

Wood River Pioneers Hold Annual Meeting

FORT KLAMATH—The 14th annual get-together and picnic of the Wood River Pioneers and Oldtimers was held on the weekend of Aug. 17 and 18, with local members acting as hosts to early day residents who came from Washington, California and Oregon points to enjoy renewing old friendships and reminiscing with childhood schoolmates.

Purpose of the purely social, non-profit society is set forth on the back of membership cards mailed with greeting cards each Christmas season, and reads: "To bring together, at least once a year, those who pioneered the Wood River Valley. (Third Sunday in August 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."

Fifty attended the get-together held at 8 p.m. Saturday in the C.I. Clubhouse, with the 1962-63 president, Bert Gray, conducting the business meeting, which opened with the salute to the flag, the colors being advanced by Boy Scouts Dan Brown and Gerald Page.

Appointed at last year's meeting by 1961-62 president William Brewer was a committee composed of the officers in addition to members Ray V. Chase, Guss A. Page and Bert Gray. The group was asked to meet and make suggestions, to be reported at this year's meeting, in regard to changing membership rules.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Comer (Glenda Taylor), Chico, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Willoughby (J. a. quetta Saunders), Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Micka (Barbara Cornett), Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Haskins (Joan Drager), Mrs. Betty Meek (Betty McVay), all of Tulare.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Shuck (Wanda Beste), Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Henzel, Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ingolia (Patti Smith), Sacramento, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Fowler, Veneta, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Vaughn (Kathleen Wilson), Milwaukie, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beattie (Barbara McCulley), Citrus Heights, Calif., Gary Cooper, Los Angeles, and Susan Schofield, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Unruh were the general chairmen of the entire reunion. It was voted to plan another reunion in 10 years with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McVay accepting the chairmanship.

The committee met April 10 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wimer, and in order to offset the thinning of membership ranks by the inevitable toll taken each year by death, arrived at the following decision: the dates of membership eligibility of 1918 for pioneers and 1930 for oldtimers be changed, with a total of 14 years (representing number of years since the first picnic in 1949) to be added to dates in both categories; that the dates be changed accordingly to 1932 for pioneer and to 1944 for oldtimer membership, and that one year be added to both dates with each succeeding year. As formerly, descendants of members would be eligible to join upon attaining the age of 21.

The recommendations of the committee were read to the gathering, and were unanimously adopted.

To serve from August, 1963, through the third weekend of next August, the following officers were chosen to head the organization: Ray V. Chase, president; Richard O. Varnum, vice president; Myrtle Wimer, secretary; reelected: Elva Varnum, treasurer; reelected: W. C. Martin, director.

Anecdotes of early days in the valley were related in talks by Obil Shattuck of Yakima, Wash.; his sister, Mrs. Clara Collman, Klamath Falls; Forrester Loosley, Eureka, Calif.; Clyde McKeever, Hoquiam, Wash.; Wilbur Jackson, Yuba City, Calif.; Mrs. James P. Noriel, Cloverdale, Calif.; Mrs. Elizabeth M. Loosley and Mrs. Willeska R. Loosley, Fort Klamath.

The meeting adjourned after the singing of "God Bless America" and the retiring of the flag by the scouts. A congenial hour followed, and refreshments were served those present.

Scrapbooks compiled throughout the years by the secretary proved interesting, with many old time pictures in addition to more recent pictures and articles from the Klamath Falls Herald and News. Visiting, reminiscing and dancing to the music of Harold Wimer, piano, Richard O. Varnum, violin, Bert Gray and Clifford Engle, guitar, rounded out the evening.

There were 167 present at the potluck picnic held Sunday in Jackson F. Kimball State Park at the head of Wood River, and Mrs. Fred Middlebush, Den-

nis F. Lawton, Fern Leever, Medford; Cloris Collman, Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. James, Inez Ferguson, Myrtle E. Denton, Ashland; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Siemens, Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson and two children, Tiller; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ferguson, Prineville.

The bountiful feast was spread on long tables under the pines at the park, with Mrs. Ray V. Chase, chairman of tables and food, assisted by Mrs. W. C. Martin and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Loosley. Punch, coffee and ice cream were furnished by the organization, with Mrs. Gene Page in charge of punch, Ray V. Chase and Bert Gray brewing and serving coffee in the huge combination stove and boiler, and Gene Page serving ice cream.

Hauling supplies to and from the picnic site was the responsibility of W. C. Martin, William Brewer, Guss A. Page, Bert Gray, Clifford Engle, Ray V. Chase and Tom O'Connor.

Twelve-year-old Bernice Collman of Klamath Falls entertained during the afternoon with accordion selections, and Richard O. Varnum also played his guitar and sang.

Prizewinners were oldest man present, Dan Savage of Livingston, Calif., who was 93 last March; oldest woman present, Mrs. Charles (Annie) Lenz of Fort Klamath, 95 last November; youngest person present, 3-month-old James Leighton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Leighton of Klamath Falls, and 31st great-grandchild of Mrs. Clara Collman of Klamath Falls; for coming the longest distance, Mr. and Mrs. L. Clyde McKeever, from Hoquiam, Wash., a distance of 400 miles; for longest continuous residence in the Wood River Valley, Bert Gray, a resident for 61 years; for being the baldest man at the picnic, Hal H. Ogle of Klamath Falls.

Those from Fort Klamath included Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Varnum, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Engle, Weston Engle, Mrs. Alice B. (Birdie) Engle, Wayne Erma and Rex Engle, Mrs. Walter J. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. Quince Buell, Mrs. Clarence Jenkins, Donna and Linda Jenkins, Mrs. Joanna Taylor, Mrs. Bill Nicholson, Larry, Gary, Brad, Jeff and Lisa Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gray, Mrs. Earl M. (Lida) Jackson, Mrs. Elmore Nicholson, Teresa, Martin, Julie and Mary Lou Nicholson, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Loosley, Mr. and Mrs. William Brewer, Edwin W. Brewer, Lyle Brewer, Mrs. J. P. (Nora) McAuliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. McAuliffe, Pete O'Connor, Tom O'Connor, Patricia and James Popson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Wimer, Joan and James Wimer, Mr. and Mrs. Ray V. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. William Zumburn, Charles (Chuck) Zumburn, Mr.

and Mrs. W. C. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hescok, Mrs. Willeska R. Loosley, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McKeever, Guss A. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Page, Gerald, Gayle, Gloria and Genie Page, Mrs. Charles (Annie) Lenz and Mrs. Mildred Lenz Garrett.

Mrs. Alfred B. (Tony) Castel, Mrs. Mildred R. Castel, Lakeview; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Hess, Barbara, Steve and Janice Hess, William Skeen, Sprague River; Mr. and Mrs. William Hartley, Mike and Dan Clark, Bonanza.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon, Mrs. Carl Chase, Bly; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Loosley, Malin; Mrs. Lona Johnson, Mrs. Edythe Deffenbacher, Mrs. Gene Corbin, Duane Corbin, Chiloquin; Ernest Plantz, Mrs. Forrest Delling, Agency Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Crawford, Cora Crystal, Dan Sullivan, Ben Murphy, Williamson River.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Royce, Mr. and Mrs. Gillis Hannigan, Mary and Jack Hannigan, Grover Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shive, Mr. and Mrs. Hal H. Ogle, Donald Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaner, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Barker, Joe Perry, Mrs. Clara Collman, Lavon Dearing, Mr. and Mrs. Vanis Collman, Teresa, Lenita, Laurie and Tina Collman, Mr. and Mrs. James Leighton and James Jr., Bernice Collman, Mr. and Mrs. Obil Collman, and C. R. Kendall, Klamath Falls.

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OLDTIMERS — These pictures show a few of the many who attended the recent Wood River Pioneers and Oldtimers picnic at Kimball Park. Top left is William Skeen, 87, of Sprague River (left) and Emmett McKeever, 77, Fort Klamath. Two other pioneers at top right are 91-year-old Mrs. Katherine Nichols, Susanville (left), and Mrs. Myrtle E. Denton, 77, Ashland. Prizewinners (lower left, from the left) are Dan Savage, 93, Livingston, Calif.,

oldest man present; Mrs. Charles (Annie) Lenz, 95, Fort Klamath, oldest woman; Hal H. Ogle, Klamath Falls, most bald-headed man present; John A. (Bert) Gray, living in Fort Klamath longest, 61 continuous years. Mr. and Mrs. L. Clyde McKeever (lower right) won the prize for traveling farthest, from Hoquiam, Wash., to attend the celebration.

Malin Class Has Reunion

MALIN — Saturday, Aug. 31, gala evening of renewing old acquaintances. Andy Travis, now a member of Malin High School faculty, acted as master of ceremonies. A dinner and party at Molare's party room in Klamath Falls, was the place for a

Class history was given by Jerry Macken, class last will and testament by Barbara (Havina) McVay, and class prophecy by Jacquetta (Saunders) Willoughby. A special prize was awarded to Eddie McAuliffe.

An evening of dancing followed the dinner and the following Sun-

day the entire group gathered at the Malin Park for a potluck picnic. A quarter of beef was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Henzel, Klamath Falls.

Teachers present who taught the four years of this class were A. E. Street, James Conroy, Mrs. Bonnie Stephens and Don Miller and their wives and husbands.

Class graduates and their families present were Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Ottoman (Betty Bunnell), Mr. and Mrs. Andy Travis, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Macken, Mr. and



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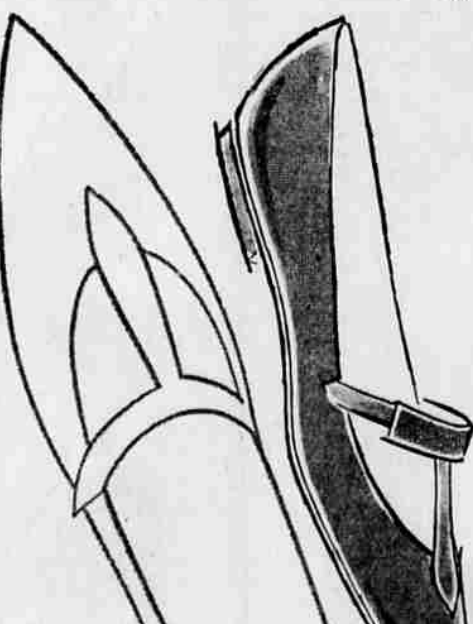
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