Walk into any Lewis Clark Credit Union branch today, and you are met by a dedicated staff of financial professionals. However, for many decades after LCCU’s founding, the “professionals” were administrators and teachers who carved out time from their schedules to perform the essential duties, ensuring that the credit union worked for every member. Wayne York was a prime example.

Raised in Hailey, Idaho, York graduated from the University of Idaho and came to Lewiston in 1942 to serve as the vice-principal of the old junior high school. In 1943, he was elected as the second president of Lewis Clark Credit Union.

In 1946 York became principal of Webster Elementary School, which once stood where Booth Hall is found today. In 1948, York was appointed principal at the new Whitman Elementary and served out his sixth term as LCCU president. For many years, he directed Lewiston’s all-city marble tournament for school children. He moved to Garfield Elementary in 1955 and was the president of the Idaho Education Association (IEA) for the 1958-1959 school year.

York moved to Boise in 1961 to become the IEA’s director of research for special services. He became the IEA executive secretary in 1965, retiring in 1976.

Donny went away to Columbia University and joined the school’s vocal ensemble, of which Art Garfunkel was an alumnus. When the ensemble added doo-wop versions of 1950s hits to their repertoire, promoters of an upcoming concert took notice. The concert was Woodstock, and the group took on a new persona --- Sha Na Na, a name taken from the lyrics of a 1958 song by the Silhouettes. Anyone who has seen the movie “Grease” remembers Sha-Na-Na in their gold suits. Donny wore his trademark sunglasses.