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Lincoln High Newsletter

This week's topics:

1. **First recording you ever bought** - Editor's first was *Oh My Papa* by Eddie Fisher back in 54. It was a 78.
2. **Other memorable purchases you made from Wis Rapids Stores:**
 - a. **Car dealerships**
 - b. **Drug stores**
 - c. **Jewelry stores**
 - d. **Montgomery Ward** - I bought everything from Monkey Ward cause I worked there!
3. **Memories of your church pastor/priest.**
4. **Memories of service station owners.**
5. **Memorable High School Football moments** - Editor was on my HS A/V crew so I just announced at the games. How about hearing from you jocks that actually played?

and responses:

I don't remember my first record ever bought, but I'm sure it was something by FABIAN FORTE. I do know I had his picture plastered all over my bedroom walls, my first teenage crush.

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Service station owner - Hank Nehring, Hank's DX, corner of 12th Ave. & West Grand. Spent many a late night working on our cars there, he always had a wrench and hoist ready for for some young motorhead. I worked there for a summer, most the time it was for parts, plugs, belts, oil, anti freeze, anything we needed.

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Chris Gorski karma@karma-inc.com writes:

Hi Kent:

First record purchase & First car

It was 1959 & my older brother Steve, was in the Army stationed at Fort Benning Ga. In one of his letters sent to my parents he asked that I write down all of the lyrics in Elvis Presley's hit song, Heartbreak Hotel, and mail them to him. Can't remember the name of the store but all of you know where it was, a couple blocks off Main Street on the east side of town. I took my 50 cents and bought the 45 rpm. Also had to buy the 78 rpm insert so it would play on our record player. It took me an entire day to get all of the lyrics down, I scratched the hell out of the record by trying to place the needle where I thought I left off after playing the previous 5 or 6 words, then removing the arm. Even though he thanked me, I refused future similar requests.

My 1st car was a 1936 Pontiac Businessman's coupe. I bought it was the Pontiac Dealer located on West Grand Ave and 17th Ave, a few blocks from my house. It was located in the back of his lot with other older cars. I stopped there the summer I turned 15 and asked the owner how much he wanted for it. He told me 50 bucks because it didn't run. I started saving whatever money I could earn then went cheery picking in Door County the following spring to come up with the cash. Went back to that Dealer and bought the car. Paid him an extra \$15 to tow it to my house.

Spent the whole summer working on it with the help of my brother Steve and from Roger Fritz. I think Roger was more excited about it then me, he would show up as early as 7am to help where he could. We got it running, took it to the beach a couple times that summer, drove it to Plover once, top end was around 50 mph, not exactly a hot rod. I drove it to school that school year, what an experience when winter came. The rubber bladed steering column mounted defrost fan didn't do much to defrost the windshield so I had to open the window and freeze my face to see where I was going. And the floor mounted electric heater didn't get very hot so your feet would freeze. And worst of all, it didn't have a radio so I had to listen to Roger Fritz's singing for entertainment. Still, all the misery was worth it because it was my car and it gave me my new born freedom.

Notable Quotes

"No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar."
Abraham Lincoln

"Democracy means that anyone can grow up to be President, and anyone who doesn't grow up can be Vice-President."
Johnny Carson

"Football combines two of the worst things in American life. It is violence punctuated by committee meetings."
George Will

"Well, according to the Labor Department, unemployment fell from 8.3 to 8.1 percent last month. But that was because ... 368,000 Americans gave up looking for work. And today, President Obama said that's a step in the right direction, and he is encouraging more Americans to give up looking for work so the numbers will come down a little bit."
Jay Leno



Replacement Referees not working out too well!