

7 Nov 2019 and 27 May 2021 - Throwback Thursday, Class of 1955.  
Estelle Eggleston, a.k.a. Stella Stevens, a.k.a. Miss January 1960, a.k.a. Linda Rogo in The Poseidon Adventure.

14 Nov 2019 and 3 Jun 2021 - Throwback Thursday, Class of 1940,  
Kathryn LaVerne Starks, a.k.a. Kay Starr.

21 Nov 2019 and 10 Jun 2021 - Throwback Thursday, Class of 1952,  
John Henry Cannon, Jr., a.k.a. Ace Cannon.

28 Nov 2019 and 17 Jun 2021 - Throwback Thursday, Class of 1951,  
our very own Eugene Gill, a.k.a. Webmaster Extraordinaire.

5 Dec 2019 and 24 Jun 2021 - Throwback Thursday, Class of 1936, our very  
own James Lawrence "Jimmie" Riddle, a.k.a. Boogie-Woogie Man.

12 Dec 2019 and 1 Jul 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1933, Dorris  
Estelle Bowdon, American actress, a.k.a. Miss Memphis 1937.

19 Dec 2019 and 8 Jul 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1964, our very  
own Travis Lavoid Wammack, a.k.a. Fastest Guitar Player in the South.

26 Dec 2019 and 12 Aug 2021 reschedule - Throwback Thursday, Class of  
1970, Rob Jolly has become one of a small handful of Tech High School  
Historians. He has collected every Tech High Annual since the first one was  
printed in 1928 at the location on Poplar Ave. These yearbooks are now on-  
line for all Tech High Alumni to enjoy. Rob was very active at Tech as  
President of the Class of 1970, President of the International Thespian  
Society, President of the National Forensics League and President of the  
International Key Club. After college he started Rob Jolly Roofing LLC with  
his wife Marie. They have been awarded the Germantown Roofer of the Year  
14 times in a row. His real love in life is being in the Ministry of Christ; having  
taught the Bible and developing a curriculum using stick figures and acting to  
children and adults for over 45 years. He has gone on Missionary trips where  
he has taught thousands of children in other countries using his teaching  
materials, methods, and interpreters. Rob Jolly shares his vast Tech  
collection with class reunions and alumni.

a teacher at Hutchison and S.B.E.C. and directed over 160 theater productions.

2 Jan 2020 and 15 Jul 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1962, Charles Douglas “Charlie” Musselwhite, a true master of American classic vernacular music.

9 Jan 2020 and 22 Jul 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1950. Thomas Edmond "Ed" Craig. Veteran News Anchor for Channel 13 Eyewitness News.

16 Jan 2020 and 29 Jul 2021 - Throwback Thursday, Class of 1966, Earnest Curtis “Curt” Fields, a.k.a. General Ulysses S. Grant.

23 Jan 2020 and 5 Aug 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1984, our very own Connie D. Hibbler, a.k.a. Lady Tiger MVP.

30 Jan 2020 and 19 Aug 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1964, Jimmy Crosthwait is a percussionist, washboard player, puppeteer, sculptor, actor, and member of the legendary band, Mudboy and the Neutrons.

6 Feb 2020 and 26 Aug 2021 - Throwback Thursday, Class of 1952, Norman Clyde Brewer. Veteran News Anchor and news director for WMC Channel 5. After completing his service in the Army, he had a long career in broadcasting, including radio and television. He worked for WMC channel 5 from 1958 to 1974 as a reporter, news anchor, and news director. He joined WREG channel 3 in 1995 as a daily commentator. In addition, Norman was also an editorial writer for The Commercial Appeal, speech writer, and published author.

13 Feb 2020 and 2 Sep 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1961, Joyce Ann Ward, music aficionado and creator of Tech’s Facebook group— helped bring so many, good ol’ friends, back together.

20 Feb 2020 and 9 Sep 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1943, Dewey “Daddy-O-Dewey” Phillips, best remembered for being the first disc jockey to play an Elvis Presley record over the airwaves.

27 Feb 2020 and 16 Sep 2021– Throwback Thursday, Class of 1973, Ann Polk, won the Miss Black Memphis Pageant on Dec 20, 1975, at the Towne 11 theater. A student at Elkins Institute studying radio broadcasting, Miss Polk won over 16 other girls and will represent Memphis in the Miss Black Tennessee Pageant.

5 Mar 2020 and 23 Sep 2021- Throwback Thursday, Class of 1949, Raymond Lockman “Ray” Godman, highly decorated Marine, business man, opened Lakeland International Raceway plus inaugurated into the International Drag Racing Hall of Fame.

12 Mar 2020 and 30 Sep 2021– Throwback Thursday, Class of 1948, Beth Miller Mandell. She was an actress in "The Solid Gold Cadillac," "The Glenn Miller Story," and "The Godfather Part II."

7 Oct 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1950, Thomas Clark Cogbill, a studio musician during Memphis’ hottest recording era. Gained a reputation during the 1960s as being the best electric bass guitar player in the South. He worked with some of the nation’s top artist, including Elvis Presley, Neil Diamond, Dionne Warwick, and B. J. Thomas.

19 Mar 2020 and 14 Oct 2021– Throwback Thursday, Class of 1937, Donald Ivo Newman, professional photographer, Newman’s efforts have helped capture Memphis landmarks – those that have vanished from the landscape and those that have remained a constant backdrop to social change—and shine a light on the city’s history.

21 Oct 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1944, Evelynne Joyce “Eve” Horton. Eve published more than 3,000 poems and wrote five books of poetry, including "No Other Starr" and "Take Time to Laugh". She won many awards for her writing, locally and nationally, and was Poet Laureate emeritus of the Poet Society of Tennessee. She was also a member and officer of the American League of Penwomen Chickasaw Branch.

26 Mar 2020 and 28 Oct 2021– Throwback Thursday, Class of 1939, Henry Eugene “Gene” Bearden, Major League Baseball Player with Cleveland Indians, Washington Senators, Detroit Tigers, St. Louis Browns, and the Chicago White Sox.

2 Apr 2020 and 4 Nov 2021 - Throwback Thursday, Class of 1931, Curtis S. Person, Golf Digest magazine ranked him No. 1 senior in the world five consecutive years, starting in 1966.

9 Apr 2020 and 11 Nov 2021 - Throwback Thursday, Class of 1939, Alice Louise Hall, a.k.a. the first Memphis Maid of Cotton.

16 Apr 2020 and 18 Nov 2021 - Throwback Thursday, Class of 1946, Rena Frances Mitchell a soprano and operatic diva with Memphis Opera Theatre.

23 Apr 2020 and 25 Nov 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1956, William Martin Willis, Jr., an American rockabilly rock and roll musician, composer, and arranger who played the saxophone, clarinet, and flute as a member of several bands in the 1950s and 1960s.

30 Apr 2020 and 2 Dec 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Faculty, Robert Lewis Terrell. He had a secret not too many folks knew about. For years, he would offer disadvantaged children a promise: Graduate from high school and I'll give you \$100. He spent more than 40 years in the city school system, staying for 16 years beyond the point he could have retired.

7 May 2020 and 9 Dec 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1950, Nancy Lee Sanders, a.k.a. Hub Cap Annie. Nancy researched the market place and found that pothole and theft victims had very little choice when searching for hubcaps and wheels for their cars. Now there are over 40 stores in some 16 states.

16 Dec 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1959, Richard E. Davis. Movie Stand-in/Stunt man, Memphis Mafia member. Mr. Davis joined the inner circle of the Memphis Mafia after Elvis was discharged from the U.S. Army. Well liked for his quit wit, his jobs varied from being one of the stand-in/stunt men for Elvis Presley in 23 films, for which he was an inch shorter than Elvis which required him to wear lifts in his shoes, to body guard and wardrobe manager. He also was one of the very few who witnessed the meeting between Elvis and The Beatles in the mid 60s at Elvis' home in California. He left Elvis' employ in 1971 and remained friends with Elvis until his death in 1977. Mr. Davis worked for Stax Records as a promotion's director, worked for Warner Brothers Records and most recently as a security guard for Horseshoe Casino until his retirement two years ago. Mr. Davis had a great relationship with Elvis' estate and the fans, for being one of only a few for not selling out and cashing in on Elvis' fame.

14 May 2020 and 23 Dec 2021 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1957, Thomas Jerry Arnold. In 1959 Bill Black's Combo began. The lineup was Black (bass), Joe Lewis Hall (Piano), Reggie Young (Guitar), Martin Willis (saxophone), and Jerry Arnold (drums).

21 May 2020 and 30 Dec 2021 - Throwback Thursday, Class of 1965, Titus Blade Steele. Artist whose commissions grace several major hospitals in Memphis and many all over the vicinity. "I feel I am not smart or wise, but practical and adaptable for change. And I know I haven't tasted very much of life. Yet, I love people...not black, white, yellow or red, but all."

28 May 2020 and 6 Jan 2022- Throwback Thursday, Class of 1937, Franklin Pearce "Pete" Dugan, honored for his steadfast commitment to the cause of the Veterans Plaza in Overton Park.

4 June 2020 and 13 Jan 2022- Throwback Thursday, Class of 1933, Thornton Robin Utz. The country in a depression, he could afford only one year at the American Academy of the Arts, he learned the secret to being a great artist; drawing continually. His work graced more than 50 covers of the 'Saturday Evening Post.' International fame came with portraits of Princess Grace of Monaco and President Jimmy Carter, as well as the Carter family.

20 Jan 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1984. Antoinette "Toni" Taylor. In a little under three years, she's authored two novels. In 2017, she authored "Bosschild 1" and in 2020 she authored "Broken but Not Defeated."

11 June 2020 and 27 Jan 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1965. Jane Fisher (Wiley). Wiley is the founder of Caring Heart Ministries, a program that offers hope and encouragement to children and adults with special needs, the deaf and hearing impaired, the blind and visually impaired, and to residents of area nursing homes and hospitals.

18 June 2020 and 3 Feb 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1927. Burton Harry Callicott. If you've been to the Pink Palace you've see the murals by artist Burton Callicott over the staircase in the lobby. Callicott taught at the Memphis College of Art from 1937 to 1973, and then retained emeritus status until his death. He's also the stepson of Mike Abt, Tech Faculty.

10 Feb 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1928, Helen Hamilton. Mrs. Person, the wife of championship golfer Curtis S. Person, T-31, and the mother of state Sen. Curtis Person, Jr. A lifelong sports enthusiast, she

was captain of the 1928 All Girls Basketball in Memphis while she attended Memphis Technical High School. The man she married was captain of the all-boys team at the time.

Mrs. Person was director of the Curtis S. Person, Sr. Invitational Golf Tournament. She was president of the Marguerite Gaut Memorial Golf Tournament since she founded it in 1960. She also founded the Hostess Group for the Danny Thomas Memphis Open Golf Tournament.

17 February 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1954. Lloyd Arnold McCollough “Fireball Mac.” Born into a musical family, in 1953 he formed his first band, The Drifting Hillbillies, which consisted mainly of family members. During 1953 and 1954 they recorded several demos / acetates at Sam Phillips' Memphis Recording Service. His first record was made for the Von label from Booneville, Mississippi, in the fall of 1955. Both sides, "Oh Darling" and "Watch That Girl" were pure country.

25 June 2020 and 24 Feb 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1936. Robert Randall “Bobby” Bragan. An American shortstop, catcher, manager, and coach in Major League Baseball. His professional baseball career encompassed 73 years.

2 July 2020 and 3 Mar 2022- Throwback Thursday, Class of 1965. Patsy L. Coleman (McMahon), honored for her steadfast commitment to the Quilts of Valor Foundation as they bestow a universal symbol and token of thanks, solace, and remembrance to those who serve in harm's way to protect and defend our lives and freedoms.

9 July 2020 and 10 Mar 2022– Throwback Thursday, Class of 1961. Bobby Cheevers. Bob is the 2011 Texas Music Awards Singer/Songwriter of the Year and an Emmy winning songwriter.

16 July 2020 and 17 Mar 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1976. LaConnie Taylor. In a little over four years, she's authored three full-length novels. In 2008, Ms. Taylor-Jones was the recipient of the 2008 Romance Slam Jam Emma Award for Debut Author of the Year for *When I'm With You*.



24 March 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1959. Hershel Raymond Beebe, Jr. Crown Charters and Tours, founded in 1995 by Raymond and Margaret Beebe, Crown Coach is one of the longest operating motor coach companies in the Mid South. As a locally owned family business, Crown attributes much of its success to doing business the old-fashioned way with great quality, dependability, and friendly service.

23 July 2020 and 31 March 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1948. Craig Basse. Craig spent decades writing obituaries in the pages of the St. Petersburg Times. He honored the humanity of countless people with dedication to the record of their lives.

30 July 2020 and 7 April 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1947. William Oren Crumby, Jr. Crumby spent 27 ½ years with the Memphis Police Department. He retired in 1977 at the age of 50 under then mayor Wyeth Chandler, who described him as a “policeman’s policeman.” Appointed police chief in September 1974.

6 August 2020 and 14 April 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1960, Charles Glynn “Charlie” Miller. For the better part of his 65 years, Charlie’s still life’s and landscapes, figurative studies and murals – embodied Midtown Memphis.

13 August 2020 and 21 April 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1951. James A. Autry. A former Fortune 500 executive, who is also an author, poet, and business coach.

20 August 2020 and 28 Apr 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1941. Corliss Jean Lewman. Talented singer and quite the artist, she won many awards for the Tech art department Cotton Carnival competition. Also, a beauty pageant contestant and “Maid of Cotton” on the Cotton Carnival parade float.

27 August 2020 and 5 May 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1940. Helen Leigh Rae Rhodes (Putnan). In 2017 Helen was honored at the opening of Crosstown Concourse for being the first female advertising artist at Sears in that location in 1942, stepping in when all the male artists had left to join the war effort. Later she was the local illustrator of Mr. Bingle, a beloved cartoon snowman with holly leaf wings and an ice cream cone hat,

who was featured in Lowenstein's Department Store ads at Christmas during the 1950's and 1960's.

3 September 2020 and 12 May 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1966, Linda Barnes, stalwart of Memphis Technical High School. This week is bittersweet, she has completed her 8,000<sup>th</sup> Yellowjacket memorial, she started this project 11 years, 2 months ago. She spends more time at the Memphis Library than the librarian.

10 September 2020 and 19 May 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1948 and Faculty. Edward Joseph Bousson, Jr. 'Mr. Boo', as he was known to hundreds of music and theatre students, taught at Tech and Kingsbury High Schools. He often said he knew from the beginning he wanted to sing for a living. Ed earned his undergraduate degree from Memphis State University. After completing his Masters in Music at LSU in Baton Rouge, he auditioned for the Metropolitan Opera. He later landed a spot to sing on the Arthur Godfrey Radio Show. He performed with Memphis Opera Theatre and was lead tenor in shows like La Traviata and Madame Butterfly. A much sought-after vocalist for fundraisers, rallies and special events, he performed for President Richard Nixon and at the dedication of St. Jude, singing 'Danny Boy' for founder Danny Thomas. For a number of years, Ed was also a weekly performer on the WREC 'Good Morning Memphis' television program. He served in Korea as part of the 304th Signal Battalion with the U.S. Army. Always civic minded, Ed was involved with several non-profit organizations and was elected to two terms in the Tennessee House of Representatives. For 31 years, he served the Memphis School System as a teacher and assistant principal. After retirement, not yet ready to stop, Ed continued his music career and also worked as a billing agent for FedEx for seven more years. He was also a past President of the Memphis Area Retired Teachers Association. At the age of 70, working with one of his students, pianist David Troy Francis, he went to Hollywood to record his first professional CD, titled 'Splendored Things', a story of love songs featuring classics, 'Til There Was You,' 'Over the Rainbow', 'If Ever I Would Leave You' and 'You'll Never Walk Alone'.

17 September 2020 and 26 May 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Faculty. Michael F. Abt. Mr. Abt was the head of Tech High's Commercial Art Department for 29 years before retiring in 1950 to devote full time to his



work with the Memphis Cotton Carnival Association. When the Cotton Carnival was in its infancy in 1931, Mr. Abt took charge of the float design and sent the Carnival to national prominence.

2 June 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1971, John Torina. Devoting his entire life to the Arts, John Torina has traveled and worked in twenty countries exploring the beauty, mystery, and poetry of the landscape. After earning his BFA in painting at the Memphis Air Academy and an MFA at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Torina went on to teach painting, life drawing, and art history at five universities for two decades.

24 September 2020 and 9 June 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Class of 1951, James W. “Jimmy” Mann. Director Emeritus of the Research and Training Center of the Handicapped and Professor Emeritus in Special Education at the University of Mississippi. Dr. Mann became a professor at the University of Mississippi in January 1965. He retired from Ole Miss after 34 years of service. In 1973, Dr. Mann was appointed to the chairmanship of the Congressional Education and Rehabilitation Advisory Committee authorized by the Veterans Benefits Act. This committee, under his leadership, consulted with the U.S. Congress making recommendations and issuing reports for the improvement of services to veterans and their families. From 1976 to 1982, Dr. Mann served as the chair of the Board of Trustees for the Schools of the Blind and Deaf in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1983, he was named Citizen of the Year for Oxford. In 1995, a group home, the Dr. James W. Mann Haven Home, was dedicated in Hernando, Mississippi in his honor.

1 October 2020 and 16 Jun 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Sharri Elizabeth McDavid, Class of 1931. Mrs. Paullus was owner of Sharina Music Company and during her early career she sang with Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw and others.

8 October 2020 and 23 Jun 2022 – Throwback Thursday, William B. Walton, Class of 1937. Bill played a tremendously key role in the development of Holiday Inn. He was opening a new hotel every two and a half days. Mr. Walton was also well known for his family home, a 32-acre spread called Glen Echo on Forrest Hill-Irene near Poplar in Germantown.

15 October 2020 and 30 Jun 2022– Throwback Thursday, Carolyn Ray Elliott, Faculty. It’s nice to know there are teachers out there who can

affect your whole life. Most everyone has a favorite teacher from school. After graduating most students go to college, join the military, get a job, get married. No matter what we do, the way we do it is often because a favorite teacher took the time to show us the way. Carolyn just loved the children; you know you hit the lotto to get her as a teacher. She came to Tech in the fall of 1963, and never left. She worked there until the school closed in 1987. When Tech closed, she stayed on the campus in the new Adolescent Parenting Program. We have been blessed to be able to stay in touch with her on our Tech group.

22 October 2020 and 7 Jul 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Roy Clifford Nixon, Jr., Class of 1952. In 1970 he ran for Sheriff and won by a landslide, holding the office from 1970-1975. As Sheriff, he deputized his good friend, Elvis Presley. When the position of County Mayor was created in the Shelby County government restructure, he ran for the new position and won. He took office as the first Mayor of Shelby County on 1 January 1976.

29 October 2020 and 14 Jul 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Toney Armstrong, Class of 1984. Armstrong's career as a Memphis police officer began in 1989 after he finished active service in the United States Army. A Memphis hero, starting as a patrol officer and moving up the ranks, and has been a remarkable director of police. Armstrong stepped down as Memphis police director at the end of January 2016, after a 27-year career with the force. He currently serves as the director for security at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

21 Jul 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Anita Layne (Ellis), Class of 1929. She attended Hutchison School, Memphis Tech and Saint-Martin-aux-Bois school in Paris. She was a former model and clothes designer in New York. And designed the Memphis rooms at the Cotton Carnival for many years.

5 November 2020 and 28 Jul 2022 – Throwback Thursday, Judy Juanice Pickler, Class of 1969. One who will always be remembered by her fellow classmates as exemplifying the ideals of kindness and courage which we all admire. During summer break she went back to Mississippi to visit her

family and they went to Strong River, near Bridgeport MS, for a family outing. Her younger sisters and brothers got out too deep and she went out to help them. She managed to save 2 siblings but the current swept her away afterwards. Because Judy gave her life in an attempt to save another's, we hope her sacrifice will inspire us all to better love and understanding.

12 November 2020 and 4 Aug 2022 – Throwback Thursday. Jeanne Seale, Class of 1937. Jeanne has seen a lot in her 101 years on Earth, including what was in Abraham Lincoln's pockets when he was assassinated. While the pictures of those contents are available for anyone to see at the Library of Congress, it was Jeanne who arranged the items and took photos of them. Jeanne has lived through – the Roaring Twenties, Prohibition, the Great Depression and multiple wars. Before working for the Library of Congress, Jeanne lived in the Baltimore area, where she and her late husband started their own business shooting and processing photos and selling camera equipment.

19 November 2020 and 11 August 2022 – Throwback Thursday. Early Hobson Maxwell, Class of 1923. Whether as an athlete, sports writer, promoter, manager, or publicist, he always gave his all. After his U.S. Army service during WWII, he formed Early Maxwell Associates, an advertising and public relations firm. His firm helped Memphis build the Mid-South Coliseum and Memphis Memorial Stadium. Inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1967.

26 November 2020 and 18 August 2022 – Throwback Thursday. Harold Winston Perry, Jr., Class of 1943. Harold created and led the special education division in Memphis City Schools from 1955 to 1984 and was one of the architects of federal legislation that guaranteed public education to all children regardless of either their physical or emotional condition. He also established schools for pregnant girls in the city district in the early 1970s. He wrote texts and journal articles about special education, and opened the first World Congress on Special Education in Scotland in 1978. He was president of the International Council for Exceptional Children.

3 December 2020 and 25 August 2022 – Throwback Thursday. Michael David Arian, Class of 1967. Michael has traveled the world and dedicated

his life to the birth and development of Off-Off Broadway Theater. Michael moved to New York in 1967 after winning an ABC Network scholarship to the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. In 1971 he would be part of La MaMa from that year forward in addition to Theater for a New City, Shakespeare in the Park at the Delacorte, Off-Broadway, and regional theaters. Perhaps the most memorable years acting were as part of the touring company for Hair, which took him to Spain, Germany, and The Netherlands in addition to touring Europe with Playhouse of the Ridiculous.

10 December 2020 and 1 September 2022 – Throwback Thursday. Euclid John Shook, Class of 1933. Classic American pin up artist and illustrator. At Memphis Tech, he met a young man by the name of Thornton Utz, who became his artistic partner for several years. The two worked semi-professionally on advertisements and boards for fairs and carnivals across the state. They graduated from high school in 1933 and together enrolled in The Academy of Art in Chicago.

17 December 2020 and 8 September 2022 – Throwback Thursday. Helen Audrey Moore, Class of 1940. She retired from Cook Chemical after 29 years as an advertising executive. She coined the phrase, “Mama get Real-Kill.”

24 December 2020 – Throwback Thursday. Merry Christmas!!!

31 December 2020 – Throwback Thursday. Happy New Year!!! Sonja Bailey, Class of 1957. Havin’ a Heatwave / Swinging hips to a Latin rhythm in February 1951 is this turbaned Brazilian bombshell--pretty Sonja Bailey. Sonja was one of the entries in a Kiwanis Club sponsored party at Linden Circle Theater for Safety Council patrol members.

7 January 2021 – Throwback Thursday. Nona Katherine Sisco, Class of 1934. Kidnapping of a Yellowjacket—36 years ago this week. <https://www.findagrave.com/.../16634.../nona-katherine-sisco>

14 January 2021 - Throwback Thursday. Linda Joan McCommon, Class of 1966. Stalwart and Hall of Fame of Memphis Technical High School. On 11 September 2020, she got a hole-in-one on Hole #9 at Audubon! It was her 3rd! Way to go, Joan!

21 January 2021 and 15 September 2022 – Throwback Thursday. Marvin Gene Harden, Class of 1978, Most Dramatic. After graduation from Tech,

he left Memphis for Los Angeles where he would earn an Associate Degree in Business Administration. Marvin loved R/B music and was overwhelmed to become a “Soul Train” dancer on the popular TV program hosted by the late Don Cornelius. He was a former model of menswear stylist, and an Actor.

28 January 2021 and 29 Sep 2022 – Throwback Thursday. Leslie Carl Chism, Class of 1958. An entertainer, singer, musician, playing the piano from the age of five. He began performing in bands at age 13, playing piano and saxophone with local bands around Memphis. Les later formed his own band, NiteMood, as lead singer and musical director performing throughout the Midwest and south for over 30 years. Les worked with numerous singers, including Brenda Lee and Charlie Rich and recorded several of his original songs including, "Living Without You," that played well on radio. Les was driven by his love of music and with his wife, entertainer/actress, Carole Bellmyre, performed in "Let the Good Times Roll," a rock, pop and country music show for over eight years in Las Vegas. Les was also an Elvis impersonator.

4 February 2021 and 6 Oct 2022 – Throwback Thursday. Null Frank Adams, Class of 1924. A Memphis newspaperman for more than 50 years who was former assistant managing editor and politics editor of the old Memphis Press Scimitar. Mr. Adams broke his first story at age 16, calling the old Memphis News-Scimitar to report a leap from the Mississippi River Bridge, part of a murder-suicide. He would handle many major stories, including the capture of George "Machine Gun Kelly" Barnes. He won radio's Big Story award for clearing a detective charged with slaying a local policeman.

11 February 2021 and 13 Oct 2022 – Throwback Thursday. Sharon Ann Martin, Class of 1976. After graduating from Memphis Technical High School in 1976, Smith joined Memphis Police Department in 1979. While working at MPD — she was in the sex crimes unit for much of her career. Sharon earned two degrees and her pilot's license while working full-time at the Memphis Police Department for 28 years. The crowning moment of her professional career came in 1997, when she became a helicopter pilot for the Memphis police department.

20 Oct 2022 - Throwback Thursday, Class of 1941, William Neil “Billy” Blackwell.



27 Oct 2022 – Futile Arson Suspected - in Commercial Appeal January 31, 1975

18 February 2021 and 3 November 2022 – Throwback Thursday. Aubrey Lee Epps, Jr., Class of 1933. Immediately after graduation, Aubrey began a professional baseball career with the Birmingham club, later playing for the Pittsburgh Pirates and the New York Giants. His career was interrupted by service to his country. During his stint with the Marines, he was in four major battles, including Iwo Jima and Saipan.

25 February 2021 and 10 November 2022 – Throwback Thursday. James Mack “J.M.” Van Eaton, Class of 1956. He saved his pocket money to buy his first set of drums as a teenager. He formed his first band, the Jivin’ Five, initially playing Dixieland jazz, before forming his first rock-and-roll band, the Echoes. J.M. became a member of Billy Lee Riley’s band, the Little Green Men. He also toured with Conway Twitty. During the week he worked as a session musician at Sun Records, becoming the studio’s in-house drummer from 1956-1959 and performing on most of the label’s rock-and-roll recordings performing with Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Charlie Rich, Charlie Feathers, Bill Justis, and Ray Smith. He now makes his living as an investment banker, keeping his skills and mind sharp, he has learned to write songs, and produce records.

17 November 2022 – Throwback Thursday. Delbert Bryant “Sonny” West, Jr. Class of 1957.

4 March 2021 – Throwback Thursday. Gordon Arthur Lawhead, Class of 1933. Gordon went to work at WHBQ radio in 1945 after he left the Army following World War II. He stayed on, moving from radio to television in 1953, retiring as director of public affairs in 1981. “He was just one of those broadcasting legends of Memphis that will be sorely missed,” said WHBQ-TV anchor Byron Day, who was a weatherman while Gordon was delivering editorial opinions. Those editorials, given for almost a decade from the late 1960s through the late 1970s, ended each night with Mr. Lawhead’s trademark. “That’s Channel 13’s editorial opinion. What’s yours?”



11 March 2021 – Throwback Thursday. Clifford Hoyte Poland, Class of 1934. In 1941, he was direct-commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Signal Corps. From 1944-1946 he served as the officer in charge of the Motion Picture School section of the Signal Photographic Center in New York. During that period, he accompanied the Joint Chief of Staff and photographed the Quebec Conference, the Yalta Conference and the official Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. He was an expert in underwater photography and scuba-diving, skills he would put to use photographing 47 episodes of Flipper (1964-1967).

18 March 2021 – Throwback Thursday. Charles Speed “Chuck” French, Class of 1970. The first day of Spring is this Saturday, get ready to wash and wax your car. Here is a short video of Chuck’s cars to get you in the mood.

25 March 2021 – Throwback Thursday. Harold Joseph Weller, Class of 1925. Weller Brothers was one of Memphis' professional car producers that flourished there in the 1940s -1960s. In 1922, brothers George and Harold Weller had started to rebuild and refinish automobile bodies in the back yard of their Memphis home. Their good work and fine reputation soon enabled them to move into a much larger shop located in the heart of downtown Memphis at 1150 Madison Ave. For 1948 Weller Brothers offered a new line of Chevrolet, Dodge and Ford professional cars built using a drastically lengthened chassis. Available as either a landau or a limousine-style funeral car or ambulance. A 1949 advertisement stated "You furnish the unit and we do the conversion - any make of car".

1 April 2021 – Throwback Thursday. Charles Y. Caldwell, Class of 1937. Charles began his long photographic career in the newsroom of The Commercial Appeal in 1938. He went to work at the newspaper after graduation from Tech and a year later joined the photography staff. Charles entered the Army in 1941 and was assigned to a photographic unit in London. He served as laboratory chief, developing coastline photos for the Normandy invasion. Charles returned to the Commercial Appeal in 1945 as a news photographer, but was soon attracted by the then-new medium of television. He joined WMC-TV in 1949 as the station's only film photographer, covering news and sports assignments as well as filming commercials. He once climbed the station's transmitter tower to document the tower construction. Caldwell walked bare girders of

the Hernando DeSoto Bridge to photograph workers and was aboard the final flight of the Memphis Belle when it was brought to Memphis from an aircraft graveyard in Oklahoma. Charles retired from WMC-TV in 1984 after 35 years of photography and camera work at the television station.

8 April 2021 – Throwback Thursday. Rosa Evelyn “Rose” Gillespie, Class of 1937. Rose graduated from Tech High School and received a Master's Degree in English and Psychology from Memphis State University. During World War II, she rode a motorcycle to get to her job as an aircraft riveter at the Fisher Aircraft factory, working the late shift building B-52 bombers. On Sundays, she'd finish up early, head home for a quick change, and then dash off to church to play the organ. Rose taught music for 35 years at Fairview Jr. High and then East High. She was an athlete playing golf and tennis and was a pitcher for Humko professional softball team. She served as minister of music at McLemore Christian and spent 35 years at Central Christian Church.

15 April 2021 – Throwback Thursday. Saul Theodore Brown, Class of 1929. Saul worked as a staff photographer for the Memphis Press-Scimitar for twenty years, retiring in April of 1980 as the newspaper's chief photographer. The Saul Brown Photograph Collection includes 22 boxes of color and black and white prints, color and black and white negative and positive film, and color slides. Dated photographs range from the 1950s to the early 1990s; the bulk of the material dates to the 1970s and 1980s.

22 April 2021 – Throwback Thursday. William Thomas “Tommy” Dunn, Class of 1929 and his brother Maurice Dixon Dunn, Class of 1931. Co-founders of the Pic-Pac and Giant Foods grocery chains. Tommy and Maurice built Pic-Pac into one of the most well-known grocery chains in Memphis.

29 April 2021 – Throwback Thursday. Marion Brimm, Class of 1937. Marion's career as a poet began when she was in 7th grade in Memphis. Her poem for a classroom assignment was so well written that the teacher insisted she must have copied it. The experience was so mortifying to a shy young girl that Marion didn't write again for the next 30 years, until she decided to try a creative writing course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and wrote an article titled “Guess What I Have in My Rec Room” (her husband's airplane). Marion became a published author when a

magazine bought that article, and her writing career began in earnest. From her early days of round-robins with the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets, Marion's poetry went on to win many state and national honors including three Bard's Chair awards from the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets, three Grand Prix awards from the National Federation of State Poetry Societies and the Grand Prize from Writer's Digest magazine. Two of her poems were read on National Public Radio and yet another was read into the Congressional record.

6 May 2021 – Throwback Thursday. James C. MacDonald, Class of 1935. Retired Memphis police chief James Clark MacDonald guided the department through much of the turbulent 1960s. Retired as police chief in 1968 after 27 years on the force, having witnessed many advancements, including the first two-way radios for police cars, the establishment of a training academy for police officers and the compartmentalizing of the detective division into robbery, homicide, and burglary. James joined the department in 1940 and was named police chief in 1954, gaining the respect of his 1,000-man force and a reputation for fairness. He attended law school while on the police force to obtain a law degree. He was a member of the Tennessee Bar Association and a graduate of the FBI Academy. After retiring from the police department, James served as a juvenile court referee and later as the assistant director for the Tennessee Director of Public Safety.

13 May 2021 – Throwback Thursday. Claude Albert Armour. Class of 1937. Claude entered the Memphis Police Department, and worked his way to the top position, which he served in for one year before being elected as Fire and Police Commissioner. He became interim Mayor of Memphis for two months in 1963 due to the resignation of Henry Loeb.

20 May 2021 – Throwback Thursday. Jasper Edgar Richardson, Class of 1940. He attended Yale University where he received his B.S. in Physics, 1944. His Masters and PhD in Nuclear Physics were from Rice University, 1950. As an Atomic Energy Fellow at Oak Ridge, Tenn., he did physics research on the first Cobalt 60 cancer therapy machine in the United States for M.D. Anderson Hospital. He worked as a research physicist for Shell Research Center. He had five patents and many publications in his field. He is listed in Who's Who in the United States, Who's Who in the World,

## Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 2000 Outstanding Scientists of the 20th Century, and American Men and Women of Science.

### Throwback – Class of 1938, Leonard Raymond Crook.

A Memphis "Mad Men"-era advertising pioneer, Mr. Crook was art director for the former Lake-Spiro-Shurman agency and, later, for Schering-Plough Corp. He oversaw national print and television campaigns from the 1950s through the 1970s for Coppertone, Maybelline, Dr. Scholl's, St. Joseph Aspirin for Children and other well-known Plough brands. Regional clients included Union Planters National Bank. He was a former president of the Memphis Art Directors Club.

Although Mr. Crook did not himself create Coppertone's iconic young girl and dog logo, he proudly accepted the credit for creating her grown-up image in a series of award-winning ads in the 1960s and '70s that featured sexy, perfectly tanned, blond models on exotic, faraway beaches.

Recognizing his son's natural artistic abilities, Mr. Crook's father enrolled him in the James Lee Memorial Art Academy, forerunner to the Memphis College of Art. Mr. Crook graduated from Memphis Technical High School in 1938 and worked in the Press-Scimitar and Commercial Appeal art departments and elsewhere until 1942, when he was drafted.

Serving in the Sixth Army in the South Pacific, Sgt. Crook earned two Bronze Stars for his artwork in the official military histories of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's monumental retaking of the Philippines in 1944 and '45. Each chapter front of the large-format chronicles of the grueling Leyte and Luzon campaigns features Mr. Crook's bold black-and-white images of soldiers in combat. Copies of the books are in the collection of the Library of Congress in Washington.

It was during his service that Mr. Crook first blossomed as a portrait painter, a craft he would rediscover decades later and turn into a second career. He earned extra money drawing and painting fellow enlisted men and officers, who often sent the art back home to their loved ones. (Many years later, Mr. Crook received a heartfelt letter from a woman who had cherished the small portrait he had done of her brother, who was killed in the War.) Like millions of other GIs, Mr. Crook came home after the War to marry and raise a family. He and Doris married on Christmas Day, 1946. The boys were born between 1947 and 1953.

In 1955, he painted an often-reproduced watercolor of the Memphis music landmark P. Wee Saloon on Beale Street, just before it was torn down. The family lived in various Memphis neighborhoods until settling in Midtown's historic Central Gardens in the early 1960s. Mr. Crook was an active member of the congregation of St. John's United Methodist Church and a long-time supporter of Christian Brothers High School.

**For 5 Oct 2022, 70 years ago today, the only Mr. and Miss Tech to actually get married. Janice Ruth Hartsfield, T-52 and Benjamin Franklin Dial, T-52.**

Bob Lewis – Former director of programming Memphis WHBQ

William Don Nix – Song writer, Record Producer. Don Nix began his career playing saxophone for the Mar-Keys. Record producer and songwriter, Don was instrumental in creation of the “Memphis Sound” and Stax Records.

[Joyce Ward Rosic Smith](#)

Author

[Tim Johnson](#) -He also wrote a book,I got it for Jerry, I read some of it,,mainly the recipes--stuff they dreamed up while touring...I talked to him when Ann Rhinehardt died ,they were friends back thhen.

Need to add these to notables.

Ron Terry – Chairman of the board and chief executive officer of First Tennessee National Corp.

James Anderson – Superintendent of Shelby County schools.

[Linda Barnes Bugg Wayman](#) see if you can see this Tech article from your new Commercial Appeal thingy. Dated 19 May 1987, page B1.

26 June 2022 – National Milkman Day. In memory of E.Z. Adams our awesome milkman.

National Twin Day is observed next on **Saturday, December 18th, 2021**. It has been observed annually on December 18th since 2019.

Another notable: Mary Jane Thomas Class of 1941

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National Postal Workers Day is observed each year on **July 1**. It celebrates and recognizes postal workers and the hard work they put in to ensure your mail and deliveries get to you smoothly and on time.

1 July is National Postal Workers Day. In memory of Ray McGinnis our awesome mailman.

I didn't know he was a former German POW, I wonder if he knew he delivered mail to a former American POW.