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PIONEER

The Annual Staff Presents the

1962 PIONEER



Class of 1962 -- First Grade 1950 with Mrs. Baldwin

LACONNER HIGH SCHOOL

LACONNER, WASHINGTON

PIONEER STAFF

The doorways of our school have opened opportunities to us for learning, leadership, and pleasure. The 1962 Pioneer portrays a history of our school year and a brief glimpse into the past and future. May this book of memories increase in value as the years go by.



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It seems like many years have passed since we started on this road of life. Actually it has only been a short while, compared to that which lies ahead of us. Perhaps if not the most, it has been one of the most important periods in our lives. Could we, ourselves, have withstood these trying, heartbreaking and heartwarming situations which we have now passed? From the beginning, someone was behind us, guiding and assisting, everyday and everyway. We do not have the chance to relive these precious years, but we know that without this much appreciated help, we would not have been able to survive the first mishap on this long, exciting road. And so, the students of LaConner High School dedicate this book of memories to those cherished persons who have made these memories possible--our Parents.



Mr. Lisle

Superintendent

"When you are old and gray and full of sleep, and nodding
by the fire, Take down this book, and slowly read and
dream . . ."

W. B. Yeats

Staff

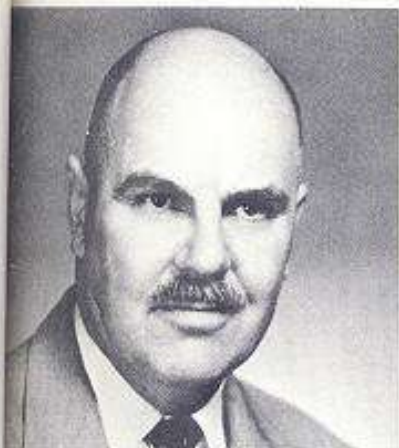
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Asst. Coach

MOMENTOUS SKETCHES OF THE PAST FOUR YEARS

So much excitement--we're now in high school. We regard the upperclassmen with respect and awe: we study feverishly, (at least the first quarter). Among our new teachers was a Mr. Hedlund, whom I'm sure we'll never forget as long as someone remembers his name. Ann was the lucky girl to be crowned Homecoming Princess. Bringing the year to a close with the A.S.B. picnic, we'll remember our editor's plea for help after she was thrown into the cool waters of Lake Samish, clothes and all.

With our Sophomore year, a new face walked the halls of LHS--our new superintendent, Mr. Lisle. It was now time to begin our money-making projects, buy class rings, and study, study, study. This year it was Sandra's turn to be Homecoming royalty.

As Juniors, we were constantly kept busy with basketball concessions, apple sales and car washes. With Margaret as Homecoming Princess, we won first prize for the most original float in the Homecoming parade. With the advent of spring, Pat and Sandy were honored as Junior Prom King and Queen, and Ann was chosen by the American Legion to be LaConner's representative at Girls' State.

We've made it--hail the mighty Seniors! We prepared our exit by winning the 1961 football championship, honored Lupe and Jeff as Senior Ball royalty, prepared for college entrance examinations, lauded Linda Hart as Future Homemaker of Tomorrow, honored Margaret and Connie as Homecoming Queen and Princess, presented the school with a current-events billboard, attended our Junior-Senior Banquet, and joyously departed on the eve of May 25, 1962.

ALMA MATER

La Conner High we're loyal to you
And we will do our best for you
Through all the youthful days
Our Alma Mater we'll praise.
And when our school days are o're
And the years are passing by,
We'll be glad we have the mem'ry of
Our dear La Conner High.

SENIORS





LINDA DALAN . . . Most popularly known as "K" We'll remember "K" for her natural artistic ability. Outstanding work her Senior year included serving as general chairman of the Girls' Club fall fashion show, Business Manager of the Pioneer and class and Girls' Club treasurer. A faithful athletic fan, Linda assisted in keeping basketball score the past two seasons.
Future ambition . . . Certified Public Accountant.

CONNIE GALBREATH . . . A sparkling bundle of energy.
Connie very ably served this year as class secretary and as a member of the Senior Ball committee. She has worked diligently as a member of the Girls' Club and belonged to the drill team these past four years.
Future ambition . . . Secretary.



RON GREENWALD . . . An outstanding athlete. Ron's athletic potential seems to be inexhaustable. He has been on the Braves football and basketball teams all of his high school years. Always a willing worker, Ron seems to one of the office errand boy titles.
Future ambition . . . Fisherman.

DANNIS HANDLE . . . Our man Friday concerning the subject of photography. In sports Dennis served as football manager and baseball statistition. During his Senior year he joined the hardy members of the Physical Geography class and climbed Mt. Baker.
Future ambition . . . Pharmasist.



JOHN HANES . . . A man of few words. John strived for very high academic standards and has maintained a near perfect scholastic standing during the past four years. He also demonstrated athletic ability in basketball and baseball.
Future ambition . . . Chemical Engineer.

LINDA HART . . . always a willing worker. Linda has done outstanding work in 4-H and is now leading her own group. She belonged to Girls' Club and band all four years at La Conner High.
Future ambition . . . Orthopedic Pediatrician.



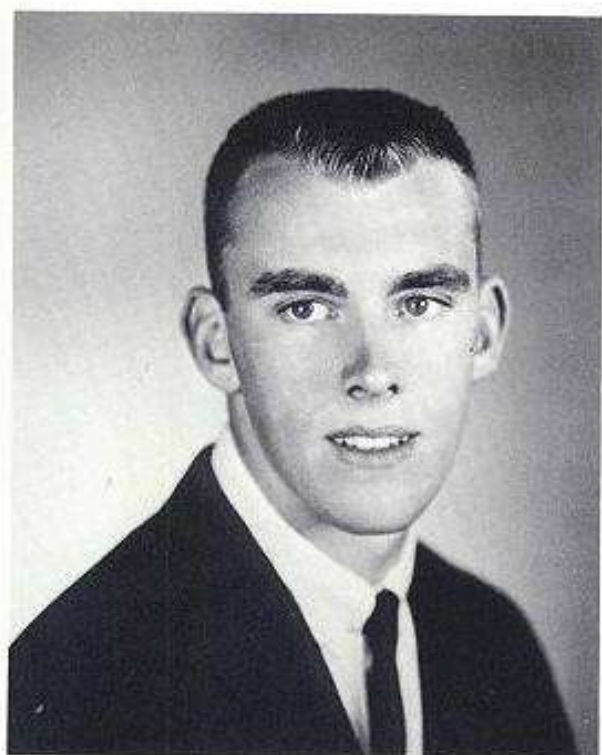


JEFF HENDRICKS--The most beautiful form in the county--what a figure he cuts on water skis! A member of the popular Esquires, Jeff also belonged to the school band. A four year letterman, he participated in football and tennis. Parts in all-school plays his Freshman and Sophomore years were his too.
Future ambition--Professional Water Skier.

LEWIS HILL--He has a quiet, friendly manner. Letters in basketball, football and baseball were earned by Lewis all four of his high school years. A member of chorus for two years, he was also a shop enthusiast his Freshman, Junior and Senior years.
Future ambition--Farmer-Mechanic.



PAT LEAMER--"Mr. Personality" He has that certain something. A four year letterman, his sports activities included basketball, football and tennis. The big moment of his Junior year occurred when he was elected A.S.B. Vice President. Pat also served as class President his Sophomore and Senior years. As a Sophomore, Pat was a member of the "You Can't Kiss Caroline" cast.
Future ambition--Aviation Electronics.



ROGER NELSON--A ham at heart. Roger's Junior and Senior years were kept busy working as Sports Editor for both the annual and school paper. He acted in all-school plays and climbed around Coleman's Peak with his Physical Geography cohorts. A four year letterman, Roger participated in football, basketball and baseball. Future ambition--Pharmacist.



SANDRA NELSON--A changeable miss. One of the busiest students at LHS, Sandra's activities and honors were numerous. She held class offices three years and was elected A.S.B. Treasurer her Senior year. She has been on the paper staff, belonged to Torch Honor Society and was a member of drill team--she is now leader. As a Sophomore, Sandra was Homecoming Princess and acted in all-school plays. Future ambition--Secretary.

TERRY NELSON--An advocate of free expression. A very talented member of our class, we'll remember Terry as the wonderfully versatile piano player in the Esquires. Intellectually inclined, Terry was a member of the Torch Honor Society for four years. Letters were earned in football and tennis his Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years. Future ambition--Differential Psychologist.





BILL OVERWAY . . . Tall, dark, and handsome. We'll remember Bill for his outspokenness in Senior English. A letterman all four years, Bill participated in football, baseball, and tennis. He held the office of Vice President of our Freshman class. Future ambition . . . an Airline Pilot.

MARGARET OVERWAY . . . A friendly lass. Margaret's high school years were filled with activities and honors. Those included: Sophomore--class and Toarch Club secretary; Junior--assistant Echoes editor, class president and Girls' Club vice president; Senior--Echoes editor and A.S.B. secretary. Future ambition . . . Registered Nurse.



CLARENCE ROZEMA . . . Tall and mysterious. An outstanding manual training student, you can always count on Clarence to do any job well. Clarence earned his letter in football and belonged to the school band for three years. Future ambition . . . Boat Builder.

VAN SCHMITTOU . . . Our road runner,
 Van spent half his Senior year taking classes at
 Skagit Valley College. At La Conner High he was
 on the library staff first three years and the office
 staff his Junior and Senior years. Another four
 year letterman Van demonstrated his athletic prowess
 in football and baseball. He also acted in three
 all-school plays.
 Future ambition . . . Policeman.



DARROL STEINER . . . The last of the clan.
 The most coveted position of 61-62 A.S.B. President
 went to this La Conner senior. He also held class
 offices his freshman and sophomore years and earned
 letters in football and baseball his junior and senior
 years.
 Future ambition . . . Law Enforcement Officer.

BOB VAN PELT . . . With a shy smile he has eyes
 only for Vicki.
 Quiet and athletic, Bob has earned letters in both
 football and basketball. His Freshman year he held
 the office of class treasurer and also belonged to the
 Boys' Club.
 Future ambition . . . Farmer.





LUPE VISCALLA--A true beauty.

Lupe's high school honors were numerous. Her Junior year she was elected 1960-61 A.S.B. Secretary. She also served as class secretary her Freshman and Sophomore years. She was elected Girls' Club President after serving for three years. As a senior, planning for the future, she attended Skagit Valley Business College while simultaneously fulfilling her high school requirements.

Future ambition--Secretary.



ANN WAGNER--Our precocious protege'.

As a Junior Ann was chosen to represent LaConner at Evergreen Girls' State. She has been a class officer and a member of the Student Council for three years. She held the office of Torch Secretary and Girls' Club Vice President. Ann was chosen for the position of Assistant Annual Editor and is Editor of the 1962 Pioneer.

Future ambition--to Travel.



KEITH WYMAN--the "Professor."

A student with immeasurable potential, Keith was a member of Torch Honor Society all four years. As an upperclassman he was on the Pioneer and Echoes staffs. Keith won starring roles in all-school plays and in athletics he won letters in football and baseball.

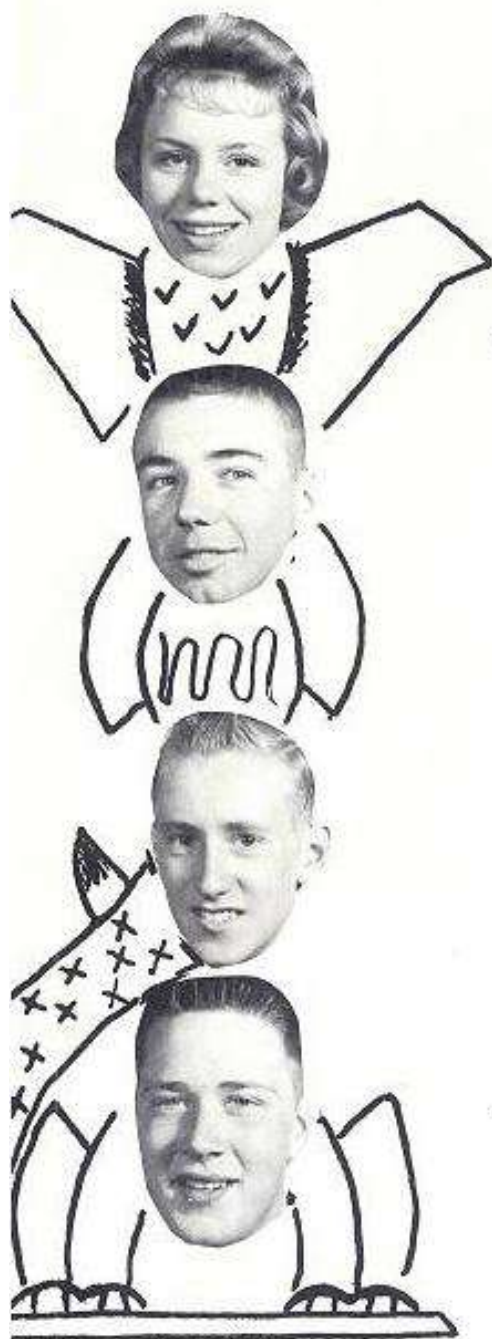
Future ambition--Chemical Engineer.

CLASSES



Class Officers

Juniors



President . . . Donna Olson
 V. President . . Charles Elde
 Secretary . . . Tom Bergem
 Treasurer . . . C. V. Swanson

Sophomores



President . . . Gordon Kjos
 V. President . . Judy Lindstrom
 Secretary . . . Sally O'Leary
 Treasurer . . . Linda Nelson

Freshmen



President . . . Kathy O'Leary
 V. President . . Don Overman
 Secretary . . . Darlene Hansen
 Treasurer . . . Mary Galbreath



Patti
Bell



LaVonne
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Nancy
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Jim
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Gary
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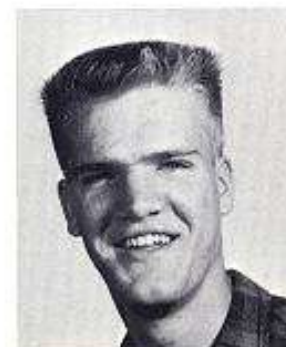
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Vicky
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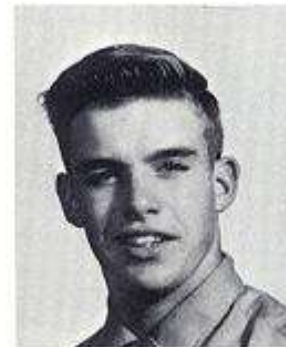
Harry
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Terry
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Mary
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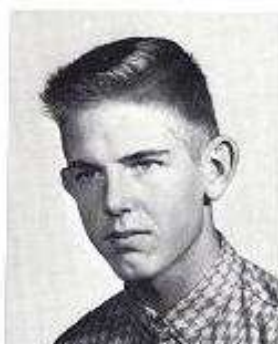
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Roger Bell



Herb Cram



Kristen Diethelm



Larry Jackson



Linda Leigh



Cindy Misner



Audra Oliver



Avis Olson



Emily Pearson



Chuck Pfeifer



Rolla Ritchey



Anna Rozema



Dena Rozema



Ann Schmittou



Mike Suit



Dick Van Pelt

Linda Williams





Vicky
Avery



Jacki
Culver



James
Day



Marlene
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Bill
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Groves



Marian
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Richard
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Linda
Nelson



Ervie
Otis



Dulcie
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Ray
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Alfred
Sampson



Bernadette
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Joe
Viscalla



Roger
Whitney



Ron
Williams



Ernest
John



The New Breed



Home Ec.



HAM!



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'All hail dear Alma Mater'



Three Stooges

Our Pep Band



ACTIVITIES





A.S.B. OFFICERS

President--Darrol Steiner
 Vice President--Jim Dunlap
 Secretary--Margaret Overway
 Treasurer--Sandra Nelson

School days are a precious time of life. It is a time of growing up, of learning many new things, and of setting your sights on future objectives. In these halls one learns the ability to deal effectively with his own problems and to get along with others. Here one acquires poise, skill, and assurance in self-expression which are necessary in gaining a broadened range of interest and a zest for learning which will persist throughout a lifetime.

STUDENT COUNCIL



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The amateur journalist--although working on a smaller scale and in the more limited environment than the professional--has the same responsibilities, the same grinding work, and the same satisfaction in producing a paper which is the pride of both the staff and the school.



ECHOES





President--Lupe Viscalla
Vice President--Ann Wagner
Secretary--Sally Wagner
Treasurer--Linda Dalan

GIRLS' CLUB



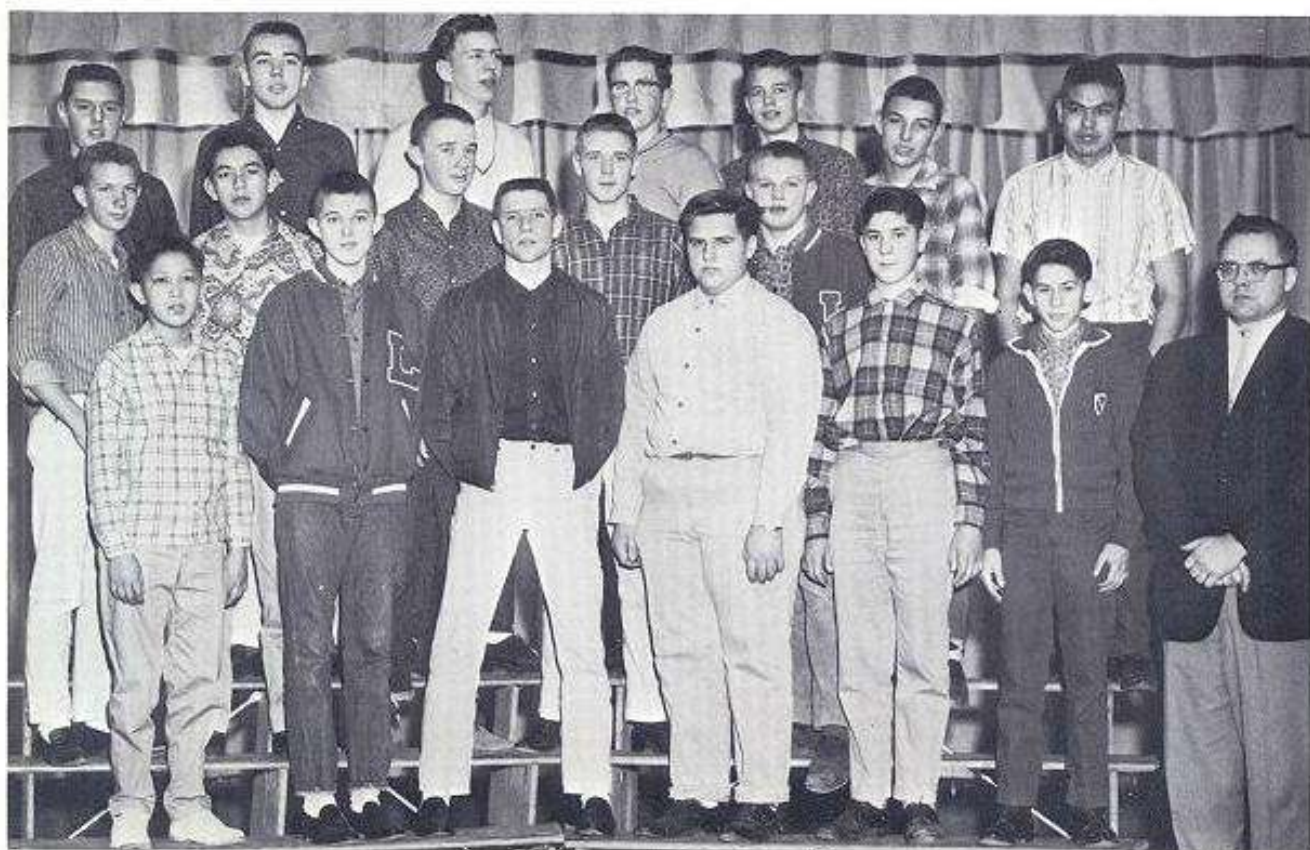
PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY



This year a physical geography class was formed for the first time in La Conner High School. Composed of Junior and Senior boys, the class was formed by the demand of the number of students interested in Rocks and Gems. Three interesting trips were taken during the year. The first was a 20 mile hike into the Mt. Baker area to study basalt; another to Concrete where they toured the quarry and mill and studied limestone and cement manufacture. A recent trip to the Tacoma Smelter was outstanding. The day was spent watching the processing of copper from ore to the ingot stage. Other short trips have been taken and the boys as well as their teacher have greatly enjoyed this class. A rock tumbler was quite busy during the year, and hopes are high that this class will be continued next year.



CHORUS



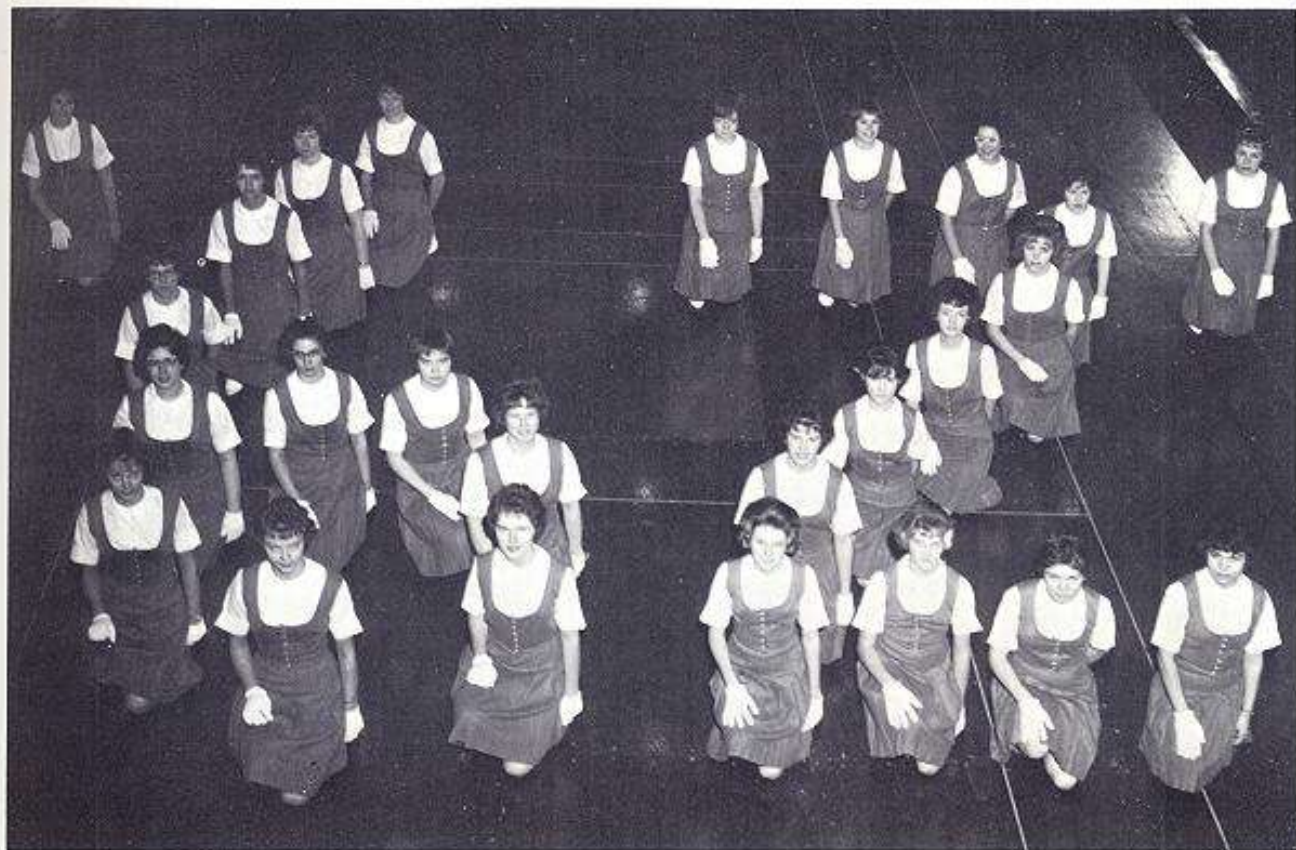


YELL LEADERS

Kathy O'Leary
Sally Wagner
Mary Galbreath

DRILL TEAM

Sandra Nelson--Leader
Donna Olson--Asst. Leader



SENIOR BALL

King--Jeff Hendricks
Queen--Lupe Viscalla



HOMECOMING

Queen Margaret receives congratulations from A.S.B. President, Darrol Steiner.



Freshman Princess Linda Nelson
Junior Princess Cheryl Holden
Queen Margaret Overway
Senior Princess Connie Galbreath
Sophomore Princess . . . Cindy Misner

SPORTS



at,

N. W. "B" LEAGUE CO-CHAMPIONS



1961 Football Schedule

Sept. 15	Blaine	.....	Lost	33-0
Sept. 22	Meridian	.....	Lost	6-0
Sept. 29	Granite Falls*	.....	Won	6-0
Oct. 6	Darrington*	.....	Won	12-6
Oct. 13	Chimacum*	.....	Won	12-0
Oct. 20	Tolt*	.....		7-7
Oct. 27	Coupeville*	.....	Won	12-0
Nov. 3	King's Garden	.....	Lost	13-0

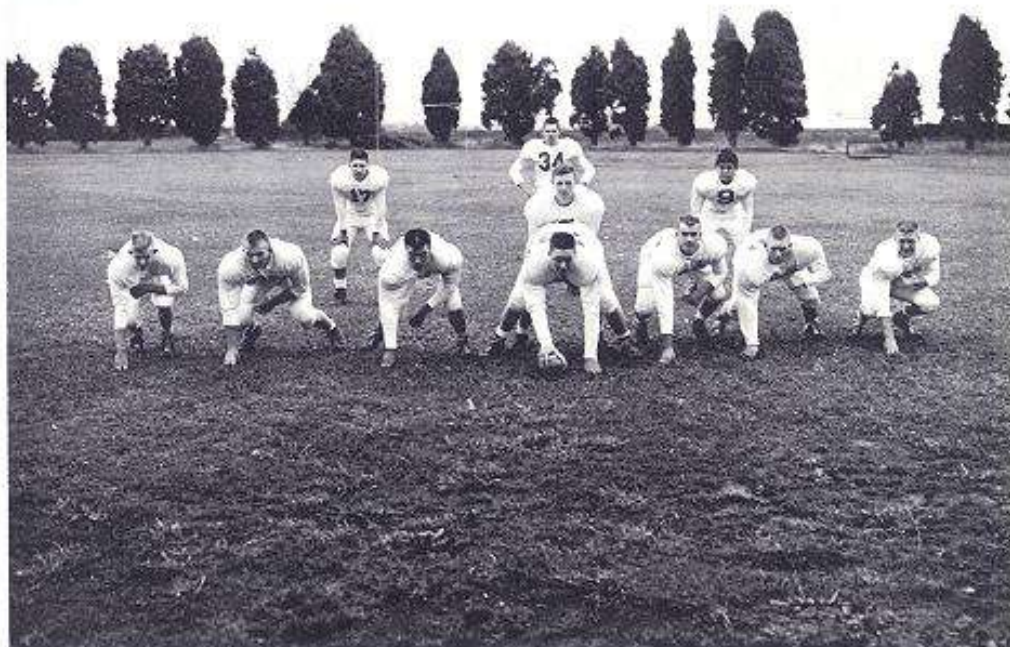
*League Games



Vern McCloud
Co-Captain



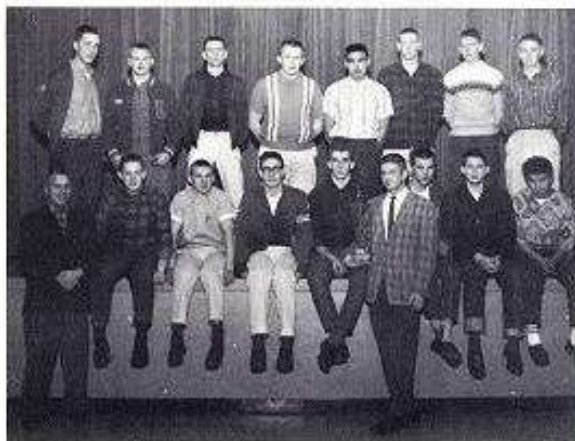
Pat Leamer
Inspirational award
Co-Captain



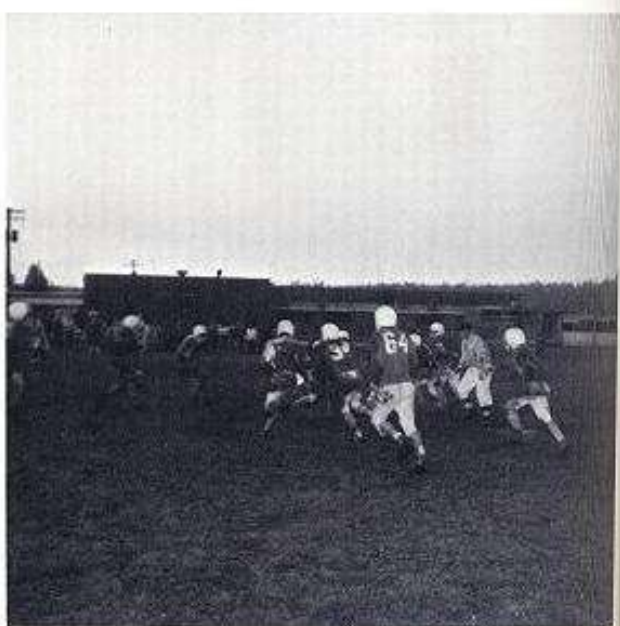
Darrol Steiner
Outstanding Lineman



Harry Jackson
Outstanding Back



La Conner High School's football team was extremely successful during the 1961 season. Although the team numbered fewer than any opponent, they emerged as co-champions of the Northwest 'B' League. The success can be attributed to the team's philosophy that "you don't get something for nothing." The boys wanted to be champions; they worked hard to attain this goal, and with the splendid training by their coaches, Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Dennee, they succeeded.



District Champions



Bob Van Pelt, Roger Nelson, Don Overway, Vern McCloud, Jim Dunlap, Greg Johnson, Pat Leamer, Herb Cram, Darrol Steiner, John Hanes, John Robbins, Coach Maxwell, Manager, Ron Schutte.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT SCORES

WE		THEY
41	Oreas Island	39
46	Coupeville	35
49	Skykomish	33



SEASON SCHEDULE

WE		THEY
45	Lynden Christian	54
37	Skykomish	47
41	Kings Garden	31
36	Granite Falls	41
37	Darrington	46
51	Friday Harbor	30
60	Concrete	46
41	Coupeville	40
41	Tolt	45
36	Lynden Christian	51
47	Granite Falls	29
31	Coupeville	39
54	Oreas Island	39
61	Concrete	58
57	Skykomish	42
50	Darrington	38
35	Tolt	30

La Conner's basketball team started the season very slowly, losing their first three league games. However, as a result of the boys' desire to improve and their hard work, the 'Braves' emerged as the strongest team in the Northwest 'B' League.

Because of the slow start, La Conner finished third in the league standings, but, at District Tournament time, they out-classed all opposition in the tournament. A combination of hard work and desire enabled the team to win the Northwest District 'B' Tournament in Spokane.



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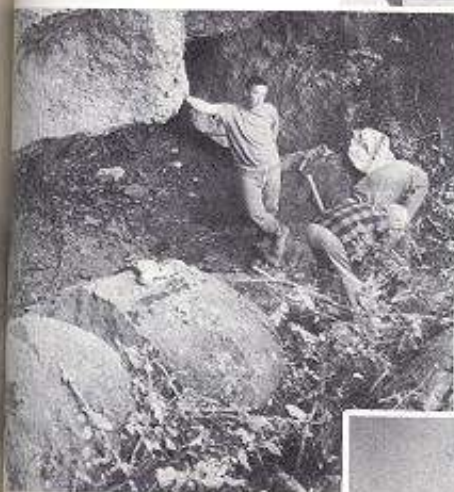
Junior Varsity



TOP--Managers, Jim Robbins and Jeff Wyman, Ron Williams, Gary Erdmann, Coach Dennee, Larry Jackson, Don Overway. BOTTOM--Richard Lee, Mike Suit, Joe Therman, Don Sparks, Bill Grandy, Joe Viscalla, Chet Pierson.

SEASONS SCHEDULE					
WE		THEY	WE		THEY
14	Lynden Christian	46	18	Tolt	42
26	Skykomish	30	27	Lynden Christian	34
30	Kings Gardens	28	40	Granite Falls	25
25	Granite Falls	33	19	Coupeville	45
35	Darrington	40	29	Concrete	30
37	Friday Harbor	34	37	Skykomish	45
22	Concrete	39	33	Darrington	46
20	Coupeville	56	25	Tolt	39





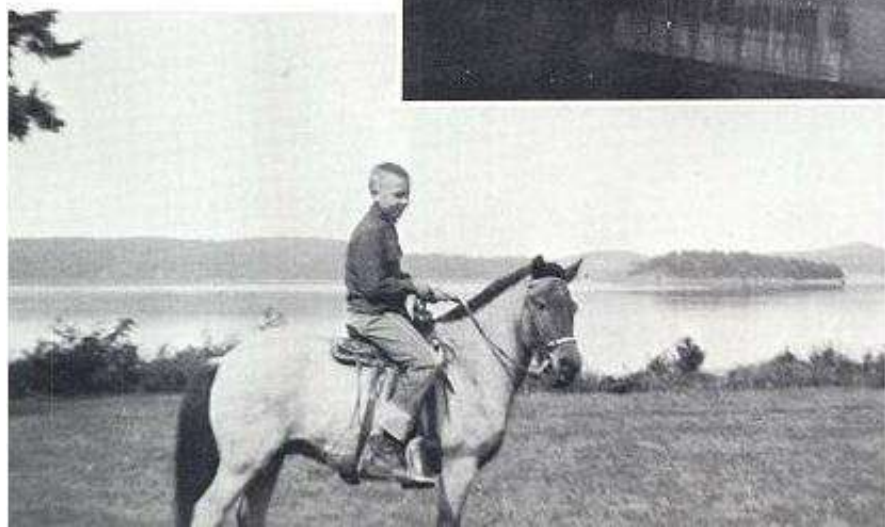


'Dino' cast



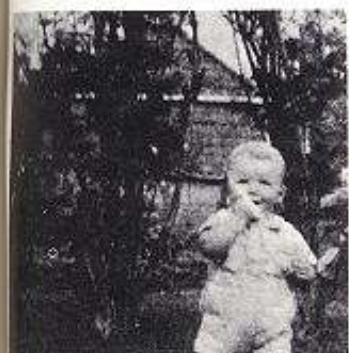
The Overway cousins

Jeff's new
Horsepower?





Van & Ann



Could this be
Clarence?

The stag line



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Carlson & Rowe

La Conner Drugs

La Conner National Bank of Commerce

Channel Beauty Salon

Nelson Lumber Co.

Puget Sound Mail

Smitty's Shop

Dunlap Towing Co.

Kastner's

La Conner Hotel

Whiz Fish Products

Parkers

Kern Funeral Home

Wells Drugs

Demings

Coca Cola Bottling Co.

Blade Chevrolet

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