

25
Anniversary

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Class of 1953

THE
25TH
REUNION
CLASS OF 1953
WHITESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
WHITESTOWN, INDIANA
HELD
SATURDAY
AUGUST 19, 1978
AMERICAN LEGION HOME
LEBANON, INDIANA

THE GRADUATES

TED ADAMS	DONALD MERRIFIELD
CHARLES ALLEN	ROSEMARY NEESE
PAULINE ALLEN	LaDONNA PETERS
JAMES BERGDOLL	JOHN SHOEMAKER
JERRY BOHANNON	DORIS SMITH
DALE BOWEN	ESTHER SMITH
PATRICIA BRUSH	MARJORIE SWAFFORD
DELMAR BURTNER	JOHN WILHOITE
IMOGENE BYRKETT	JAMES VanHOOK
EDWARD DULIN	LOIS ZOOK
CAROL EILAR	
MARY ESSEX	
JOAN EYTCHESON	
DONALD HAMM	
BARBARA HEDGE	
ROBERT HODGES	deceased-
WILMA HULL	KAY VanMETER
BARBARA KESLER	
EDDIE KING	
GERHARD LUMPE	sponsor-
TOBY McDANIEL	CECIL BENNINGTON

R E M E M B E R I N G

THE MONTH OF MAY 1953

Dwight Eisenhower was President and Richard Nixon the veep.

The Korean War was still on. Truce talks had bogged down at Panmunjom.

Atom bomb spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death.

A Ford convertible paced the 500 Mile Race and Bill Vukovich won the race with a record speed of about 130 miles an hour.

Corn was bringing \$1.61 a bushel.

Miller Auto Co. in Lebanon was advertising a brand new Buick two-door for \$2,253.

A pair of dress shoes at Apple Shoe Store cost \$12.95.

Advertised buys at the grocery store included chuck roast for 29 cents a pound, five pound of sugar for 49 cents, head lettuce 15 cents and package of hotdogs 39 cents.

The Town & Country Drive-In was opening.

The Avon Theater was showing "Niagra" starring Marilyn Monroe and "Abbott & Costello Go to Mars." The "Bells of San Angelo" with Roy Rogers was at the Lido.

WIBC was playing hits by Eddie Fisher, Patti Page, Les Paul-Mary Ford and Theresa Brewer.

. . . . WHEN WE WERE LEAVING W.H.S.

THE WAY IT WAS

-WHITESTOWN-

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Population 500.

Unincorporated.

Dirt streets.

No house numbers.

Citizen's Telephone Co. (switchboard open 'til 9 p.m. daily).

Every house had a "little house" out back.

No crime.

The cob pile at the elevator was the best place to play.

Kids too young to get a license could drive and never have to worry about getting caught.

A midnight rumble meant senior boys tried to drive their Model A's over the teeter-totter on the school playground.

Best drink of water was from the town pump.

Doc Lovett made house calls.

Kids got out of school to pick tomatoes.

Bob White gave haircuts for 50 cents.

Summer meant free movies every week behind the Big Four depot.

The Halloween Season lasted six weeks.

A fire meant pushing the 1930 pumper out of Boswell's Garage and seeing if it would run.

The James Whitcomb Riley streamliner

streaked through at 80 miles an hour every day.

Twinkies were a nickel a package at Cleo Hillock's grocery.

A hamburger with everything, french fries and a coke at Old Charlie's restaurant cost 35 cents.

And remember the Fiddle Factory? (Looked like all they ever did there was fiddle around.)

WHERE GOOD CLEAN FUN WAS:

Feasting on a 5-cent bag of Planters peanuts poured into a 5-cent Pepsi on a hot summer day at Allen's gas station. Putting a smoke bomb on the Byrnett boys' old Ford while they spent Saturday night in the Whitestown Tavern.

Bush-whacking.

Sneaking in the back door of the Pool Hall. Planting a cherry bomb under Marshal Ike Wilson's chair at Bud Pipes' gas station. Slipping off to the stockpens by the railroad tracks for a smoke.

Phoning Allen's Grocery to ask if they had "pop in the bottle." And telling them to "let him out."

Listening to oldtimers tell Klu Klux Klan stories.

Putting pennies on the railroad tracks.

Chasing rats out of the elevator cob bin.

Hanging out at the skating rink.

And Albert Hine threw his hat into the bonfire when the Panthers won a big game.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Carol Eilar Gould, Box 34, Stilesville, Ind., 46180. Husband Richard. Children Donna, 24, David, 21, Peggy, 20, Jim, 19. One grandson. Richard has 27 years with Allisons.

Imogene Byrkett Hines, Route 1, Whites-town, Ind., 46075. Husband Bob. Children Gary, 22, Vicki, 18, Earl, 15, Dennis, 14. One child deceased. Two grandchildren. Bob employed at Dow Chemical, Imogene at Ayr-Way.

Donald Merrifield, 328 W. Bow St., Thorntown, Ind., 46071. Wife Joan. Children, Kristy Lynn, 8. Don has farmed 25 years, also worked for Shumate's for five years.

Delmar Burtner, 1834 98th Court, Crown Point, Ind., 46307. Wife Maxine. Children, Raygene, 20, David, 18, Kathy, 22, Peggy, 18. Two grandchildren. Delmar employed at Indiana Bell, is network service manager in Hammond.

Jerry Bohannon, 1106 Indianapolis Ave., Lebanon, Ind., 46052. Wife Eva. Children Laurie, 14, Neal, 9. Jerry has been a teacher and principal in the Lebanon school system 20 years. He was the last elementary principal at Whites-town before the school closed down.

Esther Smith Hurst, 302 S. Indiana St., Greencastle, Ind., 46135. Husband Robert. Children John, 22, Roxann, 21, Jim, 20. Robert employed by Bryant Heating. Esther has owned and managed H & R Income Tax Office in Greencastle past eight years. Also has real estate license.

Ed Dulin, Route 3, Danville, Ill., 61832. Wife Norma. Children Betsy (married), Sue (ad agency secretary), Charles, 19, Russell, 16, John, 7. Ed is district manager for Big D Seed Co. and he travels seven states.

Wilma Hull Fairfield, Route 2, Thorntown, Ind. 46071. Husband Larry. Children Brenda, 21, Phyllis, 19, Kevin, 16, Roger, 11. Larry works for Smith Realty as a carpenter. Wilma has been a part-timer at Home National Bank for 15 years. They live on a 38-acre farm south of Throntown.

Pauline Allen Rose, 4303 Aspen Way, Indianapolis, Ind., 46226. Husband Marshall. Children Barbara, 23, Sandy, 21, Marsha, 19. Expect to become grandparents this month.

LaDonna Peters Allen, Route 1, Whites-
town, Ind., 46075. Husband Donald.
Children Donald, 22, Debbie, 19. LaDonna
is nuts about house plants. She won
sweepstakes at the 4-H Fair.

Patricia Brush Bowen and Dale Bowen,
Route 1, Whitestown, Ind., 46075. Five
children, one grandchild. A variety of
employment and business ventures the past
25 years: printing, heating, railroading,
farming, TV-appliance, service station,
electronics, heavy construction, plumbing,
entertainment (musician) and metal salvage.

Bob Hodges, 1007 Syracuse Drive, Lebanon,
Ind., 46052. Wife Suzanne. Children
Gary, 24, Stephen, 22, Tony, 20, Ritchie,
18. Bob's been with Rock Island Refining
Corp. 25 years, now rigging foreman.

Mary Essex Carey, 2836 Stromboli Road,
Costa Mesa, Cal., 92626. Husband Fenton.
Children Fenton III, 15, Anne, 12. Fent
sells for Hibriten Furniture Co. in the
Southwest states. Mary claims to be tough
at tennis, snow and water skiing, and has
an interior decorating hobby. Mary says
one big thrill of her life was meeting
John Wayne. His daughter is a classmate
of Anne's.

Rosemary Neese Spencer, 3501 W. Ross Ave., Glendale, Ariz., 85308. Husband Clyde. Children Deborah, 23, Susan, 19, Michael, 16. Clyde is retired from the Air Force and works for Canyon Ford. Arizona became home because the Spencer's couldn't stand Midwest winter weather.

Barbara Hedge Tanselle, Route 1, Box 183, Michigantown, Ind., 46057. Husband Fred. Children Doug, 21, Chris, 20, Lori, 12. Barbara employed at Farm Bureau Insurance in Frankfort. Fred is pastor of the Independent New Life Baptist Church near Frankfort. But the Tanselle's reside in Boyleston - they're five of the 87 population there.

Lois Zook Lindley, Route 1, Box 42, Whitestown, Ind., 46075. Divorced. One son, 20. Lois is manager of the American Legion in Whitestown and is state rep for Cold Springs VA Hospital. Also writes for the Whitestown Dispatch.

Barbara Kesler Hine, Route 1, Box 434, Whitestown, Ind., 46075. Husband George. Children Richard (Sgt. in Army), Diana (married), Bob (LHS senior), Dawn, 16, Donita, 11. One child deceased. Two grandchildren. Make that three. Barbara graduated from Indiana U. School of Nursing in 1975. George still farms.

Jim VanHook, 2025 Elizaville Road, Lebanon, Ind., 46052. Wife Rosalie. One child deceased. Jim has been with Allison's 22 years, is publications editor.

Joan Eytcheson Ottinger, Route 3, Box 321, Zionsville, Ind., 46077. Husband Larry. Children Bernice, 23, Karen, 18, and a son, 8. One child deceased. One grandchild. Joan travels with Larry, helping him call square dances. She is manager of Rubbermaid Home Parties.

Toby McDaniel, 200 Deer Creek Road, Rochester, Ill., 62563. Wife Sharon. One child, Mindy, 5. Sharon a sales agent with a leading Springfield real estate firm. Toby has been with the State Journal-Register in Springfield 11 years. He writes a newspaper column.

Donald Hamm, 1519 Rovene Drive, Lebanon, Ind., 46052. Wife Barbara. No reply from Don, yet, but our spies tell us he has five children, two married and three at home. He and Barbara employed by Mayflower.

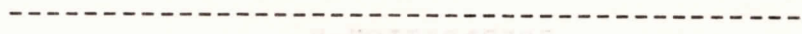
Doris Smith Wilhoite and John Wilhoite, Route 2, Zionsville, Ind., 46077. Or so we're told. No reply from them yet.

Charles Allen, 19240 Edgewood Lane, Noblesville, Ind., 46060. No reply.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST
OUR ADVERTISERS

Gerhard Lumpe, 1522 16th Street, Bedford,
Ind., 47021. No reply.

Ed King, 1939 Gunn St., Winter Park,
Fla., 32789. No reply.



FAILED TO LOCATE:

Ted Adams

Marjorie Swafford

John Shoemaker

Jim Bergdoll

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OUR ADVERTISERS
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PUBLICATION POSSIBLE

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