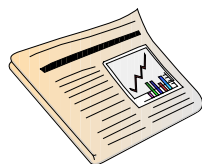


400 Attend Midvale School Alumni Reunion

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This year of 1980 another Alumni reunion was held on July 4-5.

It started off with people arriving two or three days ahead of time, visiting relatives and friends. At 1 p.m. the Midvale gym was open on the day of the fourth at which time registration and a reception were held, followed by a dinner at 6 p.m.

A registration fee of \$2 per adult was charged which covered the cost of correspondence, refreshments and dinner. There were around 500 people who signed the registration book. A good many also attended the annual 4th of July community barbeque which was held July 5.

It was reported that everyone had a wonderful time and will be looking to another one in ten years.

Also, a good many compliments were made on how good and well kept the Midvale school buildings were.

Bob Hooper, a Midvale teacher, was the master of ceremonies and presented awards to the following.

Edith Colson, was the oldest adult present who had attended the Midvale grade school. She went on to Weiser to finish her education as there was no high school in Midvale. That was before 1910.

The oldest graduate present, who still lives here, was Hilda Doggett, who also had all four of

Among superintendents present were: Thurlow Bryand of Caldwell, 1926-27; John Brandt, Nampa, 1928-29; Bill Linder, Eugene, Ore., 1936-1941; Gene Inskeep, Aloha, Ore., 1946; Lawrence Wilson, Acetone, Wash., 1947-1950; Carl Neilsen, The Dalles, Ore., 1953-1957; Joe Whitten, 1977-1981.

Class of 1932 had the most people present. Out of 23, 11 were here. Those from Midvale

her children present. Mrs. Jim Hill of Hermiston, Oregon; Mrs. Howard Keithley, Jr.; Robert and Dick Doggett all graduated from here. Seven grandchildren also finished here and there are two left to graduate.

Mrs. Flora Williams was given the award for having the most descendants to graduate.

Oldest teacher present was Bill Linder, who came from Eugene, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dale and family of Gaffney, S.C., won the award for coming the farthest. Also coming a long distance were Major Douglas Keithley, his wife, Janice, and son, Travis, Atlanta, Ga., and Alva Spears of Gulfport, Miss., a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Preston.

Oldest graduate was Lee Turnbaugh of the class of 1914.

Older Classes

Among the other older class graduates were: Lee Turnbaugh, Chico, Colo., 1914; Evelyn Leger Jensen, Hillsboro, Ore., 1918; Minnie Newman Dumhum, Pendleton, Ore., 1919; Herbert Crane, Santa Ana, Calif., 1921; Maine Keithley Vinsonhaler, Boise, 1922; Ora Kethley Brandt, Nampa, Idaho, 1922; Vernon Fletcher, Riverside, Calif., 1922; Crystal Caseldine Johnson, Fontano, Calif., 1922; Miles Newman, Bend, Ore., 1922; Orville Turnbaugh, Bainbridge Island, Wash., class of 1923; Hattie Towell Glasscock, Midvale, 1924; Ethel Ader Reynold, Toledo, Ore., 1924. Each class up until 1980 was represented.

were: Lillian Hepp Keithley, (Darrow), Ruth Wolfe Lewis (Mark), Clifford Hopper and Sterling Potter. Boyd Morrow (Bill), Boise; Virgie West Beaton (Howard) Boise; Rachel Keithley Dillihay (Joe), Nampa; Nellie Sied Williams, (Deb), Boise; Gerhart H. Otto, Grants Pass, Ore.; Ila Fletcher Patterson (Bill), Nampa; Benson E. Rodger, Spokane, Wash.

The youngest graduate was Janlee Jessup,

class of 1980, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jessup, who have had five children graduate here and who have one to go.

The oldest graduate present was Bill Linder of Eugene, Ore., who was in the class of 1916. He later became the principal of Midvale School.

The beautiful transistor clock handmade from a hardwood knot was presented to the

Midvale School from "the Bratcher kids," Howard, Wayne, Harley, Ray, Shirley, Dinkel, Reva Ash and Edna Widner.

Steve Towell, a graduate of 1947, was on hand for photography work.

A dance was held the Fourth at V.F.W. Hall with Milford Potters' group furnishing the music.