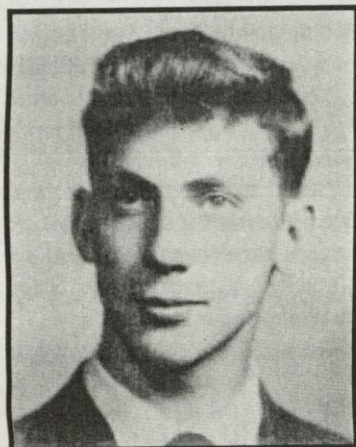


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The Alumni Newsletter of Grand Blanc High School

Bob Stallcup To Be Honored



Grand Blanc High School Alum and former science teacher Bob Stallcup is to be inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame on Friday, September 20th during a halftime ceremony of the Grand Blanc vs Carman-Ainsworth football game. Bob coached the Grand Blanc High School Cross Country and Track team for many seasons during his teaching career. He coached the first state championship team in school history with the 1977 Cross Country team. That team was also ranked #1 in the nation - a feat no other Bobcat team has ever done. In 1979, Bob

coached the Cross Country team to a second state championship. In addition, he was named Cross Country Coach of the Year in the State of Michigan. Bob went on to be named National Cross Country Coach of the Year - the only coach we've ever had named to this high honor. All former track and cross country runners as well as friends and former students are invited to join us honor Bob Stallcup.

Do You Know What This Picture Is?

Where was this building located? What was it called?

If you can answer these questions, and know more, please contact: Brenda (Peterman) Debus, 2069 Ala St., Burton, MI 48519, or telephone Brenda at (810) 743-7284.



A Message from the President

*Charlie Carmody
Alumni President, '80*

Hello Bobcat Alums!

Your Alumni Board of Directors has enjoyed putting together this Alumni Banner for you - we hope you enjoy reading it. We have continued our Alumni projects around Grand Blanc High School over the last six months.

Again, our website is continually being upgraded for you. Check us out at hswww.grand-blanc.k12.mi.us - and hit the "Alumni" icon. The Alumni Home Page contains links to: reunions, alumni email addresses, alumni messages, Marching Band, Football, and Cheerleading gatherings, old yearbooks and films for sale, Bobcat souvenirs, and retired teachers. You can also reach us by phone or fax at 810-591-7378.

More composite pictures are now hanging in Alumni Hall at Grand Blanc High School. We are working hard to create the missing composites on computer from the years 1978-1991. We are hopeful to complete this project by next spring.

Our homecoming date is set for this fall - Friday, October 18th. The parade time is TBA, with kick-off of the Bobcats vs. Swartz Creek at 7:00 p.m. The halftime festivities will include the crowning of this year's Homecoming Queen. We hope you can join us. Your Alumni Board of Directors will be hosting an open house on Saturday, October 19th to tour the Perry and High School buildings. Please join us at 10 am to see Perry and 12 pm to see GBHS.

Once again - thank you for your continued support of the Alumni Association. You are always welcome to join us for our monthly meetings - our meeting schedule is posted on our website. We generally meet Wednesdays at 7 pm in Room 234 at GBHS.

Do You Remember?

Reprint of a letter from Beth (Ray) Roberts, '58
Sent to Brenda (Peterman) Debus, '57, for the Alumni Banner

Dear Brenda,

I do enjoy reading the Alumni Banner since I have lived in Massachusetts for 40 years. It is fun to read about the "old" Grand Blanc and the people that I remember. I have been back to three class reunions and to two of my husband's, Donald, who attended Grayling High School, Class of '58. We come back to visit family more often now. Our two children, Leslie and Douglas, are both married and living in Connecticut and Virginia. We have two grandchildren.

As to whether I'm handy at "putting my thoughts on paper", I really don't know, but, as I think of my childhood and growing up in Grand Blanc, I made a list of things I remember.

I went to school in the old building on S. Saginaw St., from kindergarten through twelfth grade. I do remember when the new addition was added which included a new gymnasium as well as cafeteria and classrooms. I lived at the corner of Center Rd. and Walker St. and had to walk about a mile, each way, to school and back.

We lived near the train overpass, on S. Saginaw St., which used to flood at times during storms. I remember my brother, "Sonny", making money pushing stranded motorists out of the water.

The train tracks also passed by the back of our property. When we were younger, we would run down to wave at the engineers and workmen in the caboose. Sometimes there were fires along the track from the old steam engines. It was a real treat when we saw a diesel engine in those days. Occasionally, we climbed the fence and listened for trains or played on the viaduct.

I also remember when the large building across the tracks and over past Saginaw St. was called the "Tank Plant". I recall seeing military tanks being driven around outside the factory, for testing purposes, I assume.

In the '40's and '50's we walked safely, anywhere in town. I often went to the Centre theater on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons. I remember being so proud, and feeling "grown-up", when I turned 13 years old and paid an adult price for the movies. I think the cost, at that time, was 50 cents for an adult - and that was for two movies being shown!

I do remember the Bo-Kay Ice Cream place, which I think had five flavors at something like five cents and ten cents for single and double dips.

We also lived near Rust Park, where we would walk in the woods and wade in the creek. Of course, we had to watch out for the "blood suckers", as we called them. There were also events at the park for the fourth of July - parades, games, music, food and fireworks!

I remember when people lined the streets in the center of town as Richard Nixon rode through Grand Blanc in a vehicle headed for an event in Flint. I'm not sure, but this may have been when he was about to run for president (the first time), or vice-president earlier.

We always dressed up if we went to church, or caught a bus to go shopping in Flint.

Does this give you some ideas of Grand Blanc fifty years ago?

I am 62 years old and working as a Reading Recovery teacher in Warren. My sister, Carol (Ray) Masse, who lives in Swartz Creek, MI, has written articles for publication and may also have better memories; since she has always lived in the area and has seen changes as they occur.

Sincerely,
Beth (Ray) Roberts

If you have memories of Grand Blanc you would like to share, please contact Brenda (Peterman) Debus, 2069 Ala St., Burton, MI 48519, or telephone Brenda at (810) 743-7284

Benefits of Growing Older

Submitted by
Brenda (Peterman) Debus, '57

1. In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.
2. It's harder and harder for sexual harassment charges to stick.
3. No one expects you to run into a burning building.
4. People call at 9:00 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"
5. You are no longer looked upon as a hypochondriac.
6. There's nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. The things you buy now will not wear out.
8. You can eat dinner at 4:00 p.m.
9. You find you can live without sex, but not without glasses.
10. You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
11. You can get into a heated argument about pension plans.
12. You can have a party and the neighbors don't realize it.
13. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
14. You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
15. You sing along with elevator music.
16. Your eyes won't get any worse.
17. Your investment in health insurance is finally paying off.
18. Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service.
19. Your secrets are safe with your friends; they can't remember them, either.
20. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.

Grand Blanc Educational Foundation Proud Supporters of the Alumni Association

Since its inception in 1994, the Grand Blanc High School Alumni Association has benefited from the financial generosity of the Grand Blanc Educational Foundation. To get our Association up and running, the Foundation paid for the Alumni Banner. Then, your contributions help us pay them back, with the remainder left to fund our other Alumni projects.

The Foundation supports all the elementary, middle and high school buildings in the Grand Blanc Community Schools by funding programs and projects that the schools can't afford to do. Their latest effort at Grand Blanc High School included helping to pay to have Coach Herman Boone, from the movie "Remember The Titans", come to GBHS and speak to the student body about his life and character education.

To fund the many Foundation projects, the Board of Directors raises funds through the Annual Duck Race and concession stand fund raisers during the Grand Blanc Summer Festival each summer. In addition, the Foundation runs the Bobcat Souvenir store - online, at parent-teacher conferences, open houses, and at Varsity Football games.

For more information, contact the foundation at 810-591-6014, or online at www.grand-blanc.k12.mi.us - then hit "Resources" to locate us.

If.....

Submitted by
Brenda (Peterman)
Debus, '57



If you can start the day without caffeine or pills....
If you can be cheerful, ignoring your aches and pains....
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles....
If you can eat the same food every day, and be grateful for it....
If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time....
If you can overlook when people take things out on you when something goes wrong....
If you can take criticism and blame, without resentment....
If you can face the world without lies and deceit....
If you can conquer tension without medicinal aides..
If you can relax without liquor....
If you can sleep without the assistance of drugs....
Then you are probably a dog!

Sadie Fletcher, Grand Blanc NEWS Reporter

Sadie had been a Grand Blanc resident for 60 years, having migrated here with her parents in 1907. She was born Sadie Storm in Venice Center, Cayuga County, New York, in 1885 and in 1901 she accompanied her parents and brothers to Owosso.

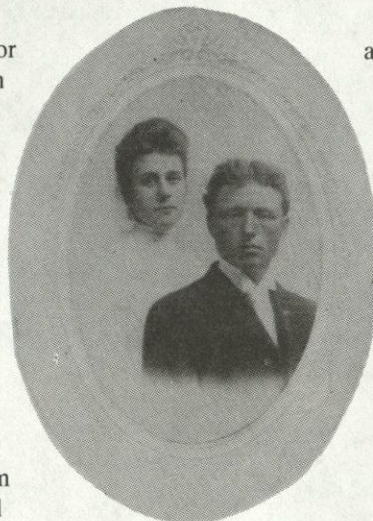
In 1907 following her marriage to Edward H. Fletcher, she moved to Grand Blanc, where she had been a resident for sixty years. Mr. Fletcher was a well known attorney and later served as a Grand Blanc Justice of Peace. They had two children, Mrs. Gordon F. (Marjorie) Mancour, and Weston W., who passed away in 1937.

She had two grandchildren, Mrs. William (Bonnie Jean) Dodge of E. Hill Road, and Arnold Fletcher of Grand Blanc.

Sadie first began gathering news for the Grand Blanc Press, as it was called in the beginning, in 1927. And with the exception of a year, while engaged as matron at the Grand Blanc Tank Plant, during World War II, had done so continuously for the next forty years.

In the beginning she "covered" her territory by walking. Packing her self a lunch she would set out along Saginaw Street and walk to Hill Road in one direction and as far out as Embury Road in the other. Making life long friends along the way.

After a few years, phone service became available to her



Sadie and Ed Fletcher

and a little later, an office was established for the Press, and getting news became a less time consuming occupation.

During this time she was also a reporter for the Flint Journal for five years, The Burton Banner, Flint Weekly Review and the Flint News Advertiser.

For the last twenty-five years of her life, Sadie had made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mancour on Grand Blanc Road.

Her daughter, Marjorie, taught school in the Grand Blanc school system.

Sadie passed away suddenly at home on October 31, 1967 at the age of 82.

Sadie's grandson, Arnold Fletcher '55 (son of Weston, raised by the Mancours), married and has three children. 1) Dwight with two daughters,

Stephanie and Rene' who attend Grand Blanc Middle School. 2) Ramona, '80 with a daughter, Hannah Storm Scherba and son Nicholas Scherba who attend Myers School. 3) Kimberly Fletcher, '82, married and has two children, Jennifer Lynne Baird and Greg Adam Baird.

Sadie's granddaughter Bonnie Mancour '59 married Bill Dodge '57, and has four sons, 1) Rob, '78, married Terri and has two daughters, Erica, a sophomore, and Katie in eighth grade. 2) Charles, '82. 3) Mark, '90 and 4) Scott, '93.

Submitted by Dorothy and John Schlaud

...Alumni Reunions and Messages...

Reunions.....

Class of 1941 - **October 6, 2002** - Contact Jeancie (Brooks) Miller at (810) 653-0573
Class of 1952 - **September 28-29, 2002** - Contact John Schlaud at (810) 694-9240
Class of 1953 - Contact Phyliss (810) 694-6571 or Lola (810) 735-7974
Class of 1957 - **October 12, 2002** - Contact Judy Laney at (810) 694-7375
Class of 1983 - Contact Traci (Pointer) Fisher at (810) 694-7421

Messages.....

Looking for Rhonda Wright, would love to talk to you - Kathi Dach Lavender
Congratulations to Lt. Col. Jay McDaniel '75 on his retirement from the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Jay spent 23 years in the Air Force involved in research and development of space mission technologies. - Mary (Galloway) McDaniel '39 - Jay's proud mother.
Julie Fischer - Please contact Nancy Davis Hunt
Looking for 1936 "survivors" - Let's get together - Ruth Ackerman Wadsworth (517) 321-2726
Carol Mascio - Call Anna Jean Troyer in Florida

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