

Linden HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHEN SPRINGTIME MEANT HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Spring baseball was just two months long—April and May. For sixteen Linden high school players the spring of 1934 was memorable when they captured the Iowa County league tournament and finished undefeated. For parents and village citizens, winning the championship was a welcome diversion from the wearisome great depression.

During the regular season LHS played four games including a 25-1 rout of Cobb that was called after four innings due to the high score. At the end of the regular season the championship was decided at the league tournament held in Highland.

Linden played two games in one day at the Highland tournament and from the 1934 Linden High School yearbook we learn, "A most successful baseball season was ended when our local boys kept themselves in the front of the Iowa County League Tournament at Highland."



Spring, 1934 Linden High School baseball champions. Back row, left to right: Earle Hawke, Marvin Brown, John Crapp, Robert Lindsley, and Clemice Fine. Third row: Madison Faull, Cleatus Roberts, James Brown, Charles Raine, Don Mathieson. Second row: Elmer Crapp, Theodore Crapp, Principal and coach Jewett Filler, Jack Fingerson, Chester Jewell. In front: Carl Beerkircher, Eldyn Smith.

The article continued, "The first game of the day was between Montfort and Linden. Marvin Brown did some nice pitching and with the excellent fielding and team work we were victorious 11-7.

In the afternoon Linden and Ridgeway met and played the championship game. T. Crapp did some pitching that made the opposing teams sit up and take notice, and E. Crapp did the catching for a game which will be long remembered. Again outstanding fielding was witnessed and the game ended with a score of 7-4 making Linden the winner of the trophy."

According to the yearbook the starting line-up and positions were: Theodore Crapp, pitcher; Elmer Crapp catcher; Marvin Brown, 1st base; Earle Hawke, 2nd base; Bob Lindsley, shortstop; Chester Jewell, 3rd base; Carl Beerkircher, left field; Clemice Fine, center field; Jack Fingerson, right field. Subs: John Crapp, Madison Faull, Don Mathieson, Cleatus Roberts, James Brown and Charles Raine.

40 YEARS AGO - 1976

In early March, 1976 an ice storm hit our area that proved to be catastrophic. Heavy rain was predicted for the 4th of March with temperatures in the 40's, but mother nature had other ideas. Temperatures hovered around 32 degrees and the rain applied a thick coat of ice to everything. In the evening of the 4th the wind picked up with the result that tree branches, trees, electric wires and even poles came crashing down under the weight of the ice and force of the wind.

Power outages lasted from a couple of days to almost a week depending on where you lived in Iowa County. The heroes of the event were the utility linemen who worked long hours in terrible conditions to restore power. In the opinion of the editor, the 1976 ice storm was the most destructive weather event of the twentieth century to hit our area. Everyone who lived through that disaster have their own memories, yours are invited for our archives.

Photos of the ice damage are also needed if anyone has pictures to share

ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM JUNE 5TH

Be sure to mark your calendar to attend the Linden Historical Society annual meeting and program on Sunday, June 5th at 1:30 pm. Location, once again, will be in the Linden village hall/firehouse building on Main street.

This year's program will feature a panel discussion with photo exhibit of the 1960 Womanless wedding fundraiser production in Linden. Audience participation is invited, should be a fun time that you won't want to miss.

Three people on the LHS board are up for re-election: Lisa Springer, Randy Baker, and Jim Jewell. These terms will run for two years. If you are interested in being on the board contact any board member or simply announce your candidacy at the meeting.

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ROMANCE & FLOWERS BLOOM IN SPRINGTIME

FROM THE WRITINGS OF HOBART TREDINNICK

Reverend and Mrs. Lindsley had a talented and sophisticated grandchild named Mildred Griffiths. One night I was in town (Linden) and on a chance meeting with a classmate he invited me to accompany him to meet with his girl friend.

There was another girl there, they paired off and I sat on the porch railing. This beautiful girl who we all knew as "Millie" came over and joined me. She looked very closely in my face and we had what turned out to be small talk. I was so enchanted by her closeness and beauty and the reflection from the distant street light. How romantic, I had never had a date before, it was like a beautiful dream. She told me in her low intoxicating voice how much she loved, Chester Jewell. I knew instinctively that I needn't get any illusions about any romantic involvement.

Millie was very much more socially sophisticated than most of us other high school students. She was talented, and demonstrated her ability by playing a leading part in the school play with her class. The plot of the play was about a group of young people planning how to develop a circus in order to entertain young children. One of the members of the cast, with great energy, proceeded to do a routine of gymnastic maneuvers. It was sensational, and it was Millie of course. Who else?



This novelty postcard was postmarked in Linden on February 2, 1916 to a friend in Blanchardville. A century ago sending a postcard was the equivalent of texting today. Only question the editor has, was the young man pictured supposed to be a cool dude or the Mayor of Nerd City ?



LETTERS RECEIVED

HAWAIIAN NIGHT

I have truly enjoyed each and every edition of the Linden Historical Society newsletter. Especially noteworthy was the flier about the Hawaiian Night featuring Princess Moneulewa and her five piece Hawaiian Orchestra. This brought back memories of visiting Grandma Spargo's house in Linden in the mid 1940's.

She had one of those tall floor model Victrolas. My sister and I would play that wonderful machine each time we visited. You had to turn the crank and wind it up. If the music was very long you had to give it a few more winds to finish the piece. My favorite record was a recording of Hawaiian steel guitar music. It seemed unbelievably magical at the time.

I never dreamed that I would spend most of my life in Hawaii enjoying real Hawaiian music. I would love to see the Princess do her rendition of the "Green Rose Hula". I wonder if she wore a real grass skirt ? David Spargo

ROY TRELOAR

It was a total surprise to see the beautiful feature article on Roy Treloar in the Linden Historical Society paper. Laura Faull was my grandmother, Mabel Stevens, sister and I saw Roy Treloar periodically in my high school days. Ethel Michaelis

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL FOR RENEWAL TIME

If the date to the right of your name on the envelope your newsletter arrived in reads **6-16**, your membership is due for renewal on June 1st, 2016.

New or renewal memberships to the Linden Historical Society are \$10 per year for either individual or family. We now offer a lifetime membership for \$100. Make check payable to Linden Historical Society and send to Jim Jewell, 2073 Sunny Slope Road, Mineral Point, WI 53565

WANTED

A photo of the former Linden Railroad depot building when it was relocated to the current site of the community building on Main Street