

# Linn Emerson Sheckler Jr.

was born March 13, 1923 in Battle Creek, Michigan to Linn E. and Ethel G. Sheckler. His parents had both been married previously which provided Linn Jr. with three half brothers and three half sisters. Linn was married to Ada G. Snyder where they had two sons, Merrill and Lester and two daughters, Teressa and Lois. Ethel was married to Carl Lickley where they had a son Earl and a daughter Blanche.



Linn graduated from Fennville, High School in 1941. He was a star in sports as displayed in two newspaper articles from the Fennville Herald below. He also played the tuba in the band. You can bet that uniform he is wearing is black with orange trim.

## THE FENNVILLE HERALD

### THIRTY FOUR TO GRADUATE

Boys out number girls in list of candidates for graduation in the class of 1941 of Fennville High School. 22 boys and 12 girls. 34 in all. They are Melissa Bushee, Wilma Coppock, Rose Emerick, Rena Haan, Marianne Hutchinson, Eileen Jenks, Betty Jean Keag, Phyllis Rosenow, Corlyn Skinner, Lottie Sobus, Josephine Spiesz, Shirley Tucker, **Calvin Crane**, **James Dickinson**, Ora Emerick, Edward Dalrymple, Arthur Fleming, Chester Gryezan, Wellington Hasty, Russel Hoyt, Louis Jones, Ivan Kibby, Allen Line, Tony Marfia, Russell Menold, Carroll Sargent, Norman Schaeffer, Linn Sheckler, Eugene Sneider, Willard Van Dragt, Robert Vernon, Peder Warning, John Wolters, Clare Wolters. **(WWII Casulties)**



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## Saugatuck Loses To Fennville 42-32

The Fennville Blackhawks downed their ancient rivals, the Saugatuck Indians, 42-32 Friday night. The game was witnessed by a large, noisy crowd. In the first quarter it looked as though the Indians were going to give the Fennville boys all they could handle, as the Blackhawks had only a three-point lead, 11 to 8. Fennville picked up another five points before the half ended. 25-17. In the last half Fennville had everything under control and extended the lead to ten points. For Fennville, Dickinson scored 10 points, Menold 9, Wolters and Sheckler 8 each, and Gryezan 7. Baker of Saugatuck led with 12. Fennville closes its season here next Friday with the Holland Christian team. Hopes for victory are high after Fennville's victory over Otsego, which has defeated Holland twice.

## FINISH AS CO-CHAMPIONS

Fennville Blackhawks share the league baseball title with Zeeland after losing a close final 3-2, Monday at Zeeland. Both teams will receive a trophy. "Dutch" Atkins turned in a seven hit game, but two errors by his team mates at the wrong time lost the game. The Blackhawks collected eight hits.

This closes the high school athletic careers of eight seniors: Dickinson, Gryezan, Sonny Hasty, Menold, Carrol Sargent, Line, Wolters and Sheckler. Three of these - Jim Dickinson, shortstop; John Wolters, 1st base; and Co-Captain Linn Sheckler were selected by unanimous choice on the league All-Star team. All other seniors on the team were given honorable mention.

After school, Linn worked for H. J. Heinz in Holland, Michigan and bought his first car.

Linn Jr. enlisted in the navy on March 16, of 1943, in Allegan Michigan, he was sent to boot camp at the Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Illinois.

