

# Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society Newsletter

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## Class Reunions

Every ten years, as summertime nears,  
An announcement arrives in the mail,  
A reunion is planned; it'll be really grand;  
Make plans to attend without fail.

I'll never forget the first time we met;  
We tried so hard to impress.  
We drove fancy cars, smoked big cigars,  
And wore our most elegant dress.

It was quite an affair; the whole class was there.  
It was held at a fancy hotel.  
We wined, and we dined, and we acted refined,  
And everyone thought it was swell.

The men all conversed about who had been first  
To achieve great fortune and fame.  
Meanwhile, their spouses described their fine houses  
And how beautiful their children became.

The homecoming queen, who once had been lean,  
Now weighed in at one-ninety-six.  
The jocks who were there had all lost their hair,  
And the cheerleaders could no longer do kicks.

No one had heard about the class nerd  
Who'd guided a spacecraft to the moon;  
Or poor little Jane, who's always been plain;  
She married a shipping tycoon.

The boy we'd decreed "most apt to succeed"  
Was serving ten years in the pen,  
While the one voted "least" now was a priest;  
Just shows you can be wrong now and then.

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### General Meetings:

Fourth Thursday of April, June, September, and November at 7:00 PM

### Executive Meetings:

Second Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, and November  
at 3:00 PM.

Both are held at the Genealogy Library, 412 Felix, St. Joseph, MO.

Society members are welcome to attend Board Meetings.

Members and public are welcome at General Meetings.

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This newsletter is published four times a year by the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society. It is a medium for the exchange of information between members. Readers are encouraged to submit articles. All contributions will be considered. Suggestions and criticisms are also welcome. Write: Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 382, St. Joseph, MO 64502, or phone (816)233-0524. The editors reserve the right to make editorial changes in manuscripts, which they believe will improve the material without altering the intended meaning. The opinions expressed in this periodical do not necessarily represent the view of the Northwest Missouri Genealogical society or its officers. Articles represent the author's opinions and ideas and do not necessarily have official sanction nor does inclusion here represent approval or recommendation.

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**General Meeting:** The Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society will hold their Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 6:30pm at the Society's Library, 412 Felix in St. Joseph, MO. There will be a brief business meeting and the election of officers. The rest of the evening will be a tasting fair of family recipes, some old and some new. Everyone is invited to participate. Bring a generous amount of your recipe plus the recipe written out on paper plus the name of the person who first made it and some interesting anecdote about that person. The anecdote does not need to be related to the recipe. Recipes and stories will be published in the next issue of the Journal.

The June program for the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society will be stories written by the members and shared with those attending the meeting. Please make these stories about an ancestor whose life has not already been published in the Journal. Stories can also be about a collateral ancestor if you prefer. We plan to make a special issue of the Journal featuring family stories plus the recipes and anecdotes from the April meeting. If you are too far away to attend the June meeting on the 26th send your story to: Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society, PO Box 382, St Joseph, MO 64502 and mark it "Attn. Sarah Waugh." All of these stories will make interesting reading and who knows you might find a brand-new cousin you didn't know you had.

#### **Show Me the Nation's Records**

"Show Me the Way to Our Nation's Records" is the annual NGS Conference in the States and Family History Fair in Kansas City, MO. May 14 - 17, 2008. This conference will feature record types from across the country. Program topics include Adoption research, African American research, BCG skill building track, Computer topics, DNA lectures, Genealogical essentials, German research, Homesteading records, Land records, Midwest topics, Migration topics, National Archives records, Writing lectures, Native American lectures, Military records, Methodology, and a variety of workshops amongst many others. The full program will be available online shortly. You can go to [www.NGSgenealogy.org](http://www.NGSgenealogy.org) for more information and online attendee registration.

#### **New Shirts Are Now at the Library**

We now have the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society shirts and tote bags for sale at the library. The tee shirts are dark green and we have added a new color, plum. The tee shirts are \$8.00 each. We also have the tote bags, which are natural with dark green lettering. They are \$7.00 each. We also have a few dark green sweatshirts for \$11.00.

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## From the Librarian

The library reopened March 4 after being closed since mid December. It is a good thing we closed in January and February as we had many snow and ice storms this winter. Our volunteers would have had a tough time getting to work. In the winter a year ago I was able to get to the library almost every week to mend books, check email, and research. This winter I planned to do the same but those plans were hampered by the weather. So I, for one, am extremely happy to see winter end.

With the arrival of warmer weather the city has resumed the streetscape work in front of the library. They are replacing sidewalks. So we have lots of large machinery, loud noise, and plenty of dust. The street has been closed to traffic at times and library visitors who park in the public garage need to be cautious in crossing the street. Currently, they are replacing the sidewalk across the street but will be replacing the one in front of the building also. That should prove interesting. Library users will probably have to come in the back door.

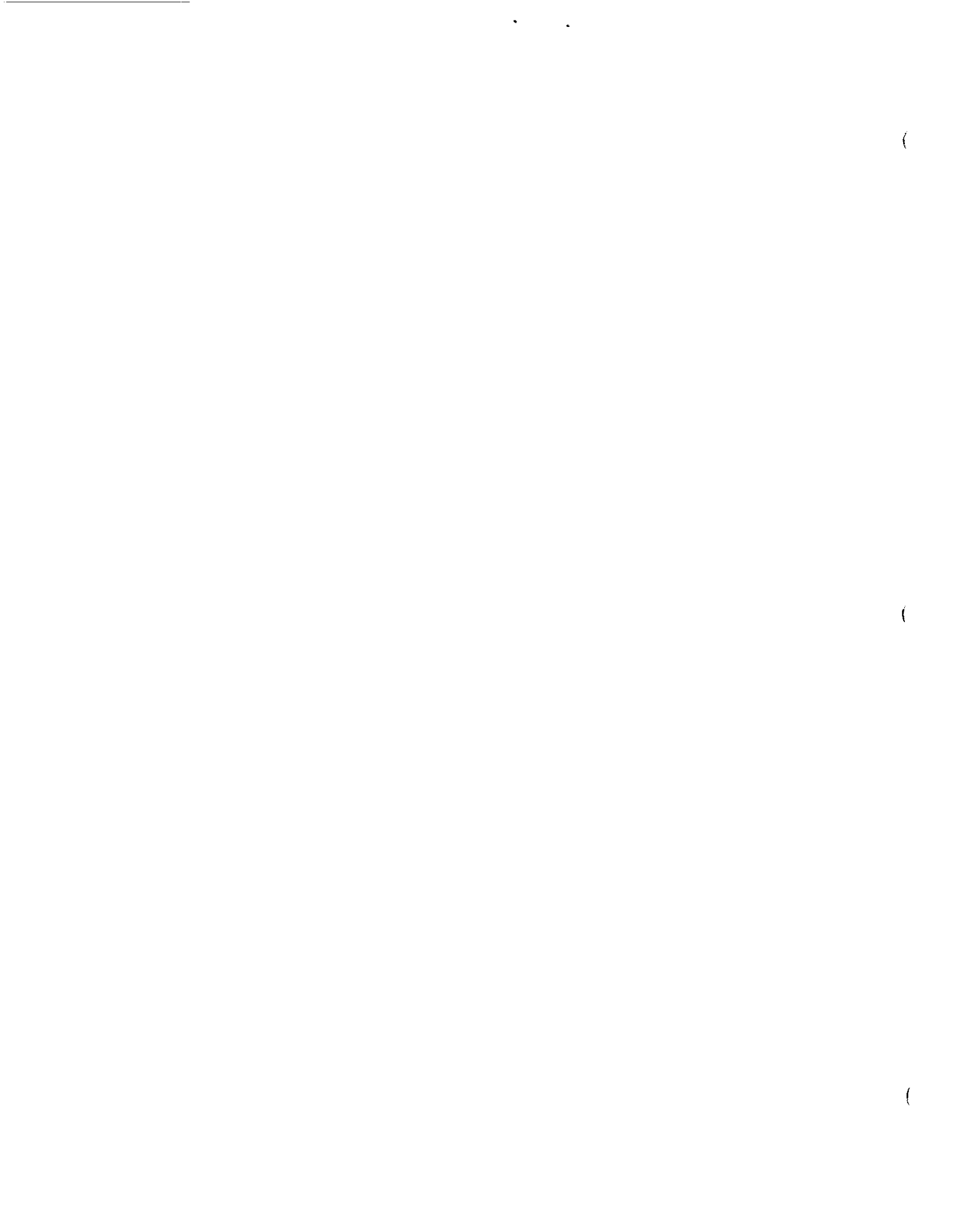
Last summer when the city was working on street repairs, the vibrations of the heavy pounding caused one of our windows to crack. We had the window replaced. The large windows have the lower parts painted green to afford some privacy but the new one, of course, was all clear. It felt like living in a fishbowl. A business was contacted to "paint" the lower part of the window to make it match the others and it is now green. It looks very nice.

I am very happy that Ken Cox is back at the library volunteering. He had surgery during the winter. We all are pleased that he feels good. We rely on him for his knowledge and all the tasks he does for the society.

Returning as volunteer librarians are Sarah Waugh, Carol Almanza, Deloris Foster, Sheila Thompson, John Hutchcraft, Phyllis Heath, and Juanita Haskins. Joining our group of volunteers is Datha Dillon who volunteered to work at the library for two hours each on Wednesday and Thursday.

Several of us are working on the journal. Due to a series of unfortunate events, the October 2007 journal has not been published. The journal editor has turned the project over to the board members. The plan is to go ahead and publish the October 2007 journal. Then we will work on the first journal for 2008. Hopefully, we can get back on schedule by end of the year. As just a reader of the journal, I never thought about how it was compiled or the details of publishing it. I knew it was a big project requiring a lot of time and skill. Actually helping with the journal and seeing all that it involves has given me even greater respect for all the people who have been journal editors. Anita has been the journal editor all the years I've been a NWMGS member. So to Anita and to the editors of NWMGS journal before her and to everyone else who works on the journals that I've read and learned from, I say thank you so very much for your work.

Connie McCoy





## President's Corner

Well spring is finally here, we hope. We are looking forward to a busy spring and summer at the society. We have a new volunteer here. We want to welcome Datha Dillon on board. She will be here on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

We have four night meetings each year and the turn out is not what it should be. If you live here in the area we urge you to try to make it to the meetings. There is always an interesting program. An added bonus is a potluck supper in April and November.

Remember, this is your Genealogical Society.

John Hutchcraft,  
President NWMGS

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### Class Reunion con.

They awarded a prize to one of the guys  
Who seemed to have aged the least.  
Another was given to the grad who had driven  
The farthest to attend the feast.

They took a class picture, a curious mixture  
Of beehives, crewcuts and wide ties.  
Tall, short, or skinny, the style was the mini;  
You never saw so many thighs.

At our next get-together, no one cared whether  
They impressed their classmates or not.  
The mood was informal, a whole lot more normal;  
By this time we'd all gone to pot.

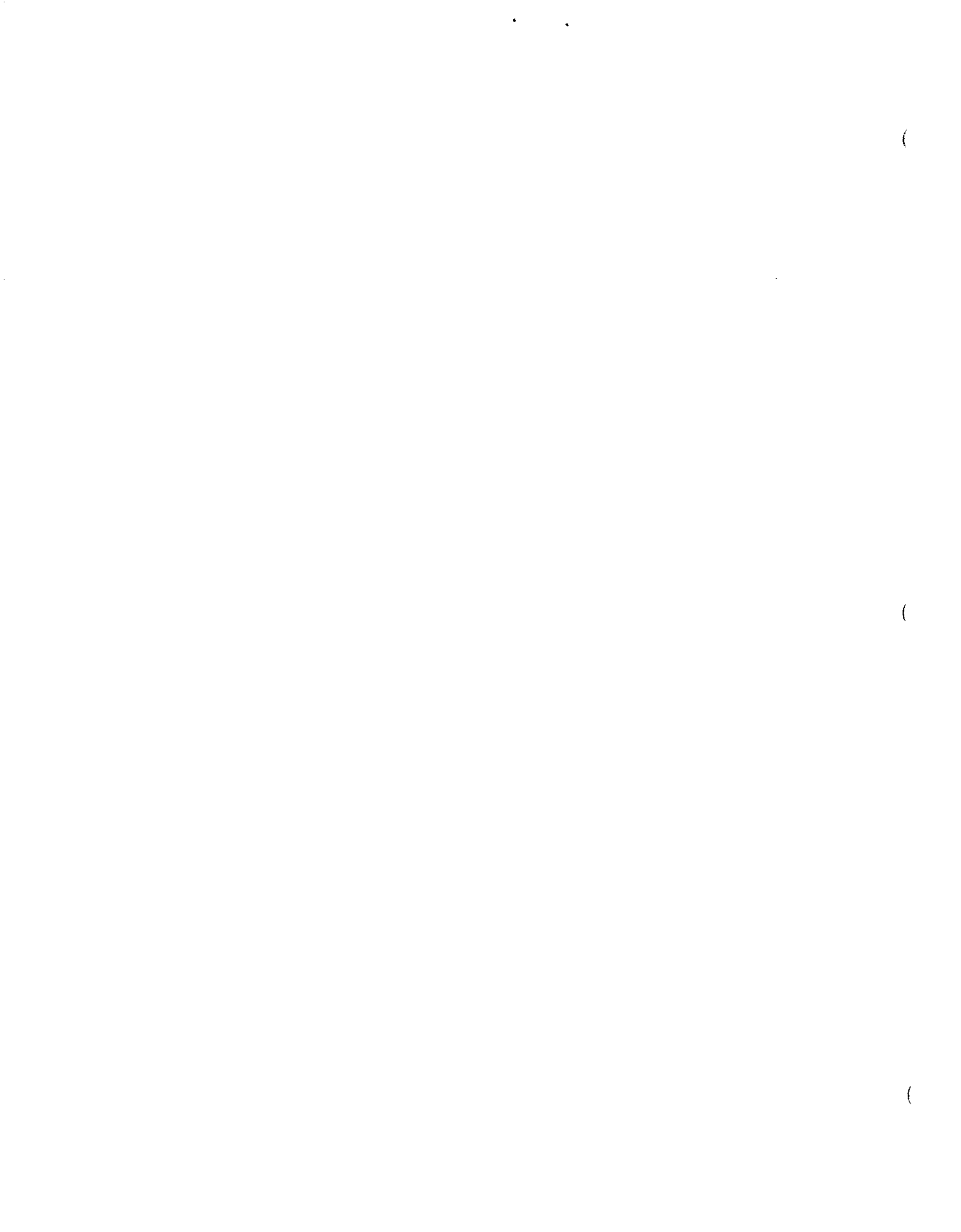
It was held out-of-doors, at the lake shores;  
We ate hamburgers, coleslaw, and beans.  
Then most of us lay around in the shade,  
In our comfortable T-shirts and jeans.

By the fortieth year, it was abundantly clear,  
We were definitely over the hill.  
Those who weren't dead had to crawl out of bed,  
And be home in time for their pill.

And now I can't wait as they've set the date;  
Our fiftieth is coming, I'm told.  
It should be a ball, they've rented a hall  
At the Shady Rest Home for the old.

Repairs have been made on my old hearing aid;  
My pacemaker's been turned up on high.  
My wheelchair's oiled, and my teeth have been boiled;  
And I've bought a new wig and glass eye.

I'm feeling quite hearty; I'm ready to party,  
I'll dance until dawn's early light.  
It'll be lots of fun; and I hope at least one  
Other person can make it that night. ---- Author Unknown



## Donations

Kenneth Cox	Manx Worthies
Jim & Betty Jennings	Browning, MO yearbooks
	"Eagles Nest" 1957, 1959, 1963, 1964
Dora & Clarence Miller	
& Family	Photographs & Snapshots
Library	Postcards from the Past
Connie McCoy	Computer hard drive
Phyllis Heath	Computer Monitor

## Monetary Donations

James Bradley -- Westmoreland, KS  
Margaret Rausch -- St Joseph, MO  
St Joseph, MO Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution  
Mary Ann Morahan -- Anchorage, AK  
Kenneth Cox -- St Joseph, MO

## New Members

Beverly Rourke -- PO Box 1088 -- Fairplay, CO 80440  
Sydney Fuentes -- 3 Pino Place -- Sante Fe, NM 87508

**Members:** Please check the label on your newsletter to see when your membership expires. In order to keep your newsletter and Journal coming, please mail your dues in before the expiration date.

Annual Dues are: \$15.00 -- in the USA  
\$20.00 -- in Canada and Mexico  
\$25.00 -- in other countries

Enclose a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) if you want a membership card returned to you by mail.

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## Yearbooks Needed

We are looking for yearbooks. If you have any of the following and would like to donate them to the library, please let us know:

### St. Joseph, MO. / Central High School (Wakitan)

any before 1890	1959
1895 through 1898	1961
1910	1963
1921	1964
1927	1969
1945	1972
1946	1975
1952	any after 1975
1954 through 1957	

### St. Joseph, MO. Lafayette High School (The Oak)

any before 1920	1967 through 1969
1923 through 1928	1972
1935 through 1941	1975
1943	1978
1950	1979
1953 through 1962	any after 1980

### St. Joseph, MO. Benton High School (Wahwahlanawah)

any before 1911	1949
1912 through 1919	1960
1921	1961
1922	1962
1924 through 1928	1963
1932	1966
1933	1967
1942	1974
1943	1977 and any after

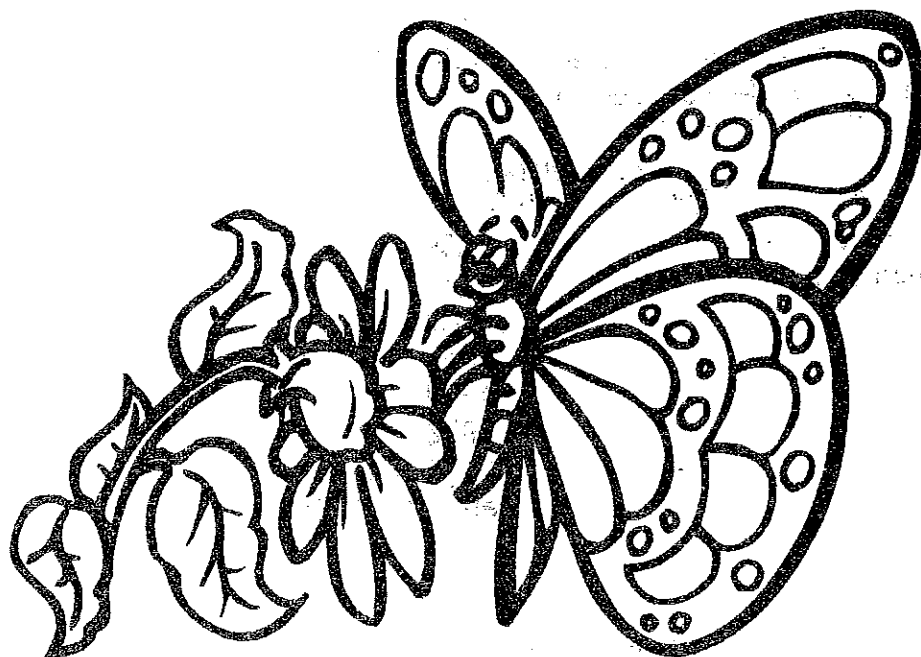
Sacred Heart (Allons)  
any except 1951 and 1953

Donations of the missing years would be gratefully accepted.

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