

# Just A Woman's Observations

By DOROTHY B. SHUPE

I hope to go to another reunion this week end-the Marshall Class of 1964 is planning their twentieth one and I hope to see lots of those characters who put gray hairs in my head. I visited Mrs. Eure in Asheville a few minutes last week and she said she was coming down, also Mrs. Ditmore said she would be there. Some time ago, I ran into Raymond Norton who told me the affair was in the offing. I saw Elizabeth Ramsey at the VA hospital recently and she is looking forward to making the event. I am anxiously awaiting to see how far in the cold, cruel world that this crowd has come!

Among some I expect to see are Mike Ledford, Patsy Hale, Shirley Roberts, Clarence Davis, Ronnie Gladden, Ronnie Haynie, Eddie Henderson, Ronnie Johnson, Ralph Loving, Tommy Nix, Willa Plemmons, Lloyd Slagle, Ann Tilson, Micky Tweed, Stanley Ward, Larry West, and Edwin Wilde. That's just a short list of a wide awake bunch of students and I know many of them are now presidents of big organizations or running the country from where ever they now live.

Our Bryan family reunion was a lot of fun recently. We had around 80 descendants of my Grandfather and Grandmother L. Marion and Lavada Bryan. I had a big usual political argument with Cousin Craig Burnette and I hope he will be wrong when the election is over-as usual. He usually calls me from Knoxville and we fight out the election over the phone, but this time, we hat it face to face! All in fun, but I plan to win!

The reunion of the Walnut School

classes was fun too. Leta Reeves Ledford was the oldest graduate there and from my class there were only four of us. Old faithful Florence McDevitt, Aubrey and Evoline Reeves and myself. Next year will be OUR big year because it will be our 50th anniversary! R. J. Plemmons had told me that he was going to call on me for a few words and I sure was glad that I didn't have to talk-I did have a few jokes lined up to tell on him, so I guess he might have been a bit wary of that! There were so many there from so many places that I hesitate to name them. Over all, I guess there were about 250 former students there and greeting them all and having just a few minutes with each was most delightful. We voted for it to be an annual affair on the second Saturday in August each year so

no one will have to be advised by mail. Tell all your friends and I especially urge ALL members of the class of 1935 to BE THERE next year!

We are really having a time with having to wait on the construction between here and Marshall-but I'm not complaining! I just look forward to the day it will be completed and we'll have a nice road. I'm sure many of the people who live on the road are getting their fill of dust-and my car is getting more than its share, it seems, but we'll just mark it all up to progress! I know Mrs. English hated to lose her two big trees that she and Guy planted, but she said she would take it like a soldier-and she did, bless her heart!

**OBSERVED**-Thanks to Lucille Barnette for presiding at the Retired teachers meeting for me recently-enjoyed hearing Jerry Jerrell discuss the Neighbors in Need program that he heads at our last meeting-They are doing a fine job-Members that haven't joined up this year give Ruth Landers a call at 656-2244 and send your dues-We need those lobbyists down there for our retired benefits-Our newest occupants of the mobile part are Mr. and Mrs. Buster Roberts-Dallas Neville and Jack Long of the Redmond project are new also-Well, a few months-as is Tom Henson of the Upper dam project-I found out why K-Mart says-We've got it bad-cause that means good-Hard to keep up with these teens language these days-Running out of space-Stay otta the fast lane.....

## Hensley Decorated

U.S. Army Sgt. George W. Hensley of Mars Hill has been awarded the Army Achievement Medal at ceremonies held recently at Fort Bragg. Hensley is a member of the 82nd Airborne Div. He was decorated earlier this year for serving in the American invasion of Grenada in 1963.

The Army Achievement Medal is awarded for meritorious service and acts of bravery.

Sgt. Hensley is the son of Mary L. Hensley of Mars Hill.

## Grindstaff Promoted

Jeffrey G. Grindstaff of Weaver-ville has been promoted to the rank of airman first class in the U.S. Air Force. Grindstaff is an airframe specialist stationed with the 68th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

He is the son of retired Air Force Tech Sgt and Mrs. John G. Grindstaff of Locust Rd.

## Marsha Ramsey Weds Michael J. Fisher

Marsha Dean Ramsey and Michael James Fisher of Marshall were united in marriage on Sept. 22 at the Arrington Branch Baptist Church in Grapevine.

The Rev. Kenneth Parker conducted the wedding ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ramsey of Marshall.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fisher of Marshall.

Laura Coates provided music during the wedding service.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a Victorian gown of satin and lace with a floor-length veil trimmed in lace with a pearl-trimmed headpiece. She carried a

bouquet of fall flowers.

The bride's cousin, Donna Robinson, served as the maid of honor. She wore a white lace dress and carried a bouquet of fall flowers.

Michael Metcalf, the brother-in-law of the bridegroom, served as the best man.

The bride's brother, David Ramsey, served as the ringbearer.

The bridegroom's niece, Amanda Metcalf, served as the flower girl.

A reception was held in the church fellowship hall following the ceremony. Donna Parker and Kim Parker assisted at the reception.

The couple will make their home in Marshall.

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