



Port Huron High School Class Of 1963

Hello Classmate,

Many of you may know that Sue graduated from Marysville. Next year will be her 50th year anniversary of her graduation. Well, I do web page for her class as well. I was researching classmates from her class that have passed and came across an interesting story that I thought some of you might enjoy. The newspaper article comes from the Times Herald, June 30, 1964. page 3.

Quits Business to Become Teacher

By Paul Gainor (Time Herald Reporter)

What make a successful middle-aged merchant decide to pull up his roots, sell his business and make a new home 1500 miles away?

The pressures of business? A grown family? New opportunities?

ALL THESE played a part in Donald J. MacEachin's decision to leave Port Huron where he has found 24 years of success in business and community life.

MacEachin and his wife, May, 2912 Military Avenue, will leave for San Antonio, Tex., in mid-August where he will study at trinity University for B.S and M.B.A degrees and will teach college. They have sold their house.

"We're going to start a new life in a new location... At age 50 this is going to be a challenge." he said. "I'm going to regret leaving Port Huron but I'm not looking back with remorse. I'm looking ahead to a new life.... When I'm finished with my education I'll have 10 good years or longer to give to young people."

The couple will take an apartment in San Antonio where they will live for three years while MacEachin is earning a B.S. degree and will probably move to Austin, Tex., for one year while he studies for a master's degree at the University of Texas.

MacEachin has sent two children through college now. His son Douglas, 27, is an associate professor at Miami University of Ohio. He lives in Oxford, O., with his wife and child. A daughter, Mrs. B. J. Lehman teaches in Anderson, Ind. The youngest is Janet (classmate), who is a sophomore at Michigan State University.

He will be a student "12 months of the year" and said he may return to Michigan for summer school sessions. "Nowhere I've ever been has better summer living conditions than Port Huron." he said.

BUT, hiss enthusiasm for the Blue Water area is matched by his eagerness to get started in Texas. "We like Texas very much. My wife and I have friends there... Trinity is a lovely school. The weather is better there during the school year... I want to major in Spanish and 50 per cent of the population if San Antonio speaks Spanish., so it will be a good chance to use what I learn." he said.

Mrs. MacEachin shares her husband's sentiments. "She seems to be very happy about it." he said. "We think the life of a college teacher is pretty much independent."

MacEachin recently sold his business, the MacEachin and Niebauer Coal Company and the MacEachin and Niebauer Supply Company, to a Detroit firm.

In his 24 years in Port Huron in Port Huron he has served six terms as president of Little League and four as treasurer. MacEachin was president of Port Huron Kiwanis Club in 1954 and lieutenant governor of the second division in 1956. He has been a member for 20 years. MacEachin is a member of the Dipner Dance Club of Port Huron and was its president in 1956.

He married May Niebauer in 1934 and moved from his Battle Creek home to Port Huron in 1940.

"I regret leaving." He said. "We have had many friends in Port Huron and have fully enjoyed living here."

I found this story interesting and it made me wonder how Donald and May MacEachin did? Did he complete his degrees? Did he become a teacher? Maybe some one can share the story?

On a side note, concerning planning our 70th Birthday Party... I

have secured the North Pavilion of the Fort Gratiot County Park for **August 15, 2015**. The cost will not be determined until the county sets the new rates, but the pavilion is available for most of the day, 10:00 a.m. until the park closes at 8:30 p.m. Last year's rental was \$100.00. It is the nearest pavilion to the bathrooms. I am looking at having it catered. Many of you liked the picnic we had at Lakeside Park following the reunion. I believe that the Beastro catered that affair. The Beastro has since gone out of business. I am following up a couple of leads, 1) Chef Shell (has a nice picnic affair for about \$11:50 a plate. 2) Rent-A-Chef (no details yet). Securing a caterer will require an active participation and registration from those that plan on attending, as well as an up front deposit on my part. I am willing to do this but it will be important to get an accurate number of attendees. If you are planning to attend, please let me know as soon as possible. I am thinking that a \$15 a head will cover the pavilion and eats. Chef Shell's does provide some drinks, but for a long day you might want to bring your own thirst quenchers and lawn chair for comfort. (Note: I don't know yet if alcohol is permitted) What are your thoughts? Thank you.

Blessings,
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