

Class friendships still flourish today

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"High school life for us in the Class of 1959 was a great experience we wish for all," recalled Roxie (Martin) Erickson. "We had great friendships that still flourish today."

"Fifty-nine students graduated in '59. Computers would have been extremely helpful in those days, but typewriters were our only helpful technology. Martha Nemeth taught business and we all knew when we entered her class we were there to learn and teach she did!"

"Sports were important. Activities only took place on Friday. We loved to win and it hurt to lose. There were no sports for girls. We were the cheering section.

The student body always sat together. Cheerleaders did their job, and we all followed their lead," she said.

"Norbert and Mary Zander had an old 1934 Model B Ford car painted grey and pink. We probably broke records on the number of kids in that old car."

The Chief Theater was closed; television was boring. It was black and white and we had one or two channels. The screen was sometimes snowy, but we watched anyway — usually "Gunsmoke."

Henry Mahon was honored at a farewell reception by the faculty after serving as superintendent for 21 years.

Larry Laird stated at the reunion five years ago, "I remember dressing up one time like Minnie Pearl; I just can't remember why!"

"The greatest thing that happened to me in high school was meeting my future wife, Coleen (Powell) Rippe," said LaVern Rippe. "Two other couples also married classmates:

Gary and Mary Ann (Page) Erickson; and Clinton and Loy (Fortin) Corder.

Margaret (Thoren) McEvoy said that coming to high school after attending eight years of country school was quite different. She batched with Karen Moore, Janice Bryan and Connie B. Robinson. They took turns bringing food from home when it was their week to cook.

"We had to walk to school. We could wear jeans under our skirts when the weather was bad, but had to take them off as soon as we got inside the school. One day we walked in snow over our knees," she said.

"School was fun! One day, when the home ec girls were making dressing or meat loaf for the FFA, I spotted a box elder bug coming up the wall.

I told Eva Sue that if she would get up there and get it, I would eat it. I put it between some bread and ate it! Wow, that went through the school like wild fire. My roommates didn't believe me and were pretty ticked at me.

"We had spaghetti for supper that night and, wouldn't you know, there was a box elder bug climbing up the wall right by me. I reached up and got it, placed it on my spaghetti and ate it. That sure made believers out of them!"

Sharon (Pollnow) Addleman said she remembers the fun they had at dances held in the basement at the home of a classmate, David Banta.

"The theater was closed at the time, so we drove to drive-in theaters in McCook or Atwood. We also had sock hops after sporting events; the girls participated in Y-teen and the boys, in Hi-Y. We had a formal Snow Ball dance between Christmas and New Year's in the ballroom of the Masonic Temple."

Rose Mathews was valedictorian of the



THE 1934 MODEL B FORD, which Norbert and Mary Zander drove to school, was a big hit with the Class of 1959. Many classmates enjoyed crowding into the "pink and gray" vehicle, for parades and other entertainment.



CAST MEMBERS for the junior play, "The Answer" included: Row 1, (from left) Jim Alexander, Sharon Addleman, Rex Vernon, Serena Moody, Larry Laird. Row 2: Arian Olson, Bill DeMay, Mary Ann Page, Judy Mangold, Joy Bosler, Eva Sue Myers, Clara Ann Brown. Row 3: Doris Yonker, Charley Kelley, Larry Rathbun, Norman Richards, Norbert Zander, Woody Morford, Roy Unger.

class of 92, and Peggy Jennings, salutatorian. Other honor students were Rex Vernon, Eva Sue Myers, Serena Moody, Larry Laird, Clara Ann Brown, Charley Kelley, Linda Vernon and Howard Benton.

Class officers included: Patricia Euhus, president; Eva Sue Myers, vice president; Mary Ann Page, secretary-treasurer, and Jim Carver, marshal.

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