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## 2003 SUNSET ROUNDUP

The first Saturday in September will be the big day in 2003. That is September 6<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day weekend. The Class of 1943 will be honored on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are hoping to have another record breaking crowd this year.

It will be at the Oak Cliff Country Club again. There will be a map and directions in the Fall newsletter. It will be sit down style again this year, not buffet.

A number of activities are planned to encourage people to mix and mingle before and after we eat lunch. There will be more static displays of Sunset memorabilia. Also, there will be a cash bar for those who want extra refreshment.

Bill Kimble and his band have been booked again. They will provide a variety of music from big band sounds of the Forties to country western to music that rocks. Whatever you want, they can do it.

There may even be some surprise guests but that's our secret for now.

## 2002 ROUNDUP

The 2002 Roundup was the biggest yet. Over 180 people gathered at the Oak Cliff Country Club to honor the Class of 1942 on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their graduation.

**Buddy Lamberth '42** served as master of ceremonies. **Bill Kimble '44** and his band provided musical entertainment.

**David Allen '28** represented the earliest class that attended. His brother, **Albert Allen '32** also attended. They were guests of **Jim Carson '42** and his wife, **Ellen**. David lives in Richardson and Albert lives at the Wedgewood Apartments in Oak Cliff as do a number of other Sunset-Exes.

**Iris Gilpen Killough '33** represented another early class. She was accompanied by her husband, James. Iris operated a ceramics shop in Oak Cliff for many years.

By listening to the chit-chat around the tables, we learned that **Nannie Lou Purnell and Boone Huguley**, husband and wife, are accomplished black powder shooters. They each have won many championships, local and national. They have their own shooting range on acreage in South Dallas County where they

practice.

**J. Gordon Hauteman '42** told us that he has missed recent Roundups because he usually spends his Saturdays at the Lancaster airport helping maintain aircraft that belong to the Commemorative Air Force (CAF). The organization was formerly called the Confederate Air Force but changed its name last year to become politically correct and to prevent challenges to its tax-free status. You can get more info on the CAF at their web site [www.commemorativeairforce.org](http://www.commemorativeairforce.org). There are lots of pictures of World War II aircraft.

**Albert Eugene (Gene) Smith '42** came from Melbourne, Arkansas. The rest of the year back home he is engaged in prison ministry.

**Betty Hoxworth Crabs '43** came from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



June and Lester Keese, both '39



Georgia and Landon Morrison '39



James & Iris Gilpen Killough '37 and Ruthe Thompson Jackson '38

## DALLAS LUNCHEONS

The Dallas luncheon groups are still meeting, greeting and eating and want more people to join them.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday group meets at the Texas Land and Cattle Steak House, 3130 Lemmon Ave. at Cole Street in the Oak Lawn area. After you eat you can go over a few blocks and get on the McKinney Ave. Trolley and take a ride.

The other group, which has always been known as **The '42 Girls**, meets at the Celebration Restaurant, 4503 W. Lovers Lane near Love Field.

## AROUND BIG D

Many Dallas residents were surprised to learn about a mysterious island in White Rock Lake. It seems that a sharp eyed map user surfing the Mapquest.com web site spotted Bonnie Bell Island off Winfrey Point in White Rock Lake.

Silt moving into lake from upstream has so filled the lake that it is hardly ankle deep in many places but as far as old timers' memories are concerned there was never an island anywhere in White Rock Lake.

A civil engineer who helped plan the recent dredging of the lake said he was familiar with the spot where the alleged island is supposed to be. He said they dredged the area to a depth of eight feet and there was no island there when the crews started.

The most logical explanation for the fantasy island is that it false feature purposely put in the map to protect the map

maker's copyright of their work. Similar false features appear on the maps of other map makers.

So don't plan on having an intimate picnic on Bonnie Bell Island. It's not there.

We've mentioned the Lakewood Theater several times before and its efforts to remain open in the face of competition from multi-screen movie complexes. In our day the Lakewood was known more to us as the hangout of the Lakewood Rats. Most of us hung out at the Bison Theater or the Sunset. Or, if we were lucky, we went to the Texas.

The Lakewood has had film fests, Friday night sing-a-longs complete with pipe organ accompaniment, and most recently Saturday night bingo for a gay and lesbian group.

Their latest brainchild is "Retro Night." On second Tuesday of the month they are showing classic films from the Golden Age of movies. Admission price is only 15 cents. Popcorn is a quarter.

All films are preceded by live entertainment. Bill Flynt and the Blue Diamond Trio start the show with their vintage tunes accompanying silent film shorts.

Theater goers are encouraged to come early and check out the Metro Retro antique store across the street. They co-sponsor the retro events.

Recent showings have been *Arsenic And Old Lace*, *It's A Wonderful Life*, and *White Christmas*.

Dallas city planners keep coming up with more ways to spruce up downtown Dallas. The latest idea is to create a park bounded by Harwood, Jackson, St. Paul and Main streets.

Among the buildings that would need to be demolished are the Dallas Grand Hotel and the old Dallas Public Library. Both are vacant. The original name of the hotel building was the Statler Hilton. In its heyday it was the place to be. Among its clientele were Elvis Presley, Elizabeth Taylor, Liberace and Zsa Zsa Gabor. The library building was closed when the new library building was built on Young Street across from City Hall.

A separate group has proposed a smaller park on Main Street that would include the location of the old (and vacant) Mercantile Bank Building. We can predict squabbling ahead. Nothing is easy in Dallas anymore.

We've mentioned before the High Five traffic interchange now under construction at N. Central and LBJ Freeways. When

completed, it will be the most expensive highway interchange in the U.S. State highway engineers recently announced that they are in the planning stages of an even more expensive interchange at the intersection of IH-360 and IH-20 south of Arlington.

Also, highway engineers are developing plans for box tunnels under IH-635 (LBJ Freeway) to go from near Hillcrest Road to IH-35E (Stemmons Freeway).

He wasn't a Sunsetter but the late Buster Lyon, who died in January of this year, touched the lives of many Sunset boys. Buster was a district manager for the *Dallas Morning News*. Many of the boys who had DMN paper routes were in his territory. Buster took over Jack Gaddis's district when Jack moved into an office job in the DMN circulation department. After WWII, Buster opened a used car lot and made it big. He was generous with his philanthropy and supported Dallas Baptist College in southwest Oak Cliff. In recent years he was known best for the elaborate Christmas display he erected each year in his front yard. It was a real traffic stopper on his street.

## DART ON THE GO

In December Dart light rail rolled into Plano. Now you can ride Dart from Parker Road in north Plano to the Veterans Hospital on South Lancaster in Oak Cliff or out to Illinois and Westmoreland in Oak Cliff. Earlier in the year, Dart opened a line to Garland.

Dart ridership is picking up. Potential riders from Sherman and McKinney are overloading Dart trains at the new Parker Road station. Systemwide Dart has 11,000 bus and rail stops along more than 130 routes. Its lines run in 13 cities which offer 1,800 major destinations. Its service covers about 700 square miles.

Dart has gone on line with a new trip planner service on its web site: [www.dart.org](http://www.dart.org). The new program will show you how to get from here to there. Users can enter street addresses, or they can go to a list of 1,800 local landmarks. Included are everything from the new American Airlines Center to public schools, hospitals and libraries.

## GENERAL NEWS

Clyde Perkins '42 has a new email address: [esperkins@cableone.net](mailto:esperkins@cableone.net). He says that at his age he doesn't want to use the precious time he has left waiting for a slow Internet to load. Clyde needs a faster connection to download talking books from Audible.com. It is a subscription service that

has been a big help because of his eye problem.

Clyde did not participate in the Hot'r N Hell 100 mile bicycle race in Wichita Falls last year. But, he did participate his fifty Multiple Sclerosis 150 Bike Tour in August. He says that riding in rough weather is rough and takes an abnormally high determination to do it. He needs to do about 1,600 miles of practice riding to do a 100 mile ride in August. Last year his training rides totaled less than 1,100 miles and he paid the price in exhaustion and dehydration. Still, among the race finishers he was the oldest cyclist by 10 years. To top it off, he donated a pint of blood two days after the ride.



Clyde Perkins '42

He missed the Roundup because of back surgery (his second last year).

## RESEARCH SUBJECTS WANTED

Here is a heck of a deal. The Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine, a part of with Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, is jointly conducting a research project with the Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. The focus of the project is aging and fitness. Volunteer subjects are needed, both persons with sedentary lifestyles (couch potatoes, that is) and more active seniors.

Volunteers selected will receive benefits as follows:

- ✓ A better understanding of your body's capabilities.
- ✓ Monetary compensation.
- ✓ New knowledge of the heart and blood vessel's function after training.
- ✓ The possible discovery of a previously unknown condition that may require medical attention, and
- ✓ A 12 month, supervised endurance training program.

Each subject will receive a comprehensive physical examination and medical monitoring during the training period. For more information, contact the director of the Institute, Dr. Benjamin

Levine at (214) 345-4620 or online at [BenjaminLevine@TexasHealth.org](mailto:BenjaminLevine@TexasHealth.org). Or contact the assistant editor (Roy Kinslow), who, being a confirmed couch potato, is a participant in the program.

### IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Taylor Publishing Co. has published an updated edition of Dallas Police Officer **Steve Elwonger's** book *In the Line of Duty*. It is a compilation of the circumstances of the 74 Dallas police officers who were killed while doing their job of protecting the public.

Pictures are included of all except William McDuff, the first black officer killed in the line of duty. He was killed in Christmas Day 1896 when he confronted two black youths he had arrested earlier in the day for fighting at a nearby Methodist church. McDuff had been on the force only about two months when he died. Officer Elwonger is still searching for information on McDuff's burial site. Records from that period are sketchy at best.

Order the book from the author at Police Press, P.O.Box 59777, Dallas, Texas 75229 or online at [caiper2@cs.com](mailto:caiper2@cs.com). All proceeds for sale of the book are being donated to the *DPD Widows and Orphans' Fund* and to the *Wish Upon A Star Foundation*.

### RUTHE JACKSON CENTER

We have mentioned our favorite public servant, **Ruthe Thompson Jackson '38**, in the newsletter several times. The Grand Prairie City Council person is constantly doing something to promote Grand Prairie. On December 16, 2002 Grand Prairie leaders and citizens turned out to have the grand opening of the Ruthe Jackson Center, a beautiful new 32,000 square foot meeting and banquet facility.

The center was named for Ruthe in recognition of the many years she has served Grand Prairie in many capacities. The announcement of the Center's opening said this about Ruthe's long service:

"Ruthe Jackson has served Grand Prairie and the metroplex in many capacities - city council member, business leader, PTA leader, historian, and active church member. Mrs. Jackson was elected to the Grand Prairie City Council and served from 1985 - 1991 and again from 1993 - present. She served on the Dallas County School Board for 18 years, 11 of which she was Vice President.

"Mrs. Jackson has been a member of more than 30 philanthropic organizations and was the founding member of 16 of those organizations. Her awards cabinet is

filled with more than 30 honors and awards from local, regional and national organizations, including having a Dallas County School educational facility named in her honor. Mrs. Jackson's most coveted national honors include being the first Texas recipient of the Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson Environmental Award from Keep America Beautiful and the 2001 National Award for Excellence in Community Service from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The State of Texas even named its youth award from Keep Texas Beautiful after Mrs. Jackson.

"The City of Grand Prairie is proud to add the name of Ruthe Jackson to its newest meeting and event facility."

Those who attended the dedication were overwhelmed by the elegance of the Center. It has an Austin stone exterior in the architectural style of a Texas Hill Country Lodge. The main lobby is of stone tile and features a spectacular indoor waterfall.

The Board Room in the Center was named for Ruthe's husband, **Vernon**, in recognition of his considerable service activities boosting Grand Prairie over the years. Our congratulations to them both.

Read more about the Center and take an online tour at: [www.ruthejacksoncenter.com](http://www.ruthejacksoncenter.com).



The Ruthe Jackson Center  
3113 S. Carrier Parkway  
Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

### BIG D ONLINE

Did you know that Doc Holliday, the gambler turned gunslinger, once tried to earn an honest living as a Dallas dentist?

Doc's lifestyle of drinking and gambling at Main Street saloons and his progressing tuberculosis caused his patient load to diminish. Also, stricter gambling laws and a slow economy prompted Doc to move on. In April 1875, he paid off an outstanding gambling debt and left the Dallas area.

Check out this interesting historical artifact and other unique aspects of Dallas' past at the Dallas Morning News web site [www.dallasnews.com/hiddenhistory](http://www.dallasnews.com/hiddenhistory).

It's not a pleasant activity sometimes but you can read the obituaries that have been published in the *Dallas Morning News* at

their web site. After you go to [www.dallasnews.com](http://www.dallasnews.com) click on local news and click on Obituaries. You will have a choice of either "published" obituaries of "paid" obituaries. The paid obituaries are the death notices that families put in the paper.

The Sunset High School web site maintained by **Betty Brewer Olive '44** has a new address. It is found at: [home.attbi.com/~bolive/sunset.html](http://home.attbi.com/~bolive/sunset.html). Surf on over and sign her guest book. She has lots of email addresses of former Bisons organized by class.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra has upgraded their web site. The improvements include audio samples of upcoming concerts and patron reviews of past performances. You also can buy tickets, books, apparel, CDs and more symphony stuff at [www.dallassymphony.com](http://www.dallassymphony.com). Check it out.

A new radio station and a web site to keep downtown residents and visitors informed about public safety within the central business has started operation. The radio station, 1680 AM and the web site, [www.dallasalert.org](http://www.dallasalert.org) will continually provide information to downtown's daytime population of about 130,000. During emergencies, evacuation information and updates will be provided.

### TEN BOYS FROM DALLAS

Thanks to the perseverance of **Lloyd White**, Tech graduate, the memorial to the "Ten Boys From Dallas" was dedicated during a fitting ceremony on November 2, 2002 at a location very near the Dallas Convention Center. The memorial honors ten sailors from Dallas who were on the U.S.S. Arizona at Pearl Harbor when it sank during the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941.

A plaque honoring the heroes had been in place at a nearby park for some time. The new granite monument has the names and pictures of all ten boys arranged in a circle around a picture of the Arizona.

A total of 177 sailors and marines were killed and most of them are entombed in the hull of the Arizona at the bottom of Pearl Harbor Bay. Seventy eight were from Texas. Only 333 of those on board at the time of the attack survived. A former Dallas mayor, the late John Evans, was a survivor and his name is also on the monument.

Lloyd deserves the thanks of all of us for his tenacity in seeing this project through

from an idea to fulfillment. He wouldn't quit and he would not take "no" or "it can't be done" for an answer.

## DALLAS STREET NAMES

What do the names R. L. Thornton, Tom Landry, and Boxcar Willie have in common? If you are not familiar with Boxcar Willie, he got his start as a country western entertainer in Dallas. He later opened one of the first showrooms in Branson, Missouri.

The commonality that we are looking for here is that all three have their name on a piece of the North Texas transportation network. R. L. Thornton Freeway (Interstate 30 East and Interstate 35E South), Tom Landry Freeway (Interstate 30 West), and the Boxcar Willie Memorial Overpass in Red Oak are named after the three men. Also in Red Oak, a part of FM2377 is named for 1988 Olympic gold medalist high jumper Louise Ritter.

Here are some more highways named for famous Dallasites:

Julius Schepps Freeway (I-45) is named for a former Dallas civic leader, businessman and public benefactor.

Marvin D. Love Freeway (U.S. 67) is named for a former Dallas County commissioner.

John Carpenter Freeway (S.H. 114 and part of S.H. 183) is named for a former Dallas business and civic leader who also was an executive with Texas Power and Light Co.

C.F. Hawn Freeway (U.S. 175) honors a former state highway commissioner and Athens, Texas lumber executive.

Woodall Rodgers Freeway (Spur 366) is named for a former Dallas mayor and president of the Greater Dallas Planning Council.

Walton Walker Boulevard (Loop 12) honors an Army general who was killed in action in Korea in 1950.

Leslie A. Stemmons Freeway (I-35E North) is named for a civic leader who also was a developer of the Trinity River levee system and the Trinity Industrial District.

Harry Hines Boulevard (Old U.S. 77, now Spur 354) is named for a former state highway commissioner.

S. M. Wright Freeway (U.S. 175 and S.H.310) is named for a former South Dallas minister and civic leader.

Good-Latimer Expressway gets its name from a lawyer who led a residents militia into Collin County and the editor of Dallas' first newspaper.

In July 1852, John Jay Good led 100 armed residents in the Hedcoxe War,

which confronted a land-company agent who had challenged their land claims. No one was hurt, and the uprising was eventually resolved. In 1880, Mr. Good was elected Dallas mayor.

James W. Latimer was co-founder, editor and co-publisher of Dallas' first newspaper, the *Cedar Snag*, which became the *Herald*. He also was chief justice of Dallas County.

Individual streets named for the men were obliterated by the construction of North Central Expressway. But in October 1951, Good-Latimer Expressway was named in their honor.

The Houston Street Viaduct was first known as the Oak Cliff Viaduct when it was built in 1912.

Sometimes buildings get their names in unusual ways also. For instance, Parkland Memorial Hospital got the name Parkland when it was established in 1894 because it was built on land the Dallas bought to build a park.

You can view other historical artifacts about Dallas at the *Dallas Morning News* web site, [www.dallasnews.com/hiddenhistor](http://www.dallasnews.com/hiddenhistor).

Also at this web page, you read about the tunnel beneath the former Santa Fe Freight Terminal on Commerce Street. It was built in 1924 and carried merchandise to the fashion district. It is rumored that bootlegged booze also moved through the tunnel during Prohibition days.

## NEWSLETTER HEROES

These heroes have sent in a donation since the last newsletter. If you recognize a name from last time, that is because that person has sent in another donation.

**Paul Adair '44**

**Leta Ruth Bates Lassetter '42**

**Dan Beazley '43**

**& Mary Kay Allen Beazley '44**

**Nan Blackston Peterson '45**

**Virginia Boisseau Humphries '40**

**Patsy Bray White '43**

**Elwood Brown '41**

**Betty Jean Calvert Knudson '43**

**Jim Carson '42**

**Maylene Cobb** in memory of **Dr. Bill Cobb '39**. She attended the 2002 Roundup to deliver the donation.

**Earle Cochran '42**

**Charles Cox '42**

**& Flora(Fluter) Estes Cox '44**

**Tom Cox '42**

**Marjorie Crockett Montgomery '43**

**Martha Ann Daniel Boswell '39**

**Flora Mae Estes Cox '44**

**Evelyn Gish Connell '43**

**Anita Hague Stinchcombe '43**

**Jack Halfpenny '43**

**& Norma Mansfield Halfpenny '44**

**Marguerite Hapeman Graham '43**

**Harvey R. Herbst '39**

**Donald Horton '42**

**Dr. Sam Huggins '45**

**Madeline Johnson Stiever '38** in memory of

**Thelma Swenson Wolf '38**

**Neysa LaGrone Blagg '41**

**Jean Lewis Barrar '38**

**James Litton '45**

**Hudson Lockett '38**

**Floyd Loupot '39**

**Val Mansfield '44**

**Joyce James Maroney '42**

**& Jack Maroney '41**

**Betty Mercer Chess '41**

**Mary G. Milam Vonder Hoya '38**

**Danny Miller '47**

**& Mildred Vandiver Miller '45**

**Wanda Ogden Terrell '39**

**Charles Osborn '44**

**Willie Maude Parker Helm '42**

**Clyde Perkins '42**

**Patsy Price Gunter '45**

**Bill Rollwage '41**

**Dr. Raymond Steinhoff '42**

**Kenneth Thompson '44**

**Leslie Taliaferro '41**

**Reba Shelton Walker '40**

**Jack Woodard '44**

**Marilyn (Cissy) Yarrell Lacy '43**

Your generosity is appreciated and is the reason we don't have to make an appeal for funds.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STARS

These people have sent donations to support restoration of the display boards of NHS members from the classes.

**Leta Ruth Bates Lassetter '42**

**Nina Byrom Zapffe '42**

**Betty Calvert Knudson '43**

**J. D. Chalk** delivered a large donation from the Class of 1947.

**Ken Cole '39**. Ken supported restoration of an entire board from 1939.

**Ed Cullum '58**.

**James (Jim) Hall '37**

**Everett Lennon '40**

**Lille Grace Odom Thomas '44**

If you have contributed since the last newsletter and we failed to list your name, please let us know.

If you would like to send a donation, send it to Jodie Grimes, Faculty Advisor, NHS, Sunset High School, 2120 W. Jefferson Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75211.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Don Raymond Armstrong '41** died 9-12-02 in Houston. He is survived by his wife, **Patsy Ruth Aber Armstrong '42**.

**Donald Aronofsky** died 10-12-02 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Survived by his mother of Colorado and a brother, **David**, of Missoula, Montana.

**Fletcher Asbury '39** died 2-2-03 in Dallas. It was reported to us by Bill Huber '39.

**Bob Atchley '39** of Dallas died 9-9-3-02. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, **Grace**, and two brothers, **Bascom Atchley** of Canyon Lake, Texas, and **Walter Atchley '42** of Tyler, Texas.



**Dr. William (Bill) Cobb '39**

**Stephen William "Bill" Cobb '39** of Irving, Texas died 8-21-02

**Bobbie Jo Compton Braswell '39** of Plano died 4-06-00. This delayed report was sent in by her husband.

**Robert (Bob) Cooke '44.**

**Joanne Brown Martin '41** died 12-01-02 in Dallas. Joanne and **Kathryn Fox Gillmour '41** were classmates all the way through Rosemont and Sunset.

**Louise Cox Williamson** died 11-16-02. She was a member of one of the first classes to graduate from Sunset.

**Martha Jane Dial McMinn '39** of Dallas died 11-03-02. She is survived by her brother, **Dr. H. C. Dial '42.**

**Exa Drummond**, mother of **Virginia Drummond New '41**, died October 2002 at the age of 102. Mrs. Drummond was the last surviving charter member of the Irwindell United Methodist Church located at Jefferson and Westmoreland.



**Erwin H. Eckert '40**

**Erwin Hale Eckert '40** of San Antonio died 11-3-02 and is survived by a brother, **Roy**, of California.



**Judge Fite '34**

**Judge John Brown Fite '34** died 2-2-03 at Glen Rose, Texas. Judge was his name, not a title or nickname. After graduation from Sunset and World War II military service, Judge entered the real estate business. It grew to be the largest realtor in Oak Cliff and his company eventually became the No. 1 Century 21 company in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in terms of sales and No. 2 in the world.

**Virginia Mae Fite**, Duncanville, Texas, died 10-04-02. She was a life-long resident of Duncanville but was a Sunset graduate because the Duncanville schools only went through the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at that time. After her graduation in the early 1930s, she obtained

her degrees in mathematics and education from SMU. She taught advanced math classes to juniors and seniors at Kimball High School until her retirement in 1972. She was a volunteer at Charlton Methodist Hospital for more than 20 years after her retirement from DISD.

**Jack (Jim) Franklin Flowers** died 11-28-02. He was a graduate of one of the first classes to graduate from Sunset.

**Jack White Gossett '41** died 6-21-02.

**Henry (Hank) Haswell** died 11-16-02. We do not have the date of his graduation but he would have been in one of the classes of the early fifties.

**Wayne January** of Glenn Heights, Texas died 11-29-02. He was also a member of one of the early fifties classes. He is survived by his brothers **Spencer** and **C. H. January** and two sisters, **Ruth Landers** and **Shirley Fielder**. He was preceded in death by another brother, **Farold**.

**Charles Saxon Johnson** died 12-02-02.

We do not have his graduating class but from his date of birth he probably was in one of the first graduating classes at Sunset.

**James M. (Jack) Strong**, LtCol USAF (ret'd) died 10-14-02. He was the husband of **Ruth Kolb Strong '41** of Fort Worth.

**Jackie Langham Eagle '45** of Fort Worth died 6 -24-02.

**Dollie Nora Lee '38** of Dallas died 4-9-02. Our report came from her sister, **Mary E. Lee** of Dallas.

**Frances Little Wright '40** of Freeport, Texas has died but we don't know the date. Her last newsletter was returned marked "deceased."

**John (Charles) Lund '39** of Naperville, Illinois died 8-24-02. His wife died 8-6-02. He is survived by his sister, **Dorothy Lund Kelly '41** of Kilgore, Texas and a brother **Roland Lund** of Farmers Branch, Texas. **Lewis (Clint) Manning '39** of Alexandria, Virginia died 4-13-01

**Julian Mateson '37**, brother of the late **Jean Matson '42**, died 12-10-02. Julian attended many of our Saturday luncheons as the guest of a neighbor, the late **Alva McDonald '41.**

**Doris McBride (Sain) Smith '41** died 10-10-99 in Arkansas. She had been married to the great baseball pitcher **Johnny Sain.**

**Leslie McNair '44** died 12-4-02. Leslie was a Texas A&M graduate and later received a Masters Degree from Syracuse University. He was a retired U.S. Army colonel. He is survived by his wife and a brother, **David McNair.**

**Steve (Bonnie Joe) Nash '40** of Dallas died 9-18-02. He was a retired airline pilot whom we featured in an earlier issue of the newsletter.

**Betty Ogden Brantley '45.**  
**Weirine Pettigrew Thompson '41** of Bullard, Texas died 4-12-02. She is survived by her husband, **Jim.**



**Charles Player '39**

**Judge Charles Polk Player '43** died 1-21-03 ending a colorful and varied career in firefighting, law enforcement and judicial service. Charles went to Winnetka Grade School and after he graduated from Sunset he went to N.T.A.C. (now UT-Arlington). He left "N-tack" to enter the service and was in a combat engineers battalion that eventually ended up in Japan. On his return to civilian life, he finished at NTAC and went on to S.M.U. where he earned a degree in English and journalism. He went to work for the legendary Sheriff Bill Decker and earned many accolades for himself in the areas of fire training, hospital safety and other allied fields. But he wasn't done yet. He found time to graduate from SMU Law School and became a licensed attorney. In 1984 he was appointed municipal judge of the Town of Sunnyvale. Later, he was appointed associate municipal judge for the City of Dallas, where he served until his death.

**June Porter Gordon '45** of San Antonio died 2-28-02. Her husband wrote us that her donated organs saved two people who were still living as this was written.

**Mary Ann Prickett Dailey '38** of Arlington, Texas died 12-25-02.

**Oswald Wayne (O.W.) Shepherd** of Redding, California died 8-14-97. He was survived by his wife, **Floria Baroni**

**Shepherd '43.** Floria's newsletter was returned by the Post Office. Anyone who knows her current address, please let us know.

**Benjalee Stailey Robberson '40** of Kilgore, Texas died 10-16-02. She was the sister of the late **Buster Stailey '43**, whose passing we reported in our last issue.

**Mary Elizabeth Stinchcombe**, daughter of **Anita Hague Stinchcombe '43**, died 12-2-02 in Dallas although she had lived in recent years in Oja Caliente, New Mexico. She was a talented artisan who made silver jewelry and exquisite Kachina dolls.

**Gordon Arthur Stokes, Sr. '45** died 02-01-03 in Aubrey, Texas. He is survived by his sister, **JoAnn Stokes Harris '44**, of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

**Della "Charline" Story Warren '42** of Kaufman, Texas died 11-03-02.

**Helen Joy Strauss Hodge '44**, wife of **Calvin Hodge '42/'43** died 1-29-03 at her home near Clifton, Texas. Interment was at the Trees Cemetery, a family cemetery in Duncanville



**John P. Southerland '40**

**Dr. John Paul Sutherland '40** died 12-31-02. He is survived by his wife, **Anita Farrow Sutherland '43.**

**Ted Tully**, a native Dallasite, died 10-15-02. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, **Cecile Reynolds Tully '39**, and a sister-in-law, **Margaret Reynolds Tully '39.**

**William Edgar Vaughan '41** of Dallas died 11-20-02. He is preceded in death by a brother, **Clifford Vaughan.** He is survived by brothers, **Freddie Joe Vaughan '52, Hugh Allen '46, Bobbie Dee '49** and twins

**James Vaughan '57** and sister, **Julia Vaughan Ahlfinger '57.** **Deane Waller Copeland '39** of Colorado Springs, Colorado died 9-6-02. This was reported to us by her sister-in-law **Lois Young Waller '43.**

**Marian Weaver Paysinger '39** of Floyd, New Mexico died 5-13-02. Her daughter, **Carol Dalhstrom**, of Lubbock sent us the report.

**Boyd M. Wells '39** of Houston died 6-3-97. His son, **Boyd M. Wells, Jr.**, also of Houston, died 8-10-98.

**J. L. Williams** died in October 2002 in Dallas. He was a low-key individual whose construction company had a big hand in changing the face of Dallas.

**Durward Wright '33**, a life-long resident of Oak Cliff, died 12-1-02. He sold real estate for over 30 years with the motto "Get a Wright Deal."

## NEWS OF '43, '44, '45 BISONS By Betty Brewer Olive '45

*(Special Editorial Note: In the past the classes of 1943, 1944, and 1945 have had a separate page inserted in the newsletter. This was a matter of convenience to the newsletter editorial staff and cut down on the amount of coordination required to involve several people in different parts of the D/FW Metroplex area.*

*Betty Brewer Olive and Bob Olive handled the printing chores. Betty did a separate newsletter for the '43 through '45 classes for many years before combining it with the '38 through '42 newsletter. It has worked just fine for her to slip in her news at the last minute after the main one was printed. Incidentally, in addition to the editorial and mechanical help with the newsletter, there was a generous donation from the '43-'45 group to help with newsletter costs. They are more than paying their own way.*

*Unfortunately, Bob had a severe stroke the latter part of last year. A number of you can attest to the many problems that are presented by that experience.*

*Dear Betty insisted in continuing to do her part in getting out the newsletter. The only concession she would make was to email her copy to us and let us include it in the main body of the newsletter.*

*As she tells later in her text, Bob is making good progress. He is undergoing physical therapy and will for some time to come. Join with us in praying for comfort for Betty and Bob as well as a good outcome for Bob. Now, let's hear from Betty.)*

Our September roundup at Oak Cliff

Country Club was a big success. We were honoring the class of 1942 for their 60th reunion. 173 members and guests attended. **Jim Morton '45** from Chula Vista, California traveled the most distance to attend. The only other out-of-state attendee was **Albert Eugene Smith '42** and his wife of Melbourn, Arkansas. There are always a few "no-shows" at our roundups, and we just wanted to say that we're sorry that they missed the event. **Marie Walls Henderson '45** and her husband, **Bill**, just flat forgot! **Charles Osborn '44** had planned to fly in from Louisville, KY if the weather was good. Must have been unsettled in his area, because it was beautiful here. Anyway, maybe next time!

We received a very generous donation to our newsletter from **Jack Woodard '44** who was a member of the Sunset Rifle team and who reminded my "better-half" (**Bob**) of their days competing against other schools in the area.

I received a long letter from **James Litton '45**, along with his generous check. James was a member of the 1945 State Championship Baseball team from Sunset. He was wondering about the whereabouts of **Fred Smith**, who was also a member of that team. **James, D.C. Williams**, and **Fred** all went on to play some professional ball.

D.C. (Bogan) as you probably know, played for the Giants, and James and Fred played with semi-pro teams.

James was in baseball camp with the St. Louis Cardinals, who wanted to sign him. But, he was recruited for Anderson University, Anderson, Indiana where he met his wife, **Jean**. James played for the best semi-pro team in Indiana and his ambition to play major league baseball was put aside to become a responsible family man with a wife and a new baby on the way. He continued his education at Anderson and graduated with a B.S. degree.

The Littons have three children and three grandchildren. They lived for many years in Mineola, Texas where James was a bank president. They now live in Tyler, Texas. He retired at 72 and still works part time as a consultant and handling some investment accounts. He would be interested in talking "old times" with Fred Smith and **Rickey Rowe**, who was the star pitcher on the 1945 Sunset team.

*(Ed. Note. Since Betty wrote this, Fred P. Smith, Jr. has been located at 5517 Honey Mesquite Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89129 702/395-6206. According to Joe Frye '46, Rickey Lowe is at P.O. Box 74, Glencoe, Arkansas 72539 870/895-4904.)*

Along with her donation check, **Mildred Vandiver Miller '45** included the information about the death of **Jackie Langham Eagle '45**. We had been told of that sad event earlier and had included the

information in our part of the August newsletter, however, it was inadvertently left out. Our apologies to all of the good friends of Jackie, who took the time to notify us of her passing.

We received an e-mail from another Bison who had supplied us with some more of the historical news of Oak Cliff. This was from **Earl Crumbie '44** who reminded us of the book "*The Hidden City, Oak Cliff, Texas.*" It is available at the Bishop Street Market for about \$29.00. Many of us who have attended our monthly meetings, are familiar with that book and have purchased a copy. It is an interesting book for those of us who still have a deep love for Oak Cliff.

A phone call from **Pat Arrington**, an Adamson graduate and wife of **Guy Arrington '43**, gave me a little news of Guy's brother, **Jerry**, class of 1944. As some of you might know, Jerry suffered a rather severe stroke a few months ago and has been recuperating ever since. He has had quite a bit of therapy and is progressing every day. Pat says that his spirits are still very good.

Jerry Arrington did a most wonderful thing for me back in 1997, for which I have never been able to completely thank him. He was the Master of Ceremonies for our reunion at the Fairmount Hotel and presented me with a thank you card signed by many, many of my classmates for my efforts in producing the 1943-1945 newsletter since 1993. In the card was a check, which really overwhelmed me. Bob and I were preparing to spend our 50th wedding anniversary on a train trip to Montana, and the proceeds really put the icing on the cake. All of this was Jerry's own idea!

I received another e-mail from a 1944 classmate, who was unaware that Bob and I were Sunset grads. **Orban McCoy '44** had been a customer of ours when we were in the RV industry, and after the 1979/80 crash of that industry, Bob worked for Orban for a short time. Orban and his wife, **Pat**, had a very nice camper sales lot, first in Grand Prairie, and later in Alvarado. They have since retired, after leasing the camper lot out, and now just feed the cat, nurse-maid some goats and go to the doctor (like most of us have to do).

We had a nice long conversation with **Carol Schmidt McEwan '44** who lives in Darien, Connecticut and who was in town to visit with a sister who is ill. Carol and her husband, Preston, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the 26th of August.

We failed to mention another pair who celebrated their 50th anniversary this last summer. **Caroline John Prickett '45** and her husband, **Tom**, were also Golden Wedding Anniversary celebrants.

A disturbing call came in from **Fisher Brown '45** who is living in Georgetown, Texas. He told us that **Jean Cook Patton '44** had been forced to move from her home due to a bad water leak that greatly damaged the foundation to the house. This must have been

a horrible thing to do, especially realizing that her husband, **Clarence "Pat" Patton '42** is in very poor health. Our thoughts are with Jean and Pat, and hope they are able to move back into their beautiful home by the time this newsletter is written and distributed. Jean and Pat have moved into an apartment while something is being done to their home.

**Val Mansfield '44** who was our treasurer for the first reunion in 1993 called to check on Bob just to see if he was still around. He hadn't heard of Bob's stroke and it was a coincidence that he called when he did and learned of Bob's problems. On a personal note, Bob is getting along very well and although it will probably be late Spring before he's back in form, we're coping pretty well. Val had had some serious illness earlier and had open-heart surgery but is doing o.k. now. Bob and Val go way back, in fact to the first grade. Now, they were able to share horror stories of their illnesses.

Now for some sad news.

Many of us in the January, 1945 class at Sunset were happy to call **Betty Ogden Brantley '45** our friend. She always excelled in everything she did in school and in her life after Sunset. Sadly, Betty died on October 5th at her home. She is survived by two daughters, their husbands, and three grandchildren. Betty's life was full and exciting. She lived in Europe for seven years and upon returning to the United States, she occupied her time with a garden club which she helped found, the Dallas Women's Club and other charitable and social organizations. Betty's passing was a loss to everyone who knew her.

Another very popular gal from the class of 1945 has passed away. **Jackie Langham Eagle '45** died the week of June 24th. Jackie was active in Fort Worth volunteer activities and was a world traveler. She had many, many friends in Sunset and one of those that was closest to her is **Mary Lou Scott '45**, who attended school from the first grade through Sunset with Jackie.

You will find news of the passing of other of our classmates in the Memoriam column elsewhere in the newsletter.



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