

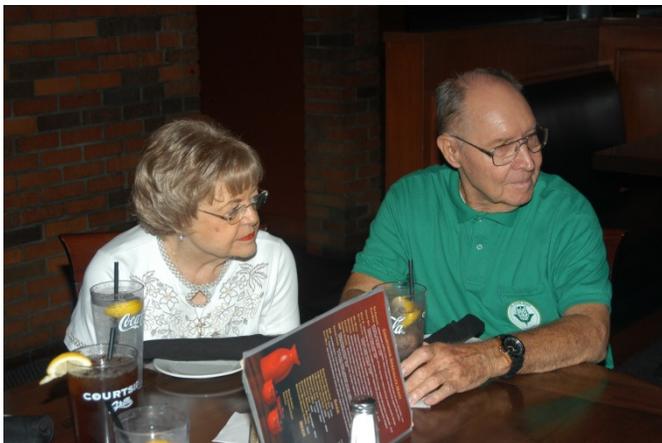


Fall Class Reunion

We gathered at our fall reunion luncheon on October 11 at the Courtside Grill in the Carillion area north of St. Petersburg. This seems to be a good central area for classmates coming from east and north of Pinellas County. Unless we have some special plans, this will continue to be the place for our regular meeting.

More Photos

Our valued class photographer, Jim Lyn Provo, continues to provide us with photo records of our class events. Here are some shots of previous luncheons:



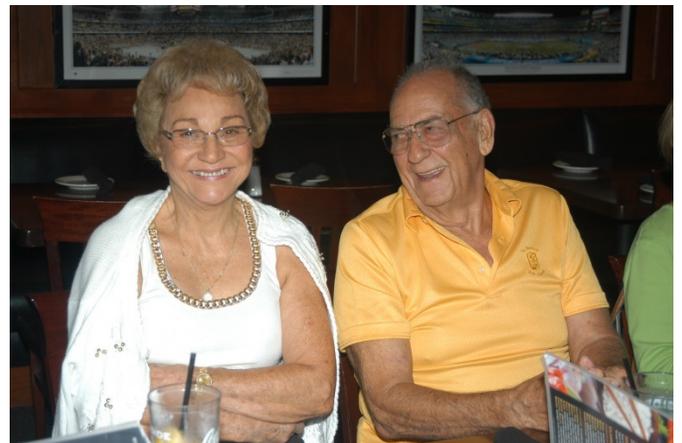
Nancy Cramer Litten and Emil Sales have become friends some 60 years later.



Deane Mohr and Doris Hustin Mohr often time trips from their Georgia home to have fellowship at our quarterly luncheons.



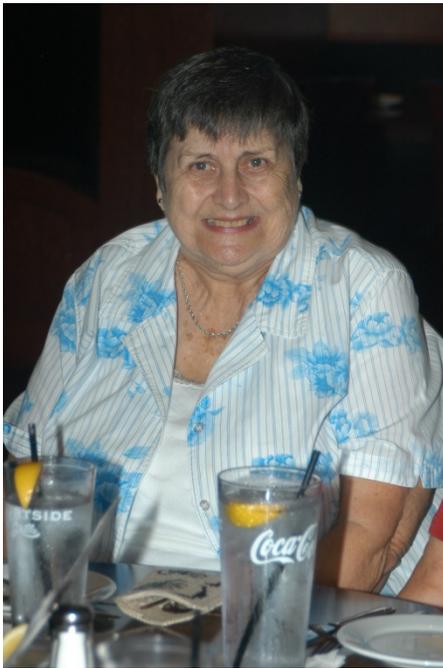
Karl Maier is shown visiting with Reunion Decorations Chairperson Phyllis Reichelderfer Doescher.



Gloria Fernald Flad and Joe Flad are regulars at our luncheons. They were married one year ago and now live in Leesburg.



Barbara Reed Thompson and Myrtle Siemers Larson enjoy seeing and visiting with classmates at our get togethers.



Janet Sieck rarely misses our luncheons



Carol Deuel Phelps and Pat Reeves Acklin were having a conversation when Jim Lyn Provo caught them on camera.

From the archives of our high school newspaper 61 years ago, come these articles in the Friday, December 18, 1953 edition:

Palmetto & Pine

“Senior Standing Committees Chosen

The senior class standing committee members have been chosen by the committee chairmen, [class] officers and advisers.

The prophecy committee, with Betty Ann Cooper as chairman, consists of Mary Liz Slater, Loretta Lewis, Jack Rosing, Arlene Davis, Esther Morrison and Danny Richardson. Jackie Wiggin is chairman of the assembly committee with Pat Chapman,

Sandra Puryear, Frank Anania and Harry Moorefield.

Deane Mohr and Doris Hustin will handle the caps and gowns with the assistance of Sandra Shoemake, Sandra Collins, Warren Kendall and Paul McSheehy. Lynn Kestner, Myrtle Siemers. Bob Walton and Larry Whitehead will work with Gerry Martin and Jim Harriott on publicity.

Ann Howard and Dick Jemison will be in charge of the Baccalaureate services with Madeline Rodden, Chuck Burnham, Georgia Halford, Jimmy Cox and Sally Lou Carlson. Fay Strain, Carolyn Brimley, Marie Zimmer, Nan Spaulding, Nancy Lee Cone and Betty Zinsmeister will write the class song and poem with Judy Van Sciver supervising.

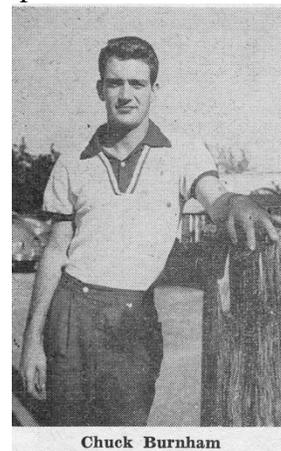
Nancy Cushman and Joey Chamberlain are chairmen of the gift and ways and means committee with Joel Anderson, Betsy Liddle and Pegge [sic] Warwick. The members of the class history committee are Joyce Stevens, Phyllis Reichelderfer, Lyn Mosher, Bill Buckingham, Mike McCardell, and Bill Blodgett, with Nancy Ann Shenk as chairman.

Carol Deuel and Ronnie Rasmussen will write the class will with the help of Nancy Cramer, Mary Jane Dulin, Bill Rothas and Don Fowler. Invitations will be handled by Judy Rogers, chairman, Joanne Philpot, Joan Nicholas and Phyllis Thomas...

Sportraits

By Gail Willingham

Heroes of the last chapter in the book on football [1953 season] are two outstanding linemen who deserve more recognition than they have received, for their heads-up football.



Chuck Burnham

First of the two is Chuck Burnham, Richmond, Virginian born! This all took place July 15, 1936.

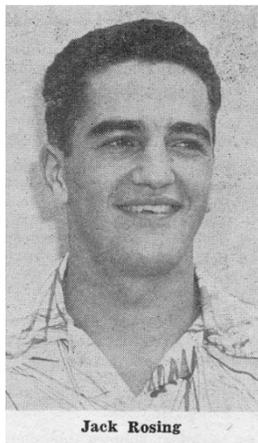
Five foot 10 inch, 155 pound Chuck played a great season at center for the Green Devils. He was in on every play, letting the other team know he was there.

Chuck moved to St. Petersburg in his sophomore year and made the varsity immediately. This was also his most thrilling moment. Playing football in his junior and senior years finished up his sports career.

It can sure be understood that football is Chuck's favorite pastime. He enjoys hunting a lot too. Steaks and french fries are where Chuck is. 'Make with that' is his favorite expression and 'people who give it out but can't take it. 'is a pet peeve. His dislike is just plain TROUBLE. Stan Kenton is tops as an orchestra and Toni James as a vocalist. Top on his hit parade is *Rags to Riches*.

Chuck's most embarrassing moment occurred after a football game. Seems he had a date with a real queen and when he came out of the dressing room – he was all set to go! Yes, all set; hair combed, shiny shoes, dress pants, and shoulder pads. He must have forgotten something.

Chuck is planning on attending college, but hasn't made up his mind yet. Business administration is in the future and lots of everything to you Chuck, a fine center.



Jack Rosing

Co-hero of this article is the boy from the south, (Atlanta, Georgia to be exact) Jack Rosing.

Jack arrived in St. Petersburg when he was in the ninth grade, spending most of his life in Atlanta. He attended Mirror Lake after he hit town and then came to SPHS to finish up.

Jack's dad was handing out cigars Sept, 18, 1936 to honor the event of Jack's birth and from that day he has become a 155 pound, 5 feet 11 inches member of the Rosing family.

Football and track occupy all of Jack's spare time. His sophomore year he played with the Imps and since then played both football and running in track. This year Jack played tackle, guard and center, defensively and offensively on the Devil's varsity. His jersey number was 70 and you could always see it at its best.

His likes include all sports and food. (An All-American boy). Tying him down to one kind of food was impossible – 'anything that's good'. Hillbilly music with Eddie Arnold at his guitar is good listening for Jack.

Jack's most thrilling moment was playing in his first varsity game this year with the Devils.

College is in the future but Jack isn't sure of which one. At SPHS Jack is taking personal typing, commercial Spanish, Spanish III, English IV, and physical education.

'I thought we had two good coaches this year and we looked good – at times – but we never seemed to have it when we needed it', says Jack concerning the '53 season and the Devils.

Lots of luck with your track this year; hope you finish up with a bang - as a finish is put to the last page of the football season."

Graduations

Joan Cradic Slusser passed away on October 22, 2014 from pancreatic cancer, surrounded by her loving family. She moved to Crystal River in 1961 and became an insurance agent. Joan was an avid photographer and gardener. Surviving is her husband Bob, whom she married in 1954. Joan is also survived by two sons, grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Celebration of Life was held at the Plantation on Crystal River, November 9.

Concerns

Bette Jackman LoBue would appreciate prayers for her husband Frank (SPHS '51) who is under Hospice care at home.

Tax Hint: If your tax return is not complicated, you can have AARP volunteers help for free. Find them at most public libraries. Check it out for times and locations.

Class Contacts:

Class of 1954 web site, where you can find it all:
<http://sphs1954.org/> . Help us keep your data current!

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Next Reunion luncheon is Saturday, January 10, 2015

Location is the Courtside Grill in the Carillon area of north St. Pete. Gathering time is 11:30 a.m. If you plan to attend, please let Nancy Cramer Litten know by Thur., January 8. Nancy’s phone is (727) 392-7417.



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