

# Weaverville High School Class Of 1937 Holds Reunion

By LOUISE WRIGHT

The 1937 graduating class of the old Weaverville High School took a trip down memory lane as members celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation in the fellowship hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville on June 6.

They came at 11 a.m. and stayed until after 4 p.m. and had fun every minute of the time together.

They came from five states, from as far away as Cheyenne, Wyo., Little Rock, Ark., and Hershey, Penn. They had 23 of the original 37 class members. Nine sent regrets and five are deceased.

Some had not seen each other in the last 50 years. Dr. Lawrence Sprinkle of Weaverville had made small prints of the pictures in the old school annual and had attached these pictures to the name tags to help identify each one.

They spent the first hour in a buzz of conversation of, "Now what have you been doing with yourself in the past 50 years?" or "Do you remember when we used to ...?" or, "How good to see you! I would have recognized you anywhere!"

Then came lunchtime with a spread of food from one end of the table to the other. The tables were decorated with pink rosebuds, the class flowers, and three large beautiful cakes had conspicuous places among the roses.

Imogene Hampton Hazelrigg of Asheville had made a large sheet

cake and with icing had drawn a picture of the old high school building, windows and all. Amelia Roberts of Jupiter had made a large sheet cake and drawn a beautiful spray of pink rosebuds with the words, "Happy 50th Anniversary" underneath.

Ned Sams, who works for the Hershey Company, had his firm make one of its Hershey cakes from a prize winning recipe. There were plenty of salads, casseroles and all kinds of goodies to fill up the rest of the space on the tables.

After lunch, Hazelrigg presided over an informal session. They sang their old alma mater and again repeated their class motto, "We build the stairs by which we climb." And they remembered their principal, the late Prof. Francis A. Penland, whom they all loved.

Martha Penland Hudson read a humorous essay entitled, "The Class of 1937 B.C. (Before Computers)."

She said in part: "We were before the television, nylon, dacron, Xerox. We were before the radar, fluorescent lighting, credit cards and ball point pens. For us a chip meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word ... In those days bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens."

Wanda Peeke Teague of Weaverville presented a memorial of the five deceased class members.

They had as their special guest

their former teacher, Irene Holcombe Clark of Weaverville, who was director of their glee club and music teacher in the high school.

Many had brought pictures of the 1937 days and they laughed over the long skirts on the women and the straw hats on the men. There was such an atmosphere of fun among the graduates that they almost forgot their spouses who seemingly were having as much fun as they.

The group decided that they had enjoyed being together so much that they would make it an annual affair "as long as we are able," they said. They also said that Marsha Penland Hudson and Betty Gwaltney of Weaverville had done such a good job of organizing this year's reunion that they unanimously elected them for next year. They voted to again have a covered dish luncheon in Weaverville in a place where they could stay as long as they wanted to visit with each other.

Those attending from out of state included Howard Blackwelder of Little Rock, Ruby Hensley Leach of Cheyenne, Troy Riddle of Carrolton, Ga., and Ned Sams from Hershey.

Those from other parts of North Carolina were Robbie Gaye Mock Martin of Brevard, Lucy Ballard Cornwell of Waynesville, Mary Dickerson Roberts of Skyland and Mary Ward Wright of Candler. Those from Asheville were Barbara Herron Carson, Imogene Hampton Hazelrigg,



RANDY COX PHOTO

Members of the Weaverville High School's graduating class from 1937 posed for a group picture at their recent 50th reunion. First row, from left to right: Myrtle McCurry Hill, Hilda Ray Fisher Ramsey, Ruth Edwards Tweed, Martha Penland Hudson, Mary Ward Wright, Lucy Ballard Cornwell, Lucille Buckner Keys, Imogene Hampton Hazelrigg and Betty

Gwaltney Redmond. Second row, Howard Blackwelder, Troy Riddle, L.A. Weaver Jr., Juanita West Proffitt, Harry Lee Garrison (mascot), Lawrence Sprinkle, Mary Dickerson Roberts, James Sawyer, Robbie Gaye Mock Barton, Barbara Herron Carson, Ruby Hensley Leach, Wanda Peeke Teague, Ned Sams and Finley Coates.

Myrtle McCurry Hill, Lucille Buckner Keys, Hilda Ray Fisher Ramsey and Ruth Edwards Tweed.

From Weaverville were Finley Coates, Martha Penland Hudson, Kathleen Penland Kyles, Juanita

West Proffitt, Betty Gwaltney, James C. Sawyer, Dr. Lawrence Sprinkle, Wanda Peek Teague and L.A. Weaver.

Weaver, who was a member of the Weaverville Town Council for 20

years, summed up the day as he left, saying, "We really enjoyed this day!"

It was so g-o-o-d to see so many that I had not seen in 50 years! We all had such a wonderful time!"



## 40th Reunion

Twenty-two members of the Marshall High Class of 1947 attended a reunion on Blannahasset Island on May 30. This was the first reunion for the class of '47 which was the first group the North Carolina public school system required to attend school for 12 years. The group includes: first row: Jimmy Davis, mascot; second row: Margie Rye Saye, Clarence Robinson, Ernie Flynn Edmonds, Helen Cody Wallin, Ellen Landreth Edmonds; third row: Faye Ferguson Banks; fourth row: Jane Rice Talley, King Banks, Lorraine Proffitt Peace, Edna Landreth Edwards, Mable Fisher, Helen Coates Worley, fifth row: Betty Ward Bradley, Erma Norton Proffitt, Elieen Fisher Griffin, Lewis Griffin; sixth row: Irene Reese Ball, Dallas Ball, Pearl Ball Sexton, John L. Fortner, and Florence Griffin Ammons.

## Summer School Set At UNC-Asheville

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Registration for UNCA's summer school Term II will be held Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the registrar's office in Phillips Hall.

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Marsha D. Buckner  
...first-place winner

## Marsha D. Buckner

Spec. 4 Marsha D. Buckner placed first in the sugar centerpieces category while participating in the 12th Annual U.S. Army Culinary Competition held at Fort Lee, Va.

The three-event program began with presentation displays followed by demonstrations of cooking in dining halls and concluding with cooking in field conditions.

Buckner is a food service specialist with the 9th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Okla.

She is the daughter of Minnie P. and Buckner of a business family in Weaverville.

The specialist is a 1969 graduate of Marshall High School.

## NC State Dean's List Announced

Chancellor Bruce R. Poulton has announced that 2,336 undergraduate students earned dean's list honors during the spring semester just completed at North Carolina State University.

To make the dean's list, students must earn an academic average of 3.25 or higher if they are carrying 15 or more hours of coursework, or a 3.5 or better if they are carrying 12 to 14 hours.

The following are the dean's list students from Madison County, their fields of study, parents and addresses:

Stephen B. Halula, computer science, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Hulula, Route 2, Marshall; Randy L. Hodge, mechanical engineering, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hodge, Marshall; and, Allen B. Ingle, chemistry, Mr. and Mrs. B.G. Ingle, Route 1, Marshall.

## Kinsley Named To Dean's List

Amy Lee Kinsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Kinsley of Mars Hill, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. She is the daughter of a business family in Weaverville and is currently a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

# Is This Someone You Know?

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