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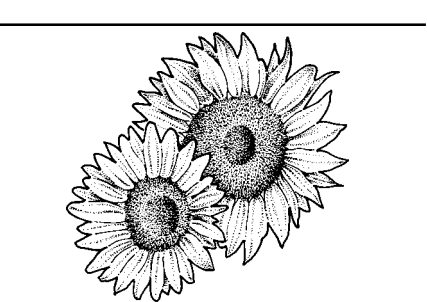


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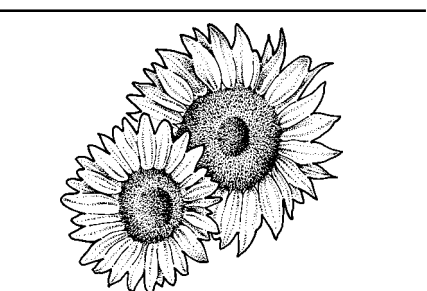
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The members of the Class of 1939 who attended the reunion are: (front row, left to right) Ada (Sandy) Taylor, Beulah (Franklin) Cress, Olive (Abercrombie) Taylor, June (Fagen) Reid, Margie (Rasure) Thompson (back row) John Boyington, Ella Mae (Amos) Cramer, Morris Ungren, Relda Lou (Jones) Dutton, Pat (Shaw) Perrey, Byron Myers, Clark Shimeall and Dale Ellison.

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1939 grads hold 65th reunion

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

Many years and more memories after graduation, 14 members of the Sherman Community High School class of 1939 reunited in Goodland to share in food and entertainment and to catch up on each other's lives.

After spending their first three years of high school trekking to various locations around Goodland for school, the class was rewarded with the privilege of being the first senior class to attend and graduate in the new building.

Fourteen of the 28 living members of the class gathered Saturday, Aug. 7, for their 65th class reunion, an event largely organized by Olive (Abercrombie) Taylor, the class secretary.

Alumni from Kansas, Colorado, Texas, California and Mississippi converged at the Buffalo Inn Restaurant for a lunch buffet and entertainment by the Tumbleweed Barbershop Quartet.

When members of the class met for its 50th reunion in 1989, many shared memories from high school, including attending assemblies in the theater and classes in the Centennial building and the Methodist and Catholic churches.

Other memories included a classmate who sang "An Apple for the Teacher" and never got in trouble, an escapade in a Model A Ford Roadster, dances and dating people from out of town.

But the theme for the 65th reunion was to look at life beyond high school.

After lunch, Alumnus Clark Shimeall, a retired geology professor, spoke to his classmates about the assignment he had given them for the afternoon's activities.

The class has been on a journey since they graduated from high school, he said, and were asked to think about their life-changing events since then.

"I don't want to be nostalgic," Shimeall said; "I don't want to live in the past."

He said he had asked them to write down

three life-changing events and include principles of right conduct or moral values they had learned that have helped them. Those things could be shared with their children, friends or whoever they want, he said.

As Shimeall talked at the luncheon, his wife pointed to her watch and told him his time was up.

"I'm a professor," he said. "I'm programmed for 50 minutes."

Shimeall taught geology at a college in Stockton, Calif., until it closed down due to a shortage of funding. He said since he was 65, he took early retirement.

The class gathered at Ada (Sandy) Taylor's home that afternoon to talk about what they came up with. The discussion gave them a chance to catch up with each other's lives, Olive said.

After catching up at Ada Taylor's, the class met for dinner at the Sugar Hills Golf Club. The graduating class of 1939 had 75 members. Twenty-two of the men and one woman served in World War II.



Pat (Shaw) Perrey (above, back) of Goodland had an animated delivery while catching up with classmates June (Fagen) Reid and Margie (Rasure) Thompson, who traveled in from Texas and Colorado, respectively. Black and gold balloons added class spirit to the Buffalo Inn banquet room during the reunion.



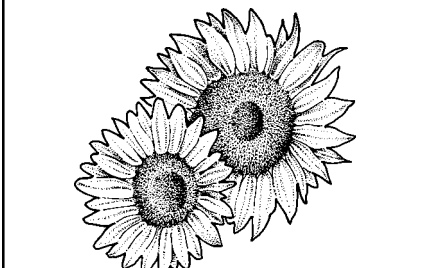
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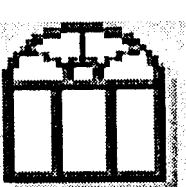
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