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# LINCOLN HIGH NEWSLETTER

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## **This week's topics:**

1. Whatever happened to the attaché cases and engineer boots that were so popular in the '50s and '60s?  
Anyone still have them?
2. And ankle high tennis shoes. Got any memories of those? Why did they quit making them?
  3. To lease or buy? Your experiences of leasing vs. buying.
  3. Alumni in the news. Are you? Know of someone? Got a link?
  5. Sick of politics yet?
4. Hereditary conditions that you have a genetic predisposition for?
  5. Taking supplements. You taking any for your health? What?
8. Remembering the folks who worked at the banks in town. Have a favorite teller?
  9. Got a recipe that was passed down by your grandma?
  10. Anything else you'd care to write about.

## **and responses:**

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Pete Smullen

3. To lease or buy? Your experiences of leasing vs. buying.

I'm too cheap to lease. Our rule for quite a few years now is 10 years or 100,000 miles. Seems to me, the only people who do well with leasing are those who can use their vehicles as a business expense.

5. Sick of politics yet?

Been sick of politics for a long time now, ever since Reagan foisted "trickle down economics" on us. FYI, I was in "Young Republicans" when I was in high school, and voted for Reagan.

6. Hereditary conditions that you have a genetic predisposition for?

Well, my Italian predisposition is for garlic, and my Irish predisposition is for beer. Not sure if they are genetic, but they sure feel ingrained in my soul!

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Lenore Haferman

We have leased for 9 years now it works best for us. We take Shaklee [a wellness supplement] for our health and are doing good.

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Don Solie

Attaché cases were around far beyond the '50s and '60s.



I used one form or another until I retired in 2013. By far the most common came from Hartman. If you traveled much, you saw many, the most predominant being all leather with combination lock in the front middle. On each side there was a strap fastened to the case body for extra support and security. My last Hartman was a soft leather case and I mostly used it to carry my laptop as paperless then become the norm.

Hartman dominated travel bags too. Garment bags could be all leather or nylon and leather with the latter being more popular because it was lighter to carry. I had a Hartman rep take my picture with my very well-worn garment bag to use in an advertisement. In return he gave me a \$100 coupon to apply toward my next purchase. As it turned out all of our luggage was Hartman, ranging from roller bags to suitcases, to garment bags, to shoulder bags.

Since we went to Hawaii every other year, the variety permitted us to plan our stays for varying lengths. They became so popular that we would add colored ribbons to the handle so that we could more quickly identify our bags when retrieving them at baggage claim. We still use them today, even my last soft case as I carry travel documents of all types in it.

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Lynn DeLong

1. Whatever happened to the attaché cases and engineer boots that were so popular in the '50s and '60s? Attaché and brief cases are still around but backpacks are more in style today. Engineer boots are still available; the last pair I purchased was when I worked summers at Consolidated. I did buy the same type of boot called a Motorcycle boot and I won a similar pair called "Justin Ropers" at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo.
  2. Ankle high tennis shoes: High tops are still sold. Converse makes shoes resembling the 1960 models. Nike, Adidas, FILA, AND1, and Under Armour all make basketball shoes, also called court shoes.
  4. Alumni in the news. Gilbert Jacobs, PhD <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cbmc-pittsburgh-exemplary-leadership-presented-by-gilbert-jacobs-phd-registration-31521001163>
  5. Sick of politics yet? Not yet.
  6. Hereditary conditions: I have outlived my parents and older brother. Heart disease and diabetes runs in the family and though each has touched me it appears that I have lacked the stubbornness that my family members had that kept them from being healthy.
  7. Health supplements: Fish Oil, Ubiquinol, NAC, PQQ, Vitamin D3, Aspirin 81mg.
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## Chuck Hinnners

The attached recipe was used by both my and Susan's mother, technically our childrens' grandmas. Susan's mother's recipe was called Dundee Cookies and did not include the chocolate chips. These are best made 5 dozen at a time.

### Hinnners Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

*This recipe dates back to the 1950s in Wisconsin Rapids*

Ingredients: Yield—about 5 dozen cookies

1 cup raisins  
1 cup shortening  
1 cup sugar  
3 eggs at room temperature  
2 cups flour  
½ tsp salt  
½ tsp baking soda  
1 tsp ground cloves  
½ tsp allspice  
1 tsp cinnamon  
2½ cup quick cooking oatmeal  
1 cup chocolate chips  
½ cup chopped pecans or walnuts (pecans ate better)

Place raisins in small pan with ½ cup water. Cover, bring to boil, remove from heat and let cool to room temperature while covered. Drain in sieve.

Cream shortening and sugar and add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Beat until creamy and fluffy. Mix flour, salt, soda, spices, and oatmeal thoroughly and add to the creamed mixture in thirds. Then add raisins and chocolate chips and nuts. Make sure raisins are cool so they don't melt the chips. Chill dough at least one hour before baking. Bake 8-10 minutes at 350 degrees F

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I have an attaché case that has a Lincoln High decal that was affixed in 1960. I used it to carry books back and forth, and now it holds extra stuff from my stamp collection.

When you lease a car you buy the depreciation in installments. The next buyer gets a better deal. Susan buys the new cars and I get her used ones and that has worked great for us for 15 years.

My dad banked with Dick Lawless who owned Wood County National Bank, now Wood Trust.

Don Arendt was a teller and also manager of the Little League Cardinals in 1957. He also got Leroy Lovesee, another teller, to coach the team.

Jim Kauth who was Walter Kauth's son and Bill Kauth's brother was a teller at First National. Bill Kauth may still have the 100 yard dash record (10.0 sec) that he set in 1956. Bill went on to star at Minnesota as a running back for Murray Warmath's Gophers. Bill and Jim's cousin Lee was assistant superintendent of Rapids schools for many years. Lee's dad Al ran a barber shop on the west side of 8th Street just south of Peach. I remember his chair was made by guy in Chicago named Emil J Paidar.



This chair was going for \$900 on ebay recently.

More at: <http://www.ebay.com/itm/Antique-Emil-J-Paidar-Barber-Shop-Chair-For-Parts-Or-Restoration-Good-Hydraulics-/272173942395>

Converse made Chuck Taylor ankle high basketball shoes and everyone wore them. They still make them.



We wore white ones which are now worn mostly by girls. The guys shoes are black.

More at: [http://store.nike.com/us/en\\_us/pd/converse-chuck-taylor-all-star-high-top-unisex-shoe/pid-11214171/pgid-11593146](http://store.nike.com/us/en_us/pd/converse-chuck-taylor-all-star-high-top-unisex-shoe/pid-11214171/pgid-11593146)

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Diane Kreuser Anderson

Peach or blueberry pie:

A very long time ago, an old and dear friend from Iowa shared her recipe for peach pie (or blueberry). It won Iowa state fair blue ribbon, again many years ago. Enjoy.

I use a lard crust (I know, yikes, but once in awhile...)

4 cups fresh peaches. I found frozen also works well, or substitute blueberries.

3/4 cup sugar

1 box regular vanilla pudding (small), not instant

2 tbsp tapioca

Mix pudding, sugar and tapioca in bowl. Add peaches, toss. I like to use a crumble topping, or a regular crust works well.

Bake 400 degrees for 15 minutes, then reduce oven to 350 degrees for about 1/2 hour.

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Pat Lauby

#1 - Attaché cases changed to backpacks and nylon carry-alls which were cheaper than manufactured, more versatile with pockets for other items that were becoming common. The same thing happened to suitcases.

#2 - High top tennis shoes are still available (Converse) and a couple other brands. Most likely made in Asia. Keds and other brands of American-made canvas shoes succumbed to imports which were better-made and more ergonomic and heavily advertised. Most heavy duty leather for boots, belts, holsters, etc became hard to get (due to feed lot cattle) which have thin hides. This increased cost along, with labor cost, and hurt our manufactures of these items which became very expensive.

#5 - Yes, politics and politicians of both parties who are more concerned with themselves than the future of the country. The pandering to special interest groups of all types is sickening. What the majority of people would like doesn't mean much to politicians who cater to big money, big business, and groups who are not in the majority, but who want to force their agenda on everybody.

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Ursula Nogic

#10 - My pet peeve: adult men who wear suits that don't fit, all in the name of style.



Ed: And if a Democrat was wearing the suit?

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Linda Edwards

I've never leased a car. I buy great cars that I enjoy. I take care of them and drive them for a good long while.

I am predisposed to heart disease, diabetes, and migraines, to name a few. I've held my own, so far, regarding diabetes and rarely get a migraine. I do take a statin to control my cholesterol, which never really got too far out of hand. Stay active and keep your weight down!

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**William Penn Adair "Will" Rogers (November 4, 1879 – August 15, 1935) was a stage and motion picture actor, vaudeville performer, American cowboy, humorist, newspaper columnist, and social commentator from Oklahoma.**

Some of his sayings:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.

3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.