

1930s

Norman Hoffman '37 writes, "After 59 years in the aviation industry, I am thinking about retiring." Norman and his wife Eloise have five children, 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He graduated from high school at Schreiner Institute and attended The University of Texas until WW II broke out in 1940. "My military training at Schreiner enabled me to be accepted as a cadet in the U.S. Army Air Corps. After winning my wings as a first lieutenant, I flew 70 missions over Europe as a squadron leader. After the war ended, I attended Texas Tech where I spent two years in the school of engineering."

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Martin L. Allday '44 has had a professional legal career for more than 55 years centering on the practice of oil, gas, and mineral law. Martin and his wife Patricia live in Austin, and have three children and nine grandchildren. He attended Schreiner Institute High School from 1942 to 1944. In 1944, at the age of 18, Martin served as a combat infantryman in the Pacific at the last battle of WW II and received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the 96th Infantry Division Presidential Citation award for service in Okinawa. He graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1951.

Sid Halliday '42 was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. His son, Mike Halliday, writes, "My father, Sid Halliday, attended Schreiner from the fall of 1940 through May of 1942. He played football, basketball, and track. He went on to attend SMU in 1942, and played football and basketball. He played football for the Marines during WW II, then went back to SMU for the 1946 and 1947 seasons, making the All SWC team both years. He received All American Honorable mention in 1947, and was the team captain when SMU went undefeated in 1947. Sid passed away in 1964."

Wendell Mayes Jr. '42 writes, "The high point for me this spring was April 1, when I became a Schreiner Distinguished Alumnus. Another high point came a month later, when I received my M.B.A. degree from St. Edward's University."

Horace T. Robbins '44 practiced surgery in Houston for 50 years, retiring to Seabrook, Texas in 1999. He served in the army after leaving Schreiner, then graduated from the University of Texas and Baylor College of Medicine. He married Nancy Welsh and they had five children: Hugh, Terry, Nan, Stacy, and Maude and ten grandchildren. Hugh and Nan are Schreiner former students. Two fellow classmates of Robbins', Kinsley McHenry and Charles King have passed away. "I'm wondering how many of my classmates are still around!"

Tom Shefelman '45 is an architect, illustrator of wife Janice's children's books, and president of Austin's Waterloo Watercolor Group. Their two sons are in New York making movies. Karl is primarily a story boarder, sometimes director, of feature films. Dan is an artist and creator of animated cartoon films with such groups as Blue Sky Films, who created "Ice Age." "My tenure at Schreiner Institute was my high school senior year of 1944-1945, when we hiked to town or through the hills for our Saturday fun. Of course, I have many other memories, including reading Don Quixote in my Spanish class and cartooning for the school newspaper."

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Emmett Adolph Acker '53 graduated from Schreiner Institute and attended Southwest Texas State, where he received a B.S. in education in 1956. He was scheduled to begin teaching and coaching in the high school at Schreiner in the fall of 1956, but was drafted into the United States Army that summer. Adolph and Ella Mae Golden were married in August of 1958, and began teaching and coaching in Tilden. After six years at Tilden, they moved to Richmond to teach and coach in the junior high school, where Adolph taught until he retired in 1989. They have a daughter, a son and five grandchildren.

William G. "Bill" Collenback '51 and wife Loyce have lived in San Antonio since 1957. Bill and Loyce have three children and 9 grandchildren. "All of our children have college degrees, and two of our grandchildren have graduated from college. We have a granddaughter on a gymnastics scholarship at the University of Oklahoma. Loyce and I are charter members of Western Hills Christian Church and have served in numerous capacities."

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Don Bishop '63

Don Bishop '63 writes, "In the fall of 2005, I was asked to come to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates as design manager for civil and utilities work on the expansion of the Abu Dhabi International Airport. I am responsible for the design of the utility infrastructure to cool these facilities in 125 degree temperatures and 100 percent humidity. Although we normally think of this area as desert, Abu Dhabi is an island and the warm, shallow gulf waters evaporate quickly, making the climate like Houston on steroids! Abu Dhabi is modern, clean, virtually crime free and golf is a bargain."

M. Dale Blount '61 earned his A.A. from Schreiner, and says that most of his classmates knew him as "Lefty". His hometown is Kerrville. "Yep, I was a day student. My mother is 91 and still lives there." Dale would like to know if there are other Schreiner exes in the greater Phoenix area where he lives.