

# Old Timers' Club Is New Valley Organization

If you are on of those persons who can become as excited over a 1915 Ford or a Stanley Steamer as the latest news about the 1958 automobile models, perhaps you can qualify for the Rogue valley's newest organization, The Old Timers' club. These few men who have been meeting together for the past three months, may own modern cars, but their first loves are the "Tin Lizzies" they have restored or the "classics" they have been fortunate enough to find.

Earl Kurz, Talent, is president of the new group. So far the men and their families have confined their activities to picnics and outings, but a "rally" and other events are in the offing. Anyone interested may contact Mr. Kurz, or the club secretary, Jack Milhoan.

Most of the men own early-day cars which they have restored themselves, although some have been lucky enough to be able to buy old timers which were in fair or good condition. A car must not be newer than 1931 to be classed as an "old timer." "Classics" include D. J. Clifford's 1930 Packard and the 1923 Dord owned by Lowell Reavis.

Some of the men are members of the Horseless Carriage Club of America, and this organization rules that to be a "classic" a car must be considered one of the finest examples of an automobile produced during a given era. The field includes such names as Mercedes, Benz, Hispana Suza, Stutz, Lincoln and Dusenber.

lights, fenders, seat springs, wheels—any of these may turn up in an unexpected spot, or may have to be ordered, as a last resort, from a parts house. These are doing a booming business, it is said, since more and more persons are becoming interested in the hobby of restoring "the horseless carriage." Sometimes a friend tells a friend who tells another friend who tells a collector that man in Dorris, Calif., or Hillsboro, Ore., or some other town, has a klaxon, or a fender or some other sought after piece and the collector then writes, or goes calling. Correspondence sometimes leads to lasting friendships.

Such articles as tires and tubes are usually ordered. Upholstery presents one of the most difficult restoration

problems, and usually must be custom-made by an expert. The old wooden parts usually must be replaced; fir usually is substituted for the original oak.

**Assemble Wardrobes**

Wives and families of the collectors soon become interested. One of the projects undertaken by the wives and daughters is the assembling of a wardrobe which matches, more or less, the period of the car. Few of these articles can be purchased, so the women do research on the period and make the needed garments. Mrs. Lowell Reavis has assembled a wardrobe for the four members of their family which is of the 1923 period, and the Jack Milhoans also are ready with clothing of the 1915 time.

Sometimes the wives be-

come interested in other Americana, and end up by acquiring various antiques.

One of the problems which arise is the matter of title. If a man owns an automobile made up of pieces acquired in six or eight different places and from several persons, what can he do for a bill of sale? Sometimes he uses one from the person supplying the largest portion of the car.

Some of the cars have "old timer" licenses issued by Oregon, and other states, for the old cars which are not in general use but taken out on the road only for display or special purposes.

Members of the new group are hopeful that other persons in the valley interested in preserving early-day cars, not only for the pleasure of the owners, but as a contribu-

**Mushroom Meat Loaf Good Hot or Cold**

New York—(UPI)—Mushroom meat loaf is a real treat, served hot or cold.

For a 6-serving loaf, combine 2/3 cup (1 small can) undiluted evaporated milk and 1 egg with 1/2 pounds ground beef, 1/2 cup cracker crumbs, 1/2 teaspoon rivesdd 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1/4 teaspoon each pepper and thyme, 1/4 cup chopped onion, 1/2 cup chopped green pepper and 1 cup sliced mushrooms.

Mix well, press into a 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 2 1/2-inch loaf pan, lined with waxed paper. Bake in moderate (350 degree) oven about 1 hour. Let stand in a pan 10 minutes, turn out on platter and slice.

**Mrs. Rene Grosch To Be Hostess For Club Session**

Pythian club will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Rene Grosch, 1089 Siskiyou boulevard, Ashland. Mrs. George Thomas will be co-hostess.

Past Chiefs' club of the Pythian Sisters met last Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Emilie Conrad for a covered dish luncheon. Mrs. Conrad donated a gift which will be sold at a later meeting.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Max Hawks for a 1 o'clock covered dish luncheon.

Officers of Pythian Sisters will hold a meeting Friday, July 11, at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Harry Bryant, 1312 Reddy avenue.

**Budget-conscious brides choose glassware that can do double-duty.** Shown here is Libbey's Colonial Heritage design in champagne-sherbet—which does "stand-in" job as elegant server for pudding dessert. Accompanying article offers suggestions for basic glassware "wardrobe."

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Not All Classics

Not all old timer cars are classics, but the men who own the Fords and Chevrolets and Nashes are consoled by one thought—these cars are more readily available and so are the parts and pieces needed for restoring them.

Many of the old timer enthusiasts start with the remains of a car which is little better than "junk." Restorers follow a thorough and painstaking course that has become standard procedure in bringing "old hulks" back to "mint condition." The old car is disassembled, down to the last nut and bolt, and every part is cleaned. Rusted parts are cut out and replaced, and this replacement sometimes involves a long search. The owner may be lucky enough to find a usable part in a junk yard or old barn, he may also be able to buy or more likely swap with another collector, or he may be forced to have a machinist make the part, or make it himself if he has the right material and equipment.

"Mint" Is Best

Always he strives to put the car in "mint" or the very best condition.

The Model T is now in its fiftieth year since its introduction, and it is the car most often restored because it is the most plentiful and available. It is estimated that well over 50,000 Model T Fords are now in the hands of collectors of old cars or in museums.

The constant search for parts and pieces takes the collector to abandoned towns, to isolated farms, to junk yards and heaps and unlikely spots. Members of the Rogue valley Old Timers' club made a trip to Shale City, abandoned settlement in Jackson county, and found considerable material. The road, no longer maintained, was so rough that the men took a tractor in.

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