

BHS class of '41 gathers for 40th reunion

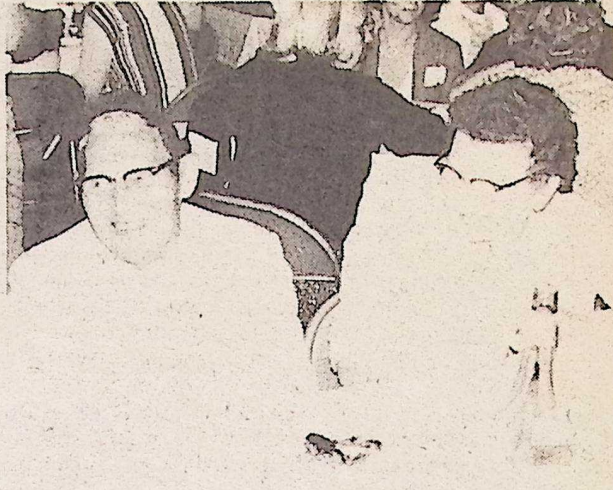
Under colorful nautical signal flags flying from the rafters of a huge shed at the Crosby Boat Yard in Osterville, and against a backdrop featuring the American flag flanked by the class motto, "To seek, to strive, to find, and not to yield," and the query, "Have you hugged a classmate today?" eighty members and their guests of the Barnstable High School Class of 1941 gathered on Saturday afternoon, June 27, for a barbeque catered by Jeanette Bowes to celebrate their 40th reunion.

Renewing the friendships of childhood and youth is an emotional, sometimes frustrating, sometimes joyful, experience; especially so when the intervening years have encompassed three wars and span a period in this country's history when the average family moves its residence every four years. Many former classmates had not seen one another since graduation day; some had been reunited but once, at the twentieth anniversary held in Hyannis in 1961.

Recognition did not always come easily, although name tags printed in large letters, abetted by bifocal glasses worn by a number of the attendees, provided helpful hints to identification. In spite of clues, sometimes based on family resemblances, sometimes on pure intuition, the enthusiasm and spirit-of-caring among everyone present assured the party's success.

Among those who traveled to the Cape to participate, braving congested highways, and stormy seas and skies, were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brogan (Maye Anderson, Hyannis), now of Locust Valley, NY; Louise (Bartlett) Reardon (Hyannis), now of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Higham (Marilyn Blagden, Hyannis), now of Vineyard Haven; Mr. and Mrs. James Chute (Osterville), now living in Maine; Mr. and Mrs. Ivar Johnson (Centerville), now of Vienna, VA; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krafft (Alice Slavin, Hyannis), now of Alexandria, VA; Mr. and Mrs. William Luoto (Barnstable), now of Nashua, NH; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Childs (Marstons Mills), now of Andover, MA; Mr. and Mrs. William Molloy, Jr., (Lillian MacIsaac, Centerville), now of Hyde Park, MA; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Monteiro (Centerville), now of Quincy, MA.

Also coming from afar were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gates (Lois Marr, Marstons Mills and Hyannis), now of Ledyard, CT; Mrs. Florence (Matson) Graham (Cotuit), now of Atlanta, GA; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fortes (Centerville), now of Boston, MA; Mr. and Mrs. John Fortes (Centerville), now of Wilmington, MA; Mr. Edward Savery (Cotuit), now of Plymouth, MA; and Mrs. Viola (Lampi) Johnson (West Barnstable), now of Orangevale, CA; class officers, Mr. Chalmers Milne, president, of Danvers, MA; Mrs. Rose Anna



Mr. and Mrs. Briah Connor were the guests of honor at the '41 Reunion. Mr. Connor was vice principal and taught chemistry and biology to the '41 grads. He later became principal.

(Walsh) Burgoyne, secretary, of Pembroke, MA; and Mr. Rae (Duthie Green, treasurer, of Wakefield, MA, all originally from Osterville.

Among those from Centerville were Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Elaine Schofield) Renzie, Mrs. Jeanette (Hallett) Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman Crowell, II, Mr. and Mrs. John Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton (Beverly Bassett) Williams, Mrs. Annie (Wahlowick) Bryant, and Mrs. Gladys (Whitten) Wiinikainen.

Osterville residents present were Mrs. Audrey (Allen) Hinckley, Mrs. Esther (Scudder) Burnett, Ms. Andrea Leonard, and Mr. Wilton B. Crosby. From Cotuit came Mrs. Dorothy (Dottridge) Cabral, Mr. Thomas Rennie, Mr. and Mrs. John Newton, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon West.

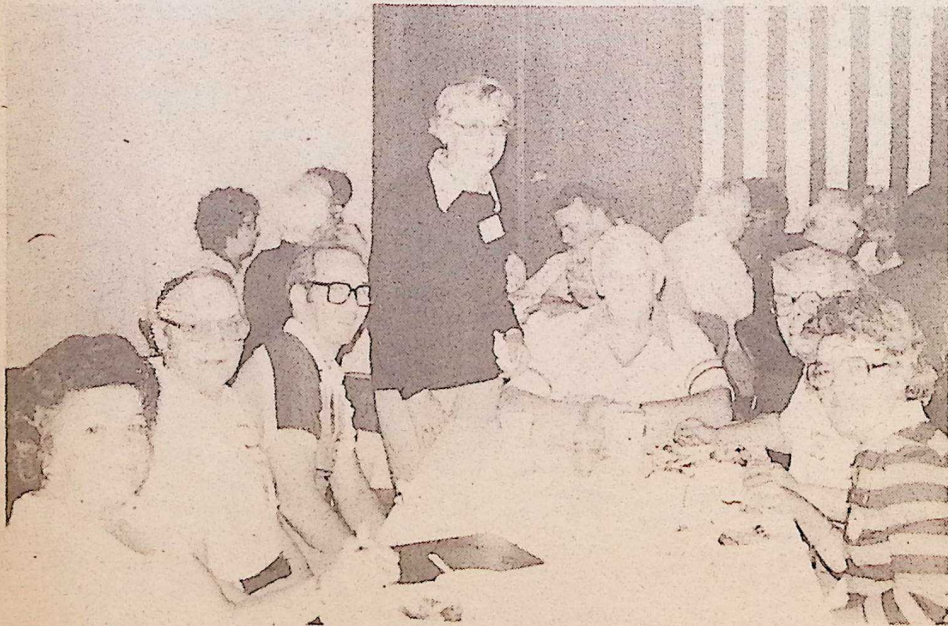
From Marstons Mills were Mr. and Mrs. Ross O. Davies and Mr. James Barry. From West Barnstable came Mr. and Mrs. Herbert (Bonnie Brown) Hinckley, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler. Hyannis residents included Mr. Bruce Allen, Miss Seva Anestis, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Brito, and

Messrs. John Drew, Carl Ryberg, Sr., and Albert Wiinikainen.

From other Cape Cod communities were Mrs. Janet (Allen) Wallace, East Sandwich; Mr. and Mrs. Warren (June Raymond) Ward, West Yarmouth; and Mr. and Mrs. A. (Betty Swift) Campbell, Barnstable.

The class was honored to number among its guests Mr. and Mrs. Briah Connor of Barnstable; Mr. Connor (known to generations of BHS students as "Pop") was assistant principal of the high school in 1941 and, as a biology and chemistry teacher during under-graduate years, has always been a special friend to class members.

Responsible for planning the successful reunion were the committee members: class president Chalmers Milne, secretary Rose Anna Walsh Burgoyne, treasurer Rae Duthie Green and those in charge of research and local arrangements, Esther Scudder Burnett, Audrey Allen Hinckley, Mary Eldredge Maki of West Hyannis Port (who was unable to be present), Andrea Leonard, and Bill Crosby.



Gladys and Ollie Wiinikainen, class president Chalmers Milne, Andrea Leonard, Carl Ryberg, Esther Burnett, and Audrey Hinckley.



Corinné Frazel, Ed Savery, Roger and Adeline Monteiro, Ken Benoit, Hazel and John Newton, at the '41 Reunion last Saturday. (Village Advertiser Photos by Mark Cote)