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"Remembering the Past – Celebrating the Present"

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Ephrata High School 100-Year Reunion

Results are in on the first "50 With \$5.00 Challenge". Pat Loosemore McDonald, leader of the challenger Class of 1960, reported that 36 class members donated \$250.00 to the contest. In order to reach the number, members of the class donated in the name of their departed class members. The leader of the 1961 class, Barb Anderson Deycous, has reported that her class members, who were challenged, came up with a total contribution of \$360.00. As the winner of the challenge contest, the class of 1961 has earned bragging rights! Both classes have earned the gratitude of the EHS-100 Reunion Committee. Way to show your class-pride Class of 1961! A sum of \$610.00 is now available to the committee to help carry out projects and activities which will eventually benefit all alumni, former administrators, teachers, and support staff of Ephrata High School. On March 1st another challenge took place. The Class of 1962 issued a challenge to the Class of 1963. The 1963 class, holding their 50th year reunion this summer, has until April 15th to meet the goals of the challenge. Good luck to both classes! Remember, any class can participate. Check out ehs-100.com for details and assistance in issuing a challenge.

Poster Design Contest has reached its conclusion. There were 68 entries submitted in the contest to design a poster that will be used to publicize the up-coming 100-year celebration of the first class to graduate from Ephrata High School being held in June 2014. There are many good designs to consider for the grand prize of \$100.00. Judging will take place by qualified individuals with the winner announced on March 23rd. The top ten posters will be on display at various EHS-100 Reunion events - beginning at the "Launch Party" on April 12th where the winner will be recognized and awarded the prize. (See associated story in "Ephrata High School Present".)

"Launch Party" will be held on Friday April 12th at the Ephrata High School commons area at 7:00pm. This party is the official beginning of the Ephrata High School 100-year reunion being held to celebrate the 100th year since the first graduation of three young women in May 1914. Since 1914 many students, administration officials, teachers, and members of the support staff have passed through the doors of EHS. School-day friendships have taken root during these past many years and now the 100-year celebration affords a wonderful opportunity to renew those friendships, as well as, to make new ones. This event will be a great experience; coming together and celebrating time spent in Ephrata and the Ephrata Schools.

The party is open to alumni, administration, teachers, and support staff from across the years. Special guests will include early-day alumni, former superintendents, principals, and teachers. A short program will be held along with other activities. Refreshments will be served. Check out the April 1st newsletter and ehs-100.com for further information.

Volunteer are needed to help at the Launch Party. Email to EHS100reunion@gmail.com. if you are interested.

Tiger Tales

EHS Student Body News with Hunter Sears

Tigerette Dance Team In recent competition at Spokane the Tigerettes, competing against 12 other teams, scored 210 points in the “Pom” category, earning them the right to advance to the District Finals in Pasco on March 2nd – the next step toward State Finals. Team member Paige Moore placed 2nd in the Novice Division of “Drill Down” and had previously placed 2nd in the same category at a Moses Lake competition.

According to Mrs. Sally Kaatz, the team’s coach who has 39 years of dance and drill team coaching experience, “The team is a small group of very hard-working and dedicated girls who receive wonderful parental and school support.” Mrs. Kaatz is assisted by Kelsey Moore. Team pictured to right- Front l-r Summer Smith-Davis, Alejandra Mendoza. Middle Brianna Barragan. Back l-r Paige Bolding, Khaila Severin, Cassie McConnell, Paige Moore.



The team performs a variety of dance styles at home football and basketball halftimes, as well as, participates in the Sage ‘N Sun parade. They presented a military-style routine in honor of our veterans at EHS’s Veteran’s Day assembly and in December performed the military routine and a “Drill Down” at an American Legion meeting. The Tigerettes volunteered at Ephrata’s Miracle on Main Street Christmas-time celebration. By selling calendar they have earned \$2,247.00 and are able to fund some of the team’s expenses.

EHS is proud of the Tigerettes Team. They are great representatives of our school as they appear at various competitions and performances. The entertainment they provide at the sporting events is well received, not only by the Tiger fans but by the visiting schools. All the girls on the team will be back next year so we can look forward to some more great entertainment.

Debate Team Last month’s ehs-100.com newsletter featured an article about earlier EHS debaters and the EHS debate teams which “officially” began in 1956. The current members of the EHS team are carrying on with the school’s tradition of successful speakers as shown by performances at the recent State Qualifier competition where they won several top finishes. RaeAnn Hiatt and Alissa Bair were first place finishers in Dual Interpretation while Lily Rhoades placed second in Dramatic Interpretation and fourth in Impromptu Speaking. Maribel Bustos came in third in Dramatic Interpretation and fifth in Impromptu Speaking with Laurel Anderson and Sariah Bradford placing fourth in Dual Interpretation. Congratulations to the team on their efforts and we wish them good luck as they compete at State. Ms. Tamara Johnson is team advisor.

Blood Drive Members of the Honor Society volunteered their assistance and provided cookies for the donors at the American Red Cross blood drive held at the Ephrata Recreational Center on February 27th. Students were given the opportunity to contribute to the blood drawing. Eighty-one units of blood were collected.

Book Collection According to the class of 2016, who is sponsoring a new or gently used children’s book drive, “You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild to bring in a book to help a child!” Bring books to school and help get them in the hands of children. Agencies serving children will distribute the books. Deadline March 6th.

Wrestling Comes to a Close The 2012-13 winter sports season at EHS came to a victorious conclusion for Tiger wrestler Tyrus Kemp when he won the 195-pound championship at the WIAA State 2A finals at the Tacoma Dome. Last year he placed in third position. Tyrus also won the district and regionals medals this year on his way to a 36-2 record and the state title. At the Dome the state's top-ranked wrestler in his division started out the competition by pinning his first opponent in just 29 seconds – it was winning all of the way. The championship match was a thriller; in the final period with the score 3-3 and 8.7 seconds left in the match, Tyrus was awarded one point for an escape with less than a second left to score the victory. Tyrus has met his goal of a state title and now he has set an even higher goal. He wants to be the first two-time championship winner in Tiger wrestling history. Good luck on your next goal, we'll be cheering for you.

Photo of Kemp courtesy of Grant County Journal



Another Tiger wrestler, Tevin Hiatt, participated in his first-ever state tourney in the 170 pound weight division. He went into the tournament with a number 11 ranking in the state and a 29-7 record. Tevin's record at the Dome was 3-2 earning him seventh place. He closed out his high school wrestling career with a hard-earned 7-3 victory. Tevin has been an important member of the Tiger team over the past years.

At the season's end banquet Tevin Hiatt, Benny Carter and Tyrus Kemp were named team captains, Carlos Flores "most improved" and Benny Carter received the "inspirational" and "coaches" awards. Congratulations!

Basketball Season Over The Tiger girls and boys basketball seasons have concluded. The girl's season, 4-14 record, ended at the regular season's ending. The boys team advanced to the single-elimination round of the CWAC district tournament only to lose their first game and be eliminated. The boys finished fifth place in the league with a 12-9 season. At the boys' year-end banquet Tyler Clark, Layton Lange and Jake Laird were named the team captains, Dekker Lovitt received the "most improved" award, Brice Turnbull was named "most inspirational" and the "coaches' award" was presented to Hunter Sears.

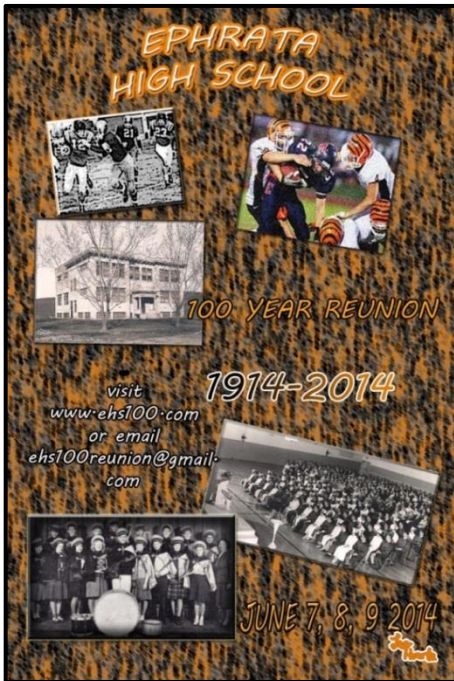
Spring Sports Turnouts It's the last week of February and the baseball, fast pitch, tennis, track and field, golf, and boys soccer teams are turning out and getting ready for competition. The boys' track, tennis, and golf teams hold last year's CWAC championship titles and look to make a successful run at another title this year. The boys track team is also the district and state championship team in the 2A division; a team which includes individual winners. As the season progresses sports scores and successes will be reported.



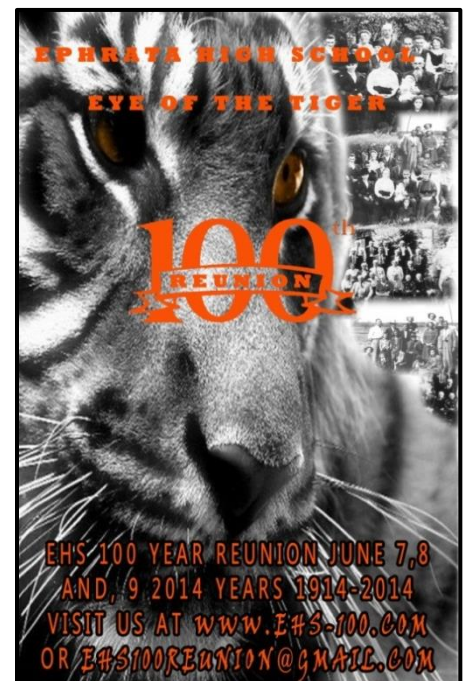
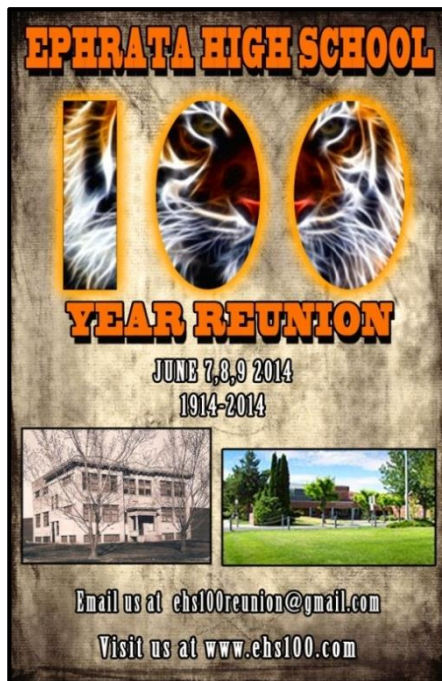
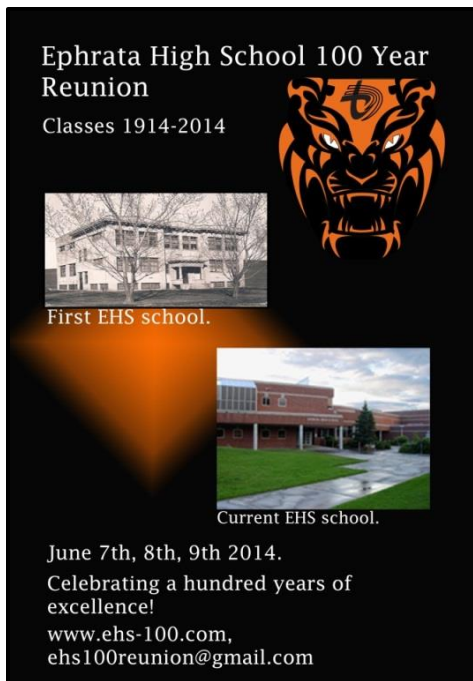
Early Season Start Johnnie Green, one of the more successful members of the boys track team, received a special invitation to compete in the 400 meters race in the Brooks PR Invitational meet at the University of Washington. The meet featured runners from across the states. Johnnie did not run up to his usual standards and placed sixth of six. During the winter months he competed in indoor meets, running the 400 meter races. His 49.7 second time in the Husky Open at Seattle resulted in his invitation to the Brooks meet. The defending state 2A 200-meter champion is currently working out with the Tiger team, preparing for the Ephrata Icebreaker Invitational meet on March 14th. Check out the meet and support the Tigers. Picture from files of Grand County Journal

Ephrata High School Present Student Designers

All EHS alumni can be proud of the current EHS students who stepped up to the plate and entered the EHS-100 Reunion Committee's poster design contest. Teacher Shelley Yenney assigned members of her Web Design Class the task of producing a poster for entry into the contest. Twenty-four students responded: Diana Avila, Nathan Ball, Evan Brooks, Nhu Cao, Danuel Cortez, Samuel Feller, Leo Heurta, McKyna Jacobson, Shaun Kent, David Klopov, Mindy Leavitt, Dekker Lovitt, Walker Maag, Tyson Martin, Amairany Martinez, Johnathon Melbye, Graciela Mendoza, Yonathan Mendoza, Cody Pederson, Yaneli Salgado, Mariah Sarmiento, Megan Spiess, Caitlin Steinhauer, Kortni Tanguay, Katelynn Turnbull, and Bryan Wulf



Forty-one students in Sarah Vasque's Digi-Tool Class also worked at poster designing for the contest. The names of those students who are included among the top design contenders are Justice Amsbury, Adrianna Place, Krista Claussen, Brooklyn Maedke, Johnathon Melbye, Sean Trepanier, Dalton Balentine, Rani Hammer, Andrea Lopez and Josh Richardson. All of the designs from Mrs. Vasque's classes will be available for viewing at the reunion Launch Party to be held on April 12th in the EHS commons area.



Student poster designs. Top: Leo Heurta. Bottom l-r: Sam Feller, Yaneli Salgado, and Diana Avila.

The top winner and top ten entries of the EHS-100 Reunion poster contest will be available for viewing at the 100-year reunion in June 2014.

Dedicated Teacher

It is not only the students at EHS whose education and experiences are ever growing, take Shelley Yenney for instance. For the past 30 years she has not only been busy teaching, she has diligently been expanding her knowledge in order keep up with the educational requirements of her students.



From 1983, when she began as the typing teacher, helping her students master the keys of the IBM selectric typewriters, and on up to 2012-13 where her classroom responsibilities include digi-tools, accounting, business procedures, computer repair, cisco networking, yearbook, recordkeeping, applied math, and web design, she has been dedicated to preparing herself and her students for the future. To accomplish this, Shelley indicated that, "through the years I have worked with Apple 2e and 2-plus computers, Zenith (IBM Clone computers), and a plethora of other computers."

Shelley, who earned a master's in Business Education from the University of Idaho in 1985, has performed a variety of roles in the Ephrata School system. She remembered, "When I first came to Ephrata, for about five years, I was the 'Voice of the Tigers', announcing the baseball games from the press box for Coach Dave Johnson." In addition, "I coached JV basketball for a year and later coached cross country for seven years – four as an assistant to Jerry White and three as the head coach. Every year we took a girls team to state; Ian Westrope was the only male that I had the privilege of taking to the state meet." She is an experienced runner herself. "I consider myself a recreational runner," she said. "I started running to lose weight and since then I have run several 5K and 10K races, entered the Bloomsday Race in Spokane, and competed in half-marathons and five full-marathons. I have also climbed to the top of Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Adams. Mt. Rainier is on my bucket list."

Teaching night classes, Shelley helped the community of Ephrata expand their skills with office machines. She recalled, "I taught numerous night classes such as typing, Lotus 123, and Appleworks. In the early years of computers, I taught one night class where teachers Dave Johnson, Marty O'Brien, Gary Archer and Ed Hamlett, to name a few, were my students. I taught the class in the old high school building and there were so many students in the class that I had to teach in two rooms....I taught through the doorway to both of the classes at the same time."

Since 1986 Shelley has been the advisor of the EHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) organization. She described FBLA as, "a leadership group designed to get students excited about the business world", and indicated that, "the group manages the school store as a fundraiser to help with FBLA students' expenses." She recalled her first year, "We started the program with Randi Hendrickson (Hovland) as the first president. She placed in word processing competition at the state level. Since then EHS has had many contenders, first place finishers in various events, state officers including my son Cameron who was a regional vice-president in 2006. We have also had many national contenders including a team of network design students, Jaymes Kirkham, Brian Harmon and Eric Hensley, who placed first at Nationals in 2007." Along with her FBLA duties Shelly has also been advisor of the school yearbook for a period of 14 years.

Shelley summed up her years at EHS, "Throughout 30 years of teaching I've logged many hours and experiences with EHS students. Presently, I am teaching many second generation students. I am the only teacher that is currently teaching in this district that worked in the 'Old Building' (the 1953 to 1986 high school building)."

All three of the Yenney children are graduates of EHS and have been a credit to the Ephrata School system and its teachers. According to Shelley, "There were several teachers who were influential with each of my children; guiding them into their career choices." She shared information, "Aaron graduated in 2005. He graduated Summa cum laude from Life Pacific Bible College in San Dimas, CA with a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies and graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with a Master's in Theology with an emphasis in Biblical Studies. He works as an Assistant to the Academic Dean at Life Pacific Bible College in San Dimas. He has an international license as a Minister in the Foursquare Church."

Shelley's second son Cameron graduated in 2007. According to his mother, "Cameron graduated from the University of Washington in 2011 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biology. Currently he is a UW Doctor of Pharmacy candidate. He will complete his degree in 2015. He is employed as a UW Medicine: Northwest Hospital and Medical Center pharmacy intern.

Daughter Kelsey graduated from EHS in 2012 and attends Columbia Basin College in Pasco, WA majoring in Biology/Chemistry. Shelley indicated that, "Kelsey has aspirations of transferring to a university and becoming a pharmacist or joint, tendon, ligament surgeon. She is currently a starter and captain of the CBC Women's Basketball team where she averages almost 10 points per game and is a huge threat on defense. Her team finished second in their league and will be playing in the NWAACC tournament."

Stories like the Yenneys' are indicative of the quality of teachers and young people who pass through the halls of Ephrata High School.

Ephrata Past

"Early Ephrata Schooling Recalled By Native Son"

by Vern D. Matthews

Note: Vern D. Matthews, a native Ephratan who graduated from Ephrata High School in 1941, contributed nostalgic pieces on Ephrata's past for publishing by the Grant County Journal. The articles appeared in 1964 and 1965 newspapers. This is the fourth and final article in the series.

"In every community the school has always been a focal point for community activity. Ephrata in the early '30s was no exception. The buildings then were fewer and the pupil count was probably about 300 students in the 12 grades.

Our first entry to Ephrata schools was back in 1929, the year of the October stock market crash and the beginning of the Great Depression.



Grades 1 through 6 were held in a two-story frame school located at the toe of the Beezley slopes, on about an extension of today's 5th and C Streets, N. W. Grades 7 and 8 and the four years of Ephrata High School were contained in the green concrete building still on the corner of the North Ephrata school property.

Stiff spring winds would put a rock and roll motion into the big wooden grade school. Some times this forced closure of the building for the day, so ominous because of the creaks and groans of the tired timbers.

A centrally-located coal furnace spread its warmth into room radiators to heat the building during winter months. Black smoke spewed from its tall chimney and the custodian was hard-pressed to satisfy the appetite of the fiery demon. A long tin slide chute sloped down from the top floor of the building. Practice fire drills were considered as great sport...unless you were the first in line to go down the slide, thus transferring the accumulation of dirt from its bottom to yours. If you were lucky enough to be last, the tin had been thoroughly shined and the slickened surface would carry you down and pitch you far out into the soft dirt below. (This old building was torn down by Forrest Cook with the timber and materials used by him to build many homes in North Ephrata, an area that once was the Cook orchards.)

Arba Walters is the only school custodian we can remember in the Ephrata schools, although he came during our second year following the death of Mr. Guffin. If all the school annuals and publications that have been dedicated to this kindly man were placed end-to-end they'd probably reach to Quincy and back. He surely earned an eternal place in our hearts, just as he has down through the last 35 years.

Charles Cone, now in Chelan, was superintendent (see associated story following) and Roy Harris was the principal. C. A. Hawley became County Superintendent of Schools and many an hour we sat entranced as he recounted his early school days back on the prairies of Kansas. He was another man who brought a natural love for history into bloom.

Many scores of ex-Ephrata students will recall Mrs. Risk, but she died during my first year of school. She was succeeded by Doris Hill (with whom I fell promptly in love...at the age of 7, yet). Mrs. Hartvigson (sp) taught our 3rd and 4th grades and Mrs. Bertha Hill (probably the greatest shaper of student minds this city has ever known) had the 5th and 6th.

Those early days in Ephrata schools were grand days and our Pandora memory box is still full. We can remember the roar of the creek behind the school as spring flood waters hurried down the channel, around the bend of the first bridge. Past the school property it whooshed before fanning out to the stillness of a lake area on the Frey and Snyder property to the north of town.

An excitement gripped us when we first heard the roar of the spring flood waters. We knew that soon the gentle slopes of Beezley Hills would nourish again early spring flowers. That winter – scarred sage would redon its furbishing's of greenery. Soon Indian families would come to dig the wild onions and camas roots and to trade their ponies to the town sharpies. Gypsy families, with their yipping dogs and ready tongues and educated fingers, would come meandering into town. Medicine shows would be putting up posters announcing their impending arrivals. The old swimmin' hole up by the "red" bridge would be waiting.....

Yes, it was nice to be home to Ephrata again for the holidays. Each day, each year, gives more import to the meaning of the day and of life and of friends. We read recently where only the old look backwards....that the young look ahead.

Poof to such a philosophy! It becomes a lie every time we pick up a Bible, a history book, a Great Book....indeed, every time we look into a mirror."

Charles E. Cone - Superintendent of Ephrata Schools 1928 to 1935



In 1971, in a "Minute with Herb" column by Herb Jenkins – EHS '23, Herb paid tribute to Mr. Cone at his passing. "Charlie Cone of Chelan died March 6. It is an old cliché, but nevertheless true, to say that 'they broke the mold after they made Charlie'. He was one of the last of a vanishing type of American – he said exactly what he thought, regardless of who he was talking to and regardless of the possible consequences. Absolute, rigid honesty was his standard; coupled with that was a heart as big as all outdoors, carefully concealed under a gruff exterior.

He was recognized as one of the top school administrators in the State. Many a student is living a better life today because of some of Charlie's unorthodox ways of teaching. For example, one of Charlie's students, a rather shy, unkempt individual, was having a tough time in physics. Charlie told me one time, 'I knew this boy would never go to college. But, I also knew that he was highly intelligent and had great possibilities. So I told him that if he would get a haircut, change his shirt oftener and pay more attention to his appearance, I would give him a passing grade in physics so he could graduate, even if he wasn't able to do all the required work.'

Charlie continued: 'Well, this boy started dressing neatly, the girls started to pay some attention to him, he was elected to some school offices, and he really developed that last year. As a result, that boy went on to become a highly successful farmer and a community leader. I believe that what he learned that last year in school about good grooming was a lot more important than insisting that he pass a course in physics.'

One could tell stories for hours about Charlie's unobtrusive generosity. One year at graduation Charlie loaned the valedictorian \$30 to buy a new suit and had his own threadbare suit cleaned and pressed for the occasion.

Times were tough in the early '30s when Charlie was superintendent of schools in Ephrata, but whenever he took a group of students on a trip he would stop at a good restaurant and buy a meal for the group at his own expense. For many of the students, this was the first time they had ever eaten in a place such as the Davenport Hotel in Spokane. But, Charlie figured the experience for the students was worth it.

For a time Charlie was in charge of distributing food and clothing to destitute families in Grant County for a charitable agency. After a couple of years they had to pull Charlie off the job because he was spending too much of his personal funds to buy shoes and clothing for needy children. If a child needed shoes and the money was not immediately available from the agency, Charlie would outfit the child himself. In his way of thinking no child should go without as long as he had some money of his own. The fact that he was working as superintendent of schools under a greatly reduced salary didn't bother him. As long as he had any money, he would share it.

He had no patience with sham and pomposity. At one school meeting it was announced that the meeting would adjourn at 2 o'clock so the delegates could attend a football game. The chairman droned on and on introducing each speaker. At 2 o'clock the meeting still wasn't half way through the program. Charlie got up and said: 'Mr. Chairman, I understood this meeting was to adjourn at 2 o'clock so we could attend the football game. It is now 2 o'clock and I'm going to the game.' And he walked out. Some of the delegates told me later they felt like applauding his action.

Charlie was brilliant, kindly, a good community leader, and a real friend to anyone in trouble. He is going to be missed by all that knew him.”

Note: Charles Cone came to the Ephrata School District in 1928 to become superintendent of schools. Before that he had graduated from Star High School at Star, Idaho in 1914 and taught at various locations in Idaho. He was a World War I Army veteran. After serving in the military he graduated from the University of Idaho in 1923 and received a master’s degree in 1930. After serving at Oakesdale, WA as superintendent he moved to Ephrata. He next moved to Chelan where he was superintendent from 1935 to 1944 before becoming employed as a research assistant with the Columbia Basin Commission organizing the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project. He taught as an instructor at Central Washington State College from 1947 to 1948 and then returned to Chelan where he taught school until his retirement in 1958.

Through the memories of two men, Vern Matthews and Herb Jenkins, future generations are able to gain insight into the lives of students and educators in early-day Ephrata. Their stories reinforce the thought that those who grew up and attended school in Ephrata are very fortunate to have been a part of this community.