

## *Ted A. Pilot, Raymond Class of 1945, retired from dentistry in 1989*

Ted A. Pilot, RHS of '45, was born in Raymond to Andrew and Nellie Pilot. He grew up in Raymond and attended Ninth Street Elementary, Raymond Junior /high, and Raymond High School. He said that his graduating class was about 45 to 50 students.

One of his earliest memories was in the first grade, "I received my first report card and was told to take it to my parents. I thought I had done something wrong and they were kicking me out of school. I was upset and crying when I handed the report to my mother."

In high school Ted participated in many activities. He was in basketball, track, and golf. He was a member of the Dramatic Club, and he was also active in student government as a class officer (4 years), a member of student council, president of the Boys' Club and an officer in Lettermen's Club (called R Club), and as Vice President and President of the Student Body. He was appointed by the mayor as a student representative on the City Council and was chosen as Class Speaker at Graduation. Ted said, "These activities gave me a prelude to organization and showed me the importance of working with people to accomplish a goal."

At Raymond Junior High Ted particularly remembers Sheldon Stutz and Zeke McClurkin. Both were teachers and coaches who showed much interest in your ability as a student and as an athlete. He says, "They were good friends and I enjoyed their coaching and teaching."

In high school his favorite teacher was Marie Summers, who taught English and literature. "Even with her handicap, she was a person who would always give you help with your schoolwork and give you confidence to do as well as you could."

After graduation, Ted worked for the Raymond Branch of the Seattle First National Bank (now the Bank of America), then moved to Olympia and worked for Olympia State Bank and Trust Co. as assistant cashier.

He attended the University of Washington from 1951 to 1959, graduating from the school of Dentistry in 1959 with a DDS Degree.

He practiced dentistry in Bellevue, Washington from 1959 to 1989 when he retired and his practice was taken over by his son Matthew Pilot.

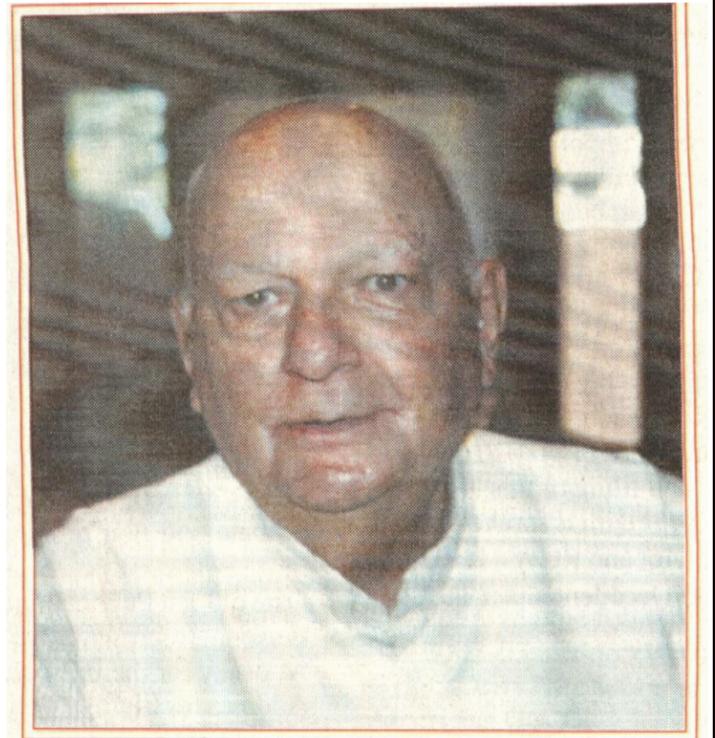
All of his children have followed in his footsteps. He married Annette Henshaw, whom he met at the University of Washington, and they have three children: a son Theodore (Ted) Pilot, DDS; a son Matthew Pilot, DDS; and a daughter Krista Nicklos, who is a dental hygienist. Ted also has two grandsons and three granddaughters.

Ted's retirement activities include sports—as a spectator. "My favorite TV programs are sporting events." He enjoys his grandchildren. "They are some of my favorite people." He also enjoys reading, both fiction and non-fiction, but his primary passion is fishing, although he is now limited to fishing from a boat.

Ted says that he is not really interested in traveling. "I have been to Alaska several times mainly for fishing and also to Canada once or twice a year on fishing trips. I have been to Mexico and Hawaii three or four times, mainly recreational, some fishing."

Ted says he has been a subscriber to the Willapa Harbor Herald for many years. "It is my main source of keeping in touch with what's going on in Raymond." He was last in Raymond for the first all-school reunion and hopes to make the second all-school reunion.

When asked about what advice he would give to this year's senior class, Ted replied, "Don't neglect your school studies; however, high school is a fun time. Be sure to make time for school activities—have a little fun. Four years goes by fast. Raymond is a good school district and you'll get all the basic learning you need for a higher education."



RHS alumnus Ted A. Pilot, 1945