

# THE ALUMNI ORANGE & BLACK NEWSLETTER

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Serving the Classes of The Great '50's Decade... Photos and Stories Requested!

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Dear Readers,

Thank you! **Thank you!** **Thank you** for your most positive response to my announcement of my continuing to publish the O&B. I assure you that my decision to continue was predicated 100% on your encouragement and show of support.

After reading the last issue of the O&B, a few of my readers wrote or called asking for my address so they could contribute as a "**WHS O&B Patron**" in support of the on going O&B expenses. My address is :

**Jack M. Phillips 2261 Lauren Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89134**

I want to strongly emphasize that the O&B is still free and always will be. **Financial gifts are not being solicited and certainly are not required.** So I want to **strongly emphasize that no gift is ever necessary**, but if anyone would like to help defray the O&B expenses a donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated. However, I feel I must point out that the O&B does NOT have any IRS tax exempt status, so any financial gift to the O&B **may NOT be legally deducted.**

The only thing I wish I could make as a requirement is that each of you **MUST** at least once a year contribute something for me to print in the O&B, **WITH PHOTOS OF COURSE!** I wish I could make that a requirement for several reasons. First of all, stories and photos from you, our classmates, are essential to the survival and readability of the O&B. Secondly, O&B readers won't tire so quickly of the 'stuff' I have to fabricate to fill the paper. And thirdly, I won't have to work so hard!

Thanks for staying "tuned in".

**Jack Phillips Class of '54**

**P.S.** Before I could send this #3-20 issue of the O&B, I received a generous donation from our second "WHS Patron". This one is from **Patricia Jorgensen Palagi '56. Thank you Pat so very much!**

Now I have a question to ask. My plan is to periodically publish a list of Patrons with the dollar amount of their gift. However, if any one planning on becoming a "Patron" should prefer to remain anonymous, or not have the amount of their donation listed just please let me know. Jack



**Pat Jorgensen '56**  
**WHS Senior Photo**



Jane Winnett '54  
WHS Senior Photo

Thanks to **Jane Winnett '54** <winnettjane220@gmail.com> for sending this 1957 Woolworth Menu. Check out the prices!!! They certainly were from the good old years.



## F. W. Woolworth Co.

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| <b>BACON and TOMATO</b> .....50c<br><i>Toasted Three Decker Sandwich</i>        | <b>PLAIN or TOASTED SANDWICHES</b>       |
| <b>BAKED HAM and CHEESE</b> .....60c<br><i>Toasted Three Decker Sandwich</i>    | <b>HAM SALAD Sandwich</b> .....30c       |
| <b>CHICKEN SALAD</b> .....65c<br><i>Toasted Three Decker Sandwich</i>           | <b>EGG SALAD Sandwich</b> .....30c       |
| <b>HAM SALAD and EGG SALAD</b> .....50c<br><i>Toasted Three Decker Sandwich</i> | <b>AMERICAN CHEESE Sandwich</b> .....30c |
| <i>Above available on two slices of bread on request.</i>                       | <b>PRESSED HAM Sandwich</b> .....30c     |

**FOR A REAL TREAT!**  
TRY OUR SUPER DE-LUXE HAM SANDWICH—BAKED HAM SLICED VERY THIN AND STACKED  
HIGH ON PLAIN BREAD, TOAST OR HARD ROLL  
**40¢ YOU WILL LIKE IT! 40¢**

### Fountain Features

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| <b>DE LUXE</b><br><b>TULIP SUNDAE 25c</b><br>2 Dippers of Ice Cream covered<br>with Crushed Fruit or<br>Fresh Fruits in Season<br><br>CHOICE OF<br>STRAWBERRY, PINEAPPLE, CHERRY,<br>CHOCOLATE OR HOT FUDGE<br>Topped with Whipped Topping<br>Roasted Nuts and Cherry Ring | <b>SUPER JUMBO</b><br><b>BANANA SPLIT 39c</b><br>1/2 Bananas covered with 3<br>Dippers of Ice Cream and<br>Crushed Fruits or Fresh Fruits<br>in Season<br><br>CHOICE OF<br>STRAWBERRY, PINEAPPLE, CHERRY,<br>CHOCOLATE OR HOT FUDGE<br>Topped with Whipped Topping<br>and Roasted Nuts | <b>EXTRA RICH</b><br><b>ICE CREAM SODA 25c</b><br><br>POPULAR FLAVORS<br><br>Made with 2 Dippers of Ice Cream<br>Crushed Fruit or Fresh Fruits<br>in Season |
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| <b>MALTED MILK</b> .....25c<br><i>Popular FLAVORS</i> <i>Made with 2 Dippers of Ice Cream</i>          |  |
| <b>MILK SHAKE</b> .....25c<br><i>Popular FLAVORS</i> <i>Made with 2 Dippers of Ice Cream</i>           |   |
| <b>BANANA SPLIT Regular</b> .....25c<br><i>Popular FLAVORS</i> <i>Made with 3 Dippers of Ice Cream</i> |   |
| <b>FRESH ORANGE JUICE</b> ..... Regular 20c Large 30c<br><i>Freshly Squeezed to Order</i>              |   |
| <b>HOT NESTLE'S WITH WHIPPED TOPPING</b> .....15c<br><b>AND WAFERS</b>                                 |   |

### Home Style Desserts

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| <b>APPLE PIE</b> .....Per Cut 15c<br><i>10¢ Additional with Ice Cream</i>  |
| <b>LAYER CAKE</b> .....Per Cut 15c<br><i>10¢ Additional with Ice Cream</i> |

**WOOLWORTH COFFEE—ALWAYS GOOD**

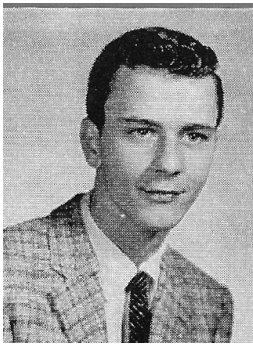


**HAVE A COKE**

**GOES GOOD WITH FOOD**

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

# IT WAS SO GOOD HEARING AGAIN FROM **MYRON WACHENDORF '59,** POSSIBLY BETTER KNOWN AS **MYRON LEE & THE CADDIES.**

Myron, <myronwach@aol.com> Wrote;

Jack I'm not sure if this is still your email address. It's been so long since I've talked with you but I'm so glad to hear that you're not retiring. The orange and Black has meant so much to so many people all these years. From the pictures in your latest issue your night club by the way looks beautiful. I hope this email finds you in good health and I just wanted to say hi.

**Myron Lee -1959**



**Carole Fredrickson Wachendorf '57**  
**WHS Junior Photo**

Myron, thanks for writing. It was so nice hearing from you. I don't think we have spoken since your wife, Carole passed away. Again, I am so sorry for you and your families loss. I think I told you that I finally met her while she was working at the First Nat. Bank in Sioux Falls a few years ago. I really liked her. She was so friendly and personable. As you know I always appreciate the photos you send me. Below are a couple of your photos that I don't think my readers have seen before. Jack



**My friend Laurent from Paris had this T-shirt made for me with the HEP record name on it when he came to visit Carole and I two years ago.**



**Bobby Vee, Myron Lee & Dion**  
**On 1961 Montreal, Canada Tour**





**Don Brown '53**  
WHS Sophomore Photo.

On Mar 4, 2020, at 1:12 PM, Donald Brown <don@chubrown.com> wrote:

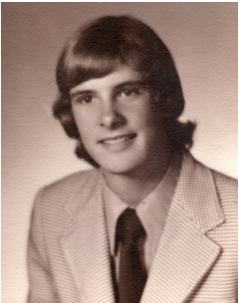
Dear Jack,

I have never been to Aruba, but just like you and Debra in the photo, I have a big grin on my face. Many, many thanks for continuing the beloved O&B Newsletter! It does more than make my day.

And let me respond with a photo of my wife Carrie and me in Brunei's "Water Village" in 1968. I was doing a one-year+ study there. We dressed up in local refinery for a wedding. Brunei, by the way, is the small oil-rich nation that the island of Borneo got its name from.

Gratefully,

**Carrie & Don Brown '53**  
1968 in Brunei's Water Village



**Jeff Herbert '74**  
WHS Senior Photo  
28 yr. WHS Teacher & Coach

### Don Brown ('53)

On Mar 10, 2020, **Jeffrey Herbert '74** <herbertj@sio.midco.net> wrote: Jack....I am delighted that you are going to continue---I always look forward to reading the *ORANGE AND BLACK*. I am including a link from KELO on the Pavilion/building readers might find interesting---I will be in touch, and you also---best wishes...

**Jeff Herbert '74**

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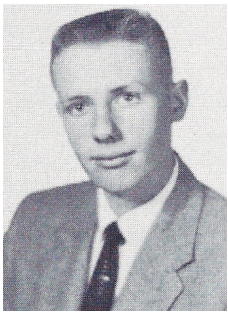
On Mar 10, 2020, **Jeffrey Herbert '74** <herbertj@sio.midco.net>

wrote:

Jack...this is the mural the WHS Historical Committee is putting up in Alumni Hall---we have a grad who is funding this for us---feel free to put in the O and B...and when completed, I will send photos---best wishes..

**Jeff Herbert '74**





Glenn Gravelle '58  
WHS Senior Photo

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On Mar 4, 2020, **glenn gravelle '58** <glenngravellepsy@gmail.com> wrote:  
Jack,

Your dedication to all of us WHS grads is truly remarkable. You have spirited me to outreach to old friends from the class of '58 and you offer a reverence for classmates who have passed.

Thanks,

**Glenn Gravelle '58**



Ken Eisenbraun '58  
WHS Senior Photo

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On Mar 4, **Ken Eisenbraun** <keisenbraun@unitedgs.com> wrote:

Hi Jack...Would love to help out with expenses for the O&B. Where would we mail a donation to?

Regards,

**Ken Eisenbraun '58**

Ed. Note: Thanks Ken, My address now will permanently appear in the very top, O&B Banner. It is 2261 Lauren Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89134 Jack



Jane 'JJ' Anderson '53  
WHS Senior Photo

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On Mar 4, 2020, **Alma JJ Anderson Johnson '53**

<jayne\_johnson35@yahoo.com> wrote:

Have a safe vacation. Where do we send our donations? jj  
I always enjoy reading the newsletter.

**JJ Johnson '53**

Ed. Note: Thanks JJ. As always I appreciate your support. See Ed. Note to Glenn's email above.



Carl Turco '58  
WHS Senior Photo

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On Mar 4, 2020, **Carl Turco '58** <mmparadise@suddenlink.net> wrote:

Hello Debra & Jack,

Your picture tells a thousand good cheers. Glad to see you having a good time. Now throw your laptop over board.

Enjoy your trip, you deserve it.

**Carl Turco '58**

Thanks Carl, We had a good time and came home healthy. I just got further and further behind with 'stuff'. Jack



Deede Woods '54  
WHS Senior Photo  
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On Mar 4, 2020, **Deede Woods Meyers '54** <eyemrite@gmail.com> wrote:  
Jack thank you so much. I was delighted to get your email today indicating that you're going to struggle through the next few years for us. We do enjoy so much reading about our classmates.

**Deede Meyers '54**





**Jim Wylie '51**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 4, 2020, **James Wylie '51** <jimwylie@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

So glad to hear of your decision to continue. You have made the hard decision---now we all can make the easy one by sending along info, following the fine example of the Bradley Family, and accepting such assignments as you may deem us worthy of taking on behalf of the cause.

At one point I asked you if you had considered a business development initiative to capture experience and know-how of the O & B Project and offer it to graduating Sr. classes around the country --to make it easy for them to capture the culture of their school and a framework for maintaining relationships, acting on concerns that could arise in individual situations, et al. ...as you have done for WHS and for us. Perhaps a group of the talented folks you see on these pages could carry the coal under your direction. .

Finally, thanks for the sweet wish with the ARUBA sign off. We also wish we were there.

### **Jim Wylie '51**

Jim. thanks for the nice words and I meant the, "*Wish you were here*", sign off words from Aruba. I would love for our WHS "fifties family" to get together again somewhere, sometime, somehow. I remember several years ago, when the Alumni O&B was very young, I proposed and tried to put together a WHS Fifties Cruise to the Caribbean. I had a little interest but not enough to make it happen.

And also thanks for the confidence, but NO, I have not considered, "a business development initiative" to help other high schools start up an O&B type "Project". But it is an interesting concept.

As always, your forever admiring underclassman friend, Jack Phillips '54.



**Laurel Pierce '55**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 4, 2020, **Laurel Pierce Hampel '55** <laufred@att.net> wrote:

Hello to you & Debra,

It was so nice to "see" you & Debra in the photo at the end of the most recent O & B, enjoying yourselves at leisure & looking fabulous! Even better was the good news that the O & B will continue on indefinitely in spite of the time, effort & expense to yourself that is involved in this endeavor. Bless you for it & bless Debra too for her patience & for sharing you with all the 50's grads. You are both very special people & I pray you can continue on in good health for many years to come. Thank you ever so much for all you do! Words are not enough to thank you for everything, of course, but "words" are all we have.

Blessings,

**Laurel Pierce Hampel, WHS Class of '55**

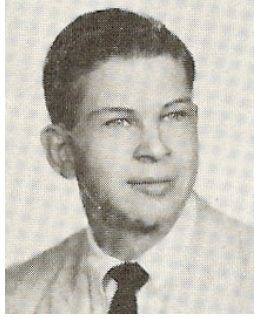
Jokes courtesy of  
**Harry Hoiland '54.**  
Thanks Harry.





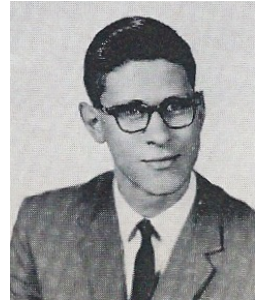
On Mar 6, 2020, Ronald Veenker <ronald.veenker@wku.edu> wrote:

Hey there, Dick and Jack, (To Dick Sweetman '54 & Jack Phillips '54 )



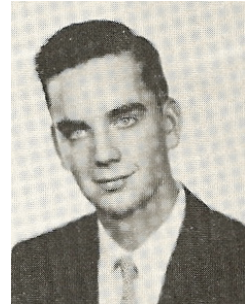
**Ron Veenker '57**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

No, the last hurricane, Dorian, did no damage whatsoever to our place, for which we are most thankful since Florence the year before racked up about \$10,000 worth. So here's how the interview with Studs Terkel took place. While researching and interviewing for his book THE GOOD WAR, Studs found that there were no surviving written records of the Japanese-American internments — the official records had been destroyed. So, as was his custom, Terkel went looking for eye-witnesses. His employer, WFMT-FM in Chicago just happened to be my brother's employer as well (**Stephen Veenker, '59**). It turns out that I was that convenient witness. I was born in Los Angeles and still had family there, most especially my two grandmothers and one great-grandmother.



**Stephen Veenker '59**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

We had moved to Sioux Falls in 1939 and matriarchs thought that they should not have to make that long trip every year to South Dakota, why not send me to California for a semester of elementary school? So during the week I lived in Baldwin Park with my mother's mother who had a rabbit ranch. I went to school there and then traveled by bus to Huntington Park to spend the weekends with my father's mother and grandmother. I still remember the night federal troops came in the middle of the night in trucks to remove about half of our neighbors in Baldwin Park, a trunk garden community. So, for the rest of my time in California, I walked to school through streets filled with abandoned Japanese homes. Only the sound of wind chimes accompanied my walk. Sometimes, the experience frightened me and I would whistle. I remember being so spooked one morning that I ran full speed singing at the top of my lungs, all the verses and choruses to "Pistol Packin' Mama."



**Dick Sweetman '54**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

Thanks to both of you for your good work on behalf of the Class of '54. A special thanks to Jack for his incredible detective work and publication in the O&B,

**Ron Veenker '54**

The brain is the  
most outstanding  
organ. It works for  
24 hours, 365 days,  
right from your  
birth until you fall  
in love.

Dear Readers,  
I will be leaving on an out  
of town business trip early  
tomorrow morning,  
Thursday, March 12, 2020.  
I hope to be back home by  
Sunday PM, March 15th.  
Have a good weekend.  
Jack