

Mobley: 60-year Reunion: Jerome High School Class of 1953

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"I enjoy the memories," was the comment most heard at the events of our 60th class reunion.

We had a very good response — but I wondered, "why do these classmates keep coming back? Are roots that important, or is it camaraderie that brings them back?"

In visiting with nearly all 50 of my former Jerome classmates at the patio party we had at my home, I realized all were anxious to see and talk with old friends.

Will Rogers wrote that good judgment comes from experience. I learned that these classmates had just that, as I listened to their many life stories.

A large number classmembers were in the service. Some served 30 years. We also had many teachers, nurses and doctors with similar stories.

I found that nearly half of our class members still live in Idaho. Many made their living off the land or did business in Idaho.

"Give this world the best that you have, and it may never be enough," said Mother Teresa. "Give the world the best you've got anyway."

At the Senior Center for the Saturday meal, we decorated with pictures of classmates from Falls City, Canyonside, Washington, Lincoln, Appleton and Pleasant Plains schools — good memories on our road trip to history.

As I read and remembered the fun times in class, I wanted to sing "Oh. Playmate, Come out and Play with Me."

I was proud of the commitment of many to attend the reunion from so far away.

So, here we have Idaho. And here we have people who stayed.

But more than that, here we have many who came back to make Idaho their home.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God as why you come back to Idaho.

Happy Trails.

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