

THE FORREST ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION
JANUARY 2014
NEWSLETTER

HALLOWEEN
IN
CHAPEL HILL

Here in Tullahoma, Halloween came and went without a great deal of daring or youthful spiritedness; however, I'm reminded every October 31st about Halloween nights long ago in Chapel Hill. Back then, a great deal went on in town and down at the schoolhouse. There were the typical youngsters "trick or treating" early in the evening, but after nightfall, the older boys would congregate for a bit of fun and friendly mischief."

Uptown, there was the usual throwing of pieces of smashed pumpkins and eggs, rolling of yards, and soaping car windows, but things were happening down at old Forrest too!!

Boys, busy as ants, would be dragging up old farm machinery and implements, an occasional junk car, worn out lawn furniture, used tires, bales of hay and things only one could imagine. The collection was piled against the building and on the front steps. There were years when a wagon might be disassembled on the ground, the pieces hoisted up and reassembled on the roof. A pretty amazing feat!

The next morning everyone would marvel at the creativity and ingenuity of those "spooks." Mr. Barnes would pull boys out of class (mostly the transgressors) to clean up the mess. They worked just as diligently getting things back in order. All would be forgiven until the next Halloween.

Now with a Chapel Hill police presence, school security monitoring, and outdoor lighting, Halloween night in Chapel Hill will never closely resemble

those of years past ---and that's probably for the best. It's a bygone era, but still remembered well by those who witnessed it!

John Rickman
FHS Alumni President

(Editor's Observation is that Johnny seems to have "witnessed" an awful lot! Hmmm!)

FORREST ALUMNI
FIFTH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Saturday – FEBRUARY 8, 2014

Where: Forrest School

Time: Event opens at 6:00 P.M.

Light meal before game

Game starts at 7:00 P.M.

What: There will be ten rounds of ten questions. There is no minimum number on a team but there is a maximum of six on each team. A ticket will be given for each dollar donated to the scholarship fund and drawings for door prizes will take place between rounds.

Why: Scholarship Fund

Call Marion Joyce, Brenda Brown, or Johnny Rickman if you would like to donate a door prize or sponsor a team. PLEASE encourage friends and family to participate. You can access an entry form at the following site

<http://www.forrestalumni.com/upcoming-events.html>

Or you can fill out the following form and mail it to Marion.

Team # _____

Team Number will be filled in by committee.

**February 8, 2014 Forrest School
Game begins at 7:00 P.M.**

Team Members: Maximum of six (6)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Team Contact: Please include phone number.

The cost for each team is sixty dollars.
There is a maximum of six members per
team, but there is no minimum number per
team.

Please mail entry form to: Marion Joyce
506 Depot St.
Chapel Hill, TN 37034

MUSIC AND MEMORIES

For twenty years (1946-1966) Forrest School was blessed with the sound of music thanks to a special teacher, Mrs. Sara Edmonds Barnes. Mrs. Barnes was the wife of Principal Earl Barnes and a talented piano and voice teacher. She brought joy through music to students from the first to the twelfth grades.

Mrs. Barnes gave private piano lessons during the school day in her room across from the principal's office. This was a unique arrangement with students leaving class once a week for a thirty-minute

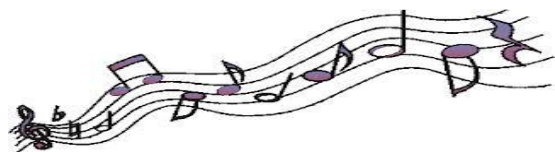
lesson. Early in the school year, Mrs. Barnes would select for each student a recital piece to be practiced, memorized, and "perfectly" played. In 1956, piano students were Jimmy Lou Hedgecoth, Betty, Jane, and Virginia Warner, Juanita Beasley, Carol Brannon, Shirley Darnell, Lawrence Haynes, Kay Palmore, Nancy Kincaid, Deana Brown, Bobby Jean Gault, Marie Roberts, Janice Hickman, Beth Trout, Carolyn Spencer, and Mary Johns Rickman.

Mrs. Barnes and another music teacher, Mrs. Willie Biggers, taught and directed a Kiddie Rhythm Band for first, second, and third grade students. In 1958, about forty children were in the Band. In May, the piano and rhythm band students performed in a recital. The auditorium would be full of proud parent, family, and friends.

Mrs. Barnes volunteered her vocal and piano talents for many occasions. At weekly chapel programs we frequently sang patriotic and folksongs with her accompaniment. She played beautiful music for fashion shows, beauty pageants and operettas. Each year she played and organized a high school girls' chorus for graduation. In addition to these school events, Mrs. Barnes was the pianist/organist/vocalist at the Chapel Hill Methodist Church for many years.

Many of our alumni have fond memories of Mrs. Barnes. I know I do – I took piano lessons from her for nine years. She had no children of her own, but she loved and cared for us, her Forrest School students. Thank you, Mrs. Barnes, for enriching our lives with music.

Mary Johns Rickman Major
Class of 1958



**KNOWN FHS DEATHS SINCE
AUGUST**

**Ricky Howell
Tommy Brown
Eddie Blackwell
Lillian Calvert Leonard
Nora Carlton
Mary Sheffield
Anna Ruth Orr London
Sara Ferguson Nelson**

Anyone wishing to publish an article in
the summer edition can send it to
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Since you have received this newsletter, you are a member of the Forrest Alumni Association. If you are a person who makes New Year's resolutions, please include a resolution to be more active with the association in the coming year. This would be a great time to invite a classmate who is not a member of the association to join! If you have not been to the August banquet in the past few years, send in that registration! Come and play trivia with us in February or tee up for golf in August. You'll be surprised how much fun you can have! Hopefully, you are already involved, but if not, we want to see you soon! Forrest High, All Hail!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

**August 2, 2014
Annual Forrest Alumni Banquet
Honoring Classes
Of '64 and '89**

The 2014 Forrest Alumni Reunion will be the first weekend in August. The golf tournament will be Friday August 1st and the reunion and dinner will be Saturday, August 2nd. Make this your "yearly pilgrimage" to Chapel Hill for the purpose of meeting again with old friends.

For Henry Horton Park Inn reservations, call 1-800-250-8612 or visit www.tnstateparks.com

**FHS Alumni Association
Membership Dues Form –
Dates of Membership: July 1 to
June 30**

Name _____
Class of _____
Spouse's Name _____
Class of _____
Address _____

Phone _____
City, State, Zip _____

- Yearly Membership:**
Single \$10 Couple \$15
- Lifetime (under 60)**
Single \$140 Couple \$175
- Lifetime (over 60)**
Single \$85 Couple \$100

Make check payable to *FHS Alumni Association* – send form and check to:

**Jim Rickman
1744 McBride Road
Lewisburg, TN 37091**



**FHS Alumni Association
Scholarship Fund Donation Form**

- I desire to support the FHS Alumni Scholarship Fund with a one-time gift of \$_____.
- I desire to donate \$_____ in memory of _____
- I desire to donate \$_____ in honor of _____

Name (please print) _____
Class of _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

Please include the name and address of the person to notify of your donation.

Make check payable to *FHS Alumni Scholarship Fund* – send form and check to:

**Jimmie Lee
103 Crosby Drive
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