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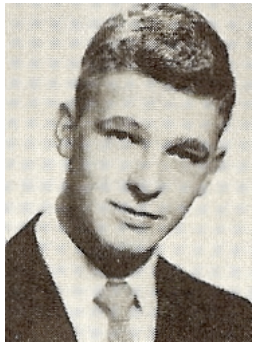
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I really appreciate Jack's efforts, as I'm sure many of you do in keeping our Class of '54 connected. He has invited us to share our stories so here is mine, at least part of it.

Most of you will remember me as Jim Egge, but I decided to use my middle name several decades ago. I always liked my middle name Conrad, and the switch seemed like a perfect way to celebrate my new identity when I came out as a gay man first to myself and then to the world after living in the closet for decades. It was a difficult struggle for me and a lot of pain was involved not only for myself, but also for many loved ones.

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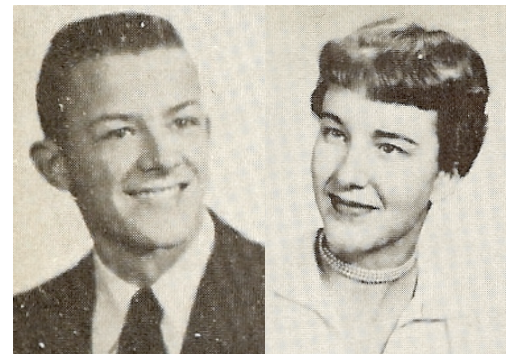


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Linda submitted this great picture of classmates Rosie Hunter (on left) and Linda in basket with Wayne Mitchell doing the work with non-classmate, Donnie Plooster on the back. Linda also correctly guessed Warren Gedstad as last issue's "Guess Who".



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Submitted by Warner Brown.

After graduating from South Dakota University in 1960, I worked with my Dad in a small oil distributing company in Sioux Falls. I was interested in federal law enforcement and after passing the entrance exam and extensive background check, I entered the U.S. Secret Service in 1965 in the Oklahoma City field office. The USSS has field offices in every major U.S. city. It was then a division of the Treasury Department and created in 1865 to

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After a successful but unfulfilling career in the medical supply industry I returned to school, obtaining a Masters in Psychology at Northern Arizona University and a Doctorate at the University of Kansas. I became a licensed psychologist in Arizona and spent many years in private practice and academia, teaching psychology courses at Phoenix College. I had the honor of teaching the first Lesbian & Gay Studies course in the area.

here and abroad, and spent some time in Thailand last December. The Thais have to be some of the most gracious and hospitable people in the world. On a recent visit to Norway I was able to reconnect to members of my family near Oslo and further up the coast at Trondheim. We visited the places where my grandparents had lived before immigrating to the USA in the 1800s and homesteading in the Dakotas.

The picture is on board the Hurtigruten, which traverses the entire coast of Norway, wending its way in and out of fjords, sometimes 200 miles long. Another highpoint was a 13-mile ride on the Flåm Railway, which originates in the mountain town of Myrdal and dives down the mountainside past amazing waterfalls to the fjord

below. The other picture was taken at the Elephant Farm outside Chaing Mai, a major veterinary center for these incredible creatures.

I was speaking to another friend from Murdo, South Dakota recently and I'm sure I borrowed this from somewhere and paraphrase it now, "You can take a boy out of South Dakota, but you can't take South Dakota out of the boy." Of course gender could easily be switched in that line. I will always have a strong connection to the Midwestern prairie and the beautiful city of Sioux Falls. It was wonderful being able to connect with some of my classmates at our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Unfortunately we will not be able to attend the 55<sup>th</sup> as we will be attending Bob's 50<sup>th</sup> in Hutchinson, Kansas.

END of EGGE's Story.

***l. to r. Bob Fernie & Conrad on board the Hurtigruten,***

My partner of 18 years Bob Fernie is also a psychologist and we have worked in the same areas. Two psychologists, two professors, too much? Nah! It was nice attending professional meetings together – in fact we met at one in San Francisco and were later joined in a sacred union before friends and family by a Methodist pastor. Both of us are retired now. Bob enjoys photography and all things technical, while I am fulfilling a long-time passion for creative writing. We both enjoy travel both



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suppress the counterfeiting of our currency. Subsequently, protection of the President and Vice President became the primary responsibility of USSS. This was later extended to former Presidents and their spouses, visiting heads of state and serious candidates for the U.S. presidency. Additional duties of the USSS field offices are investigations of forged US Treasure checks, bonds and other security obligations of the United States. During my first year, I worked criminal cases with senior agents and attended 3 six week training

schools. From 1966-1970, I was assigned to the Presidential Protection Division at the White House during the administrations of Presidents Johnson and Nixon.

In 1970, I was transferred to the Dallas field office and in 1974; I became resident agent of the Lubbock, Texas office. During my 8 years in Texas, I worked criminal investigations and many times was temporarily assigned to protective details of the President, Vice President, foreign dignitaries and presidential candidates during election campaigns. In 1978, I was reassigned to the former President

Ford Protective Division in California as Assistant Agent in charge and traveled extensively with him for seven years. In 1986, I was transferred to our Los Angeles field office as Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge. It is the second largest field office in the US Secret Service and is comprised of several investigative units. I was in charge of one of the squads until my retirement in 1987.

In 22 years with the Secret Service, I traveled in physical protection and conducted advance surveys for our protectees both domestically and in Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia, Australia and South America. In total, I worked about twelve years in protection and ten years in criminal investigation.

Needless to say, we had incredible experiences over 22 years. At the time, I didn't give it a lot of thought as we all did what we were trained for but now I realize it was a crucial and sometime turbulent time in our history. Through it all, my wife Karen, (Gurley) and I raised 3 great sons and she carried on taking good care of us all. I have many former agent friends throughout the U.S. and I'm especially proud and privileged to have been a part of the US Secret Service.

After retiring on a Friday, I started the following Monday in 1987, to embark on an 11 year career with Master Card

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***Warner Brown (left) working 1967 President Lyndon B. Johnson press conference in White House East Room.***



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International concerning credit card fraud. Previously, I had some experiences in card fraud as the Secret Service added a new federal jurisdiction regarding credit card fraud in 1984. I retired from Master Card International in 1998 as Vice President of Security and Risk Management in San Ramon, California. It was a great company to be associated with and I have been fortunate to have had two great careers.



***President Richard Nixon, at left with U.S. Secret Service Agent Warner Brown, on right (with ear plug) providing security in Paris in February, 1969.***



***Above; Agent Warner Brown pictured in sun glasses between Richard and Pat Nixon on Guam trip for 1969 splashdown of astronauts return from the moon.***

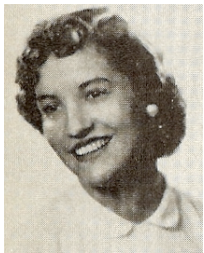
***Right; Agent Brown (2nd from right) providing crowd control for President Nixon on 1969 Guam trip.***







**Karen & Warner Brown on one of their recent visits to me here in Las Vegas. Photo taken at Paris Hotel & Casino. END of Brown's Story.**



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Left to right in the picture:  
My daughter Mary Mangione, me, Barb Wall. Mary and Barb are from Carson City, Nevada.

My daughter Mary, two friends and I hiked down to Supai and beyond to view the water falls in Grand Canyon on June 11 (See hiking to Supai and Havasu Canyon on the web) The next day we took the helicopter out, a 5 minute ride over the 8



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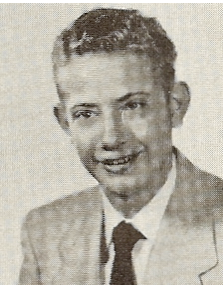
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miles and 2000 ft. elevation and 4 hours we hiked the day before. I did the hike in 2000 and in spite of the flood that occurred last August, it was a lovely experience.

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A funny line came from Karol and Joan Nason Kittelson's daughter, Jennifer, in NC. When she heard about the senior edition of the Orange & Black she suggested it be renamed THE ORANGE & GREY.

clear coat paint, ghost flames, frenched headlights, red pleated & rolled soft as leather interior with white piping and the list goes on and on. (Space doesn't allow for the list of full details describing the car. If interested in more info contact either me or Roger.) The car was many times an award winner.

Since they always wanted a convertible, they sold it last year and bought a 1989 LX Mustang Convrt., 5.0 HO engine, at,ps, pb, a/c, pw. , etc., 27,000 mile car. It has the factory race suspension, factory headers, roll bar and is very unique because the paint is called (factory color) Pastel Adobe, (almost a Butternut color) very rare but a gorgeous color with a matching top, and the interior is brown tweed & leather that is also very rare. Roger says, "it is a fun car for us to cruise in during the May to October Season".



ROGER & JANICE MALCOMB are shown above with the Street Rod they spent from 1986 to 1989 building from a 1946 Ford Club Coupe. From talking to Roger it is obvious that he and Janice loved and

enjoyed the car for the 22 years they owned it.

The car had front suspension, 8.8 ford rear end, 355 SBC engine, TH 350 Trans., ps, pb, pw, a/c,(heat & cool), Super Red, base coat,

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It took some urging to get some of their stories, but my sincere thanks to Warner Brown, Conrad Egge, Linda Bradley Benson, Shelly DuBray Toutges and Roger Malcomb for their great contributions to Volume 3 of the O & B.

I hope YOU will submit your story & photos. Future issues will include promised stories from Don Amundson, George Aker, Warren & Sonja Gedstad, Sandy Sona Ellis, and Tom Rich. I bet none of you have heard from Don or Tom since the 50s.

BE SURE & STAY TUNED!