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## The Shots Heard Around The World

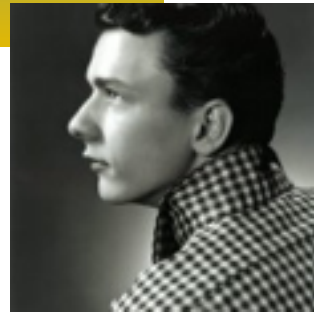
Part Seven In The Series On

### *Myron Lee and The Caddies*

By Myron Lee Wachendorf '59



**Myron Lee Wachendorf '59**  
WHS Senior Photo



In late November 1963, the *Dick Clark Caravan of Stars* left New York for a five week tour across the US featuring several top recording artists of the day. We had two Greyhound busses carrying 58 people. My band was on Bus #1 with Dick Clark, who sat up front across from the bus driver. Dick's road manager, Ed McMahon, took care of all the travel details and did a good job keeping everyone in line and on time. He was a former Army Drill Sergeant with a gruff voice and he seemed kind of mean at first, but as you got to know him he was a soft-hearted guy really.

One week had gone by when Paul of Paul and Paula (*Hey Paula*) got homesick and missed his girlfriend back home so much he left the Tour leaving Paula by herself. Dick Clark saved the day when he said he would sing Paul's part and he did a great job for the rest of the Tour. The audience loved it when told what had happened.

On most days our routine was – do the show, travel anywhere from 100 to 300 miles to the next date, get some sleep, and start all over again. I have fond memories of driving down the highway in the middle of the night when many times several of the singers on the show would entertain everyone with some beautiful harmonies. Brian Hyland of *Sealed With A Kiss* fame always had his flat top (Martin guitar) with him and sang to everyone a lot.



**Paul and Paula**



**Freddie Cannon**

One night around 2:00 am everyone was wanting to know when we would stop somewhere to eat. We were on some lonely two-lane highway somewhere out east when we came upon this little town with a neon sign that read "All Night Diner". There were two cars parked in this otherwise empty parking lot and they belonged to the help I'm sure. Can you possibly imagine what these two working people thought when they saw two big busses pull up in the middle of the night?

Dick Clark had a great idea. He told everyone in the busses to stay seated while he went inside to

talk to the café people. The people recognized Dick right away from seeing him on television and were thrilled out of their minds. Dick said that several of us would help with the cooking and the clean up afterwards and we did. Bobby Vee cooked the eggs while Freddie Cannon specialized in bacon. Little Eva and Paula made the pancakes. I was a busboy as I recall. The two restaurant people just stood there and watched in awe. Do you think that they told this story to others over the years?

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, we were at the Sioux City, Iowa auditorium and it was great to see our family members as they drove down from Sioux Falls. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, we were in Wichita, Kansas and drove all night after the show arriving in Dallas, Texas around 10:00 am for a show that evening on November 22, 1963, a date that people our age will never forget.

We checked into the hotel and were ready to get some sleep when I saw on television that the Kennedys would be on a parade route near our hotel shortly. I called Brian Hyland, who had a room next door to mine, and invited him to go with me to watch our President and his wife drive by, which was a huge thrill to us in those days.

The parade passed by as thousands of people lined the streets. A few minutes later, as Brian and I were about to walk into a Neiman Marcus store, we heard what we thought were firecrackers going off from three blocks away. There was a small black and white television set on the glass counter and we watched and listened in shock as Walter Cronkite came on CBS with tears in his eyes and announced that the President of the United States had been shot. It was something that you couldn't possibly imagine happening during those innocent times in 1963.

**End of Part 7.**



**Brian Hyland**

## O&B Is Changing The Numbering System of “Special Editions”

Beginning with the first “Special Edition” in 2015 the numbering system for each Special Edition will change. In the past each Sp Ed was simply numbered as follows: ***Sp Ed, the date and then the name of the deceased person and their class year***. Using this old system you had no way to know if you had in fact seen, or received each Sp Ed.

Commencing with the first Special Edition in 2015 the number of each Speciedition will be added immediately following the date. So if you are reading #10 issue published in 2015, “***#10-15***” will appear meaning it is the 10th Special Edition published in 2015. So if you have Special Edition #9 you will know that there were no Special Editions that you missed. Example of new numbering system, “***Sp Ed 1-24-15, #10-15 John Doe '54***”.

Another Friendly Reminder  
of  
**The 2015 All School Reunion**  
Please Plan On Attending and  
Mark Your Calendar Now.  
**Sept. 18, 19 & 20, 2015**





Jim Ward '53  
WHS Royalty Photo

# Jim Ward '53

A Wonderful Letter To The Editor  
Turned Into A Great Feature Story

**And A Treasure Trove Of Priceless Photos!**

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On Oct 17, 2014, **Jim Ward '53** <J-CWard@charter.net> wrote:

Jack, I don't know if you remember me – James D “Jim” Ward, WHS class of '53. In the event, the purpose of this email is to congratulate you on your wonderful publication of the O & B for alumni. I hope that you will add me to your mailing list as I would love to get your publication. The only issue I have is one Walt Leyse send me – it has lots of pictures of the class of '59.

Walt told me about your wonderful effort when I was in Sioux Falls a couple of weeks ago. I am forwarding here a photo you may want to use. It is a mini-reunion of six of us from WHS class of '53; Al Borgen, Dick Viehweg, Jim Ward, John Ewing and Jim Dalton surrounding Jaroline Johnson. The six of us have been friends for years since our time at Longfellow and Mark Twain, as well as WHS, of course.

Thank you for keeping fond memories alive.

Jim

PS By separate email I will send you a large file which is the journal of a nostalgia trip I just took from Illinois to Sioux Falls. Forgive me for imposing this on you but you may find some parts of it or some pictures interesting. If not, there is always the delete key! **Jim Ward, class of 53**



“A mini-reunion of six of us from WHS class of '53; Al Borgen, Dick Viehweg, Jim Ward, John Ewing and Jim Dalton surrounding Jaroline Johnson”.

On Nov 12, 2014, at 12:04 PM, **Jim Ward '53** <J-CWard@charter.net> wrote:

Dear Jack, thank you so much for the email and particularly the attachments. Looking over the class of 54 reunion pictures brought back many memories. I have lots of pictures in my computer and I immediately went through them to see if there were any that you might find useful. Most are pictures out of the O & B or annuals. Those are generally available so I decided not to send those to you. Then there were pictures of me with a girl now married to someone else – I decided not to confuse historical research with those. In the end it just boiled down to a few snap shots and I have attached them.

I will try to ID the people in the pictures – not myself. Forgive me for not taking the time to check my collection of Annuals – I am trying to get away on a long trip and my wife is nagging me to pack. The 1<sup>st</sup> is of (*Jim Ward '53*), Bruce Bringgold (53) (*deceased*) and Diane Stoakes '54 (*deceased*). The 2<sup>nd</sup> is of Connie Roth (53) in a fancy gown. The 3<sup>rd</sup> is Dick (53) and Marilyn (*Hill*) (54) Viehweg – time, place I know not. The 4<sup>th</sup> (*Jim Ward '53*), is Marilyn Hill Viehweg (54), Sandy Sona (54) and John Ewing (53). The 5<sup>th</sup> is Jack White (*deceased*), Sharon Roggen, Jaroline Johnson (*& Jim Ward*) (all 53). The 6<sup>th</sup> is (*Jim Ward '53*), Bonnie Dubbe '54, Lorraine Fremming (54) & Kent Morstad (54). I have a few others but I did not want to overload this email and the others may be of more marginal interest. Frankly, I inserted these photos because I was inspired by seeing some of the people at the Class of 54 reunion.

Since you, like me, are obviously a historian by avocation I assume you have all the old O&Bs. I have a complete set for 4 or maybe 5 years. I can't recall how I got them, but they were invaluable when I wrote a memoir of my younger days. If I can be of any assistance in your wonderful communication with alums let me know.

Thanks again for sharing and adding me to your mailing list.

**Jim Ward '53**



On Nov 13, 2014, at 3:46 PM, **Jim Ward '53** <J-CWard@charter.net> wrote:

Jack, I reviewed your attachments again and here is the information you requested.

James D Ward "Jim"

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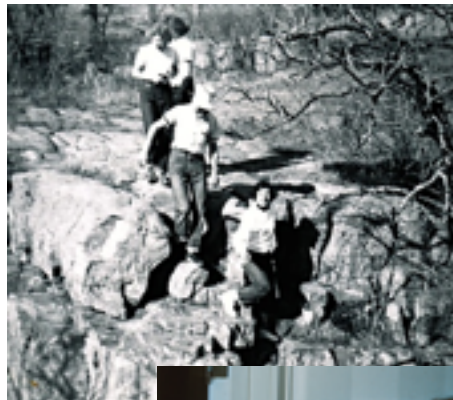
(951) 684-6988

Wife – Carole – not a WHS grad

I am attaching a few more photos of 50s WHS grads. The 1<sup>st</sup> is from the "dorm" at Boys State 1952 – I forget what town it was in – I am in upper left part of pyramid of beds but I cannot identify any other boys or even if they are from WHS. The 2<sup>nd</sup> I have recorded as at the "Dells" – the girl in the foreground is one of the Sona sisters (53/54) and the guy is John Ewing (53). The 3<sup>rd</sup> is at my home – I am in foreground looking goofy, next is Jerry Borden (53), next Bill Zabel (54), Bruce Bringgold (53) is on right in back and the other boy I cannot identify ( **O&B editor suspects "the other boy" is, Dave Palmer '54"**) – we were all debaters. The 4<sup>th</sup> is Dick Viehweg, myself, Jack White and Jim Dalton (all 53) playing cards at my house. The 5<sup>th</sup> is Connie Roth Nagle (53) and Esther Sunderman (53). The 6<sup>th</sup> is part of the royalty OLD Class of 52 – the guys are Parker Powell and Mark Stavig I believe. The 7<sup>th</sup> is the Sanford Hi-Y float in OLD parade in the fall of 52 – we thought we should have won the grand prize but did not. The 8<sup>th</sup> is at a dance – probably the Arkota Ballroom – all in the picture are Class of 53 except perhaps Buzz Hyden's date who I cannot ID. Left to right Buzz Hyden, his date, Sharon Roggen, Jack White, Sharon Frank, Jane Butler, Russ Pratt, Al Borgen, Jaroline Johnson and yours truly. Final picture is a clip from a newspaper, perhaps the O&B, with Buzz Hyden, yours truly and Jim Dalton hamming it up.

I have now pretty much exhausted my pictures from my computer. You may only find some of them useful – whatever. I am embarrassed that I sent the journal of my recent trip to Sioux Falls but as I said you have the delete button. Page 10 of the journal has pictures of several WHS grads, specifically Jim Dalton (53), Walt Leyse (51-2?), Betty Holmoe (52), Dick Viehweg (53), Marilyn Hill Viehweg (54), Al Borgen (53) and Jaroline Johnson (53). If you want me to send any of those photos electronically and individually I can do that.

Thanks again for all your good work. **Jim Ward '53**





On Nov 13, 2014, at 3:18 PM, **Jim Ward '53** <J-CWard@charter.net> wrote:

Jack, that is a scary order. I write stuff all the time – even some for publication – but I am reluctant to toot my own horn too much here. I submit herewith a short version of my life while trying to avoid puffery or false modesty.

After graduating from WHS, I attended college for a year and then “dropped out” by living in Europe for a year. While living in Paris, I met my wife. We were married in 1956. I graduated from USD in '57 (incredibly I managed to cobble together sufficient credits despite the year in Europe) and moved to California. I graduated from law school in '59 and practiced law in Riverside, CA for 33 years. I was a self-confessed “bar junkie” and served on numerous state-wide boards and commissions. My biggest claim to fame as an attorney is that I argued and won two cases before the United States Supreme Court. I went on the trial court bench for two years and then spent 10 years as an Appellate Court Justice. On a very busy court I wrote hundreds of opinions which I note with some trepidation constitute a part of the law of California. Once again, my biggest claim to fame is I chaired a commission that rewrote the California jury instructions. I retired at age 70, did a little private judging and then “retired” again.

My wife Carole and I have three kids all of whom qualify for AARP – yikes! Also two grandsons who are six foot two. We have traveled a great deal – 110 countries at last count. I love to visit Sioux Falls and on the last trip my wife came with me. I think she wanted to see the rhinoceros at the zoo – despite dozens of safaris in two trips to Africa she had not seen one!

Life is good. I am blessed – most recently by getting reacquainted with old WHS friends.

**Jim Ward '53**



**Carole Ward & Jim Ward '53**



1952/53 OLD Grand March. l - r front row: Queen June Smith, Marshal Marv Rimerman, Royalty, Sharon Rogen, Jim Ward, Esther Sunderman, Bob Newcomb, Jill Wear. 2nd row: Connie Roth, Bruce Bringgold (all '53 Class). Next to Bringgold, Bonnie Assam '54 and Bob Brenner '53 OLD MC. 3rd row: on left is Kent Morstad '54 and on the right end, Al Borgen '53 enjoying the grand march. Photo taken from '53 Warrior.

# Letters to the &B

## WHS Women's Volleyball Coach Pam Murra.

Jeff Herbert '74, chairman of the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame, informed the O&B that outstanding WHS women's volleyball coach from 1981 to 1991, Pam Murra, passed away on November 3, 2014 at the age of 59. Her passing came just 23 days after she was inducted into the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame. While at Washington High School the volleyball program won five State Championships and one Runner-up Title, including the first State Volleyball Championship. In her WHS Hall of Fame induction speech she was still vibrantly championing women's athletics. Women athletics has truly lost an impassioned advocate.

Left photo:  
Jeff Herbert '74  
Chairman of WHS  
Athletic Hall of Fame

Coach Pam Murra  
Accepting WHS Hall of Fame  
Induction on Oct. 11, 2014

On Nov 24, 2014, at 8:34 AM, **Darrell Modica '54** <darmar2@live.com> wrote:  
Hi Jack, as usual I enjoy reading about **Myron Lee '59**, the report from the 60th (reunion), and then the article about **Gary Hartenhoff '53**. When we were at Crossroads Book and Music in '74 I bought a Dodge van and asked Gary to paint store signs on it. When I picked it up, here on the front fender it read "trucking for Jesus". He said he like it and so did I. Thanks Gary and Jack  
**Darrell Modica '54**

**Darrell Modica '54**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 14, 2014, **Mary Gayle McDowell Rogers '59** <temmemg@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Dear Jack, Thank you for your hasty response to my e-mail. However I need to make some corrections. I only have two yearbooks. One from **1931 when my father, John McDowell, graduated**. I mistakenly thought it was 1930. The other yearbook is **1935 when my mother, Jeanne Gibson, graduated**. And thank you to your wife for her suggestion to mail them via the Post Office. I will get them in the mail this week. I am looking forward to receiving the newsletter. Thank you for your time and efforts. My information: Mary Gayle McDowell Rogers, attended St. Mary Grade School in Sioux Falls, graduated from WHS in 1959, married to Emmet Rogers who graduated from Cathedral High School in 1958. My address is 4700 South Minnesota, Sioux Falls, SD 57105 and my phone number is 605-941-2191. **Mary Gayle McDowell Rogers '59**

**Mary Gayle McDowell '59**  
WHS Senior Photo

Editor's note: Welcome to the O&B Mary Gayle '59 and Emmet Rogers - Cathedral '58. The O&B is always glad to have more Cathedral Alumni subscribers. And, thanks Mary Gayle for the donation of your Mom's 1935 and your Dad's 1931 yearbooks. It is very thoughtful of you to donate them and I am looking forward to receiving them. They will be the first WHS yearbooks the O&B will have from the '30s. I still need several books from the '40s and '60s.

**Wayne Gustafson '54** called to notify the O&B of the passing of **Nancy Ann Houston Musegades '60** on November 30, 2014. The O&B would like to offer **Mary Kay Houston Moen '54**, her husband, **Jerry Moen '52** and their entire family our sincerest condolences for the loss of Mary Kay's sister, Nancy Ann. Nancy Ann was 72 and is survived by her husband, of just less than 50 years, Kent. They lived in Rapid City but Nancy Ann passed away after a short battle with lung disease while a patient at the Mayo Clinic, St. Mary's Hospital, in Rochester, Minn.



**Wayne Gustafson '54**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Mary Kay Houston Moen '54**  
WHS SeniorPhoto



**Jerry Moen '52**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Nancy Ann Houston Musegades '60**  
WHS Senior Photo      **Deceased**



**Delray Dvoracek '58**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 9, 2014, **Delray K. Dvoracek '58** <dkd@i29.net> wrote:

I knew Jerry very well. (Referring to the Special Edition and the passing of **Jerry Cowman '58**.) I was at Longfellow school, and I think my 8th grade year, our team played against his team during the final playoffs. Longfellow lost, but I made 4 points during the game, a salvation for me at the time. Never played any sports since, except baseball as a catcher, but only while in the service. I forgot the name of his school, it may have been Mark Twain, but he was one hell of a basketball player, and a good guy, a real sportsman.



**Jerry Cowman '58**  
WHS Senior Photo  
**Deceased**

I never saw him since we left school. I went in the service, did my Masters at Lincoln, Neb., and Ph.D ABD at the U. of MINN. I have lived in Fargo ever since after five years in the Air Force as a Russian linguist, though I received my German degree from Augustana. For many years I taught both languages at Moorhead State University. Later on, I started an Ad agency and worked in it for 30 years until I retired.

If you can pass this on to Jerry's remaining family members, I would appreciate it, and just let them know a lot of guys really liked him.

**Delray Dvoracek, class of '58** Fargo, ND  
[deldvoracek@gmail.com](mailto:deldvoracek@gmail.com)



**Roger Mickelson '54**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 9, 2014, **Roger Mickelson '54** Lazysob6@aol.com wrote:

Jack, Today, I report to the hospital at 6:00 am for hip replacement surgery. So no History (Newsletter), for a while. Expect easy surgery and fast recovery.  
**Roger Mickelson '54**

Good Luck Roger! I am glad to hear your surgery is expected to be "easy" and with a "fast recovery". And then I hope the results will be all that you hope for.

Jack



Jim Brix '62  
WHS Sophomore Photo

Dec 1, 2014, **Jim Brix '62** <tahitijim@yahoo.com> wrote:  
Hi Jack!

My information: James Douglas Brix, 20 Fifth Street, North  
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Tahitijim@yahoo.com, Gradeschools - Whittier: K-4, Bancroft: 5-6,  
Whittier JH: 7-9, WSHS: 10-12. Graduated WSHS 1962.

No current spouse.

Thanks, I look forward to receiving this. I would be happy to  
forward your contact information to my 1962 WSHS Nostalgia  
Group on FBk...in case some of them would like to subscribe,  
too. That ok?

Jim



Current Photo  
Jim Brix

## James D. Brix - '62

Jim, any one you ever wish to suggest the Orange & Black to will be greatly appreciated. The O&B now reaches over 800 Alumni and friends and I hoping to always increase that number.

Jim, you are still a good looking guy and since you are currently single I hope you will let me know if you get letters of interest from my single female readers. Maybe the O&B can give, "Match.Com" some competition! Good luck. Jack Phillips '54

## A Special Thanks To Jim Ward '53,

for digging through his old photos of his obviously happy years at WHS and sharing them with all of us. I am thoroughly convinced that a vast majority of us consider our years at WHS as wonderful and truly happy years and I am confident that the priceless photos Jim submitted to the O&B contributed greatly to the enjoyment of this issue.

So I am now asking each of you to dig through your old scrapbooks and email me your priceless old photos from WHS and Sioux Falls in the golden years of the '50s that we all were so fortunate to have experienced. Sharing your photos and your memories will contribute immensely to the continued success of the O&B.

Thank you, your editor, Jack Phillips '54

## Updated Deceased Lists Out Soon

As you know, the O&B attempts to maintain the updated Deceased List for each class of the fifties decade and then publish the updated lists twice a year on Memorial Day and at Christmas. I am working on the Christmas list now and you should receive it just before Christmas. If you know of anyone that should be added to the list from your class please send me their names, their class year and their approximate date of death.

It would be absolutely impossible to maintain the deceased list for all 10 class years without the help of you, my readers. In the past you have been wonderful in assisting with keeping the lists up to date and I thank each of you that has assisted in the past. Please always continue.

Jack