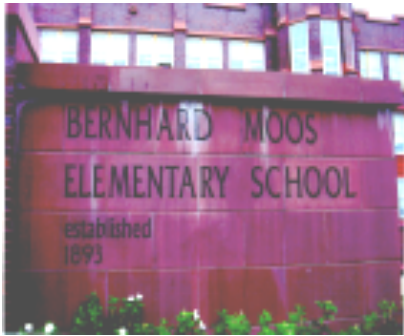


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My Column

Thank you for all your help in keeping this humble newsletter a current item. Without the emails and letters and old and new photos and the contributions of stamps or checks I would be hard pressed to publish the MoosMates without you.

The forgotten street games. Sky Blue, 3 feet off, double dutch, kick the can, tops, yo-yo's, paper airplanes, hide and seek and marbles. Kids today don't have a clue about the above but these things bring back a flood of memories for most of us "kids", eh?. We also have had the very first full fledged Moos reunion and also the first and only known photo of our most well known teacher Alice Hayes.

God bless us everyone!

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**And yet some more
MoosMates found!**

Mildred (Cooke) Sein Mildred went to Moos in 1964-66 and lived at 1851 N. California Ave. She went to LeMoynes from 1959 - 64 and eventually graduated from Kelvin Park H.S. in 1972. She now lives in Florida with her husband Pete and a very spunky dog named Rudy. She is now "one of us".

Thanks to **Larry Janowiak** we have also found **Richard (Dickie) Adorjan**. Their family lived on the 1700 block of Washtenaw a couple of doors down from us. He now lives in Norridge and we hope to hear more about/from him in following issues.

Speaking of Fire Station Co. 111

From Susan (Taylor) Albrecht Jan. '51



I was interested in the information about Engine Co. 111 since my father-in-law, George Albrecht, was the engineer in that house in the 50's and 60's. **Larry Janowiak** might be interested to know that I have the bell from the engine (Apparatus D-222) that was in service from

6/12/56 to 10/16/67. The bell sits on a base that is constructed from White Oak Hose Bed Racks of Apparatus D-222, Hose Body 1950-1000 G.P.M., Class "A" Pumper, built by Peter Hirsch Co. of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

My husband and I used to visit my father-in-law occasionally on a Sunday afternoon. I think he said the horses used to be kept in the area where the furnace was now. It was a pretty old house.

And more: from **Donna (Badovinac) Tuohy Jan. '51**

I especially enjoyed the news of the fire station. It brought back a great memory. My mother told me the story of the time she went out in her sweater to sweep the snow off of the back porch. As I was watching her out of the window in our kitchen, I went to the back door and slipped the lock over to one side. Being two years old, I didn't realize what I had done. After many different tries on my mother's part to get me to return the lock to the original site, she gave up. It was pretty cold out. She went over to the fire station, got some firemen to bring a ladder to our second story dining room window, come into the apartment, and open the door. Needless to say, she was embarrassed, and I was excited to see the firemen!!!!

**Thanks for the memory,
Donna**

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The "Guess Who" from last issue is **Rose Medling Jan. '55** Her sister **Betty Medling Jan. '52** and Rose are both listed in Classmates.com.



I remember. Do you?

Submitted by **Ken Iversen June '49**
How many remember the **WHITE CASTLE at NORTH and WESTERN?** How many bags full could you eat?

Recently the **QUEEN THEATER** was mentioned. What was there after the QUEEN? -----**LUIGI'S PIZZA**
Remember the **TEMPRA PAINT store/factory** at WABANSIA and CAMPBELL? This is where you could buy a box of 4 or 5 colors of TEMPRA art paints.

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Remember **BANCROFT SCHOOL** on MAPLEWOOD

Remember how the firemen threw all the pencils and paper etc. out the windows when the building burned?

Remember the **HALLOWEEN bonfires** the older kids started in the street at CAMPBELL and WABANSIA?

Remember the SATURDAY afternoon talent contest at the **OAK THEATRE** at WESTERN and ARMITAGE?

One of our MOOS kids was a tap dancer (Lloyd Larson) and competed there very often, do not remember his name but he lived on FAIRFIELD near WABANSIA.

Remember **LENNELL COOKIES** (the family outcast of LENNELL BROTHERS cookie fame) on NORTH AVE. and ARTESIAN where you could buy a HUGH bag of broken cookies for a quarter and usually there were as many as two or three broken cookie in the whole bag.

Remember when the competition for the **A&P** opened on NORTH AVE. and ARTESIAN, called the **DEL FARM?**

Remember the **streetcar barn** at ARMITAGE AND CAMPBELL?

This was thought of as the end all to transportation in its day. There was another one at NORTH AVE. and CICERO.

What were the **telephone exchanges** that served our area before using all numbers? HUMBOLDT, BRUNSWICK and EVERGLADE

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Remember when **ALLSTATE LUMBER** burned down on WESTERN?

It was across the street from my house and we thought our house was a goner.

Remember **HARMONY HALL** on ARTESIAN where all the good POLISH wedding receptions were held. Had a lot of good cake and other things just by being outside and in the area.

Now the final trivia question. There was a rags old iron man named **BEN**. What was he really?

HE WAS A BIG SCALE CRIMINAL LAWYER WHO DID THE JUNKMAN THING TO COME DOWN AFTER EVERY LARGE SCALE TRIAL. Everyone has his or her own way to cope with the problems of life, this though very unusual was his method.

OH YES! please feel free to invite any of our MOOS family to contact me at iverdad@qwest.net.

Will appreciate adding them to my list that now includes **SUE (TAYLOR) ALBRECHT, FRANK GOODLAKE, RON DOMKOWSKI and CONNIE (MEDINA.) GUBLER-**

-KEN IVERSEN

We have had another great reunion of MoosMates. Photos are on page 5. The event was held at **Kathy ("Cookie" Murray Jan. '53) Wilsek's** home with the able assistance of her husband **Romer**. In attendance where: **Donna (Badovinac Jan. '51) Tuohy and her husband Jim, Jerry & Mickie ("Honey" Muray Jan. '53) Wiecek, Don & Betty (Grant June '51)**

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Grelyak, Joe & Sharon (Ross Pulaski school 1951) Porebski, Nick (Jan. '51) & Renee Page.

Speaking (again) of the Queen Theater

Lately, I've been intrigued with the memory of the Queen Movie Theater.

Located on the south side of North Avenue between Rockwell and Maplewood (hope I have that correct). It was the smallest movie house I had ever seen, then and now. Who owned it? Who ran it? When did it start and when did it close? Did Luigi's restaurant take it's place?

Did any of our MoosMates ever work there? Was it a 1 man or 2 man or more operation? Did they have a concession area? I only remember the popcorn machine to the left of the ticket window. Maybe there was a candy machine. 5 cents for a bag of stale popcorn and there was a lever you had to push and pull to make sure you got all those "tasty" kernels. The cost was 10 cents for the show and you saw 2 westerns, 2 serials, several cartoons and who knows what else. On Saturday mornings they were packed with us kids so much so that they sat all the late comers on the floor in front of the seats while they would show many more cartoons before the features. An early version of SRO? This is where I met Lash LaRue, Red Ryder and Little Beaver and all the rest of the Western heros of the day. We have no pictures and only our recollections about The Queen so get those memories in full gear and share what you remember, OK?

Jim

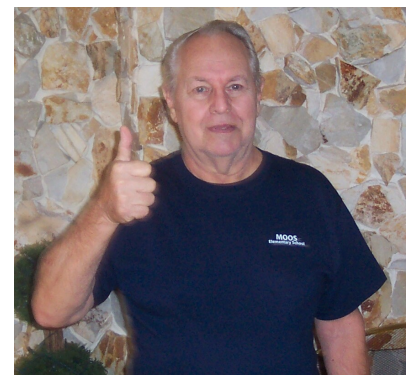
Library Fund

The recent reunion of the January and June classes of 1958 has started something. From our last edition we know the "Library Donations" fund received \$434 from them at their gathering at the White Eagle restaurant. If YOU would like to give something back to your Alma Mater, you can send donations directly to our principal at Moos. Make checks out to "Moos Elementary School" and the address, in case you have forgotten, is **1711 N. California Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647**. Please designate your contribution to be directed to the Library Fund. I can also take donations sent directly mailed to me and I will put them all together and send Maria Perez (Moos Principal) a single check to make things a little simpler for her. Hopefully we will be able to fill several shelves with our donations. I've already sent in another check and I hope you will too. The monies will go thru the Scholastics Dept. of the school, allowing for discounts to make our donations go even farther. By the way, **Maria Cruz had been a teacher at Moos for 20 years before her present position of Principal.**



Principal Maria Cruz

And Yet another MoosMate Found. Thru Classmates.com we have found **Mike Hasler Jan.'61**. He lived at 1660 N. Richmond and later on Francisco. Mike went to Tuley but graduated from Amundsen in 1966 where he had moved to Lincoln, Damon and Irving.



Yes, that's me, **Jim Jan. '51 Curtis** in my very own, personal, correct size T shirt which I will wear with pride. I hope you can make out the logo but, if not, it says "Moos Elementary School". It's a treasure. You can get one for yourself from Moos with a \$20 or more donation to OUR library fund. Address inquiries attn. of: Maria Cruz Principal. They come in sizes L to XL and color is a nifty dark blue.



Don Kauts Jan.'58 & his wife Sue

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Ms. Dorothy Swiatkowski

One of our recently retired teachers was in attendance at the BIG reunion event. She started teaching at Moos in 1951 and retired in 2001



Familiar Faces.

Dick, Jane, Spot, Baby and Raggedy Ann.



Cookie (Murray) Wilsek, Renee & Nick Page, Donna & Jim Tuohy, Jerry Wiecek w glasses, Don & Betty Greylak, Mickie (Murray) Wiecek.



Jerry Wiecek with glasses, Don & Betty Greylak, Mickie (Murray) Wiecek, Cookie (Murray) Wilsek



Cookie (Murray) Wilsek, Renee & Nick Page, Betty Greylak.

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Olson Rug's gorgeous garden where many of us spent some time. Olson Rug Company was established in 1874. The manufacturing mill was located in Chicago at Diversey Ave. and Pulaski. During the war era (WWII) , when raw material was scarce, people would send in their old wool rugs, rags, clothing etc. and Olson Rug would turn them into a beautiful area rug. The family owned business was "the place" to buy rugs for many years. Alongside the factory was the renowned Olson Memorial Park. Walter E. Olson built the 22 acre park in 1935. The project took nearly six months to complete. About 800 tons of stone and 800 yards of soil were used for its construction. Approximately 3,500 perennials were used along with numerous species of junipers, spruces, pines, arbor-vitae and annuals. The park consisted of a stunning rock garden, duck pond and 35-foot waterfall. Olson Park became a popular spot for family outings. During the first Sunday after its dedication Olson Park attracted as many as 600 visitors per hour. In 1965, Olson Rug sold its building to Marshall Fields. In the 1970s the waterfall was turned off and the park was dismantled to make room for a parking lot. Today, Olson Rug & Flooring is a Chicago base, 11 store chain who's main business is retail residential floor covering. The Olson Rug stores sell a wide variety of carpet, area rugs, hardwood flooring, laminate floors, ceramic tile and vinyl flooring.



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Class of June 1962

Last row 5th from left: **Reggie Encarnacion**, next is **Keith Faulkenberg**. Front row 5th over is **Diane Hudson**, next is **Brenda Billingsly**. 2nd row 9th over is **Dennis O'Shea**.

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Reggie Encarnacion is 3rd row 6th over. The only photo of our Safety Patrol, in any year, that has crossed my desk.



Not sure what class this is but someone out there should recognize some of the kids or themselves. It's an AM kindergarten class and it's undated. My guess is **Jan. '51**. I see a few faces that look strangely familiar.