



## Times Remembered Betty A. Young

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## Yearbooks

"Will you sign my yearbook?" A yearbook was a status symbol of sorts in high school in the 60's. As soon as the yearbooks came in fall, everyone got their yearbook signed. Every girl wanted one so she

could ask her classmates to sign it; especially boys.

A yearbook with every page filled meant the owner had lots of friends; therefore I tried to get as many people as possible to sign my yearbook. Best friends were an absolute must, most casual acquaintances also wrote in them.

Usually, boys weren't too hot on the ideal of signing a year book, but most did sign my yearbook. I was going steady with someone most of the time and boys just didn't like to sign if you were going with someone. But I had several guys that had been good friends of mine since early grade school.

I purchased a yearbook all four years of high school; it's hilarious when I read some of the things people said, like who you were dating at the time, (yuck), that you have rather forget, or something funny you had done in class or a

test you had aced.

School day memories also brings back pleasant thoughts of happy hours spent cheerleading and attending basketball games, journalism trips to UK, FHA Conference trips, Chorus and Junior-Senior Prom and beating Irvine High in basketball. They were "Alley Rats." They called us "Sheep Herders." The competition was so much fun!

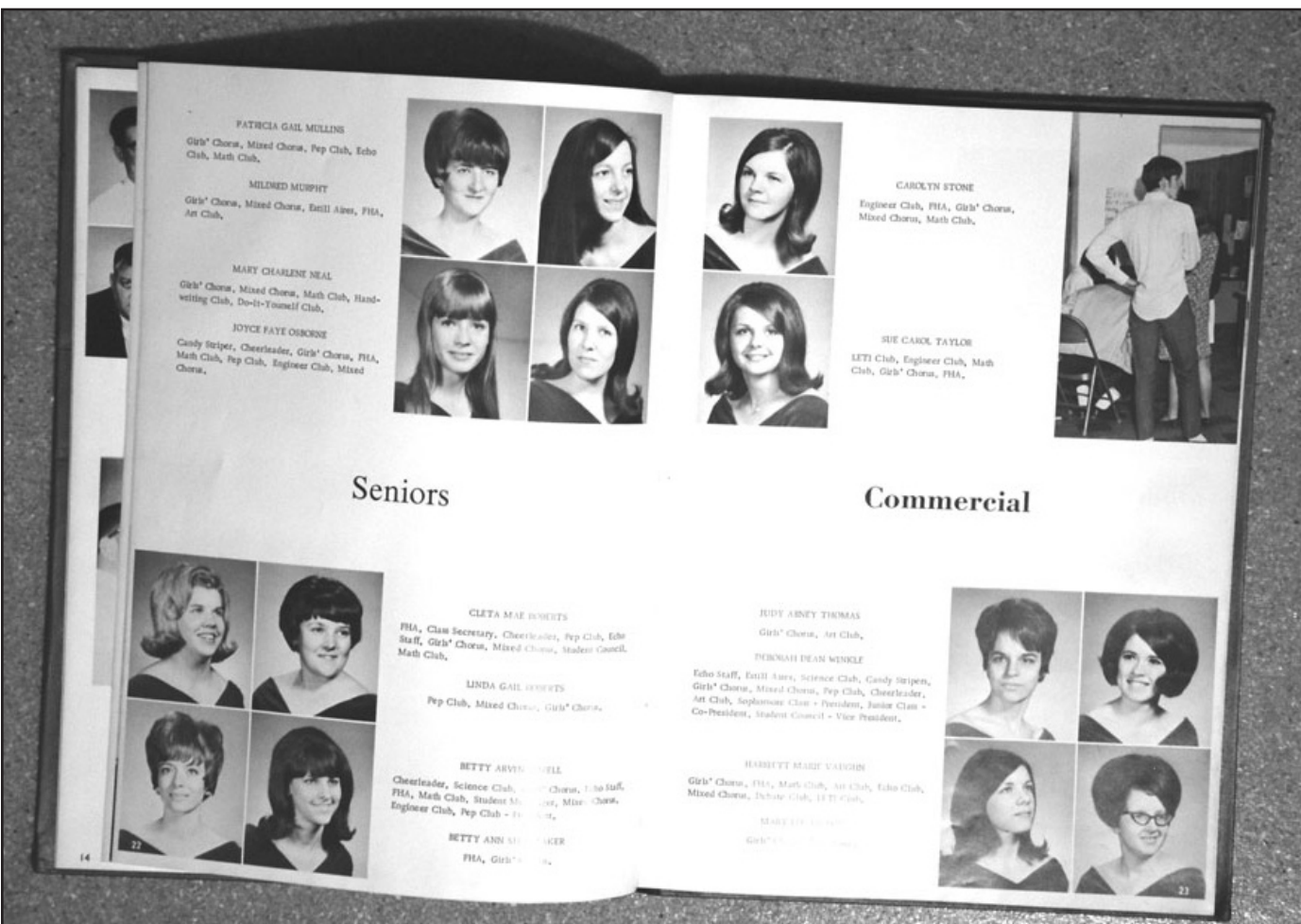
Other mischievous happenings such as: snowball fights, shooting firecrackers under the bleachers during ballgames and skipping school would surely get you expelled. If someone shot a firecracker now under bleachers; you would go to jail. About the worse things kids did back then was smoke in the rest room or chew gum and talk in class. Wish that's all they did now!

Looking over what some people wrote I saw, "When

you get married and live down south remember me and my big mouth." "Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet and so are you." Most just said to a real cute and nice girl. Teachers wrote encouraging words and nice compliments.

I have bittersweet memories as I look over everyone's picture in my class and remember all the good times we had; and now all the sad times when one of my classmates dies. We have lost about 13 people from our class. It seems impossible that we all could be 65 years old now; but it is a fact of life. I'm just happy I've lived this long; wrinkles, aches and pains and extra pounds.

But in my memory, everyone will be forever young, as young as the day my classmates responded to my request, "Yes, I will sign your yearbook." Live on Class of 1968.



The 1968 Estill County High School Yearbook (Betty is at lower left)

## Mountain Mushroom Festival T-Shirts



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## Seeds of Hope



"I really need help. I don't even know how to explain it. Many people think my problems are insignificant and quite trivial. I can even understand that. I know some people that have been through so much more than me who have survived and have lived to tell their story. I really, really need help but don't know what to do or who to turn to." So went the story.

There are times in each of our lives, no doubt, when we have made similar statements or cried words that echoed the same desperate feelings. We were defeated by the demands of life and felt desperate and empty with no strength to go on. Our words were inadequate or unavailable to share our

miser. And if we were able to "get it out," would anyone understand our fears and frustrations? And if they did, would they extend a helping hand or offer a listening ear?

Sometimes we are threatened by people we don't even know. We hear of their attacks through the warnings of others and know they want to hurt us. Sometimes we know who our oppressors are yet can do nothing to eliminate the power they have over us.

David found himself in a similar situation. He looked around for help and deliverance and found no one ready to help him. But he knew that there was saving power in the name of God and cried out, "Surely God is my help; the Lord is the One Who sustains me."

Often God brings us to a place in our lives to force us to realize that He alone is the ultimate Savior!

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## The Magic Wand of Religion

by **BOB CASEY**, preacher  
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Is there a magic wand in religion? When viewing and hearing many religious speakers one might be led to think so. They begin this presentation with the waving of arms along with them saying: "If you want to be saved and go to heaven, just repeat this prayer." And then say: "If you have prayed this prayer, you are saved and born again." This is just a part of magic wand religion. This magic wand produces the desired results of the speaker, but makes the gospel plan given by the Lord disappear. My point is this: can one wave a magic wand and make obedience to the Lord disappear? In **Isaiah 35:8** "And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools shall not enter therein." This is a prophecy of Isaiah concerning the coming of the Lord's church, His kingdom on earth, that was to come when Christ the Messiah would come and usher it into existence.

But the point of this verse is also very clear. **Though fools shall not enter therein**, magic wand religion cannot compete with the Bible where it says, "That Christ is the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." So then, there's no patented prayer that has, or ever will save anyone. The magic wand of religionists cannot wave away the command to repent, or the command to confess, or the command to be baptized for the remission of sins.

I was invited to a meeting once when a notable speaker was to give a lesson on salvation. He was a great speaker, but at the end he began to wave his magic wand and told these that desired to be saved to come to this wooden altar rail and pray to God for their forgiveness and to be saved. I remember very specifically this one lady who seemed to be confused. She evidently was seeking for peace but only received confusion. Then they coaxed a confession out of her that she believed that she had been saved. **What blasphemy in the name of the Lord.** On the day of Pentecost this spirit filled chosen of God named the apostle Peter said in **chapter 2:38 of the Acts of the apostle**, to those who were seeking forgiveness, said: "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Then Paul explains in **Ephesians 1:13-14** that this gift was the gift of salvation given to those that trusted, upon hearing the gospel and obeying it. But this greatly trusted preacher waved his wand and tried to make it all go away. **Let me say this very clearly.** When the gospel is fully taught, totally believed, and fully obeyed this will bring salvation to every heart of man, but salvation has never depended upon any man made idea and never will. Though a man might proclaim it standing upon a hundred bibles, and may add that his doctrine has been believed by many for a long time, this will never substitute for the simple truths in the Bible. The apostle **John 1:13** clearly states that blood birth does not make one a Christian. Neither does any other plan of our own doing, neither a plan of any other man, but of God so we will be saved by the plan of the Lord, or we will never be saved at all.

In closing, do you know fully what the Bible teaches regarding our salvation? Have you ever truly examined your claim of redemption. **II Corinthians 13:5** says for us to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith, and to prove your own selves, how that Christ is in you, except you be rejects. I hope you will read this and see if you have truly obeyed the Lord, you see! Your soul is dependent upon it.

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Sincerely, Bob Casey, (859) 369-4165

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

royal steed through city streets? Silas, Hosea, Ahasuerus, Asa

4. From Job 4, who was so frightened by a dream that his hair stood on end? James, Eliphaz, Noah, Cain

5. Which city of these was beat down and sowed with salt? Shechem, Caesarea, Gaza, Berea

6. From Numbers 20, who died on a mountain-top after being stripped of his garments? Moses, Abraham, Noah, Aaron

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1. Is the book of Mark in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Genesis 32, who was "greatly afraid and distressed" about a reunion with a brother he had wronged? Job, Jacob, Aaron, Peter

3. Who honored a man by letting him ride the

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