



# Litton Blast

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## LITTON'S LAST COACH HAS LEFT THE FIELD

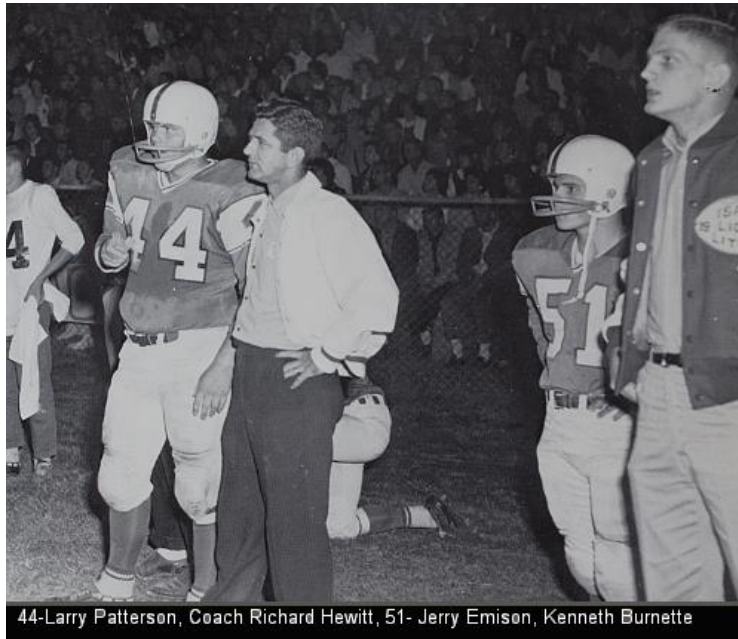
(Contributed by Larry Collier)

Coach Richard Hewitt, Litton's last football coach, passed away in August of this year. His history at Litton ran from 1961-62 through 1970-71. In addition to his football coaching duties, he served as B-team basketball coach, track coach and typing teacher.



At the age of 92, he passed away peacefully at his residence in Nashville. He is survived by one son, Dan Hewitt (Carol); one daughter, LeeAnn Hewitt; four grandchildren, Lyndi Hewitt (Marcia), Laura Curran (Billy), Blake Anderson, Kaci Hewitt; three great-grandchildren, Liam Curran, Layla Curran, Ellie Hewitt-Corzine; numerous friends and extended family members.

Coach Hewitt's teams at Litton included the 1966 TSSAA state track champions, and the 1966 Clinic Bowl game. His "boys" spoke very highly of him and were sorry to hear of his passing.



44-Larry Patterson, Coach Richard Hewitt, 51- Jerry Emison, Kenneth Burnette

A graduate of Murray State University in 1951, he went on to teach and coach football at many of the local high schools in the area including Madison High, Maplewood, Isaac Litton, Goodlettsville, Glenclyff and Donelson Christian Academy where he retired after a total of 33 years of coaching. He was a football fanatic who loved Alabama and Vanderbilt with all his heart. He also enjoyed fishing in his leisure time. Richard has been described as a great influence to all his students and the young men he coached. He will be greatly missed by all those that loved him and looked up to him as a mentor.



All Litton Alumni send their thoughts and prayers to his family. Rest in Peace Coach.

**CASTLES IN IRELAND WITH ARISTOCRACY AND NOBILITY  
HANDED DOWN TO ELECTRICIAN OF TOPEKA,  
CHARLES J MAUNSELL**

**OUR LITTON GRADUATES ARE  
ROYAL DESCENDANTS**

Authored by Michal Maunsell-Boyle  
(Edited by Jerry Newman, Class of 1958)

Direct descendant of knights, earls, lords and barons, heir by right of birth to two castles on landed estates in Ireland, his ancestors since the reign of Henry the Third listed in Burke's Peerage, is Charles J. Maunsell, who now works as a journeyman electrician in Topeka, Kansas.



He is a young man, married, and the father of a young child. Pictured on the left is **Charles Maunsell of Clonlisk House**, great grandfather of Charles J. Maunsell. Unless it was his own father, young Maunsell is the first of his line in hundreds of years to work at a trade or to earn his bread and butter by the sweat of his brow. And that he is doing so is due to the fact that his father, the late C. R. Maunsell, cared nothing for aristocracy or nobility and neglected it during his lifetime never enlightening his children as to their antecedents.

Thousands of Topeka citizens considered themselves acquaintances and even close friends of the late C. R. Maunsell, former head of the Topeka Edison Company. But few of them knew during his life time that he was "the eldest son of the eldest son" of a long line running back to the earliest nobility in England and Ireland. He never talked about the "landed estates" of the Maunsells in Ireland. He never referred to the family seat at Ballywilliam, to the Maunsell crest nor the Maunsell coat of arms. He forgot all those things when he chuckled his family and came to America.

He died in 1907 and left an estate for three minor children, of whom Charles J. Maunsell is the eldest. The other two children are Burton R. and Bernard S. Maunsell.

**The Noble Heritage**

One of the first Maunsells is subscribed to The Roll of Battle Abbey. He was a knight and had conferred upon him the Manor of Orwich of Glamorganshire. His eldest son, Sir John, was constituted the Lord Chief Justice of England during the reign of Henry the Third. There follows a long list of knights, earls, and barons who married knights, earls, and barons and lords. Sir Edward Maunsell, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, married Lady Jane Somerset, daughter of Henry, Earl of Worcester. Sir Thomas Maunsell, his successor, was created a baronet in 1611, and the next Maunsell, Sir Francis, was created a baronet in 1621. Sir Robert, the next in line, was appointed vice admiral of the British fleet in the reign of Charles the First, as a reward for bravery. The list goes on.

The grandfather of Charles J. Maunsell was Robert Charles Maunsell, Esquire of the Landed Estate court of County Dublin and Mill View, Malahide. Charles Rolleston Maunsell, his eldest son, is the man Topekans knew as head of the Topeka Edison company, and his grandson is Charles J. Maunsell, the grandfather of **Michal and Mark Maunsell who graduated from Litton in 1958 and 1963 respectively.**



Among his father's effects young Charles J. Maunsell found indisputable evidence of his noble ancestry. Among other things is a leather-bound book tracing the genealogy of the families of the eldest sons from the time of the first known Maunsell, Sir John Maunsell of England, down to Charles Rolleston Maunsell, whom Topekans knew as the head of the Topeka Edison company. The same genealogy appears in the records of "The English Aristocracy" found in the Chicago public library.

The first recorded Maunsell accompanied William the Conqueror to England as his Cup Bearer in 1066, at the Battle of Hastings. The Maunsell lineage is traced down to Charles J. Maunsell, the grandfather of Michal and Mark, in the leather bound "little red book" which was among the possessions of C.R. Maunsell of Topeka. The Maunsell genealogy of the families of the eldest son of the eldest son is recorded in both Burke's Peerage and the "little red book." This book recorded the Maunsell lineage back to John Maunsell who accompanied William the Conqueror in 1066 and was given to C.R. Maunsell by his father. It is in the possession today of Mark Maunsell.

### **His Castles in Ireland**

Maunsell's father declined to assert his right to the family property in the nineteenth century and to the family honors that go with it. It was never the intention of Charles J. Maunsell, Michal and Mark's grandfather, to assert his claim to the title and lands in Ireland.

In 2010, Michal and Mark, with their spouses David and Tonya, went to Ireland to see as much of their heritage as they could find. They were successful and found many evidences of past and recent ancestors, including the Ballywilliam Estate given by Sir Richard Maunsell in the 18th century. The house and grounds became the foundation of the present **University of Limerick**. One of the stables still bears the imprint of the family crest in the tile over the old doors. The University maintains the Maunsell room in the mansion in commemoration and was where they met with the dean during their visit. They also visited Franckfort castle and Clonlisk castle, although they were very deteriorated.



**Mark and Michal at the Maunsell Room at the University of Limerick**

# WHERE WILL YOUR NEXT EVENT BE?

(Contributed by Kay Rayner Cunningham, Class of 1964)

We Isaac Litton High School Alumni have so much to be proud of, not only of the days during our time at school but even today. Not many of us would ever deny having been part of the experience. Instead, most of us will gladly regale our times and smile while doing so.

Since the main building that was Litton High was demolished in 1990, after sitting dormant and deteriorating for nearly twenty years, much has changed and the sweat and heart of so many have gone into the current structures. The remaining buildings standing on the property are what was once our gymnasium and the Duke Building, commonly referred to as the Band Building. It still will bring warmth to your heart to see them.



In 2005, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) and the Isaac Litton Alumni Association (ILAA) formed an agreement to share these buildings and the grounds around them. The Isaac Litton Middle School (ILMS) – which we will remember as our Junior High – would use the football field and the gym for their activities on a regular basis for their students and the ILAA would spearhead to renovate and subsequently maintain the facility so our alumni and the Inglewood community would continue to have the location as a beacon and a place to gather.

On our website ([www.isaacittonhighschool.com](http://www.isaacittonhighschool.com)), you will find access to the forms which will enable you to make reservations to use either or both the lower level (which was once the locker rooms) and the upper level (the gymnasium).



The lower level  
or Lions' Hall

Many activities have been held here and many more currently are planned, some in an on-going basis and others as special occasions only. Class Reunions are given that special touch by returning to the place where so many memories were made, meetings for alumni groups have a venue that invokes spirit and love for their purpose, and anybody who remembers or even those who have no relation to our history will be impressed and encouraged when they visit the Lions' Den (in the lower level). This area displays memorabilia from our stellar history in music, sports and overall contribution to our area and the world.



The upper level  
or Gymnasium

Also of note as to the varied use of the building, the Alumni Association is very proud of the designation by the American Red Cross to be a "mustering" location in the event of a community disaster. When a situation requires our neighborhood residents to evacuate their homes for any reason, the **American Red Cross** will set up a "command center" in our Lions Hall to serve the purpose of assigning these displaced community members to the appropriate facility to best assist them. (While they will not be housed or fed at our facility, the Red Cross has deemed this as a vital step in their ability to quickly help those in need.)

Of special focus for the ILAA is the participation in the **BACKFIELD IN MOTION (BIM) PROGRAM**. BIM is a nonprofit organization that combines academics and athletics to inspire inner-city boys to reach their maximum potential in order to become significant contributors to Society. Funds provided by the ILAA are used to support tutorial programs offering academic remediation and homework assistance for these, Nashville's most vulnerable youth. BIM, in partnership with the Isaac Litton Alumni Association provides a permanent facility to offer the classes at our Lions Hall, in the lower level of the gym.

Also, with a special place in our hearts, we support and assist in any way possible, those students now attending the **Isaac Litton Middle School** (which for the High School alumni, will forever be remembered as our Junior High School.) Last year, the ILAA donated \$2,500 to support the Band Competition and the athletic department is currently looking forward to a new concession stand. With our mutual goal of supporting the students and faculty at Litton, we have formed a great working relationship, and there is a lot more to do.

While here, be sure to see our brick Memory Wall, where you can have a brick engraved with a personal message or special memory of your choosing. This area is dedicated to ILHS alumni who gave their lives in war and is an eternal history of our love for our alma mater.



The Brick  
Memory Wall

In the past, completion of the forms required for using these areas could be cumbersome and difficult to understand. With the current EASY to understand format, we expect many more completed requests for planning events here.

We hope you will consider hosting your next event here, surrounded by memories and making new ones of your own.



# Nancy Moore Bailey, Artist (Class of 1961)

Suggested by Anne Farley Smith (Class of 1960)

Edited by Jerry Newman (Class of 1958)

Through the years, Isaac Litton High School has been home to many talented alumni. One such person is Nancy Moore Bailey, who graduated in the Class of 1961. While at Litton, Nancy was head majorette in the Litton Marching 100 Band (during her senior year).



Nancy Moore Bailey  
Class of 1961

***FROM NANCY, IN HER OWN WORDS:*** *I have been painting with oils for about 30 years, mainly creating landscape and still life paintings. It is more a hobby than a profession, although I have sold a number of my works over the years. I studied primarily with Charles Brindley, whose works are represented in public and corporate collections throughout the United States and in private collections internationally. I love the challenge of expressing the emotion of my inner vision with color and brush strokes on canvas. The image revealed as the work develops is like a mystery solved.*

*At one time, I belonged to the Chestnut Group of Plein Air Painters, well-known for documenting the local landscape of farms, rivers and rapidly disappearing ways of life here in Middle Tennessee. Since I retired, I now paint in my studio at home in Franklin, TN.*

*I was a proud member of the Marching 100 under the direction of Sammy Swor and vied for first chair clarinet with John Richards during concert band. Mr. Swor knew how to keep us playing our best with try outs. During marching season, it was my honor to be chosen head majorette in my senior year. There is a YouTube clip of the Marching 100 coming from the side lines at the 1960 Clinic Bowl game and I'm shown with the majorettes during the 1<sup>st</sup> couple of minutes. I went on to be majorette at Middle Tennessee State University with the Band of Blue and there, I met my husband of 54 years, David. I retired from working with*

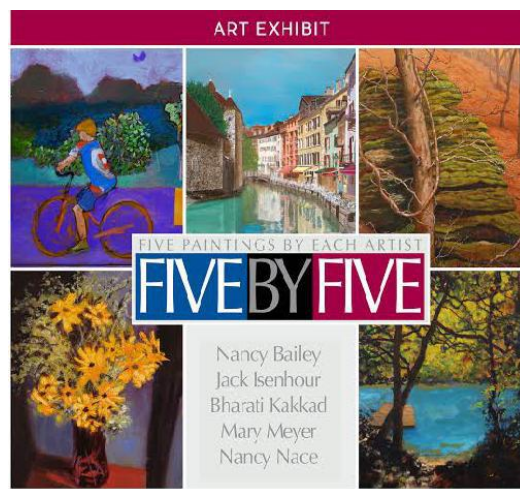
*Cingular Wireless about the time they merged with AT&T and really enjoy being able to paint any time I want.*



***Mossy Rock Outcrop***  
2016  
Oil On Canvas 20" x 30"

**Editor's Notes:** Recently, Nancy was invited by Scarritt College to exhibit some of her artistry in the Scarritt-Bennett Center. She, along with 4 other artists, each displayed five of their works in an exhibit aptly named Five by Five - five artists exhibiting five works of art. The exhibit was on display from July 13<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy Bailey's nature paintings create a combination of incredible detail and wonderful color. The use of graphic contours and dramatic color relationships are defining attributes that focus on heightened color relationships and textures that are dramatic, resulting in a broad admiration by viewers of her work.



Here are the beautiful works of Nancy Moore Bailey at her recent showing. I am sorry we did not find out about this exhibit in time to publish this story in the July issue of THE BLAST. It would have been good for us to have shown our support of our fellow alumni by attending the showing. Maybe next time, Nancy.

Her works represented in the art exhibit are:



***Leaping Buck***  
2016  
Oil On Canvas 30" x 20"



***Holly Hocks***  
2010  
Oil On Canvas 24" x 20"



***Water Lilies***  
2017  
Oil on Canvas, 24" x 36"



***Morning Catch***  
2012  
Oil On Canvas 20" x 30"

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FORMS NEW COMMITTEE

The Isaac Litton Alumni Association recently formed a new committee to encourage and facilitate reservations for the use of our Lions' Hall and Gymnasium. This committee will endeavor to provide clear and simple directions for those who want to host events at our location. We are very proud of the amenities we offer and hope our alumni will find value in the venue as we have. (Not to mention, the enormous pride we have in being now and always LITTON HIGH FOREVER!)

## FACILITY RESERVATIONS (FR) COMMITTEE: PURPOSE AND OPERATIONS

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**Purpose:** To assure that the building, use, maintenance, scheduling and security are thoroughly maintained and communicated to all concerned parties in a clear and concise manner, and that use of the facility is managed safely and securely for all parties involved.

**Operations:** When a request is made (primarily through the website) to reserve either the Lions' Hall or the Gymnasium, or both, the required forms are submitted to the Chairperson with payment (and hopefully, a donation for the ILAA) to reserve the facility. The Chairperson will be available to answer any questions or concerns the requestor has and to guide them to the source that can best serve their needs, as well as make arrangements for access to the Lions' Den or Merchandise Sales, as they may have requested on reservation forms. Chairperson notifies Website Facilitator, who will make the changes on the website calendar showing the date requested is taken and has been confirmed. The requestor will be sent an Event Packet by the Chairperson, directing them to notify the Facility Access Monitor, who will make arrangements to meet the requestor prior to the event at the facility, unlock the doors as necessary, and will return to the facility at the event's end to be sure condition is optimal and all is secure with the facility.



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**OF OUR ALUMNI PAY THEIR ANNUAL DUES !**



The Isaac Litton Alumni Association has worked diligently to establish a current, up-to-date database of over 4,000 graduates to whom we frequently send emails and/or letters that keep you informed about the various projects in which we participate. Our involvement in these chosen activities gives us a continuing sense of pride in the education and accomplishments we were blessed to receive while students at ILHS.

In these communications, we frequently request that you support the ILAA by paying your annual dues. We have explained and highlighted the items in which we believe have on-going value and have promoted involvement in projects coming up where we could contribute.

The current annual dues of just \$15 enable us to actively continue these activities and more. Just to remind you, here is a list of some of these recent endeavors:

**SUPPORT for BACKFIELD IN MOTION** – We have talked often about the contributions we are able to make on behalf of our at-risk youth by providing them with the many benefits of working hand-in-hand with Backfield in Motion. BIM is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that combines academics and athletics to inspire inner-city boys to reach their maximum potential in order to become significant contributors to society. The ILAA provides a safe and clean

venue for them to meet every day, to have a nourishing meal, to be tutored and counseled by professional teachers and caring adults, who in many instances become the adults they count on to guide them and help them unselfishly. In addition to these year-round activities, the ILAA gives a special Christmas present to each of the boys. We take them shopping for presents for their families, then bring them back to our Lions' Hall and help them wrap their gifts. Each boy is given an additional amount to allow him to purchase clothing items or other gifts for himself.

**MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING for events** – Every year, many of our alumni are part of events held in the ILHS gymnasium building. Included in this venue we call the Lions' Hall (below the gymnasium) is the beautiful newly-renovated Lions' Den, where you can browse through Yearbooks from every graduating year in Litton history, and see displays of the accomplishments of our school in sports, music, and academics. Also on view are many of the original uniforms, trophies, and news articles we garnered over the years. In addition to the venue itself, we also maintain an extensive merchandise inventory where you can purchase mementos bearing our LION logo. These items include shirts, caps, key rings, lapel pins, cups, "toys", prints, lithographs, CDs and DVDs of band and sports activities and much more.

In connection with reserving these spaces, it is the responsibility of the ILAA to provide maintenance and service products for those holding events here. And, before any space is reserved – it is scheduled and confirmed primarily through our website ([www.isaacclittonhighschool.com](http://www.isaacclittonhighschool.com)). This website is diligently and constantly maintained and updated by our Communications Committee. By utilizing commercially available programs and online offerings, we are able to add contact information for "lost" alumni on an almost daily basis.

**ALL-ALUMNI LUNCHEON** – This annual event is the largest single income source for the ILAA. Every year, we invite all Alumni in our database to join us for one day of fellowship and celebration for who we are and from where we came. This event gives us all the opportunity to look back on our past, honor our present, and look forward to the future as the proud Alumni we are.

**Additionally**, in another article appearing in this issue of THE BLAST, we are excitedly reporting that we have a new program being unveiled this year called "Helping Hands." This program will allow us to anticipate the needs of the Middle School and help them in their awesome response to the children of our community.

So, if you are reading this plea, please respond by submitting your annual dues payment to our treasurer as follows:

John Halliburton, Treasurer  
902 West Cynthia Trail  
Goodlettsville, TN 37072

(Checks payable to ILAA in the amount of \$15.00 per alumni. As always, additional donations are welcomed and are fully tax-deductible.)

We humbly thank you and promise to do our best to make you proud to be one of us.

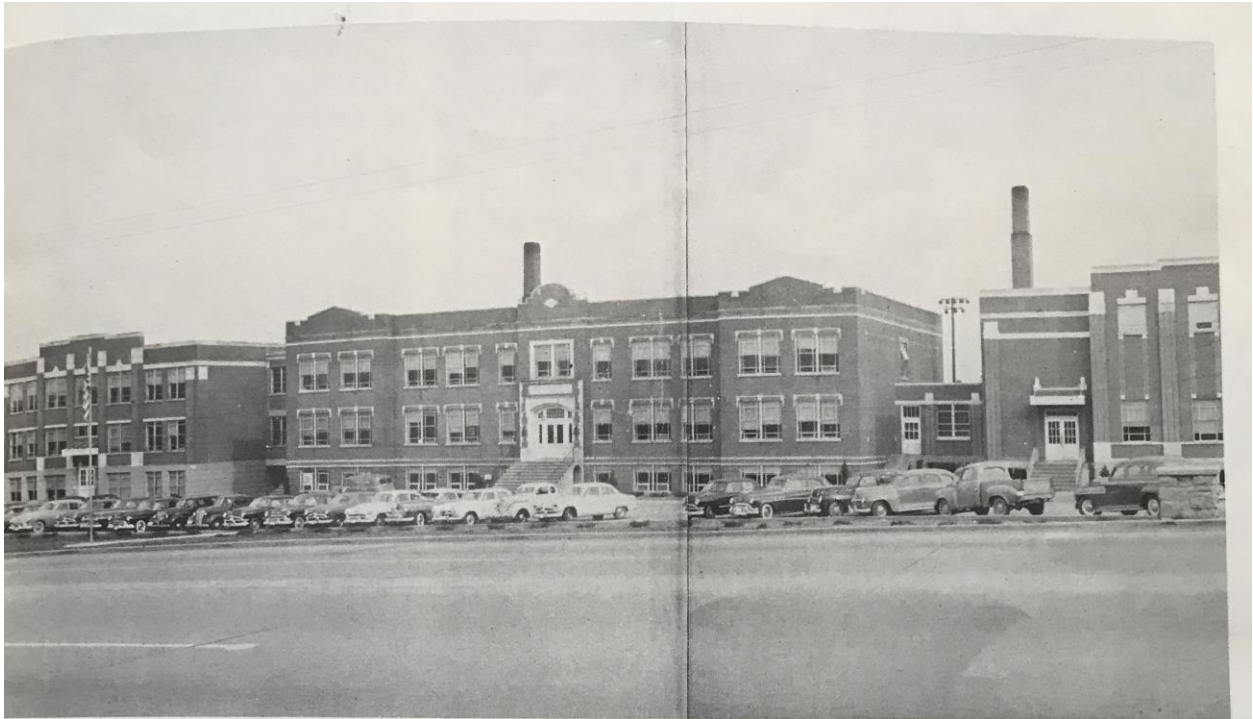
**Litton High Forever!**



If you are interested in serving on the ILAA Board of Directors  
or being part of one of our Committees,  
contact Kitty Woodson Kincaid (Class of 1965)  
at 615-957-3587 or via email at [kittywoodson@gmail.com](mailto:kittywoodson@gmail.com).

# THE FABULOUS FIFTIES

*(The following article was written by former Tennessean sports writer Jimmy Davy. He wrote it back in 1974, 3 years after Litton was closed. We hope you will enjoy this look back.)  
(Contributed by Larry Collier)*



*Isaac Litton, as shown in its heyday of the Fifties, when they won more games over that ten years than any NIL school ever.*

## THE FABULOUS FIFTIES

Perhaps no adult past 30 who has lived in Nashville all of his life, passes the old brick building on Gallatin Road without taking a peek at the football field in the back, jammed against the buildings.

Isaac Litton.

It was a magic name in high school football in the 1950's when it claimed five of the 10 championships in the Nashville Interscholastic League's top division.

Hume Marshall Field was packed by thousands for every home game, the noise resounding off the walls of the school which hovered over the so-called adult stands, where the season ticket holders cherished their seats.

The students crammed the other side and the only noise equaling a greeting for the blue and white clad Lions was the clamor that greeted the drumming which signaled that the famed Marching 100 band was about to emerge from a building in the south end zone area.

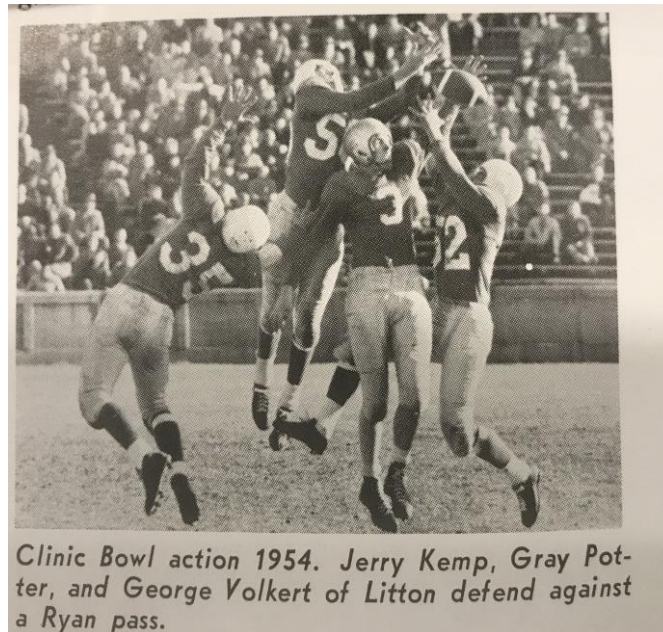


The noise has subsided. Isaac Litton is now just a Junior High. Only memories remain of the great athletes who inhabited the old wooden hallways and climbed the noisy steps toward a place in the memories of all who remember the decade of the '50s.

Although it was a decade clearly dominated by the Lions with a 79-22-4 record, it also marked the beginning of the slow decline of the Litton domination.

Perhaps decline isn't the word. Others began to catch up, as a new school named Madison High carved a hunk out of the huge Litton school district in 1953.

Litton won three of the first four NIL championships from 1950 to 1953, but then things began to swing toward the other side of the Cumberland River—Montgomery Bell Academy, Hillsboro and Father Ryan.



Isaac Litton and MBA locked in a classic struggle in the Clinic Bowl at Dudley Field in 1954 after tying for the NIL title. The game, a thriller, also ended in a tie, 20-20.

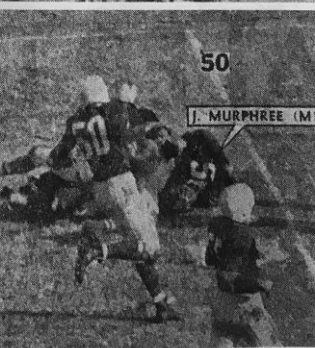
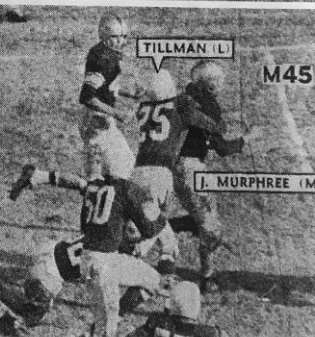
The next year, Litton and MBA again shared the title, following a regular season deadlock 14-14, which was of such interest that it was played at Vanderbilt's Dudley Field and a record regular season crowd of 21,000 showed up.

MBA was on the four yard line of the Lions when the Big red lost the ball on downs with 30 seconds to play.

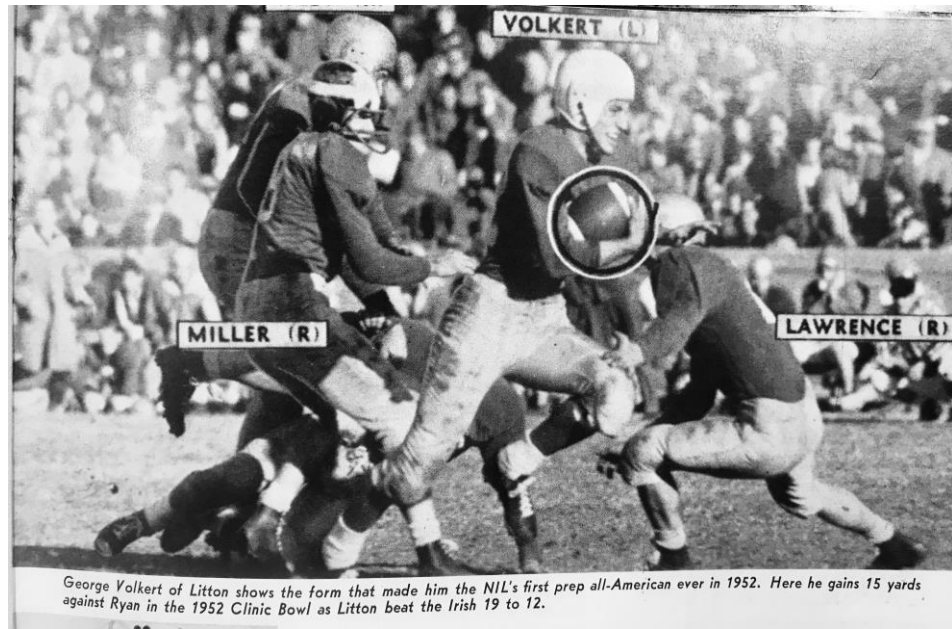
It was an inspired last-gasp defensive performance perhaps involved with some emotional carryover from the appearance of ailing Inglewood Police Chief Raymond Cannon at the game in an ambulance. Cannon had been particularly close to the Litton program.

Running backs Floyd Wallace and Johnny Moore were the leading characters in the drama for Litton that night while MBA's chief standouts included quarterback Whit Watson, running back Frank Drowota and a great defender, end Tom Husband.

It set the stage for a rematch in the Clinic Bowl on Thanksgiving Day at the Vanderbilt field and again, more than 20,000 came to watch.



Above—Sequence showing John Murphree of MBA picking up one of Litton's fumbles in the 1955 Clinic Bowl and heading downfield. Bobby Tillman (25) of Litton shows his quickness in catching him from behind.



George Volkert of Litton shows the form that made him the NIL's first prep all-American ever in 1952. Here he gains 15 yards against Ryan in the 1952 Clinic Bowl as Litton beat the Irish 19 to 12.

MBA remained unbeaten with a 26-7 win, set in motion just before the half when, with a 13-7 lead, Big Red defender Phil Williams recovered a Bobby Tillman fumble and raced for a touchdown. Litton never recovered and was to fumble nine other times during the day.

Husband was the most valuable player and the 10-0-1 record provided MBA with the State championship. It broke Litton's stranglehold on the local football scene.

Litton managed to win just one more title in the final four seasons of the decade, that coming in 1958, while MBA won or shared its third straight under Tommy Owen in 1956, Hillsboro prevailed in 1957 and Father Ryan claimed one in 1959.

Looking back now, you can almost hear the snare drums rattling as the Litton band strikes up. It was a decade of the Litton Lions. But others were raising their heads and it was perhaps the most exciting era of prep football Nashville has ever seen or ever will experience.

(Litton High Forever)



Johnny Moore scores TD against Memphis Central in 1956 as the Lions beat the Memphis outfit 18-14. Shown are six Litton players who made all-Nashville. L to R, Floyd Wallace (29) HB, Bobby Tillman (25) QB, Hank Thompson (37) E, Moore (31) HB, Phil Williams (33) D, and...

# MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE

## BIG SALE

The Chairperson of the ILAA Merchandise Committee wants to let everyone know that a BIG SALE is now underway. Included among the items she wants to liquidate to make room for new ones are sweatshirts, tee-shirts, ball caps, golf shirts and much more. Here are a few of the huge bargains you can order now. (When they're gone – they're gone !!! )



Unisex Sweatshirt  
Red or Blue  
Sizes Small to 3x  
Was \$25/**NOW \$20**



Unisex Tee-Shirt  
Red or Blue  
Sizes Small to 3x  
Was \$15/**NOW \$10**



Baseball Cap  
Red or Blue Bill  
Was \$15/**NOW \$10**

And, the biggest bargain of all – just a few left. These ladies' golf shirts emblazoned with the **LITTON HIGH** logo are being sold for far below MSRP.

In sizes small and medium – just **\$5.00 !!!**

Show Your  
**LITTON PRIDE**



Contact Lou Sullivan at (615) 876-4711 or email to [lsully1123@comcast.net](mailto:lsully1123@comcast.net) for ordering or additional information.

# MAJORETTES ARE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Contributed by Larry Collier

In the summer of 1963, eight beautiful young ladies from Isaac Litton High School travelled to Topeka, Kansas for the national baton twirling championship. They had prepared diligently for this moment, having practiced long hours while raising funds through car washes, rummage sales and bake sales.

Accompanying the girls on their trips were several of their parents along with Mr. Swor. Home movies taken at that time are included on the Alumni Band DVD being sold through the Isaac Litton Alumni Association.

To prepare their routines, the majorettes went to a Twirling Camp at Ole Miss. They also gave up their summer time to put on camps at Litton in the years leading up to the championship. They took bits and pieces of various routines they learned and put it all together for their own special routine. And then, they practiced until their perfect unison wowed everyone who witnessed their performance.

The expert precision gained through their many practices paid off. They were named as the National Baton Twirling Champions.

The eight girls who participated were:

Seniors: Patty Goff and Cathie Ford

Juniors: Susan Gilliland, Jean Haston, and Anne Tolliver

Sophomores: Anna Eades, Connie Patterson, and Anita Tune

This quite possibility was the only national championship of any kind won by Isaac Litton. It was the beginning of a decade of unparalleled excellence by a high school band in Tennessee. At the end of 1963, the band would travel to California for the Tournament of Roses Parade. The rest is history including at least 5 appearances on national television.

We take this opportunity to say congratulations to these ladies and to thank them for so beautifully representing the excellence that was Isaac Litton High School.



# Helping Hands Program

(By Carol Draper Bourque, Class of 1968)

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of others?

“Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more.” ~ Anthony Robbins.

I think this quote is something we can all reflect upon as alumni.

The ISAAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is excited to share a new program that we have created to make an even greater impact on the lives of children. This is a time in our lives when we reflect back on how blessed we were to have received the excellent education from our beloved Litton. I know for me, and I think you will agree, that this has profoundly impacted all of us throughout our lives.

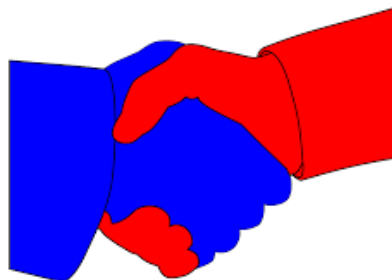
In that vein, as alumni, we have a unique opportunity to make a difference and give back through sponsoring programs at the Isaac Litton Middle School. We get a lot of requests throughout the year, and we wanted to be fair to and make sure we were doing the most with our funds to impact the largest number of children. Hence the Helping Hands Program was born! We also wanted to be accountable to all the alumni for how our money was being spent.

This school year, each teacher received a copy of Helping Hand application. We have asked them to please fill out the application and return to us no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Outreach Committee will make the final selections by October 31, 2017 as to who will receive how much in funds. This program will also help teachers to know what extra monies they can count on throughout the year to assist with their programs.

Now we need your support for this to be successful. We ran the numbers to see how many alumni paid their dues last year, and we are sad to say that only about 7% of us out of over 4,000 paid. We realize that lot of us have challenges as we age with fixed incomes, but I know that we can do better than 234! So, we are asking if you haven't paid your dues to please do so. It is only \$15 to be a member of the ILAA, and we need your help to make a difference in the lives of these children. This is an exciting program so let's all pull together to show them what real Lions can do for them! Let's roar!!

Thank you for your support,

Litton High Forever!



HA HA HA

HA HA HA

*Just for Laughs ...*

When I die I want my last words to be, "I left a million dollars under the....."



hmmmm...  
and yet another  
day has passed  
and I did not  
use Algebra  
once...very  
interesting.



# Message from the President



Most of our readers and alumni know that the Isaac Litton Alumni Association is involved in preserving the legacy of Isaac Litton High School. Most know of our activities in maintaining and preserving the gymnasium and the memorabilia therein. You may have even attended the annual luncheon held every June. However, many people may not understand the scope and extent of some other activities sponsored or contributed to by ILAA.

**Helping Hands Program** – We have assisted Isaac Litton Middle School over the years by providing funding and support for many of their student activities. This has included financial support for the band, football team, track team and others. We have also contributed to help students participate in field trips and afterschool projects. This year, this program was formalized into the Helping Hands Program which provides teachers and coaches additional funds for worthwhile projects and activities through a “micro grant” program. Educators are required to apply for funds stating the reason for the request as well as the potential benefit to the students. These requests are reviewed by a committee and then referred to the full Board for approval. (Please see the full article on our Helping Hands Program elsewhere in this issue of the BLAST).

**Community Outreach** – We work closely and in conjunction with the Inglewood Neighborhood Association and the Litton Parent-Teacher-Student Organization. We are in regular contact with their boards to provide any assistance that we can to help further their objectives and goals.

**Backfield in Motion** – We have been associated with this program since the inception of the ILAA. Our dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to provide daily hot meals to the participants in this program for underserved youth.

**Golden Seniors Program** – This is a program begun this year after recognizing that there are a number of Litton graduates in nursing homes and assisted care facilities that may not have immediate family near them. We have begun the program with a facility in Gallatin that has three graduates in their 90s living there. We will visit this facility in October to recognize these folks and present them with some Litton related gifts. If this program proves successful, we plan to expand it by contacting other facilities.

All these programs and other activities are made possible by the dedication of our board and other volunteers. Our only source of funding is membership fees and contributions. I urge everyone to become a dues paying member of the ILAA and to participate in our programs through volunteering and monetary support.

It has been a long time since most of us attended high school. But the legacy of Isaac Litton lives on through each of us.

Sincerely,  
Dave Brawner, President  
Isaac Litton Alumni Association  
**LITTON HIGH FOREVER!**

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*July 1, 2017 - September 30, 2017*

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>
OF		
40	SARAH ELIZABETH CHERRY HAGEMEYER	July 8, 2017
40	MARY ELIZABETH OAKLEY MENEES	September 3, 2017
45	JOHN A HORSLEY	July 4, 2017
46	SUE VAN WEEKS	May 14, 2017
47	ERSKINE POND AUSBROOKS JR	August 18, 2017
49	BETTY PORCH MATTZELA	August 13, 2017
50	ROBERT JAMES (BOBBY) DEAN	July 13, 2017
51	MARGARET ANN BOYD GREEN	August 23, 2017
51	LEMUEL HALL HARDAWAY	September 20, 2017
53	SARAH ANN ROYLE TRAVIS	July 4, 2017
54	CARL THOMAS BROWN	July 3, 2017
55	VERNON LOUIE BIGGS	July 16, 2017
55	NANCY BOYD ROSSO	September 6, 2017
56	HOMER LEWIS PROUDFOOT	August 8, 2017
59	CARROLL FRANCES NORMAN GREER	September 15, 2017
62	MARY JO FULTON BOEHMS	July 18, 2017
64	JERRY LEE ARNOLD	July 1, 2017
68	RONALD SPURLOCK, SR.	September 18, 2017