

THE 1955 TROJAN *Alumni* PRINTS

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Another Picnic Reunion Behind Us!

Following is the list of attendees:

Blaine & Carolyn Rayburn Bierley, Bridget & Ron Bonzo, Larry & Donna Boren, Annette Burgess, Everett & Jackie Carpenter, Lynne Carr, Bill Clifford, Bob & Martha Cook, Larry Dailey, Leroy Dailey, Tom DuPuy, Chuck Ealey (Notre Dame, great football player who was in town for a recognition celebration), John Eby, Jim & Beulah Elliott, Carolyn McCulloch Engle, Jackie James Evans, Frieda Fraley & Howard Morgan, Jim & Joanie Gardner, Curt Gentry (who also was in town for the recognition), Dick Hansgen, Larry Harper, David & Donna McFarland Harris, Don & Suzie Harris, Gladys Hatton & Ron Woodruff, Gene Hollis, Judie Hollis, Clayton & Linda Howerton, Frank Hunter, Peggy Schwartz & Frank Jenkins, Caleb Michael Jenkins, Charlie Jett, Russ & Bonnie Jett, Gwen Mowery Johnson, Dave Jordan, Janet & Gary Knauff, Ken & Liz Lane, Butch & Shirley Lewis, Cliff Lewis, Adam Lucas, Angie Lucas, Gene & Marianne Lucas, Jessica Lucas, Nick Lucas, Bob & Julia Maple, Dave & Lovel Marting, Lowell "Mouse" McLaughlin, Bill & Shirley Meade, Don & Marilyn Mercer, Bill & Pat Miller, Dave & Marty Miller, Gail Miller, Bob Mohl, Mary Ann Mowery, Patti Newsome, Bob & Nancy Otworth, Allan Oxley, Don & Diane Payton, Charles & Melissa Price, Tony & Judy Price, Rosena Horton Raiker, Sarah Rapp, Jane & Chuck Rodgers, Jo Russell, Barb Schuler, Marjorie Staten, Don & Lois Wallace, Jerry Warren, Earl Williams, John & Becky Wood, Mike & Peggy Zuliani

I have purposely tried to hold down the text matter in this issue in order to show as many hometown and alumni pictures as possible.
Frank Hunter



Columbia theater being renovated.



The new bridge which replaced the U.S. Grant at the confluence of the Scioto and Ohio



A fabulous illusion at the foot of Court and Front Streets. One of the best murals in my opinion.



Looking West on Gallia towards the High School. Site of new High School Campus.



Looking South West towards the soon-not-to-be Grant School. Site of new Middle School.



John Wood - Russell Jett - Becky Wood - Bonnie Jett - Frank Jenkins - Peggy Schwartz Jenkins - Marianne Lucas - Mary Ann Hamilton Mowery - Don Payton - Carlton (Butch) Lewis - Patti Conklin Newsome - Donna McFarland Harris - Janet Morrow Knauff



Gary Knauff - Gwen Mowery Johnson - Jackie Buffington Carpenter - Allan Oxley - Liz Lane - Chuck Rodgers - Don Wallace - Cliff Lewis - Clayton Howerton - Ken Lane - Joanie Gardner - Jim Gardner - Lois Beck Wallace - Curt Gentry - Charlie Jett - Annette Lewis Burgess - Gene Lucas - Judie Finger Hollis



Marjorie Staten - Charlie Price - Marilyn Mercer - Don Mercer - Rosena Horton Raike - Frieda Thompson Fraley - Mike Zuliani - Lynne Browne Carr - Jane Taylor Rodgers - Jackie James Evans - ? - Nancy Otworth - Bob Otworth - Gene Hollis - Jo Robeson Russell - Lowell (Mouse) McLaughlin



Patti Conklin Newsome - Becky Wood - John Wood - Frank Hunter - Charlie Price - Shirley Morrow Lewis - Gene Lucas - Butch Lewis - Jane Taylor Rodgers - Dick Hansgen - Frank Hunter - Dave Miller - Bill Miller - Charlie Price - Donna McFarland Harris



Gene Hollis, Bill Meade, Charles Jett, Blaine Bierley, Carolyn Rayburn Bierley, Marilyn & Don Mercer, Gladys Frazier, Jane Taylor



Dick Hansgen, Dave Marting, Larry Harper, Carolyn McCollough, Jo Robeson Russell, Joanie and Jim Gardner, Dave Jordan, Tom Dupuy, Nick Huston, Mike Zuliani



Ken and Elizabeth Lane, Bob Mohl, John Eby, Tom Dupuy, Sara Rapp, Lovel Pack Marting & Dave Marting



Clayton Howerton, Ken Lane, Dave and Bill Miller, Melissa & Charlie Price, Barbara Wells Schuler, Don Payton, Carolyn "Crennie" McCollough, Larry Harper



Judy Finger, Annette Lewis Burgess, Nancy & Bob Otworth, Shirley Morrow Lewis, Carlton (Butch) Lewis, Don Wallace, Jo Robeson Russell, Tony Price, Don Wallace



Frieda Thompson Fraley, Lynn Browne Carr, Bob Mohl, Bill Meade, Don Wallace, Chuck Rogers, Gary Goodman, F. Hunter, Curt Gentry George Heller at '53 reunion

Limburger Cheese

That story about the limburger cheese in high school brought back memories of a lot of other pranks. The limburger incident got us two days off because the first day they only cleaned the hall radiators and when the heating system was turned on the next morning it was just as bad because the limburger cheese was also in the ventilating system.

Do you remember the advertising campaign for Weideman Beer that had a man extending his arm with three fingers held up as he entered a bar. It was supposed to look like a "W" and he would say just give the high sign when you want a beer.

Billboards started popping up around town with a picture of this man holding up three fingers and saying don't ask for a beer just give the high sign for a Weideman. One of these billboards was on the south side of viaduct between the "Y" where Chillicothe and Gay streets came together. The first time that one of our gang spotted the billboard we decided that it was an invitation to take action. Bill Liston, Tom Armstrong, myself and a couple of others put together an action team. Bill furnished the white paint and Tom and I climbed up to the billboard and with a broom taped to the end of a long pole we painted out two of those fingers. At first we were disappointed because up close it looked so messy but when we got back in the car and drove up over the viaduct, it became a masterpiece from that distance. The man was flipping you off and saying just give the high sign. It was beautiful.

Weideman dropped this campaign because all over the area other people had the same idea. Ahh, to be young again.

Roger Howard asked in the last news letter if the Bodmer's that owned Hamburger Inn were related to me. They were very distant relatives and I don't remember the family connection now. They didn't honor the name as they never did give me any free hamburgers work and I for one really appreciate it!

Jim (Bogie) Bodmer

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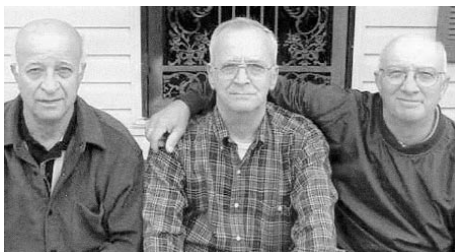
Joe Kegley

Joe Kegley, 100, of Portsmouth, died Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003, at Hill View Health Care Center.

Born November 8, 1902, in Wythe County, Virginia, a son of the late Charles Guido Kegley and Marietta McWayne Kegley. He was a retired teacher having taught for 38 years in the Portsmouth Schools and County Schools. He is survived by his second wife, Clover Viola 'White' Kegley, whom he married in 1984.

Joe was one of the first residents at Hill View, in Portsmouth. My favorite anecdote about Joe Kegley comes from about two years ago when I was moving my mother into Hill View Retirement Center. We ran across Joe and his wife in the dining room. I introduced myself as a former student of his and remembered his teaching of Civics in 1955. I said that it was a long time ago. He replied that maybe it wasn't so long ago. He then allowed that he has former students of his in Hill View!

Jim Kegley



Latest photo of Jack Riggs and Ralph Riggs. Both died this past year. On the right is brother Tom.

Email address Change

Clayton and Linda Howerton's new email address is: linclay48@horizonview.net

Paid Your Dues Yet?

We have noticed that some of our subscribers have not paid this year's dues. If you are one of those people, please take a moment and send your \$5 to Gene Lucas.

Attn: Florida Alumni

If you have any interest in a reunion somewhere in Florida this winter, please email Frank at fhunter@sptimes.com or Lois Beck at dwalface@greenapple.com or hahlois@aol.com

Return to Portsmouth

When I return to Portsmouth it seems that I don't return to the city of today, I return to the town that remains in my mind when I first left it after I graduated from Portsmouth High School in June of 1955 to go to Columbus to attend the Ohio State University. This picture of Portsmouth is still as clear and vivid to me as a photograph.

As I drive the streets of Portsmouth, still remembering it as it once was, I metaphorically shake hands with hundreds of familiar objects and places which no longer exist. I look at the houses and remember the people who once lived in them. I see them in my imagination--all young again--looking as they had looked in the 1950s.

When I see my classmates from 1955--some men I hardly recognize, but the sweet young coeds I remember have hardly changed at all, because they turn out to be the daughters or granddaughters of the girls I once pined over. How can these girls be grandmothers?

Blaine Bierley

Other Observations

The park at the foot of Front Street and the old bridge to the West side is a most beautiful and relaxing place after a slow drive by the floodwall murals. Then I drove through the campus of Shawnee State University from the former U.S. Grant bridge east toward the stadiums. It is a nice looking campus and an asset to the city. The Selby factory is gone and Lincoln school was in the process of being torn down. The Portsmouth Brewing Co. makes good beers and they can be sampled at The Scioto Ribber rib house (the old Henry's bar). The areas around PHS and Grant have been leveled and construction should start soon on the new school campi. I stopped at Crispy Cream for donuts and coffee, had 5 hamburgers and bean soup at the Hamburger Inn. Great! I visited the Southern Ohio Museum near the esplanade and while leaving was invited to go across the street into the Columbia theater to see the remodeling. It will be used as an entertainment venue for everything from wrestling to rock concerts. The city is undergoing a transformation and all is not bad. With a little vision and money, it will someday be a great city again.

Frank Hunter

The Ohio Historical Society and the Portsmouth Spartan Historical Society announce the dedication of historical designation of Universal Stadium aka Spartan Municipal Stadium Portsmouth, Ohio... former home of the Portsmouth Spartans professional football franchise and birthplace of the now NFL Detroit Lions. October 5th, 2003 - 2:00 PM... Spartan Stadium, Portsmouth Ohio



Portsmouth has 2 famous stadiums. Spartan Stadium is the original home of the Detroit Lions and Branch Rickey baseball stadium is where the Philadelphia A's class A farm club played in the Ohio Indiana League. Our high school teams are privileged to play in both of them

