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This week's topics:

1. Dances at the high school - Memories - hokey pokey, twist, watusi, sadie hawkins.....

2. What classes were on the 3rd floor of the high school?

3. For those who went to parochial school (Lutheran, Catholic), how did the transition to the public high school go? And was the discipline in those schools as strict as we public school attendees heard?

4. Women are Better Leaders than Men? Why or why not.

5. Are you a vegetarian? Why? Benefits?

6. Ends Justify the Means? Examples?

7. Military or national service should be obligatory - Why or why not?

8. Whatever else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

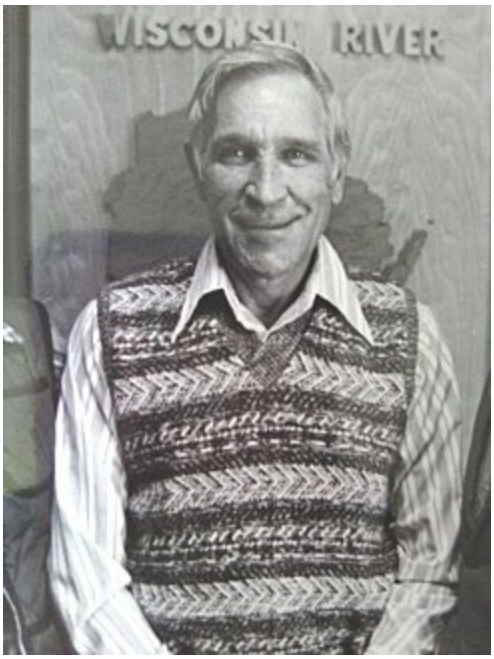
Toni Weller Olsen -LHS '64

8. - A Tribute to the Paper Mill Workers of Wisconsin Rapids

My dad, Norman Weller, was one of the many who started at Consolidated Papers right out of high school in 1938. He left to fight overseas in WW II, came home, and went into the mill again.

He took pride in working for Consolidated and helping to make paper used in magazines like LIFE. He supported his family on his wages, and always had positive things to say about the company. Many of my schoolmates at Howe and Lincoln were also the kids of paper mill workers. This tribute is for their parents too.

The first photo is of my dad in the Army about 1944. The second is from 1978 when he was honored for 40 years with Consolidated. He finally retired in 1982.



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Third floor at LHS was the home of the science labs, chemistry and biology across the hall from each other back toward the "cutoff", the back staircase that went from the groundfloor fieldhouse stage area straight up past the fieldhouse balcony and up to third. The cutoff was deemed a safety issue and closed off some years ago. It got very, very congested between classes but was the coolest darn thing ever.

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Third-floor brings back some interesting memories—Here's Part One

1. November 22, 1963 Elmer Winters fourth hour US history class. Wild Bill Miller who taught US history across the hall knocked on our door. Winters went out in the hall and they talked maybe 30 seconds. Winters re-entered and said "Mr. Miller has just informed me that President Kennedy has been shot in Dallas and his condition is critical. That covers a multitude of iniquities and we'll have to wait for further news. In less than a minute there was a second knock on the door, Winters opened the door and left it ajar and I heard Bob Goetzke emerging from his American Problems class down the hall say "he's dead". Two rows to my immediate right I saw Judy Bowers break into tears. I was numb and didn't feel much at all. During Fifth hour advanced algebra with Bill Wagner we examined trig

functions. My sixth hour with the study hall in the cafeteria on first floor and Peter Schneider an industrial arts teacher let us go early. We had a basketball game that night at DC Everest which we played as scheduled. Our game the next night at Neenah was postponed until January

2. Johanna Kumm taught biology in the last classroom on the right side of the hall that ran eastward off the main third-floor hall. Every day Mrs Kumm showed up in her black dress with black stockings and black high heeled shoes.. I was privileged to have her sophomore year fourth hour. The room had three tiers of student desks. The desk doubled as lab tables for experiments when we dissected Rana Pipiens aka Kermit The Frog. Ron Wolf was my partner. Don Solie and Carl Normington sat behind us in the third row and Polly Kachel and Martha Pomainville were in between. To our right and under Mrs. Kumm's nose sat Joe Ray and Ron Lorbeck It seemed like she picked on these guys nearly every day; for example, "Joe Ray you don't know much about biology no no no!", Or "Lorbeck you might not even know how to get out of this room!" Joe Ray became a warrant officer in the army and a helicopter pilot. In 1971 he was instructing a student pilot at Fort Wolters Texas. The student pilot lost control of the chopper and put it in a tailspin. Joe Ray was able to take control and save himself and the student pilot. He was featured in a picture in the Army Times in August 1971 with his wife Judy Bohm.

3. Alfred (Duke) Hornigold taught Chemistry and human biology in the room across the hall from Mrs. Kumm I never had Duke for a teacher and studied chemistry and senior science seminar under Leroy Purchatzke. Instead I got to know Duke when he walked his Irish Setter Shawn at Witter Field When I started playing golf in 1958 he was at Tri-City golf course running the shop. His duties were to collect greens fees and serve beverages and food to thirsty and hungry golfers.

He also posted a few cartoons featuring the a character called the Old Scot. TOS theory of golf:: "An ineffectual endeavor to put an insignificant pellet in an obscure hole with entirely inadequate tools"

You could play nine holes for $.75 or buy a season pass for $25. Guess which one I chose ? I also got to November Lillian, Dukes wife who ran the selective service office in Rapids. When I worked at The Pub on Madison's State Street in 1969 underage drinkers (17) would present a draft card.. Since I knew what Lillian's signature looked like, it was easy for me to spot forgeries which of course we kept. Bob Householder would have graduated from LHS in 1962 had his dad not taken a job with the State Health Department.

While Bob was to big a legend for a punk like me to know in Rapids, I got to know him well since he hung out at The Pub. Always drank Coke, never any alcohol, but

he did experiment with other chemicals. He graduated from Madison West and threw the shot put over 55 feet which was close to a state record then.

4. John Nelson and Bob Goetzke both taught American problems class. Their classrooms were adjacent on the west side of the main hall. Duke Hornigold recruited John to work at Tri City in 1961. John continued on after Duke died in 1965 The main problem with American problems class was giving an hour talk on any subject of your choosing. I remember the late Dick Kupper (63) choosing unemployment. Easy for him since his dad Lloyd ran the unemployment office. Dick served in Vietnam and was wounded. He died before age 30 and I suspect agent orange induced cancer killed him. We also lost Dick Reeves at age 47. I gave my hour talk on mutual funds. Vanguard wouldn't be founded for another 11 years and it is still the only investor owned mutual fund company in the US. In 44 years its assets have grown from zero to 6.2 trillion largely under the guidance of the late John Bogle. No one makes a commission when you buy Vanguard and their fees are generally lowest in the business. My hour talk advocated for reduced commissions on mutual fund purchases. Back then the average commission was 8 1/2%. Bob Goetzke suggested I make finance my calling after hearing me hold forth for 52 minutes and 14 seconds—yeah I timed it!