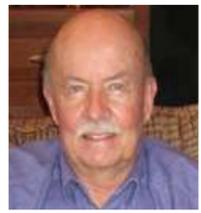


Making the world a better place



“I had an opportunity to go into the Peace Corps in 1961, I jumped at the chance. I was wanting to see the world and see other places and experience new things. . . . I was sent to Lyallpur, which was sort of in the middle of the country, in the Punjab (Pakistan) They had an agricultural college there, and I was supposed to be sort of like an Ag extension agent. But honestly, our jobs, since we were the first group there, were really not established. We had to live there for several weeks and kind of develop a niche of what we could do. I started out trying to work with water buffaloes, and I found that this was probably going to be a three to five year window of time to do very much. Ultimately, what I kind of zeroed in on was working with chickens. I sort of copied some things that a missionary friend from the States was doing, building cages and confining chickens for better production.”

BOYD MUNDHENKE 1961



“I worked with the State Commission on Civil Rights. I was field investigator and investigated complaints of discrimination. Most of the cases were employment, nearly exclusively. They would conciliate the matter, or they would actually go to a hearing on an administrative level. That’s where I got interested in the legal field because we had administrative law judges who heard our cases. We had an agency attorney who I met and had a lot of conversations with. He’d gone to Washburn University. Then I met some of the judges that they used who were actually lawyers from Wichita and other places. I got to talk to some black attorneys who were also hired as administrative law judges and would hear these cases. That’s where this idea got planted that maybe I could go back to school.”

KENNY GAINES 1970



“I had first grade. We had a very progressive woman principal, and she found out that I could do tumbling. There was a sixth grade teacher, Lyle Harvey, who was good at tumbling. The music teacher was too old to get on the mats, but she was familiar with it. We started a tumbling program in the school before school. That was to go along with John Kennedy’s fitness for youth. The teachers couldn’t wear slacks to school then, I would go to school with my jeans and sweatshirt on and my good clothes on a hanger. When tumbling was over, one of the kid’s mother would go into the classroom and take roll and do the Pledge of Allegiance. By that time, I would have my school clothes on and then I would teach. After the newspaper had done a story on us, they sent it to President John Kennedy. He sent a letter of congratulations back to the school...It was really neat. Tumbling got the kids to school, and they were happy. It was a good program and a lot of fun.”

MARY KALLAUS 1962’s



“Carnival life was a lot of fun. It was really exciting. I met a whole lot of nice people.... For a kid, that was great! You got to see a lot of things you’d never seen before....After the folks bought the merry-go-round, I had to polish the brass on the horses, and I wasn’t very old. The brass was on the poles that ran up and down that the kids would hold on to. I got to shine that all the time. There were 3 horses abreast. We had two big yellow chickens with red beaks and had two carriages. The older people liked to sit down and ride around in it.”

ELWOOD AGNEW 1940’s and 1950’s

