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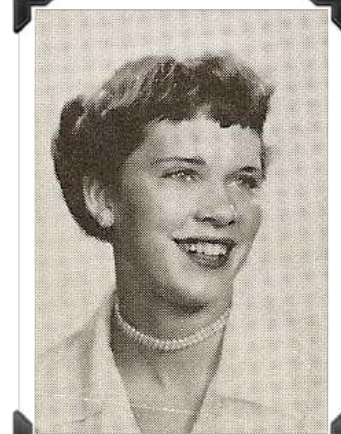
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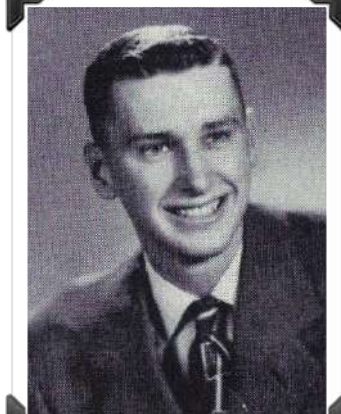
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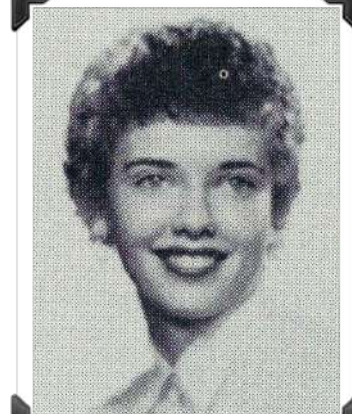
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Dick O'Connor '58
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Photos like this photo taken by Sioux Falls' Dean Pearson and appearing in the "South Dakota Magazine", Nov./Dec., 2020 issue, certainly makes a person homesick.



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17	Jane "JJ" Anderson Johnson '53 Los Angeles, CA	April 10, 2020	\$100.00	
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23	Barbara Taylor Sampson '62 Sioux Falls, SD	April 13, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
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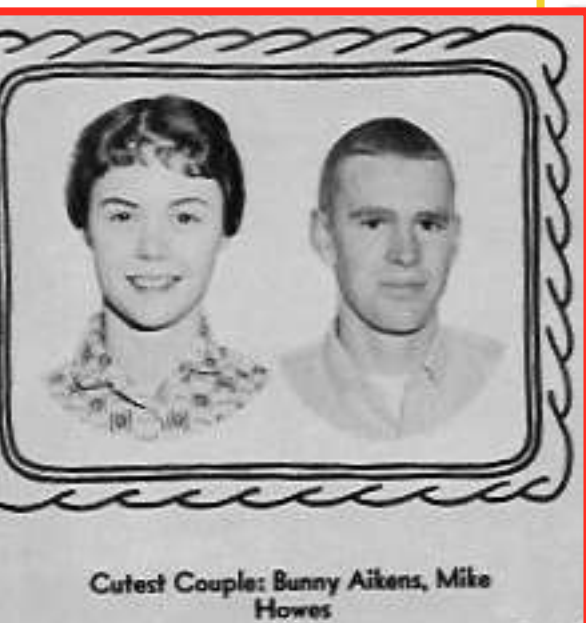
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34	Tom '55 & Marilyn Rush '56 Simmons Gold Canyon, AZ	April 30, 2020	\$50.00	
35	Terry Robinson '57 Peoria, AZ	April 30, 2020	\$57.00	
36	Bob '55 & Peg Ogle '55 Berdahl Portland, OR	May 1, 2020	\$100.00	
37	Sharon Frank Johnson '53 Sioux Falls, SD	May 8, 2020	\$50.00	
38	Gene Bushnell '56 Rapid City, SD	May 8, 2020	\$100.00	
39	Terry Feay '56	May 12, 2020	\$60.00	
40	Dennis York '55 Rapid City, SD	May 12, 2020	\$100.00	
41	WHS Class of '54	May 14, 2020	\$300.00	
42	Dick Sweetman '54 Sioux Falls, SD	May 15, 2020	\$100.00	
43	Warner '54 & Karen Gurley '54 Brown Scottsdale, AZ	May 20, 2020	\$100.00	
44	Ronald Larson '59 Sioux Falls, SD	May 23, 2020	\$100.00	
45	Dr. Glenn Gravelle '58 Centennial, CO	May 26, 2020	\$158.00	
46	Dave '56 & Barbara Lease '55 Quigley Green Valley, AZ	May 13, 2020	\$100.00	
47	Wayne Gustafson '54 Rapid City, SD & Surprise, AZ	May 29, 2020	\$250.00	
48	Sherrill Wilcox Pohl '52 Amarillo, TX	June 9, 2020	\$25.00	
49	Marlene Rance '61 Sioux Falls, SD	June 11, 2020	\$100.00	
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51	Harold Rudisill '56 Palm Springs, CA	June 15, 2020	\$100.00	
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62	Dixie Utesch Tilden '58 Montevideo, MN	July 15, 2020	\$200.00	
63	Dean Mann '50 Sioux Falls, SD	July 20, 2020	\$50.00	
64	Andy Weber '52 Houston, TX	July 24, 2020	\$100.00	Sister, Mildred "Millie" Weber Edwards '53 - Deceased
65	Romain Oliver Nelsen '53 Davis, CA	July 24, 2929	\$100.00	
66	Anonymous Patron Sioux Falls, SD	July 30, 2020	\$100.00	
67	Mary Larson Montoya '59 Sioux Falls, SD	August 1, 2020	\$100.00	
68	Wally Boersma '54 Marshall, TX	August 1, 2020	\$50.00	
69	John Hedland '58 Anchorage, AK	August 4, 2020	\$100.00	
70	Gary '57 & Kathy Rea '58 Conradi Sioux Falls, SD	August 4, 2020	200.00	
71	Mavis Larson Carl '55 Sioux Falls, SD	August 5, 2020	\$120.00	Husband, Ronald Carl '54, deceased; Sister, Shirley Larson Wermers '54; Brothers, Dale Larson '58; & Lyle Larson '61; Dear friend, Mary Lou Jewett '55 deceased.
72	Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54 Bloomington, MN?	August 8, 2020	\$100.00	
73	Deane Grav '58 Sun Lakes, AZ	August 20, 2020	\$25.00	
74	Bob Zimmerman '54 deceased & Connie Hammit '54 Zimmerman, Mesa, AZ	August 20, 2020	\$100.00	Donated in memory of my dear friend Bob Zimmerman '54, by Jack Phillips '54.
75	Kent Morstad '54 deceased & Judy Morstad. Sioux Falls, SD	August 20, 2020	\$100.00	Donated in memory of my dear friend Kent Morstad '54, by Jack Phillips '54

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76	Robert Miller '57 Sun City West, AZ	August 26, 2020	\$100.00	
77	Joe Floyd '54 Sioux Falls, SD	August 31, 2020	\$50.00	
78	Debra Phillips Las Vegas, NV	Sept. 7, 2020	\$100.00	Donated by Jack Phillips '54, in appreciation of the ever increasing time my wife Debra spends working on the WHS O&B.
79	Sharon Johnson '54 Frank & Bill Frank '52 Wayzata, MN	Sept. 7 2020	\$100.00	Our dear friend, Arthur "Bud" Olson '54 deceased.
80	Gary Robertson '58 Dove Canyon, CA	Sept. 11, 2020	\$102.50	
81	Jane Shingledecker Miller '54 Dillon Beach, CA	Sept. 26, 2020	\$5,000.00	
82	Mike '58 & Bunny Aikens Howes '58 Sioux Falls, SD	Oct. 12, 2020	\$327.00	Also for brothers, Tom Howes '53 and Dick Howes '51 deceased, and their respective wives, Joyce McFarland Howes '54 and Donna Kranz Howes '53. \$327.00 for the total number of their WHS class years.
83	Lee Lane '58 Manchester, MO	Oct 19, 2020	\$300.00	I memory of deceased sister, Jane Lane '56 and deceased friend Dick O'Connor '58.

Patrons

**Mike Howes '58, Bunny Aikens Howes '58,
Dick Howes '51 deceased, Donna Kranz
Howes '53, Tom Howes '53, Joyce
McFarland Howes '54**

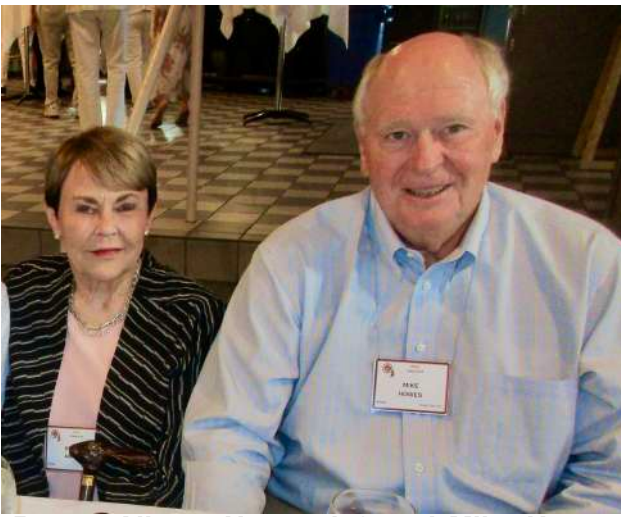


Cutest Couple: Bunny Aikens, Mike Howes

Photo from the 1958 Warrior

MIKE HOWES 10/12/20

Jack -
A contribution to help defray your
expenses in publishing the alumni edition
of the O&B for the 50's decade.
We were all graduates of WHS.
Dick Howes '51, deceased Donna Kranz '53
Tom Howes '53 Joyce McFarland '54
Mike Howes '58 Bunny Aikens '58
Thanks for the memories.
Res. Regards, Mike



Bunny Aikens Howes '58 and Mike Howes '58, at their class of '58's 60th reunion which they co-chaired in 2018.



Joyce McFarland Howes '54 and Tom Howes '53 attending Joyce's class of '54, 65th region in 2019.

Patrons

**Lee Lane '58, Jane Lane '56 deceased,
Dick O'Connor '58 deceased.**



Lee Lane '58
WHS Senior Photo

Hi Jack,

This check is in memory my sisters Jane Lane '55, Janet Lane, '56 and a friend since 1954, Dick O'Connor '58. Sadly they are deceased.

Thanks for the work you and Debra do for the rest of us. The O&B is the first thing I read when I see it in my mailbox.

Stay safe,

Lee Lane
1958



Jane Lane '56
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Dick O'Connor '58
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Recent Photo of
Lee Lane '58

Hi Jack, Thanks for the inquiry. My life's work can be summed up in one word...Aviation. I soloed in 1962 and began flying professionally in 1964. In the winter I was a general aviation flight instructor in South Dakota and in the summer I was a crop duster. I sprayed in every state from North Dakota to Texas with a couple jobs in Colorado to the west and to the east in Missouri. I got hired as a pilot by Ozark Airlines in July 1969. They sold out to TWA in October, 1986. I retired from TWA in August 1999. Retirement didn't last long, I started at FlightSafety, Int'l later that same year and am still working full time as a simulator instructor in jet aircraft made by Embraer, a Brazilian company. Continued next page.

Thanks so much Lee for your story and the recent photo. Sounds like a most interesting life and one that you have thoroughly enjoyed. Jack

My fishing hobby has recently given way to flying drones. (Geez, more aviation?). My wife, Phyllis, and I are both FAA qualified Part 107 drone pilots. We enjoy making videos around flags, buildings, river boats on the Mississippi, etc. We share pilot-in-command duties...she lets me fly once in a while.

Thanks for the O&B, I read each issue at least twice and save them all. I'm sure I've missed a few but the ones I have are saved. Again, many thanks!

Stay safe, Lee Lane '58

Long Argued Question.... **Was The 1953 WHS Football Team The Best WHS Team Ever?**

On Oct 10, 2020, **Wally Boersma '54** wallace@wpboersma.com wrote:

I have not been watching professional football, but did tune in to the Texas-Oklahoma game and got to looking on the internet. There is a small town some thirty five miles from here named Dangerfield, TX. It is next to what was one of the largest steel factories in the US. It is reputed to have had the best high school defensive team that ever played football. In a single season of fourteen games their record was a total of 631 to 8 points. In the four state championship games only one team got a first down. The interesting point, four of the players played professional football, two were all pro!

So I got to looking, you may know that the 1953 Washington High School football team is ranked as one of the best high school teams to have ever played the game. Do you remember that Bill Sterns broadcast the Minneapolis game as the high school football game of the week. I think the score was 60 to 12.

Wally Boersma "54

Yes, Wally, because I was a member of the 1953 WHS Football Team, I vividly recall all of what you mentioned about the 1953 WHS team, (Class of '54). I would make just one small correction, it was St. Paul Central that we beat 60 to 12, and they were rated as Minnesota's 2nd best team

Minneapolis So., we only beat 46 to 7. Personally, I have always thought that our defeating Ft. Dodge, IA, the top team in Iowa, in our last game of the year 39 to 7. was such a great way to end our 1953 football undefeated season.

I did not know about the Dangerfield, TX team and its unbelievable defensive record. In fact I found it so hard to believe I checked it out on Wikipedia and sure enough it is true! Very impressive! But over the years our Washington High School Teams can be equally proud of our football teams and their records.

WHS HOLDS THE MOST IMPRESSIVE NATIONAL FOOTBALL RECORD OF ALL!!!

While California, Florida and Texas have been home to some of the greatest high school football teams over the years, our **Sioux Falls Washington High School** has them all beat when it comes to holding the **record for winning the most 'state championships' ever!** Since 1905, **Washington has won a whopping total of 42 state titles.** A national record that should make us all every proud!

We are also **TIED FOR MOST CONSECUTIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** We are tied with Louis High in Honolulu, who won 14 Hawaii state title from 1986 to 1999. **Sioux Falls Washington High**, swept 14 in a row in South Dakota from 1951 to 1964. Just another reason our fifties decade was exceptional!

Now the age old question.....was the 1953 WHS football team the best WHS football team ever??? There are lots of arguments to support that the '53 team (class of '54), was the best WHS team ever. **Let the O&b know what you think???**

Below are some arguments for the 1953 WHS Football Team.

Grid Terror of the Midwest

Never in WHS history has a football unit received as much over-all acclaim as did Bob Burns' masterpiece of '53. It was the fourth consecutive power-laden machine since his arrival, and by common appraisal it was his greatest. The eleven-man combination rated top in both the Siouxland and South Dakota, and was placed in national prominence with some notable nationwide recognition.

Roger Mickelson, in his column, "**Sportlite**" reported that America's premiere sportswriter, Bill Stern's "prep game of the week" was won by the Warriors against St. Paul, MN 60-12.

Sports Corner

By **CRAIG STOLZE**
Argus-Leader Sports Editor

MINNEAPOLIS SOUTH is one of the biggest teams the Washington High Warriors will have to face this season — or any season. . . . The Twin Cities club's defensive line averages 204. . . . That's a lot of weight for a smaller-than-average forward wall to buck up against. . . . Last week, for example,

GEORGE ROSCOE, St. Paul Central coach, calls his 1953 team the "greatest he has ever coached" in a Minneapolis newspaper story. . . . No mention is made of the 60-12 loss to Sioux Falls. . . .

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Stu Whitney, Argus Leader; *The Warriors ruled the Upper Midwest and had to leave the state to find real competition. Among their victories was a 60-12 rout of St. Paul Central and a 46-7 drubbing of Minneapolis South.*

BAD PREDICTION

WASHINGTON HIGH 21, ST. PAUL CENTRAL 13—The Minute Men are ranked top team in St. Paul and fourth in Minnesota but we like the Warriors on the theory that it is one of Central's infrequent trips out of the Cities and the fact that Bob Burns seems to have his club "ready." . . . Loss of ace left half Dick Carey could hurt the visitors. . . . It should be a whale of an offensive show. . . .

St. Paul Pioneer Press: St. Paul Central Coach, George Roscoe is quoted as saying, *"Talk about the Atom bomb! Sioux Falls has it..... I thought the best high school football team I ever saw was Minneapolis Central about four years ago. But Sioux Falls could beat that team by SIX touchdowns."*

CENTRAL WINS 25-0

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 26 — St. Paul Central, 60-12 victim of Sioux Falls Washington in their only loss of the year, Friday night blasted Mechanics Art of St. Paul 25-0. The win practically assured the Central team of the St. Paul city title with only Monroe left to play.

In other games this year the Minute Men have trimmed Murray 36-6, Washington 32-0, Wilson 45-26, Humboldt 39-0, Johnson 40-0.

After the **WHS 2009 football team** won the State Championship **Stu Whitney**, a long time Argus Leader reporter was asked the question, *"Are The 2009 Warriors The Best Team Ever?". I thoroughly enjoyed reading his reference. "Washington's most potent powerhouse during the Bob Burns era was the 1953 squad. As for whether the '09 Warriors are the best ever, you'd have to look within the school's own annals to start that discussion. Washington's most potent powerhouse during the Bob Burns era was the 1953 squad that went undefeated to stretch the school's unbeaten streak to 32 games. Led by quarterback Don Renner and fullback George McKeown, the Warriors ruled the Upper Midwest and had to leave the state to find real competition. Among their victories was a 60-12 rout of St. Paul Central and a 46-7 drubbing of Minneapolis South."*

A proud footnote on the 1953 team.
We never lost a game in all four
years at WHS - freshmen,
sophomore, junior and senior years.

And We Were Gentlemen.

Sports Corner

By CRAIG STOLZE

Argus-Leader Sports Editor

NOT ONLY DID the Sioux Falls Warriors make quite a showing on the gridiron at Rapid City but they also impressed everyone with their behavior off the field as well. . . . Warren E. Morrell, editor of the Rapid City Daily Journal, had this to say in his column:

"Welcome Visitors: The Sioux Falls High School gridders arrived Friday in Rapid City for their encounter with the Cobblers Saturday night. The visiting team ate at the Westwood restaurant. At each meal the team showed up well scrubbed, their clothes neat and clean, each boy wearing a sports coat. They ate politely, engaged in animated conversation but there was no horse play, loud talk or shenanigans. They were young gentlemen in every sense of the word.

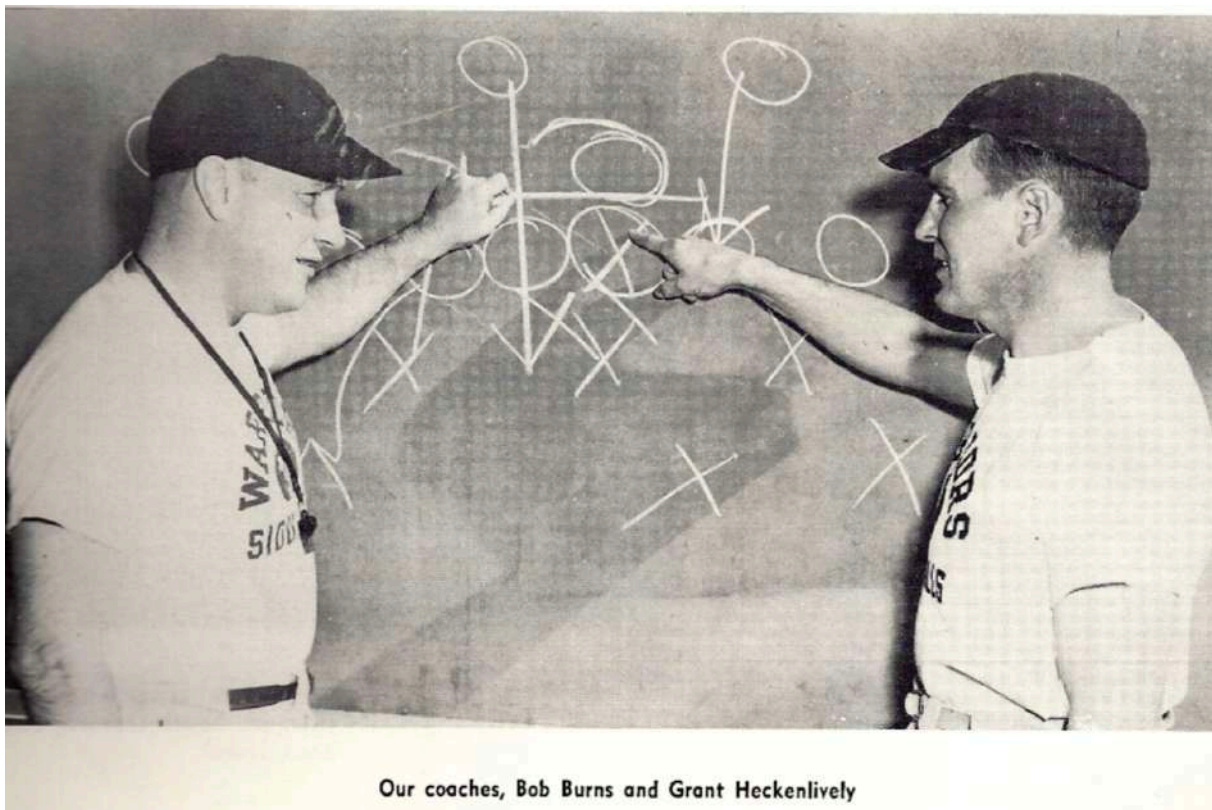
"Saturday several Rapid City automobile dealers arranged a trip to Rushmore Memorial for the visitors. It was the first time many of the Sioux Falls lads had been west of the Missouri River and they were lavish in describing what they saw. . . . Upon being complimented on the great team he has, Coach Bob Burns of Sioux Falls assumed a modest pose, pretended to nonchalantly pare his fingernails and replied, 'Yes, it's amazing what one can do with an average group of boys.' The laughter that followed reverberated from Rapid City to Sturgis, to Custer and back to Rapid again."

1953 WHS Football Roster

WASHINGTON HIGH ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Year	Age	Height	Weight
12	Falconer, Dick	QB	JR	15	5' 11"	142
13	Hopewell, Dick	HB	JR	16	5' 9"	149
14	Bass, Bob	FB	SO	16	5' 9"	145
15	Axlund, Roger	HB	JR	16	5' 8"	156
16	Koons, Jim	G	JR	16	5' 8"	132
17	Pratt, Paul	G	JR	16	5' 3"	121
18	Fie, Harry	HB	SO	15	5' 7"	128
19	Smith, Pat	HB	SR	17	5' 9"	150*
20	Hammers, Bob	HB	SR	17	5' 6"	138*
21	Williams, Ed	HB	SO	16	5' 6"	120
22	Ronken, Dick	QB	SR	17	5' 9"	140*
23	Myers, Mike	E	JR	16	6'	145
24	Anderson, Phil	G	SO	15	5' 8"	145
25	Anderson, Charles	QB	SO	15	5' 8"	140
26	Klock, Dick	FB	JR	16	5' 9"	145
27	Moon, Ronald	HB	JR	17	5' 11"	152
28	Nelson, Jerry	G	SR	17	5' 9"	165
29	Beckman, Steve	G	SR	17	5' 11"	168*
30	McKeon, George	FB	SR	17	5' 11"	173*
31	Olson, Art	HB	SR	17	5' 10"	172*
32	Thompson, Bob	G	SO	14	5' 7"	135
33	Kelley, Jim	E	JR	16	5' 9"	143
34	Erickson, Hal	E	SR	17	6'	172*
35	Payne, Byron	T	SO	15	5' 11"	160
36	Parker, Jim	E	JR	16	6'	160
37	Dobson, Phayin	C	SO	16	5' 9"	155
38	Cadwell, Stan	C	JR	15	5' 8"	146
39	Rogness, Paul	C	SR	17	6'	170*
40	Kruger, Dave	G	JR	16	5' 6"	147
41	Amundson, Don	G	SR	17	5' 9"	155*
42	Morrill, Keith	C	SR	16	5' 10"	160
43	Troutman, Bob	T	JR	16	5' 10"	160
44	Renner, Don		SR	17	6' 1"	182*
45	Graves, Roger	E	SO	15	5' 11"	
46	Kielman, Roger	E	JR	16	6' 1"	155
47	Gustafson, Wayne	E	SR	17	6' 3"	175*
48	York, Dennis	T	JR	16	5' 11"	178
49	Elmstrand, Rodean	E	SO	15	5' 10"	155
50	Phillips, Jack	T	SR	17	6' 2"	182
51	Royce, George	T	SR	18	5' 11"	260
52	Lane, Roy	T	SO	17	5' 9"	160
53	Olsen, George	T	JR	16	6'	180
54	Amburn, Bob	T	SR	17	6' 2"	205
55	Johnson, Dick	FB	SR	17	5' 8"	220*

*—Lettermen



Our coaches, Bob Burns and Grant Heckenlively

THE UNDEFEATED 1953 WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL WARRIORS.



A-SQUAD, front row, l. to r.: Dave Kruger, Bob Hammers, Paul Pratt, Dick Hopewell, Dick Falconer, Jim Koons, Pat Smith, Manager George Aker. 2nd row: Milan Johnson, Jim Parker, Dick Ronken, Don Amundson, Jerry Nelson, Denny York, Roger Axland, Coach John Lawrence. 3rd row: Hal Erickson, Wayne Gustafson, Bud Olson, Steve Beckman, Jack Phillips, Jim Kelley, Leon Cook, George Olson, Head Coach Bob Burns. 4th row: Keith Morrill, Dick Johnson, Don Renner, George McKeon, Paul Rogness, Bob Amburn, Gordon Tweedt, Coach Grant Heckenlively. 5th row: Dick Klock, Gary Bahr, Roger Kielman, Mike Myers, Rodean Elmstrand, Ron Salem, Ron Moon, Bob Trouten.

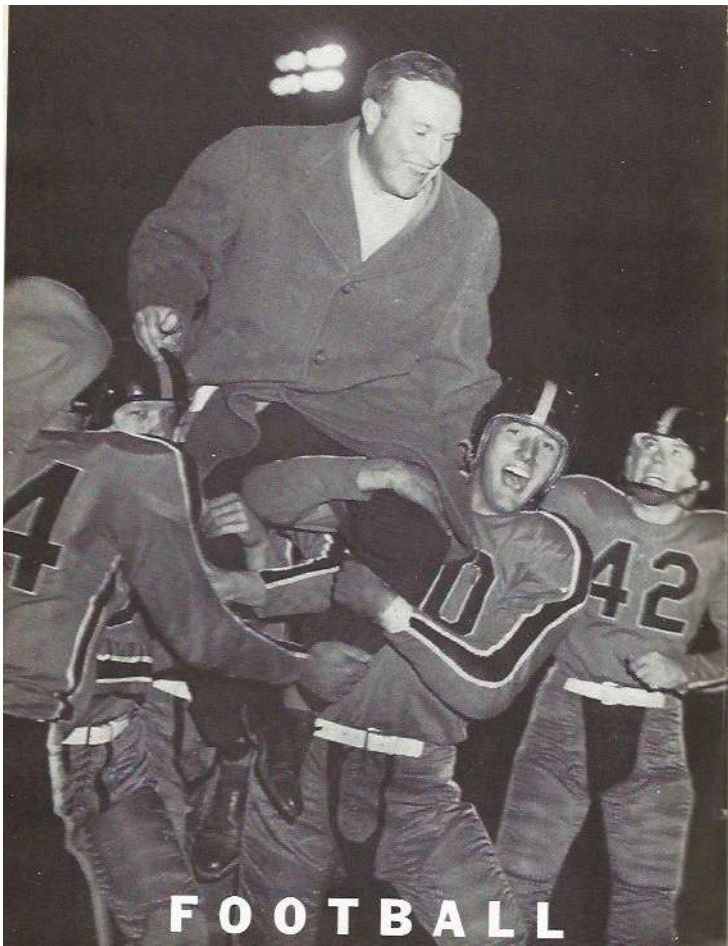


Photo at left: Seniors carrying our beloved coach, Bob Burns, off the field at the end of our last WHS game and the end of our undefeated 1953 season. It was such a joyous occasion! We had just defeated Ft. Dodge, IA 39 to 7.



Hate to have all those Warriors coming at me!

**There were 17 seniors on the 1953 WHS Football Team.
Thankfully these 8 are still with us.**



Don Amundson
Guard
Plano, TX



Hal Erickson
End
Surprise, AZ



Wayne Gustafson
End
Surprise, AZ



Dick "Tank" Johnson
Full Back
Morella Mich Mexico



Keith Morrill
Center
Custer, SD



Jerry Nelson
Guard
Sioux Falls, SD



Jack Phillips
Tackle
Las Vegas, NV



Pat Smith
Half Back
Baxter, MN

In Loving Memory of These 9 Senior Teammates Who Are No Longer With Us. Each of Them Contributed So Much To The Success Of Our Great Undefeated Team. May They All Forever Rest In Peace.



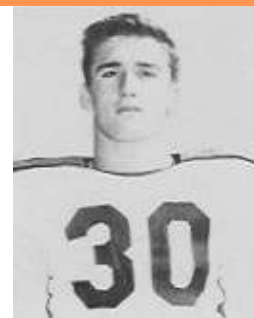
Bob Amburn
Tackle
Deceased



Steve Beeckman
Guard
Deceased



Bob Hammers
Half Back
Deceased



George McKeon
Fullback
Deceased



Don Renner
Quarterback
Deceased



Paul Rogness
Center
Deceased



Dick Ronken
Quarterback
Deceased



Bud Olson
Halfback
Deceased



Ron Salem
End
Deceased

61% of '53 Team - Sophomores and Juniors

A great deal of the strength and success of the '53 team is due to the tremendous talent, effort and depth of the juniors and sophomores on our team. Over 61% of our 44 member squad were Sophomores and Juniors. I know that all of the seniors that graduated in 1954 were fully aware and appreciative of the huge contribution they made to our success. We seniors were not at all surprised, but extremely proud of the continued gridiron success these juniors and sophomores enjoyed in their respective senior years.

Cheerleaders and 120 Piece Band

The players, coaches and student managers of the '53 football team obviously worked very hard to produce our winning season, but we would be hugely remiss if we didn't acknowledge the devoted and extremely hard working cheerleaders and the outstanding 120 person WHS Band. Their year round hard work and dedication was always so evident as they supported all of the WHS athletic teams through out the school year.

A-SQUAD

CHEERLEADERS



Front, l. to r.: Co-heads, Bonnie Assam, Bev Ordal.
Back: LaVonne Renning, Rosy Hunter, Sandy Sena,
Marilynn Hill.

Bonnie Assam '54 and Bev Ordal '54 are deceased.

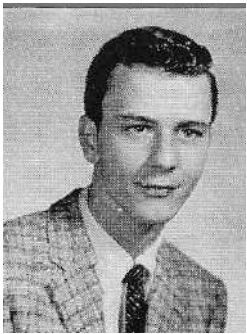
1953/54 WHS 120 Piece Band



Band Members

FLUTE and PICCOLO	Janice Grey Sonya Oyan Marcia Jones Elizabeth Crandall Barbara Carlstrom Denny Green Muriel Mossing Virginia McClain Harris Simont Carol McClaren Linda Palmer Ruth Sheldon Diane Smelser Sharron Stoakes Karen Osgood Andrea Grove	CONTRA-BASS CLARINET Diane Stoakes FRENCH HORNS Wayne Burk Carol Winden Cynthia Nold Paul Anderson Karen Lies Paul Helland Douglas Aldrich Maribeth Kelly CLARINET Warren Gedstad Jim Riemann Diane Stoakes Stan Thoeke Adrienne Grillet Paul Wegner Jim Adams Diane Goodwin Dick Sweetman George Olson Merrey Lynn Skarda Elaine Nelson John Thompson Gloria Berg Gene Ross	Carol Capen Marilyn Hansen Daleann Anderson Julaine Johnson Ruth Van Veldhuizen Carmen Pierce Carol Steinberg Deanne Hansen Cynthia Richards Barbara Bruce Sally Cross Janet Rodway ALTO SAXOPHONE Bob Graham Vicki Oakland Georgia Westra Roger Peterson Bill Armstrong TENOR SAXOPHONE Claudette Tripp Roy Bahnson Clifford Harms Warren Reed BARITONE SAXOPHONE Douglas Cook MAJORETTES Linda Bradley	Ann Fuller Ellen Gran Sharla Dworak Barbara Lease Joanne Nesby Linda Reid Patricia Jorgensen Danette Currie Jackie Myhre CORNET Bob Nason Paul Rogness Charles Bailin Richard Johnson Dennis Eikenberry Dave Wegner Dale Bauer Donald Mauer Cleo Benson Rodney Sherman John Borman Gene Kimmel Cary Ricci Charles Petrie Wesley Plummer TROMBONE Jerry Bjorge Steve Rogness James Walton Gary Masters	David Trygstad Glade Stoneback Roland Chambers Wendy Wickholm Richard Schlicht Shirley Olsen James Stensland James Nerison BARITONE Marilyn Rush Sally Peterson Marlys Rush David Paulson Roger Wilson SOUSAPHONE Robert Myklebust Jack Batcheller Paul Jeschke Cordell Westphal Terry Robinson Alan Jensen PERCUSSION Ann Ledyard Mary Lou Jewett Paul Rowland Rosemary Stewart Carol Tague Barbara Oas Lynne Kersten Gloria Moberly
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**Obviously I need
stories and photos
from all of you.**



Thanks to Myron Lee Wachendorf '59 for submitting the following two items.

The O&B has published this first item, "***Sioux Falls in the 50s***", before, but like Myron, I also, "had forgotten", how good it is at depicting the Sioux Falls of the '50s that we all love and remember. I think it is so good I am publishing it again and even if you have seen it before I urge you to watch it again. It is an hour long, but such an enjoyable hour. Jack

I HAD FORGOTTEN WHAT A WONDERFUL JOB PBS DID ON THIS A FEW YEARS BACK. If you're interested in Sioux Falls history please take the time to watch and listen to this. Use a bigger screen on your laptop if you can. **Myron Lee Wacvhendorf '59**



I have been informed by some of you that you sometimes are unable to open attachments that are included in the O&B. Of course I apologize for that, but when that happens you can usually just type into Google the name of the attachment like, "***Sioux Falls in the 50s***", and it will instantly be available for you to view. Jack

Myron's 2nd submittal is one of his alway interesting stories from his wonderful career.

Myron Lee shared a memory.

October 25 at 7:40 AM

A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE AND MEMORY FOR ME.

IN 1962 We were on tour in Canada with Dorsey Burnette who had a big hit with Tall OAK TREE and HEY LITTLE ONE. He offered to pay for and produce a recording session for me when the tour was over. I couldn't turn that down so I flew out to LA and we recorded at the United Studio. I recorded four songs that Dorsey had written.

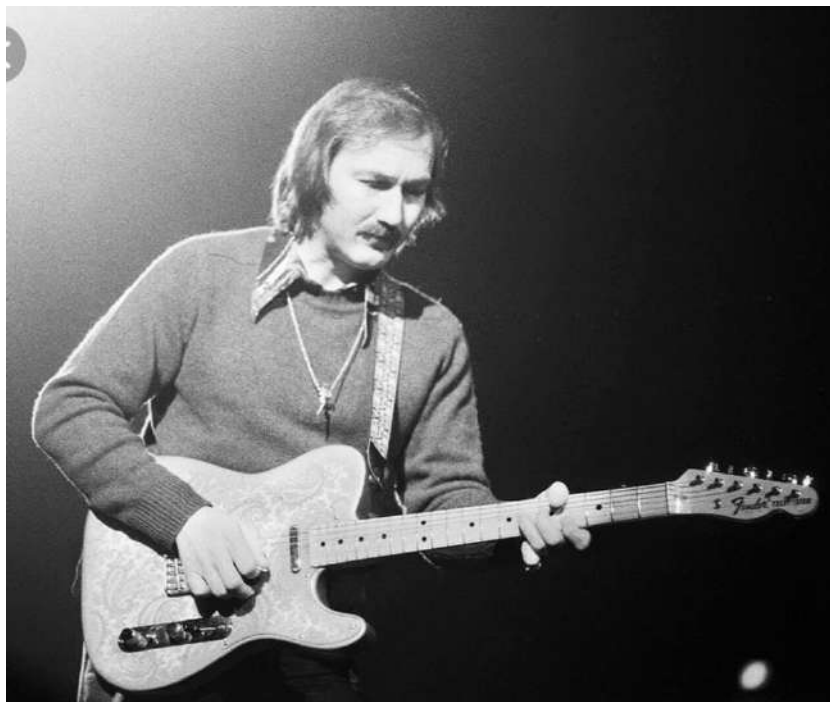
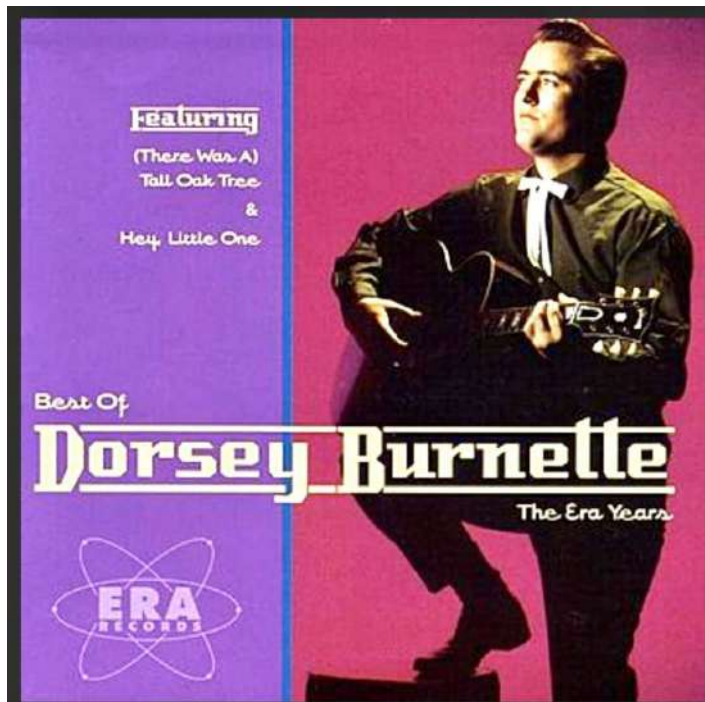
Dorsey lined up Studio musicians for the session--they didn't like to use live road bands in those days for recording sessions. I about fell over when Dorsey told me who the guys were--Earl Palmer on drums--Joe Osborn on bass--James Burton on lead guitar and oh by the way, on the way to the studio Dorsey stopped to pick up a guy to play rhythm to fill things out. He said Myron, meet Glen Campbell. He didn't have any hit records yet but I had heard his name and knew he was a great studio musician. We recorded 4 songs and Dorsey placed Town Girl (which he wrote) on the DelFi label. At that time Burton and Osborne were in Ricky Nelson's band and I saw them on the Ozie and Harriet TV show every week. It was quite a thrill for me and I'm still a big fan of James Burton. He has a sound like nobody else. In 1962 the session pay for those guys came to \$65.00 each.

Can you imagine the thrill it was for a kid like me from Sioux Falls to record with people like this. On my song TOWN GIRL Dorsey is singing the background harmony with me.

You can hear this song from this recording session by going to Myron Lee on YouTube.

Myron Lee Wachendorf '59

See two photos on next page.



I would like to again give a
HUGE THANK YOU TO JIM CARLSON '58
 for his wonderful gift of the beautiful hard bound book,
**“Sioux Falls South Dakota
 A PICTORIAL HISTORY”**

by
**Gary D. Olson
 and Erik L. Olson**

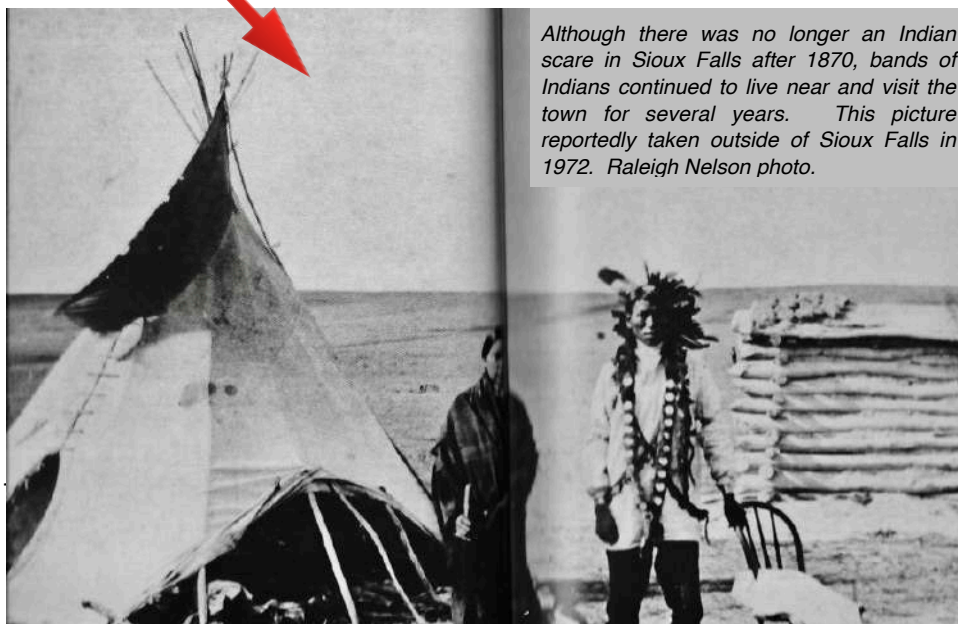


**Jim Carlson '58
 WHS Senior Photo**

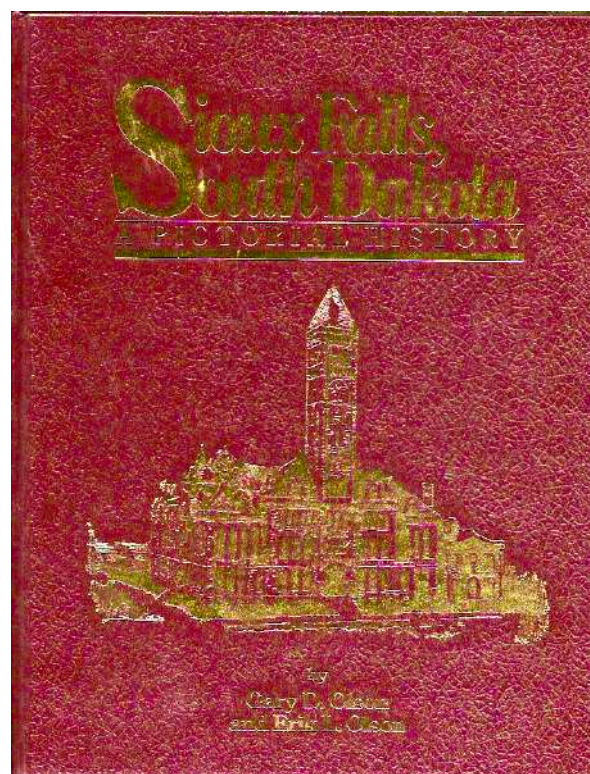


Jim, my friend, I want you to know how much I truly appreciate, value and enjoy the signed copy, number 1,638 of the limited edition of 3,000, that you so thoughtfully gifted me with. It is so well done and without a doubt the most valuable reference book on Sioux Falls I have ever seen.

I thoroughly enjoy reading it and the almost 200 pages covers from this...



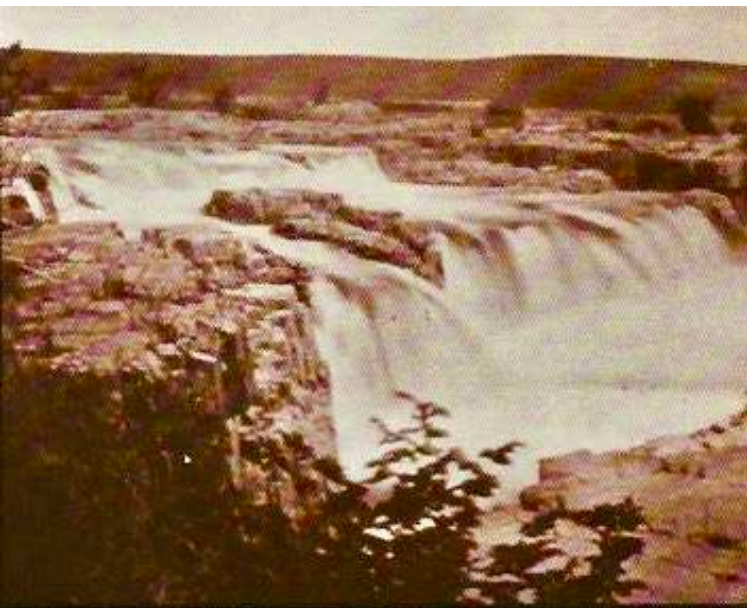
Although there was no longer an Indian scare in Sioux Falls after 1870, bands of Indians continued to live near and visit the town for several years. This picture reportedly taken outside of Sioux Falls in 1972. Raleigh Nelson photo.



.....to this 

From time to time I would like to reprint some of the wonderful old photos of Sioux Falls in the O&B for your enjoyment.

The **Sioux River** has always held a certain fascination to me and I suspect it maybe has for a lot of you too. Over the years we have seen considerable change in the river and it has always held my interest. I will cover those changes starting below in this issue and concluding in the next O&B issue, #20-20. Stay tuned.



This photo from the early 1870s shows the falls as they looked in 1856 when the men of the Western Town Company and rival Dakota Land Company arrived to claim the land. Both parties thought the power of the falls would make the area a valuable townsite. It was said that these falls could be heard from a distance of three miles. Note the absence of trees. Center for Western Studies photo



The Eighth Street Bridge, shown here in 1877 (a year after R. F. Pettigrew, under a contract from the County Commission, constructed it) was the first bridge in Sioux Falls across the Big Sioux River. Center for Western Studies photo



The Queen Bee Mill opened in 1881 only to close in 1883. Apparently there was not enough wheat available at reasonable prices in the area to keep it running profitably. Center for Western Studies photo

The launch Cecil is shown here on the Big Sioux River near Second Island around the turn of the century. Excursions from the Ninth Street Dock to the picnic islands upstream on this steam-powered vessel were quite popular in the early years of this century. Center for Western Studies photo

This photo below taken, ***“around the turn of the century”***, seems to about the time people started enjoying the Sioux River as a source of fun and recreation.



Letters to the O&B

Rutgers won 6-4



Carl Turco '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Oct 21, 2020, **Carl Turco '58** mmparadise@suddenlink.net wrote:
Hello Jack,

I just finished reading the obit, for **Charles Elrod '54**. It amazes me how many brilliant, and great intelligent People, that have graduated from our High School. My point is, without your publications, we would never have known these great wonderful people. Thank you again ,for all the dedication you have given us.

Sincerely, **Carl Turco '58**



Charles Elrod '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Alma Anderson '53
WHS Senior Photo

On Oct 14, 2020, **Alma Johnson '53** [<jayne_johnson35@yahoo.com>](mailto:jayne_johnson35@yahoo.com) wrote:
Hi Jack and Debra,

This was just amazing. I always enjoy the O&B, but this one was fabulous. Makes me want to visit Sioux Falls. When I was there about 3years ago I was blown away with all the changes, especially downtown and the Falls are beautiful.

Hope you are feeling well. These are trying times, but we must keep our faith and keep pushing. Take care, wear your mask and stay safe.jj **J. J.**

Anderson Johnson '53



Dean Mann '50
WHS SeniorPhoto

On Oct 18, 2020, **Dean Mann '50** dlmann@sio.midco.net wrote:

Jack: I received the CD. Thank you very much. I'm still doing well here in Sioux Falls, living in my own home, and trying to avoid this terrible COVID. I don't know why it is so difficult for people to wear masks. The "You can't tell me what to do" attitude keeps killing people by the hundreds in the United States. There are more cases every day in Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County. I always look forward to receiving the Orange and Black Newsletter even though there is not much activity from the early fifty classes. As I started teaching at Washington High in 1957, I am familiar with many of the students from 1957 until the end of the fifties. Thank you for your untiring work for the fifty era classes and students. **Dean Mann, 1950 P.S.** You requested some information from me about my life. I will try to get around to that one of these days.

'Editor's response: On Oct 18, 2020, Jack Phillips '54 [<jackmp@me.com>](mailto:jackmp@me.com) wrote:

Hi Dean,

Thanks for you note. I hope you will get around to sending something on yourself for the O&B soon. When my readers procrastinate on sending something on themselves is why there is sometimes nothing on their class in the O&B. The O&B always needs classmate stories so badly!!! I know they get tired of my fabricated stories.

Thanks for letting me know you received your CD. Hope you enjoy it.

Jack



On Oct 21, 2020, **Nila Colwill Love '54** <nilalove36@yahoo.com> wrote:
Wonderful obit for **Charles Elrond '54**. Sounds like he had a wonderful life. Thanks Jack.
Nila Love Nila Colwill Love '54

Nila Colwill '54
WHS Senior Photo

Saturday
Happy Halloween

Tuesday
Be Sure To Vote
Just be sure you do it right!

Next Friday
Happy Birthday
John Philip Souza
and

First Intercollegiate Football Game
Rutgers vs Princeton - 1869

*Boy did they start something big and wonderful!!!!
Who won? Answer hidden above.*