

Wood River Pioneers Hold Picnic

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FORT KLAMATH—The ninth annual get-together and picnic of the Wood River Pioneers and Old-Timers were events of Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, August 16 and 17.

Since August of 1949, former residents of the Wood River Valley return each summer to enjoy a weekend of renewing old friendships and reminiscing with schoolmates of the early days. Only those who have actually lived or are still living in the Wood River Valley are eligible for membership in the organization, pioneer members are persons who were here before, up to and including the year 1918; old-time members are those who came later, between 1918 and up to and including 1930. A husband or wife of a pioneer or old-time member automatically becomes one of the group by virtue of his or her spouse's status, upon attaining the age of 21 and families of members are eligible to join and help carry on the objectives of the Wood River Pioneers and Old-Timers. This is set forth on the reverse side of printed membership cards mailed each year with Christmas greeting cards to all members of the organization, and reads as follows:

"Purpose of the Wood River Pioneers and Old-Timers: To bring together, at least once a year, those who pioneered the Wood River Valley. (Third Sunday in August of each year, a picnic preceded by evening get-together.)

"To keep alive traditions, history and friendships of a people who deserve to be honored and remembered for their achievements."

The organization is purely social, and is perhaps unique in that it has never been commercialized in any way. Funds collected from annual dues of one dollar per member (except honorary members) are used to meet incidental expenses incurred by the yearly get-together and picnic, membership and greeting cards.

Saturday evening, August 16, the social get-together and business meeting was held at 8 o'clock in the C.I. Clubhouse in Fort Klamath with 49 present. William A. Page, president, conducted the short business session, which opened with a salute to the flag, followed by each person rising and introducing him or herself, with those from out of state giving brief talks.

Members of the organization were extended an invitation by Hal H. Ogle, Klamath Falls, to attend the picnic of the Klamath County Historical Society which was held Sunday, August 24, at Bly.

The secretary was authorized to get a new scrapbook to replace the present one, which has become somewhat dilapidated from much handling. It contains many treasured pictures of the early days as well as newspaper pictures and accounts of the annual weekend events of the organization, together with articles and pictures of present day residents of the Wood River Valley.

Election of officers for 1958-59 was held with the following results: James P. Noriel, pioneer member of Cloverdale, California, president, succeeding William A. Page; Richard O. Varnum, old-timer member of Fort Klamath, vice president, succeeding William Brewer; Mrs. Harold (Myrtle) Wimer, secretary, and Mrs. Mildred R. Castel, treasurer, both re-elected; Dan Sullivan of Williamson River, chosen to act as director, succeeding Emmett Sisemore. Minutes of the 1956 meeting were read by the secretary, and the financial report was given by the treasurer.

Diversion of the evening at the close of the short business meeting was dancing to the music of members Harold Wimer, piano; Richard O. Varnum, violin; Clifford Daw and Clifford Engle, guitars. Refreshments were served the gathering by Mrs. James Van Wormer and Mrs. Raymond Van Wormer.

One hundred forty three were registered at the potluck picnic held at 1 p.m. Sunday at Jackson F. Kimball State Park at the head

of Wood River—beauty spot of nature, dear to the hearts of many who return year after year to the weekend reunion. Aside from its historical significance, it is held in sentimental regard by members who played there in early childhood and meet each year to exchange nostalgic reminiscences with playmates of those bygone days.

At this year's picnic gathering, many familiar faces were missed, conditions making it impossible for several to be present; the principal contributing factor was illness, either personal or among members of their families. Absent this year were the official coffee makers and servers, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Sisemore, who always brewed coffee in the huge combination stove and boiler belonging to the organization. Handling this detail this year were Walter Wise and William A. Page.

Spread on long tables under the pines at the park was picnic fare of every variety, with the organization furnishing coffee, punch and ice cream as well as part of the picnic repast.

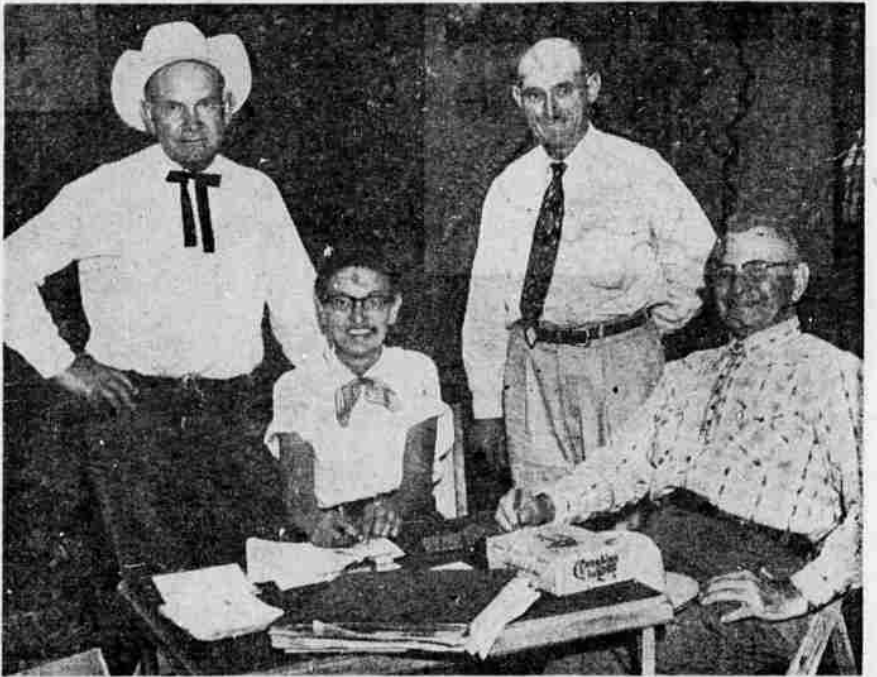
During the afternoon, prizes were awarded to members in the following categories: Oldest woman present, 86-year-old Edson Turner Lenz, Fort Klamath; oldest man present, 86-year-old Edson Turner of Ashland; youngest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Vanis Collman, Klamath Falls, whose 3-month-old daughter took the prize for the youngest girl in attendance, while 3-month-old John Wade Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Nelson of Palo Alto, California, was which all present participated was the longest distance to be awarded the prize for the young-woman by Mrs. Obil Shattuck, Yakima, Washington.

New members added to the list this year include Mr. and Mrs. Vern LaCombe, Westminster, California; Mrs. Zeva M. Loosley Flick, Santa Barbara, California, was included in absentia by her sister, Mrs. Ada B. Loosley Myers; Phyllis Sanderson Wightman, Petaluma, California; Mr. and Mrs. Vanis Collman, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Hal H. Ogle, Klamath Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Ray V. Chase, Charles Click and Mrs. Kay Wimer, Fort Klamath; reinstated as members were Mrs. William C. (Vera) Hackler, Sacramento; Mr. and Mrs. Forrester Loosley, Susanville; Richard L. Hellig, Klamath Falls. Total membership to date includes 179 regular members and 25 honorary members. The latter are those who are 75 or over.

Attending from California points were Mr. and Mrs. James P. Noriel, Cloverdale; Dale Jackson, Los Angeles; Dr. and Mrs. Warren More, Sonoma; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hatch, Santa Cruz; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Myers, North Hollywood; Grace Wheeler Hinrichsen, Phyllis Wightman, Petaluma; Mr. and Mrs. Forrester Loosley, Susanville; Mr. and Mrs. Vern LaCombe, Westminster; Mrs. William C. Hackler, Sacramento; Mrs. John J. Nelson, Palo Alto; Larry Darragh, Pacoima; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collman, Novato.

From the state of Washington came Mr. and Mrs. Hans F. Harrsch, Seattle, and Mr. and Mrs. Obil Shattuck, Yakima.

Those attending from Oregon included Mrs. Harry Turner, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Edson Turner, Blanche Huffman, Ashland; D. F. Lawton, Shady Cove; Mr. and Mrs. James Wampler and family, Powell Butte; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmor, Mrs. Birdie Burke, Bonanza; Mrs. Mae Gale, Langell Valley; Bill Skeen, Mr. and Mrs. Timony Hess, Sprague River; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Crawford, Cora Crystal, Dan Sullivan, Williamson River; Mrs. Minnie Mallory, Mr. and Mrs. William Priebe, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wampler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wampler and family, Albert Briceco, Chiloquin; from Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Horton, Charles Biehr, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Collman, Mrs. Helena Horton, Jennie Hurn, George and Fred Zumbrun, Mrs. Howard Holiday and children, Sykes Hamaker, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shive, Richard L. Hellig, Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Soule, Mr. and Mrs. Charles



NEW OFFICERS of the Wood River Pioneers and Old-Timers were elected at the recent get-together in Fort Klamath. Shown here, seated, is the new president, James P. Noriel. With him at the table is Myrtle Wimer, secretary. Standing are, left, Richard Varnum, vice president, and Dan Sullivan, director. Mildred Castel, treasurer, was not pictured.



THE OLDEST MAN AND WOMAN present at the recent Wood River Pioneers and Old-Timers picnic were Edson Turner, 86, Ashland, and Mrs. Charles Lenz, 89, Fort Klamath. Youngest married couple was Mr. and Mrs. Vannis Collman of Klamath Falls, who brought the youngest girl, their daughter Teresa, aged 3 months.

E. Drew, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Vanis Collman, Stanley Waldo, Lavon Dearing, Grover Copeland, Mrs. Leslie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Low, Mrs. Clara Collman, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Barnes, William Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Hal H. Ogle, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Collman, Mrs. Ida Grimes and Joe Perry.

Fort Klamath residents present were Mrs. Mildred Lenz Garrett, Mrs. Charles Lenz, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McKeever, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Loosley, Mrs. JoAnna Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. William Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. William Brewer and family, Mrs. Ralph Darling, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wise, Guss A. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Page and family, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Van Wormer and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Van

Wormer and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. William Zumbrun, Mrs. Kay Wimer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Engle, Van Branham, Charles Click, Mr. and Mrs. Weston Engle and Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Varnum, Mr. and Mrs. Ray V. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. J. Quince Buell and grandchildren, Wilbur Jackson, Mrs. Raymond S. Loosley, Mrs. Hollis Kizer and Alexine, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zumbrun, Ober Brown, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brown and children, Lorin M. Streeter, Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Brown, Mrs. Harold L. Wimer and grandson, James H. Wimer, Mr. and Mrs. Duane F. Wood, Mrs. Myrtle Copeland, and Mrs. Eva Nichols, Portland.

More copies of daily newspapers are sold every day in the Klamath Basin than bottles of milk, loaves of bread, or packs of cigarettes.

The Cover
All photographers have their moments when the only thing that will satisfy the artist in them is a picture of a pretty girl. Herald and News photographer Don Kettler was in that mood when he took today's cover shot of Stella Lummus. Stella is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Lummus, 2611 Bisbee. Stella will be a senior at KUHS this fall.