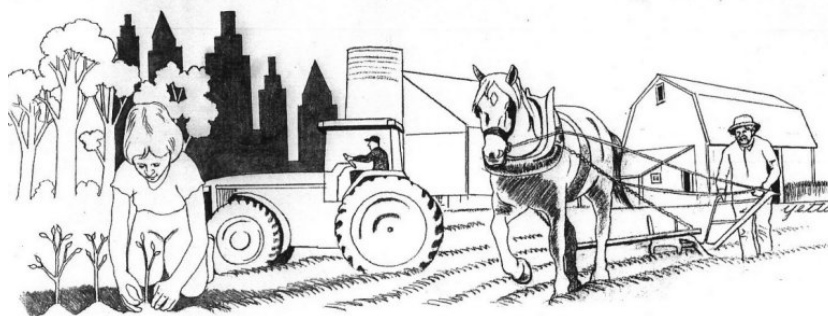


Aggie News



Volume 14 Issue 1

January 2011

Campus Photos Still Needed

Construction will begin this year for the new Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School complex. A large portion of the Aggie campus as we know it will be demolished and replaced with new construction. We would like to gather a photographic record of the entire campus as it looked in 2010-2011. The photos will be a valuable historic record and will be placed in the alumni archives. We need pictures of everything, buildings, areas, roads, paths & walkways so that we have a complete record of what the campus looked like in 2010-2011.

Non students and staff should keep their photo sessions to summer sessions when the majority of students are not there.

To begin a photo session volunteer photographers should call 978-774-0050 ext. 213 before they arrive on campus just to be sure there is nothing else going on that day. Visiting volunteer photographers are asked to check in and check out at the superintendent's office in Smith Hall.

Digital or hard copy photos can be sent to alumni secretary Charles Main
643 Main Road, Phippsburg, ME 04562
cmmain@comcast.net

If possible, photos should be accompanied with a short descriptive caption so that we know what the picture represents.

If we receive enough photos that are calendar worthy we will publish an alumni calendar as a fund raiser.

We invite any teacher, school staff, student, or alumnus and any member of their family to participate in this campus photo project. Please consider helping us out. The bulldozers will be arriving on campus soon so now is the time to get this job done.

Essex Aggie Alumni Association Annual Meeting

There have been discussions about holding an alumni association annual meeting combined with a homecoming/reunion event next June on the Aggie campus. There were many suggestions offered including a food event, a golf outing, a guest speaker, student demonstrations, a campus tour, etc.

There were no details available at press time. Paid members will receive a notice in the mail. Others may need to check the alumni web site for updates.

Alumni Board Meeting (Oct.)

Last October the alumni board met in Smith Hall at the Aggie. Present were board members Michael Gaudette '74, Charles Main '56, Kenneth Elwell '75, Henry Zawadzki '68 and the school's Director of Community Relations, Ron Vercellone. Also present via telephone communications were Joseph Roche '43 and George Jones '58.

Plans for this year and beyond were discussed. A committee will be formed to study the possibility of the alumni association having a booth at the Topsfield Fair. There was also a proposal for holding monthly on-line board meetings. A scholarship committee was appointed and they will be working on firming up and improving our scholarship program.



This is Mr. "Better late than never" Zawadzki '68, arriving late for the board meeting.

Are you moving?

Or have you recently changed your address?

Please keep your address/contact information up to date! When people move and don't notify the alumni association their newsletter is returned to the Post Office and thrown away. With the high cost of postage these days this is a major expense for the alumni association. Address can easily be updated via e-mail cmain@comcast.net or by filling in the Registration Form on the alumni web site.

Larkin Cottage Update

We noticed that our beloved Larkin Memorial Cottage is looking pretty spiffy these days. After many years of neglect the cottage is sporting a brand new light green paint job and is standing proud once again.



Alumni Board Meeting (Dec.)

The alumni board met last December via telephone conference. Subjects of the meeting consisted of setting up a meeting schedule, establishment of an annual meeting committee and further discussion on the possibility of having an alumni association booth at the Topsfield Fair. A Topsfield Fair committee will be formed to study the matter. If and when a Topsfield Fair booth is established it would require that we have a crew of volunteers to man the booth for 12 hours each day of the fair. If the booth becomes a reality the committee will be looking for volunteers.

And speaking of volunteers, president Jones offered an opinion that the alumni board needs a recording secretary for recording and writing the minutes of board meetings. If anyone would like to volunteer for this job they should contact George Jones at: jonesgp@attglobal.net

Some of our more recent grads may be receiving this newsletter for the first time. To continue to receive future issues you must be registered with the alumni association or be a paid member so that we have your mailing address. Registration forms are at: www.essexaggie.org/alumni/register/register.html

Scholarships

Alumni Association Scholarships for 2011

This year the alumni association will be awarding four graduating students a total of \$4,000.

\$1,000 V. Byron Bennett Scholarship. This new scholarship will recognize Mr. Bennett for his role as guidance counselor. Mr. Bennett typified what was best about Essex Aggie. He cared for students in and out of the classroom. He believed that Aggie graduates were as capable as any to continue with higher education and worked tirelessly to see that they were given every opportunity to do so.

\$1,000 Richard M. Brown Scholarship. This scholarship is available to any student who wishes to attend a college or university and will be majoring in Animal/Environmental Sciences. The scholarship honors the long time instructor Richard M. Brown. Mr. Brown was a graduate of Essex Aggie, class of 1942.

\$1,000 Patrick G. Santin Essay Award. This award is sponsored by the Patrick G. Santin family. Mr. Santin was a graduate of Essex Aggie, class of 1937

\$1,000 Business Start-up Bursary. This award is given to any qualifying student to help with business start-up expenses.

The Essex Aggie Alumni Association scholarship program is entirely dependant on donations from former students and their families. The scholarship program gives us an opportunity to give back to the school that we are so proud to be connected with. We hope everyone will consider a donation again this year to help provide some much needed support for the future success of some deserving students.

We would like to continue to expand our scholarship program by adding both individual and corporate sponsors. If anyone would like to add to our program and sponsor a scholarship they can contact: Michael Gaudette '74 michael@gaudettenh.com or Lee Sanford '64 lsanford@total.net for information and to arrange details.

Alumni Notes

New alumni board makeup

Due to some mid-term resignations on the alumni board of directors there have been a few changes to the makeup of the board. The current list for the 2010-2011 term of office is as follows:

President - George Jones III '58 Sumner, ME
jonesgp@attglobal.net

Vice President - Michael Gaudette '74 Freedom, NH
michael@gaudettenh.com

Secretary - Charles Main '56 Phippsburg, ME
cmain@comcast.net

Treasurer - Charles Main '56 Phippsburg, ME
cmain@comcast.net

Director 1940s (vacant)

Director 1950s (vacant)

Director 1960s Henry Zawadzki '68 Methuen, MA
hzawadzki@comcast.net

Director 1970s Kenneth Elwell '75 Newton, NH
elwell_57@msn.com

Director 1980s Alexander Vannett '81 Methuen, MA
briteside4u@juno.com

Director 1990s (vacant)

Director 2000s Kristen Antoon '01 Worcester, MA
kristen.antoon@tufts.edu

Director College Div. (vacant)

Dir At-Large Lee Sanford '64 Kirkland, Que
LSanford@total.net

Dir At-Large Dennis O'Neill '60 Bremerton, WA
dennyo3@hotmail.com

We still have openings for Director 1940s, Director 1950s, Director 1990s and Director College Division if anyone would like to serve on the board. Contact any board member for any questions, concerns or comments.

Class of 1981 Reunion

The class of '81 is planing for their 30th year class reunion. April 15, 2011 at Days Inn in Methuen. For more information please contact Tom Blair 978-836-2350

Deceased Classmates:

Forrest T. Reynolds - Class of 1941

NEWTON, N.H. — Forrest T. Reynolds, Jr., 90, died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2010. He passed away peacefully at his beloved family farm in Newton, N.H., after a brief struggle with failing health.

Born Dec. 21, 1919 in Newburyport, he was the son of the late Forrest T. and Abbie Lois (Bartlett) Reynolds. He grew up on Rocky Hill in Amesbury, and graduated from Amesbury High and Essex Agricultural schools.

Forrest and his father ran a small dairy operation with a home delivery milk route for a few years before converting it into a poultry business. He and his wife raised chickens and sold hatching eggs for many years at Hidden Acres Farm before retiring to pursue other interests. He loved horses and would be seen driving his antique Hayford carriage around town and in parades until recent years.

He was a longtime member of the First Christian Church of Newton, the Granite State Grange and the Newton, N.H. Historical Society. He was a regular at the Vic Geary Senior Center in Plaistow. He greatly enjoyed the annual family clam bake at an ancestral farm in Salisbury, where in recent years, he guided the "younger folk" in tending to the fire from a nearby lawn chair. His hobbies included bird-watching, traveling, gardening, and creating wreaths and arrangements from natural supplies that came from his farm.

Kenneth J. Adams - Class of 1955

SALISBURY - Kenneth J. Adams, Sr., 74, of Salisbury, died Monday, Nov. 1, 2010 at the Anna Jacques Hospital in Newburyport. Kenneth was born in Newburyport on April 10, 1936.

Ken was educated in the Newbury school system and was a graduate of the Essex Agricultural School. He grew up on Parker River and his passion was working on local farms. He went on to own his own milk delivery service through the Ips-

wich Dairy. His fondest memories were the relationships that he developed with his customers. He was always willing to lend a helping hand. Kenny sold his milk delivery business and went on to work for Seacoast Coca Cola until his retirement in 1992.

He was a lifetime member of the Newburyport Moose Lodge 1601 where he volunteered on many committees and held the office of Governor. He loved playing the role of secret Santa Claus for the annual children's Christmas party. He was a member of the Newburyport Elks Lodge and was an avid NASCAR fan. During his retirement years, he enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events. He also enjoyed traveling with the Golden Ages and the Council on Aging with his companion Phyllis.

David J. McCarthy - Class of 1958

HAVERHILL — Mr. David J. McCarthy, 70, of Haverhill, died Thursday, May 27, 2010 at the Merrimack Valley Hospital, Haverhill.

He was born in Beverly, June 28, 1939 son of the late Joseph and Martha (Farra) McCarthy. Educated in the Beverly Grammar Schools, he graduated from Essex Agricultural High School.

During the Vietnam War he enlisted in the United States Army where he was a cryptologist. After the war he earned his degree from McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas.

Mr. McCarthy was employed as a Direct Care Staff Supervisor at Hogan-Berry, Danvers. He enjoyed sailing, cooking, making stained glass and arts and crafts.

Thanks to David Fraser '80 for keeping us up to date with these obituaries. We are always happy to be notified when any Aggie grads pass away so that we can keep our records up to date and notify their classmates. Send any obituary notices to the editor: cmain@comcast.net

Reunion News

Class of 1960 50th Year Reunion

The Essex Aggie Class of 1960 50th Year Reunion was held at Angelica's Restaurant in Middleton, MA on September 24th, 2010.

The Class then had an old fashioned Clam Bake in Enidcott Park in Danvers on Saturday September 25th. The get-together was open to the classes of 1959, 1960 and 1961.



Class of 1961 50th Year Reunion

The class of 1961 has been planning for two years to put together a multi day 50th year reunion this summer. A large number of 1961 grads are planning to attend and it is guaranteed to be a memorable event.

Class of 1980 30th Year Reunion

Last August we had our 30 Year Class Reunion and it was a great day and time for all in attendance. Seeing old friends, talking fondly of those who couldn't attend and of those that are no longer with us. I just want to say to all of those in the class of 1980 that are reading this, please take a moment and share this sentiment with me. To all of us in the class of 1980: Here's to friendships and memories of thirty years past that still seem like yesterday. To a school that gave us a great education and instilled in us all the value of strong work ethics. May we all enjoy good health, happiness and well being. But mostly may we all continue to stay in touch and share in our common bond of the wonderful life experience that Essex Aggie has given us all. Thanks to all.

David Fraser '80



History Corner

The First 25 Years (cont): Vegetable Division

Some of the older graduates recall "old Fort Mitchell," which was located on the south side of our new Athletic Field. For many years vegetables were stored there and it was not until 1935 that the much needed vegetable cellar adjoining the greenhouse was built.

A great addition to the school was made when the greenhouse was built and a section allotted to the garden division. This aided in teaching students how to grow vegetables under glass and made it possible to have crops for study during the winter months. The shifting of the hotbeds from the garden near the turnpike to the side hill below the greenhouse has facilitated instruction in this work. With the installation of a Wasco hot water system the beds are now operated more efficiently.



The roadside stand operated by the Future Farmers of America still takes much of the products raised at the school garden. Since the opening of the new Cambridge Market, the School produce has been sold principally through the auction market.

This division keeps pace with new varieties and strains by trying them out in the school garden. From 200 to 400 strains and varieties of vegetables have been grown at the garden during the last few

years. In this way we are able to determine the varieties best suited to our conditions.



Where students formerly played football near the turnpike, present students are raising vegetables. The old poultry building, located near the woods at the garden, and used as the tool shed, was finally torn down. A new tool shed and field classroom was built and placed near the old wash shed at the garden. This has facilitated carrying on our duties both in summer and winter.



This "First 25 Years" series is based on articles from the Essex County Agricultural School Twenty Fifth Anniversary booklet published by the alumni association in 1938. We were fortunate to receive a copy of the booklet from Pamela Santin who's father was in the class of '37. Now that the booklet is in the alumni archives we will be able to share its contents with our alumni newsletter readers.

Essex Aggie Alumni Association Membership Registration Form 2011

Membership dues for 2011 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 (____) School Staff (____)

First Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-Mail _____

Please register my membership and/or donation for 2011

I am enclosing my check for \$20.00 for 2011 Membership: \$ _____

I would like to donate to the General Fund: \$ _____

In addition, I would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

Total amount enclosed for membership & donations: \$ _____

(Essex Aggie Alumni Association is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible)

Check should be made out to: Essex Aggie Alumni

Mail this form to: Essex Agricultural & Technical High School

Attn: Essex Aggie Alumni Association

562 Maple Street, P.O. Box 362

Hathorne, MA 01937

Volunteer with Essex Aggie Alumni

Any organization, in order to be successful, must have volunteers to make things happen. With every non profit organization it is a well known truism, "There is always room for one more worker or supporter." An organization such as ours can use a large variety of skills. If you have any skills or interest that you think might be useful please let us know you are out there by checking off one of the categories. We would like to hear from you if you are interested in serving as a volunteer now or in the future.

- ☐ Board of Directors
- ☐ Membership Committee
- ☐ Newsletter Committee
- ☐ Website Committee
- ☐ Scholarship Committee
- ☐ Reunions Committee
- ☐ Photo Committee
- ☐ School History Committee
- ☐ Alumni Functions Committee
- ☐ Fundraising Committee
- ☐ Professional Committee
- ☐ Alumni Office Staff

The Aggie News

Essex Agricultural & Technical High School

Attn: Essex Aggie Alumni Association

562 Maple Street, P.O. Box 362

Hathorne, MA 01937

"Getting old friends and classmates together"

www.essexaggie.org