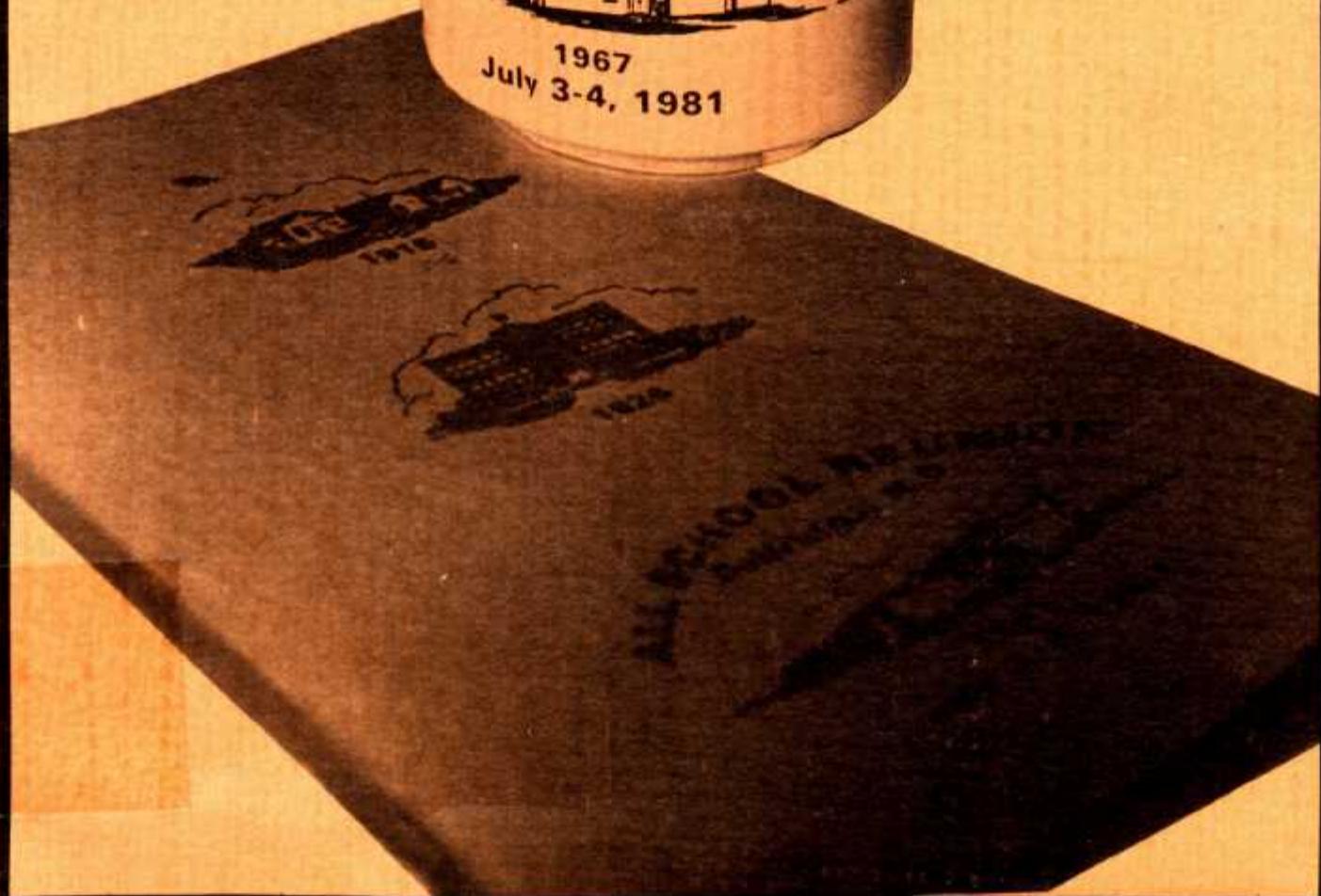


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"Dedication"

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It was not necessary for the committee to spend much time in selecting a dedication subject for the 1981 Selfridge All School Reunion Book. It is therefore, fitting, proper and perfectly natural that this book is dedicated to all students and teachers of the Selfridge Public School, past present and future.

They are clearly entitled to the recognition given them within these pages. During the steady growth and development of the Selfridge Public School, these students have gained and are continuing to gain an education from their teachers, equal to that of any other educational system.

It is the hope of the Alumni Committee that this publication is a worthy portrayal of dedication to all the students and teachers that have passed through the doors of this school.

THANK YOU

The Alumni Committee wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to all of the former Selfridge students, teachers and residents that came to the 1981 All School Reunion. Without your effort and support this reunion would have remained only a dream.

We also acknowledge with thanks, all the people and organizations of Selfridge who gave generously of their time and talents for this awesome task. Our sincere appreciation for all that has been done goes to everyone who participated in the reunion, be it small or large. The cooperation, dedication, and loyalty spelled a "Successful Reunion".

The Alumni Committee

"F O R E W A R D"

"The past is recorded in history, and the future is in the hands of today's students."

As a school opens its doors to all young people, three basic factors are kept in mind; first, the best education possible; secondly, building of character; and thirdly, social inheritance. Selfridge Public School has definitely played an important role of these three basic factors in all its students, with either modified or outstanding success.

In the pages to follow, we have endeavored to preserve the heritage of our school for the future generations of Selfridge students. We hope you will enjoy looking through this book, and that it will be a source of pleasant memories to all past, present, and future students. Let it be a memory of the wonderful weekend spent renewing past school days and old friendships. We, as a committee, have enjoyed working on this book. Hopefully you will treasure and preserve it as a heritage of your education. We have attempted to capture in both writing and pictures the history and social events of our school.

We found that like one who builds a house, there are countless things that would be changed, corrected or included if the work were to be done again. If we have left out names and pictures, it was unintentional and regrettable. Mistakes or omissions have crept in and for such, the committee asks your indulgence. We have only to plead a sincere interest in the heritage of our school and a deep admiration for the accomplishments of our early pioneer educators.

As you page through this book, may it bring fond memories of people you know or of the days you may have spent in this school, and its "All School Reunion". It is also our hope that the effort of this book will in some small manner help to perpetuate the history of our school that might otherwise be forever lost.

"IN THE BEGINNING"

With the essence of time, it becomes a necessity in ones lifetime to participate in a reunion of some sort. As time passed on, the necessity became apparent to reunite the Selfridge Alumni for the first All School Reunion.

The idea was brought to life by Arlene Walch in February 1980. Our first official meeting was held at the home of Larry Morgen, where we agreed that the idea was worth pursuing further. The dates of July 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1981 were set, the letters mailed, and the ball was rolling. From that day on, a meeting was held at the school every month until May of 1981, at which point it became necessary to meet more often.

Always the meetings were posted publicly ahead of time to encourage more people to become active and share their ideas in the planning of the reunion. Every now and then, a new face would show up for one or two meetings, but only seven people remained dedicated and loyal from the start to the finish.

In the early going, we often found ourselves wondering what we got ourselves into. But after all was said and done, seeing the happiness in our little town for that one short weekend, made all the work seem worthwhile. We truly feel that this past 4th of July was the greatest thing to come to Selfridge in many years.



History

In the town of Selfridge a one room school building was erected in the year 1915. Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson was the teacher for a short term of about 8½ months which for that time was quite a long term. By 1917 an additional one room schoolhouse had become necessary. In it Miss Anna McChesney (later Mrs. Schott Hatch) taught grades 1-3. During this time, 1915-1917, the Selfridge area was a part of the Fort Yates School District, but on July 7, 1924, Selfridge School District #8 was organized. Just prior to this change a third one room schoolhouse was built and was occupied by grades 9-12 in the year 1920. In the same year Miss Grace Farmer taught grades 4-6 in the second building, while high school pupils were taught in a building which the school district rented. This last building was not included in the row of three one room buildings which stood on lots facing the present high school building and just across the road to the north of it. Mrs. George McCay (Ellis Sowles) taught four high school students, namely Effie and Rosalind Gayton, Evert Hummel, and Mabel Smith.

In the early 1920's there was a rural school in operation which was known as the McLaughlin School #2, run by the Selfridge School District. In the year of 1929 the township in which the school was located, organized itself into Roosevelt School District #13 and thereafter was not a part of the Selfridge School District. No other rural school was operated by the local district.

A new brick building was erected in 1926, having four classrooms, a library, an office, and a basement gymnasium. This building housed eight grades in three classrooms and the high school in the fourth classroom. Mr. Harry Hellman was the principal and high school teacher. The elementary teachers were Rose (Meyer) Prewitt, Charlotte Moffit, and Bessie Slaby.

The county rather early divided into school districts as a basis of facilitating the levying of taxes, of providing for management of schools, and for the designation of areas served by each school. At an early date the Fort Yates School District covered a large part of the county, extending to the South Dakota line and several miles west of Selfridge. Gradually areas broke away to become separate districts.

Beginning in about 1949 the process was reversed and districts began merging with other districts for a number of reasons, chief of which was the advantage of a larger tax base to support the schools. Prior to School District Reorganization there were many rural schools, each with its own plant, pupils, teacher, and equipment. This type of setup was not conducive to efficiency or excellence in any one of these aspects. The plan to reorganize had its proponents and its bitter opponents, but the process went on whereby each district had a vote on its future status. What had started out in the late 1940's as 14 districts gradually evolved into just 6 districts.

1948 Setup

District	#1	Lincoln	District	#8	Selfridge
"	#2	Hanna	"	#9	Walker
"	#3	Solen	"	#10	Goose Camp
"	#4	Fort Yates	"	#11	White Bird
"	#5	Menz	"	#12	Oak Grove
"	#6	Belden	"	#13	Roosevelt
"	#7	Golden Wealth	"	#14	Porcupine

Changes Made By Reorganization

Selfridge	#8	Fort Yates	#4	Solen	#3
Walker		Roosevelt		Oak Grove	
Lincoln		Porcupine		Solen	
Golden Wealth		White Bird		Part Morton County	
Selfridge		Fort Yates			
About 1/2 Goose Camp		About 3/4 Goose Camp			
Hanna	#2 Unchanged	Menz	#5 Unchanged	Belden	#6 Unchanged

By the process of reorganization Selfridge School District was thus enlarged and improved in many ways.

In 1943 Fr. Victor Heinen and several Benedictine Sisters began teaching in the Selfridge Public School, then in 1946 the St. Philomena Church basement was remodeled to form three classrooms which served eight grades and one year of high school. The next year, 1947, high school classes were increased to ninth and tenth grades. In 1952 high school subjects were discontinued in the parochial school. A brick school building was erected which had four classrooms, a teacher's lounge and an office. The St. Philomena school was discontinued in 1964; the pupils transferred to the Selfridge Public School.

After discontinuance of school at St. Philomena Parochial School, the building was for some time vacant, then later it was rented to the Selfridge School District for use as an elementary school.

In 1967 Selfridge School District #8 erected a brick school building on the school grounds north and west of the old high school that was built in 1926. This structure had six classrooms, an office and storage rooms plus a large gymnasium. At present it houses grades 7-12. After all classes had been discontinued in the old high school building, it was demolished. In all it served the community for about 43 years. It is a piece of brick from the old school which is enclosed in the plastic disc attached to the key ring which was given out at the All School Reunion in 1981.

Many fine teachers have served in the Selfridge schools, and to them goes a great deal of credit in giving the young a good education. There have been many successful young people who got their start in Selfridge schools, among whom are ministers, military officers, teachers, nurses, members of religious orders, a lawyer or two, a veterinarian, and countless successful farmers, ranchers, business people and homemakers. Also the many loyal patrons and parents of the children deserve everyone's admiration. May our educational system continue to grow and to serve the community!



1928 School Teachers



1928 School Picnic

General Rural Educational System

The period from 1880 to the early 1920's was a time of assimilation and education of immigrants as well as of the development of educational facilities for the American pioneer.

Schools among the white people usually were started when there were enough children in a community to warrant starting a program of regular attendance and study. The teacher, in many instances, had little or no professional preparation or training. Some groups started out with a minister in charge of the group to teach religion, but when there was diversity among the pupils' religious preference, a lay teacher took over. The school plant was often housed in a home, a saloon, a church or a community hall. Most often the pupils had to furnish their own supplies even as to a desk and chair. Each school was a law unto itself and had no supervision or advice from any centralized educational organization. Mainly the three R's were taught.

The supplies were sketchy. Sometimes each child had a different kind of reader if, indeed, he had one at all! Most had slates and slate pencils on which to do the writing, but some schools boasted a blackboard which was just what it purported to be--a board painted black. Slates were actual slate and hence were smooth, and chalk or slate pencil marks could easily be erased from their surfaces. They were reversible and had a border of soft cloth or felt to safeguard little fingers from cuts. Slates could very easily shatter if dropped so had to be handled with care. Rags served as erasers for blackboards or slates.

In early schools the schoolroom furniture did not match, as each child brought his own, very often home-made by a father or a brother. Some pupils had a chair but no writing surface. In a few schools benches were the answer to seating while a long table served the children as desks.

When the number of students increased, or no place was available for a school, the men of the community banded together to put up a building or to adapt an existing one to serve as a schoolhouse. In such cases they were apt to also build the furniture. They equipped the room with a heater which was usually set off to one side of the room where it managed to overheat those near it and to have little warming effect on those who sat farther away. These schoolhouses were also used as polling places, as community centers, and as churches if no such facilities existed in the community.

Some few schoolhouses had a room for the teacher to live in, but usually they resided at their own home or boarded and roomed with patron families of the school, if they were not local residents. A teacher who boarded out very rarely had a room to herself, for the houses of that day were not more roomy than was needed for the family itself.

Rural children and those who lived far from a school carried their lunches for a noon meal. The receptacle was very likely to be a syrup or peanut butter pail. Most schools had a "cloakroom" or long hall which was fitted out with hooks upon which the children hung their wraps and sometimes also their lunch pails. A few such cloakrooms had a shelf above the hooks to accommodate books, mittens, pails, etc. Lunches left there in winter gradually froze, for the hall being situated away from the heater was nearly as cold as the outdoors. Apples froze rock hard, meat on sandwiches iced up, but the food was at least preserved by the cold. In some schools teachers and students brought such foods as stew, soup, bakes beans, or sauerkraut in glass jars or pans to be heated on the heating stove during school time. It was nearly always necessary to carry their own supply of drinking water, though sometimes a patron who took his children to school would take a cream can of water along with him on Monday mornings. As the week progressed, the water became stale and of course in hot weather was also tepid. In cold weather the water froze in the can overnight and none was available until it could thaw out. Many of the students used a collapsible metal cup, fitted with a lid, out of which to drink. In hot weather mothers were hard put to pack lunches that would not spoil. One safeguard was to punch holes in the lids with a nail and hammer to ventilate the pails. Meats such as hard sausage kept fairly well.

Most children walked to school except in inclement weather. In really bad weather they stayed at home or rode with an adult or older student in a horse drawn wagon or sled. When it was cold the floor of the vehicle was covered with straw upon which the children huddled under robes or blankets. Some few rode horses which they stabled in a barn if there was one, or left out in the cold if there was no shelter. The parents provided hay and feed for their horses.

In early pioneer days two national groups of German origin made up one third of the state's population. These were the Reich Germans and the Ruzlands or German-Russians. The latter group settled in large numbers in the Selfridge area. Most of the children could not speak English when they entered school, so it was difficult for them to learn their school work and to enter into the give-and-take of a school. It was also difficult for the teachers who could not converse with the immigrant children. A very serious obstacle for the children came as a result that they did not attend school regularly for they were kept at home when there was work to be done on the farm or in the home. Even children six or seven years of age had to start late in the fall because of harvest work, and to quit early in the spring because of planting and other spring's work tasks.

May E. Hinton



"RECESS TIME"
in
the early
1940's



Highlights of the Decades

1910's

In 1915 the first elementary class of Selfridge was started with seventeen students.

The first school board consisted of Carl Ellingson, J.K. Wead, F. C. Turner, T. E. Davis and J. B. Smith.

Christmas programs came into being about the same time school started, often-times in the local saloon when there was not enough room in the school.

1920's

Chester Teeter was the first school custodian and Harry Heilman was the first principal.

School picnics were started, always on the last day of school as a culmination of the school year.

Boys and girls basketball teams were started.

Boys: Lloyd Smestad, Ed Turner, John Bartole, Mike Engel, Walter Tuntland, George Karbet

Girls: Eva Engel, Ethel Pulling, Florence Wead, Catherine Bayer, Eva Wisenmon, Dorothy and Leora Wead, Elsie Rott

The custom was to have only one cheerleader in those early days.

On May 9, 1925 the first Play Day was held with a parade on main street by the children.

In 1926 a new brick school building was built with a sub-basement gymnasium.

The first graduation was held with Dorothy Wead and Mike Engel in 1928.



1928 Christmas Play Characters



1926 School Building



Notice the boots?

1930's

Upperclassmen started initiating the freshmen into high school in the 30's. Initiation consisted of ridiculous dress and oftentimes ridiculous behavior.

The first bus service was started by Scott Collis and Alton Ellingson. They were in partnership in 1932 which lasted for three years. Fred Winkle was the first bus driver.

In the 1930's a school lunch program started with government commodities. It was cooked with a kerosine stove on the stage of the gymnasium.

Crude outdoor plumbing was brought indoors with a septic tank that was pumped periodically.

The first girls glee club was organized in 1934, with director Jean Murray.



Bus Service in 1932
Joe Kraft Farm

Initiation

1940's

In the early 40's, fall carnivals were sponsored by teachers and parents to raise funds for toilet paper, paper towels and utilities for the school.

The first reception was hosted by May Hinton for the juniors and seniors.

The North Dakota Athletic Association banned girls basketball, due to the fact that too many girls were getting injured.

A P.T.A. was organized but it really didn't get off the ground.

By 1945 flush toilets were installed. Bathrooms with steps had to be built up $\frac{1}{2}$ the height of the basement for the flush system to work.

The Silver Star was the first high school paper published in 1946.



The Silver Star



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SELFRIFFE HIGH SCHOOL TO GIVE POSTPONED PROGRAM AT SCHOOL MARCH 1st

Practice on a high school program, originally scheduled for November 30, but postponed on account of the flu epidemic, has recommenced. Two one-act plays will be given in the high school auditorium Mar. 1 at 7:45 p.m.

The first play is "Two Crooks and A Lady." The cast is as follows:

Mrs. Simms-Vane	Marjorie Hinton
Lucille	Katherine Klein
Miller	Verne Flechtnar
Miss Jones	Lydia Tischmak
Inspector	Robert Meisel
Garth	Frank Silbernagel

The second play is "The Neighbors". The cast is as follows:

Inez	Gertrude Kronberger
Peter	Casimir Jochim
Mis' Trot	Lois Bruning
Mis' Abel	Bernice Oster
Mis' Moran	Rose Volk
Ezra Williams	Donald Schaeffer
Mis' Ellsworth	Dolores Schaeffer
Grandma	Elizabeth Wultschick

The high school chorus will sing between acts.

THE WHEREFORE OF THE SILVER STAR

Wherefore? To create interest in school activities;

To develop school spirit.

At whose decision? The unanimous vote of the members of the Silver Star Club.

Why the name? The same as the Club.

Under whose charge? The news-writing class composed of Juniors and Seniors.

At what price? Five cents a copy.

With whose co-operation? That of each and every student in high school.

LAZY PEOPLE!

Can you imagine our Sophomore girl "clique" doing their own school work or having it done in time for class?

CLASS RINGS ARRIVE

The five Seniors are all smiles and have acquired added dignity. Why? They are flashing rings—not diamonds—but class rings. They had resigned themselves to waiting until the middle of March, if not later. So they were really surprised when the precious package came the first week in February. Especially are they pleased with their initials on either side of the crest.

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APPRECIATION

* The boys on the basketball team * express their appreciation to * Staff Sergeant Sylvester Kraft * for offering his services as coach * and for the time he spent in * practicing with them.

SHOOTING STARS DROP FIRST GAME TO SOLEN

The sturdy Solen Quintet outclassed the 'Shooting Stars' in an initial contest at Solen, on Wednesday evening, February 6, by a 12 point margin.

Jochim and Snyder were the high point Star men. Outstanding on the opposing team was Barth, who scored 20 points for the victors.

The score at half stood: 17 to 6, with Solen taking the lead. At the end of the 3rd quarter the score was: 33 to 8, with Solen ahead.

The 'Shooting Stars' got on their feet and rang up 10 points during the last quarter. Schaeffer, of the 'Shooting Stars', made the last basket for that team; the ball being in the air as the whistle blew.

The box score:

Solen	fg	ft	pt
Fleck	3	1	1
George	1	0	3
Barth	10	0	0
Rambo	0	0	2
Maier	0	0	2
Selfridge	fg	ft	pt
Flechtnar	0	0	5
Jochim	3	1	0
Schaeffer	1	0	0
Snyder	3	0	1
Hinton, F	0	0	1
Hinton, C	1	0	0
Pithey	0	0	0

★ ★

WELL PLEASED

Why does Verne especially love the convenient position of his desk?

★ ★

MYSTERY

Who is that cute blonde in the Junior Class a certain someone from McLaughlin keeps asking about?

★ ★

PEST

Why does Chuck delight in tormenting the girls?

I . . . SEE

THE DAY WHEN—

"People no longer ask me for things they can't find or haven't looked for which I don't have to begin with."—Hilda.

"Russian peanuts will be off the market."—Rose.

"Freshman and Sophomores really study instead of just pretending."—Bernice.

"My neighbor across the aisle doesn't talk out loud."—Elsie.

"My kid brother stops pestering me."—Lois.

"All the girls take showers on Monday evening."—Agnes.

"People pay more attention to their own business than to everybody else's—mine included."—Emily.

"The odor of pan-cake make-up will be absent from the assembly."—Elizabeth.

"The assembly is warm even if the northwest winds blow."—Anna Marie.

"Barbara begins to wear lipstick."—Marie.

"I'd like to see the day when I can stay in my desk for an hour in a stretch."—DeLoris.



CHATTER BOX

NOISY PEOPLE—

Can you imagine Joe Kronberger or Craig Hinton being quiet for sixty seconds?

LONG LEGS—

It seems we ought to have wider aisles for certain boys to park their extra leggagae.

VAIN BOYS—

"What happened to Charlie? He's coming to school with his hair all done up in slick waves. It couldn't be girls, or could it?"

GE QUINTET—

AL NOTE



"The Shooting Stars," the high school basketball team, have organized and elected Francis Hinton as their captain.

Francis or "Bucky" stands 5' 9" and tips the scales at 150 pounds. When Francis starts "left guarding" he means business. "Look out for Bucky." When he shoots he gives the ball an extra three-foot lift by jumping a yard from the floor.

Donald Schaeffer, center, tops the team with 5' 11". He makes a one forty on the scales and his long legs take him two-forty across the floor. Although a bit basket shy, he does a good job of centering.

Charles Snyder, 5' 10", is a close second to Donald. His 130 pounds makes him a firm right guard. Chuck might look meek, but in this case appearances are deceiving. He can give it and take it.

Verne Fiechtner's 5' 9" nearly carries his 120 pounds. Verne can usually be seen moving with a light easy gait across the floor. He left forwards the ball into the basket with a quick turn of his body.

Casimir Jochim's 5' 2" places him as the shortest and his 105 pounds as the lightest of the quintet. A quick eye and a sure aim makes him a promising right forward.

The subs, Craig Hinton, 5' 4" and 105 pounds, with his sideswipe one-hand, almost-never-falling-shot, and James Pithey, 5' 3" and 104 pounds, with his powerful, threatening swing, complete the team.

The boys meet for regular practice every Tuesday and Thursday evening. Staff Sergeant Sylvester Kraft, who is home on furlough, has been coaching the team.



CONGRATULATIONS—

To Rose Volk on perfect attendance for the first semester.

To Bob Meisel for having the courage to get the only *heinie* in school,

Graduates of 1945

ANDREW EYTZEN—Attending North Central Bible Institute in Minneapolis. His address is: Box 183, North Elliot Ave. So., Minneapolis 4, Minnesota.

GLADYS HEPPER—Teaching a rural school in the Selfridge vicinity. Her address is: Selfridge, N. D.

EVELYN SNYDER—Teaching school in the Selfridge vicinity. Her address is: Selfridge, N. D.

BEATA BECKER—Telephone operator in Washington. Her address is: 1208 South 14th Avenue, Yakima, Washington.



Graduates of 1944

ANNA HEPPER—Typist in Bismarck Capitol. Her address is: 818 6th St., Bismarck, N. D.



Graduates of 1943

PAULINE BARTOLE (Warren)—Married and living in Wisconsin. Her address is: Mrs. Roy Warren, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MARGARET BECKER—Telephone operator in Washington. Her address is: 1208 South 14th Avenue, Yakima, Washington.



RECOMMENDATIONS:

Marion B.—Studiousness.

James Pithey—Ability to work while he works and to play when he should.

1950's

One day was set aside for Senior Skip Day. This was usually a trip to Bismarck for Senior Portraits, visiting the museum and capitol and ending the day by having dinner at a supper club.

Proms were the social event of the school year. The gymnasium was thoroughly decorated, students were in formal attire and a local band was always hired for the event.

In the late 50's the small center room off the fire escape on the second floor was equipped with shelves, books assembled and the first library was started.

The first school year book was printed sometime in the 50's.



Cheerleaders



Formal Proms of the 50's



1967 School Building
1960's

When the 60's rolled around, Senior Skip Day had evolved into the Class Trip, funded by a school carnival in the spring of the year.

Halloween parties were given for the students with lunch, games and usually a horror movie.

In 1967 a new one-story school facility was erected.

A time change administered by the school faculty caused a majority student Walk-out. Needless to say, the strike was effective.

1970's

In the early 70's the 1926 brick school building was demolished after serving the school system for 42 years.

The tradition of initiation was dispensed in 1975.

Girls basketball was started again in 1973 and the '77 team went on to become the District 31 Champions.

In the late 70's a parents organization was developed known as the Concerned Parents Association for the purpose of the educational, recreational and athletic needs of the Selfridge students.

1980's

After 66 years the Selfridge Alumni gathered on July 3 and 4 of 1981 for the first All School Reunion.



1977 DISTRICT 31 CHAMPIONS



Registration



The time had finally arrived for the 1981 ALL CLASS REUNION to begin. Cynthia Feist, well prepared, registered 315 people to the reunion. Alumni from all over the U.S. came; California Washington, Nevada, New York, Texas, Arizona Maryland, Minnesota and yes even North Dakota. For some it had been the first time they were back in their old stomping grounds since graduating. For others who lived closer to home, the joy of seeing their friends, classmates and old acquaintances return for such an occasion brought tears to their eyes.



The line moved swiftly as Arlene Walch, Cindy Feist and Corrine Jochim registered the Alumni.

A SCHOOL
REUNION?



A FAMILY
REUNION?

Ed, Verna & Geraldine
Mosset



Lookin'



Workin'



Eatin'

The gym was decorated in the traditional school colors of orange and black with a huge WELCOME ALL SCHOOL REUNION on the east wall. A table of old school memorabilia was set alongside a huge blackboard of old pictures and snapshots.

The refreshment table was unresistable with punch, coffee, and goodies donated by a few of the local women. Bobbi Jo Hepper and Terri Walker did an excellent job of keeping the table replenished.

The alumni committee and their spouses acted as host and hostesses for the evening with Ted Becker doing an outstanding job of socializing the registrants. Music of the 40's and 50's was supplied by Dwayne Walker.



Getting Reacquainted...



Let me see, Let me see!
For gosh sakes, let'em see!



If Alfred could only see all
these hard soled shoes.



#*@%#!*& (Censored)



It's been a long time!



What's their secret?



Nice Hat, John!



Did you hear the one about.....?



Now, who's kissing Allan?



Hey Delores, did you see the great paint job on the watertower?



You're giving ME a test?



Long time no see Marvin.
You too Charlie!



Still making Brownie points
with the teacher?
Myron, Sharon and Herman.



Talking over old times.



Nicholas! Do you have to go
to the bathroom again?



But, THIS test looks so HARD!



Start puckering Ray—
the girls are waiting! !



Dottie spots an old flame.

INC.
CHIEFTAINS



Our Reunion

In '81 we gathered together
And we knew not, if or whether
This simple occasion would again arise
To let us touch our school time ties.

Anticipation for weeks in advance
And when we arrived we were all in a trance,
With nostalgic minds we tried to see
The years gone past with some clarity.

Our arms clasped friends as we shouted "Hello"
And eyes misted over and grew mellow,
Then swiftly we started to reminisce,
Our reunion commenced with such happiness.

We relived the hours of our past
And strived to hold and make them last,
We beckoned to classmates we'd seldom seen,
And said "Remember when we were Sixteen?".

We came on the scene for only one thing,
The joy old school friends surely can bring,
We relished the moments before they were lost
For they can be bought for really no cost.

So smile when you remember that day,
For it may never again come our way,
Let this reunion remain in our minds,
It's love for each other that holds and binds.

Try to remember the old and the young,
For the joys of the past and the future they sung,
Be greatful for the memories and give a school cheer,
Who knows? Maybe we'll do this again some year!

Judith

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Parade

On Saturday morning neighboring towns and local people participated in a small but memorable parade, which was sponsored by The Selfridge Betterment Club. Approximately 20 floats were entered with many other groups participating also. Miles Utter did a great job of announcing the entries as they passed along main street. Leading the parade were The American Legion Posts from Selfridge and Fort Yates carrying our country's flag.



The Alumni float was a miniature replica of the 1926 school house. Many hours of searching old pictures and history went into the making of this float by the Alumni Committee. The Alumni's choice for king and queen were Elsie Wholley from the class of 1929 and Alfred Pack from the class of 1936.





First Place
Selfridge Alumni



Second Place (tie)
John's Super Valu
R & B Lumber



Second Place (tie)
Mobridge Livestock Sales



Third Place
Cenex

The theme of the parade was "School Days". The Alumni float won the first prize of \$50 and the second prize of \$30 was tied by the combined float of John's Super Valu and R & B Lumber of Selfridge and Mobridge Livestock Sales. The third prize of \$20 was won by Cenex of Selfridge.

Linda (Fleck) Rummel of Dickinson, Megs (Disrud) Mortenson of Fort Yates and Reverend Charles Slater of Selfridge were the judges. Each float or entry was judged on theme, originality and crowd reaction.





The Selfridge Pom Pom Sparklers were girls aged 6 to 10, organized especially for the reunion parade. Shelly Waliser and Laurie Laintz gave their time and talents for many rehearsals with these active girls.



Where's the Fire?

Rub-A-Dub-Dub
Jeff in A Tub



Whozzit?



Giddy-Up
Horsie



Eva Kelsch, Representing
Class of 1948



Waliser Construction
Joe Waliser



Here, Catch,



Walker's Greenhouse
George Walker, Jr.



Joe's Lounge
George Feist



Kelsch's Dairy Farm
June and Larry



Ballooning Around

Oldest Homemakers Club

Selfridge Senior Citizens



Glenda Kraft for
Avon and
Krafts Dairy



and Clowning Around



AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

The Selfridge Betterment Club also sponsored Saturday afternoon activities which included a dunk tank for dunking your favorite classmate or class rival, such as the case may be. Games and races for the children were held that included prizes. A school carnival hosted by the Selfridge students gave a lot of fun for the old and young alike.



Kids,



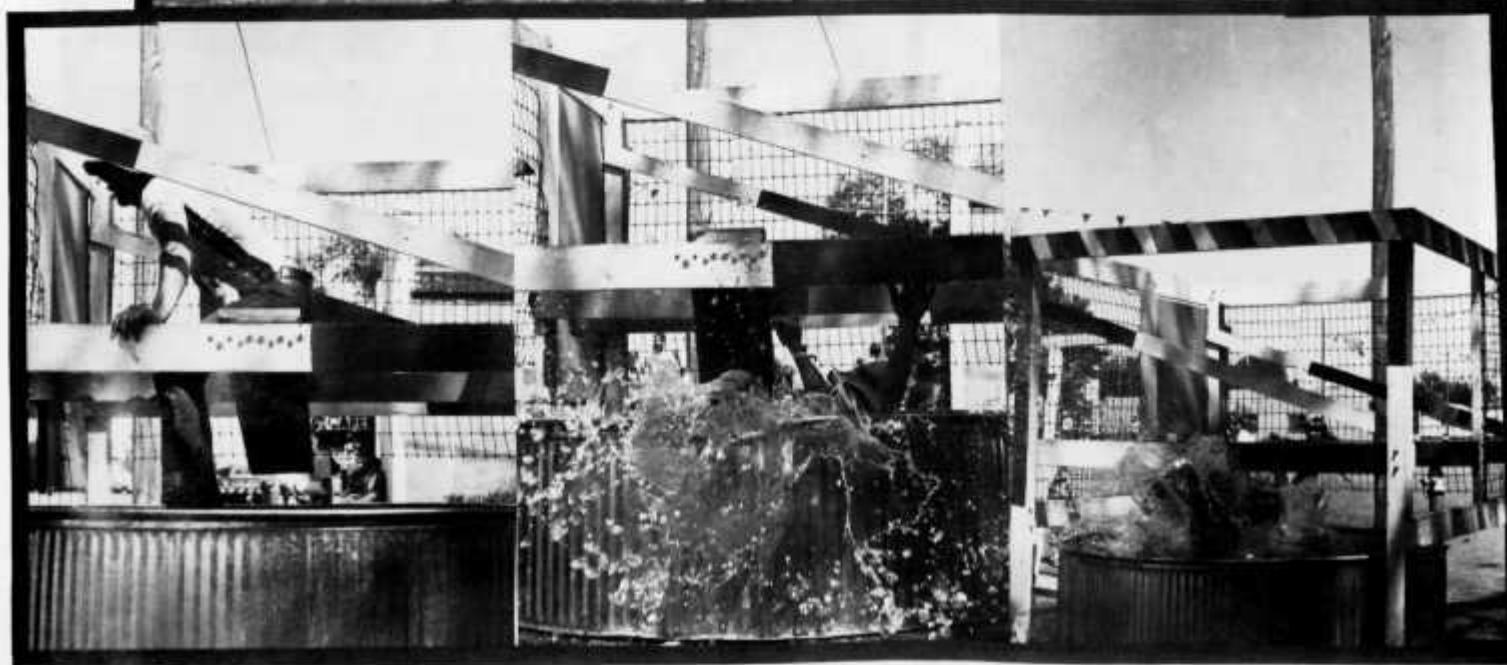
Kids,

and



More

Kids.

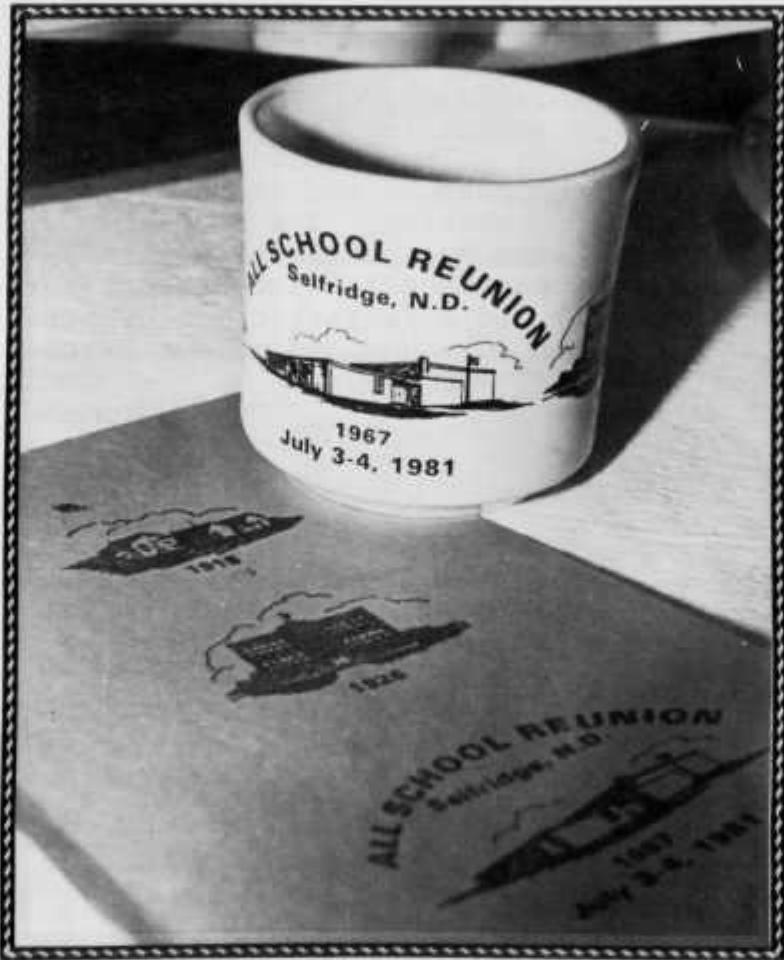


Splish!

Splash!

He was takin' a bath!

The Banquet



An interesting, well organized program made the banquet a huge success. The number of people attending the catered banquet, was 315.

The tables were attractively decorated in school colors with a program, centerpieces, and souvenirs. Each registered alumni was given an All School Reunion mug and keychain containing a piece of brick from the 1926 school. The centerpieces were dried and silk flower arrangements in a souvenir mug, which were given out by drawing numbers from a huge brandy snifter. These numbers corresponded with the numbers on the name tags worn by the registrants.

Photographer for the evening was Selfridge graduate, Dwayne Walker. Hosts and hostesses were Cynthia and Leo Feist, Ed and Verna Mosset, Judy and Pat Becker, Judith and James Walker, Nick and Norine Vollmuth, and Larry and Peggy Morgen. They kept everything running smoothly by helping with serving, seating and the awards.

Among the program participants were Selfridge graduate Gary Jochim, as master of ceremonies and former Selfridge student John Walker, who gave the invocation. Stanley Hepper, president of the 1980 school board gave the welcoming speech.

Glen Dorr, former Selfridge boys basketball coach did the honors of announcing the winners of the All Star Athletic awards. These awards were given according to the votes cast by the alumni participants on the registration evening. The honorary awards were chosen and given by the Alumni Committee with respect and lightheartedness. Ted Becker, former Selfridge student, did a fantastic job of presenting these "Fun Awards". thus ending our banquet on a note of laughter and jubilence.



Bottom Row Left to Right

Kathy Hepper, Corrine Jochim, Norine Vollmuth, Peggy Morgen, Verna Mosset, Judy Becker, Judith Walker, Cynthia Feist
Second Row

Stan Hepper, Glen Dorr, Gary Jochim, Larry Morgen, Edward Mosset, Pat Becker, James Walker, Leo Feist

Third Row

Dwayne Walker, Nick Vollmuth, John Walker, Vic Kraft, Ted Becker

Mmm
Mmm
Good!



That's what
"Banquet"
Food
is

Mmm
Mmm
Good!

Mmm
Mmm
Good!



Chefs



How about some Turkey Sis?



Gee, this looks good!



How about some Ice Cream
Elizabeth?



Waiting and waiting and waiting



and more waiting



Ho-Hum



And the winner is.....



Well, Gee Wizz Folks!



Another one bites the dust!



Four score and seven years ago



Wow! What an English Class!



Didn't you get nothin'
yet Herman?

Athletic Awards



Boys All Star Basketball Team

L to R: Tony Klein, Victor Kraft, Verne Feichner, William Weigel, Lloyd Smestad, Joseph Bartole, Charles Snyder, Tom Vollmuth, George Schaeffer, Richard Vollmuth



Girls All Star Basketball Team

L T R: Sharon Holsinger, Gloria Walker, Doreen Dillman, Eva Schaeffer, Marie Bigger, Martha Froelich, JoAnn Blotske
Not pictured: Judy Becker

All Star Cheerleaders

L to R:

Elsie Vetter, Geraldine Pleinis,
Gloria Chapman, Darlene Haman



All Star Girls Track

L to R:

Jolene Vollmuth, Patricia Heinen,
Jackie Mosset, Margaret Willette,
Not pictured: Judy Becker



All Star Boys Track

L To R:

Jack Vollmuth, John Bonagofsky,
Marvin Feichner, Leonard Feist,
Gordon McGregor



All Star Crosscounty

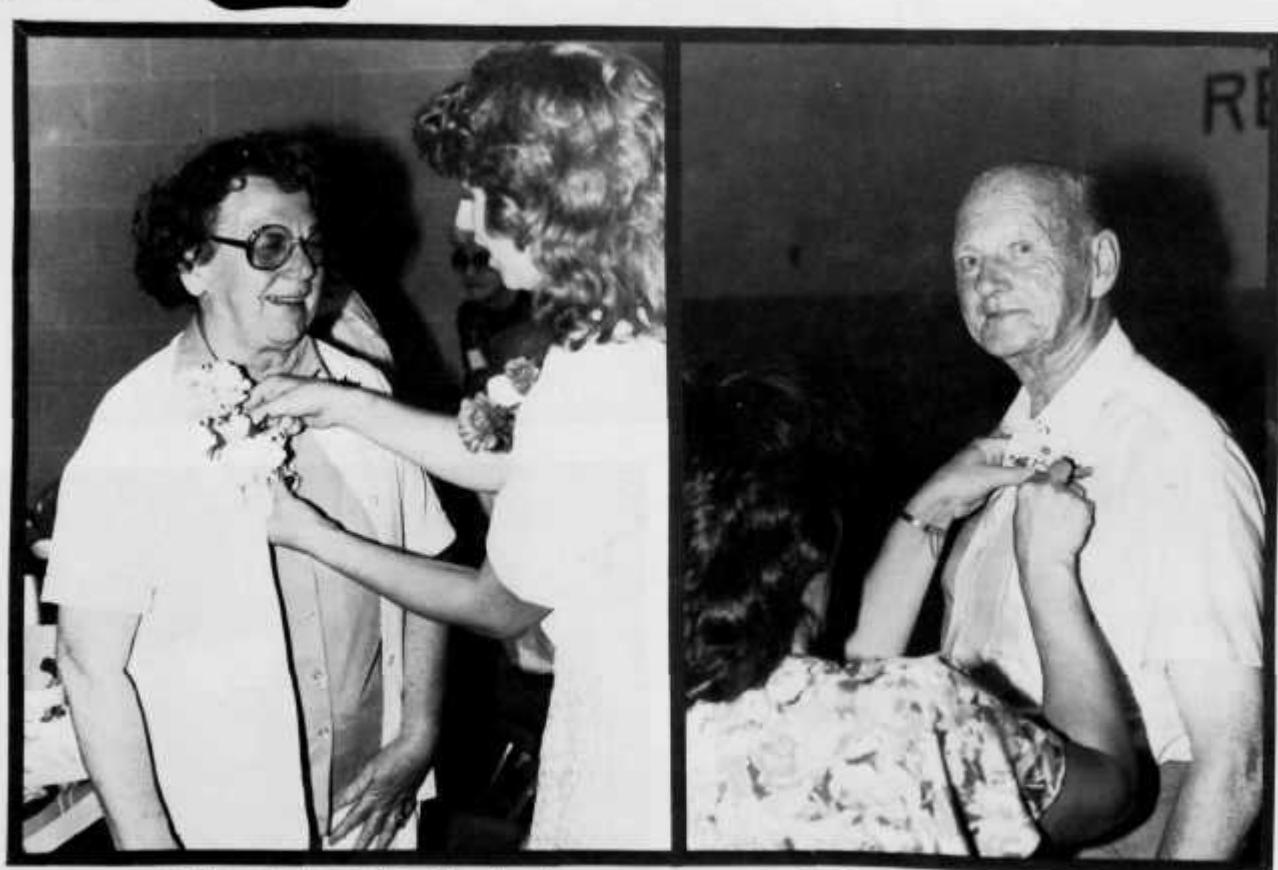
L to R:

Jerry Vollmuth, Donald Wingerter
Gordon McGregor, David Volk

Mrs. Hinton
was
honored for
her years
of service
to the
Selfridge
High School.



Awards



Oldest Female Student
Attending the Reunion

Eva Schaeffer 1925

Oldest Male Graduate
Attending the Reunion

Lloyd Smestad 1929



Now

100% ATTENDENCE

Then

"Class of 1959"

FRONT ROW: Delores (Walker) Hummel, Doreen (Walker) Dillman,
Marie (Vollmuth) Bigger

BACK ROW: George Schaeffer, Robert Waliser, Gloria (Pack)
Walker, John Volk, Sharon Bigger, James Walker



Family with the most Children
attending Selfridge High

Mr. & Mrs. George W. Walker



The Award given for the most
Graduating Family Members

Mike Waliser Sr. Family
(Joe Waliser Accepting Award)



Three Generations of Selfridge Graduates
Alfred Pack (Father) Gloria Walker (Daughter) Gayle Walker (Granddaughter)



Oldest Married
Classmates
Mr. & Mrs. Anton Klein
Class of 1956



Youngest Married
Classmates
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Blotske
Class of 1969

Alfred Pack Accepting his Awards
for the Longest Serving Janitor
for Selfridge High School.





Shame, Shame Ted Walker,
Peeking in the girls room.



Naughty, Naughty Jim Vollmuth,
Smoking in the boys room.



Most recent female graduate
Marcia Wingerter
Class of 1980

Most recent Male graduate
Arlynne Walker
Class of 1980



Selfridge Students becoming
Selfridge Teachers
Linda (Fleck) Rummel
John Fleck

Pictures were unavailable for these awards

Persons coming the Longest Distance to the reunion were awarded a trophy: Tony and Delores (Bunning) Volk of Stockton, California

Person with a Birthday during our reunion: Lucille (Haider) Borchert

Couple celebrating their anniversary during our reunion:
Tony and Julie (Bachmeier) Klein

The "Fun Award" of a jump rope with bells went to Robert Feist for skipping school.



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The local business men and the city of Selfridge donated money towards a fire-works display. Dana Walker, Jim Walker and Doug Van Daalen did a nice job of setting off the fire-works to light the night sky with spectacular colors. Everyone became childlike with their Oh's and Ah's.



Oomp pah pah,Oomp pah pah!!



Energetic young



Conservative elders

"S T R E E T D A N C E"

The beginning of the end of a long, and nostalgic day was the street dance held at the main intersection of town. The music appealed to both the energetic young and the more conservative elders.

The dance was such a success that twice donations were taken from the participants to encourage the band members to stay a bit longer. The reunited school chums and long-time friends literally "danced till dawn". Several instances of "worn out soles" were caused by the enthusiastic dancers.

The party of merrymakers finally straggled home one-by-one, two-by-two, and group-by-group at 5 o'clock in the morning.

Now That's

"A Good Time!"

OTHER WEEKEND FUNCTIONS



Several other organizations helped put the "finishing touches" on our weekend. The Christian Mothers Society served a brunch on Saturday morning at the K C Hall, the Selfridge Jay Cee Chapter sponsored a demolition derby on Sunday afternoon and The Senior Citizens Silver and Gold Club hosted a picnic at the city park.





*Class
Pictures*

A schedule of class pictures was pretty much adhered to by photographer Dwayne Walker. The alumni float of the miniature 1926 schoolhouse was such a favorite of everyone, that it was pulled to the high school and used as a backdrop for the class pictures. Evidence of much teasing, joking and old memories can be seen on the faces in the following pages of the class pictures.



Class of 1929

Elsie (Rott) Wholley
Margaret Smestad (Wife)
Lloyd Smestad



Class of 1932

Herbert Rott
Della (Slater) Feist



Class of 1933

Clarence Hanna (husband)
Margaret (Weigel) Hanna



Class of 1933 & 1939

John Merchant 1933
Rose (Blotske) Kraft 1939



Class of 1934

Gladys (Lorentsen) Jochim



Class of 1935

Margaret (Pack) Willette



Class of 1936

Alfred pack
Viola (Rott) Tuntland
Joseph Bartole



Class of 1940

Bill Weigel
Anna (Wingerter) Coyle



Class of 1941

Ann (Bartole) Umber
Eva (Kronberger) Sedevie



Class of 1946

Bernice (Oster) Lemley
Marjorie (Hinton) Cain
Lucille (Haider) Borchert
Lois (Brunning) Walker



Class of 1942

Frances (Wingerter) Barrett
Rynold "Ray" Fleck
Shirley Krosch



Class of 1947

Elizabeth (Wuitschick) Kraft
Agnes (Silbernagel) Volk
Delores (Schaeffer) Fiechtner
Ray Kraft



Class of 1948

Charles Snyder
Eva (Laintz) Kelsch
Verne Fiechtner
Delores (Bunning) Volk
George Meisel



Class of 1950

Marvin Fiechtner



Class of 1953

Helen (Feist) Holzer
Richard Vollmuth
Joan (McGregor) Feist



Class of 1954

Bette (Volk) Ternes
Emma (Oster) Bitz
Mary (Waliser) Vollmuth
John Fleck



Class of 1955

Delores (Fleck) Aman
Margaret (Kraft) Jochim



Class of 1956

Jim Vollmuth
Tony Klein
Maggie (Oster) Hlavinka
Julie (Bachmeier) Klein
Mary Jane (Kraft) Seidel
Herman Walker



Class of 1957

Janice (McGregor) Schneider
Virginia (Wuitschick) Walker
Albert Kraft
Norma (Schaeffer) Linder



Class of 1958

Myron Hummel
Elsie (Oster) Vetter
Alfred Pack Jr.
Sharon (Lauinger) Holsinger
Ted Walker
George Becker
Franklin Cerney



Class of 1961

Larry Kraft
Shirley (Haman) Inman
Jake Kraft



Class of 1959

George Schaeffer
Marie (Vollmuth) Bigger
John Volk
Gloria (Pack) Walker
Doreen (Walker) Dillman
Bob Waliser
Delores (Walker) Hummel
Sharon Bigger
Jim Walker



Class of 1962

Victor Kraft
Judy (Lauinger) Stevens



Class of 1960

Larry Morgen
Sharon (McGregor) Huber
Marie (Kraft) Schmidt
Freda (Oster) Lambert
Ray Feist



Class of 1963

Darlene (Haman) Yanover
Dave Walker
Loretta (Feist) Friedt
Kenneth Wingerter
Julianna Kraft



Class of 1964

George Vollmuth
Caroline (Haider) Waliser
Victor Wingerter
Betty (Wuitschick) Mattern
Alvin Kraft



Class of 1965

Jack Feist
Patty (Waliser) Thinnnes
Leo Feist
Dwayne Schell
Donna (Hummel) Hellman
Linda (Fleck) Rummel
Dwayne Walker



Class of 1966

Charlotte (Walker) Rorhrich
Clayton Feist
Geraldine Mosset
Nick Vollmuth



Class of 1967

Leonard Feist
Ronald Hepper
John Bonagofsky
Betty (Blotske) Long
Donald Wingerter
Amy (Kraft) Lindquist



Class of 1968

Gordon McGregor
Charlene (Walker) Block
Sherri (Oster) Morris
Tim Schell



Class of 1969

Allen Blotske
Janice (Wingerter) Kraft
Judy (Fleck) Johner
Christina (Kraft) Krueger
James Blotske
JoAnn (Wingerter) Blotske
Geraldine (Mosset) Pleinis
Gary Wuitschick
Jerry Blotske



Class of 1970

John Mosset
Janice (Oster) Neidringhaus
Lyla (Schell) Miller
Cynthia (Kraft) Feist
Gary Jochim
Bob Feist
Arlene (Kraft) Walch



Class of 1971

Dale Heinen
Jerry Walker
Ronald Waliser
Eddie Mosset



Class of 1972

Pam (Walker) Eckroth
Donna (Wuitschick) Gates
Roger Mosset
Eugene Farstad
Kathy Bonagofsky



Class of 1973

Corla (Walker) Weigel
Dennis Heinen
Charlene Werner



Class of 1974

Lucille (Weigel) Kraft
Maynard Walker
Gloria (Kraft) Farstad
Valerie (Farstad) Vigil



Class of 1975

Patricia Heinen
Felice Fergel
Judy (Hepper) Becker



Class of 1976

Cindy Hepper
Rodney Walker
Jolene (Werner) Vollmuth



Class of 1978

Donald Feist Jr.
Mike Walker
LaVonne Schell
Jackie Mosset
Marty Schneider



Class of 1980

Deborah (Thomas) Johner
Arlynne Walker
Marcia Wingerter
Merle Walker
Glenda Kraft

Carol Whipple

Coral Gayton



John Fleck
1974-1977



Selfridge Teachers
Attending the
1981
All School Reunion

May Hinton
1939-1969

Martha Froelich



Kathy Kraft
1973-1976



Glen Dorr 1968-1974



Linda Rummel 1974-1978



Lyle Altringer 1972-1978



1948 District 31 Champions



Girls Basketball Team
Who's the girl in the back row?



Alumni and Friends



More Alumni and Friends



Class of When?



Oster Girls

ODDS

and

ENDS



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and

PIECES



AFTER HOURS



"F I N I S H I N G T O U C H E S"

It takes all kinds of people with all kinds of courage and talent to step forth so a school of such small size can celebrate successfully a reunion such as the 1981 All School Reunion.

Our reunion was made possible as a result of many long and at times, frustrating hours of work by a small group of people. I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to Cindy and Leo Feist, Nick and Norine Vollmuth, Judy and Pat Becker, Jim and Judith Walker, Larry and Peggy Morgen and Ed and Verna Mosset. These people are as fine a group I've ever had the opportunity to work with. I hope you will show your appreciation for the work they so willingly did, by saying "Thanks" the next time you see them. And last, but by far not least, I wish to thank my wife Corrine, for being so patient and understanding of my long hours away from home, and for all of the help she so willingly gave also.

I hope someone will again someday have the ambition and dedication of the people I mentioned above.

Sincerely,

Gary Jochim, President
1981 Alumni Committee



"BEHIND THE SCENES"



With appreciation we acknowledge the following
businesses who contributed financially to our
All School Reunion.

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John's Super Valu
Selfridge Cheese Co.
Joe Hartman
Farmer's Union Oil Co.
Mandan Security Bank
Hepper Oil Co.
Volk's Welding and Repair
Rohr's Dairy Store

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