

Clifton Hill School Reunion held

By Oreta Clemens

The 17th annual Clifton Hill School Reunion was held May 27 at the Westran Middle School. The tables were decorated with purple and white balloons which were the school colors. Mrs. T.D.

Donaldson of Kansas City was the decorator. Eula Burton Hill registered the guests.

A delicious meal was served at the noon hour by the Pastry Palace from Salisbury.

Officers for the year were Virginia Harris, president; William Lee Harris, vice president; and Barbara Roling, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Harris opened the meeting and welcomed the guests. Vergal Shives Jr. of Jasper, Texas gave the table blessing.

The pledge of allegiance was given by the group. "America" was sung with Lucy Vaughn at the piano and Joyce Glaser leading the singing.

Mrs. Roling gave the roll call which included graduates from 1928 to 1956.

Mrs. Harris read a letter from Willard Eugene Morrissy, Omaha, Nebraska who was unable to attend the reunion and she told of a telephone call from Max Metzger, who was also unable to attend.

All of the teachers were recognized. Vera Forbes, a former teacher, spoke about her home town and her teaching experiences.

Oreta Clemens received a gift for being the oldest graduate, having received her Clifton Hill diploma in 1928.

Ronnie Shives, Texas City, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Henderson of Mesa, Arizona were recognized for traveling the longest distances to attend.

Mrs. Clemens presented the memorial service. She reported the deaths of Nadine Brockman Tillerson of Macon, Norma Janie Riddell Mangus, Lakewood, Colorado, William Jordan, Clifton Hill, Wanda Anna Wright Dowell, Dubuque, Iowa, and a memorial service which was held for Wynn Sutter Rutledge at the Trinity Methodist Church in Moberly. She closed with a poem and a prayer.

A song "Purple and White"

which was written by Marjorie Hill Jarvis, a 1928 graduate, was sung by the group.

Ruth Stenton Wilson of Springfield gave a history of the Clifton Hill School which had been written by the late E.A. Eubank.

A show and tell program was given by Betty McAdams Mayo of Huntsville and Wade E. Dunivent of Nixa.

Plans were made to have the next reunion on May 26, 2002 and to serve a catered meal. This year's officers were re-elected.

A drawing was held for the table decorations and "Old Lang Syne" was the closing song followed by the benediction by Vergal Shives Jr.

Those attending were William Lee and Virginia Harris, and Jim and Katie Preston of Columbia; George and Barbara Roling, Mary C. Mott, Josephine Baker, Ruth Fotovich, Oreta Clemens, George and Eula Hill and Charles and Danita Eagan, Clifton Hill; Charles and Martha Morris, Jefferson City; Frank and Jane Enderle, Dalton; Hillary Abbadessa, Kirksville;

Betty Mayo, Huntsville; Vera Mae Forbes, Belton; Dorothy Bagby, Mary Evelyn Minor, Forest and Beth Brown, and Lloyd Thompson, Moberly; Gene and Ruby Fern Thompson, Macon; Mary Lee Cochran and Clinton Cochran, Jacksonville; Wade Dunivent, Nixa; Teri Thompson De Rous, Independence; Ron Shives, Texas City, Texas; V.P. Shives, Jr., Jasper, Texas; Thelma Bryan, Edwin and Mary Kimbrough, and Don and Joyce Glaser, Huntsville; Wes and Mary Birch Schuman, T.D. and Georganne Donaldson, Kansas City;

Lucy Vaughn and Ruby Penrod, Salisbury; Gene and Sally Henderson, Mesa, Arizona; Hugh and Georgia Hardgrove, Eldon; Laura Beygman, St. Charles; Robert and Sue Graves, Sturgeon; and Wilbert and Ruth Wilson, Springfield.



Vera Fidler Forbes of Belton was speaker at the Clifton Hill School Reunion when she told of highlights of her teaching career and said her education at Clifton Hill had always served her well.



Oreta Christy Clemens of Clifton Hill was presented a gift for representing the earliest class of Clifton Hill graduates-1928.

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A GIFT was presented to Sally and Gene Henderson of Mesa, Arizona for traveling the greatest distance to attend the Clifton Hill School Reunion. They are shown seated with George Roling of Clifton Hill.



A SHOW AND TELL TIME at the Clifton Hill School Reunion on Sunday was led by Wade Dunivent of Nixa (at microphone) and Betty McAdams Mayo of Huntsville. Pictured at right are this year's officers Virginia Eubank Harris, and W.L. Harris of Columbia and Barbara Shives Roling of Clifton Hill.



Ruth Stenton Wilson and her husband, Wilbert, of Springfield are pictured at this year's Clifton Hill School Reunion when Mrs. Wilson gave a history of the school and recalled many memories.

