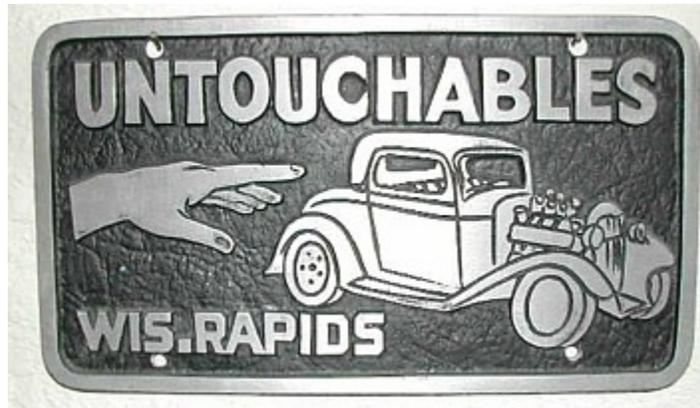

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Lincoln High Newsletter



Bill Hartley

I have to respond to the newsletter this week to say congratulations to Gene Hafemann and give an honorable mention to Karen King. Gene got it exactly right and Karen was very close. The plate was on my 1983 Jeep J-10 four wheel drive pickup, only because UGLYTRK was already taken. The logic is GP is Jeep phonetically and IVXIV is Roman Numerals for 4x4 or 4 by 4 for the four wheel drive. Gene and Karen, I owe you each a beer! Great job.



This week's topics:

1. Snowzilla out east - Any of the readers experience it? Still snowed in?
2. Verso/NewPage/Stora Enso/Consolidated Papers declared bankruptcy this week. Your thoughts?
3. Any of the readers live in a 100 year old or older home? How's it working out?
 4. Movies - *Star Wars* - *13 Hours* - What did you think of them?
 5. Was America better off with "stay-at-home" moms?
 5. Remembering elementary school janitors. Your memories.
4. Military chow halls - Any you remember favorably or unfavorably?
 8. Anything else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

Ursula Nogic

Stay at Home Moms - Better for America? I imagine that Corporate/Service/Not for Profit America lost quite a bit of talent with all of the moms who stayed home taking care of one or 3 children, prettying up for the husband's evening return home, and simply setting a 'dumbed down' standard of what exceptional womanhood was all about. Given that childcare in US was/is so difficult to arrange/pay for, it creates a difficult dilemma for many women, especially today: work and use the money earned to cover child care, delay having children to gain a foothold on the corporate ladder in order to be able to afford children, and even take a rain check by freezing eggs for future pregnancies.

Women working in stress-filled jobs may propel the profits of their company and, in the process, perhaps make themselves feel professionally fulfilled. If they climb high enough on the corporate ladder, women may elevate the socioeconomic status of their household. This is certainly very good for America, but it often takes a toll on those with the least ability to have their voices heard--the children.

Remember when what America needed was a good 5 cent cigar? Today, I think, what America needs is affordable, company-sponsored, quality childcare that allows mothers to have both their job AND their babies on site.

Toni Weller Olsen - LHS '64

My strongest feeling is one of sadness over the bankruptcy filing of what was once Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co. That was the factory's name when I was a young kid growing up in the Rapids.

Then it became Consolidated Papers, Inc. for quite a while before it was sold to Stora Enso. I'm probably not alone in having several family members who worked at the mill. My dad, uncle and two brothers worked there. My dad retired in 1981 after working there 43 years (his years of service in WWII were counted in that total). Dad always seemed proud and glad to have worked for a company that treated its employees well.

Since I've come back to the Rapids almost yearly since leaving in 1970, I can't say I'm shocked at this latest news. The sadness will be with me for quite a while. I still remember seeing the smokestacks from the upstairs windows of our house on 12th and Washington Streets.

Thanks Kent for the quick link to the article in the Tribune.

Linda Edwards

Movies - Saw both movies. Never was a "Star Wars" fan but the movie was okay. As for "13 Hours," you know it had to have been much worse than it was portrayed. Too bad there wasn't more focus on our stateside antics.

Bill Hartley

I heard today that Wilbert Knobeck died recently at age 94. He was my auto mechanics teacher at Lincoln, and played a role in my pursuing a career in the auto service industry. Perhaps you could publish his obit in the newsletter this week, as I'm sure he was an influence on lots of other guys who grew up in Rapids during the age of cars.

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Wilbert W. "Bud" Knobeck, age 94, of Wisconsin Rapids went to meet his Savior on Thursday, January 21, 2016.

Wilbert was born on June 21, 1921 to William and Myrtle (Thorhaug) Knobeck on a farm between Madison and Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. When Wilbert was young his family moved to Radisson, WI. Wilbert graduated from Winter High School in 1939. After high school Wilbert worked various jobs in Radisson and Chicago and attended West Air College. In 1942, Wilbert enlisted in the United States Navy. He served in the SeaBee 29th Battalion and was stationed in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theatre. He was discharged in 1945.

Wilbert married Elizabeth Larson on June 14, 1952. He graduated from UW-Stout in 1954. Wilbert was employed by Lincoln High School and Mid-State Technical College as an auto mechanics teacher and was later promoted to a supervisor/coordinator position, retiring in 1983.

Wilbert enjoyed camping, woodworking, working on cars and just spending time with his family. Wilbert was a kind and loving husband, father, grandfather and GGpa, always putting others before himself. He was an excellent role model to all those who he came into contact with.

Wilbert is survived by his children: Yvonne Totzke, Lon (Beth) Knobeck and Darla (Will) LaBarge all of Wisconsin Rapids and Christie Knobeck of Minnesota

Services will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at Herman-Taylor Funeral Home. Rev. Olaf Andersen will officiate. Entombment will be at Forest Hill Mausoleum. Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at Herman-Taylor Funeral Home and again from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at the funeral home.

A short history



In 2000, Consolidated sold itself to Finnish papermaker Stora Enso Oyj.

In 2007, Stora Enso sold the six mills to a private equity firm, Cerberus Capital Management LP, which created NewPage and began closing mills.

NewPage Corp. completes sale of 3 Wisconsin paper mills

Jan. 8, 2015

In the latest leg of a restructuring that has been reshaping the once-massive Wisconsin paper industry, NewPage Corp. this week completed the sale of its three remaining paper mills in Wisconsin as well as two other Midwestern mills near the state line.

Memphis-based Verso Paper Corp., following a full year of slow-moving takeover talks, completed its acquisition of NewPage's mills in Wisconsin Rapids and Stevens Point, as well as other NewPage mills in Duluth, Minn., and Escanaba, Mich.

The deal was held up for 12 months, however, because the combined companies would have created such market dominance in North America that the U.S. Justice Department raised repeated antitrust concerns.

In Wisconsin, NewPage has its roots in Consolidated Papers Inc., founded in 1902 in Wisconsin Rapids. In 1935, Consolidated patented a process to mass produce coated paper, which revolutionized publishing.

<http://www.jsonline.com/business/newpage-corp-completes-sale-of-3-wisconsin-paper-mills-b99422553z1-287999451.html>
