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Many local residents will fondly remember the faces pictured in this photo taken back in 1956 by Tom A. Monacelli, correspondent for the Rochester newspapers. The occasion for which this was done marked the 50th anniversary of when these young men first played baseball together on what was known as the Waterport Team.

With the Buffalo Bisons opening game Good Friday at Pilot Field, it brought to mind the eternal change of seasons and of course, with spring comes America's favorite sport — baseball. In fact, baseball too, seems almost eternal when we stop to think about it in relation to how long ago

these men played for Waterport (86 years).

The photo was taken in the living room of Fay Hollenbeck who hosted this anniversary gathering on May 2, 1956. Note the vintage wallpaper pattern and design typical of that era. From left: Everett Strickland of Waterport, Lewis Porter of Medina, Fay Hollenbeck of Gaines, Carl Millis and Earl Sartwell of Waterport, Francis A. Sturges (County Judge) of Albion, Earl Strickland of Carlton, Elmer Hyde and George Rowley of Waterport.

Monacelli, in his article about this wrote: "According to other old timers this Waterport team was a good one."