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Photo Gallery - Audio

Nan Haydel Lemoine – Evergreen High School classmates, 11th grades for graduation and other Evergreen personalities.

Transcript

Ed Dugas: I'd like to call up our young lady of the group. Nan, would you come up, please? Nan was a '48 graduate. They say 1948 was a very good year.

Nan Haydel Lemoine: Yes. Thank you for the young part. Well, I just want to say that it's kind of sad. It's got mixed feelings today because out of our class I think we were 16. Either 15 or 16. Is that right, Jerry?

Jerry Spencer: 16!

Nan Haydel Lemoine: 15, okay.

Jerry Spencer: 6!

Nan Haydel Lemoine: 16, anyway. Jerry Spencer and myself are the only two here today and I find that very sad because they are missing a very, very beautiful gathering, fellowship, and just all kind of things, you know. So, I wish they were here. And we have so many that live, a good many of 'em live in the community and could have been here but chose not to, but anyway. They're coming out with the short end of the stick.

And anyway, in '48 was the last year that we had 11th grade. When '49 came along, then they switched to 12th grade. So, I was the last, we were the last class that graduated with just 11th grade.

And I remember one time Miss Smith took a poll because some of the girls wanted to have typing. We wanted to take typing. And there was about maybe five of us that said we would like to. And she said, "Well, I'm sorry, but we can't do it because there's not enough girls or anybody that had put their name down to do it." So, I thought that was kind of sad.

But on a lighter note, now, I would like to ask does anybody remember the name Beone? Beone?

Ed Dugas: Bingo!

Nan Haydel Lemoine: I knew you would say that. Raise your hands. Does anybody remember the name? He was, his name was... His name was not Beone, you're right. He stuttered. The man had a very, very bad impediment. Valerie Myer? Well, at any rate, he stuttered very, very badly. And I'm not, now this is

not to poke fun or anything like that. That's not my intention. But I remembered him so very vividly because he would be at Mr. Ford Roberts' store every day of the world and sit there and talk and visit Charlie Grimmel. Remember him? Stebo, I must be as old as you, huh?

At any rate, one day, you know at that time there was no closed campus you could just run across the street and go get you something at Ford Roberts if you wanted to 'cus we did that. And one day I was in there getting, but that is a whole 'nother story because my grandpa was always there. But Beone came in and he had, like I said, a bad stuttering problem and he said, kind of like Stebo said, he said, "Pop, pop, pop, pop pop pop, pop." And Charlie Grimmel was, Mr. Charlie Grimmel was standing in the doorway, and he says, "Quit you're "D" popping." I said [unintelligible]. And the poor fellow just stopped. He just couldn't [unintelligible].

So, he was a Mayeux. Valerie Mayeux. You see, I could not remember when I asked you, you see? I knew someone was going to remember.

Ed Dugas: I know. I didn't know. Stebo all might remember, too.

Stebo Pearce: Youse talking about the agriculture [unintelligible] ?

Nan Haydel Lemoine: No, no. No, no, no. That was Ruben [unintelligible]. Oh, that's long time ago.

Ed Dugas: Hey gang, listen. Any names or any history that y'all can recall whether it can be confirmed or not. Send it to us and let us document it then if people see it on the website then they can call.

Nan Haydel Lemoine: Well, then you can do that about Beone.

Ed Dugas: Sure. Beone.

Nan Haydel Lemoine: And one other thing. We're all so blessed to be here today and to share and talk and extend our love to one another. We thank God for that.