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Lincoln High Newsletter

Topics:

1. Measles - What's all the hullabaloo about the recent outbreak? Didn't we all catch the measles back when?
- 2..Most memorable corsage you gave or received - Did you ever give or get an orchid?
3. Perfumes and men's stinkum stuff that we wore in the 50's & 60's. What was your favorite? Do you still use some?
4. Do you remember your first train ride?
5. Did you move to a new city with apprehension with about finding friends? How did it work out?
6. Did you have a wedding mishap?
7. Do you still have a hula hoop, mood ring, or rubik's cube?
8. Back when, the Rapids Police gave you your practical driver's test. Who gave you yours? Did it go smoothly?
9. Been skiing this winter?
10. Anything else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

Lenore Crothers Haferman - lhaferman@sbcglobal.net

When I was young I took the train to Wisconsin from New Casele, Co. I rode on the Zepher, it had the glass dome on top that you could sit in. Yes I still have a Hula hoop and I still am good at it.

Jim Nickel (LHS'65) - jnickel206@aol.com

Thanks for continuing this newsletter. It is always interesting to read the comments.

I do remember my first train ride. My grandparents lived in Merrill and I spent a week with them one summer. I do not remember how old I was. The end of the week was a train ride that I was looking forward to. The Milwaukee Road already stopped service north of Wausau, so they drove me to Wausau for the big trip to the Rapids.

I remember being worried that I would not get off at the right station. The conductor was a really tall guy who assured my grandparents that he would not let me stay on the train beyond the Rapids. Well the trip was over too soon and there were my folks waiting for me at the station as the train pulled in. Ah, the memories of a kid.

We took our young kids on the Chicago Metra system to go downtown when we were in Chicagoland. They have good memories of it too.

Marcie [Basler] Ortscheid '65 - marcie.ortscheid@ki.com

When my son was a junior in high school he asked a very nice gal to the prom, the only thing we had to do was get him a tux and a corsage to give the girl. The tux was easy and we went a few weeks before the prom and picked it up. Now for the corsage, I told him to order it from the flower shop and we would pick it up the afternoon of the prom. I asked him how late the place was open and he stated 5pm I told him I have a few things to do and will pick it up at 4pm, got there and they closed at 3pm..yikes what to do.. so here I am at a grocery store buying, cut flowers, ribbon, and a pin. I had never ever tried to make anything like this in my life, all I kept saying to him was "someday we will laugh about this" it didn't turn out that bad I must say.

Ursula Nogic - unogic@yahoo.com

ULA's HOOLA - That's the name of my hoola hoop. I've used it for 3 years now. It's 43" and weighs about 7 lbs. I rotate 2000 turns in about 15 minutes, and vary speeds between average and faster. Initially it felt like trying to keep a tractor tire circling around my middle, but once I managed to keep it from immediately plummeting to the ground, I was good. Nothing acrobatic, just 'round and 'round. Great for toning and aerobics.

Susan (Rice) Hammel - gourmay1@gmail.com

3. Estée Lauder Youth Dew. Still have some (not from then, new). Saturday night in the dorm at Oshkosh was suffocating.

Chuck Hinners - Driver's test - Chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com

Kent,

Actually you went to the Rapids police station to take the driver's test & The actual driver's test has always administered by the State DMV and State Trooper Trulhar gave me my behind the wheel test on August 14, 1963, 64 days after my 16th birthday. I used my dad's 1963 Grand Prix, the same one I bought back from Baker Pontiac in 1968.

Most of you got your licenses within a week of turning 16, but I guess I didn't care that much.

After passing the test which my dad thought I'd flunk, he bought a new car for my mother to use.

It was a 1963 Rambler which was christened Throckmorton. It was a three on the column stick which was regaining popularity about that time. I think some stick cars actually carried an upcharge. Dick Reeves dad bought a 64 Ford with a stick.

The above paragraph is all I will ever know about cars or auto mechanics, a class i would take in a minute if i could sneak back into Lincoln.

As Melvin Natti (8th grade math teacher at Howe) "The older and smarter you get, the more you realize how much you don't know"

Like Sergeant Schultz - "I KNOW NOTHINNNG!"

Linda Edwards - ledwards6112@hotmail.com

Yes, I have been skiing quite a few times this year. We live about 8 minutes from Granite Peak and have season passes, so we can ski a lot or a little, depending on the weather, the crowd, our mood... After the crowds thin out in March, we will also ski on the weekends; until then, it's just too nuts, especially on Saturdays. The groomers have created several runs with large rollers near the bottom and those are really fun. I don't do moguls. My sweetheart has skied the hill for 64 years, since he was 4. He is still one of the finest skiers I've ever seen. He always skis to music, and he appears to float..absolute poetry in motion. One room in our house is full of trophies, ribbons, etc. In August 2013, he almost lost a foot (or much worse) due to a spider bite that became infected with MRSA. Upon returning home from an 8-day stay in the hospital, with a huge wound in his foot and a wound vac, he ordered new skis and boots from a place in Spain. And yes, he healed and skied the entire season. He has taught me so much and restored my confidence in my ability (after breaking my left leg in two places on Keystone in 1993 and taking 20 years off). I know my limitations and I ski sober!

I had measles and strep throat at the same time when I was 11. Spent 3 days in the hospital. The strep flew under the radar and I wound up with a rather severe case of rheumatic fever which still haunts me.

Loved Old Spice (original scent). Still do! My father always used an after shave or cologne when he "dressed up". Aqua Velva was a favorite of my Uncle Carl.

Candace Caylor - klorkatz@att.net

Don't get me started on parents who don't get their children immunized. The ironic thing is that many of them are educated middle and upper class parents. Their education does not prevent them from believing completely false information about immunizations instead of proven facts. Most of us remember these diseases. These diseases caused significant health problems and even death. When I was in nursing school taking public health, most of the students were just 4 years younger than I was; yet no one remember polio. Yes, there is always a low probability of side effects. There is always a probability of side effects from any and every medication. You can kill yourself with just about any across the counter med including aspirin and tylenol. The bottom line is weighing the benefits against the risks and the no brainer is the benefits win every time. If we allow the public to continue to opt out of immunizations, we will be faced with these deadly preventable diseases once again. Only those with allergies to them should be exempt.

My first [and last] train ride was a disaster. One of my college friends and I took the train from Milwaukee to Fla. in 1974. It took one day and two nights and no sleeping car. Some of the tracks we rode on were deemed unsafe two weeks later. It was so bumpy we couldn't even hold a glass of water without spilling it on us. To make things worse, the bathroom plumbing didn't work. Needless to say, we traded in our return ticket and flew home.

I remember taking my driver's test. My dad was sheriff at the time and the car I drove was a Buick Le Sabre — a very big car by today's standards. In fact, the car was an unmarked police car! I did pass it the first time. But then I did a perfect job of parallel parking [the first time ever]. I still can parallel park although there is hardly a need to do so anymore.

Don Solie - dg.solie@hotmail.com

3. From the fifties and sixties I remember Mennen and Old Spice after shave, then I recall moving on to English Leather, Canoe, and Brut, but my favorite was the St. John's Bay Rum that my father used. All were after shaves and today I still prefer after shave over cologne/Eau de toilet. Over the years Equipage from Hermes has been the best, and I purchased all that Neimans had when Hermes was going to eliminate the after shave and rely on Eau de toilet sales. My grand kids like Tom Ford Tobacco Vanille (only available in Eau de parfum) and Hanne Mori which has an after shave balm. So you can guess what I receive for Christmas whether I need it or not.

Prices have increased greatly for the newer fragrances.....paid \$120 for the last bottle of Hermes Equipage! It will have to last next to forever to justify the price.

6. My wife was kidnapped during the reception. The same thing happened to her mother at her reception, and the same team performed both events! I was forewarned that this could happen because the culprits included a few of my wife's uncles and cousins.

When they grabbed her and raced off in their "get away" car. I wasn't bothered as it gave me a chance to "slug down" a few beverages.

As an aside she started something I would soon battle for many years.....she managed my alcohol consumption, and she didn't let me get away with trying to BS my way out of behavior that was not conducive to a lasting "marriage".

I now think back and we had a sign that things weren't normal. The flower truck broke down and delayed the wedding ceremony. And we were married in July at a church that had no AC, not many did in 1969. I think the temperature exceeded 100 degrees; it was so hot that the candles started melting adding a few plop, plops to the musical arrangements.

We survived and will celebrate our 46th anniversary in July of 2015.

10. I'd like to share my growing dislike for the incompetent, lying POTUS, but that would probably be edited so will leave my thoughts to myself.

Toni (Weller) Olsen - tonicrafty@gmail.com

In 1987 I rode Amtrak from New Orleans to Wisconsin Dells. My two sons were with me, and they were only 7 and 5. The ride was pretty nice, although not elegant by any means. We couldn't afford a sleeper car, so sleeping in our coach seats was just OK. I think my sons thought of the trip as an adventure, and they stuck close to me. There were dining cars and lots of windows to see parts of the U.S. you don't see from a freeway. Some train tracks run through poorer parts of cities. After about two days and one night on the train, we were happy to see my parents who had driven from the Rapids to meet us. Maybe some readers have had a more recent train trip than mine.

"OLD FOLKS" MEMORY TEST

Thanks, Gene Santoski - k9utq@solarus.net

Let's see how much you remember, and how many of these you can recall.

Play fair, don't cheat! Oh, you'll need a piece of paper and a pencil to record your answers.

1. In the 1950s, if you had a flat rear tire, you often had to remove the?
 - a. Necker knob
 - b. Curb feeler
 - c. Fender skirt

2. What color flash bulbs did Dad use for color film?
 - a. Blue
 - b. Pink
 - c. Plaid

3. What was the parking brake called when you were a kid?
 - a. Emergency brake
 - b. Pull Stop
 - c. Breaker. Breaker.

4. Way before Air Jordan , what was a kids shoe of choice?
- a. Buster Brown
 - b. PF Flyers
 - c. Old Stinkers
5. In what year did Dewey Defeat Truman according to the Chicago Tribune?
- a. 1946
 - b. 1948
 - c. 1952
- 6.. Before the Orkin Man, what technology was part of most home bug deterrence?
- a. Shoe Fly
 - b. Fly paper
 - c. 50 mm Phlit gun
7. Dixie cups had what printed on their tops?
- a. Secret decoders
 - b. Movie stars
 - c. WW II propaganda slogans
8. What was the prevailing method of birth control in the 50s?
- a. Heavy lifting and cold showers
 - b. Fear
 - c. Girdles and crinoline petticoats
9. Jimmy Durante said what at the end of every show?
- a. Aloha, my friends.
 - b. Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are.
 - c. Remember, wherever you go, my nose will get there first.
10. Popeye the sailor man; Popeye the sailor man.
I'm strong to the finish, _ _ _ _ _ , Popeye the sailor man.
- a. cause I eats me spinach
 - b. my dad was big and Finnish
 - c. the music a bit tinnish?
11. In the quaint greasy spoon jargon of yore, what did knock the horns off one, and drag it through the garden mean?
- a. 86 the customer, then kick him out the back door
 - b. Rare hamburger or steak with tomato and lettuce
 - c. Cooties
12. Lincoln Logs were for what use?
- a. A diary of the presidency
 - b. Keep track of fat cats who sleep in the Lincoln Bedroom
 - c. Building toy structures
13. Ward and June bring what to mind?
- a. A popular TV series called Leave it to Beaver
 - b. A Chicago family of butchers and knife sharpeners called The Cleavers
 - c. Inventors of the clicker, Jack Ward and Ernest June
14. Cops and Robbers, Cowboys and Indians, and Zorro are all forms of what?
- a. Alcoholic beverages
 - b. Capitalism
 - c. Childrens play

15. What was the cheapest way to turn a bicycle into a motorcycle?

- a. Baseball cards in the spokes
- b. Rig an electric motor with a very long cord
- c. Turning left into the path of a Harley

16. Tinker toys date back to when?

- a. 1914
- b. 1949
- c. 1967

17. In grade school, what was the worst thing that could happen to you when being picked for a team?

- a. Getting picked last
- b. Getting your uniform dirty
- c. Not having the team tattoo

18. If we dared to swear and our parents heard us, we immediately found out what ___ tasted like.

- a. Meatballs
- b. Soap
- c. Sarsaparilla

19. What was one thing the Lone Ranger and Roy Rogers would never do?

- a. Kill someone
- b. Shoot a squirrel
- c. Eat lima beans

20. What convertible offered an optional radio that automatically increased its volume as the car accelerated?

- a. 1912 Franklin
- b. 1943 Jeep
- c. 1957 Ford Thunderbird

Scroll down for answers.....

ANSWERS

1. c) Fender skirts, attached to the rear fenders, covered fully half the wheel streamlining the car.

2. a) Blue

3. a) Emergency brake. We grew up in much more dramatic times. [i still call it that, do you too? -DAE]

4. b) PF Flyers.

BF Goodrich patented the Posture Foundation insole, an innovation in comfort and performance, and began adding the new technology to its action shoes.

Goodrich shoes with Posture Foundation became known simply as PF in 1937.

Fashion trends in the Forties and Fifties saw PF Flyers escaping gyms and ball fields to become fashionable active footwear for everyone.

Everything you do is more fun with PF read one 1947 magazine ad.

In 2001, New Balance acquired the rights to the brand.

5. b) It was November 3, 1948, when Truman upset Republican Thomas Dewey in the first postwar presidential election. Trib publisher Col. Robt. R. McCormick got the news late..

6. b) Sticky fly paper hanging from kitchen ceilings was common in American homes until insecticides like Flit became available in 40s.

7. b) Movie Stars

Most people over 55 recall with nostalgia the Dixie Cup ice cream picture lids that appeared all over America from 1930 to 1954.

In the final year, the lids were in 3D, full color, and styled in left and right action poses. These were used in stereo card viewers for the 3D effect. [<http://www.go-star.com/antiquing/dixiecup.htm>]

8. c) This is a tough one, but the answer is girdles and crinoline petticoats.

9. b) Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are.

10. a) cause I eats me spinach

11. b) Rare hamburger or steak with tomato and lettuce.

Other examples:

Axle grease: butter;

Blowout patches: pancakes;

Bowwow, barks, or groundhog: "hot dog;

Baled hay: shredded wheat;

Bessie: roast beef;

Bessie in a bowl: stew;

Cackle berries: eggs;

Rabbit food: salad;

Sinkers donuts;

and

Sweep the kitchen: hash.

12. c) Building toy structures.

13. a) A popular TV series called Leave it to Beaver, perhaps the most unrealistic, misleading and shallow depiction of family life ever produced for TV.

14. c) Childrens play.

15. a) Baseball cards in the spokes. Who among you never did this?

16. a) 1914 Good then, 1935 Good now, 2000 Good always, read the back cover of a 1935 Toy Tinkers catalog.

Charles H. Pajeau and Robert Pettit, the founders of The Toy Tinkers of Evanston, Illinois, and the creators of the TINKER TOY construction set, knew that the Thousand Wonder Builder would continue to inspire the imaginations

of children because of its easy-to-use, yet versatile construction system.

They are still made today, now by Hasbro.

17. a) Getting picked last.

As an expert on this particular humiliation, I assure you that getting picked last was far better than not getting picked at all.

18. b) Soap.

Was this a regional thing?

Where I grew up, spanking was the generally preferred method for punishing any childhood misdemeanor.

We wouldn't have known a time out to save our lives.

19. a) Kill someone.

I cant remember ever seeing the Lone Ranger, Roy Rogers or other cowboy heroes actually kill someone.

They would just shoot the gun out of the bad guys hand.
There was no blood, no violence, just folks wondering who that masked man was.

20. c) 1957 Ford Thunderbird.
Hard one but, lets face it, easy answer.
The option was available only that year.

SCORING

17-20 correct: You are not only older than dirt, but obviously gifted with mind bloat.
12-16 correct: Not quite dirt yet, but your mind is definitely muddy, ready to muck up others.
0-11 correct: You are one sad excuse of a geezer.