



Seasons are dependable

Yes, We Welcome a Fall Season

Although we don't see the end game for this pandemic season, we can depend on the natural seasons. They come around with certain regularity!

At our heightened risk age, we still are taking precautions to limit exposure to the virus. While we go to the market and a few short trips, we are not very comfortable going out to eat or socialize. It does not look like we can have our regular October class reunion luncheon. 😞

The St. Pete Pier

As reported in the last issue, the revitalized St. Pete Pier project opening was delayed. However, it is now open and there is much interest by locals and tourists in the 26-acre development. At first, you needed a reservation to visit because of social distancing concerns for large crowds. That is over, and streams of visitors are touring the complex, which includes restaurants and other facilities in addition to the pier itself.

There seems to be something for everyone at the complex. The Historical Museum is being upgraded; fishing is still available on the pier, shops and restaurants abound. There is a shuttle to get you around. You can explore the new and renovated older facilities at: <https://stpetepier.org/explore/>, and at: <https://www.visitstpeteclearwater.com/st-pete-pier>

For our readers who do not have Internet access, here are a few graphics of the pier facilities.



Looking east, out to the pier head, there are two approaches to it. Spa beach is still there in the foreground!



Outside the education center, amphitheater steps descend to the waterline, where visitors can observe natural marine habitat on the former pier's pilings



Looking west at the end of the pier.



There are lots of play areas for families in the new pier complex.

Graduations

Alice Elizabeth Bustillo, of Deland, Florida, died in May of this year. Her grandson, Rob Bates, sent us an e-mail, notifying us of her passing. We have no other details.

Sally Lou Carlson Cronk passed away in August, but we have scant details. She was in a senior care facility in Seminole, FL and reportedly succumbed to COVID-19.

Classmate News

We received a report that **Dan Abbott** has Stage IV pancreatic cancer, which has metastasized to his liver. It is not operable and requires chemotherapy. Please keep Dan in your prayers.

Sally Cook Vazquez and husband Willy just observed their 60th wedding anniversary earlier this month. Congratulations!

Evelyn Griswold Pinckney shared a note and photo with us about her home in Virginia. "I painted a sign for all 12 months with a design for that month...it is mounted at the end of our lane at 'little Florida road' where the mail boxes are posted...lane is 650 feet to our driveway entrance and 4 other drives off before that to our 10 acres...the original Rose of Sharon bushes came from Zane's home place in Chipley, FL about 50 years ago. Depending on where they are planted, produces the color flower.

As ever, Evelyn"



We like to hear classmate news, so please send us some to share.

Class of 1954 Memories

Classmate **Roy Kaple** has looked at archives of the *St. Petersburg Times* and *Evening Independent* to see birth announcements around the time we were born. Many familiar names popped up for St. Petersburg births. We thank Roy for this look back in history.

Here are some of Roy's finds.

Maurice Nott

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Nott, 2510 First avenue south, are the parents of a son born at 3:50 a. m. today at Mound Park hospital. He weighed 12 pounds and six ounces.

Nott 7.22.1936

BIRTHS
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Nott, 2510 First avenue south, announce the birth of a son at 3:50 o'clock Wednesday morning, July 22, at Mound Park hospital. The baby weighed 12 pounds and six ounces.

Nott SPT 7.23.1936



Pat Reeves Acklin



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reeves, 1220 Tangerine avenue, are the parents of a daughter born at 6:30 a. m. today at Mound Park hospital. She weighed six pounds and fourteen ounces.

Reeves EI 5.15.1936



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reeves, 1220 Tangerine avenue, announce the birth of a daughter Friday morning, May 15, at Mound Park hospital. The baby weighed six pounds and 14 ounces.

Reeves SPT 5.16.1936

Boyd Acklin



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Acklin, 1847 Third avenue north, announce the birth of a son Sunday evening, April 13, at St. Anthony's hospital. The baby weighed eight pounds and three ounces, and has been named Ernest Boyd Acklin Jr. Mrs. Acklin was formerly Miss Evelyn Hall Page.

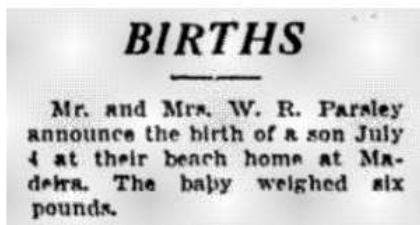
Acklin SPT 4.20.1936



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Acklin, 1847 Third avenue north, are the parents of a boy born yesterday at 6:51 p. m. at St. Anthony's hospital. The boy weighed eight pounds and three ounces.

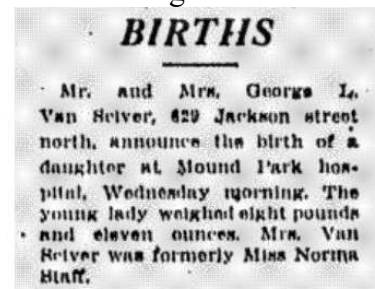
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Ed Parsley



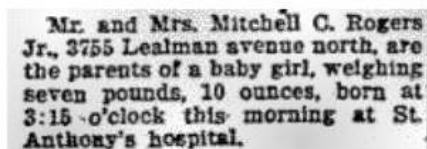
Parsley SPT 7.19.1936

Judy Van Sciver Goodgame



Van Sciver SPT 1.30.1936

Judy Rogers Owens



Rogers EI 10.17.1936

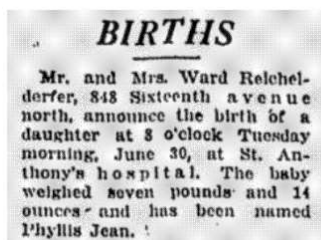


Phyllis Reichelderfer Doescher



Mr. and Mrs. Ward Reichelderfer, 848 Sixteenth avenue north, are the parents of a daughter born at St. Anthony's hospital at 8:05 o'clock this morning. She weighed seven pounds and 14 ounces.

Reichelderfer EI 6.30.1936



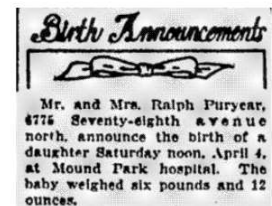
Reichelderfer SPT 7.1.1936

Sandra Puryear Casteel



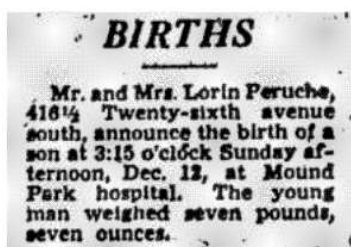
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Puryear, 6775 78th avenue north, announce the birth of a six pound 12 and one half ounce daughter at Mound Park hospital Saturday. The baby has been named Sandra Jane.

Puryear EI 4.6.1936



Puryear SPT 4.5.1936

Bob Peruche



Peruche SPT 12.15.1936

Roy has many other announcements collected on 30 pages, that he has gleaned from the newspaper archives. Regrettably, many of them are for classmates who are no longer with us. If you were born in St. Petersburg and want to see your birth announcement, let us know and Roy probably can find it in his collection.

Class Contacts:

Class of 1954 web site, where you can find e-mail, phone numbers and mail addresses about our classmates: <http://sphs1954.org/>.

Help us keep your data current!

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Treasurer: Lil Olsen Classen, at 8037 Elbow Lane N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710. **No donations are needed until further notice.**

Classmate updates, news-to-share, etc., should be sent to: Ron Rasmussen, Editor, 10212 58th Street, Pinellas Park, FL 33782-2632, (727) 544-2374 or r.rasmussen@ieee.org

Next reunion luncheon is

TBD



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