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Chuck,

GW would have been so proud to have been immortalized by you. I doing what you have done you have shown the value of a man that was never properly valued (appreciated) by his contemporaries. In many respects GW had few peers. He is a worthy Captain of the good ship "Good Times". I am sure Arvilla, paddling furiously, would have enjoyed the article too. It would be curious to note what GW would have thought [of it].

Congratulations to Heidi!! A divot off the old turf!

Best to you and Susan.

Stan

-----Original Message-----

From: The Vasbys
To: Nancy (Sabota) Timm ; Mark Suckow ; Don Solie ; Jack Perrodin
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Lincoln High Newsletter

Editor's note: Tuesday night, while watching TV, I noticed that Heidi Hinners (Chuck Hinners' daughter) was in first place in the Madison Women's Golf Tournament.

City golf: Another Hinners a winner

After finding herself in uncharted territory Wednesday - tied for the lead going into the final round of the 50th Annual Women's City Championships (Madison) - Heidi Hinners initially struggled.

But following a pep talk from her father, former Men's City champion, Chuck Hinners (LHS 65) righted herself and shot a 3- over par 77 at Maple Bluff Country Club to capture her first city title by five shots over Vickie VandenBrook.

"I am very excited and extremely happy to win my first title," said Hinners, a University of Wisconsin golfer who finished fifth last year. "Especially since I did it with my dad on my bag. This ties me with my dad at one championship apiece."

I called **Chuck Hinners (65)** to congratulate him and he told me that he had written an article for "*Artifacts*" - The South Wood County Historical Society quarterly magazine <http://www.cfswc.org/page24914.cfm>

Here is some of the article.

The Czar—Bill Heilman

G. W. Heilman, Bill to his many friends, was the organizing force behind Little League baseball in Wisconsin Rapids. According to his son Bill, G.W. made at least one trip to World Little League Headquarters in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The groundwork may have begun as early as 1955. According to Heilman, his father spent as many as 40 extra hours weekly to get the league organized. Heilman ran a clothing store on West Grand Avenue and would soon open a boat dealership in 8th Street. With all of this on his plate, Heilman was still able to jump-start the League by convincing four local Wisconsin Rapids businesses to sponsor teams.

The sponsors were Daly Drugs (Braves), Church's Drugs (Dodgers), Johnson-Hills (Cubs) and Wood County National Bank (Cardinals). The sponsors bought uniforms, bats, balls, and catcher's equipment for the players. The sponsors may have even conscripted a few employees or customers to manage their teams, take care of the ball park and sell candy and soda pop at the games. Everyone who was interested in baseball volunteered their time, money and talent.

The League Charter was signed on March 18, 1957 by Heilman the League President, Vice President Clarence

Van Lysal, a local home builder, and Secretary-Treasurer Bud McElroy, a bank executive. None were lawyers, and there is no lawyer of record for the league. Undaunted by this oversight the organizers of the league kept moving in preparation for opening day just eleven weeks away

The charter stated that there would be four teams in the league comprised of fifteen boys each. The charter named the team sponsors and managers. The charter stated that boys had to reside in the city of Wisconsin Rapids and that sponsors had no voice in the affairs of the league. This was just 38 years after the Black Sox scandal rocked major league baseball. Heilman was Kenesaw Mountain Landis of the north!

Each team had to fifteen boys between the ages of 10 and 12 with the following additional restrictions:

- No more than 6 players could be 12 years of age
- No more than 5 players could be 11 years of age
- A least 4 players had to be 10 years of age, of whom one player could be 9.
- Age was determined by an August 1 cutoff date.

- Boys born before August 1, 1944 were ineligible
- Boys born August 1, 1944 to July 31, 1945 were 12
- Boys born August 1, 1945 to July 31, 1946 were 11
- Boys born August 1, 1946 to July 31, 1947 were 10
- Boys born after July 31, 1947 but before August 1, 1949 were eligible

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The final restriction would be significant as it was observed twice in the breach, as we'll see later.

The four managers were Jim Wilson (Braves), Ed Murgatroyd (Dodgers), Dr. Orville Straub (Cubs), and Don Arendt (Cardinals).

Heilman held two nights of organizational meetings for players and parents in early April. One meeting was held at Howe and a second meeting at Mead School. Heilman relished the task of making the League successful, but he was not afraid to lay down the law. All who attended the meetings paid attention. Heilman told boys and their parents that there might be as many as 200 boys competing for 60 spots on the four teams. He warned that most would be disappointed. This, however was to be a lesson for the players fortunate enough to make a team. We learned that we would have to play hard, attend all practices and games, or another kid would take our uniform.

Johnson Hills and Perry's Sporting Goods provided application blanks and accepted completed applications. For the tryouts and auction, each player was assigned a number, the sole method of identification. Dale Rheel, Lincoln High School's baseball coach was named league commissioner to preside over the selection auction on Sunday, May 19.

Wisconsin Rapids Little League—1957

Wood Co. Bank	Church's Drugs	Johnson Hills	Daly Drugs
Cardinals	Dodgers	Cubs	Braves
Don Arendt Mgr	Ed Murgatroyd Mgr	Orville Straub Mgr	Jim Wilson Mgr
Dennis McCarthy	Mike Miers	Steve Krumrei	Denis Solie
Jack Hesterman	Dave Krumrei	Bill Metcalf	Craig Skibba
Kent Zastava	Bob Bodette	Mike Ebsen	Lee Weinfurter
Gary Utech	Bill Reitz	Keith Fisher	Dick Zellmer
Eric Sydanmaa	Wayne Sparks	Dave Cesare	Bill Dachel
Phil Hamilton	Mike Hittner	Bill Gillis	Fred Esser
Dwaine Henke	Carl Normington	Chris Gorski	Paul Witt

Jere Rude	Gary Greenfield	Bob Serchen	John Newman
Roger Fritz	Mickey Shannon	Larry Johnson	Ken Adams
Nick Couse	Len Ironside	Del Dietzler	John Butler
Jay Somers	Francis Coley	Charlie Lohman	Chuck Hinners
Larry Boutwell (1)	John Farrish	Steve Halvorson	Bob Jenkin
John Huber	Francis Felch	Jim Herzberg	Dick Walker
David Bodette	Jim Natwick	Tom Winkel	Bill Heilman
John Coulthard	Dick Dent	Jim Bach	Gary Fandek

Kent,

Artifacts is available for subscription for just \$15.00 per year from the South Wood County Historical Corporation. The excerpt on this email was published in the May issue. The second installment will appear in August.

Chuck

From: Sue (Christensen) Weimer (65) paulsuew@wctc.net

Subject: Water

Hi Kent,

Am a little late in getting this in but hope you can use it anyway. It has been a while so please be kind.

I grew up living by Lake Wazeecha and loved every minute of it. Summers always seemed like we were living at a vacation resort. My friend Pam Metzger and I "lived" at White Sand Beach from the time we were in first grade. We would go to the beach when the lifeguard was on duty at 1pm and stay until 5pm and go home for supper and then head back to the beach until 9pm when the lifeguard was off duty. My dream was to be a lifeguard someday. The summer of 1965 I got a job as a lifeguard at that beach and I was in 7th heaven. The lake was right across the street from my house (South Park Road) so every morning during the summer I would wake up to the sounds of a motor boat cruising the lake. We spent all of our time in the water and I learned how to swim by the time I was 8 years old. In my teenage years I took many a walk with boyfriends along the shore or sat out on the dock with my family and neighbors and enjoyed the view. If I concentrate hard enough I can still smell the "fishy water" smell from the lake. I hated it then but it brings back great memories now. It was a great place to grow up and even though I couldn't get to town very often, my life was full. Those years continue to be the happiest years of my life and I would live them over in a minute if I had the chance. I don't live by the water now but Lake Wazeecha is only 4 miles from my home and when ever I get the chance, I go out there and enjoy!

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