

## New Life Members Since September 15, 1982

### RETIRED PRINCIPAL

GERNERT, Eugene B. (T)  
Memorial by Dorothy Cathell

### ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERS

KARAM, Irvin A. (A)  
SHARKEY, James T. (A)  
WINSLOW, Eunice H. (T)  
Memorial by Sally J. Loeb (Mattis) '38

### CLASS OF 1918

PARSONS, Virginia (Bustler)  
Memorial by Husband Karl M.

### CLASS OF 1925

BAILEY, Carolyn M. (Curren)

### CLASS OF 1928

GODORECCI, Molly E. (Serrao)

### CLASS OF 1931

GREEN, Ruth Evelyn  
Memorial by Clara Green (Huff) '33

### CLASS OF 1933

ACHE, Homer L.  
BRADY, Russell T.  
BREEDING, Charles H. J.  
BROWN, Clytie B. (Sutler)  
DeCARLO, Frank J.  
DeSANTO, Helen (Burton)  
ENGEL, Beatrice M. (Wylie)  
GIVENS, Edward W.  
JOHNSON, Marion E. (Heitman)  
KOSCHWITZ, Lorraine G. (Eisbrenner)  
LICHETTI, Blanche F.  
MacLAY, Elizabeth M. (Martindale)  
McINNES, Jean B. (Anderson)  
McNEAL, Joseph A.  
McNEAL, Margaret L. (Henry)  
MICHER, Dorothy L.  
MITCHELL, Edgar A.  
MONTGOMERY, Robert W.  
OSBOURNE, R. Wilhelmine (Stanley)  
PENTON, James R.  
ROBERTS, Roland H.  
ROCKETT, Fred L.  
SCHMIDT, Stanley S.  
SHEIL, Beatrice N. (Rosborough)  
SWAN, Rosetta C. (Dix)  
TAYLOR, Laverne J.  
TERRY, Odele (Ward)  
VEAL, T. Carrington  
VENEABLES, Louise S. (Barker)  
WENDT, George A.  
WILRICH, Virginia. (Hilbert)

GIBSON, John E.  
DUNHAM, William R.  
ROCKETT, Stanley C.  
Memorials by Clara Green (Huff) '33

### CLASS OF 1934

CLEM, Albert H.  
KELLER, Carl H., Rev.  
TURNER, Fredrick H.  
CLASS OF 1935  
DICKSON, George C.  
GARRETT, Marie E. (Klappert)  
CLASS OF 1936  
BENNETT, Adelaide E. (Cregier)  
GROLOCK, Doris V. (Berlinger)

LIGHTMAN, Dorothy A. (Jacobs)  
Memorial by brother Percy Lightman '34

### CLASS OF 1937

BECK, William C.  
EVANS, Ellen E. (Assman)  
KRAFT, Kathryn M. (Sharkey)  
NICKERSON, Grace M. (Kerchner)  
REED, Eleanor L.  
SCHWARZ, John G.  
SMITH, Janel J.  
TITLOW, Lorraine E. (Mitchell)

NEWBERRY, Jr., Sidney  
SHINN, William  
Memorial by Class of '37

### CLASS OF 1939

WEISSER, Helen H. (Lempa)  
WIPPLINGER, Charles G.  
CLASS OF 1940  
ABEL, Robert  
CLASS OF 1941  
HARLEY, Richard C.  
PLUNKETT, M. Vera (Wright)  
WASHINGTON, Charles A.  
CLASS OF 1942  
AMBLER, Marie L.  
BORDIN, Eva (Marsh)  
BORTHWICK, Jean A. (Hultslander)  
CLEMENS, Jane E. (A)

DAY, Marie A. (Byrne)  
LATTA, Henrietta H. (Evans)  
CLASS OF 1943

BERRY, Benjamin M.  
BORIE, Jr., William J. S.  
CARRINGTON, Donald R.  
CASCAEN, Jr., G. Thomas  
COOK, Richard G.  
DODDS, Rev. Richard A.  
ELNETZKE, Eugenia J. (Cramer)  
HALLINGER, Jessie (Meininger)  
HAY, Jean M. (Cook)  
HUNSICKER, Alice S. (Pittman)  
HUTTER, Marie A. (Carlin)  
JANKE, Rosemary C. (Donavan)  
MARPLE, C. Scott  
MASSING, Anna M. (Twaddle)  
MCALLISTER, Jr., Paul J.  
MILLER, Samuel W.  
MILLER, Wayne

PECK, Herbert A.  
PHINNEY, Robert J.  
RAPP, Evelyn C. (Schaller)  
SHIELDS, Arthur  
SMYTHE, Marilyn J. (Hartranft)  
TRESKOTT, Barton  
WARRINGTON, Mary E. (Sutch)  
WATHNE, Betty (Robertson)

DEAN, Richard N.  
Memorial by Robert H. Bugel '43

KELLY, Martha G. (Penecale)  
Memorial by  
M. Stafford Washington '43

CLASS OF 1944  
DICKER, Ralph A.  
McMAHON, Janet (Norcross)  
READING, Evelyn A.

ROBINSON, H. John  
Memorial by  
Anne E. Robinson (Wise) '44

### CLASS OF 1945

KOOB, Marie E. (Mounts)

### CLASS OF 1946

CLINE, William G.  
CLINKSCALE, James H.  
KIDD, Owen A.  
CLASS OF 1947  
BUSE, Delores (Anderson)  
FITZGERALD, Elizabeth K. (DeHope)  
HARTZELL, Persis A. (LeQuin)

### CLASS OF 1948

CRIGLER, Wesley E.  
GERNERT, Robert E.  
HECHT, Richard B.  
KLOS, Suzanne E.  
LAMONT, Phyllis M.  
LANING, Noel W.  
LOWER, Barbara A.  
MUELLER, Ralph W.  
O'BRIEN, Robert G.  
PAPALE, Gloria R.  
PERRY, Joseph A.  
STEIN, Theodore K.  
TRIPLETT, John M.  
Memorials by Class '48

### CLASS OF 1951

GAYLEY, Robert I.  
HARVEY, Philip S.

### CLASS OF 1952

BIDDLE, Nancy Anne (Graham)  
BRADLEY, III, Charles P.  
DARROW, Joan (Fitzgerald)  
GIFFORD, Thomas  
SCHWARZ, John G.  
SMITH, Janel J.  
TITLOW, Lorraine E. (Mitchell)

### CLASS OF 1953

STELLA, Bernard E.  
WRIGHT, A. Edward  
CLASS OF 1954  
BLANK, Carol Ruth (Sharp)  
CLASS OF 1955  
ELY, Frank E.  
FREAS, Richard S.

### CLASS OF 1956

MAUPAY, Jr., Walter R.  
CLASS OF 1957

BRANDON, Douglas P.  
FASSHAYER, Alfred H.  
CLINCHARD, A. Gordon  
MAIER, Frank  
Memorial by Class '57

### CLASS OF 1958

PRICE, Judith Lois  
SIMPSON, Thomas M.

### CLASS OF 1959

EWER, Bonnie Ann (Durphy)  
STEVENSON, James M.

### CLASS OF 1960

HUTCHESON, Helen (Zartman)  
LEBERMAN, Richard

### CLASS OF 1961

HUNTER, Frank W.  
NURNEY, Barbara I. (Reptsik)

### CLASS OF 1962

BLACK, Barbara (Pond)  
PETERS, Robert M.  
PHILLIPS, David E.  
PRICE, Dr. Joseph L.

### CLASS OF 1963

FEICK, Barbara A. (Daniel)  
FOUGERAY, Jr. Rene J.  
GREGORY, Paul James  
HARDING, Jacqueline A. (Elsman)  
POWERS, Margaret K. (Billian)  
STROBEL, Ronald H.  
YODER, Alexandria

### CLASS OF 1964

MOHR, Joachim K.

HAWKINS, William R.  
Memorial by Wendy S. Hawkins '76

### CLASS OF 1965

ADAMS, Leslie C. (Hollan)  
KELLY, Barbara A. (Breedon)  
McPHERSON, Susan D. (Kyle)

### CLASS OF 1966

LUCAS, M. Linda (Robertson)  
McKINNON, Robert C.

### CLASS OF 1967

FAIR, Robert J.  
FREED, Leslie M. (Law)  
TUCKER, Houston R.

AUCOTT, Walter  
CROSSON, Jerold  
GRIFFITH, Robert  
KNIEREM, Donald A.  
PFEFFER, Michael  
PINKOS, John  
SCHECKLER, Paul J.  
SENIOR, Barbara K.  
WAGNER, William H.  
WIDGER, Duane E.  
WRIGHT, Deborah E.  
Memorial by Class '67

### CLASS OF 1968

GINSBURG, Beverly R. (Schiffrin)  
JACOBSON, Peter H.

### CLASS OF 1969

MacINTYRE, Rodney A.  
CLASS OF 1970  
BEAMOUNT, Jay B.  
GORDON, Bruce N.  
PARSONS, Cindy J.

### CLASS OF 1971

BARDSLEY, Gwyneth A. (Needham)  
MILLAR, Ronald T.  
NEEDHAM, Steven J.  
SAURMAN, Ronald M.

### CLASS OF 1972

GOFFREDO, Louise A. (Langdale)  
SCHWARZMAN, Marc I.  
WILLIAMS, Dr. C. Richard

### CLASS OF 1973

ERB, Gary E.  
KATZ, Jody R. (Willmott)

### CLASS OF 1974

FAUNCE, Robert A.  
FAUNCE, Steven B.  
KINGER, Judith A.

### CLASS OF 1975

SCHESWOHL, Robert J.  
CLASS OF 1976  
CASTRO, Marie V. (DeFranca)  
CRAWFORD, Cathleen A. (Evans)  
FRICKER, Sandra L. (Hostetter)

HAWKINS, Wendy S.  
KALIKOW, Elizabeth J.  
KLINE, Mitchell A.  
LOMADY, Judith. (Schreiber)  
PARSONS, Susan C.  
CLASS OF 1977

ANGNEY, Bruce  
KAHMER, Lois A. (Scheswohl)  
SHARP, Cynthia L. (Lahiff)

### CLASS OF 1978

DAULTON, Jr., Joseph J.  
SIMPSON, Thomas M.

### CLASS OF 1979

PAUL, Barry M.  
REYNOLDS, Paul Eric

### CLASS OF 1980

CHIZEVER, Gary E.  
CLASS OF 1981  
DAVIS, Belinda K.

### CLASS OF 1982

CORNELL, Wendy L.  
DOMINIC, John F.  
DREIFUS, Carrie A.  
EISENBERG, Carol Beth  
GREENSTEIN, Ellen S.  
HAMILTON, Jean M.  
JENKINS, Lori S.

### CLASS OF 1983

ABRAMS, Beth  
ARBITTIER, Douglas A.  
BAKER, Kathryn L.  
BARBELLA, Sara C. (S)  
BOLIG, Kimberly E.  
BRODER, Andrew D.  
BROKER, Brian J.  
CALCI, Joseph S.  
CHIZEVER, Daniel A.  
CHIZEVER, Michael J.  
CLARK, Charles R.  
CONNELL, Daniel C.  
CORNELL, Tracy L.  
COSTELLO, Megan M.  
COVERT, Daniel C.  
CRAMP, Randall

DAVINE, John E.  
DENELSBECK, Joseph L.  
DIPASQUALE, Jr., Richard J.

### CLASS OF 1984

EDMAN, Laurie B.  
FITZGERALD, Jamie D.  
FOX, Bruce A.

FREED, Tracy E.  
GLAGIANESE, Beatrice S.  
GEAR, James R.  
GOLDBLATT, Eric B.  
GUNTHER, Richard W.  
HANCE, Timothy M.  
HEUGES, Mary C.  
HOPPE, Lynn M.  
HUBER, Glen G.  
KELLY, Kevin R.  
KINTISCH, Alan M.  
KLOCK, Kathy A.  
KLUGER, Allison R.  
KOWIT, Jonathan R.  
KUSS, Deborah L. (S)  
LANDIS, Marla B.  
LEIBOWITZ, Donna M.  
LERCH, Craig A.  
LEVENBERG, Meryl B.  
LISHNOFF, Ellen S.  
MAGILNER, Mark J.  
MARSHALL, Jonathan N.  
McGEE, Michael T.  
McHALE, Eileen M.  
MILLER, Dorothy L.  
MOTT, Pamela L.  
MULHERIN, Jeffrey M.  
PERKINS, Thomas F.  
PUKOWSKY, Lois (S)  
RAY, Nadine E.  
REINARD, Stephen K.  
RHODE, Maitin U.  
ROESSER, David S.  
ROSENTHAL, Scott A.  
ROWLAND, Carol Ann  
RUSSELL, Henry A.  
SAFIER, Neil J.  
SARFERT, Renee B.  
SAURMAN, Amy B.  
SCHECTER, Suzanne I.  
SCHILLING, John E.  
SILBERMAN, Michele B.  
SILVER, Jeffery S.  
SILVERMAN, Eric J.  
SIMON, Bruce B.  
SLIGHT, Patricia

## Total Life Members JUNE 1983



	TOTAL GRADS	NO. OF LIVES	% OF CLASS
Teachers		80	
Associates		83	
1888-1909	98	98	"100"
1910	11	6	55
1911	10	5	50
1912	14	9	64
1913	17	3	18
1914	6	0	0
1915	21	11	52
1916	27	7	26
1917	27	16	59
1918	55	17	31
1919	27	10	37
1920	34	20	59
1921	40	13	33
1922	39	30	77
1923	61	41	67
1924	94	86	91
1925	85	53	62
1926	104	78	75
1927	107	42	39
1928	94	60	64
1929	104	57	55
1930	114	52	46
1931	119	60	51
1932	158	104	66
1933	173	173	"100"
1934	208	108	52
1935	207	139	67
1936	194	147	76
1937	208	124	60
1938	229	229	"100"
1939	241	111	46
1940	228	137	60
1941	243	77	32
1942	232	109	47
1943	210	105	50
1944	255	82	32
1945	252	77	31
1946	192	45	23
1947	282	78	28
1948	220	62	28
1949	264	73	28
1950	222	59	27
1951	232	55	24
1952	241	65	27
1953	253	52	21
1954	284	49	17
1955	280	46	16
1956	311	69	22
1957	315	55	17
1958	406	70	17
1959	466	73	16
1960	554	102	18
1961	565	84	15
1962	543	75	14
1963	649	96	15
1964	729	131	18
1965	781	139	18
1966	783	111	14
1967	747	104	14
1968	765	73	10
1969	923	123	13
1970	939	116	12
1971	912	80	9
1972	967	77	8
1973	900	64	7
1974	956	68	7
1975	980	69	7
1976	910	132	15
1977	889	103	12
1978	827	92	11
1979	780	116	15
1980	746	69	9
1981	758	112	15
1982	683	92	13
1983	591	81	14
TOTAL	27171	5849	21

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS (CONT.)

SPECTOR, Jill S.  
STAERK, John J.  
STEIGERWALD, Andrew H. (S)  
STEINGARD, Amy B.  
STEWART, Christine E.  
TURNER, Matthew E.  
VITELLI, Mark A. (S)  
WAGNER, Krista E.  
WALDMAN, Jay W.  
WEBER, Susan I.  
WILKINSON, Julie A.  
WOOD, Valerie L.  
ZAGER, Rena J.

### MEMORIAL

(S) Senior Award  
A Associate  
T Teacher  
RT Retire Teacher

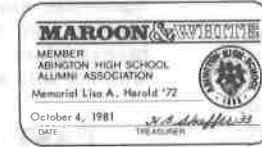
Your next step up the ladder can make the difference.  
Join your classmates and support AHSAA'S's 1988 Scholarship  
Perpetuity Fund Goal of \$100,000 for Abington's 100th anniversary.  
We can't do it without YOU!

**BE PART OF THE BEST.  
STEP UP AND CLIMB THE LADDER.**

## NEW 500 CLUB



No.	Class
178	CLASS
179	CLASS
180	CLASS
181	IRVIN H. NIESSEN
182	CLASS
183	MARGARET K. POWERS (Billian)
184	VIRGINIA PARSONS (Bustler) (*)
185	HELEN H. WEISSER (Lempa)
186	H. EDWARD MILLER



No.	Class
19	KATHRYN MARIE KRAFT (Sharkey)
20	ROLAND H. DOANE
21	EMMA R. REEVES (Lambert)
22	HELEN H. WEISSER (Lempa)
23	JAMES S. KIEL
24	JANE L. LOCKER (Sproat)
25	ANNA MAY GELNER (Bachman)
26	ROBERT M. CORBETT, JR.



No.	Class
62	VIRGINIA MASTEN (Risler)
63	ALBERT P. SCHMIDT



No.	Class
10	GLENN HANSFORD
11	HELEN H. WEISSER
12	HELEN E. WILLOUGHBY (Longhead)
13	EVELYN E. GIBBS (Nichols)
14	SERMA DIX (Mellon)
15	AUDREY HUTMAKER
16	JEAN CORWIN
17	JOHN W. HEYMAN
18	ELVA M. CRONEY (Fitzgerald)
19	JANE L. DAVIES (Brown)
20	CARL R. CROSS
21	JANE G. MAURER (Lamont)
22	NORMAN KELLY
23	VERA LUBY
24	DANIEL TREGNAN
25	PAUL M. DANIEL
26	SARA AMBLER (Hargrave)
27	ABINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS
28	KENNETH F. KENNEDY
29	OVERLOOK HILLS WOMENS CLUB
30	MARK ANTHONY J. VITELLI

(\*) Memorial

**New enrollees thru JUNE 30, 1983  
HELP US  
CONTINUE TO GROW**

It is with extreme gratitude that I acknowledge the new "500 Club" category which was instituted by the Class of 1933 at their recent 50th Class Reunion Dinner-Dance.

## AHSAA Goes On Computer



Jim Cummings in Computer Center

Keeping track of the alumni membership will become easier by the end of this summer when the Abington High School Data Center is upgraded. The center can accommodate up to 26 simultaneous users and this number will double when improvements are completed. In case that sounds like "overkill" it must be mentioned that the data center is also used by the Jenkintown and Upper Moreland School systems.

The upgraded system will enable the association to keep track of name, address, phone number and membership status of alumni. In the past, members Nancy Sefton (Hazelton), Kathryn Dillon (Hendrie), Agnes Reim (Kelly), Olive Houpt (Helverson) and others they recruited, have had the monumental task of hand-addressing and stuffing envelopes for the annual newsletter mailed to over 20,000 members. Files were also updated by the volunteers. "These women have been so generous with their time in the past, I hope they'll be willing to learn the new process because the benefits are unreal" said **Tim Simmons '65**, 1st Vice President of Abington Alumni, who will be helping to implement the new system. They will be trained to enter information into the system and make changes when necessary. The center will also print mailing labels and reports of various kinds for the association.

There is a membership potential of over 27,000 among the graduates of Abington High School and with the new technology available, contacting these people will be more feasible. These endeavors will not tax the capabilities of the data center which also schedules rosters for the township students, calculates budgets and taxes and provides reports for school departments. It also totals the township's school census.

According to Jim Cummings, supervisor of the data center, the computer system was first introduced in 1967 and has constantly been upgraded to keep pace with the growing demand for information. "We consider this new operating system as a necessary advancement to service our many users. We want to stay on top of things."

It is very easy to send a printed flyer announcing a class reunion, to the members of your class, by having it included in the envelope with the Alumni News. Just send a quantity of them to: AHSAA, Box 55, Abington, Pa. 19001, no later than August 31st.

## Year Book

When **George Wendt** retired from SEP-TA in 1975 he had put in 38 years operating trolleys and double-decker busses. Being without a job is not his style as he has spent a lifetime meeting the public. So he became a newspaper carrier in his apartment development where he climbs six flights of stairs in each of the five buildings in the complex. This 70 year old, who was hospitalized for hypertension last year, has dropped more than 50 pounds and says he's feeling just fine. After graduation in 1933 he went to work for the Willow Grove Guide newspaper as an advertising representative and later became the paper's first Sports Editor, putting to use experience he had gained as Associate Editor of the Abingtonian. His Circulation Director at the Daily Intelligencer says "He does a fantastic job", having added 90 new customers to his 36 original ones, in just a few months.

In 1978 **Robert C. Brecht '59**, studied the menu at a Philadelphia restaurant and noted the price of steamed Maine Lobster was \$21.95. He went home and phoned a fisherman on an island off the coast of Maine where he owns property. The fisherman told him the price of lobster fresh off the boat was \$2.65 a pound. After due consideration, he rented a refrigerated truck to make the 650 mile trip, quickly returning to Philadelphia with 2000 pounds of lobster to sell to friends and acquaintances in minimum ten pound orders. After that he made two trips a year at vacation time

and orders increased at the rate of 1000 pounds of lobster a year. Last October he quit his job and began devoting his time to the lobster business. On Lobster Day last June he sold three tons of lobster in Washington, D.C. and four tons in Philadelphia, plus large quantities of oysters, smoked trout, clams and mussels. His latest venture is a seafood lunch counter and retail outlet in Reading Terminal Market where he has a tank which holds 800 live lobsters.

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A man raised in the Hollywood section of Abington Township has been elevated to the rank of Brigadier General of the U.S. Marine Corps. Brig. Gen. **Robert R. Porter '52**, commanding general of the First Force Service Support Group at Camp Pendleton, California, was "froked" to the rank on March 23. He attended the old Cedar Road Elementary School and Abington Junior High and graduated from Abington Senior High. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1954 and attained the rank of sergeant prior to his graduation from Millersville State Teachers College. Among Porter's personal awards, which are numerous, are the Legion of Merit and the Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars. He resides on the base with his wife and two sons.

## PAST YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

The following yearbooks may be purchased from **Jane Nehlig Eakle '39**, at the South Campus, Phone (215) 884-4700 Ext. 361. The price is \$5.00 each with the exception of 1981, 1982 and 1983.

1968 - (41)	1976 - (58)	1981 - (36)
1969 - (34)	1978 - (5)	1982 - (36)
1972 - (46)	1979 - (5)	1983 - (30)

## Message From Your AHSAA President

Dear Abingtonian,

For several years now we have all enjoyed the ALUMNI NEWS and the many articles within that may have rung a bell of nostalgia, or headlined a friend remembered from our high school days. Those of us who are involved with each issue or who may have been active in your Alumni Association matters, hope you will want this annual event to continue publication. Rising costs may soon come to bear on this matter unless we can generate enough interest from a greater majority of you alumni to support our worthy causes thru membership donations outlined on the back page. Life and Century memberships perpetuate the scholarship fund. All other classes of membership support our general operations and the newsletter. We are working to computerize the entire alumni list of 27,000 graduates which, when accomplished, will save some time and money. However, we also need the workers to perform the many details involved in what has become "quite a business". Remember the Alma Mater (old or new): "Rise up one and stand ye all" ... "We will ever cherish thee, victory or ...". Defeated we cannot be! Support your Alumni Association NOW!

Sincerely,

*Chuck*

Charles "Chuck" Corwin '40

## CAREER REPORTS

### EUROPEAN NEWSMAN

It was an accurate prophecy, when in 1938, the ORACLE labeled **Donald Cook** a "Budding Journalist."

From sports editor of the Abingtonian to Paris correspondent for the Los Angeles Times, Donald Cook's career has encompassed much, even by a newsman's standards.

"Before I graduated from Abington in February of 1938 I had already made up my mind that I wanted to be a newspaperman," said Cook who has made his home in Paris for over 30 years.

Getting a job during the height of the great depression was no easy feat, he noted. While living with his grandparents in Florida, Cook walked into the St. Petersburg Times to see about a job. By chance, the copyboy had cut himself on a photoengraving plate and Cook was hired to replace him -- at \$12.50 per week -- for six 12-hour days.

In 1940, as the war broke out in Europe, Cook returned to Philadelphia to work briefly on a news show, with Taylor Grant at WCAU, then to the Jenkintown Times - and finally in the Philadelphia bureau of Transradio Press Service, a radio news wire at WCAU.

In mid-1941, Cook was transferred to Transradio's Washington bureau, arriving on June 21, the evening before the German attack on the Soviet Union.

"Next morning on my first day of work in Washington, I was sent over to the State Department to cover the official U.S. government reaction to the news," he recalled. "I still look back and remember a kind of dazed feeling of wonder that I had, walking into the old State Department building, not yet 21 years old, on a news assignment that, for other men who were there, was a culmination of a long career."

Not six months later, Cook was the first newsman to reach the White House on Dec. 7 -- Pearl Harbor Day -- "only because I happened to be eating a late brunch in a drug store nearby, which happened to have the radio on," he said.

In July 1943, Cook officially began his foreign correspondent career when he joined the New York Herald Tribune. After a brief stay in the Washington bureau, he was assigned to London, one of the more than 20 Herald Tribune writers in Europe during the war's final days.

Meanwhile, Cook had married Cherry Mitchell of Florida, a copygirl at the Washington Post and later Transradio Press. The Cooks arrived in London in early 1945 and remained there until 1949, during which three of their seven children were born.

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## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS REACH NEW HIGH



(Standing) J. Clayton Worster, Chairman of Scholarship Committee, with graduates selected: Thomas Perkins, Kenneth Stoeffler and Joseph Denelscheck. (Seated) Lisa Ann Tomlinson, Richard Gunther and Patricia Bauerle.

We are proud to announce that you made it possible this year for the Alumni Association to increase its scholarship awards to \$6000. The following selections were made by the Scholarship Committee, of which J. Clayton Worster is Chairman, the Alumni Executive Council, School Administrators and Teachers.

Patricia R. Bauerle	\$500
College of Wooster	
Kimberly E. Bollig	\$750
Mansfield State University	
Joseph L. Denelscheck	\$750
Bloomsburg State University	
Donna M. Giovinnazzo	\$750
University of Delaware	
Richard W., Gunther	\$1000
Penn State University	
Thomas F. Perkins	\$750
Penn State University	
Kenneth N. Stoeffler	\$750
Temple University	
Lisa Ann Tomlinson	\$750
Bloomsburg State University	

Life Memberships were awarded for excellence in the following categories:

Archives	Commercial Art
Sara C. Barbella	Mark A. Vitelli
Public Relations	Cosmetology
Deborah L. Kuss	Lois Pukowsky
Welding	
Andrew H. Steigerwald	

### YOU ARE NUMBER ONE

The prime purpose of your Alumni Association is to provide financial assistance to deserving graduates of Abington High School to continue their education. We have been more than pleased that your support has made it possible for the association to increase its scholarship to \$6000 this year.

A total of twenty other organizations and individuals have also made an additional \$8,600 available to total \$14,600 in scholarship funds. In alphabetical order the names of the scholarships follow:

Abington Alumni Association  
Abington Civic Club  
Abington Parents' Club  
Abington Rockledge Democratic Committee  
Beck, Richard Scott Memorial  
Cheyney State College

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## ALUMNI MAN OF THE YEAR



Howard B. Shaffer

There probably wouldn't be an Abington High School Alumni Association today, if it weren't for Howard B. Shaffer, the busiest boy in the Class of 1933. According to the Oracle (and no one would dispute an Oracle), "Howdy was the treasurer of the Stamp Club, captain of the swimming team, a member of the school band and school orchestra, an expert taxidermist, silent, had a winning smile, eager, and was Abington's foremost hunter". At age 67, Howdy is still eager.

Since 1960, Howdy has been Treasurer and chief spark plug of the Alumni Association, constantly seeking new Life Members. He created the Century Club and is encouraging a new category ... the Five Hundred Club ... for Alumni who can be more generous in their giving.

The entire second floor of his residence is given over to the files of our organization. He increasingly takes more time from his responsibilities at S.S. Fretz, Inc., one of the nation's largest and most respected distributors of major appliances, to work for AHSAA. No one at Fretz objects to his absences because he's Chairman of the Board. After attending Spring Garden Institute, Howdy joined the Fretz family in 1935. He also attended Temple University, studied accounting and business law at the University of Pennsylvania and mechanical engineering at Drexel.

Howdy is a member of the Abington Presbyterian Church, having served as a trustee for many years. He is a Mason, a member of several gun clubs and National Rifle Association. His hobbies are, naturally, hunting and trapshooting.

What a tremendous Association this would be if we could clone Howard B. Shaffer

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Eisele, Andre Memorial  
Fegley, Vern Memorial  
Freed, John Memorial  
Gernert, E. B.  
Herzog, Gertrude Memorial  
Honor Society  
O'Brien, T. Carroll  
Roberts, Charles C. Memorial  
Senior Work Day  
Shrewsbury, William Memorial  
SPBQSA (Barbershop Quartette)  
Stout, Robert Memorial  
Sussmar, Martin  
Willoughby, Donald Memorial  
Zimmerman, Elayne Memorial



## Class Reunions

**All classes down to and including 1933**  
-50th Plus - October 12 (luncheon)  
Picket Post, Ambler

**Class of 1920** - 64th - June 23, 1984  
Evoy Home, Abington (luncheon)  
Martin Evoy 884-3777

**Class of 1937** - 46th - Oct. 22  
Williamsons Restaurant, Horsham  
Mary F. Farmer 884-1277

**Class of 1938** - 45th - Oct. 8  
Williamsons Restaurant, Horsham  
Norman Kelly 675-1157

**Class of 1953** - 30th - Oct. 8  
Bentleys Restaurant, Lansdale  
Richard Simmons 884-1666

**Class of 1958** - 25th - Nov. 25  
Blair Mill Inn, Horsham  
Betsy Blizzard (Clayton) 643-2335  
Jeanne Remmey (Hoeppner) 646-8561

**Class of 1963** - 20th - Nov. 26  
Loaction to be announced  
Walter Czarnecki 887-0685

**Class of 1968** - 15th -  
Time and place to be announced  
Nancy Corrigan (Urban) 322-0124

**Class of 1973** - 10th - Nov. 25  
Williamsons Restaurant, Horsham  
Robyn Black (Stasen) 443-9847  
Mindy Battle (Alvare) 659-1465

The following reunions took place earlier  
this year.

**1920** - 63rd-June 11  
Home of Theresa Young (Marey)

**1933** - 50th - April 30  
Huntington Valley C.C.

**1943** - 40th - May 28  
Holiday Inn, Lansdale

**1948** - 35th - April 23  
Williamsons Restaurant

**1977** - 5th - March 26  
Holiday Inn, Ft. Washington

## CLASS OF '20 HOLDS REUNION

In 1970 they held their 50th reunion, in 1980 their 60th, and an annual reunion each year since. The Abington High School Class of 1920 held its 63rd annual reunion June 11th at Southampton Estates as guests of **Theresa Young (Morey)**. Twenty-one classmates and guests attended, including several members from the class of '21. The class of 1920 is the earliest class which holds reunions each year and they are already making plans for next June.

## Where Are They Now?

Pitman, New Jersey's high school hockey field has been renamed "Madelyn Chiomento Field" to honor **Madelyn Bracklo (Chiomento) '38**, who has served as head coach of hockey and basketball at the school for 27 years. Her career coaching record is 287-73-46. The decision to rename the field was by a unanimous vote of the school board. Her other honors include Induction into the Gloucester County Sports Hall of Fame and also into the Temple University Sports Hall of Fame.

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**Lois Bliss '79** of Roslyn, received a diploma from the New School of Music in Philadelphia in May. She received the Catherine Drinker Bowen Scholarship for excellence in the study of, and performance on, the flute and for high academic achievement. She plans to earn a bachelor of music degree in December. Lois won a music scholarship from the Music Theater of Abington when she graduated from Abington High as 21st in her class of 868.

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**Charles P. Hoffman '82**, of Jenkintown, was named to the Dean's List at the University of Pittsburgh in this Spring 1983 semester.

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**Pvt. Darryl T. McCray '82**, of North Hills, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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**Dr. Robert M. Olson**, of Princeton, N.J., will marry Megan Thomas of Chestnut Hill, in December. He is a reconstructive plastic surgeon in private practice and is Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of New Jersey - Rutgers Medical School. Dr. Olson is a Dartmouth College graduate and received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

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**Charles Coyne '66**, of Chester County and brother of Congressman James Coyne, was appointed to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. The Philadelphia attorney will serve on the Executive Committee for one year. His parents still reside in Abington.

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As **Gail Richter-Nelson '64**, was accepting flowers and good wishes for speedy recovery from emergency surgery at Abington Hospital, this Abington native who resides in Ottawa, Canada, was being honored 600 miles north in Toronto by the American Criminology Association at its annual convention.

The Honorable Robert Caplan, Solicitor General for Canada accepted the ACA's annual film award presented to his department and to the National Film Board of Canada for the film entitled; "Victims . . . the View From the Shadows". Gail Richter-Nelson was the producer-director of the film which presents an emotional and intellectual overview of situations that victims of crime face long after the actual event.

Gail Richter-Nelson has been a free-lance writer, producer, director of informational media material since the late '60's. A Bs.Ed. graduate of Penn State, she did her graduate work in Radio, Television, Film at Temple University. She first came to international attention when a videotape orientation program she produced for Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, was judged the overall winner of the Award of Excellence by the Industrial Television Society in their annual competitions in 1972.

The next year, in response to a request by the Canadian Government, Gail went to Ottawa to produce a security program under their auspices. Her production company, "Media Alternative", has handled subject matter ranging from airline security to preventive medicine . . . from the complexities of energy supply and demand to the overlapping intricacies of Canadian personnel legislation . . . from food retailing to satellite broadcasting and its effect on primitive native cultures in the Arctic regions of Canada.

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**Susan Moyer '81**, of Abington, a chemistry major at Franklin and Marshall College recently performed Grieg's Piano Concerto op. 16 at the college's Spring piano recital.

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**Julie LaVonne Sudler '77**, earned her Master's Degree in Special Education from Lesley College, Cambridge, Mass., with certification in both elementary and special education. She had received a Psychology Degree in 1981 at Wellesley College.

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Airman **Joseph T. Moore '81**, of Glenside, graduated from U.S. Air Force fuel specialist course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. and is now serving at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

## ABINGTON HAS BANNER SPORTS YEAR

Abington High School has a rich history in sports, but none parallels what it has accomplished this year.

This was the 70th anniversary of its interscholastic sports program. Basketball, baseball and track were started in 1913, while football followed in 1916.

To celebrate that occasion, Abington nailed down four Suburban One League National Conference championships . . . football, basketball, baseball and boys track. It's interesting to note that although the Ghosts have won three titles in three sports, on three occasions before, it has never won all four in a single school year. It has been exactly 50 years since any other school has accomplished this feat.

The football team under coach Doug Moister, was the first team to win a championship this year.

The Basketball Team won the League Championship and advanced to the District I Final before losing to Chester. The Ghosts then moved into State play and advanced to the final four teams before losing to Reading. The team finished with a 28-3 record.

The Baseball Team defeated Pennsbury and Neshmity-Langhorne to win the League Championships, then defeated Quakertown to advance to the quarter finals. They lost to Marple-Newtown in a game played at West Chester State College.

The boys Teack Team won a gold medal in the Distance Medley and also won the League Championship, while the 1600 meter relay team won the state title.

When you consider how difficult sports competition has become on the high school level, how much more specialized high school athletics has become today, and the overall strength of the Suburban One League, the four team accomplishment is all the more incredible.

### LISSFELT - (continued)

teacher and a published author of nature and children's stories.

In 1979 he left his teaching position at Ursinus College, which he thoroughly enjoyed, and took over the management of a warehouse for the Walker Publishing Company of New York, which is involved with educational books and materials. It is located near Alden Park in the Germantown area, where he lives with his wife, the former Evelyn Bradley, who he married in 1971.

He said he has just returned from California where he witnessed his granddaughter's graduation from Pomona College and visited the first great grandchild at San Mateo. Besides his daughter JoAnn in California, his youngest daughter Lee, lives in Doylestown, Pennsylvania with her family.

He says that Abington Schools are an indelible part of his life and he continues to correspond with many alumni and faculty. "Yes, I remember with good feelings my Abington years."

## Faculty



Elmer A. Lissfelt

Elmer Lissfelt is not a prisoner of time. This 81 year old has time in a hamerlock and is the acknowledged master. His desire to work directly with people drew him out of studing for the ministry and finally to Abington High School where thousands of students knew him as Social Studies Teacher, Director of Guidance and basketball coach.

Abington High School was never considered to any great extent in basketball circles until Elmer Lissfelt, former University of Pittsburgh star took over the coaching assignment and in three years developed it into one of the most dangerous teams in the Suburban 1 League. His valuable assistant was George Erb who came from Ursinus College.

After leaving AHS he spent 17 years as Superintendent of Schools in Upper Moreland where he participated in the post-war growth of the community and schools. He took the assignment because he saw it as "a chance to start something and grow with it" and he was not disappointed. The educational budget went from \$95,000 to \$3 million while Lissfelt was superintendent. Woodlawn School, North Willow Grove and the senior high school were built during those years. Two additions were made to Round Meadow, one to Woodlawn and the business offices were also built. He retired from this position in 1965.

His activities since retirement would be a full schedule for most of us. He taught three days a week at Ursinus College, served as vice president of the Family Service of Montgomery County, served on the executive committee of Services to Older People and helped set up a program for Retired Executives and Professional People for the Cheltenham Evening School.

He recently served as president of the Old York Road area Kiwanis Club and found time to write the Pennsylvania edition of the textbook "Democracy at Work".

Lissfelt gives a scholarship to the Philadelphia Regional Writers' Conference and a prize for the best children's story in memory of his late wife, Mildred Bair Lissfelt, who was a

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Dr. Irvin A. Karam

In 1974 Irvin A. Karam was appointed Executive Director of Lincoln Intermediate Unit No. 12 which has 680 employees who support the educational mission of the 25 school districts of Adams, Franklin and York Counties in Pennsylvania. Karam taught Social Studies and coached at Abington Jr. High School from 1952 to 1955 and then taught Social Studies at Abington High School for two years. He then served as Assistant Principal at the high school until 1964 when he left to become Superintendent of Schools at Council Rock School District in Bucks County. He noted that at one time Council Rock employed 26 Abington High School graduates and he was proud of every one of them.

### NEWSMAN (continued)

After three years as correspondent in West Germany, Cook was transferred to Paris to cover Gen'l. Eisenhower at SHAPE Hqts. After that, as the Herald Tribune's roving European correspondent, he traveled to Scandinavia, the Middle East and Africa. Meanwhile, Mrs. Cook represented Newsweek magazine and free-lanced for the American television stations and magazines.

Cook joined the Los Angeles Times in 1964, a year before the Herald Tribune folded. He has been the Times' Paris correspondent since then.

All seven Cook children, however, are on this side of the Atlantic. Christopher, the eldest, is national editor of the Kansas City Times; Jennifer (Thompson) lives in Glenside and runs the Berlitz School of Languages in Jenkintown; Adrienne (Qarreau) is a staff writer at the Washington Post. Deborah (Prosser), born in Germany, is an attorney in New York City, and Caron recently graduated from Elmira College in New York. Danielle attends Clark University and Dominique is a freshman at Drew University.

Sadly, Mrs Cook died recently after an 18-month battle with cancer. She had taught at the American School in Paris from the late 1960's until her condition worsened in January.

Cook, the author of "Floodtide in Europe" (1965) and "Ten Men and History" (1981) is awaiting publication this year of a full length biography of General Charles de Gaulle.



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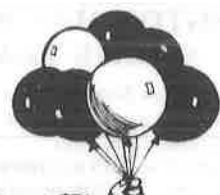
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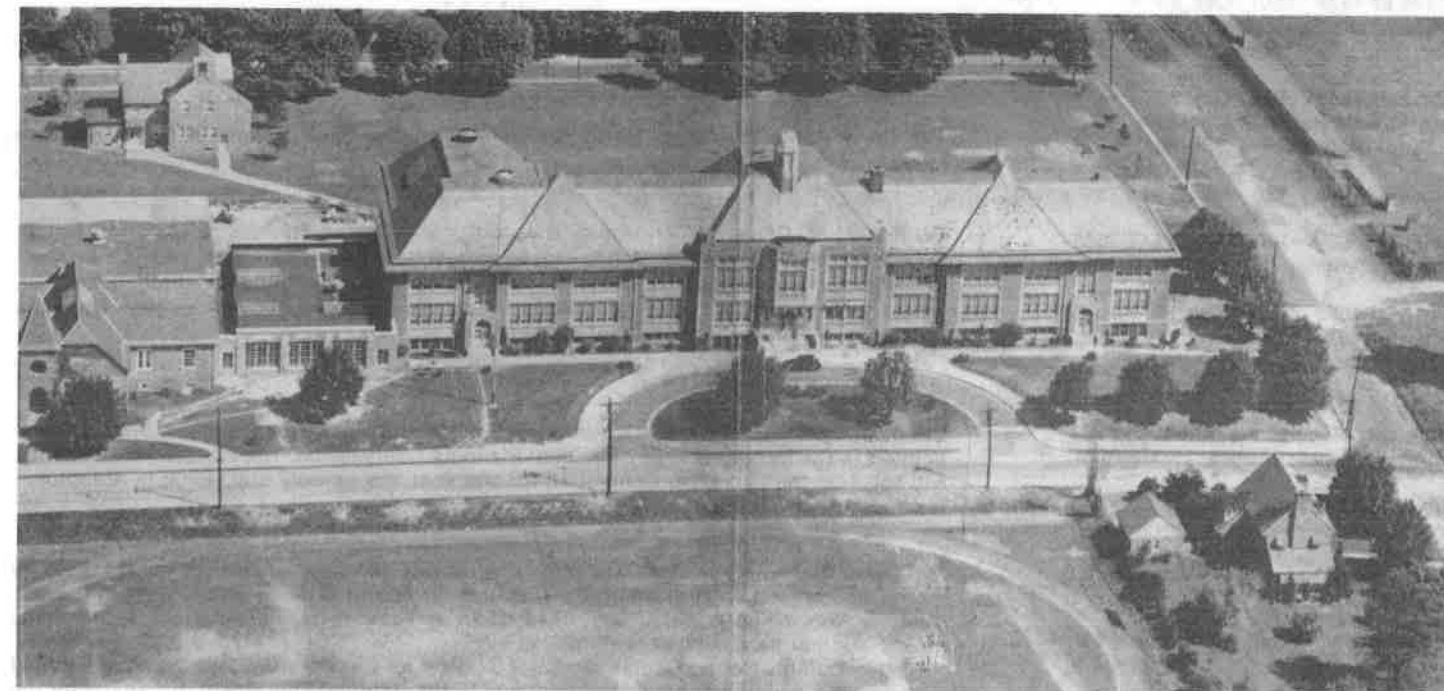
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## ONLY GHOSTS REMAIN IN FORMER HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING



### High School Campus In 1940

### HUNTINGDON CLOSING CEREMONIES

Nearly 400 persons turned out on a rainy May 22nd to bid farewell to Huntingdon Junior High School, a building that has seen 75 years of service, the first 48 as Abington Senior High School.

Principal Sheldon Erwine echoed the feeling of many when he said that the school, built in 1908, was more than just bricks and mortar. For countless Abington Alumni, the school was the sight of fond memories and an incubator of dreams. Many Alumni shared those memories during the closing ceremonies.

The school's history, including the many honors won by its athletic teams and marching band, was illustrated in a skit presented by students and members of the Abington Alumni Association.

Huntingdon was closed due to declining enrollment in the Abington School District. But as Township Commissioner **R. Bruce Wall '41** noted, the building's life as an educational institution may not be over. The district is offering it for sale and Adele S. Block, president of the school board, noted that with the school closing on June 16th, an era ended. There were 7136 students graduated from the sight on Susquehanna Road when it was the district's high school.

Items of memorabilia, some presented by past senior classes, were accepted by Norman W. Schmid, Principal of the South Campus High School, from Principal Erwine of Huntingdon Junior High School. Included were a sundial that stood in front of the building, presented by administration and faculty in the fall of 1935 in memory of Samuel S. Utz, a teacher of Social Studies and Math. Also the shovel used to break

ground for the gymnasium in 1940; the hallway clock given by the Class of 1936, and a memorial stone from the football field honoring Abington Alumni who gave their lives during World War II. Other items from the archives were on display such as Class Yearbooks and old issues of the "Abingtonian", the school newspaper.

Alumni Association President **Charles M. Corwin, Jr. '40**, reminded the gathering that Abington has graduated many local prominent people, including Montgomery County Commissioner **A. Russell Parkhouse '34**, retired Abington Police Chief **Clark Cutting '40** and television personality **Jane Balzerolt (Whitney) '61**.

Barbara Jackson, teacher at Huntingdon, sang "Memory" and the audience closed the ceremony with the Alma Mater, "Rise Up One and Stand Ye All, For Our Dear Old Abington".

**Association Introduces New Sunday Luncheon - see page 8**