

## ~~THE CAT'S MEOW~~

~September 29, 2004~



### **Class of 1953**

(Front l-r) Alice Wylie Walker, Pamela Godwin Sherley, Mary Ann Handrick Ziehr, Frances Waters McAfee, Betty Adams Viertel, (2<sup>nd</sup> row) Margie Bernstein Loomans, Mary Gail Pate Williams, Barbara Daniell Miller, Billy George Mathis, Monte Nell McCown Warren, (3<sup>rd</sup> row) John Boling, Tom Burns, Lawrence Schneider, Bonnie Miller, Randall Fincher, Patricia Sazama Hagler, (4<sup>th</sup> row) Ava Ruth Burton Jones, Shirley Moody Covey, Barbara Lewallen McGee, Frederick Schkade, Jon Rex Jones, W.S. Scott, (5<sup>th</sup> row) Harry Jones, Dale Dillahunty, Lee Allen Ash and (not pictured) Dale Taylor and Priscilla Howsley Gates.

### **CLASS OF 1953 REUNION**

by Betty Viertel

On June 21, 2003, 27 members of the Class of 1953 spent the afternoon at the Whitney Theater visiting, reading the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Yearbook and remembering high school experiences before attending the Fandangle performance that night. Copies of the yearbook were mailed to classmates who were unable to attend.

Out-of-state classmates came from California, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and North Carolina.

Jon Rex Jones recalled memories of school years during World War II, including the school victory garden and buying U.S. saving bond stamps each week. Then he sang 'God Bless the USA'.

Betty Viertel led the group in remembering events of school days. Sixteen of the 31 graduating seniors started the first grade together. The first grade had 75 students enrolled with 50 in the eighth grade. Twenty-two classmates are deceased.

