

In the early 1960's, the Cherry Hill Civic Association had yearly elections and even had political parties that would run against each other in elections for leadership roles of the association. Evidently there were three such parties, "the cherry pickers", "the hill climbers", and "the bull shooters". Thanks to Art Zeh we have slides of the meetings and elections that were held in the association meeting room above the pool. More on this subject later in the story.

In either 1964 or 1965, the pool leadership decided to eliminate the concession stand room and turn it into a vending machine room. They blocked up the side people door and the side membership card window and then tore down the front wall and concessions windows, replacing it with a garage door. They then moved the inside stairs to the second floor from inside the old concessions room to the outside of the building on the maple tree lane side of the pool. Finally they secured a small "hut" to be used as the membership card stand and guard break room. In 1985, the old hut was replaced with a larger hut which still stands today.

This brings us to the fall of 2009. Current ownership decided to convert the vending garage back to a concession stand, identical to the original design of 1961. This entailed removing the concrete cinder blocks from the old doorway and from the side window opening. As we were sledge hammering out the cut blocks, we heard glass breaking in the side window blocks. As we investigated, we found an old broken bottle that had been placed in the open cell of one of the cinder blocks used to close up the window opening. We pieced together the pieces we could find and discovered it was a promotional bottle for the political party "bull shooters" promoting their slate of candidates for an early 1960's civic association election. A picture of the glass is featured below. The names are:

Bob Rolfsen lived at the corner of cherry tree and peach, kids names were Lynn and I think Rick
Val Yost lived on Cypress Court, son named Danny
Marggie Garnett I have no idea
Mary Lou Pleasants lived on Cypress Court, husband Jim, kids Kent and Lori
Jack Wendt lived on Maple Tree with wife Eileen, sons Jackie and ?
Last two names are not able to be read

So somewhere out there exists a person who thought it would be fun to place a sort of "time capsule" in the block wall of the concession stand. He or she probably figured it would not be discovered until the place was being torn down completely. Little did they know their secret would be discovered in 2009 as the kid that was 7 or 8 years old when they planted the bottle would be finding it some forty-four years later.