

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD

Serving the Classes of The Great '50's Decade. Photos and Stories Requested!

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Correction On
The Lee Lane '58, Patron Story
See page 6 & 7 in the last O&B, Issue, #19 - 20.

Lee Lane '58, donated \$300.00 as a Patron for himself and in memory of his TWO sisters, **Jane Lane '55**, and **Janet Lane '56**, and his dear friend, **Dick O'Connor '58**. Sadly all three are deceased. In the "**Lee Lane Patron Story**" I made two mistakes. First, I mistakenly wrote that Jane was in the class of '56 instead of '55 and more importantly I completely left out his other sister, **Janet Lane '56**

I would like to sincerely thank **Georgia Severson Johnson '56** for calling my major mistake to my attention. As soon as I read Georgia's email informing me of my mistake I called Lee to apologize for my carelessness. I truly appreciated Lee's understanding. Jack



Lee Lane '58
WHS Senior Photo



Jane Lane '55
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Janet Lane '56
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Dick O'Conner '58
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Georgia Severson
Johnson '56
WHS Senior Photo

ONE NEW PATRON WELCOME AND THANK YOU



Col. (Dr.) Joyce Wait Teters '57
WHS Senior Photo

Jack
Please accept this donation
for all your hard work
in producing the informative
Orange & Black updates on
our fellow students at
Washington High School.
Hope you are feeling
better.
Col (Dr) Joyce Teters (Wait)

Joyce retired with the rank of Col from the USAF and Dr for Chief Aviation Psychologist USAF. She was attached to an F-15 fighter squadron, "The Fighting Tigers". Her job was to "work with them, fly with them, and take care of their families". Prior to her AF career she was the first woman to work as a psychologist in a men's maximum security prison. Subsequently she was used often by the FBI and AF to solve murder cases. Eventually she was contacted by Interpol to profile the first international terrorists for their organization.

Dr. Teters also managed to raise her four children and is now a grandmother.

Joyce's complete and inspiring story, "***The Lady Is A Major***", appears in Issue #1-19 of the O&B, published on February 3, 2019.

The Major Has a Message...

"Preflight of an aircraft is not enough. You must preflight yourself."

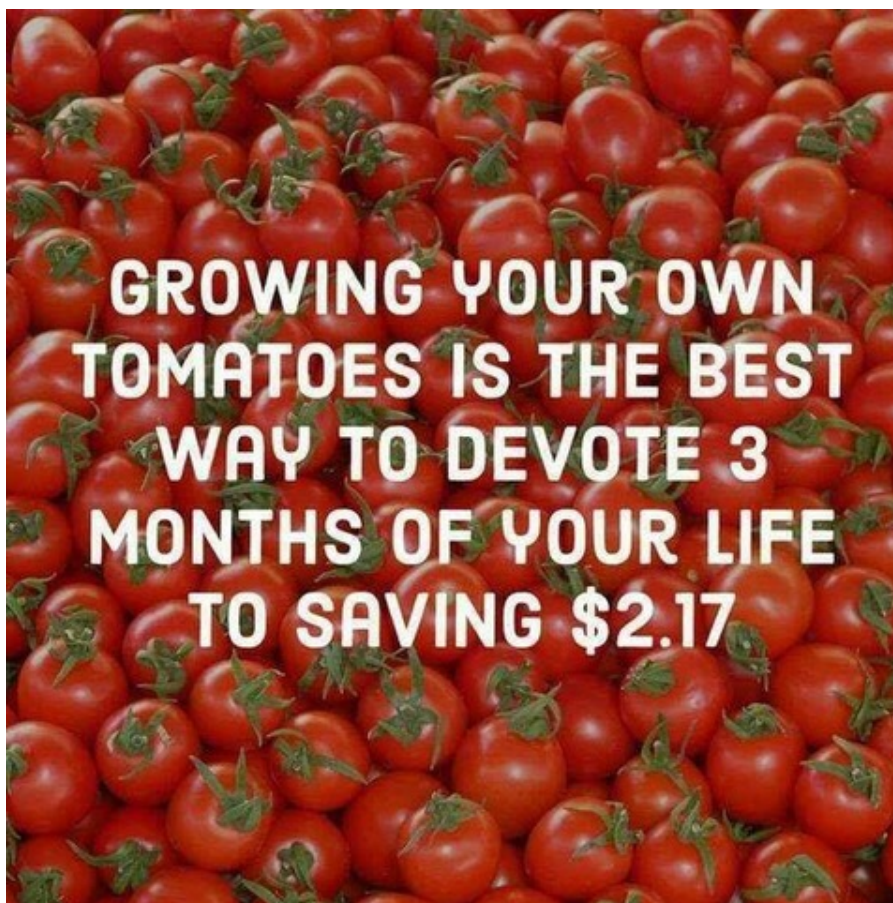


	PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	DONATION ALSO IN THE NAME OF, OR IN MEMORY OF:
1	Dr. Dale '56 & Camille Larson '61 Peterson Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 27 2019	\$1,000.00	
2	Terry Bradley '57, Tillamook, Or.	Feb. 2, 2020	\$100.00	Siblings: Linda Bradley Benson '54, deceased, Nita Bradley Bale '49, Olive Bradley Beckett '48 deceased and Bill Bradley '46 deceased
3	Patricia Jorgensen Palagi '56 Seattle, WA	Feb. 3, 2020	\$50.00	
4	Jim '51 and Myrna Irwin '53 Wylie Prospect Heights, IL	March 6, 2020	\$250.00	
5	Patti "Trish" Wilder Swanhorst '59 Sioux Falls, SD	March 10, 2020	\$100.00	
6	Stuart VanMeveren '58 Sun City, AZ	Mar. 11, 2020	\$108.00	On Sept. 18, 2020 Stuart increased his Patron Donation. Thanks Stuart!
7	Jim A Carlson '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$58.00	On July 2, 2020 Jim increased his Patron Donation. Thanks Jim!
8	Kipp Koester '55 Mequon, WI	March 12, 2020	\$100.00	
9	Royce Adams '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	On April 25, 2020 Royce increased his Parton Donation. Thanks Royce!
10	Bob Berguin '53 Scottsdale, AZ	March 12, 2020	\$152.00	
11	Pete Hegg '57 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$200.00	
12	Dr. Elliot Miller, '50 Topsham, ME	March 15, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
13	Gil Gjere '54 Viborg, SD	March 14, 2020	\$250.00	Siblings: Mary Gjere '58, Helen Gjere '56 deceased, Glenn Gjere '56 deceased.
14	Daryl '55 & Lois Bjerk '58 Fritz Mesa, AZ	March 15, 2020	\$100.00	
15	Marcia Blumberg Oleisky '57 Minneapolis, MN	April 6, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
16	James Eastman '59 Placentia, CA	April 6, 2020	\$100.00	
17	Jane "JJ" Anderson Johnson '53 Los Angeles, CA	April 10, 2020	\$100.00	
18	Don Brown '53 Santa Barbara, CA	April 10, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
19	Jerry Savold '56 Edwards, CO	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	Brother, Mike Savold '59 Deceased
20	Chuck Erickson '50 Overland Park, KS	April 13, 2020	\$200.00	
21	Dr. Jim Brown '56 E. Wenatchee, WA	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	
22	Darold Gieser '55 Michigan City, IN	April 12, 2020	\$155.00	
23	Barbara Taylor Sampson '62 Sioux Falls, SD	April 13, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
24	Judy Stevens '61 Arlington, TX	April 15, 2020	\$50.00	
25	Ken Eisenbraun '58 Bloomfield, Hills, MI	April 14, 2020	\$158.00	

	PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	DONATION ALSO IN THE NAME OF, OR IN MEMORY OF:
26	Mary Taylor Herrick '56 Cleveland, OH	April 15, 2020	\$500.00	
27	Roger '55 & Vonda Fritz '56 Peterson Sioux Falls, SD	April 15, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
28	Dr. Michael '56 & Carla Thoeke '56 Gibson Reno, NV	April 18, 2020	\$50.00	
29	Roger '55 & Permella Bedford '56 Kielman Peoria, AZ	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
30	Merlyn "Chris" Christensen '54 Hudson, NH	April 21, 2020	\$100.00	
31	Dick Jensen '55 Naperville, IL	April 22, 2020	\$100.00	
32	Betty Holmoe Pfeifle '52 Sioux Falls, SD	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
33	Walt Leyse '50 Sioux Falls, SD	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
34	Tom '55 & Marilyn Rush '56 Simmons Gold Canyon, AZ	April 30, 2020	\$50.00	
35	Terry Robinson '57 Peoria, AZ	April 30, 2020	\$57.00	
36	Bob '55 & Peg Ogle '55 Berdahl Portland, OR	May 1, 2020	\$100.00	
37	Sharon Frank Johnson '53 Sioux Falls, SD	May 8, 2020	\$50.00	
38	Gene Bushnell '56 Rapid City, SD	May 8, 2020	\$100.00	
39	Terry Feay '56	May 12, 2020	\$60.00	
40	Dennis York '55 Rapid City, SD	May 12, 2020	\$100.00	
41	WHS Class of '54	May 14, 2020	\$300.00	
42	Dick Sweetman '54 Sioux Falls, SD	May 15, 2020	\$100.00	
43	Warner '54 & Karen Gurley '54 Brown Scottsdale, AZ	May 20, 2020	\$100.00	
44	Ronald Larson '59 Sioux Falls, SD	May 23, 2020	\$100.00	
45	Dr. Glenn Gravelle '58 Centennial, CO	May 26, 2020	\$158.00	
46	Dave '56 & Barbara Lease '55 Quigley Green Valley, AZ	May 13, 2020	\$100.00	
47	Wayne Gustafson '54 Rapid City, SD & Surprise, AZ	May 29, 2020	\$250.00	
48	Sherrill Wilcox Pohl '52 Amarillo, TX	June 9, 2020	\$25.00	
49	Marlene Rance '61 Sioux Falls, SD	June 11, 2020	\$100.00	
50	Lloyd '56 & Bernita Hagen '59 Greiner Loveland, CO	June 12, 2020	\$115.00	

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51	Harold Rudisill '56 Palm Springs, CA	June 15, 2020	\$100.00	
52	Patricia O'Rielly Miller '59 Chicago, IL	June 12, 2020	\$500.00	
53	Dennis Luce '54 Rapid City, SD	June 16, 2020	\$100.00	
54	Jody Syverson Vanderploeg '54 Okoboji, IA	June 18, 2020	\$100.00	
55	Vincent Keenan '59 Sioux Falls, SD	June 18, 2020	\$100.00	
56	Barbara James Bymes '57 Overland Park, KS	June 30, 2020	\$100.00	
57	Hal Erickson '54 Surprise, AZ	July 1, 2020	\$100.00	
58	Dick Wold '53 Sioux Falls, SD	July 1, 2020	\$100.00	
59	Doug Olson '56 Avon, Ohio	July 2, 2020	\$100.00	
60	Roger Teigen '56 Norman, OK	July 7, 2020	\$250.00	
61	Tom '58 & Linda McCahren '59 Graham Sioux Falls, SD	July 12, 2020	\$200.00	
62	Dixie Utesch Tilden '58 Montevideo, MN	July 15, 2020	\$200.00	
63	Dean Mann '50 Sioux Falls, SD	July 20, 2020	\$50.00	
64	Andy Weber '52 Houston, TX	July 24, 2020	\$100.00	Sister, Mildred "Millie" Weber Edwards '53 - Deceased
65	Romain Oliver Nelsen '53 Davis, CA	July 24, 2929	\$100.00	
66	Anonymous Patron Sioux Falls, SD	July 30, 2020	\$100.00	
67	Mary Larson Montoya '59 Sioux Falls, SD	August 1, 2020	\$100.00	
68	Wally Boersma '54 Marshall, TX	August 1, 2020	\$50.00	
69	John Hedland '58 Anchorage, AK	August 4, 2020	\$100.00	
70	Gary '57 & Kathy Rea '58 Conradi Sioux Falls, SD	August 4, 2020	200.00	
71	Mavis Larson Carl '55 Sioux Falls, SD	August 5, 2020	\$120.00	Husband, Ronald Carl '54, deceased; Sister, Shirley Larson Wermers '54; Brothers, Dale Larson '58; & Lyle Larson '61; Dear friend, Mary Lou Jewett '55 deceased.
72	Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54 Bloomington, MN?	August 8, 2020	\$100.00	
73	Deane Grav '58 Sun Lakes, AZ	August 20, 2020	\$25.00	
74	Bob Zimmerman '54 deceased & Connie Hammit '54 Zimmerman, Mesa, AZ	August 20, 2020	\$100.00	Donated in memory of my dear friend Bob Zimmerman '54, by Jack Phillips '54.
75	Kent Morstad '54 deceased & Judy Morstad. Sioux Falls, SD	August 20, 2020	\$100.00	Donated in memory of my dear friend Kent Morstad '54, by Jack Phillips '54

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76	Robert Miller '57 Sun City West, AZ	August 26, 2020	\$100.00	
77	Joe Floyd '54 Sioux Falls, SD	August 31, 2020	\$50.00	
78	Debra Phillips Las Vegas, NV	Sept. 7, 2020	\$100.00	Donated by Jack Phillips '54, in appreciation of the ever increasing time my wife Debra spends working on the WHS O&B.
79	Sharon Johnson '54 Frank & Bill Frank '52 Wayzata, MN	Sept. 7 2020	\$100.00	Our dear friend, Arthur "Bud" Olson '54 deceased.
80	Gary Robertson '58 Dove Canyon, CA	Sept. 11, 2020	\$102.50	
81	Jane Shingledecker Miller '54 Dillon Beach, CA	Sept. 26, 2020	\$5,000.00	
82	Mike '58 & Bunny Aikens Howes '58 Sioux Falls, SD	Oct. 12, 2020	\$327.00	Also for brothers, Tom Howes '53 and Dick Howes '51 deceased, and their respective wives, Joyce McFarland Howes '54 and Donna Kranz Howes '53. \$327.00 for the total number of their WHS class years.
83	Lee Lane '58 Manchester, MO	Oct 19, 2020	\$300.00	In memory of Lee's deceased sisters, Jane Lane '55 and Janet Lane '56, and Lee's deceased friend, Dick O'Connor '58.
84	Col. (Dr.) Joyce Wait Teters '57 Twentynine Palms, CA	Nov. 4, 2020	\$100.00	



THE SIOUX RIVER

THEN TIL NOW

Continued from last issue, #19-20

The following are more Sioux River pictures from the beautiful limited edition book **Jim Carlson '58**, gifted me titled, "**Sioux Falls South Dakota, A PICTORIAL HISTORY**", by, **Gary D. Olson and Erik L. Olson**



The original spillway near the Penitentiary was completed in 1908. This was the first real attempt at controlling spring floods on the Big Sioux by constructing a drainage ditch and spillway that carried excess water from north of the city directly to the river below the downtown area. It provided a shortcut for the river that avoided the downtown. A major flood in 1915 destroyed this spillway, and the city and the farmers north of the city argued for years over who should pay the cost of its replacement. The two parties finally agreed to share the cost, but the flood system was not perfected until the late 1950s. Center for Western Studies photo

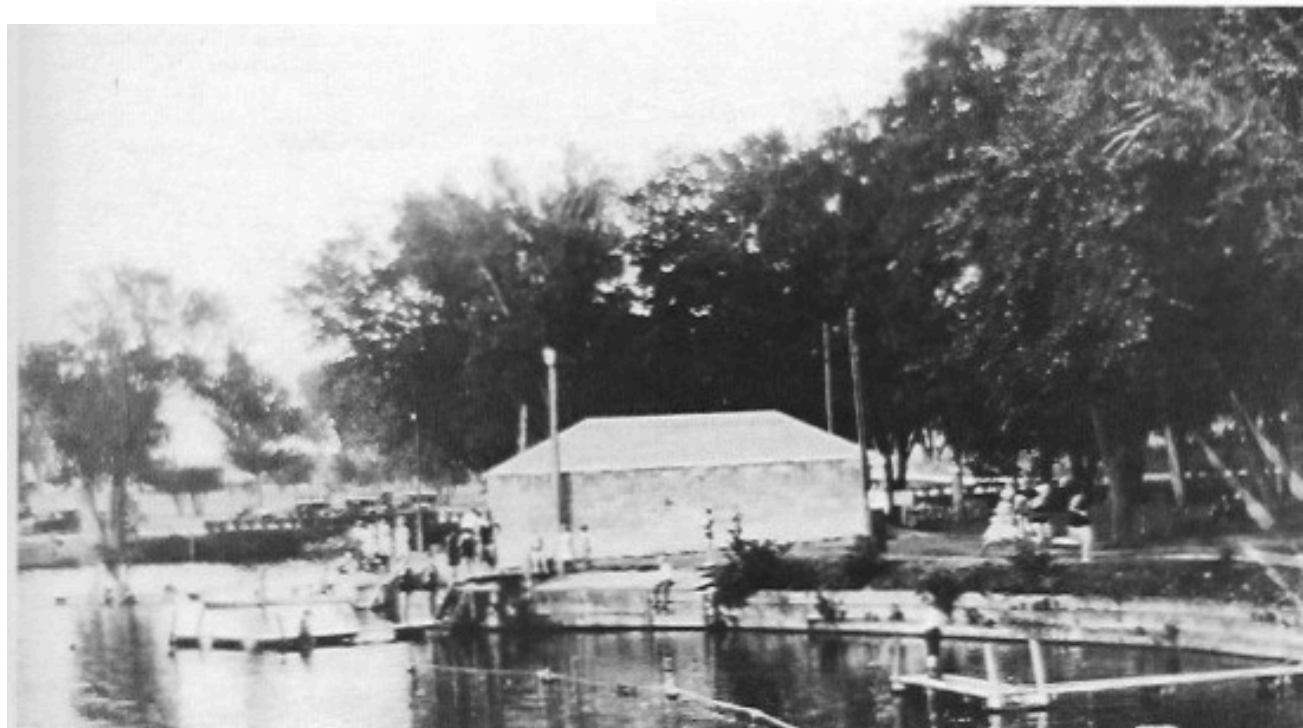


The new Eighth Street Bridge is shown here just after its completion in 1912. The old Cascade Mill Dam in the foreground was removed in 1959 as part of the Army Corps of Engineers's flood control project in the downtown area. Center for Western Studies photo

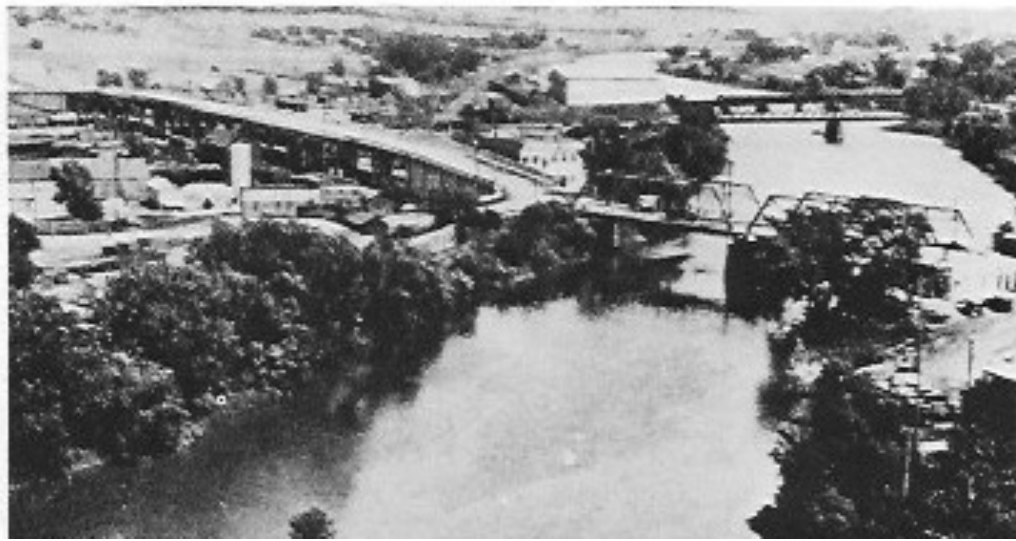


Boating was popular in Sherman Park about 1915. In 1910 E. A. Sherman, long time businessman in Sioux Falls, gave the city fifty-three acres of land along the river for a park. The city constructed retaining walls and a dam on the river to raise the water level for swimming and boating. In the late twenties or early thirties the city built cabins in the park to house motoring tourists. Center for Western Studies photo

Sherman Park Swimming Area, shown here, in the 1920s, was the first improved swimming facility in Sioux Falls, with the river being dammed and lined with retaining walls in 1912-1913. In 1917 the bath house was built. It was the city's only swimming pool until the early Thirties when a swimming area was opened at Covell Lake and the Drake Springs pool was constructed. The trolley line on Twenty-second Street provided transportation to the Sherman Park swimming hole until the trolley ceased operations in 1929. Siouxland Heritage Museums photo



The Tenth Street Bridge and Viaduct in 1933, are shown here a year after the new viaduct was constructed. The old viaduct, built in 1890 to allow the East Sioux Falls Trolley to cross the railroad right-of-ways, was unable to accommodate the heavy traffic generated by United States Highway 16. Center for Western Studies photo



A fire swept through the Queen Bee Mill in 1956, and in 1961—for safety reasons—the walls were knocked down to the first floor. The mill, built in 1879-81, as the most modern flour mill in the entire Midwest, ran only about a dozen years during its existence. Siouxland Heritage Museums photo



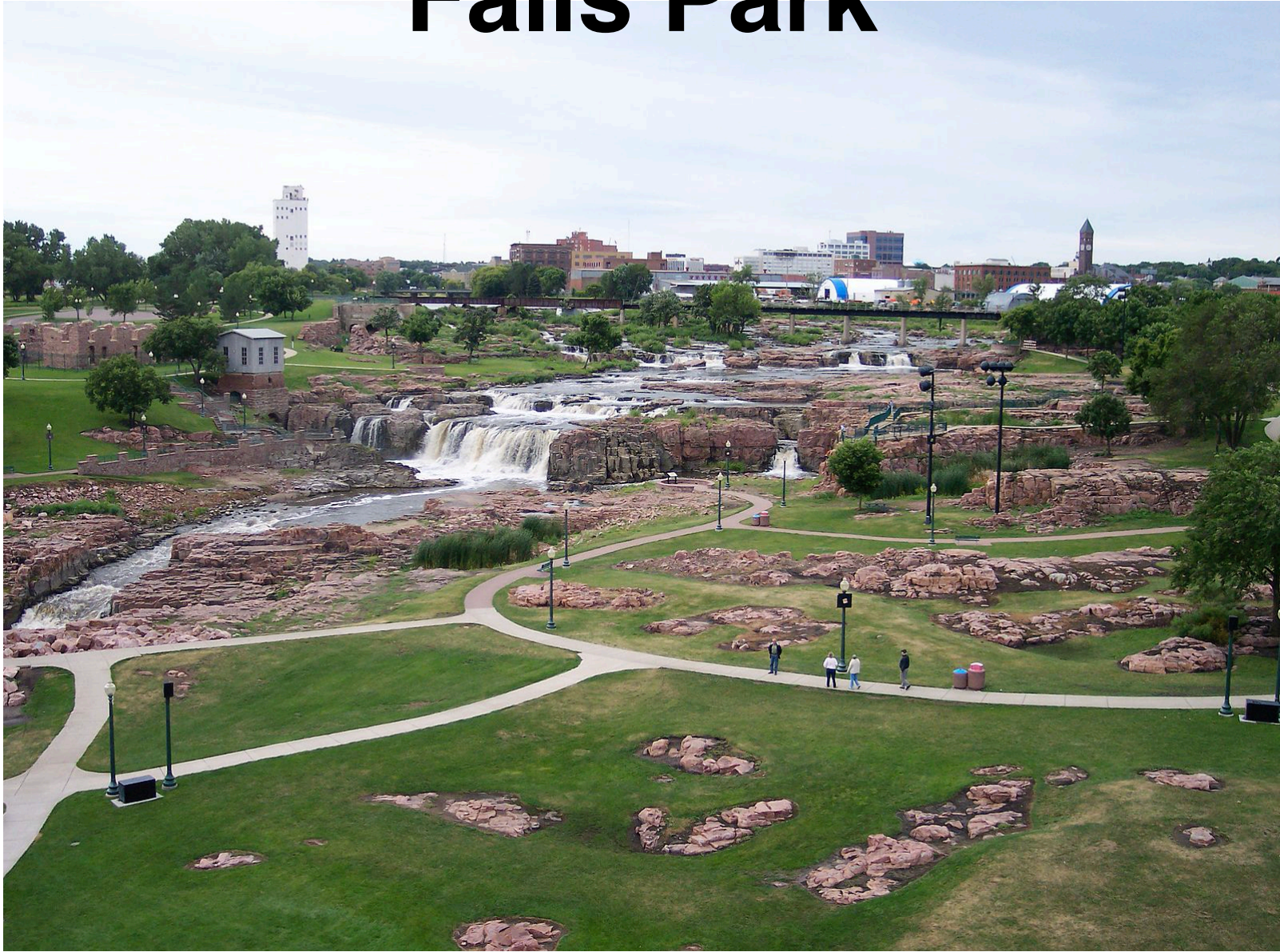
And Now, The Sioux River Today

The following are photographs I took in 2019 of the Sioux River running thorough downtown Sioux Falls. The city leaders, planners and developers of today are certainly to be complemented on the most impressive job of beautifying and cleaning up the river running thorough downtown Sioux Falls. The river running through downtown was pretty much an eyesore when we were growing up, but now it is truly becoming a beautiful asset to downtown Sioux Falls. And I am betting they are not finished! The Sculpture Walk, The Falls Park and now the river itself is turning our beloved downtown area into a beautiful charming cosmopolitan city. Jack





And Last, But Not Least,
The River's
Piece De Resistance,
The Beautiful
“Falls Park”



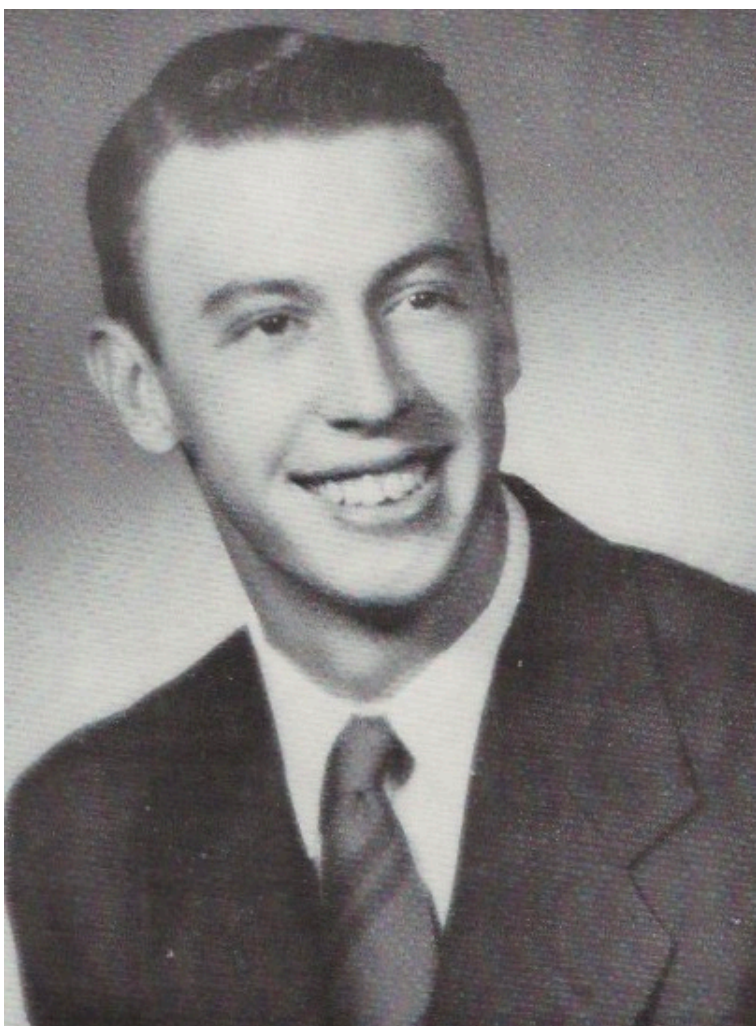
*The Orange & Black Needs Your Story! NOW!
(The editor is tired of trying to fill all these pages
and he is sure you must be growing tired of it too!)*

'51/'52 WHS HOMECOMING

This old quote from the '51 OLD Marshall, Ike Hoover, is a great lead into us fondly remembering the 1951 WHS Homecoming.

Ike Hoover

Back in 1951, when Marshal Ike Hoover reigned over WHS homecoming, the activities the students participated in were simpler then they are now. "Back then it was just a few things," Hoover said. "Coronation was Thursday night. The guys wore suits and ties and the gals wore white gowns. The pep rally was in the morning on Friday in the auditorium and the parade was at about 1 p.m. We rode in convertibles and waved. We also worked on floats—all the classes and school clubs made float. They were usually on a flatbed truck and pulled by a car. We worked far into the night to put them together. Times were simpler then. The parade went down Main and up Phillips. We didn't do everything during the week like they do now."



Ike Hoover '52
1951 OLD Marshall



Ann Jastram '52
1951 OLD Queen

ROYALTY 1951



Trudy Aker



Donna Dennis



Billie Howalt



Jenny Boersma



Parker Powell



Roger Minor



Sam Pfeifer



Mark Stavig

1951 ROYALTY

Everyone Loves A Parade,,,,,
On The Avenue,,, Phillips Avenue That Is!



**Parker Powell, Deceased, Billie Howalt, Donna Dennis
Deceased, Mark Stavig Deceased.**

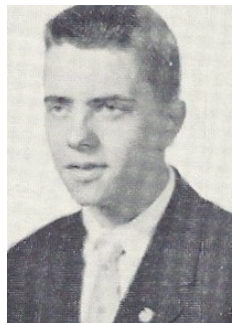
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**General Chairperson:
Advisor: R. E. Thurston:
Student Chairwoman: Connie Roth '53**



**Harry Poletes '52
OLD Master of Ceremonies
Deceased**



Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Oct 29, 2020, at 7:25 PM, **Royce Adams '58** <Litljump@aol.com> wrote:

Jack, I hope this won't be too boring for your readers - I am celebrating 2 birthdays this year. My 80th of age and my beloved Marine Corps at the age of 245 years old. The following story is one I often used when teaching the kids I was assigned with. The students were kids who were sent to our special program designed to help them learn to work with others to develop better skills, to be more sociable with others in their lives, and to complete their education successfully.

Also I really enjoyed the latest O&B. Always great reading and so interesting for so many to write in and add to the O&B. Thank you, Jack, for one more publication of great memories from the '50's.

This year, on my birthday, on November 7th, 2020, it will mark 63 years to the day that I joined the US Marine Corps. I signed enlistment papers on November 7th, 1957 at the age of 17 years. Al Omar and Don Rotherham, both of '58, joined with me and we all trained together in the same Basic Training Platoon 343. We were in what was called a "delayed entry program". We were members of the Marine Reserves here in town. That meant that when we were finished with high school Uncle Sam wanted to see us at the Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot, San Diego, California. Needless to say we had a lot of interesting "events" during that summer of 1958. I am sending you a story of one tough basic training task of the many we had to complete.

I am sending a picture of "MCRD", San Diego, CA that shows the massive layout of the base and one picture of a young 19 year old kid taken at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station. It really is me! 147 pounds of tough.

Royce Adams '58



Marine recruit
Royce Adams '58



El Toro Marine Corps Air Station
San Diego, CA



Letters to the



JIM WYLIE '51
WHS Senior Photo

On Oct 21, 2020, **James Wylie '51** <jimwylie@sbcglobal.net> wrote:
Hi Jack...

Over and over again I am so impressed by these O-bits that the O & B publishes. Good people building and "doing" America !

And this is just one of the schools in S F and then there several others across this great country ! Yes...Red-White-and Blue and proud of it !!

Puts in perspective the minority reports we see on the 10:00 o'clock news about the acting out in the street while ripping off someones store etc et al.

Do you remember the 70s? Do you recall TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS-----It's back---take a look---"T A TODAY" boon and ITAA web.

Hope all is well and you are staying clear of C019.

JIM WYLIE '51



Sharon Knepper '56
WHS Senior Photo

On Oct 30, 2020, **Sharon Knepper Reinan '56** <sharon.reinan@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you Jack for keeping memories alive. We were so fortunate to be high schoolers during such a gentle, magical time shielded from turmoil in the rest of America. I almost feel guilty for not having more of an awareness of what the blacks were fighting, and still are today. Today we are all fighting this Covid virus and I think about South Dakota being one of the hardest-hit and am sorry. I am living with my widowed daughter in Fort Collins because the apartment building I was in was full of seniors who sometimes forget they aren't immortal...Take care, **Sharon (Knepper) Reinan '56**

Check these interesting numbers out.

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November **20, 2020**,
Issue number **20-20**,
20 pages long.

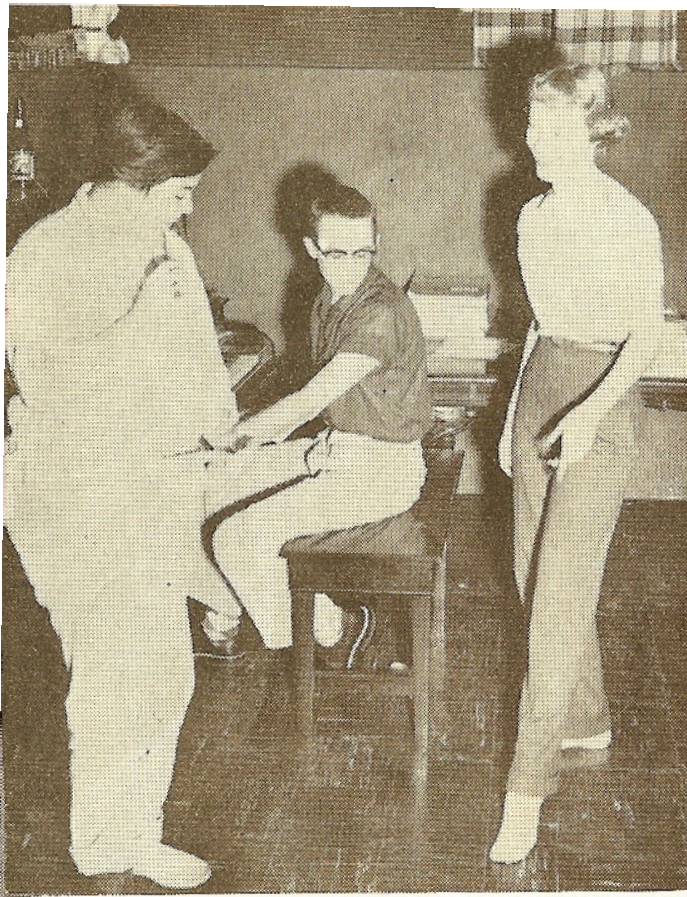
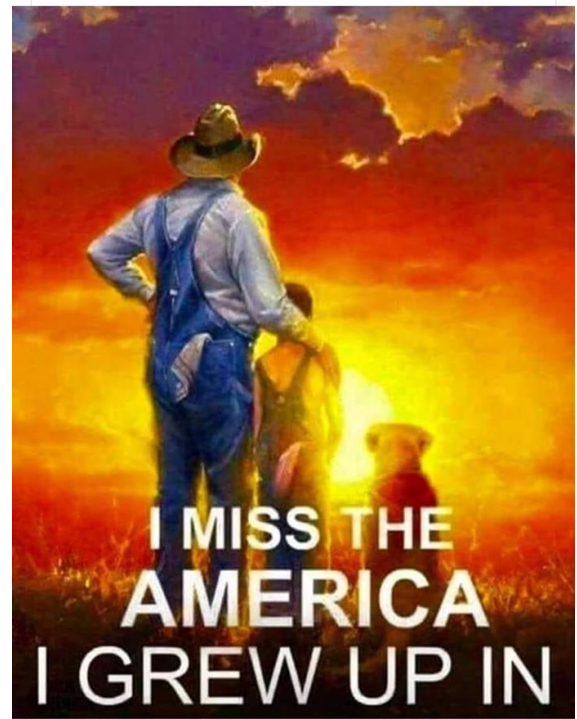


On Nov 2, 2020, **Peggy Servold Teslow '57** pwolset@sio.midco.net wrote:

Those of us that grew up in the '40s and '50s, were so blessed.

Peggy Servold Teslow '57

Peggy Servold Teslow '57
WHS Senior Photo



Getting hep for their talent show skit are Wynn Tabbert, Peter Johnson and Deede Woods.

left:
Photo that
appeared in an
Oct. 1953 Orange
Black showing
three talented
classmates
preparing for the
1953 Homecoming
talent show.



Wynn Tabbert '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Peter Johnson '56
WHS Senior Photo



Deede Woods '54
WHS Senior Photo

**Thanksgiving Wishes
to each of our cherished
Orange & Black Subscribers**

Thanksgiving wishes from across
the miles from our house to yours.
May your home be filled with
laughter and happiness!

Happy Thanksgiving



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**Just please stay safe!
Jack and Debra Phillips**