DESTINATION LODI

A HISTORICAL JOURNEY

FIRST KINDERGARTEN CLASS 1946-1947

LODI HIGH CLASS 1959

YOU KNOW YOU LIVE IN A GREAT COMMUNITY WHEN EVERY YEAR FORMER STUDENTS OF LODI HIGH SCHOOL MEET RAIN OR SHINE. THE ALUMNI BANQUET HAS BEEN THE PASSION OF HATTIE KLINECT ZEIGLER FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. HATTIE HAS PASSED THE TORCH TO ANOTHER GROUP WHO ARE JUST AS PASSIONATE TO CONTINUE THIS TRADTION.

THE LODI HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF “59” PROVIDED THE PICTURE.

THERE WERE 35 “CUTIE PIES” IN THE FIRST KINDERGARTEN CLASS IN LODI CELEBRATING MOTHER GOOSE’S BIRTHDAY, THE PHOTO TAKEN IN THE OLD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. EACH CHILD WAS DRESSED AS A CHARACTER FROM THE MOTHER GOOSE STORIES.

THEIR TEACHER WAS EDITH KEITH, NURSE DORCAS ZNARNEY, SPONSOR DR. C. WHITACRE WITH ASSISTANT TEACHERS GRACE BARNHART AND MABEL GOUGH. REV. BEHRENS GAVE PRAYER AND THE ORGANIST WAS MARGORIE GRIMM.

TOP ROW: BILLY SHAFER, JANET HARRIS, KEN ZSARNAY, JOHN HANES, VALEN BAIRD, TOMMY HEFFELFINGER, KATHELEEN MACK, DICKIE SEAL, KAREN SPARR, ROBERT YOUNG, ALAN LAWRENCE AND JANET SNADER.

SECOND ROW: JERRY YOST, CHARLES MABRY, FREDDIE PHILLIPS, DICKY BRYANT, JUDY ANDERSON, SANDRA GEORGE, DEANNA BENSON, ARLEN VANADAL, DOROTHY SLORGIE, JACKY MORGAN, MILDRED WARNER AND DICKIE WRIGHT.

ROW STARTING FARTHEST TO THE LEFT: FAYE REDMAN, SANDRA WARNER, JIM CRUSH, TOMMY UNDERWOOD, DEANNA BARNES, JOYCE FORRESTER, DEANN HETZLER AND BETTY ZOOK.

NEAR THE HAYSTACK: JIM MOSHER AND SCOTT GRIMM

NINETEEN STUDENTS OUT OF 35 CONTINUED THROUGH THE 12TH GRADE TOGETHER.

DR. CLARICE WHITACRE STARTED THE FIRST KINDERGARTEN, FUNDING IT FOR YEARS. WITH HUSBAND, DR. JOSEPH WHITACRE (DR. ELLIOTTS NEPHEW) APPROACHED THEIR PATEINTS IN THE OLD FASHION WAY AS FRIENDS. TOGETHER THEY HELPED ESTABLISHED LODI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, DR. CLARICE PUSHING FOR A MATENITY WARD AND A SURGICAL UNIT. WHAT A LADY! SHE ALSO FOUND TIME FOR MANY WOMEN ORGANIZATIONS.

THE KINDERGARTEN WAS IN A TINY HOUSE ON BANK STREET, THE HOUSE STILL STANDS. THE SITE WILL RECEIVE A PLAQUE OF RECOGNITON..

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 8, 2019, 124TH LODI HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI BANQUET. TOM HEFFELFINGER, PRES, LARRY SCOTT, VICE PRES, BETH BENSON GRIM, SEC’Y, PATRICIA ALLENBAUGH CARPENTER, TREAS, JANET SNADER LANTZ, COMMUNICATOR. FOR INFORMATION, CALL TOM AT 440-785-6336 OR tom@sunrisetravelvacation.com