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60th CLASS REUNION Classes 1949, 1950, 1951

Hi, Admirals,

As much as I hate to admit it, it's time for the 60th High School Reunion. Can you believe it? It doesn't exactly seem like yesterday to me but 60 years ago! How things have changed since then, some good and some bad, but I digress....

I have the honor of being your chairman for this reunion, Barbara Jopson Jordan, some of you will remember me and some will not, but don't feel bad, my mind is going too. I have lots of helpers who I am sure you will know and remember.

We are planning a one night affair this year on Friday, October 15th. This will tie in to Cradock's "Come Home to Cradock" on Saturday October 16th, giving you the opportunity to see your old stomping grounds at the same time. This will be great for you out-of-towners as well as some of us locals who have not been to Cradock in years.

The reunion will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Suffolk/Chesapeake. It is actually in Suffolk but easily reached from Interstate 664. It's brand new and has a wonderful conference center that we have reserved. We will have the "Virginia Buffet" which you will enjoy. My husband and I have been there for dinner and it was very good. The cost will be \$30.00 per person with a cash bar. The best part is we

will get the special rate on rooms at \$99.00

a night instead of the usual \$159.99 if reservations are made 30 days in advance

and you mention the "Cradock Reunion." This will be great for any of you who are coming some distance and locals who do not have a DD or are too tired to make the trek home.

The "Come Home To Cradock" celebration on Saturday the 16th starts at 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a parade at 1:00 p.m. More will be available on your computer at www.cradock.org.

We will get all the info out to you early this summer so you can make your plans to come be with us. We are still making plans and if you have any ideas to share with us, please call or drop me a note.

Hopefully we will have a good size crowd. There are still a lot of us around. Besides, we really want to see you. Barbara J. Jordan, 3802 Pine Grove Circle, Chesapeake. VA 23321. Telephone No. 757-488-1432

Anyone who would like to help with decorating for the "big night" please call Beverly Kayton Byrd who is chairing this committee. Her phone number is 757-488-9200.

Summer Picnic is our next event. Rudy and Alice Simpson will host this on June 30th, at 12:30 p.m. Mark your calendar today and plan to attend. Their address is 114 Monitor Road, Portsmouth, VA 23707. Telephone number is 757-393-6631. Please bring a covered dish and a lawn chair. Fried

Chicken will be provided by the Class. The Calling Committee will call to remind you so we'll see you there. It's lots of fun!

Spring Luncheon at Lillian's Restaurant was well attended and we had a fun day just being our usual social selves. Out-of-towners attending were Dan and Norma Gibbs Mallison. Can't think of anyone else.

It's not that you lose your drive as you get older. You just keep slipping out of gear.

News from Classmates

Bill Feimster, Valdosta, GA "Thanks for letting me know I was late with my dues and keeping me on the mailing list. I would hate to miss an issue."

Arthur Creamer, Tappahannock, VA sent a photograph of Edmund Barnett and himself taken when Edmund stopped by for a visit.

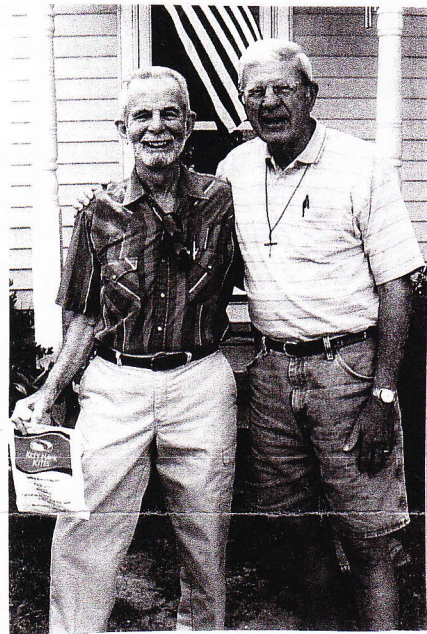
"Edmund was a drummer in the Cradock band and I took pictures for the annual and school newspaper. Edmund teaches a psych class in the Community College there. God bless everyone."

Hugh and Vivian Smith, Williamston, NC write: "Sorry we're late with this or if we have already paid, accept this as a donation. Such is life! We

hope to attend the luncheon in March and look forward to seeing you all then. Vivian lost her Mother at 97 in March of last year. We were able to keep her in our home until the very end, for which we are very thankful. We still miss her and even though it was not always easy, we would do the same thing the same way.

Hugh's brother Joe is still in a nursing home in Virginia Beach. It was not the same at Alexander Park reunion this year without Joe and Wanda there. We missed you all too. Hope all is well with you. Life is passing us by so quickly."

Mickey Riggs, Bowling Green, KY writes "how much we of the "Cradock Admirals Nation" appreciate the efforts you go to in publishing the "Shipmate." Margaret Ann and I are 1952 graduates but we remember well many of the folks covered in the newsletter. There were never better days in our lives than those spent at CHS. We hope to be in Virginia and attend the luncheon at Lillian's Restaurant. Thanks so much again for your super efforts in keeping us updated and together.



Edmund and Arthur
Edmund's recent to Tappahannock

*Count the day Lost
Whose low descending sun
Views from thy hand
No worthy action done!!!*

Phyllis Sykes was honored at the Volunteer Luncheon on March 23 for the Volunteers at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. She was awarded a 5-year Certificate and pin for volunteering in the Heart Hospital. She volunteers on Wednesdays and Thursdays and any other day she is needed. Phyllis has been associated with the hospital for many years and loves what she does. She said its a very rewarding job, especially when you can relate to someone getting ready for a procedure you are very aware of, and you smile and say a kind word to someone who is scared of not knowing what is going to happen.

Congratulations from all of us. We are so proud of you.

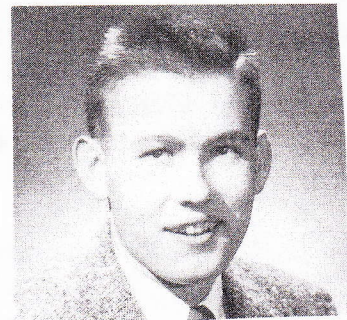
Mary Annarino reports she sent cards to the following shipmates since the last newsletter. Incidentally, Mary is home recuperating from a foot problem but says she can still drive. Nothing keeps a good woman down!

Joe Simons, pacemaker
Allen Schugeld, pacemaker
Ann Holland, foot surgery
Chris Upton who has been on dialysis for quite some time.
Pat DeLauri, Irma's son and our adopted classmate, who has been on the sick list for quite some time. Irma told me today, he is scheduled for surgery on his foot tomorrow. We all wish him well.

Sympathy cards were sent to Virginia Powers in the loss of her step-father, and to Carolee Crews in the loss of her husband, Dickie Crews. Dickie will be sorely missed. He was instrumental in getting the classmates together way back when.

Please send any news for the Shipmate to me at maerthompson@cox.net, call me at 757-483-6902 or send a note to me at 4200 Summerset Drive, Portsmouth, VA 23703.

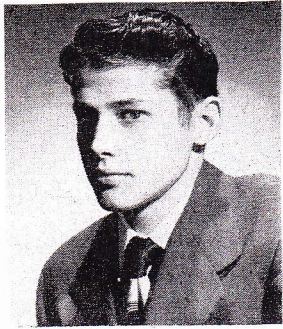
Obituaries



Herman Carlton Hill
Class of '49

Herman Carlton Hill passed away on February 19, 2010. He was a resident of Virginia Beach, VA.

Until the next Shipmate I wish you good health and look forward to seeing you at the Simpsons on June 30th.



Charles Richard Crews
Class of '50

Charles "Dickie" Crews, R., 80, passed away March 28, 2010. He was a native of Bluefield, W.Va., and the son of the late Aubrey and Clara Crews. He graduated with the class of 1950 from Cradock High School and retired from the NNSY Co-Op Association.

He was predeceased by his son, Charles "Rick" R. Crews, Jr. He is survived by his wife Carolee Crews; a daughter Billie Sue Akerman and husband Marty, a son, Denny Carr and wife Miralyn; a daughter-in-law Tammy Crews, four grandchildren, Richie and Jeremy Crews and Joshua and Ashley Ackerman. He was on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Annual Gospel Singing Convention and was a member of Portsmouth Moose Lodge No. 898.

Today's Chuckle
(Virginian Pilot)

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