman.

1930 - 1931: Meeting at the First Christian Church Annex, 2 p.m. Agents: Henry Van Geem, Joe Gray and Melvain Lobaugh.

1932 - 1933: Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Childress, 1010 W. Moss, 2 p.m. Agents: Carl and Shirley Ferrell Garrett and Dan Childress.

1934 - 1936: Meeting at the Texas Electric Service Center Meeting Room, Breckenridge Hwy., 1:30 p.m. Agents: Tom Harrison, Elva Lee Jones and Bea Young Moylan.

1937: Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walters 810 W. Valley. Agents: Ima Ruth Hale Taylor, Tip Arther and Jimmy Mahon.

1938: Meeting at the lake home of Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Fullen, 2:30 p.m. Agents: Jack Brown and Nelda Wood Wright.

1939: Meeting at the home of Bob Leslie, 415 S. Hillcrest, 2 p.m. Agents: Rudolph Little and Bob Perkins.

1940: Meeting at the farm home of Col. and Mrs. Don Jones, Hwy. 80 West of Ranger, 2 p.m. Agents: Petros Cox and Alva Roper Jones.

1941: Luncheon at the Ramada Inn, 12:30 p.m. Virgil T. Seaberry Jr., class agent.

1942: Meeting at High School, room 2, 2 p.m. Agents: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freyschlag,

1943: Meeting at Lone Cedar Country Club, 2 p.m. Agents James Wright and Leonard Todd.

1944: Luncheon at the Ramada Inn, 12:30 p.m. Agents: Betty Jones Pryor and Catherine Cornelius Germany and Dolores Rushing Miller.

1945: Meeting at the Maverick Room, Educational Building, First Baptist Church, 2 p.m. Agents: Patsy Green Cleveland and Venita Mahaffey Rhodes.

1946: Lawn Party at 105 McWood St, 1:30 p.m. Agents: Lynda Hassell Stroud and Harold Everett.

1947: Meeting at the lake home of the Bourlands, 2 p.m. Agents: Margaret Bourland Hollowell and John Freeman.

1948: Meeting on Park Hill, 2 p.m. Agents: Juanita Duffield Grisham and Rita Jordan Fox.

1949: Meeting at the lake home of the Bourlands, 2 p.m. Agents: Richard Bourland and Cyrus Miller, Jr.

1950 - 1951: Meeting at the home of agents Nita Fay Massengale Parsons and Henry Parsons, 1209 S. Seaman, 2 p.m.

1952 - 1953: Meeting at the Farm Bureau, Hwy. 80 East, 2 p.m. Agents: Jane Myrick Carter, Sally Cooper Kinnaird and Dolores Warden Vann.

1954: Lawn Party at 205 S. Connellee, 2 p.m. Agents: Joan Jackson Johnson and Neil Van Geem.

1955: Meeting at the Siebert Elementary Cafeterium, 2 p.m. Agent Neal Edwards and Lyla Pearl Houston Mahaffey.

1956: Meeting the the Game Room Ramada Inn 1 to 5 p.m. Agents: Raul Herrera and Clyde Evatt.

1957: Meeting at the Siebert Elementary School Cafeterium, 2 p.m. Agent: Jean Whitten Edwards. Girls of the class meet at the Bank Conference Room, Saturday morning at 10:00.

1958: Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Day, 515 S. Daugherty, 2 p.m. Agents: Mildred Day Adair and Sue Day Ragsdale.

1959: Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Alsop, 507 E. Pershing, 2 p.m. Agents: Sandi Taylor



Remember these gals and guys who were in Miss Christine Lewis's Speech Class in the '40's? They regaled high school and town audiences with plays, programs for civic clubs, speeches and other activities. They did not make Broadway, but they received excellent training and had many good times. From left to right: Front Row: Connie Canaris, Joyce Moore, Nancy Seaberry, Janice Titsworth, Glenna Johnson, Travis Harrell. Second Row: Julia Lawson, Frances Beskow, Patsy Sparks, Fannie Bell Samuels. Third Row: Marjorie Harper, Louise Baggett, Sibyl Patterson, Wallace Hooper, Charles Mehaffey. Back Row: Christine Lewis, Gertrude Smith, Nell Watzon, Dan Hightower, Bennie Houle, Bennie Gaeta, Carl Bryant.



SENIOR MEMBERS OF 1969 MAVERICKS - John Baker, Eddie Kincaid, George Sims, David Cagle, Bill Hoffman, and Larry Lane.

Alsop and Gaila Walters Arther.

1960: Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Phillips, 508 Crestwood, 2 p.m. Agent: Bob Phillips.

1961: Meeting at the High School Room 5, 2 p.m. Agents: Willie O'Steen Ames, Jettie Seay Weeded and Sherry Warren Cate.

1962 - 1963: Meeting at Bell Hurst, 2:30 p.m. Agents: Susan Johnston Warford, John Russell, Shirley Smith Ables and Becky McAlister Norris.

1964: Meeting at the Little Red Kindergarten, Elementary School, 2 p.m. Agents: Sharon Wilson Moylan and Sheila Sneed Wright.

1965: Meeting at the high school Cafeteria, 2 p.m. Agents: Jan Taylor Cooper and Mike Siebert.

1966: Morning Coffee at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pat Miller, 602 S. Connellee, 10 a.m. Arranged by Jennifer Pryor Wilson and Steve Perdue. Agents: Sharon Spradling Davis, Carolyn Thomas Martin and Lois Ann Simms Boles.

1967: Meeting at the Texas Electric Ready Room, 2 p.m. Agents: Becky Simms Siebert and Kathy Williams Swift.

1968: Meeting at the lake home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mahan, 2 p.m. Agents: Clara June Smith Guelks and Karen Green.

1969: Patio Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N.L. DeFord, 725 S. Ammerman, 2 p.m. Agents: Nanette DeFord Keith, Mary George Perkins Spradling and Diane Young.

1970: Meeting in the Homemaking Department, High School, 2p.m Agents Shelley Siebert Montgomery and Marsha Hanna Herrideg.

1971: Party at the lake home of Jeff Jackson, 2 p.m. Agents: Marcia Griffin and Jo Ann Baker.

1972: Lawn Party at the home of Robin King, 2 p.m. 101 S. Hillcrest Agents: Robin King and Becky Hana.

1973: Meeting in the High School Study Hall, 2 p.m. Agents: Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Harrell.

1974: To be announced by agents John Frost and David Baze.

1975: To be announced by agents John Marshall and John David Hart.

Remember our doggy senior? Victor Miller and Freddie Tucker had a dog that never missed a day of school for four

years. He even came when his masters were too ill to attend. There was talk of awarding him a diploma.



PHIL LEWIS

A 1960 alumnus of Eastland High School, the 33 year old Lewis has written a book on how to bridge the gap between management and employees' inability to communicate, a rampant and much ignored problem, he said.

Lewis is much in demand as a speaker in Oklahoma and will continue to take his message, which he spreads with the zeal of a missionary, outside the classroom to groups that ask him to preach the word on effective communications to their managers and employees.

Lewis has been teaching at Oklahoma State since 1970.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lewis, formerly of Eastland and now of Breckenridge.

Not long after that Doug and Charles Lane (really good friends) had a slight scuffle in the English classroom and to their embarrassment and the teacher's had to have an interview with Mr. Womack, who was understanding and sympathetic.

## Dr. Peeples EHS Homecoming Speaker



Noted pastor and educator Dr. C.E. Peeples will be principal speaker at the Eastland High School Homecoming religious services Sunday morning, June 22.

Dr. Peeples attended Eastland High School two years, playing on the basketball team and representing the school at the District track meet in Abilene in shot put and discus.

He graduated from Clarendon College, where he played on an undefeated football team and won the outstanding debate award.

He received his Bachelors, Masters, and Bachelor of Divinity Degrees from Southern Methodist University. While there he coached debate and taught government. He also did

graduate work at Columbia University and the University of Texas.

He was coach one year at Tahoka High School, coach and high school principal one year at Texline, and superintendent of schools one year at Texline. He served four years as a minister in East Texas and then for 38 years was president of Lon Morris College. During his administration an entirely new plant was built, eleven major buildings and twelve brick homes for teachers. The endowment grew to \$1,700,000.

Dr. Peeples has been president of the Texas Methodist College Presidents' Association, the National Methodist Junior College Association, the Texas Junior College Association, and the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Jacksonville Rotary Club.

He is a permanent member of the Lon Morris College Board of Trustees and chairman of the Endowment Committee.

Dr. Peeples married the former Miss Gladys Labenski of Dallas. They have two daughters Mrs. Nelda Darrell of Owensboro, Kentucky, and Mrs. Vernon Weddle Jr., of Los Angeles, California.

Additional plans for the Sunday service will be announced in the future. Mrs. Varge Daniel and Attorney Bill Hart are in charge of this committee.

## A THANKSGIVING DINNER 1916

In response to your request for class agents to write news articles, humorous, serious or dramatic, I am happy to report on a very unusual Thanksgiving Dinner which our superintendent, Mr. George Brogden, who was our room teacher, planned when we were seniors in 1916 and 1917 until our graduation in May 1917.

This wonderful occasion was planned by Mr. George Brogden. The dinner was an expression of his originality and his love and confidence in us; also it has been a beacon in my life throughout these 58 years since our graduation, May 1917.

One day a few days before Thanksgiving in 1916, Mr. Brogden requested our class, consisting of three boys and six girls, to remain in our room a few minutes after school.

His announcement started like this: "How would you like to have a Thanksgiving Dinner together? Just you seniors and myself--" Of course we were thrilled. Mr. Brogden said, "There is room for us upstairs, the boys and myself will bring in tables and place them together until there is room for ten place settings. On Saturday the boys and myself will go opossum hunting and we will not come back until we have killed one. Also we will gather beautiful golden brown leaves from the trees on the river bottom. We will pick pecans under the big trees along the Leon River.

You girls are to prepare vegetables, salad, cake and pies, the usual Thanksgiving dinner, with the exception of the opossum.

The boys and myself will dress the opossum and keep him in the ice box. Now who will bake this opossum?" All the girls shook their heads "No"--you know opossum is a delicacy if prepared properly, all the girls again shook their heads "No".

Finally Irene Collins said, "I have never baked one but I'll try". The dressed opossum was to be delivered to Irene the day

before Thanksgiving and that completed the boys part.

Now that all the plans were made, we had only to wait for Thanksgiving morning. I awakened very early and baked the sweet potato pie, as I had promised. Soon I was dressed and walking ¼ mile to school carrying my pie. On the third floor of the high school I found Gussie Simmons (now Mrs. Gene Andrews) who had arrived a few minutes before myself and had lit an old oil stove that was in the old time clock room. This was enough heat for our vegetable dishes.

The other girls came shortly with their dishes and food. I brought a beautiful white linen table cloth which we spread over the long table that the boys had arranged by putting small tables side-by-side.

Soon Mr. Brogden came with the autumn leaves which he carefully spread over the white linen cloth to a depth of three inches. Then he took the fresh pecans and hid them among the autumn leaves. The boys came one-by-one, each had done his part.

Finally Irene and the opossum arrived. I had already vowed not to taste but I can still remember how beautifully baked that opossum was and I can also remember very well how pretty it looked in that bed of fall leaves flanked with other Thanksgiving foods.

When we had finished the wonderfully delicious meal Mr. Brogden said, "Now, hunt through the leaves and find the fresh pecans, and as you crack and eat them we will visit and tell what your plans are after graduation in May.

All of the girls wanted to teach school, and we all did teach. I have had little contact with the boys in our class but understand they have all been successful.

If I may speak for the class of 1917 I would say we were blessed with wonderful class mates and great teachers.

Edith Rowe Wood

## Mrs. Seelig To Be

### Guest Soloist

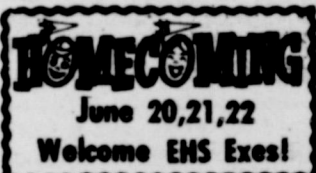


Mrs. Virginia Garrett Seelig, guest soloist for E.H.S. Homecoming, is a graduate who chose music as a career.

She graduated from Hardin Simmons University and received her Masters from North Texas State. She has studied under many well known voice teachers in California, Washington, D.C., and for the past six months has been taking opera training and voice at the famous Mosarticum, Salsburg, Austria.

Virginia is a concert soloist of renown in Texas and the Southwest. She has made numerous recordings for Word Record Co., has appeared for numerous productions at Casa Manana in Fort Worth and has given numerous solo concerts for churches, clubs and civic organizations. She was with Billy Graham Team during London Crusade.

Virginia has taught voice at Southern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth for the past 14 years and is married to John Seelig, vice president of the Seminary. They have two sons, both in religious training. Virginia is the daughter of Mrs. Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland and sister of Carl Garrett.



Homecoming religious service will be held June 22, 1975 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wendell T. Siebert Elementary School.

Principal speaker will be Dr. C.E. Peeples of Jacksonville, Texas. As is customary, the services will be conducted by ex-students of Eastland High School. In addition to Dr. Peeples, the known ex-student ministers are: L.V. Simmons, Austin, Texas; John C. Corey, Junction, Texas; Lloyd Hearn, Matador, Texas; W.E. Hallenbeck, Eastland; George McWilliams, San Antonio; Grady N. Allison, New York; Ed Hart, Beirut, Lebanon; Dr. Bob Collie, Columbus, Ohio; Richard Bumpass, Fort Worth; James Allison, Lubbock; J.C. Tankersley, Texoma, Okla.; Stanley Blevins, Lubbock; Billy Howard Upchurch, Monahan; Dr. Phillip Lewis, Stillwater, Okla.; Oran Rhodes, Clyde, North Carolina; and Rudy Fambrough, Eastland.

We are requesting that all ex-student ministers honor us by sitting in on the dais.

Other plans for this service will be announced at a later date.

## Teach Says Thanks



Joyce Johnson, librarian and Teach Johnson on Southampton Row in London across the street from the Imperial Hotel (tour headquarters) and just outside famous Russell Square. (Possible because of affection of EHS exes and town friends.)

## NOTE OF APPRECIATION, HEARTS AND FLOWERS AND ALL THAT

Sentimental? Of course I am! Inarticulate? Even more so! But the time has come for me to express a little of the love and affection I have for my hundreds of girls and boys.

When I stood on that platform at last homecoming and accepted your token of more appreciation than I deserve, I was speechless, tearful, and abashed, and for that matter, I still am.

I did go abroad in 1971, accompanied by my sister Joyce, a librarian. We left in May and returned in August.

London was our headquarters. We stayed at a small family hotel just around the corner from the British Museum, and within walking distance of theaters, shops, book stores, and "the city". From London we ventured forth by train and bus. That journey was the dream of a lifetime realized because of you!

I have not seen any of the letters you wrote, but I have heard some amusing and touching reactions. James told me that one fellow wrote, "Hell, I'll give a dollar. She helped to keep me out of the pen". Someone else said, "I'll give a dollar for each year she taught". And another said, "She dragged me out of the pool hall one afternoon at five o'clock to take a scholarship test". Three talented people said that Teach always believed that they could write. And a charming girl said, "Because of her I'd like to be a teacher. She enjoys her work."

Naturally I feel humble. Please come by to see me - - and introduce me to your families if I do not know them. Perhaps some day to some extent I can repay you - - for your belief and your faith.

Remember from our American literature this poem by Sara Teasdale?

Into my heart's treasury I slipped a coin,  
Which Time cannot take nor a thief purloin;

Better than the minting of a gold-crowned king

Is the safe-kept memory of a lovely thing.

By Teach Johnson

## Exes Officers Say 'Welcome'



**Carl Garrett**  
President

COMMUNIQUE FROM  
MEMBER OF CLASS OF 1917.

Dear Edith,

Are there only seven of us left in the class of '17? I hope we all make it to homecoming. I shall certainly be there. I don't want to miss seeing the fat and the bald. And if there's a prize for the fattest ex, I'll probably win. I'm looking forward to all that huggin' and kissin'. That will be great.

You asked me to relate a funny thing that happened at school. As you remember, we had outside johns in those days. When you wanted to leave the room, you had to hold up two fingers. Some of the boys would use this as an excuse to go smoke, which of course was a hanging offense. Sure enough, one of the teachers caught them. hen the rule was made



**Mrs. W.T. Siebert**  
Secretary

that no one could leave the room unless he was taking medicine.

One fine day a seventh grade teacher had to be absent from school. A senior was sent to take her place. I was the senior! Just as I was about ready to start the class, this big ole boy held up two fingers. I snappily asked him if he was taking medicine. He said, "Nome, but I've been drinking lots of water". All the kids got hysterical and I did too. Do you remember that incident and that ole boy?

School was always, royal fun to me. I was always so tickled about everything that I'm surprised I ever learned to read and write. I'm still not too serious minded.

Will see you at our meetin' in Room 9, Siebert Elementary. Hope it will be a fun thing.

Bess Harrell Glasscock



**James Reid**  
Treasurer



Stacy Blair, 1973 winner of the Hinda Honigman Scholarship for the Blind, has been invited to appear on the program at the Biennial Convention of the National Federation of Music Clubs in Atlanta, Georgia.

## To Direct Energy Office



STILLWATER, OKLA.--Dr. Norman N. Durham, former resident of Eastland, will be director of a \$110,000 Federal Energy Office investigation into energy conservation with the awarding of the project to Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Durham is the OSU graduate college dean and director of the OSU Environmental Institute which will conduct the project.

"The purpose of the project is to find what type of barriers, if any, exist in U.S. educational systems that would inhibit implementation of effective energy conservation programs," said Dr. Carl Anderson, project coordinator.

The survey will cover 17,000 school districts and over 2,000 colleges and universities in the 48 contiguous states.



**Ed Cox**

From time to time it has been my good fortune to observe and also make some sort of critical judgment of athletes, both good and bad.

But I am thinking right now, and I don't anticipate that anyone will ever change my mind on this point, that the finest all-round athlete I have had the good fortune to observe, both in his personal life and athletic performance, was none other than Ed T. Cox Jr., the finest athlete Eastland High School ever produced over its long history of athletic prowess.

I will readily confess that the first impressions of a youngster will always remain with him till his dying day, and they sometimes may be a little distorted, but I am thinking that Ed T. Cox was the finest football player I ever saw.

BY JOE GREY

## HONEST-TO-GOODNESS

# Welcome Exes



### OF THIS AND THAT

Jim Tom Warden composed a tune for the first 18 lines of the Prologue to the Canterbury Tales and the seniors presented the lines in assembly to the accomplishment of guitars. I'll venture that half of the adult population of Eastland (exes, that is) can continue from this, "Whan that Aprille with its shoures sote"

Remember when the standard lights in front ceased to function and a floodlight was installed on the window sill of one of the English rooms to illuminate the front steps and keep callers from breaking their ne-ks. And then the word went

around that certain teachers were turning on the flood light at odd times to spy on the parkers!

Those popularity contests staged by the Latin Class made money for worthwhile projects and also gave us a colorful pageant of handsome guys and beautiful gals. Evelyn Whatley was a talented director.

For several years during the forties the senior class bought government bonds and then cashed them in and bought beautiful crimson curtains for the stage.

Remember when Bill Stanley and Pat and Annelle Miller

trained an A capella choir which was a delight to listen to and which won all kinds of honors. Then on KID DAY Douglas King presented his a capella choir, exaggerating Mr. Stanley's style so effectively that during the rest of the day our popular principal asked one and all if he really twitched his fanny that way!

Years ago Hal Holbrook, the actor, appeared on an assembly program as Mark Twain and as William Shakespeare. The spell bound audience of teenagers recognized the talent of this man and talked in English and speech classes about how far he would go in the world of theater. How different from Box and Cox.

The Trapp Family Singers introduced us to the Sound of Music long before that movie. And they were gracious in giving our students interviews.

Football and dramatic productions kept things lively. At one time pep rallies were held the first period in the auditorium and the rest of the day small rallies were held between classes. What pandemonium!

Play practice often lasted late and stage crews stayed and worked far into the night building sets and painting. As Bob Latham so often observed too many chiefs and not enough Indians. The police often came by to see what we were doing in the auditorium during the wee hours. Mothers frequently brought food and drinks, saving our sanity. Once a father came rather late, looked at the bedraggled workers, left, and came back with cartons of coffee and four pies. Such attention.

Remember the talented artists, Mrs. Virgil Seaberry Sr., and Mrs. P.A. Cox who painted portraits, flowers, and landscapes to enhance our dramatic productions.

And those tireless directors such as Mrs. McElroy, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Whatley, Mrs. Willman, Mrs. Durham, Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Mahan and others who slaved willingly and tirelessly to produce those thrilling dramas.

Sometimes the thrilling drama was backstage. Remember those rehearsals that led to the altar?

Study halls were sometimes ideal, but toward the end of the day were nightmares endured by students and teachers alike.

Someone noticed how smooth the front walk became after having been used as a dance floor.

Remember some of the beautiful dances in the old gym--for instance, that Christmas holiday dance with cedar trees and swags and snowmen, and beautiful girls in formals.



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- John Nevill, Mgr.



FROM THE FILES OF CARL BUTLER, OLDEN - - One of the first classes taught in the new red brick building of 1911 was this 8th grade group. The instructor, Bob Moreland, taught here only one year. The pupils on row one, front to back, are Ruby Wilson, Thelma Bedford, Ima Lee Peck, Charlotte Hill (for whom the Charlotte Hotel was named) and Ruby Downtain. Also in the picture are Mary Day, R.M. Johnson and Carl Butler.



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1943

BY JAMES T. WRIGHT

The first Home Coming for the class of 1943 was held in 1953, two years prior to the first All School Home Coming. The event took place at the City Park with a huge crowd present.

This year our Fabulous Fifty will begin festivities with a Friday evening reception at the home of Ray and Betty Pryor, 504 S. Daughtery St.

Our class meeting will convene at 2 p.m. at Lone Cedar Country Club.

Leonard Todd and Sue Bende Goode have been doing a splendid job with our publicity and keeping up with the current addresses of our class. We still do not have the current address of Stanley B. Collins, John Halkias, Verba Cee Jackson

Newman. Anyone knowing the addresses of these class members are requested to notify Leonard Todd at 500 N. Lee, Odessa, Texas or James T. Wright, 104 N. Lamar, Eastland, Texas.

We have heard from several members of our class and as it looks from here, we should have a good attendance. Billy Allen Kinney will play the piano at our meeting and we might sing a song or two. We hope he forgets to bring his trombone. Leonard Todd and I have been on a diet, so look closely, you might not recognize us. Our banker, Wyndle Armstrong still hasn't found a wife, but is still looking. Jack Hail of Weatherford is coming this year for the first time. Billy Kelly has moved to Alabama, but plans to be here. He still has a do nothing job training helicopter pilots. Merlene Ross King is Still managing to put up with Bob. Darwin Miller still has his, High School figure. Betty Pryor (with very little financial or physical assistance from Ray) has just completed a beautiful fence in year just for our Friday night get together.

Let's all get together and make this one of greatest ever.



# EASTLAND HIGH SCHOOL



CLASS OF 1923 - - Bottom row, left to right: Ruby Smith, Gladys Webb, Pauline LaRobadiere, Earl Conner, Ruby Ray Toombs, Maurice Stalter, Gordon Brelsford, Gertrude Harwood, Elvie Fielder. Second Row: Bessie Mae Brawley, Lela Mae Smith, Helen Bedford, Ruth Bishop, Maurine Wright, Artie Liles, Claude Downtain, J.T. Brice, Hamil McWilliams. Third Row: Ina Mae Vaught, Johnnie Norton, Doris Snow, Edna Harris, Corinne Ford, Esther King, Cora Belle Graham, Maida Gibson, Miss Belle Wilson, Victor Patterson, Teddy Matthews, Tom Patterson. Fourth Row: Faye Rowe, Hob Gray, Tom Pickens, John Sutton, James Nunn, Howard Key. What careers did they follow? Earl Conner - - Judge; Gordon Brelsford, Attorney; Lela Mae Smith, teacher; Dr. Claude Downtain, dentist; Dr. Hamil McWilliams; Ina Mae Vaught, teacher here and abroad; Howard Key, college professor.

More than once the FBI has inquired about Paul Fuentez (dubbed Murphy by Wendell Siebert) when he returned from overseas and was up for promotion in Wichita Falls, in San Antonio, and in Dallas. The investigators were amazed at our completely enthusiastic recommendations. One remarked "That Murphy must have been some boy!" He now lives in Miami and is Criminal Investigator for the state of Florida. He plans to bring his family to Homecoming. His favorite reading in high school was Spanish and Mexican history and literature. He even read in the gym while watching those washing machines! A favorite football manager.

## CLASS OF 1928 Silver Anniversary Reunion May 9-10, 1953



Terrell Coleman, third from right, front, is credited with starting Homecoming celebrations in Eastland.

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Class Of '35

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Class '64



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Supervisor  
Texas Electric Co.  
Class '55



Delaine  
Class '77



Darrell Lynn



Monica Leiann



Dutches  
Sabrina



Darlene (Johnson)

Brenda (Falk)  
Class Of '64



**EASTLAND'S FIRST SCHOOL** - - This building, Eastland's first school, was built in the northwest part of town before 1883. We have identified only two pupils. Second from the right is Jone Johnson, son of C.R. Johnson who brought his family to Eastland in 1875. The little girl behind and to the left of the child at right front is Tincy Tindall, daughter of another pioneer family.



**Class Of 1933**

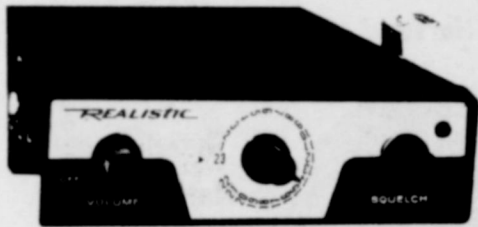


**EASTLAND'S SECOND SCHOOL** - - Also in the northwest part of town was Eastland's second school, a larger frame building of three rooms built in 1883.

**CLASS OF '60**  
 Marvin Agnew, Vernon Wilson, Ronald Yancey, and Betty Young.  
 Cherry, Richard Connell, This was the class of '60. Duck tails, bobbie socks, soda pops and hops--Wow! Beatniks, green-eyed, purple people eaters (Teachers), hot rods, teen angels and a white sports coat. Taps on shoes, loud mufflers, styrofoam dice on rear-view mirrors, beer busts and soggy hamburgers. But somehow, we managed to survive it all.  
 Hope to see everyone June 20, 21 and 22 at the Homecoming activities.  
 Bob Phillips  
 Class Agent

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1955 FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA - - standing: Ted Kuykendall, Bill Smith, Toddy Sherman. Front: Bennie Warren, Charles Cook, Tommy Castleberry

The old red brick building which stood where Eastland Memorial now is--we treasured it as we also treasured our favorite meeting place, the Methodist Brush Arbor, where the church now stands.

We respected our understanding superintendents--E.A. Bills and C.A. Peterson.

Agriculture courses for girls--college registrars raised eyebrows when we presented our transcripts.

We were fortunate to have as class members the accomplished and charming Wanda and Wilda Drago.

Faculty members encouraged boys' debating team and girls' poetry reading.

A popular basketball court for both boys and girls was on a vacant lot on the south side of the square.

Girls' basketball uniforms were pleated black bloomers worn with white middie blouses.

Girls of 16, 17, and 18 wore big hair ribbon bows.

Some favorite swains were Lowell Littleton, Enoch Dawson, Gilbert Hargus, Russell Hill, and Burgess Downtain. The Gorman and Ranger girls admired them greatly as they did others of our handsome young men.

Study hall on second floor was combined with seating for auditorium programs with stage in front.

The library entranced us--a small room on second floor with balcony with comfortable chairs. Here we perused novels

from our historical reading list presented to us by Miss Belle Wilson, an authority in American and English history.

Our classes were small and informal, such as Latin class taught by Grady Owen, and Mr. Allison's geometry problems.

There were some twosomes--the red haired twins, Ella and Emily Dreinhofer; the inseparable friends, Herman Hague and Fred Martin; Versie Morris and Audry Collins, who still visit, and the romantic Mandolin Henderson and Harry B. Sone, who are still romantic and happily married.

Shocking note: at homecoming class meeting in 1970 during one thirty minute period of reminiscing we found by roll call that 13 ex-students of this group did not receive diplomas.

Some went to prep school, some married, some entered the working world. After teaching for many years, one of these non-diploma holders was awarded a diploma from EHS\* an honor greatly appreciated.

Its presence on the wall of the classroom puzzled many students, who could not understand why the date was so much later than the BA from Tech and the MA from the University of Texas. It was too difficult to explain!

We look back on those long days of pleasant associations and lasting friendships and uncomplicated activities with rose-colored glasses.

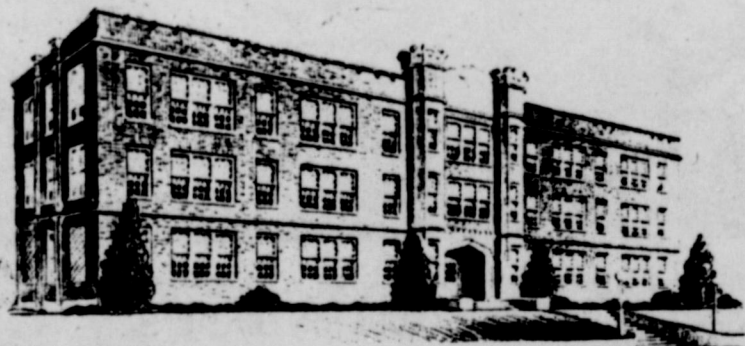
**NOSTALGIA!!**



Teach Johnson  
And Coffee Cup

## City Of Eastland

*Welcomes  
Ex-Students*



*Eastland High School*

WELCOME HOME TO EASTLAND  
June 1, 1975

To: All Eastland High School Exe - Students  
Subject: Welcome to Eastland

Be assured that all the people in Eastland are excited about your Homecoming Reunion on June 20, 21, and 22 and we're all anxious to see you again.

In a cooperative effort, we've scrubbed the city and sincerely hope that you like what you see when you come back.

We're all ready to make your return home one you'll long remember, and we hope that your Reunion will be a fun time for you and your family, and a time of re-living precious memories from your past.

Please let us know if we can do anything to help make your stay here more comfortable. We believe you honor Eastland and its heritage by returning each five years to celebrate homecoming, and those of your number who have worked hard in making plans and arrangements have all of our support and backing in helping to make this really an important event for you.

Wherever you may live now, we want you to know that Eastland still counts you as one of its own, and frankly we take great pride in each and every one who has passed this way.

We hope that we all have time to "howdy and shake" when you're here, and that you'll always remember Eastland as the really great place to come back to.

Sincerely,  
H.V. O'Brien  
Mayor, City of Eastland

# History Of Eastland Schools

From the ROUNDUP of May 8, 1941

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## HISTORY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

Eastland High School is one of the several schools in the Eastland Independent School District. The first Eastland Independent District was organized in 1882; however, the present district was founded in 1929. At the present time the Eastland District covers some thirty square miles and owns five school buildings--West Ward School, South Ward School, Junior High School, Senior High School and Douglas School.

The system also has a field for track and band marching practice, tennis courts, a football gymnasium, as well as several fields suitable for playground ball and for football and track practice.

The first school to be owned by the Eastland Independent School District was a two-room frame building. This building was used until the erection of a three-room house in 1883; school was conducted there until 1895. A two-story frame building was built in 1905, and later a large red brick structure was erected. The present high school was constructed in 1927. Situated on a hill overlooking the business section of Eastland it has three stories, 28 rooms, an auditorium capable of seating 588 persons, a stage fully equipped for theatrical productions, a cafeteria, a sound-proof band room, excellent physics and chemistry laboratories, and a fairly large-sized library. The present ward schools were built in 1920; the junior high building in 1930; and the gym in 1929.

At the present time there are 13 teachers in high school and 315 students. At the end of this year Eastland High will have 33 affiliated credits.

Eastland High consistently turns out good students; the records of the University, Texas Technological College and Texas A&M, along with other schools show that the grades of Eastland students are considerably above the average. Few other schools have graduates whose grades equal those made by these students.

This would be an incomplete record of our high school if it did not mention the men who have built our Eastland school system. As well as we can gather from the records that go back to 1911, the past presidents of the school board have been T.E. Downtain, M. Hill, E.P. Davenport, John Matthews, W.B. Sutton, J.A. Beard, George Brogdon, J.H. Caton and K.B. Tanner.

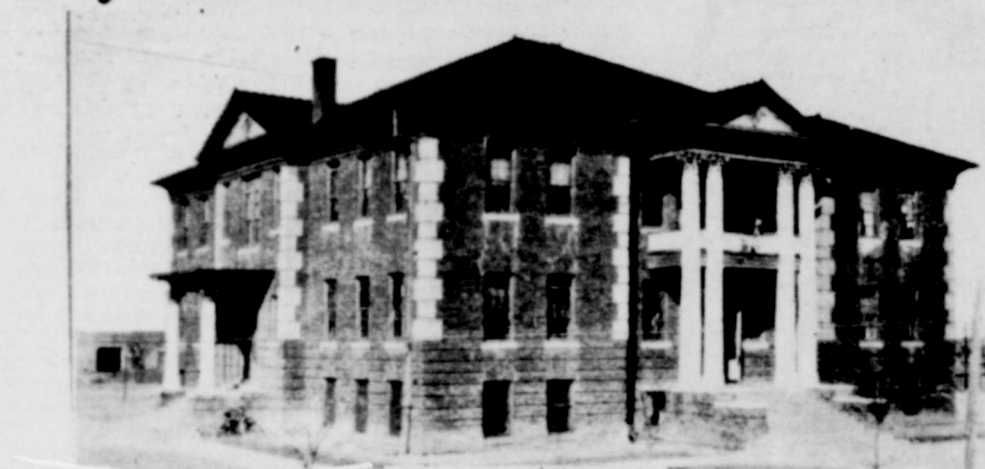
The superintendents of the Eastland schools since 1911, as well as the records show, have been A.S. Johnston, George Brogdon, E.A. Bills, C.A. Peterson, W.Z. Bates, P.B. Bittle, and W.G. Womack.

## HISTORY OF EASTLAND HIGH SCHOOL [Continued] 1975

By Ima Ruth Taylor

In 1975 the Eastland Independent School District covers an area of 99 square miles. It was increased by the consolidation with Morton Valley Common School District in 1949 and with the Olden Independent School District in 1969.

The high school and junior high buildings "on the hill" are still in use today. Several buildings have been added to the campus since the 1941



High School



South Ward



West Ward



Douglas School

history was written. Morton Valley had a metal gymnasium which was moved to the high school hill and placed to the south side of the old red brick gymnasium soon after the consolidation.

In the early 1960's the band received a building of its own when the new Eastland Medical and Surgical Clinic was built by Dr. M.A. Treadwell Jr., and the frame building which housed the Clinic was moved just south of the high school. Last year the band hall was completely redecorated, paneled and carpeted and is one of the most complete band facilities in the area, having a large rehearsal hall, practice rooms, instrument storage, music library and a cedar lined uniform storage closet.

On the southwest corner of high school campus is the Vocational Agriculture building built in 1965 with shop and classroom facilities. An addition to the building to allow for another full unit of Vocational Ag is under construction at the present time. The campus at Eastland High School now has a total of six buildings "on the hill".

South Ward and West Ward Elementary Schools were replaced and wrecked for salvage in 1963-64. The Wendell T. Siebert Elementary School - housing grades one through six is located on a thirty-acre site two blocks south of the high school on the corner of West Sadosa and Madera Streets. The one story building contains sixteen classrooms, three administrative offices, a teachers' lounge and a spacious cafeteria and kitchen. It is centrally cooled and heated.

The new gymnasium was constructed in 1964 on the West Ward Site just one block west of high school. A concrete walkway from the high school and junior high buildings connects the campus with the new gymnasium.

Other facilities of the East-

land ISD include Maverick Stadium east of town to which improvements are made from year to year, a grassy practice field and all-weather track just south of high school, tennis courts which have been newly topped this year, and livestock feeding pens located in the northwest corner of the 30 acres on which elementary school is located.

Eastland Schools were integrated in the 1961-62 school year. The Douglas School was used as a Community Club Room for several years, then finally sold and torn down.

"The Little Red School House" kindergarten building is an attractive addition to the Wendell T. Siebert Elementary School site. It was constructed in 1973 and has been in use for two full school years. It has two large classrooms with sliding doors between and its own air conditioning and rest room facilities.

Eastland Schools have continued over the years to have dedicated trustees and administrators to uphold the high standards set by those mentioned in the 1941 history. Presidents serving after K.B.

## CLASS OF 1938

Dear Maverick

It really isn't possible, but thirty-eight years ago this month, we all cried because we graduated from dear ole EHS. If you are not at the EHS Homecoming party and meeting of the class of 1938, we shall be sad because of your absence.

Our meeting and party will be at Juanita Cummings Fullen's Lake home (Lake Leon at Eastland). The party will include members and their families. Please make plans now for the fun we have planned for Saturday afternoon, June 21, 2:30 p.m.

Roll back the years and remember our dear friendship, the deep emotions, all the wonderful times and happy experiences we shared together. We hope you can be here to join with our class, recalling the past and sharing the experiences in our lives since our last meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you June 21, 1975.

Sincerely

Jack Brown

Juanita Fullen

Mildred Coleman

Nelda Wright

## TO THE CLASS OF 1941

Greetings, Classmates!

I hope you have made plans to attend Eastland High School's Homecoming this June 20, 21, and 22. Our class will have a luncheon at the Ramada Inn in Eastland at 12:30 on Saturday, June 21.

We will look forward to seeing many of you and wish each of you could be here.

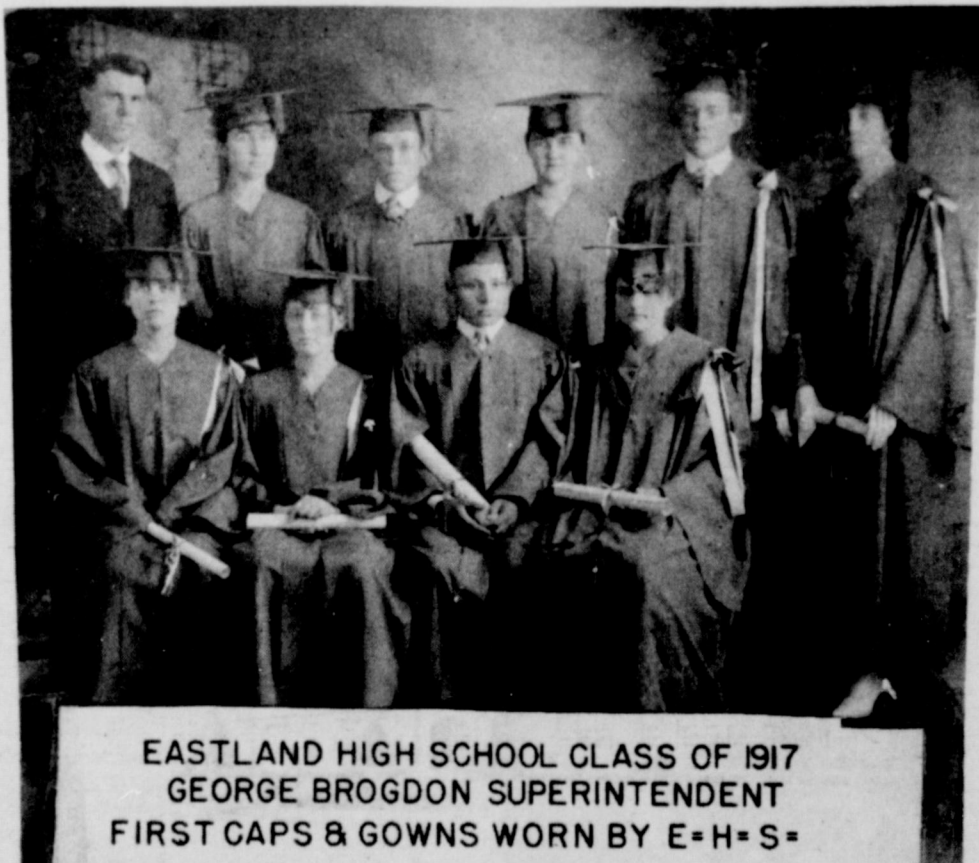
Come see the old home town and the old gang. Things are looking pretty good. Gray hairs and grandchildren aren't all that traumatic!

Best wishes,

Nancy Seaberry Frost

Tanner are John W. Turner, Frank Sparks, R.N. Wilson, R. Pat Miller, M.H. Perry, J.T. Gregory, Robert G. Perkins, and the present chairman, James W. Reid.

Succeeding W.G. Womack as superintendent was the late Wendell T. Siebert. He was administrator from 1955 until one month before his death in the summer of 1974. The present superintendent is Ray Pruitt.



EHS CLASS OF 1917 - - Back Row: George Brogdon, Supt.; Myrtle Harrell, Dewey Wilson, Valedictorian; Elsie Morton, Wesley Beard, Irene Collins. Front Row: Edith Rowe, Bess Harrell, Homer Blackwell, Gissie Simmons



**HARMONY GIRLS AND DRAGOO OCTET** - Picture Circa 1939 First Methodist Church, Eastland - Front row with violins: Alma Williamson, Margaret Hart Blanchard, Gloria Graham, Nancy Seaberry, Murldean Murrell, Glenna Johnson. Second Row: Betty Slicker (accompanist), Elaine Crossley, Wilma Dean Pierce, Alice Slicker, Wilda Dragoo, Mildred Ferrell, Clara June Kimble, Frankie Mae Pierce. Third Row: Laura Lee Herring, Virginia Ferguson, Annelle Bender, Marilyn Schertzer, Betty Hyer, Mary Page, Marjorie Murphy, (Dorothy Perkins not in picture). Fourth Row: Beverly Smith, Margaret Blythe, Virginia Garrett, Lillian Speare, Jocyle Coffman, Mava Lou Crossley. This group sang and played with several of the senior choir cantatas. Note: picture was taken before organ was in church. (Picture property of Nancy Seaberry Frost)

**WILDA DRAGOO**

Shown above is a picture taken in 1938 or 1939 of the Dragoo Harmony Girls and some of the Violin Octet. These groups were under the direction of Miss Wilda Dragoo, a remarkable, memorable, and distinct woman.

I say the young people were under her direction; it was almost a consent to bondage! In those days we hoped to get into one of Wilda's groups. We did not know how our deficiencies were to be revealed or how much training and discipline were to follow.

How many Saturday afternoons and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons did we devote to Harmony or Octet or Choir practise! There was no thought of our giving up free time, and certainly none of her relinquishing leisure. It was simply an exciting, challenging chance to make music, and we came out quaking and energized and stretched and wanting more!

What a woman! In how many ways does she live today! How many musicians play now with hands and minds first molded by her knowledge and personality? How much continuing devotion to music was implanted by her spirit? How many adults have tackled other tasks with discipline first strengthened by her demands?

She gave opportunities to ordinary boys and girls and turned them into people who could achieve, perform, appreciate, produce. She was a true original, a rare and gifted and unforgettable person. Wherever they may be, her students "rise up and call her blessed."

Nancy Seaberry Frost.



**SENIOR BAND MEMBERS, CLASS OF 1969:** Top row, left to right: Bennie Simpson (without a head but I know he has a heart), Dean McDonald, Richard Robinson, band president. Front row: Jan Jolly, John Phillip Sousa Award; Janet West - Drum Major; Darlene Lovelace, Jimmy Wright, Nanette DeFord - Band Sweetheart; Deborah Pryor, not pictured.



1946 - - Top Row: Chief Warden, John Jackson, Mr. Womack, Neil Hurt, Coach Harvey. Fourth Row: Colonel Don Brasier, Alan Hunt, Ralph Throne, Murray Herring, Jim Smith, Jack Ernst, Gene Garner, Don Hart. Third Row: Billy Cooper, Winford Ward, Bill Hardeman, John Freeman, Jack Kelly, Dan Amis, Bob Collie, Jack Anderson, Dick Sparks, John Tom Warden. Second Row: Eddie Hart, Bill Eddleman, Dan Collie, Herbert Barker, Walker Hart, Edgar Alford, Charles Layton, Lewis Crossley, Joe Neil Poe, Pat Crawford. First Row: Gene Young, Charles Lucas, Bill Brashier, Chilli Johnson, Wayne Lambert, James Matthews, Johnnie Hicks and Bob Blair.



Nelda Bishop Charles Freyschlag Mary Page

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**EHS SEVENTH GRADE 1916** - - Teacher: Miss Ola Hutchinson. First Row: Lowell Littleton, Fred Martin, Nell Ferguson, Lorene Reid, Lena Fields, Tula Norwood, Pebble Hargus. Second Row: Ella Drienhofer, Versie Morris, Audrey Collins, Roma Roper, unidentified, Mary Petty, Nova Hastings, Lora Williams, Anice Van Geem, Wilna Simer, Birdie Lafoon, Emma House, Verna Johnson. Third Row: Emily Drienhofer, Pat Collins, Pearl Catterlin, Nettie Harbin, Herman Hague, Madeline Stafford, Enoch Dawson Top Row: Birnam Dick, Harold Overby, Bryan Brelsford, Gilbert Hargus, Charles Sparr, Elbert Cheshire, Russell Hill, Burgess Downtain.



PEP SQUAD 1941 - - Back Row: Patsy Sparks, Merlene Ross, Norma Jean Maynard, Patty Hood, Marie Hart, Lorene Stahr, Fannie Pitzer, Annelle Bender. Second Row: Mary Carter, sponsor; Elaine Crossley, Frances Beskow, Sue Webb, Winifred Safley, Ouida Norris, Lila Ann Love, Front Row: Sue Bender, Betty Jean Burton, Peggy McFarland, Janice Titsworth, Marjorie Murphy, Madge Hatcher, Verba Cee Jackson, Catharyn Switzer, sponsor.



MR. W. G. WOMACK  
Superintendent  
And teacher of Physics  
and Plane Geometry

BY GAY HART

W.G. Womack  
Principal: 1936-1940  
Supt. 1940-1955

W.G. Womack is easy to remember. When he stood in the halls of the high school, we students responded with a slower gait and a silent nod. Yet we were not afraid of him; he was Mr. Womack and we respected him.

Teaching was his profession; he loved it and lived it, although it did not come first. God was his first love and he served Him fervently and faithfully. For two decades he directed the music program of the First Baptist Church. The Men's Bible Class enjoyed his playing the piano for years. He really loved music, and the joy of serving was his reward.

He was a family man. Mrs. Womack shared her husband's love for teaching and also for serving the church. Their children: Gladeene, now Mrs. Holman Lee of Fort Worth, and Bob of Snyder, followed their parents into the teaching profession. Both children and grandchildren inherited Mr. Womack's talent and fondness for music.

Employed by the Eastland schools to teach, that is exactly what Mr. Womack did. When he was principal and later superintendent, he never ceased teaching. Although his classes were not always at scheduled times, he never refused an appeal. Those who sat in these extra sessions ranged from the unruly student paying the penalty for misbehavior to one in peril of failure who needed additional instruction. His challenge was an insecure boy or girl whom he might help to find the way to become a secure man or woman.

His successful academic operation was uncomplicated. He led the principals, who led the teachers, who led the students. We all knew the chain of command and respected it. When a crisis arose, it was resolved as quickly and quietly as possible.

We remember this friend because he is a good memory. We appreciated him because he gave us a sense of security when we were not yet ready to make decisions on our own. We trusted him. A lasting memorial has been built to W.G. Womack in the hearts and minds of teachers and students alike, who grew in knowledge and understanding under his guidance.

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He was our guide, philosopher,  
and friend

# Eastland Chamber Of Commerce



FUN IN 1944 - - Spring Scrap Drive, back of wagon: Martha Lou McDonald, Beth Conner Reineman, Betty Mae Jones, Mary Ruth Gillam. Dorothy Lou Johnson, Jeanne Crossley, Theresa Samuels, Vanetta Van geem (her wagon and horses), Evelyn Blanchard

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Leon Hale, a staff columnist for the *Houston Post* and a part-time journalism teacher at Sam Houston State Teachers College, is a native Texan. A graduate of Texas Technological College, he temporarily interrupted his education during World War II when he joined the Army Air Corps and flew fifty missions over Europe in a B-24. He edited a farm magazine for Humble Oil Company and was Agricultural Editor for the *Houston Post*. His present assignment with the *Post* gives him an opportunity to roam around Texas, meeting people and writing about his experiences. Mr. Hale is married and the father of two teen-agers.

**From Texas Parade  
Dec. 1974**

Leon is from the class of 1939. Both long-time and new readers of this magazine will be delighted to find a Leon Hale piece in this issue. Leon has that rare ability to write with utter sophistication on homey subjects. He does it as a daily columnist for the *Houston Post* and, certainly, in the nostalgic pieces he writes for us. Some of them, such as "A Place to Keep a Cow" and "Did Your Brick Stay Warm?" are classics of the

genre. (We have it that the latter was read aloud at a swank apartment in Austin's Westgate Building after appearing in this magazine a few years back--as the piece de resistance of the evening!) Leon knows how to reach right out and touch a reader; he does it again--simply, and movingly--in his remembrance of a bleak winter in a house on a hill in West Texas and a Christmas out of his boyhood.

There is more good news on the subject of Contributing

Editor Hale: his fine novel of a couple of years back, *Bonney's Place*, is scheduled to be made into a movie. Filming probably will begin next March in and around Brenham and Austin. One of the hottest actors in the business right now, Ben Johnson (of "Last Picture Show" fame), has signed for the title role and Don Meredith (of "Monday Night Football" fame) is also on the starting lineup.



Third Eastland High School

Earl Conner Sr. - top right

Rose Day - Bottom Row Second from left

Bess Kinberg - 4<sup>th</sup> from left

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**EASTLAND'S THIRD SCHOOL** - - In 1905 a two - story white frame building with bell tower was erected on what later became known as high school hill, where Eastland Memorial Hospital now stands. The melodious sound of the school bell summoned the youngsters to school.



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**STAGE CREW 1954** - - Clyde Herring, George Harris, Don Webb, Mike Cushman, Jimmy Laney, Neil VanGeem, Kneeling: Jimmie Don Huckabay and Robert Johnson



SCHOOL BOARD 1973 - - Back Row: Bob Perkins, Donald Kinnaird Jr., Morris Jones, Virgil Seaberry. Front Row: James Reid, Eugene Frost, Johnny Morren, Don Barron.

**CLASS OF 1967**

Has the Senior Class of 1967 lived up to the prophecies that the Junior Class of 1967 dedicated to them? Perhaps Homecoming 1975 will tell! Here are a few of the things they prophesied:

A yellow GTO has become famous. It has finished first in the Green Valley Races four times in a row. As we attend one of the races, we see the car pull up in first place again and out steps the driver: **Sally Perkins**

We see **Katherine Plew** working as a chiropractor. She knows all about the job because she had some neck and back trouble while dating. She always had to look up to see the boy.

We hear that there is a new factory in town. It makes and sells lifts for below average height people. The manager is **Donna Seabourn**.

**Shirley Reid** has become a hair stylist. She has so much experience with frosted hair.

**John Smith** is a physical instructor for the Texas Aggies. His plan is: "Run around the car three times and then go lie down."

We are reading a new book entitled **How To Succeed With Freckles** by **Bobby Thomas**.

**Marsha Treadwell** has won the World Olympics this year for the third time. It is said that she plans to drop sports and manufacture **Karmen Ghias** with an associate.

**Sue Underwood** is now teaching cheerleading at her favorite school: **Ranger Junior College**.

We see **Marie Wilson** quite frequently at the **Daytona 500** stock car races. Marie has a box seat, and after the races she sticks around to take one of the drivers home.

**Susie Miller** has joined the **Women's Air Corps Band**. At every concert she stands and plays a solo on her flute. This brings "the house down".

**Jeannie Cogburn** is a good wife, and mother of two lovely girls. The **T.L.C.** (Tender Loving Care) she gives her family is very rewarding.

**Arlina Arnold** is now a police woman directing traffic in **New York City**.

**Cathy Clark** is now a physical education teacher at **Texas Woman's University**.

We hear that **Howard Maynard** has a nice job now. He is custodian at **R.M. Sneed's**.

**Marilyn Huckabay** is the first girl band director at **Texas University**.

There is a new manager at **White's Food Market**. It is **Sam Beggs**.

We now see **Jim Herridge** as a 'Butler' in a famous and wealthy mansion.

We look toward the African jungle and see **Sue Brewer**, a Methodist missionary.

**Sandra Falk** loved Home-making so much that she is now a seamstress at a fashion shop in **New York City**.

**HOMECOMING OFFICERS**

Carl Garrett president, Eastland, John Hicks -Vice President, James Reid, Treasurer, Eastland, Mrs. Wendell Seibert, Secretary.

Directors are: Olivia White Carothern, Neil Day, Shirley Ferrell Garrett, Joe T. Greay, Eda West, Verna Johnson, James K. Goldon, Evelyn David, Ima Ruth Hale Taylor, Virgil Seaberry Jr., Terrell Coleman, Gene Harrison, William K. Sewell.



We see a new factory in Eastland County. **Tommy McCullough** is now the manager of the new "Doily" factory.

As we look into the future we see **Kay Lewis** as **Phyllis Diller's** new stand in.

The class of 1967 will have a come and go class meeting on June 21, 1975, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the **Texas Electric Reddy Room**. All class members and their families are asked to attend this meeting and other activities during the Homecoming.

Class Agents  
Kathy Williams Swift  
Becky Simms Siebert

**EASTLAND HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 16, 1969**

Invocation--Rev. C.S. Caron  
Opening Address--Judge J.R. Frost  
Oration--The Panama Canal, Mr. Earn Connellee, Salutatorian.

Music--Showers of Stars.

(Paul Wachs), Miss Ora Knight Vocal Solo, Carissima, Miss Ressie Ross

Essay, The Future of the American Woman, Miss Ora Knight

Piano Solo, Spinnlied, (Paul Wachs), Miss Ollie Knight Vocal Duet, You Musn't, Master Homer Brelsford and Miss Lela Davis.

Class Prophet, Miss Iona Day Instrumental Duet, Rosy Fingers, (Paul Wachs) Misses Ollie and Ora Knight

The Great West in Fifty Years--Miss Ethel Cameron

Piano Solo--Last Idea of Van Weber, (H. Cramer), Miss Ressie Ross

Music--Love's Awakening--Miss Ethel Cameron (Moszkowski).

Essay--What Will I Do With the Situation?--Miss Ressie Ross

Essay--I Stand in The Threshold, My Life Lies Beyond--Miss Ollie Knight, Valedictorian

Delivering Diplomas--Hon. H.P. Brelsford

Class Chorus--Old Black Joe

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# Vanns Announce Scholarship



Dr. and Mrs. J. Don Vann,  
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Dr. Vann is associate professor of English at North Texas State University and is author of articles and books on Samuel Beckett, Graham Greene and Henry James. His special interest is the Victorian novelist, Charles Dickens.

Dr. Vann is married to Eastland's own Dolores Warden who was graduated from Eastland High School in 1953 as salutatorian.

Dr. and Mrs. Vann have

presented programs in Eastland, Brownwood, Denton, Ft. Worth and other Texas cities. While in England doing research, Dr. Vann gave a number of lectures and he and Mrs. Vann appeared on British television.

This scholarship is a tribute to Mrs. Vann and the training she received in Eastland High School. The Vanns have attractive children, Christopher and Vanessa.

## CLASS OF '29

The Class of '29 will be well represented at the '75 Eastland Homecoming. The attendance will be high for the 1:00 p.m. luncheon at Lone Cedar Country on Saturday, June 21. The luncheon is a well planned gathering time for the Class and is being taken care of by Minerva King, Evelyn Hearn, Mary Elizabeth Harris, Jack and Mary Lou Frost and Thelma Coope.

Excitement is abounding with the attendance of several "first timers" -- "Margaret Armstrong, Lucile Brogdon, Heath David, Minerva King, Ruth O'Neill, Willie Lee Stone, Margaret Smith, Ruth Thomas, Roy Watson and Karl White, Jr. We are expecting the unique pleasure again of having our Senior Class sponsor and her husband, Eldon and Ivie Queen Wilson Willett. We have been

so please to have had these two share every Homecoming with us. When this group and the other twenty-five members on the class roster get together, there will be ample fun and happiness for everyone.

Be seeing all you guys and dolls at '75 Eastland Homecoming  
**Maec Coleman**  
**Class Agent**

Remember the time Ned Jones ran his car into the big oak south of the cafeteria? Instead of blistering the air with his usual invectives, he calmly viewed his waiting audience, placed his hand on his heart, and murmured "Mercy".

## 1953 GIRLS LUNCHEON

Jammie's Restaurant in Cisco will be the meeting place for a 11:30 luncheon on Saturday, June 21, honoring the girls who were members of the 1953 graduating class.

The 1921 Domestic Art Department of EHS (composed of 80 girls) had as their projects some of the following: sewing bags with monograms, embroidered pillow cases, embroidered nightgowns and "teds", boudoir caps and gingham dresses.

Hearing of the beauty of their work, Volney Day asked the Dept. to select a girl to embroider and half sole his pants.

**Lake Leon and Dam  
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impounds 28,000  
acre feet of water**

Those funny crazes are coming back. We know a member of the class of '32 who swallowed a live gold fish. He can advise the present teenagers.

**FAMILY STYLE:** noticeable and endearing. Remember the **Herrings:** M.P., Brooks, Murray, Steen, Minta Sam and Lowell. And the **Days:** Jancil, Ann, Dixie, Mildred, Martin, Bob and Honey before them.

Marion Robertson attended EHS and so did the young Herridges who also went to A&M together: Bill, Jim, Rusty, Sharon and Teresa.

The **CASTLEBERRYS** gave us Lloyd, Verna, Wayne, Glenn, Wand and Wayne's son and daughter.

Teacher **ALLISON** sent us Carroll, John, Verne, Edith, Grady, Nelson and Betty.

The **GIBSONS** sent us Grady, Wray, Maybelle, Virginia, Margaret, Thelma, Elizabeth, Paul, Horace (who left for the marines at 17 and came back to graduate) and Naomi who did not graduate here but earned her PhD in English.

From the **WARREN** family attended Faye, Marjorie, Nelda, H.D. Jr., Bobby, Ben and Terry.

The **McFARLANDS** sent us Robert, Peggy, Roland, Jone, Jerry, and Billy.

From the **PENTECOST** family came Juanita, Roy, Harold, Winifred, Robert and Rachel.

The **SHEPHERDS** sent Florence, Frank, Willie, Dorothy, Frances, Ethel, Mary and Virginia.

From the **ROSENQUEST** family came those beautiful blondes: Nell, Annie Laurie, Ruth, Edith and Helen and Nell's daughter Betty Gay Allen.

These are a few of the youngsters who followed in some instances the family pattern and in other instances showed as Mavericks, but interesting, all.

A number of years ago the women teachers wore formals to the Junior-Senior Banquet, and often wore the same costume year after year. Mothers of the senior football players were horrified to learn that their sons were planning to buy a new evening gown for one of their teachers because she had remarked a number of times that she despised the old black she had worn to several banquets. Finally the boys were persuaded that such a purchase would be in bad taste and embarrassing to the recipient, so they compromised and sent a beautiful orchid with a card which read, "To give a new look to the old black". Aren't teenagers marvelous!

Remember when the popular magazines had beautiful colored advertisements featuring Betty Jo Brown--hair styles and clothes. And handsome Bobby Furse, football player, featured in bedroom furnishings. When Alma Williamson was studying at Julliard she and Bobby and Betty Jo had dinner together several times.

In 1941, spring semester, a group of senior boys, Shakespeare scholars, adapted a part of the tragedy, **HAMLET**, for assembly presentation. So successful was this production that the group was invited far and wide. Directed by Seabiscuit Seaberry and Bob Huchingson, and observing the Elizabethan tradition of an all male cast, the skit was sensational. Seabiscuit made a beautiful and touching Ophelia, especially with songs and dance in the mad scene. Other characters: the Queen, the moralizing Polonius, loyal nurses, the nurse and of course

tragic Hamlet--were portrayed by Thomas Haley, Huch, Jerry Railey, Pete Pegues, and--memory fails, but they were **STARS**. Why was this not recorded? Pictures, anyone?



**EASTLAND SCHOOL BOARD, 1910** - - Standing from left: E.P. Davenport, Henry Van Geem, Loss Bedford and Sam DAY; seated: Tom Downtain, Doc Butler and E. Roper. (Photo belongs to Henry Van Geem.)



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SUB - DEB CLUB 1944 - Back Row: Ellen Mae Geue, Jeanne Crossley, Betty Mae Jones, Evelyn Blanchard, Catherine Cornelius, Dorothy Lou Johnson. Second Row: Beth Conner Reineman, Shirley Patterson, Teresa Samuels, Emma Dee Barker, Kathleen Collie, Julia Brown. Front: Jo Kathryn Harris, Carmen Ammer, sponsor



THE ORIGINAL SUB - DEB CLUB, 1937

Top Row: Helen Butler, Jamie Stover, Frances Lane, Maxine Coleman.  
 Second Row: Peaches Davis, June Hyer, Earline Pitzer, Ima Ruth Hale.  
 Center: Ila May Coleman, sponsor.  
 Fourth Row: Olivette Killough, Ouida Sanderson, Evelyn Collum, Kathryn Utz,  
 Front Row: Catherine Garrett, Mary Loy Harbin, Doris Lawrence, Edith Rosenquest

The Thursday Afternoon Club will open the Centennial Memorial Library, located at 210 South Lamar, Friday and Saturday, June 20, and June 21, from 9 to 5 each day, as a meeting place for all ex-students and visitors.

You are cordially invited to come have a cup of coffee with us.

Thursday Afternoon Club  
 Mrs. Dan (Nancy) Childress  
 Chairman, Library Committee

A small club called the Rovinos puzzled everyone by the members' ability to obtain passes to leave study hall. Finally some bright boy noticed that Rovino James E. Freeman and teacher James E. French signed permit JEF. Ernest Sneed Jr., loved this club and mourned its termination.

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**GOVERNOR PAT NEFF SPEAKS  
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At the 1924 Eastland High School Commencement Exercises Governor Pat Neff gave a Literary Address, the only time Eastland has been fortunate enough to have a governor speak to a graduating class.

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**  
City Hall, Friday, May 16, 1924  
8:15 p.m.

**PROGRAM**

1. Piana Solo "La Zingana" ..... Hampton Fay Burgamy
2. Invocation ..... Rev. W.J. Nelson
3. Salutatory "The American Burden" ... Jim Isbell
4. Male Quartette (Selected) ..... W.O. Freeman, John Simmons, Bert Williams, Carroll Hunt.
5. Oration "John Marshall, the Savior of the Constitution" ..... Arlys Cross
6. Piano Solo "Arbutus" ..... M.A.E. Davis Ama Lynn Gorman
7. Valedictory "The Effects of Constitutional Governments on the Progress of Civilization" . Arden Van Nest
8. Literary Address ..... Gov. Pat M. Neff
9. Presentation of Diplomas and Scholarships ..... George Brogdon
10. Benediction ..... Rev. A.F. Thurman

Thirty- four diplomas were presented to members of the class of 1924.

Customs differ. Commencement services at Eastland High School today are much briefer and are presented entirely by the students themselves, a change advocated by our own Wendell T. Siebert, and approved by students, faculty and school board. At the 1973 services, sixty - one students received diplomas.

Both types of programs are interesting and worth thw

**COMMENCEMENT SERVICE**

Tuesday, May 29, 1973  
8:00 p.m.

- Processional - - Pomp and Circumstances ... Elgar  
Miss Becky Hanna
- Invocation ..... Rex Boney
- Presentation of Certificates and Awards .. Mr. E.O. Hill
- Halls of E.H.S. .... Russell
- Graduates
- Presentation of Diplomas Mr. Virgil T. Seaberry Jr.  
Alma Mater ..... Graduates
- Benediction ..... Howard King
- Candles of Knowledge ..... B.W. Robertson
- Recessional - - Pomp and Circumstance ... Elgar  
Miss Becky Hanna



THE TRADEWINDS, 1961- - back row: Bob Cartwright, Bill Jones, Rudy Fambrough, John Garrett. Front: Don Turner, J.B. Tankersley

**THE HAPPY JOHNSONS**

Mr. and Mrs. Noah A. Johnson will be one of the happiest families for the homecoming of E.H.S. Exes. They have five children to graduate from E.H.S. And two sons-in-law who also graduated from E.H.S. Children are Robert, Geraldine, James Earl, Glenda and Sue. Sons-in-law James Greer and John Garrett also. They all will be here for the three days of visiting with all their friends. Sue's husband, Larry, graduated from Belton High School. James Earl's wife graduated from Abilene High School. Both sons and two of the sons-in-law have served their country. So that really makes the Johnsons happy to be together at this time.

Hello Class of '32,

All of us here in Eastland are looking forward to seeing you. How we wish we could have found everyone's address. If you know the whereabouts of Jack Campbell, Bert Smith, Tekla Bida, Modine Norris, Lois Pangburn, Jo Woods (Mrs. W.A. Edmondson) or Col. Everett Davis, let them know of the great time we expect to have.

Do you realize it has been 43 years since we graduated? Do you feel any differently than you did when we sat down front in the auditorium for chapel? For some reason--maybe the Depression--we do not have a class picture, so we can't compare how young and smart looking we have become. Come see for yourself and let's reminisce about what happened on our way to graduation.

Mrs. Carl L. (Shirley) Garrett



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**EHS CLASS OF 1934** - Front Row: Willie Taylor, Katherine Hinnard, Hazel Pafford, Irene Williams, Mae Taylor, Gwendolyn Jones, Ruth Harris, Ellen Pearson, Doris Fields. Ella Mae Taylor, Billie Doss, James Saladas, Hiram Childress. Second Row: Tommy Joe Barnett, Bernice Dulin, Pauline Bida, Douglas Jones, Nellie Yeager, Elmer Brown, Thelma Nabors, Ruth Meek, R.L. Perkins, Tom Harrison, J.R. Gilkey, Wendell Siebert, Mr. Hardt. Third Row: Leo Braswell, Eugene Watson, Delmer Brown, S.J. Laney, Gene Haynes, Ralph Mahon, Parker Brown, Ed Mackall, Randolph Railey, W.E. Kellett, Fred Davenport, Marshall Coleman

**CLASS OF 1937**

By Ima Ruth Taylor

So many memories are floating around Eastland these days it is difficult to write about them or to know which of them to try to put in print. One thing for sure, the Class of 1937 will stir up a big batch of memories when we meet at Bill Walter's home at 810 West Valley on June 21st!

Several calls have come to the high school office lately about a duplication of names in the classes of 1936, 1937, 1938, etc. We don't really worry about this situation at all--mostly we want to avoid missing some of our old classmates no matter when they graduated or if they graduated at all. We figure all who went to school together at EHS in the 1930's were big supporters of

the Red and Black and loved and respected "Teach" Johnson. Too many of our spouses were in those classes joining ours. So, if these things in common don't make us all "kinfolks" then a Maverick doesn't have horns! Suggestion: If you are receiving mail from more than one class, take your pick or go to both parties, but just come to Eastland on June 20, 22, and 22, 1975.

It's always fun to look at old pictures and clippings from our high school days. If you have an old scrap book that you could share with us at our party, bring it along. We might then be willing to look at the latest pictures of your grandchildren and you'll really have a good time!

**THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

How proud we were of the one Annual published during our days at EHS! Lots of time and work went into that 1936 edition of the Maverick. Jim Whittington and Gates Brelsford took and developed so many of those pictures....Valedictorian of our class was Don Russell and Jimmy Mahon was salutatorian. ....The debating ability of June Hyer. She might argue that the book was wrong, especially in Civics class....The dancing ability of Maxine "Red" Coleman and Christine "Cricket" Kelly... ..It was difficult to decide whether Bill Walters or Jim Gilbreath loved dancing more... ..Sixteen girls in our class were charter members of the Sub Deb Club with Ila Mae Coleman

**NOSTALGIA, 1952**

By Gay Hart

Nostalgia is a comfortable word. It's soft and sad, hard and happy and at times has no definable fell or emotion. 1952 was a very good year. Into twenty-three years our class has packaged up about every kind of vocation, lifestyle, success and failure imaginable. Everyone has his own story. We're all either pushing, pulling or standing on forty and that's a dramatic cue in itself.

In 1952, no one had told us that we had all these current student freedoms. We didn't know how to organize rebellions and if we tried, either verbal or physical blows were adminis-

tered with reckless abandon. Remember Mr. Stanley's board we affectionately referred to as the cheeseboard? We dressed twenty years ahead of the style. The yell leaders' uniforms were a midi length. Girls wore saddle oxfords and boys wore Penny loafers. Girls wore rolled up blue jeans and their fathers' white shirts, tails out. Girls looked like girls and boys looked like boys. In 1952, there was not one of us "looking for our identities". We knew who we were, how much money we had to spend, how far our parents could be pushed and which teachers were lenient. Rules were rules and we broke those that made no sense and kept those that protected us from ourselves. Falling in and out of love was a bittersweet game we played. The boys weren't threatened by "libbers" then. The boys played masculine roles and girls wore dark red lipstick and Tabu cologne to vie for their affections. We held hands, parked on high school hill, exchanged rings and gave Bell Telephone a challenging workout. For the first time this year, pictures of grandchildren will be passed around. More grey hair and middle age spread will appear. Our memories we have in common and for a time we'll saturate ourselves in them. Life has touched us all and life everlasting is being enjoyed by one. 1975 is a very good year. Why, we've got at least forty more good years left in us. The women teachers often threatened to wear anklets to school, but somehow that threat never materialized.



**CLASS OF 1953** - Seaman Street Hobo Party left to right front row: Patsy Pogue, Bettie Robinson, Mable Grimes, Don Webb, Jana Weaver, Sallie Cooper, Dolores Warden. 2nd row: Pauline Cogburn, Yvonne Tankersley, Charliene Black, Gail Parsons, Shorty Kendrick, Don Chrisman, Don Martin, Norman Watson. 3rd Row: Loretta Holdcraft, Wanda Peel, Verna Johnson, Frankie McDonald, Earline Miller, Patsy Simpson, Edith Cox, Marcia Tuggle, James Greer, Joe Brown, Gale Hogan. Back Row: Joe Muirhead, Douglas Crabtree, Bob Jones, Don Roff.

**HALLOWE'EN COW, 1926**

The most ridiculous Halloween in Eastland occurred in 1925 when a group of high school students on a Halloween prowled gathered up old wagon wheels, cement mortar boxes, logs, and anything they could pry loose from anything and carried these spoils into the school auditorium. To cap it all, someone (a girl, I think) suggested that we take old bossy from the cow lot across the street and enter her as a new pupil. This suggestion met with immediate approval. The group practically carried that old cow up the 30 steps leading into the building, using ropes for leverage. Nervous and frightened bossy did exactly what was expected. Rumor had it that Epsom Salts had been given, but the rumor was hotly

denied--salts were unnecessary.

The next morning Supt. Bates announced from the stage that unless the suspects confessed, he might rub many noses in you know what. Realizing how furious he was, we remained silent. Anyway we got a three day holiday; it took that long to get the building back in order.

That group was divided about 50-50--girls and boys. But of course the girls did most of the cleaning up. That episode caused horrified reactions from grownups and admiration from the young frv.

An English teacher told me to paraphrase Shakespeare (me and William!)

Tell them their pranks have been too broad to bear with!

Sue Gourley and Joy Lynne Robinson were masters of pantomime. They appeared in programs here and over the county and really reminded us of Debbie Reynolds.



**EHS DUDES OF 1911** - Clarence Short, Robert Hunt and Ed Sparr.



**EHS BEAUTY QUEENS OF 1911** - Murrel Hague Hornbeck, Kate Vannaman Hultz and Iona Day Sikes.

**1st Formal Grad Class Prophecised Greatly**

Credited as being the first "formal" graduation at Eastland High School was the Class of 1909 when Wm. B. Duke was superintendent and there were

five girls and one male graduate.

The date was April 16, 1909, and the formal program gave everybody on the program:



**Class Of 1934**



TRACK 1941 - - Coach Grady, Coach Jeter, Carl Bryant, Charles Bush, Sonny Self.

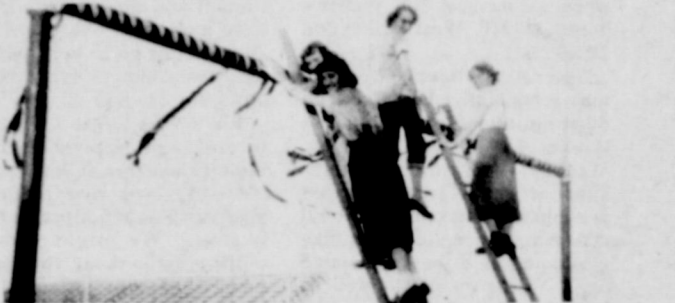


1919 BASKETBALL- - Downtown Court Back row: Fred Harrell, J.W. Seastrunk, Jim B. Martin. Front: Charles Le Fan, Don Parker



*A Ring Presentation*

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Kendricks built the large replica of the senior ring to be used in the annual ring presentation ceremonies. This golden ring is still in use. On one memorable occasion mothers used copper and brass containers filled with milk weed to enhance the appearance of the stage. The stage was beautiful, but the ladies and some of the girls broke out like measles.



SENIORS 1953- - Rhea Hurt, Marcia Tuggle, Dolores Warden, Jana Weaver

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**WENDELL T. SIEBERT  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND GROWING**  
By Ima Ruth Taylor

The Wendell T. Siebert Scholarship Fund recently established at Eastland National Bank, has grown over the \$3,000 mark according to James Reid, treasurer of the Eastland High School Homecoming Association and custodian of the Scholarship Fund. Letters about final plans for the Eastland Homecoming set for June 20, 21, and 22, were mailed a few weeks ago. Mention was made about the Siebert Fund and the contributions are beginning to come in. It is our fervent hope that this perpetual fund will reach the \$5,000 goal by June, 1975. Plans are to invest the funds at eight percent interest and provide a deserving student or students with scholarship money at Eastland High School graduation each



**EHS GRADUATING CLASS OF 1919** - - Front Row: Verna Dawson, Laura Simer, Helen Pederson, Florence Petty, Mozelle Jones, Airey Bendy, Wortham Seale, Jim B. Martin. Back Row: Ethel Smith, Miss Belle Wilson, Teacher; Miss Mildred Foy, Teacher; Mrs. Moreau, Mr. Moreau, principal; E.A. Bills, superintendent; Bill Seastrunk

**WANTED: CLASS OF 1935**  
By Elva Lee Jones  
1935 Class Agent

All members please attend EHS Homecoming. If you are not present, you will miss the opportunity to renew old friendships and also deprive others of the pleasure of your company.

This is our 40th anniversary and let's do our best to make it a big success.

Remember, our class will join the classes of 1934 and 1936 in the Crew Room of the Texas Electric Service Center on the Morton Valley Highway from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

year. What finer way could we honor a friend, dedicated educator and administrator than to provide help for EHS students to further their education.

Wendell Siebert believed in the students who walked the halls of EHS. He took great personal pride in their accomplishments. He treasured their friendships. The hundreds of letters and cards he and his family received during his illness proved that the feeling was mutual.

It is hoped that all citizens of Eastland, past and present, will want to have a part, no matter how small, in providing this memorial to Wendell T. Siebert and to the cause to which he was so dedicated, the education of students attending the Eastland Public Schools.

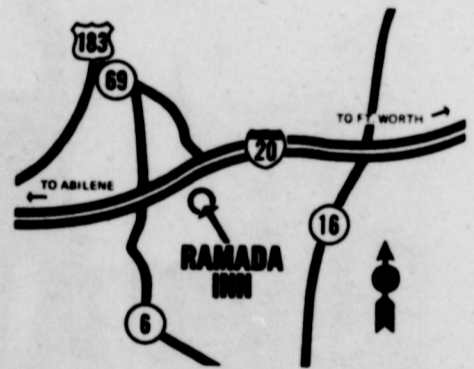
Some members have not received letters concerning this event due to the fact that the Homecoming Association does not have their current addresses. We enlist your cooperation in this regard. If you have knowledge of the whereabouts of those listed below, it will be greatly appreciated if you furnish this information immediately to the Eastland Homecoming Association, Box 688, Eastland, Texas, 76448. Specify "Class of 1935".

Lucille Buckbee, Weldon Davis, Geraldine Francis, Francis Hudgins, Aaron Hurley, Robert Allen Stoker, Carretta Watson, Bennie Kate Wood (Mrs. Bennie Roberson).

Leewai Chance (Mrs. Charles Hubbard), Ellen Francis, Alberta Gilmore, Mary Frances Hunter, Elizabeth Kissinger, Jo Earl Utz (Mrs. Richard Kobdich), Doil Williams.

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**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS** - - Dr. William P. Dukes, left, professor of business administration at Texas Tech University, presents Dukes scholarships to three students in the college in award ceremonies at the university. The recipients, from left, are William Michael Clay of Dallas, Henry Van Geem of Eastland, and Stephen Sears of Odessa. Clay is a junior in finance, Van Geem a doctoral candidate in finance, and Sears a graduate student in finance. (Tech Photo)

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BY SANDI [Taylor] ALSUP

The 50 members of the class of 1959 might be called the last class in the much publicized "fifties" era. Bobby sox and loafers, ducktail haircuts, rolled up jeans, net petticoats, turned up collars, making the "drag", the bop, Elvis Presley, pony tails and spit curls, hot rods with "Smitty's", stealing hub caps, and parking at the spillway were everyday happenings in the years 1956 - 59.

high school years, the freshmen of 1959 were duly "initiated" into Eastland High School and social clubs and could participate in sports and band activities. Having a representative cheerleader, Sue Stoker, and receiving the first annual were other highlights for the "lowly Fish". Class officers were Sue Stoker, Rebecca Graham and Larry Hollis.

1957 was a great sports year for all of EHS, as the football team went to semi-final playoffs under the leadership of coaches Carol Shelton and Jon Tate.

Knicky Arther, Larry Hollis and Clinton Humphreys were on this team.

Sophomore class officers were Mike Manning, Laura Harris, and Bill Norwood. The cheerleader was Patricia Fullen and Ann Toombs was drum major.

The Junior-Senior Banquet and prom, the Junior play, and another football great-beating Ranger for the first time in 10 years--highlighted the year 1957-58. Officers were Larry Hollis, Clinton Humphreys, Rebecca Graham, and Janie

Arthur. Patricia Fullen was again chosen as cheerleader and Ann Toombs was assistant drum major. Dixie Durham and Sandi Taylor were majorettes. Rosemary Jones received All-Region Band honors.

Gaila Walters was FFA Sweet heart and Dixie Durham, band sweetheart. Michael Lisenbee was awarded the DAR award in American History.

Knicky Arther, Bill Norwood, Larry Hollis and Clinton Humphreys received All-District football recognition; Jackie Baggett and Judy Inzer were girls' basketball co-captains; and John Powell went to State in golf.

"Papa Says No" was the Junior Play and the cast included Rosemary Jones, Judy Inzer, Laura Harris, Jamie Stamey, Nancy Beck, Kathy Williamson, Sandi Taylor, Patricia Fullen, Gaila Walters, Jannie Morton, Seba Williams, Clinton Humphreys, Clarence Mayers, Jerry Hallmark, Elton Williams and Perry Miller. Mr. Kerman Bond was director.

A vocal trio, composed of Dixie Durham, Laura Harris, and Sandi Taylor, made its debut at various events during this year. Their accompanist was Mrs. Andy Taylor. Elton Williams, with his impressions of Elvis, was also a part of the entertainment scene.

Finally, the magical senior year arrived, bringing with it freshmen initiation, senior rings, autobiography writing for Teach Johnson, extra work for grades, "senioritis", the Senior play and banquet, and the end of school rash of parties before graduation.

Class officers were Kenneth Leach, Charles Chaney, Laura Harris, Rebecca Graham, and

Judy Inzer. Senior cheerleaders were Patricia Fullen, head, and Kathy Williamson. Jackie Baggett was drum major; Ann Toombs featured twirler; and Dixie Durham, Laura Harris and Sandi Taylor majorettes. Rosemary Jones made the All-District band.

Knicky Arther, Larry Hollis and Clinton Humphreys were football co-captains and Knicky Arther, Charles Chaney, Larry Hollis, Clinton Humphreys, and Stanley Reed received All-District recognition. Knicky and Stanley also received All-Area Honorable Mention. Jackie Baggett and Judy Inzer were again co-captains in basketball.

The Senior play was **Rest Assured** and cast members were Judy Cockrell, Jackie Baggett, Janice Crabtree, Florence Stroud, Phyllis Phillips, Rosemary Jones, Laura Harris, Sandi Taylor, Elton Williams, Stanley Reed, Fred Walker, Perry Miller, Michael Lisenbee, Clarence Mayers, and Jerry Hallmark. Mr. Bond was again director.

FFA Sweetheart was Rebecca Graham; band sweetheart was Laura Harris and football sweetheart was Kathy Williamson.

June 1, 1959, brought to a close the 12 eventful years shared by the seniors of 1959. All graduates look forward to this day with mixed emotions, and the tears usually flow after the impressive ceremony and singing of the "...hallowed halls of EHS" for the last time as a class. This class was no exception.

Valedictorian was Larry Hollis and Judy Inzer was Salutatorian. Other honor graduates were Linett Capers, Wallace Cherry, Charlene Finley, Laura Harris, Rosemary Jones, Kenneth Leach, Clarence Mayers, Perry Miller, Sandi Taylor, and Seba Williams.

Since graduation, the class of 1959 has lost two members, Wallace Cherry and Perry Miller, in automobile accidents.

Approximately 1/3 of the class received college degrees and about one-fifth are certified teachers or are married to educators. Other known professions of class members include engineering, business, banking, mechanics and management.

Forty-one of the 48 members now reside in Texas, with the Dallas-Fort Worth area having 16. Other locations and numbers are as follows: Eastland and area--6; Abilene and area--4; Houston and area--4; San Angelo and area--2; Austin--2; San Antonio--2; Longview--2; Denton area--1; Mineral Wells area--1; and Odessa--1.

Seven members live in other states. These are: Alabama--1; California--2; Florida--1; Louisiana--2; and Mississippi--1.

A large number of the class are expected to attend Homecoming 1975. The class meeting will be held at the home of Sandi (Taylor) Alsup, 507 East Pershing, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21. Sandi Alsup and Knicky and Gaila Arther are class agents.



**MRS. A.F. TAYLOR'S BEETHOVEN CLUB** - - Top Row: Bob Todd, Nelson Allison, Jan Spalding, Marilyn Wittrup, Bill Eddleman. Third Row: Patsy Safley, Dorothy Sims. Second Row: Wanda Harris, Marge Hatcher, Billie Floy Hunt, Evelyn Ward, Joyce Pearson, Betty Allison, Donald Kinnaird Jr. Front Row: Colonel Don Brasier, Marleece Elliot, Veda Myrl Sneed, Wanda Williams, Mrs. Taylor, sponsor.



**THAT FAMOUS AB CLUB OF 1964** - Back Row: Sponsor John D. Harvey, members Herbert Barker, Jack Anderson, Jim Tom Warden. Front Row: Harold Everett, Gene Young, Donald Kinnaird Jr., Bob Todd

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