

Graduates from several decades attend

Clifton Hill School Reunion



GIFTS WERE PRESENTED to Clifton Hill alumni who traveled a distance to attend the seventh annual reunion. Shown above are Ruth Stenton Wilson and her husband, Wilbert Wilson, of Mission Viejo, Calif. who have attended all the reunions and look forward to the annual trek. Alumni secretary Betty Mayo presented them with a special gift.



AN IOWA COUPLE came to attend the school reunion with recognition to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fitzwater of Moulton, Ia. who were among the persons traveling a distance to attend the 1990 event.



ATTENDING FROM NEARBY STATES was an honor shared by Laverna Kruse (right) of Prairie Grove, Ark. and Mary Louise Morrissy, Omaha, Neb. (center) shown as Betty Mayo presented their gifts.



CELEBRATING THEIR 60th YEAR since graduating from Clifton Hill High School was a memorable time for three of the four graduates who were in the class of 1930--from left--Helen Bybee Mayo, Clifton Hill; Carrie Lee Baker Young, Hardin; and Marv Ann Potter Shores, Moharlv



RECOGNIZED AS THE OLDEST GRADUATE of Clifton Hill School Reunion on Sunday was Frances Ryle Skillen of Fayette, a former pupil and teacher. The honor came as a surprise to the graduate in 1922 who said she "didn't consider herself that old."

New officers were elected when the seventh Clifton Hill School Reunion was held on Sunday at the Westran Middle School in Clifton Hill. Gene Henderson will be 1991 president; Barbara Shives Noel, vice president; and Betty McAdams Mayo, secretary and treasurer. Presiding at the business meeting which followed the carry-in meal was Mary Evelyn Minor, who served as president the past three years. Mrs. Noel and Mrs. McAdams served in their same offices this past year.

Mrs. Mayo led a memorial service for Clifton Hill students or teachers who had died since the last reunion: Elaine Milam Buck, Nannie Catherine Malone, L.B. Vaughan, Frances J. Malone, Tom C. Morrissy, and Minnie Friday Hagar. Mrs. McAdams also read an article describing the changes in the world for persons born after 1941. Zoa Ehrhardt Rafferty read several poems on the humorous views of aging.

Plans were made to meet again on the Sunday before Memorial Day, 1991.

Special tribute given

The Clifton Hill Alumni Association



RECALLING SCHOOL DAYS AT CLIFTON HILL is an annual event anticipated by Joe T. Patton of Higginsville who is a strong supporter of the reunion which is held on Memorial weekend. Mr. Patton gave the table blessing for this year's event.

will present a plaque to one of its members, Nadine Benton of Tulsa, Okla., who has recently retired as a staff member of the Boston Avenue United Methodist Church of Tulsa. Buddy Morrissy of Omaha, Neb., was ill and unable to attend the reunion on Sunday, but sent a plaque he had prepared to present to Miss Benton for her "courage, inspiration and service to others."

An article from the church pastor noted "Nadine Benton is an amazing person. Given a body that would need crutches all of its life, she was given a double portion of mind and heart. After working a normal lifetime for the Corps of Engineers, she came to help out her Avenue Church as a volunteer. Her temporary volunteering turned into 12 years of hard work. Now she is retiring a second time and moving to the Methodist Manor. We thank God for her many contributions."

Miss Benton was a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels as one of her activities, and in spite of her handicap had once driven alone from Tulsa to attend the school reunion. Eula Burton Hill reported that Miss Benton recently sustained a broken shoulder and is currently recuperating.

The group dismissed with a benediction by Mrs. Minor.