

Illuminating The Alumni By Rena Bissette

Since a great deal of space in this issue of the Bugle is devoted to the seniors and their activities, I thought it would be interesting to "turn back the pages" for comparison's sake, and get a glimpse of the first graduating class of B.H.S., the class of 1918.

What a change from the "Good Ole Days"!

Mrs. B. M. Farmer, a member of that class, gave us our information.

No agriculture, bookkeeping, shorthand, typing, economics, sociology, or

chemistry was taught. 'Readin', writin' and 'rithmetic (English, geography, spelling, math, and history) were the only available subjects. Home economics was introduced that year.

For those who took home ec., class work was crude. Equipment for cooking was brought from home; cooking was done on an oil stove; and the phase of sewing consisted of small lessons on darning. The home ec. room was comparable to the small music room offstage and had no running water.

Boys took no agriculture and played no basketball, but baseball activities consumed leisure time; girls, however, were allowed to play basketball, and incidentally, had a winning team. Her husband told us that Mrs. Farmer was the star.

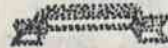
Class night was carried out almost as the present-day methods, but there was no Bacclearate Sermon. Diplomas were given by the speaker on graduation day to students who were proud, yet they wore no caps and gowns, no class rings or pins.

A Junior-Senior Banquet was unthought of. When these eleven students passed the eleventh grade, received their diplomas, and set out in life, they were as proud of the fact as we of the class of '52 are today.

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