



IONE'S CONCERT BAND enlivened Fourth of July celebrations and other occasions with its music in the early 1900's. This picture, original of which is the property of Dave and Lucile Rietmann of Ione, was taken July 7, 1907. In the front row (from left)

are Dr. C. C. Chick, Ross Everett, Joe Cronin, Harry Mallory, Levi Hill, Ed Rose and Ed Bristow. In the back row are the Rev. J. L. Jones, P. G. Balsiger, Judge Frank Robinson, Cash Mallory, C. J. Pennington and J. C. (Oliver) Kincaid.

### Independence Day Brings Memories Of Old Ione Band

If the pages of time were turned back a little more than a half century this week, stirring patriotic music from the Ione Concert Band would be filling the air in Morrow county to commemorate Independence Day.

The band was organized about 1900 and played regular concerts for 12 or 14 years, Dave Rietmann of Ione recalls with some nostalgia.

On special occasions, such as national holidays, the band was at its best. When the U. S. Cavalry moved from Walla Walla to Vancouver, Wash., in 1908, its route went through Ione. The arrival of the 400 soldiers was a highlight that brought the band out in force for a fitting musical concert as a salute. The Road of the Cavalry went via Ione to Moro where they crossed the Deschutes river enroute to their new headquarters.

August Lundell was bandmaster of the musical group for years, serving until he went to Astoria to lead a band there. His father, Frank Lundell, sent him to Berlin to study music. August is brother of Emil, Ernest, Algott, Mrs. Anna Lindstrom (mother of Franklin and Roy), Oscar, and Mrs. Mary

Swanson (mother of Gar Swanson).

One member of the band, Cash Mallory, later became president of Grace Steamship Lines, Rietmann states. Mallory went to Portland from Ione, and then to New York City.

Included in the band were a minister, a doctor and a lawyer. The minister was the Rev. J. L. Jones, pastor of the Congregational church in Ione for some 15 years. Dr. C. C. Chick was the physician. He came to Hardman, then was in Ione from 1906 to 1917, after which he located in Heppner until 1928, as Rietmann recalls. He then went to Portland for two years and left there to go to Hood River. Judge Frank Robinson was the lawyer.

Others in the band at the time a picture was taken of the group in 1907 were Harry Mallory, brother of Cash; Ed Bristow, father of E. W. Bristow, who came from Ontario, Canada, late in the 1890's with the Hynd brothers; Ed Rose, who operated a jewelry store; Joe Cronin, a bank cashier at Ione; C. J. Pennington, depot agent for some 20 years; J. O. Kincaid, grandfather of Lindsay, Ralph, Roger and Lyle Kincaid; Ross Everett; P. G. Balsiger, hardware dealer from 1890 until about 1940 and Levi Hill.

Weekly concerts were enjoyed outdoors during the summer season, and the band also played often during the winter months. Lundell received \$15 per month for his work, Rietmann said.

### Arvilla Swanson Dies Here Sunday

Mrs. Katie Arvilla Swanson, 82, of Ione, a native of Morrow county and daughter of pioneer parents, died in Pioneer Memorial hospital Sunday, July 2.

She was born at the former community of Petteysville in the county, where the ranch of Marlon Palmer is now located. Her parents, Ammanuel Carrol Petteys and Catherine Gienger, were pioneer homesteaders.

The first postoffice in Morrow county was at Petteysville in the front room of the Petteys family home. The first school classes were held in the same front room of the home and were taught by the former Ella Mason who recently died in Portland. This was also an important stage coach stop for those traveling north and south. She was married to C. W. (Bill) Swanson and they operated a ranch for years. He preceded her in death in 1951.

Swanson operated a general merchandise and feed mill in Ione for some 40 years. The store burned in 1948 but was started again in another location.

Mrs. Swanson was a member of the Ione United Church of Christ, of Rebekah lodge No. 91,

and of Willows Grange.

Funeral services will be Thursday, July 6, at 11 a.m. at the Ione United Church of Christ with the Rev. Al Boschee officiating. Interment will be in Petteys cemetery. Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Surviving are one son, A. C. Swanson; two daughters, Mrs. Norma Rea of Ione, and Mrs. Ruth Lundell of Milwaukie; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Nicholson of Ione and Mrs. Ruth Cossman of Los Angeles, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Emile Groshens returned home last Wednesday evening after spending the past month in Portland. She had helped in the care of her mother, Mrs. Earl Hough, who had undergone surgery, but is now showing steady improvement and is convalescing at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Pearson and children vacationed Sunday to Tuesday, June 25 to 27, at the Rod Murray cabin at Ocean Lake.

### Scouts Initiated In Arrow Order

Heppner Scout Troop 661 participated in Order of the Arrow initiations at Camp Wallowa over the week-end of June 23 to 25.

Duane Steers and Barney Marshall, elected to the Order of the Arrow, and Robbie Abrams and Jim Healy, members of the Order, attended the initiation, accompanied by Bob Abrams.

Tommy Hughes who was elected and tapped to the Order was unable to attend, but he plans to be initiated at his new home in Monroe.

Initiation ceremonies consist of a week-end of hard work, no conversation and limited food. Abrams and Barney Marshall managed to pass the initiation, but Duane Steers will have to try again.

The Scout troop is planning to attend Camp Wallowa for its regular camp session beginning July 16.

Tom Glass, now working in public relations with the U. S. Job Corps, was in Heppner over the 4th of July week-end.

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