

Wood River Old Timers Whoop It Up At Picnic In Kimball Park

By MYRTLE WIMER

PORT KLAMATH, Aug. 24—The Jackson P. Kimball Memorial park at the head of Wood river was the setting for the first annual picnic held Sunday, August 21, for Wood river valley pioneers and old-time residents. Coming from far and near, a large crowd gathered for the day, and "a good time was had by all" expresses the general sentiment as everyone present enjoyed to get-together and re-union of old friends.

At 1 o'clock, a potluck picnic luncheon was enjoyed, long tables placed under the pines fairly groaning with the variety of food of every conceivable variety, in the well-known Port Klamath traditional style. Each party attending brought a contribution to the lunch, with watermelon and ice cream rounding out the feast. Coffee for the picnic crowd was made by Mrs. Frank Denton and Mrs. Katherine Nichols, the latter being a local visitor for the summer from Susanville, Calif., and a former resident of many years here.

Around 4 o'clock, when partially recovered from the effects of the picnic lunch, the men organized a baseball team on which R. S. "Seth" Dixon was the star player, with Mrs. William C. Martin almost stealing the honors when she substituted at the bat several times, to the great amusement of the spectators.

The day's pleasure was marred and the baseball game brought abruptly to an end about 8 o'clock when Charles "Chuck" Zumbrun, well-known local resident, collapsed while watching the game. Zumbrun had withdrawn from playing in the game a short while before when he was seized with a severe cramp in his left leg, and was standing among the spectators when he collapsed. The sudden acute attack of illness was evidently brought on by over-exertion in playing ball. Zumbrun was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Dixon to the home of his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zumbrun, at the Zumbrun ranch, where he is reported as improved at this time.

The incident dampened the high

spirits of the gathering and plans were cancelled for further festivities which were to be held that evening, including building a huge bonfire.

Zumbrun is employed by the Warm Springs Lumber company at Madras and in company with E. W. Brewer of Port Klamath, also employed there, had come here this past week-end especially to attend the picnic.

On Saturday night preceding the picnic, a dance was held in the clubhouse, sponsored by the C.I. club, and many out-of-town old-time residents here for the get-together were in attendance at the affair, which was a fine success both socially and financially. The committee in charge included Mrs. William A. Page, Mrs. Joanna Taylor and Mrs. William C. Hackler.

The committee in charge of all arrangements for the picnic was Mr. and Mrs. Guss A. Page, Mrs. Frank Denton and Mrs. Katherine Nichols. A hearty vote of thanks is tendered by the community to this committee, whose members

worked like Trojans to make the affair the success it proved to be. Mrs. Page advises that she has at her home several articles of silver-ware and dishes left on the grounds and the owners of same may call there and retrieve them.

It is announced that a similar picnic and get-together will be held next year, at the same time and place, and all old-time residents are invited to attend, regardless of the initial year of residence in Wood river valley.

Out-of-state visitors here for the occasion included the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKeever of Hoquiam, Wash.; Alma Berry Caron and her sister, Alta Berry Harroch of Seattle, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McQuiston of Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Katherine Nichols of Susanville, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Frederic A. Baker and Mrs. Sarah L. Shocum of Berkeley, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hinrichsen (Grace Wheeler) of Palmdale, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kestelborn of Pasadena, Calif.; Mrs. Anna Peters of San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. Mamie Dixon Loomis of San Diego, Calif.; Emmett Sasmore of Yuleta, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moffitt of White River, Arizona.

From Oregon outside points the following were present: Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bakestraw, Mr. and Mrs. Gomez Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred B. Castel Sr., Virgil Stewart, Mr. and

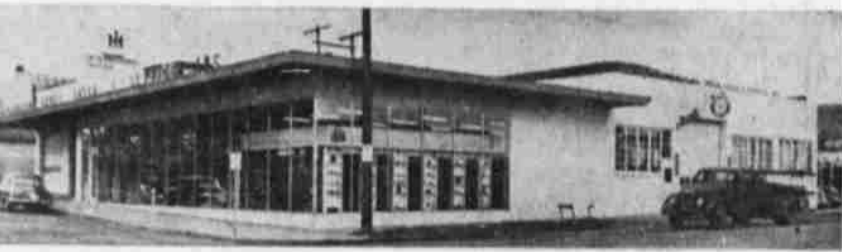
Mrs. Russell Herman, Mrs. Fannie Bunch and daughter, Mrs. Loy Barker, Mrs. Harold Malloy and son Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wampler, Chiloquin; Mrs. O. J. McQuinn, Madras; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Elliott, Klamath Agency; from Williamson river, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Murphy; Drs. Martin, Ernie, Gus M. Crystal, Dan J. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Britton, John Zbinden, Chasmit, Mrs. Eva Nichols, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Laboda Sr., Malin; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houston, Talent, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Denton, Grants Pass; Mrs. Ernest Jernmark, Central Point; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Norris, Miss Fern Loeber, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Turner, Mrs. Edna Pomeroy, Ashland; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McKeever and Carrie Dixon, Roseburg.

The latter was the oldest out-of-town former local resident, and is 77 years old, while Ed Hoyt of Port Klamath, 75, took the honors for being the oldest Wood river valley resident present at the picnic on Sunday. Charles Noah of Port Klamath is 81, and now the oldest person in the valley, but was unable to attend the get-together and picnic.

Most of the population of Wood river valley turned out for the picnic to enjoy the day visiting with friends of former years.

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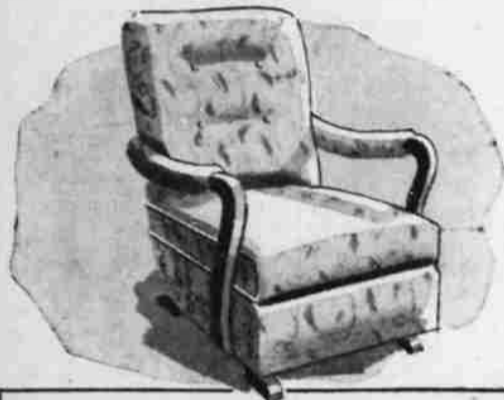


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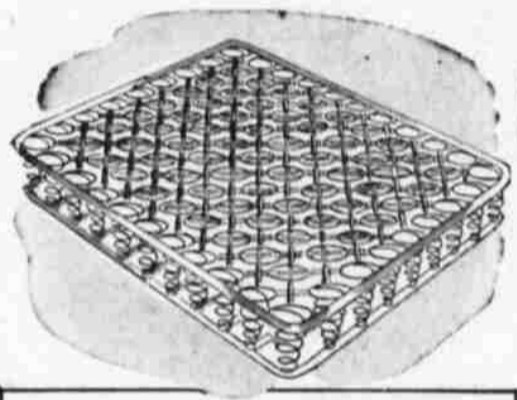


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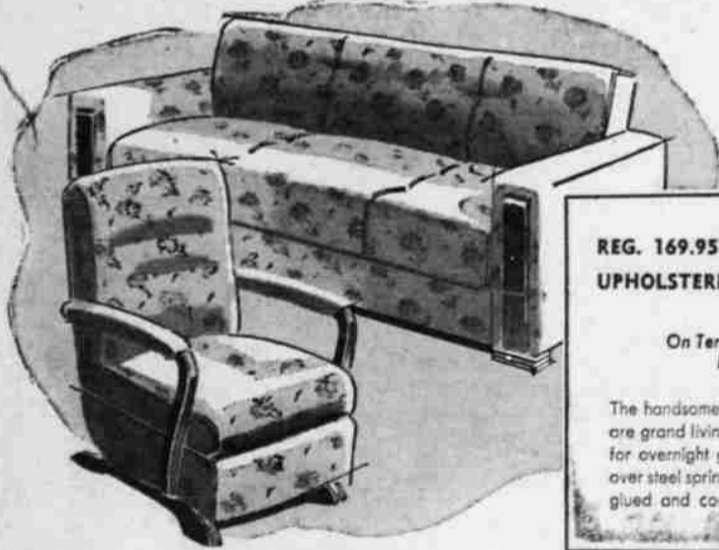
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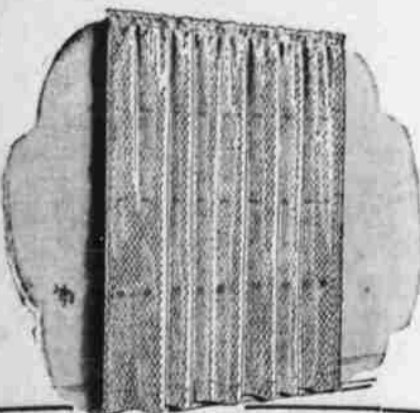
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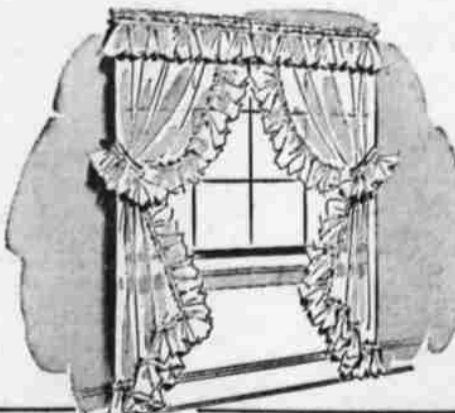
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