

## Octarian Party in Pittsburg



From left, Alberta Robb, Marilyn Noble, Bill Wilson, Lyla Vaughn, and Betty Vequist.  
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News coverage in your local paper is a good way to get publicity and name recognition for your unit – **SEKRSP** scored a huge write-up in the *Morning Sun* newspaper in Pittsburg with this clever program idea last September.

Vice President of Southeast Kansas Retired School Personnel, Betty Hight, decided it would be fun to have a party for the Octarians in SEKRSP. Twenty members in their 80's came to be part of the fun. There were treats, balloons, and a rousing game of *Name That Tune*. Five were chosen to share, in a short 5 minute speech, some of their memories about their early days in education. Octarian Lyla Vaughn remembers, "I

graduated from high school in 1946, went to summer school, earned a provisional certificate and started teaching. I was 17, and I had a student who was 16. I was young enough and could run and do things - at recess we'd play hard and then go inside and work hard – even though we had very little equipment or materials beyond a few library books my students did well." The other four members shared similar stories and a good time was had by all. What a terrific idea. Good job SEKRSP!

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