

# Aggie News

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## From The Editor:

Greetings Classmates,

With this issue of The Aggie News we have included a great article from 1948 that was sent to us by Director Olson.

The surveys that we have been publishing on the alumni web site continue to bring in some interesting data. On page 2 of this issue the surveys have been included for the benefit of those that do not have Internet access. If you have not submitted a form yet you can

use the one published here and mail it in. Some of those First Kiss & Most Embarrassing Moment stories have been hilarious. At some time in the future we will be publishing the results of these surveys.

Charlie Main Class of '56

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## Homemaking School Cookbook:

In our continuing effort to document the past history of Essex Aggie we would very much like to obtain a copy of the old cookbook that the girls used in their studies at the Homemaking School. If anyone out there still has the cookbook tucked away somewhere and could loan us a copy we could make a copy and add it to the Alumni Association historical archives. Once we have a copy on file we will also be able to make the book available to others. Contact Charlie Main at 643 Main Road, Phippsburg, ME 04562 [cmain@suscom-maine.net](mailto:cmain@suscom-maine.net) if you have one available.

## Reunions:

There is a strong possibility that there will be a multi decade reunion next year (September 2005) for the classes of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s.

We still have not had anyone from the 1960s volunteer to set up a decade reunion for those classes but hope remains that someone will do so.

## E-Mail Addresses:

Our list of alum with invalid e-mail addresses continues to grow larger. Please check the class roster on the alumni web site to verify that we have your correct address.

## First Kiss Survey

Many alumni had their first kiss at the school. Many of those first kisses were probably in different areas or buildings. By submitting this survey you can help us gather some interesting data on how many different places on the Aggie campus were used for experiencing those teenage kisses.

Was this your first kiss ever? (YES or NO or DON'T REMEMBER)	
Where did it take place? (INSIDE or OUTSIDE)	
If inside – what building?	
If outside – what area?	
Did you initiate the kiss? (YES or NO)	
Did you date the person? (YES or NO)	
Do you remember his/her name? (YES or NO)	
Did you marry him/her? (YES or NO)	
Your graduating class year?	
Male or Female?	
Comments? (Include a short story about your first kiss)	

## My Favorites Survey

Bringing back those cherished memories of our days at Essex Aggie  
What were your favorites during the high school years?

Graduating Class Year	
My favorite Movie	
My favorite Artist (Musical Artist or Group)	
My favorite Song	
My favorite Academic Subject	
My favorite Agricultural Subject	
My favorite Activity (Sports, Clubs, etc.)	
My favorite Teacher	
My favorite Hangout (The place you liked to go to hang out with friends)	
My favorite Crush (The boy or girl you liked the most)	
What I liked most about my school days	
What I liked least about my school days	
My most Embarrassing Moment	

## Major vs Occupation Survey

What was your Vocational Major and What Occupation did you end up with? This little survey will provide some interesting statistics comparing our major fields of study and the multitude of occupations that we all ended up with. Those that experienced several different occupations should list them all.

Graduating Class Year	
Your Name	
Your Major	
Your Occupation	

**Mail survey form to: Essex Aggie Alumni, 643 Main Road, Phippsburg, ME 04562**  
**Those who have web access can use the survey forms provided at the alumni web site.**  
**For those who have already submitted forms from the web site there is no need to submit this paper form**

## News From The Classes:

### Mary (Pennock) Day, Class of 1956

Hi everyone! I have officially retired effective May 14th, 2004...finally. I am also moving to Jackson, New Hampshire in June. I have been a radiographer/mammographer for 45 years and now it's time for new and exciting things. They say change is good. I won't miss the alarm clock going off at 5:30 every morning! I always look forward to the newsletter and hearing about old friends.

### D. Peter Muller, Class of 1957

Enlisted in the US Air Force in September 1957 and served four years in Limestone, Maine at Loring AFB. Received AS in Aeronautical Engineering from East Coast Aero Tech in 1963. Completed GE apprentice program in Lynn and following graduation worked in GE's Gemini Fuel Cell Division until 1968. Joined IBM's Microelectronics Division in Essex Junction, Vermont working there 34 years until retirement in January 2001. Worked in various management and staff positions in their Wafer Fabrication Equipment Engineering Group. I was fortunate to travel extensively for IBM to numerous US locations along with France, England, Germany, Japan and Singapore. I was also fortunate to have my wife Joyce accompany me on many of these assignments.

I married Joyce Anderson of Lynn, MA Jan. 1963 and had 3 children: Beth Ann who has her own property management company, David who is mfg. manager at IBM and Donald who also works at IBM in manufacturing management.

We are also fortunate to have 8 healthy, happy grandchildren age 6-15. We are also fortunate to have all children living in the immediate area.

Joyce and I are enjoying retirement with travel, golf, swimming, numerous crafts and of course spoiling grandchildren. I enjoy catching up on the goings on at Essex Aggie and would love to hear from classmates 54-57.

D. Peter Muller

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### Don Reynolds, Class of 1958



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Don Reynolds of Millis recently received the Millis Lions Club's President's Award.

## Millis Lions honor member with President's Award

MILLIS — Don Reynolds, a 33-year member of the Lion's Club of Millis, has received the club's President's Award.

Don was singled out for his outstanding and tireless civic work in helping to beautify the Town of Millis and making the town a more pleasant place to live.

He is particularly appreciated for the approximately 180 flowering pear trees located all over town. This is an ongoing project started five years ago. The spring blossoming trees will soon be showing forth their brilliant white display.

Reynolds is following the lead

of Lansing Millis, who in the late 1800's planted maple trees all around town, many of which have since died.

Reynolds was the superintendent at Glen Ellen Country Club in the 60's and 70's, and planted all of the trees that now line the holes. He retired in 1980 and was then cited for his hard work and dedication at Glen Ellen.

Reynolds is also appreciated for his work on the town clock and the benches in front of the Veteran's Memorial Building. He has been very active on Lions Club committees over the years and is much appreciated by his fellow Lions.

### Kimberly (Fitzgerald) True, Class of 1984

I would like to announce that the class of 1984 is now trying to get together a 20 year reunion. Please get the word out and let Fred Trecartin know at [fredze65@yahoo.com](mailto:fredze65@yahoo.com) Thanks.

## Deceased Classmates:

### John Coskery, Class of 1941

We heard from Cindi (Davis) Estabrooks '69 that John Coskery had passed away at the age of 83. Cindi lived in Newburyport while attending the Aggie and she reads the Newburyport Daily News on line and that's where she saw the obituary. She is now living in California.

### Stevan Downey, Class of 1963



Lieut. Stevan E. Downey, Age 58 of Lynn died on Tuesday in Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston following a courageous battle with Mesothelioma Cancer. He is the husband of Carolyn A. (Myslinski) with whom he shared more than 34 years of marriage.

Born in Lynn son of the late William E. and Jane C. (Curry)

Downey, he was a graduate of Essex Agricultural and Technical Institute Class of 1963, received his Associates Degree from Stockbridge in 1965. His Bachelors degree from Curry College in 2002 in Criminal Justice. He was a veteran of Viet Nam serving as a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was appointed to the Lynn Police Dept. July 1, 1978 and was promoted to Sergeant in October of 1991 and as Lieutenant February of 1998. He served on the Lynn Drug Task Force for over 15 years.

During his career with the Police Department, he received 8 Commendations in August 1984, along with 5 fellow officers initiated & implemented the safe-driving campaign for the City of Lynn, in 1985 for helping maintain a calm, orderly atmosphere during a potentially violent & dangerous situation, in April 1986 & January 1987, he utilized his training skills to help prevent a potential suicide, in April 1987 worked cooperatively with fellow officers to deal with ongoing illegal activities in a Lynn neighborhood, in October 1988 while off duty, he responded to a call regarding a robbery entering, pursued the suspects, which led to their arrests, in January 1990, he participated in the arrest of 5 persons wanted for armed robbery, and in October 1992 as part of the Lynn Drug Task Force, he arrested subject on for major drug trafficking. He also received the Medal of Honor in October 1990. He was previously employed for the City of Lynn Health Department & the DPW.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He was a member of the Lynn Police Relief Assn., the Mass Police Assn., & Chapter 64 DAV. He participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run. He was a Coach for West Lynn American Little League, enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson, and spending time with his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he leaves 2 sons Michael S, Downey & his wife Diane of Lynn, & Christopher S. Downey of Marblehead, 2 daughters Kristen A. Robinson & her husband James of Lynn & Kathryn J. Downey of Lynn. 2 brothers Ret. State Police Capt. Richard E. Downey of Lynn & Ret. Lynn Fire Department Captain Alan D. Downey, 2 sisters Maria Downey & Janet M. Reither, both of Lynn his father-in-law & mother-in-law Charles & Jennie (Chocie) Muslinski of Lynn, 4 grandchildren Abigail K. Robinson, William M. Robinson, Owen M. Downey, & Stevan P. Downey, and several nieces and nephews.

### James Anketell, Class of 1965

We heard from James Anketell's son that James passed away this past April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## News From The Classes:

### Angela Spivack, Class of 1986

Thank you again for all of your time and commitment to getting the news out to everyone. I hope that more classmates start contributing as I would really enjoy hearing from them. There were two deaths in the class of 1986 that were included in past issues, and another classmate was asking about them. If you have information about William Depaolo I would appreciate it.

On the up side, we have wonderful news to share. After 5 years of prayer, Lee and I are being blessed with the upcoming births of twins in November. We have many pets for the children, including four indoor bunnies and two cats. We are taking a vacation to Hawaii to celebrate, as it will be our last alone for the next 18 years, or so we are told! We could not be happier!

Thanks and have a wonderful summer!  
Angela Spivack

## The "History of Teaching Math"

### Teaching Math In 1950

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is  $\frac{4}{5}$  of the price. What is his profit?

### Teaching Math In 1960

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is  $\frac{4}{5}$  of the price, or \$80. What is his profit?

### Teaching Math In 1970

A logger exchanges a set "L" of lumber for a set of "M" of money. The cardinality of set "M" is 100. Each element is worth one dollar. Make 100 dots representing the elements of the set "M." The set "C," the cost of production, contains 20 fewer points than set "M." Represent the set "C" as a subset of set "M." Answer this question: What is the cardinality of the set "P" of profits?

### Teaching Math In 1980

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80 and his profit is \$20. Your assignment: Underline the number 20.

### Teaching Math In 1990

By cutting down beautiful forest trees, the logger makes \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living? Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the forest birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down the trees? (There are no wrong answers)

### Teaching Math In 2000

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$120. How does Arthur Anderson determine that his profit margin is \$60?

### Teaching Math in 2005

El hachero vende un camion carga por \$100. La cuesta de production es...

(Article submitted by Charles Varney '57)

## Maintaining A Great Marriage

Since I am probably the only Essex Aggie graduate to become a marriage and family therapist, I thought I might pass along some ideas that professionals regard as the most important in maintaining a great marriage.

1. Each person marries a set of opportunities/problems. Work on accepting your partner the way your partner is

instead of trying to change your partner. 85% of the problems people see counselors for do NOT result in a change of behavior!

2. The best way to work on your friendship is to let your partner know how you feel, what you think and what you want.

3. The four most destructive behaviors in a marriage are criticism, defensiveness, contempt and stonewalling. Instead of criticizing ask for what you want. Instead of being defensive admit your part in problems. Instead of stonewalling, hang in there.

4. There is no instead for contempt. Contempt is the sulfuric acid of relationships. When you call your partner names you destroy all good feelings your partner may have for you.

5. Communication in marriage is overrated. Couples with lousy relationships communicate as well as couples in good relationships according to research. Instead focus on connecting. If you EMOTIONALLY CONNECT with your spouse you can weather any storm.

6. Marriage is NOT a 50-50 proposition. Marriage is a 100-100 proposition. People who operate on the 50-50 model keep score. Instead, assume it is all up to you to improve your relationship.

7. When you say anything negative about your spouse to a person of the opposite sex you are letting that person know you are available. Generally, this is the first step in affairs. Instead, see a professional.

8. That average couples seeks marriage counseling FIVE years after they should seek help. If you think your marriage needs help, consider when the idea first occurred to you.

9. The expression of fondness and admiration and not sex per se is crucial to the building of a great marriage.

10. People with high expectations for their marriage have much more satisfactory marriages than people with low expectations.

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## **History Corner: Alumni Association Anniversary Booklet 1916-1948**

Director Gustave Olson was kind enough to send us a copy of an alumni publication that was printed in 1948. The booklet contained an article describing the school as it existed in 1948.

### **Essex County Agricultural School**

The Essex County Agricultural School is located in the northwestern section of Danvers on Route 62, just west of U. S. Route 1. Part of the farm is in the adjacent town of Middleton. The post office is Hathorne.

The School was authorized by Legislative action and accepted by Essex County voters in 1912. The first agricultural class entered in 1913 and the first homemaking girls were enrolled a year later. Since the opening of the School, nearly 5,000 boys and girls have been given instruction in the two departments, of whom approximately 1,700 are graduates.

The School Campus and Farm comprise a total of 145 acres. The principal buildings are the two brick school and administration buildings on the west side of Maple Street and the farm shop and old school buildings on the east side, housing additional classrooms, extension hall, dairy laboratory, etc. The greenhouse and fruit division headquarters are also on the west side, while the other farm buildings, barns, poultry plant, market garden headquarters, etc., are on the east side and near the farm shop and old school.

The School property was originally a private estate. The old mansion house burned in 1917, and the old school and one barn are the only buildings Remaining, the others all having been erected for or by the School for its purposes.

The School operates in five departments. The day schools in agri-culture and homemaking; the evening schools in unit agricultural and practical arts (homemaking) classes; and the extension service.

The present enrollment (October, 1948) is approximately 1255:  
210 day agriculture  
85 day homemaking  
150 evening unit courses  
700 practical arts (women)  
110 institutional on-farm (veterans)

The extension staff consists of two agricultural agents, one home demonstration agent, and two 4-H club agents. There are 18 instructors and an apprentice instructor in the agricultural department, and nine full time teachers in the homemaking department. Special part-time teachers are employed in the evening school in most of the classes, although some day school instructors are used for the agricultural short unit classes. A staff of seven full-time and one part-time instructors is employed to handle the Veterans' Institutional On-Farm Training program.

More than 1,100 boys and girls were enrolled in 4-H Clubs in Essex County in 1947. Nearly 400 boys and girls, 4-H members, Scouts, etc., were served in 4-H Camp Leslie during the 1947 camping period between June 15 and September 1.

The annual report of the Extension Department shows a total of some 2,100 farm families were reached by some phase of the extension program last year, and about 8,000 other families were also contacted.

The veterans' training program, offering assembled instruction in the day school as well as the institutional on-farm training, has been in operation for more than three years, and about 250 veterans have received training during this period, with membership enrollment averaging between 100 and 120.

The School Farm last year produced more than \$40,000 worth of products, some of which were used in the Homemaking Department and the rest sold, bringing in a cash income of \$37,123.00.

**Editor's Note:** We are always on the lookout for historical documents such as this one. If anyone comes across any Aggie documents please send them in so we can share them with everyone.

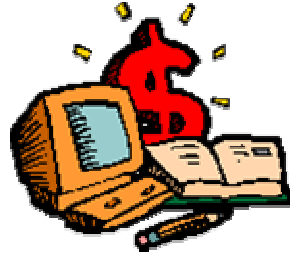
# Essex Aggie Alumni Association Membership Registration Form 2004

Membership dues for 2004 will be \$20.00

(Term of membership is Jan 1 to Dec 31)

Please fill out the form below

We need your support



## Member Name and Address: (Please Print)

Class of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) High School Division (\_\_\_\_) College Division

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Please register my membership for 2004

I am enclosing my check for \$20.00 for 2004 Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, I would like to donate: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed for membership & donations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Check should be made out to: Essex Aggie Alumni

Mail this form to: Essex Aggie Alumni Association, George P. Jones, III, Treasurer, P.O. Box 49, North Salem, NH 03073

Occasionally our members move and forget to notify us of their new address. This often results in us never being able to find them again. Also, sometimes communication will unexpectedly stop and we are concerned about someone's health. Please provide the names of up to two people who will always know how to find you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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