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Mount Joy H.S. Class of '25 celebrates its 50th reunion

by Joseph Shaeffer

The year is 1925. The last question on the final examination is answered and the text books are closed. The final curtain is rung down on the last act of the Senior Class play, "The Colonel's Maid". The year book, "The Aloha" is in our hands and with great excitement we read it, see the pictures of each member of the graduating class and read the warm words about them. Within these covers is the class history, the class will and the class prophecy. The teaching staff and the other classes in Mount Joy High School are honored.

The class colors, purple and gold are seen for the last time in school, the Ophelia Rose, the class flower, with its fragrance, lingers. The old quartette is silent, the class song is not heard any more and the class poem is not recited again. Soon the jokes and the fun are replaced with serious thoughts.

Class Day is to be held in the Mount Joy. Hall and Commencement is Friday, May 29, 1925 in the United Brethren Church on East Main Street. The main address is given by Dr. C. C. Ellis, Vice President of Juniata College and eleven boys and nine girls receive diplomas from Grover C. Bair, Principal of Mount Joy High School. These twenty young men and women begin a new life in an ever changing world. For this class, the school bell rings no more, the fun, the laughter, the classes come to an end and a new life begins.

Some will enter business, or industry; some a profession, farming, civil service, and eventually, the wedding ceremony will be a very important event for this group.

The years will not all be bright and sunny. This group will see one of the worst depressions in our country and a world war, with some serving their country. On the bright side there will be children, grand-children, and even great-grandchildren. Some will advance in various positions in business and industry and all will be serving their respective communities and carving their small niche in the world.

One half a century has come and gone since this class graduated and it was decided that another reunion should be held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation.

Of course the old school building is gone and so are four of the class members, but ten of the class, their wives and husbands, met at Historic Strasburg on Saturday, June 28, and enjoyed a family style dinner.

Old times seemed to be the main topic. Following the dinner each class member was asked to talk about the most interesting thing that happened to them during the past year or so. Every member had a long list of interesting happenings. Following this Joe Moore showed slides of past reunions and some slides of a trip he and Mrs. Moore took to Ireland. Charles Siller showed slides of his trip to Peru and a bull fight he attended. All too soon the delightful evening with old classmates had to come to an end.

The class members attending were: Joseph Moore, Alois Heilig, John Eshleman, Mrs. Paul Dick, Guy Myers, Walter Becker, Mildred Way, Charles Siller, Joe Shaeffer and Mrs. Ray Strickler. Fred Diffenderfer planned to attend the reunion, but at the last minute was called to Florida to attend the funeral of a very dear friend. Those unable to attend because of prior commitments were: Mrs. Harry Engle, Hershey, Pa., Mrs. Paul Arndt, Mount Joy, Pa., Mrs. Paul Forney, Annville, Pa., Mrs. A. N. Weidman, Manheim, Pa., and Earl Sheaffer, Woodside, N. Y.

The guests of honor were Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Biemesderfer. Dr. Biemesderfer was principal in Mount Joy High School for two years, 1923 and 1924. Dr. Biemesderfer left Mount Joy to accept the position of President of Millersville State College.

Other attending the reunion were Mrs. John Eshleman, Mrs. Alois Heilig, Mr. Paul Dick, Mrs. Fred Diffenderfer, Mrs. Walter Becker, Mrs. Joseph Shaeffer, Mrs. Joseph Moore, Mrs. Guy Myers, and Mrs. Mary Myers, a guest of Mrs. Fred Diffenderfer.

It was decided by the class members to begin holding a reunion every year with the thought of meeting in the various homes of the class members. The committee planning the reunion were Mildred Way, Guy Myers, Mrs. Paul Dick, Walter Becker, Fred Diffenderfer and Joe Shaeffer.



Mrs. John Robert Smith

Suzanne O'Connor is wed to John Robert Smith

Suzanne Titus O'Connor, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Connor, 4 E. Main St., Mount Joy, and John Robert Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Smith, 410 E. Orange St., Shippensburg, were united in Matrimony on Saturday, July 12, at 6 P.M.

The double ring ceremony took place in the John S. Sell Memorial Chapel, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, and was performed by the Reverend Donald M. Whitesel.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride was attired in a floor length jersey gown with a high neckline with a bib effect of Venice lace attached to the Empire waistline. A full A-line shirt extending to a full cathedral length train. The bodice and long fitted sleeves were lavishly trimmed with bands of Venice lace. Her waist length mantilla of English net was edged with a daisy Venice lace and attached to a modified juliet headpiece covered with the same lace. She carried a crescent arrangement of daisies, yellow roses and ivy.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tomlinson, sister of the bride was matron of honor, and bridesmaids were Mrs. Mary Ellen Beall, sister of

the bride; Miss Kay Creveling, Miss Jacqueline Crowell and Miss Terry Ginder.

Thomas Bay was best man, and Ushers were William Corman, Barry Hopkins, John Hubley and Walter Miller. Ringbearers were Thomas Beall and William Tomlin, nephews of the bride.

Miss Jane Witmer was soloist and was accompanied by Dr. David E. Schlosser.

John Hayman was acolyte and William Hayman served as crucifier.

A reception was held at the Parkview Manor Golf Club, Hershey.

Following a wedding trip to Nova Scotia, the couple will reside at 2625 Sutton Place, Lancaster.

The bride is a graduate of Donegal High School class of '70 and Lock Haven State College where she earned a B.S. degree in 1974. She is employed as a health and physical education teacher at Manheim Township High School.

The groom graduated from Shippensburg State College in 1973. He is employed as a Business Education teacher at Manheim Township High School.

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