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SAVE THE DATE

The Emporia 2020 Reunion is scheduled for October 9-11, 2020. It promises to be extraordinary! Plans are already coming together.

The weekend begins with a mixer, buffet and cash bar at the beautifully restored Granada Theater. Saturday lunch will be at class reunions, which will be held at various locations in the Emporia area.

The Saturday evening dinner will be held in a brand new venue. The Lyon County History Center came into existence in 2016. In 1980 the Lyon County Historical Society moved into the Emporia Public Library building. The library had moved into new quarters. Recently, the historical society embarked on an ambitious and ultimately successful capital campaign to raise \$1.4 million to completely renovate the former Winter Furniture building in downtown Emporia.

The new center's 4600 square foot ADA accessible third floor event center will be a great site for the Saturday dinner. Free parking is available at the site. There will be a cocktail hour, a special museum exhibit dedicated to the College of Emporia and a great dinner with dancing to follow.

There's more. Emporia tours, golf and access to the Anderson Memorial Library building are in the works. Many more details will follow, including special hotel rates and the possibility of an expanded Memorabilia Room. Watch for updates in future newsletters.

Class Reunions

Very popular parts of the last Emporia Reunion in 2016 were the class reunions. These lunch gatherings were held at various locations in Emporia. They allowed classmates to mingle and visit in a casual manner. It was a marvelous time to catch up and renew friendships.

The upcoming Emporia Reunion will have an even greater emphasis on class gatherings. Some, of

course, will obviously be special, such as the Class of 1970 50th reunion. It will be the 55th for the Class of 1965, the 60th for the Class of 1960, the 65th for the Class of 1955, etc. However, every class will cherish the camaraderie and good fellowship of their class gathering.

Putting these events together will be the responsibility of Class Reps. They will communicate directly with their

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President's Letter; By Allen Gill, A69

The Unexpected 2019

2019 was not the year I expected to have as C of E Alumni Association President: Bad weather cancelled the January Board Meeting and important Board business was conducted by e-mail. My cancer came back after 7 years, leading to another round of treatments. We lost Clancy Howland, the pillar of our scholarship program, in the middle of finalizing this year's awards. But the Association is moving forward and fulfilling its mission.

The scholarship program is continuing. With the help of Clancy's son Steve, data on this year's awardees was retrieved, and the awards were finalized, even though a bit late. Funds were distributed to the appropriate educational institutions. Jim Brooks has been appointed as Scholarship Chairman and additional volunteers have been secured for the Scholarship Committee. Program

rules and procedures will be reviewed and changes made as appropriate.

Plans are well underway for an October 2020 C of E Reunion in Emporia. Mary Jayne Gamble and her committee are establishing agendas, securing venues for events, arranging possible tours, and reviewing entertainment options. Volunteers are needed, including class coordinators. Look for more information on the reunion elsewhere in this newsletter.

My thanks to all of the people who pitched in to keep the organization on course during a difficult year, and to everyone who continues to devote time and energy to the work of the Association. And I also thank all of you who supported me during my medical treatments, which have every appearance of being effective. Farewell Clancy – you will be missed.

Strong Finances

In the spring of 1955, C of E President Luther E. Sharpe announced a gift from John Peach of Topeka of the warranty deed to the Wheeler-Kelly-Hagny office building, located at 129 South Market Street in Wichita. Added to this building, valued at \$750,000, were two other gifts received in the 1954-'55 academic year. The school received \$290,000 from the J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation, which was used to build the new science hall and \$14,000 worth of stocks as a gift from an anonymous donor for the endowment fund. (The \$1,054,000 total of these three gifts, if converted to 2019 dollars would be \$10,050,283.28.)

The seven-story structural steel Wichita office building contained 78,000 square feet of fully rented floor space. After accepting ownership of the building, C of E leased the structure back to Mr. Peach on a long-term basis. The anticipated annual income for C of E was expected to be \$250,000 (\$2,388,925 in 2019 dollars).

The endowment fund, according to the August 24, 1956, issue of the Emporia Gazette, had more than doubled under President Sharpe. As a result, the Gazette tells us that C of E students paid less than one-half of the cost of their education. The college's average per student educational costs at that time, including tuition, room and board ran about \$2,000 per year. Yet, students paid only about \$1,000 per year. The difference was made up by the at-that-time rapidly growing endowment fund. The newspaper account continued by noting, "Thus, in a sense, C of E officials point out, every student attending the college received a scholarship or a grant-in-aid."

In addition, the school had a robust offering of available funded scholarships. Students ranking in the top ten

per cent of their high school or junior college class were eligible to apply for these scholarships. Also, a number of departmental scholarships were offered annually in each of the school's major departments to outstanding students who show particular proficiency or interest in the subject. Another significant scholarship program awarded a fifty percent tuition scholarship to the children of Presbyterian ministers and missionaries. There was also a scholarship program, sponsored by the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, which benefited candidates for the church's ministry and missionary services.

Other scholarship programs existed, including those from the Emporia Foundation, a unique local non-profit corporation especially organized to provide aid to incoming freshmen Kansas students who lived outside of Lyon County. Apparently, the idea behind this effort was that attracting more individuals from elsewhere to come to Emporia would be good for the local economy.

Two student loan services, administered by the college, also existed. They were the Joe J. Schabinger Memorial Loan Fund and the Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Marshall Memorial Student Loan Fund.

Keep Us Informed

Please send us news about yourself. We want to hear from you. E-mail John Acomb, newsletter editor, at jacomb2@mac.com or Les Palmer at lepalmer@aol.com. If you prefer, please write us at P. O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801-0405.



Year-End Donations

As we approach the end of 2019, it is time to consider completing your charitable donations for this year. Your alumni association is a 501(c)(3) organization, which supports a scholarship fund. This is our legacy. Donations to this fund are typically tax-deductable. So please consider making a 2019 donation.

To make a donation, use the membership form found on page 7 of this issue. When you fill out this form, please be certain to provide an up-to-date telephone number and e-mail address. Consider also renewing or extending your membership at the same time. One form does it all.



This postcard (date unknown) depicts the campus drive with more trees than most alumni remember.

“The Orchard,” an Emporia fruit farm and mini golf course owned by **Bob Karr, A59**, has inaugurated a new event, the Fall Harvest Festival. The free event took place on the last Saturday of September. It included live music, face painting, free mini golf, yard games and a goat petting zoo. Good food, including hot cider and cider slushies, along with the always-available apple and pumpkin picking created a successful event, which appears destined to become an annual event.

Jerry Dyche, A60, is now appearing regularly on Wednesday nights at The Shell Factory in North Ft. Myers, FL. The “Every Wednesday Dance Nights” feature Jerry, a former Sun Records artist, performing a wide variety of music, including some of his own compositions. Jerry was inducted into the Florida Country Music Association Hall of Fame in 1994.

David Dungan, A61, FF, went on to earn a Master’s Degree from Emporia State and an EdD from North Texas State University. During the period between his MS and his doctorate, Dave worked at C of E as Dean of Men and then as Assistant Professor of Psychology. Subsequently, he taught at Emporia State until he retired in 2000 as Professor Emeritus.

Ken Becker, A70, recently served as grand marshal of the Floral Park (NY) Memorial High School homecoming parade. This comes many years after Ken, as a high school senior was elected as homecoming king at Floral Park. After graduating from C of E, he obtained a Master’s Degree from Long Island University and returned to his alma mater to spend his entire career as biology teacher and coach. He also has been the school’s public address announcer for almost thirty years, a role he continues after his retirement as a teacher.

Teddy Roosevelt's C of E Reaction

Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States, was known for saying what was on his mind. He visited Emporia in 1913 after his Presidency and went on a horse-drawn ride around the town with his good friend, **William Allen White, X1886**. Passing C of E, Roosevelt asked, "Now what is the use of a college like that? My idea is that these small colleges are mistakes. What excuse has this one for competing with the state university and the colleges of the East?"

White responded, "Two or three hundred boys and girls from Kansas go to this school every year. If they did not go to this school, most of them would not go to any school, for it is near to the homes of their parents, it is under the auspices of the church which their parents trust and believe in, and after these boys and girls have graduated from this school they have received such intellectual stimulus and

such moral purpose that they are not satisfied to live useless, humdrum lives."

White extolled the moral purpose of C of E. He stated that, "This school is a tower of moral strength in this community and in this state." He spoke positively about C of E graduates going "into some social service work like preaching or missionary work." He continued by pointing out that an additional number of graduates went into social service careers. Moreover, White had statistics that "Forty-three percent of the boys who have graduated from the College of Emporia are in the ministry or missionary service, and 32 percent of all of the graduates, men and women, are teachers."

This was the college's mission, and it was the positive image that C of E showed to the world in the early 20th Century.

National Publicity Opportunities

Sports Illustrated published its very first edition in August 1954. In November the new weekly magazine commissioned Emporia Gazette photographer Harold Benjamin to take a photo of **Lem Harkey, A55**, for use in the magazine. Harkey, a running back, had just wrapped up his final regular season at C of E with some eye-opening statistics. Averaging over 8 yards per carry in his career, he rolled up 4,232 rushing yards in 502 carries. In addition his 56 touchdowns and two extra points for 338 points in 32 games gave him an average of better than 10 points per game.

Your newsletter editor was able to search a very user-friendly on-line archive of *Sports Illustrated* back issues from November 1954 through January 1955. Unhappily, Harkey's picture never made it into the magazine.

Also in November of the same year, *Life Magazine* commissioned one of its affiliated photography services to film a complete "funeral" celebration at Gwinn Henry Cemetery. The ceremony began

in the chapel with cheerleaders leading several cheers and the singing of "Ghost Dance 'round at the Burial Ground," led by music faculty member **Mariette Simpson, FF**, with fellow faculty member **Vernon Raines, FF**, on the piano.

Events at the cemetery began with a "Victory Dance" by **Lloyd Elm, X57**, accompanied by **Harvey Harriman, X57**, on the drum. Later in the ceremony, there was a performance of "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" by the five-member "Starving Four Quartet." The members of the "quartet" were **Bob Ingold, A56**, **Fred Schmidt, A58**, **Leon Lowrey, X58**, **Luckey Heath, X58**, and Harvey Harriman. The "service" was performed by **John Glander, X57**, and **Wayne Morgan, X57**. "Taps" were sounded by Bob Ingold to end the service.

Once again your newsletter editor searched issues of *Life Magazine* from November 1954 through January 1955, and, once again, no trace of the C of E tradition was found.

COVER: Class Reunions

classmates with information about their individual class reunions, and they will work with classmates to assure a welcoming, worthwhile lunchtime event.

In order for the class reps to do their job properly, they hope to have as many up-to-date e-mail addresses and telephone numbers as possible. Have you given up your landline telephone service and gone exclusively with cell phone service? Have you

changed e-mail service providers? We need up-to-date information for everyone.

So we are asking members to renew their membership for another year. Even if your current membership has not yet expired, a one-year extension only costs \$15.00. You may use the form on the back of your ballot on page 7. Please be sure to fill out current e-mail and telephone information on the form, and we'll see you at the reunion.

New Scholarship Chair

Alumni Association President **Allen Gill, A69**, has appointed **Jim Brooks, A72**, as the new chair of the alumni association's Scholarship Committee. New committee members **Megan (Isaac) Evans, A70**, **Jessamine (Ewert) Guislain, A59**, **Roger Klein, A72** and **Stephen Mandel, A65**, join carryover members **Bill Bunyan, X61**, **Carolyn (Cruikshank) Day, A60**, and **Mary (Kurtz) Ingraham, A55**.

As part of announcing the appointments, Gill thanked all of these individuals "for their willingness to serve in this capacity." He pointed out that the scholarship program is a vital part of our association's mission.

Your alumni association annually awards college scholarships to the descendants of C of E students and employees. The committee does an annual ranking

process based on applications with names redacted. Each committee member, working from home, sees and ranks all applications. The alumni association's board determines the total number of scholarships awarded and the dollar amounts that go with the awards annually. In recent years the program has typically awarded six scholarships of \$2,000 each.

Scholarship applications can be found on our website www.c-of-e.org. If one of your grandchildren or great-grandchildren is going to college in the fall of 2020, suggest that student download an application now in order to gather the required information in a deliberate and organized manner. This suggestion should also help with preparing other scholarship applications.

A Very Different Welcome

The previous issue of this newsletter contained a fall of 1962 welcoming letter sent to incoming freshmen girls by Dunlap Hall Dorm President **Bonnie (Holmes) Canady, A64**. It promised many unforgettable experiences that "you as a freshman woman will enjoy now and treasure in the years to come."

Eight years earlier, the September 23, 1954 issue of *College Life* painted a very different picture of the initial welcome given to freshmen girls.

Freshmen initiation began with the co-eds having their hair tied into pigtails, sporting red and white ribbons. The girls were shoeless and required to wear their clothes backwards. The name of an animal was written in lipstick on each forehead and all "wore an onion string necklace."

The actual initiation began with crawling up and down the dorm "stairs blindfolded, receiving egg shampoos,

wiping off smiles and taking bites of onion." After this ordeal, there was a short talent show.

The freshmen girls were then "allowed to return to their rooms, only to find beds filled with salt, mattresses on the floor, no lights, drawers rearranged and peanut butter here and there." Before having an opportunity to put their rooms back together, the freshmen girls were herded to the boys' dorm to perform an early morning serenade. (Presumably they still were wearing their clothing backwards.) There were "mock marriage proposals" before the girls left for a brisk run around the track.

The initiation ended with "a special hair-do given to all freshmen, which consisted of green liquid starch and flour added."

While this may have been "an unforgettable experience," it seems unlikely that it was enjoyed.

Jeanette (Kinney) Cakouros, A52, of Topsham, ME died May 14, 2019 at age 89. She was a dean's list student at C of E who graduated in three years. She initially worked in Washington, DC as a research assistant at U.S. News & World Report and subsequently as assistant editor of two magazines published by the National Education Association. After the move to Maine, she was a stay-at-home mother who was also a widely distributed freelance non-fiction writer. In addition, her poetry was published in several anthologies. Her husband and three brothers predeceased her. Two sons and three grandchildren survive her.

Leroy C. Muller, X52, of Emporia died March 11, 2019 at age 91. He was a U.S. Army veteran who initially taught school and then moved into a 45-year career in pharmaceutical sales. A son, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive him.

Earl M. Lutz, A54, of Karlstad, MN passed away April 28, 2015 at age 89. He served in the US Army in Europe where his fluency in German was used to supervise civilian workers in post-war activities. He then went to C of E and followed with a Masters degree from the University of North Dakota. He began his career as a teacher and principal in South Dakota before serving 31 years as principal of the high school in Karlstad. His wife, four sons and four grandchildren survived him.

Lois (Force) Elliott, X56, of Phoenix, AZ passed away August 25, 2019. She graduated from Kansas State with a degree in elementary education. She taught school in Kansas, Indiana and Arizona. She was active in the Phoenix Children's Theater and was a professional clown who joyfully volunteered her services as a clown at a local hospital. Her husband **Jim Elliott, X57**, five children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive her.

John Kelley, A57, of Point Pleasant Beach, NJ passed away June 30, 2019 at age 83. He taught biology and coached football for over thirty years at Point Pleasant Beach High School. Outside of school, he was a skilled beekeeper and woodworker. His wife and four siblings predeceased him. Three children, twelve grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren survive him.

Jack Jones, A59, of Richardson, TX died April 18, 2019 at age 81. Jack was senior class president, a role that he continued as an alumnus. He and his wife **Lois (Thompson) Jones, A57**, regularly attended alumni association reunions, beginning with the very first one in Denver. Jack's Class of '59 often won "The Rock" for attendance at these events. His daughter predeceased him. Lois, a son and sister-in-law, **Ruth (Thompson) Skorburg, A55**, survive him.

Lawrence E. "Larry" Hall, A60, of Bay City, MI passed away January 31, 2019 at age 82. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy prior to attending C of E. Subsequently, he received his Master's Degree in Education from

Emporia State. He then moved to Michigan where he spent 30 years teaching in the Bay City Public School system. His wife, **Emile (Ferguson) Hall, X63**, two children, three grandchildren and a great-grandchild survive him.

Robert "Bob" W. Scott, Jr., X60, of Broken Arrow, OK died December 26, 2006 at age 68. In 2005 Bob was inducted into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame as a part of the pioneering rock & roll group, Rodney and the Blazers. Bob, known as "Sir Robert" played saxophone. The band still holds the record for the largest crowd ever drawn to a concert in Tulsa. 110,000 people attended that event, which was held in a shopping center parking lot. The band broke up in 1964, and Bob moved on to become owner of a Tulsa commercial interior design business, Business Furnishings Group, Inc.

Larry Taylor, A60, of Mission, KS passed away September 5, 2019 at age 80. After graduating from C of E, he received a Master's Degree from Emporia State. In 1962 he went to Shawnee Mission North high school where he taught math for 38 years and began his extraordinary 15-year career as a football coach. His teams won six Kansas State Championships during that time. Larry has been inducted into the Shawnee Mission North Athletics Hall of Fame and the football field at the school has been named in his honor. He has also been honored by being named to the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame, the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame and the Greater Kansas City Area Coaches Association Hall of Fame. His wife **Brenda (Catlin) Taylor, X62**, two sons, five grandchildren, brothers **Ralfe Taylor, A65**, **Keith Taylor, A67**, and one other brother survive him.

Carol (Schreffler) Wilson, A63, of Topeka, KS passed away September 17, 2018 at age 77. After graduating from C of E she embarked on a teaching career, which culminated in 28 years at Topeka West High School where she was head of the English Department. She was the recipient of the Topeka Public Schools Distinguished Staff Award and she served for a number of years on the C of E Alumni Association's Scholarship Committee. Her son and three grandsons survive her.

George Clarke, A65, of Newport, RI died November 1, 2018 at age 76. He coached and taught at both the junior high school and high school levels. He served in the Army National Guard and was actively involved with his community. **His wife Claudia (Cheadle) Clarke, A65**, two sons and two grandchildren survive him.

Nancy (Arsenault) Van Cleave, N73, of Lake Waukomis, MO passed away September 27, 2019 at age 65. She graduated from Newman School of Nursing and later attended Bradley University and the University of Minnesota where she received her BS in Nursing. She served as a Surgical Nurse and Nursing Educator during her 42-year nursing career. Her husband **Larry Van Cleave, A74**, and a daughter survive her.

Ninety Three Voices

In the fall of 1953, ninety-three members of the student body joined the C of E Chorale. This group constituted an incredible 44% of the entire 213-member student body.

The practice schedule was demanding. This large group, under the direction of **John M. Lewis, FF**, and **Don Jones, FF**, met for practice at 1:00 every afternoon Monday through Friday.

This demanding schedule was needed. After only three weeks, an already integrated ninety-three-voice ensemble performed Vivaldi's *Gloria* at the college's Sunday vesper services. This marked what might have been the first time that *Gloria* was performed in the United States.

Subsequently, *Gloria* was performed again for the Kansas Presbyterian Synod at their meeting in Salina. Bach's Magnificat and the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* were added to the repertoire and performed at vesper services in December.

All of this was preparation for the eight-day March choir trip. Two large buses were utilized to haul the approximately seventy-member traveling group of singers along with luggage, equipment and faculty. In addition to Lewis and Jones, the remainder of

the music department's faculty, **Mariette Simpson, FF**, **Michael Polovitz, FF**, and **Harvey Reddick, FF**, traveled with the group and provided musical accompaniment for the Chorale's program. **Gerald Anderson, FF**, Director of Admissions, was also on board as this trip was seen as an opportunity for the college to recruit future students.

The musical program for the trip was extensive. It featured music from almost all eras of musical history. In addition to the pieces mentioned above, the traveling program featured four choruses from operatic works along with *O Vos Omnes* by Perti, *Christus Factus Est* by Sartori, *Exhultati* by Scarlatti, *Cantata No. 45* by Bach and selections from *Requiem* by Brahms. More current music included selections from *The King and I*, William Billings' *Modern Music*, Walter Piston's *Carnival*, Charles Ives' *Serenity and Ernst Bacon's Seven Canons*.

The successful and memorable trip was filled with nine concerts in eight cities in Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado. The highlight of the trip was two days in Denver. After the trip, the entire program was presented to students and faculty in an evening program in Memorial Chapel.

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*C. of E. Class is the graduation year of the class with which students were associated, whether or not they graduated. Please use prefix "A" for alumnus, or "X" for former student or non graduate. "O" here means did not attend.

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Neil Crane, A62

Barbara (Brenner) Mathis, X63

Roberta (Johnson) Crane, A67

Earl McGinn, A71

Megan (Isaac) Evans, A70

Write-in _____

Mail ballots, postmarked no later than December 6, to: C of E Alumni Association, P.O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801-0405. You are encouraged to include dues and/or a scholarship donation with your ballot, utilizing the form printed on the back of your ballot. Another option is to e-mail your ballot to Les Palmer at lepalmer@aol.com. Also, as was done last year, e-mail ballots will be sent to our "Shout Out" e-mail list. Deadline for all e-mail ballots is December 6.

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