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The churches in town had a Dart League—you had to attend Sunday School twice a month to be eligible to be on this team. This was one way of getting fellows to attend Sunday School! The Trinity Team had a great team and won all the trophies which are still on exhibit in the Trinity Classrooms.

Mr. Lindenmuth was president of the Good Will Hose Company for one year and was a member of the Junior Order of Mechanics for several years. He is a member of the Trinity Church and for many years distributed and collected the hymn books. He has fifteen years perfect attendance in the Sunday School.

He loves to walk and often walks out as far as the ACME which is quite some distance. When Interstate 81 was being built he walked out to watch the progress of that highway but didn’t think he’d live to see it completed—but he did. Now, he wonders if he will live to see the centennial celebration but I’m sure he will! Mr. Lindenmuth has led a hard life working in the mines and played hard playing baseball for many years. He is anxious to see if the centennial celebration will be as much fun as Old Home Week in 1914. He took the week off from work at that time just to enjoy the complete week of festivities.