Sedona Westerners Yearbook

1964 - 1965

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CLEANUP CORPS—Members of the Sedona Westerners take a breather after collecting a truckload of trash and debris along their "problem mile" on U.S. 89A. The booster group enlisted the air of Mike Montgomery and his crew from the Arizona Highway Department. From left: Herbert Martin, Robert Dawson, Charles Thompson, Richard (Pop) Allen, J. D. Leverton, and Dick Underwood of the highway department. Tex Dallas, Westerners trail boss, is on the truck.

WESTERNERS HAVIN' A FEEDBAG

Top Hands and Dew Wranglers of the WESTERNERS are pot rustling, corral cleanin', diggin' out the saddle and heatin' up the brandin' iron to get the feed-trough ready for their usual Easter breakfast following the Sunrise Service. Last year more than 400 persons were served and many planned to be back this year.

At last Thursday's Round-up, the menu was voted on and Dallas, the Trail Boss asked for ranch hands to help in the annual Cowboy breakfast.

Barkin' at the knot will be a Prospector (host), Calico Queen (hostess), Gate Horse (treasurer), Fire Puncher (fire fueler), Chicken Shooter (egg breaker), Brown Gargle Foreman (coffee maker), Brown Gargle Sallies (coffee servers), Saddle Blanket Chef (pancake cook), Hen Wrangler (egg cook), Hog Scorcher (ham cook), Spud Rustler (potato cook), Head taster (Boss of all cooks), Sour Dough Bullet boss (biscuit cook), Axle Greaser (butter server), Grub Tool Rider (table service girl), Cow Cookie (milk server), and Yodel Herder (music player).

There's apt to be a Range Bum on hand, to flee with any food left on your table.

While eating, you're also likely to be shot by a Roustabout (photographer). And natch, there is always a Big Star Toter (deputy) around lookin' for order, etc.

There will be a Chuck Wagon Bunny at the wagon to help the kiddies select their FREE Easter Surprise. The Brand Blotter (she colored the eggs) did her chore while the other ranch hands and you were sleeping.

Roddin' the Spread (bossing the outfit) will be Harold Strohm, Gladys Allen, Wilma Dallas, Don Willard, Dr. Robert Conway, Gladys Dawson, Myrtle Smith, Bud Simon, R. L. (Pop) Allen, Bob Dawson, Ira Smith, Caroline Gurney, Herb Martin, Charles Thompson, Rose Simon, Tex Dallas, Lucille Schnebly, Ruth Martin and Ciele Hurtgen.

Proceeds of the breakfast will go toward the purchase of materials now needed for marking trails and for printing maps of Hiking Trails which soon will number ten. These maps will be available to local people and tourists without charge by May (of this year).

The WESTERNERS participate in many other community activities also.

They will have a CLEAN-UP on Thursday (today) at 1:00 PM commencing at the Chamber of Commerce and extending on 89A to the road leading to the Shrine of the Red Rocks, which is the location of the Easter Sunrise Service.

The Grub Line will form at the Feed Pasture (POSSE GROUNDS) Sunday at 7:00 AM, and we will hang around 'til about 10:30 to serve you if the good rainmaster turns off the spigot.

Breakfast Big Success

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About 400 patrons turned out for the Sedona Westerners' breakfast on Easter morning, following the Sunrise Service. The breakfast was held at the Elk's Lodge from 7 to 10 a.m. The net proceeds are expected to be somewhat over $500, which will be turned over to the Sedona Fire Dept. Building Fund.

Aside from a few slight delays, the breakfast ran very smoothly. Pauline Trask was the general chairman. It is hard to single out all of the outstanding help among the willing volunteers. Florence Smith was in charge of the kitchen and B. Coe headed the dining room. Mike Nardello was the head "egg smasher" in the absence of Henry Goerke, who was laid up with a broken ankle. Ellsworth Schnebly played an important role as head cashier.

The Westerners appreciate the support of the community and its visitors and are looking forward to seeing you all next Easter.

OLD TIMERS MEET TONIGHT APRIL 22nd

In the continuing and interesting series of meetings, open to the public, many folks of our area have found time to enjoy the closer association of a fascinating group of Old Timers, relating their earlier day experiences in as colorful a manner as the red rocks, verdant valley and invigorating air, we have all come to enjoy.

Tonight, (Thursday), April 22nd, at 8 p.m. in the meeting room of the Sedona County Bldg., members and guests will be entertained by the featured presentation of a treasured collection of early day postal hand stamps, denoting authentic information of post offices in our area. Mr. Harold Longfellow, a very active Old Timer and Westerner has graciously consented to display and comment on his collection, undougtedly the only one of its kind and certainly to be of interest to young and old alike. The various areas to be mentioned will be accompanied by as many interesting recollections these locations will recall to the other Old Timers present to offer an added interest to the true picture of another part of our valued heritage.

The Westerners and Old Timers invite everyone to attend, please arrive promptly. Refreshments will be served.

New members are being accepted at this time, on both the active Westerners and Old Timers group. Plans for the coming season will be outlined in which you may wish to participate.

This organization also wishes to thank everyone for the splendid co-operation in the success of the recent Easter Breakfast, attended by many and enjoyed by all.

Tex Dallas

OLDTIMERS MEET

The last "Oldtimers" meeting held at the county building found the room filled to capacity. Special guests for the evening were Howard Wingfield and Albert Dickison of Camp Verde and Gail Gardner from Prescott.

Stories of tremendous interest about the area ranging from fishing to cowpoking were told. A song written and sung by Gail Gardner was one of he highlights of the evening.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these interesting meetings, both oldtimers and newcomers. The next meeting will be held on March 11th at 8 p.m.

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Sedona Slates 'Anti-Litter' Day Wednesday

SEDONA (Special) — As a feature of its observation of National Chamber of Commerce Week, the first week in April, the Sedona-Oak Creek Canyon Chamber has proclaimed Wednesday, the Sedona Anti-Litter Day, it has been announced by John C. Colwell, Sedona Chamber president.

"Although our Chamber backs a reasonably successful year-round anti-litter campaign, it becomes necessary occasionally to relight the fires of enthusiasm for the benefit of the thoughtless, the careless, or the willful offenders who seem intent on spoiling the beautiful countryside in which it is their privilege to live," Colwell said in making the announcement.

In 1964, under the aegis of the Sedona Chamber's Area Beautification Committee, a system was devised whereby each civic organization "adopted" a designated mile of highway or other area of community importance. It is the permanent responsibility of each organization to keep its adopted area free of litter under this arrangement, and most organizations have conscientiously attempted to do their part.

Mrs. Gladys Allen, secretary and director of the Chamber, and secretary of the Sedona Westerners, one of the cooperating organizations, points out, however, that one mile "has problems." It is the narrow winding, hilly stretch of U.S. Highway 89A from the Sedona Airport Road to the highway's conjunction with State Highway 179.

Because of the nature of this roadway, Mrs. Allen explains, it would normally be considered dangerous for an individual to get out of a car or truck to pick up litter.

In an attempt to dramatize the situation and bring it to the fore, the Sedona Westerners are organizing an all-out clean up operation for Sedona Anti-Litter Day along the problem mile.

Tex Dallas, Sedona Westerner Trail Boss, has issued an appeal for volunteers from all groups to assist in the task. Those wishing to participate are to meet in the parking area behind the Chamber of Commerce Building at Sedona, at 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 7.

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For Sedona Westerners

19th Century Prices Discussion Topic

By ELIZABETH RIGBY

SEDONA (Special) — In 1873, at Camp Verde, 15 pounds of sugar cost $5. It took 50 cents to pay for a box of matches, and a plug of tobacco came to one dollar. A can of pineapple cost $1, and two bottles of ale, $4 despite the fact that money was worth much more than it is today.

These facts were revealed when the Sedona westerners met for the sixth time with members of their Oldtimer Advisory Committee. Seated at the head table again with Trail Boss Tex Dallas were Albert Thompson of Sedona and Howard Wingfield of Camp Verde.

Wingfield has with him old ledgers from his family's general store, Wingfield's Commercial Company, and read the entries from one of these. Among other historical material in his possession, he said, is a personal notebook kept by famed Indian Scout, Al Sieber.

At the meeting, Ira Smith exhibited the rusty blade of an old homemade kitchen knife sharpened on both sides. The knife was found about three years ago by Grant Smith, he said, about two miles from the spot where "Old Man" Wilson was killed by a bear in June, 1885. Wilson, who was a friend and partner of John James Thompson, lower Oak Creek Canyon's first settler, always carried such a knife.

As members of the Thompson family tell the story, the knife was missing when Wilson's body was found. The presumption is that Wilson, who had disposed of many bears in his lifetime, had used the knife in his fatal struggle with this one, and that in time Big Brain died of the wound, since the skeleton of a bear was later found in the area.

For many years, oldtime residents had been searching for the knife, but it was like "looking for a needle in a haystack" until Grant Smith came by accident upon what would seem almost certainly to be the relic.

The discussion at Thursday's meeting centered largely around old records and relics of the area an where these may be found.

Ellsworth Schnebly reported that he has transcripts of all the records concerning the building of Schnebly Hill Road, which, he said, was originally called the Verde Cutoff. The first petition for the road was filed on February, 24, 1902, Schnebly said.

Mrs. Marie Holly, who was for many years Coconino County Recorder, said that there is a collection of early brands, done on leather, in the recorder's office in Flagstaff. One is on the gauntlet of an old glove. Another is on the sole of an old boot. Many are on rawhide.

It was announced that Judge Harold Longfellow of Sedona, who has a notable collection of Arizona Territorial "covers" and postmarks, will speak on this subject at a May meeting of the Sedona Westerners.

Sedona Westerners Publish Hiking Map

The Sedona Westerners have just published a new hiking trails guide and map of the Red Rock country around Sedona.

Though not exactly to scale, the new map contains a wealth of information for visitors and residents of the Sedona area, with driving distances included as figured from the Sedona Chamber of Commerce office.

Each of 10 points of interest for hikers is keyed to a table on the back of the map giving the length of the hike, and its degree of relative difficulty.

In addition to preparing and publishing the map, the Westerners have also marked eight of the trails with guide signs. The other two—to Harding and Wilson Mountians—are U. S. Forest Service trails.

The new map is generally available at the Sedona Chamber office, and the Red Rock News.

FATHER'S DAY HIKE PLANNED

The Sedona Westerners will sponsor a special Father's Day hike this coming Sunday to the new rockslide back of Bear Wallow.

Those interested in participating should meet at the County building at 1 p.m.

Guide on the hike will be Westerner Charlie Thompson.

Republic Photo by Elizabeth Rigby

WHAT'S IN A NAME?—Residents of the red rock country near Sedona have carried on a friendly dispute as to the proper name of this picturesque rock off Arizona 179, south of Sedona. This week, the Sedona Westerners, a booster group, invited a group of oldtimers to settle the question. The oldtimers came close and said its original name was Church, or Church House Rock. Bell Rock, right background, has never been in dispute.

Thompson Finds Old Records On Courthouse Rock

Albert Thompson, Oak Creek Canyon's local historian, has in his possession a copy of the diary of John Thomas, who, in the late 90's was the U. S. Department of Interior's General Land Office Ranger for the local Forest Reserve, a set-up which preceded our National Forest Service system, Thompson explains.

From it he has copied an entry which is one more link in the chain of evidence that the name of the much-photographed, spired rock at Red Rock Crossing was originally named "Courthouse," not "Cathedral."

The entry is for January 25, 1899, and reads: "Rode from Schuerman's Ranch up Oak Creek to post fire warnings and look for trespassers. A few ranchers have setiled along Oak Creek in this tsp (township) T 17 R 5 Court House Butte is in this tsp."

Thompson, who presented the evidence at a meeting of the Sedona Westerners recently, said he recently looked up the township description on a modern forest service map and has verified the location.

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Musical Entertainment at Westerners Meeting

If you had been passing near the county building a week ago Thursday evening, you would have heard waltzes, polkas, and old-fashioned square dance music with a western flavor, played by Albert Thompson and his accordian and Ed Denton and his guitar.

What a team — they are great! If anyone happened to notice, during the concert, everybody's feet were dancing. At one time during the refreshment break, Pop Allen, the Westrner's Marshall, could stand still no longer. He invited Alice Carnahan to one short round of a two-step. Had this meeting been out at the Posse Grounds, everyone would have been dancing.

Don Willard, Assistant Trail Boss, officiated at the meeting, due to the absence of the Trail Boss, Tex Dallas. Named as chairman of the planned Pie Social was Myrtle Smith. The date of the Pie Social will be announced later. This event is for the entire community with all proceeds going to our community ambulance service.

At any Westerner meeting you never know whether you'll hear a hair-raising story of a man trapped by a bear or other little-known facts of the early days, or be entertained by the music of the past

Sedona Westerners Pick Trail Boss, Other Hands

SEDONA (SNS)—The Sedona Westerners elected officers for the coming year at a meeting held last week.

Those elected are: Trail Boss (president), Ellsworth Schnebly; Wagon Boss (vice president), Don Willard; Wrangler (recording secretary), Pauline Trask; Roundup Boss (corresponding secretary), Evelyne Wright; Foreman (treasurer), Nina Boyle; Prospector (membership chairman), Mitch Mitchell; Star Toter (marshal), Charles Smith; Renegade Rider (deputy), Mike Wright; Cactus Dodger (hiking chairman), Charles Thompson; Calico Queen (hostess), Ruth Coleman; Top Hands (directors), Tex Dallas, Judd Trask, Ollie Simon, Albert Thompson, Gladys Allen, and Fletcher Fairchild.

The Westerners, formed originally to make the best of Sedona's outdors, became interested in Sedona history when they set out some years ago to mark local hiking trails and discovered that there are several different names for many important Red Rock country and Oak Creek Canyon landmarks. In order to obtain the correct information they enlisted the aid of an Oldtimers Committee.

Gradually the project grew in scope far beyond the mere determining of names. The Oldtimers, who became honorary members of the Westerners, read papers and told stories relating to the early history of the area. Old photographs were collected and copied to preserve them. And now a book, "Those Early Days," printed by the Verde Valley Press, is soon to be issued.

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Elizabeth Rigby Photo

JOKE ENJOYED BY ALL. At recent party of Sedona Westerners held at the Oak Creek Owl, Richard "Pop" Allen, center, was given a comic gift, details of which must be seen to be appreciated. Name of the gift, which resembled a pair of men's shorts, was "Town and Country Seat Covers." Here Mrs. Tex Dallas, wife of The Verde Independent's Sedona correspondent, makes the presentation while Allen's wife Gladys shares in the general amusement. Occasion was the naming of Allen as "Best Westerner of the Year."

Sedona Westerners are cooperating with the Forest Service in a program of effective Trail marking, to enable visitors a better opportunity to enjoy the many fine views from these areas.

In a step further in the direction of civic pride the Westerners of Sedona have prepared trail markers to the specifications fo the Forest Service and its membership is now undertaking a series of trails, selected for their easy access to points of interest for the interested visitor.

Among trails to be legibly marked are to sites known as the "Devils Kitchen," "Devils Gate", "Harding Trail" and "Wilson Trail". Completion dates will be noted in this column.

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SEDONA NEWS

By Tex Dallas

Sedona may be small in number but certainly great in spirit, exemplified by the interest shown at the initial meeting of the "Old Timers".

This honored group, composed of residents of long standing, vividly recall events of local history with zeal in a manner as colorful as the multi-hued scenery and sunsets we all enjoy.

Primary purpose of this select unit is to clarify the conflicting names of points of interest, place names and related subject material of areas of interest to local residents and visitors.

The need of authenticity arose as a result of planning by the Sedona Westerners Hiking Trail committee who, together with the Forest Service Ranger James Perry have co-operated in providing for a series of hiking trails, accessible to the area.

With national emphasis on the need for and obvious benefits derived from recreation we are indeed fortunate to have this opportunity at our doorstep and are enthusiastic to proceed and yet, are hopeful to accomplish this, if possible, without further and undue chaos.

We are doubly proud to have the realistic combination, ideally that of this dedicated prepresentation of "Old Timers" to ably authenticate historical facts as personally experienced coupled with heritage of an area where nature and beauty is immeasurable.

"Old Timers" attending the initial meeting at the county building represented more than six hundred years of residency. They were Albert Thompson, Charles Thompson, Ellsworth Schnebly, Lucille Schnebly, J. Fletcher Fairchild, Iva Vanderan Fairchild, Don Willard, Ira Smith, and Harold Longfellow.

Also invited were; Nellie Hart, Henry Burrus, Minnie Steele, Will Steele, Ray Steele, Frank Gibson, Ambrosio Chavez, Myron Loy, Grant Smith, Roy Owenby, Vic Dickinson, Nick Duncan, Marie Holly, Benton Rogers, Ed Black and Henry Schuerman. We were unable to contact Charles Purtymun.

Imagine the many interesting and colorful recollections these folks share and their willingness to assist in a project that will enable all to more fully appreciate, with better understanding thereby, the magnitude of interest centered about us.

There are, undoubtedly, many other folks who could, and should be added to the above, as qualifying to some degree with factual knowledge of import and rightly so, the "Old Timers" take pride in extending a handshake of welcome, to further the cause.

In this category, some of whom were present at the initial meeting include; Adrian Edwards, Anna Emmons, John Colwell, James Perry, Elizabeth Rigby, Douglas Rigby, Elizabeth Hall, Oma Bird, Lee Bird, Gene Bird, Eunice Bird and possibly, you. As a newcomer, that I am, I trust you will forgive any possible error I may have made unknowingly in reference to categories, but my intent is to arouse your interest, not your ire.

The calibre of our notable "Old Timers" is unmistakably an added feeling of pride in accomplishment of a challenge to preserve, not only a precious memory of a beloved area, but with due respect to other Old Timers presently residing in our friendly neighboring communities of Cottonwood and Camp Verde, are, in the true spirit of the old west, stretching out the handshake of warm welcome to sit in on these meetings and offer their equally desirable comments gained from a storehouse of local knowledge acquired authentically and only by longevity.

The next in a series of meetings dedicated to the "Old Timers" for the future benefit of "All Timers" takes place tonight, January, 28 at 8 p.m. in the County building, Sedona.

A total representation in years of residency throughout the area will be tabulated and reported in this column, next week, along with other noteworthy items.

Through the foresight of Rollie Houck, a tape recording of these sessions is being accomplished, to better serve as accurately as possible for future reference by interested persons.

Your comments are greatly appreciated, now as always in matters helpful to making our fine community, finer still.

← OLD TIMER TAPE

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1-21-65 Elizabeth Rigby Photo

SEDONA WESTERNERS imbibe tips on trails and points of interest around Sedona from Charles Thompson who has lived all his life in the area. From left: Bud Williams, Jack Green, Herbert Martin, Thompson, Tex Dallas, and Ollie Simons. Dallas is Trail Boss. Charlie Thompson is now an honorary member of the Westerners.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1966

Sedona Westerners Hike To Robber's Roost

Twenty-five hikers enjoyed the trip Sunday, January 16th to Robber's Roost. It was the first hike of the year sponsored by the Sedona Westerners. Guide for the day was old-timer Carl Richards, who told the group this spot was named Robber's Roost long ago because horse thieves used this old Indian ruins as a "hide-out".

The group enjoyed a bonfire while lunching, then journeyed on to view more Indian Ruins which had sustained extensive damage by PEOPLE.

Hikers were: Rufus Snyder, Bill, Vlasta and James Ellson, Wilma Dallas, Gladys Allen, Carl and Vela Richards, Ralph and Bernice Holmes, Ray Heyen, Charles Thompson, Leeds and Mary Chesshir, Bill Kennedy, Clara Purtymun, Don Willard, Ellsworth Schnebly, Mable and Albert Thompson, Myrtle Smith, Frank and Virgia Miller and Roy and Eleanor Hill.

Newest members in the SW organization are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haller, and Capt. Frank C. Knaack, Warren AFB, Wyoming. Capt. Knaack wrote from his military post in response to an article in the RED ROCK NEWS describing the many activities in which the Sedona Westerners are engaged and quoted "I've noticed the "S W " trail markers in the area of Devils Bridge and am really impressed with the work and projects you've done around Sedona to make it the nicest hometown in the world". Thanks, Frank, we feel that way too, and a real pleasure to welcome you as a new SW member.

Additional new members are: Mr. and Mrs. Clay LaFon, Mrs. Thelma Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bretcher, Mr and Mrs. Harvey Johnsen and Mrs. Birdie Hartline.

The next meeting of the Sedona Westerners will be this Thursday, January 27th, in the County Building at 8 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Westerners, Forest Service Play Ball

Last Friday evening the Posse Grounds baseball diamond was the setting for an amusing and lively game between teams representing the Sedona Westerners and the Forest Service.

Players were recruited from the rank and file and were a mixture of some very fine athletes and some thoroughly unconditioned citizens, all there for the purpose of raising funds for a good cause. The losing team donates $25 to the fund being raised to install lighting equipment for the field. A free-will collection is taken up during the game.

This game was well attended and moved along actively with Frank Michelbach doing a professional-like job of umpiring behind the plate.. A spectator seated along the first base line was doing some good-natured but constant heckling when suddenly Frank stopped the game and came over to his tormentor. From a very convenient place he secured a banana cream pie which he plastered thoroughly onto the face of the heckler. It was learned later that this stunt had been pre-arranged but it went off so well that it added to the hilarity and entertainment.

The final score resulted in a defeat for the Westerners 21 to 12. The victorious team from the Forest Service will play the Power Company team Friday. Game time is 5 p. m. and is followed by a potluck supper.

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Westerners Meet

Sedona Westerners meet at 8 tonight (Thursday) at the Jail House.

Stan Gabler, newly-elected trail boss, will preside. Plans will be completed for the group's biggest steak fry of the year set Saturday night.

Also to be considered is the Westerners' entry in the posse parade.

The cowboy breakfast originally set for Sunday morning has been cancelled.

The Sedona Westerners announced plans and final arrangements for their old time campout at Ashurst Lake this weekend. This event is open to members and their guests only and reservations should be made by Friday. This can be done at the Frontier Shop. If transportation or sleeping bags are needed, arrangements can be made by contacting Harold Strohm at his Museum Et Cetera. The campers will leave Saturday noon and return some time on Sunday afternoon. There will be a steak fry Saturday night, a cowboy breakfast Sunday morning and lunch Sunday afternoon.

This was all discussed at their last meeting which took place at the Jailhouse last Thursday and was conducted by Campfire Boss Harold Strohm in the absence of Trail Boss Stan Gabler. Deputy Paul Brockman was present to invite members of the Westerners to participate in some of the shooting events being planned for the fall season at the Posse gun range. He suggested that anyone desiring instruction or to arrange for practice shooting should contact Don (the Gun) Smyth. Guests attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Coxley and Maryt Christiansen.

Sedona Is Target Of L.A. Flyers

Sedona Airport is expected to be a busy place this weekend with the anticipated arrival of 30 to 40 planes from Los Angeles.

They will be carrying approximately 80 members of the Sky Larks, Los Angeles flying club. They will begin arriving Friday and continue on into Saturday.

The flyers will be guests at the Canyon Portal and Matterhorn Motels. Among the activities arranged for the visitors are horseback riding and Sunday morning breakfast with the Sedona Westerners at the Posse Grounds.

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GUEST EDITORIAL . . .

THIS MILE HAS PROBLEMS!

If you were to walk the mile from Sedona's Airport Road to the conjunction of Highway 89A with Highway 179 known locally as "The Y," you would see much that should not be seen along one of the main approaches to our town.

Winds like to pick up loose, light-weight items from uncovered trucks bound for the dump, from open car windows, and from unguarded trash piles, and fling them along the roadside as eyesores.

People like to park at the turn-offs and leave cast-off cans and bottles behind them when they drive on.

Wednesday, April 7th, has been designated Anti-Litter Day as one of the Sedona-Oak Creek Canyon Chamber of Commerce's special events in observation of National Chamber of Commerce Week.

The Chamber's Secretary-Manager, Mrs. Birdie Hartline, is looking for help in the Chamber's year-round campaign for a sightlier out-of-doors. At least one more civic-minded organization is needed, she says, to "ADOPT A MILE" to keep clear of litter on a permanent basis, in addition to the many organizations already participating in this project.

Meanwhile, the Sedona Westerners, headed by Tex Dallas, have volunteered to dramatize ANTI-LITTER DAY on Wednesday, April 7th by cleaning up that difficult mile at Sedona's West entrance, in addition to their permanent responsibility at the Posse Grounds. Tex, a two-fisted litter fighter who has been distributing anti-litter car stickers and large plastic litter bags to all Sedona organizations and who will give away 1,000 more, will welcome the aid of all volunteers for Wednesday's clean-up job.

Those who would like to help are asked to meet at the parking area between the Chamber of Commerce and the County buildings at 1 p.m. Sturdy gloves and gigging sticks will be helpful. Trucks will be provided. Guards to slow traffic will be needed as well as litter eliminators.

In order that the purpose of the all-out clean-up efforts of the Westerners, the Chamber, and volunteers, be not completely defeated by the first uncovered truck load flying by, Tex requests the cooperation of all vehicle drivers and all businessmen to see that trash being transported is tarp-covered, tied down, or anchored in some way.

Gladys Allen,
Secretary and Director,
Sedona-Oak Creek Canyon
Chamber of Commerce

Strange Story Told To Westerners

Despite a rainy Thursday night and muddy roads, 32 persons attended the weekly session of the Sedona Westerners' series of history-seeking meetings.

Honorary memberships in the Westerners were bestowed by trail boss Tex Dallas on Mrs. Mabel Thompson, Mrs. Myrtle Boyd, Fred Boyd, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Mrs. Ivy Smith, and Charles Smith.

He reported Harold Stroehm and Mrs. Ruth Martin are serving on the Westerners' hiking trails committee and are in charge of preparing maps.

Bad weather caused several of those present to recall "the year of the big snow," 1915-16, when, they said, there were 8 feet of snow at Flagstaff, "on the level, not counting the drifts."

Ira Smith told about Jesse Bushnell, who now lives at Mesa, and how it took him 11 days to cut a path from his remote cabin to the Mogollon Rim to get supplies for his family who were snowed in.

Among the stories told by Fred Metz, "In the Saddle," for the evening, was one about an ironwood pin given to his wife, Lois, and himself in Morro Bay, Calif. many years ago by a friend, Miss Henrietta Dawson, who lived in nearby Cayugas.

Miss Dawson, who was quite elderly at the time, asked Mrs. Metz if she knew anyone by the name of Henrietta and said that if she did she would like to give her the pin to give to her "namesake."

Mrs. Metz replied she had a neice by marriage, Henrietta Schuerman Satran, who is married to Mrs. Metz's sister's son, Mirs. She did not tell Miss Dawson that Henrietta Satran lived in Sedona.

At Christmas, 1948, as the Metz's recall it, they came to Sedona to visit and gave Henrietta Satran the ironwood pin and told her how they had come by it.

Henrietta showed the pin to her father, Henry Schuerman, and told him the story.

It was then that an astonishing coincidence was revealed.

Henrietta Dawson had been Henry Schuerman's first school teacher in Sedona and had boarded and lived at his parents' home.

"Henrietta Dawson came from the East at 17 to be a teacher in the wild and woolly West, and that took plenty of spunk," Metz told his fascinated audience.

Born in The Dells, Wisc., Metz came to Arizona with his family in 1905 as a child. Mrs. Metz, who was born in Kansas City, Mo. also came to the state as a child, in 1908.

Charles Smith brought along several photographs, among them one showing the chimney of the old stage station at Beaverhead Flats off what is now Highway 179. The chimney was still there a few years ago, he said.

The Westerners, who hiked to the site last week, report that nothing now remains of the station and that the place badly needs cleaning up. Dallas said he had the permission of James Perry, Sedona District Forest Ranger, for the Westerners to do this. Plans were then made for a combination cleanup job and steak fry to be conducted by the Westerners.

Dr. Mack O. Dumas said he felt it was an important part of the historical work under way by the historical committee and its old-timer advisors to record the names of men for whom various Sedona area places were named.

Among those he mentioned were John Boynton, (Boynton Canyon and Boynton Pass), John Lee (Lee Mountain), Bill Munds (Munds Mountain and Munds Park), Samuel Loy (Loy Canyon and the Loy Trail), and Al Sieber (Sieber Tanks above Windmill Ranch).

Samuel Loy, it has since been learned, was the grandfather of Myron Loy of Red Rock and Edward and Lindsay Loy of Cornville. He used to locate his cattle in what is now known as East Pocket, where the Joe Hancock Ranch is.

Mention of Al Sieber, the Indian Scout, brought up a discussion of Indian Gardens in Oak Creek Canyon, where a group of Apaches, said to have been renegades from the reservation, had settled and were growing crops until Sieber came along to "clean the Indians out."

Don Willard reported the scouts were so successful in their efforts that the only members of the group left alive were an Indian boy and girl, who were then adopted by a white family.

Rollie Houck of Rollie's Camera Shop received a special vote of thanks at the meeting for his valuable contribution in recording the proceedings and copying old photographs brought to him.

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MANY Easter bunnies were in evidence this year, but none quite like Mrs. Ollie Simon, center, of Sedona, who played the role for youngsters attending the Westerners' cowboy breakfast Easter morning. Charles Thompson of Oak Creek Canyon, right, was a cheerful accomplice. Children gathered around from left are William Elson, Sedona; John, Shirley and Susan Mills, Phoenix; Claudia, Cammie and Raymond Federwisch of Sedona. 4-29-65

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Sedona Westerners, headed by Tex Dallas, have volunteered to dramatize Anti-Litter Day April 7 by cleaning up that difficult mile at Sedona's West entrance, in addition to their permanent responsibility at the posse grounds.

Tex, a two-fisted litter fighter who has been distributing anti-litter car stickers and large plastic litter bags to all Sedona organizations, will welcome the aid of all volunteers for Wednesday's clean-up job.

Those who would like to help are asked to meet at the parking area between the Chamber of Commerce and the County buildings at 1 p.m. Sturdy gloves and gigging sticks will be helpful. Trucks will be provided. Guards to slow traffic will be needed as well as litter eliminators.

In order that the purpose of the all-out clean-up efforts of the Westerners, the Chamber, and volunteers, be not completely defeated by the first uncovered truck load flying by, Tex requests the cooperation of all vehicle drivers and all businessmen to see that trash being transported is tarp-covered, tied down, or anchored in some way.

Sedona Westerners Publish Hiking Trails Map of Area

SEDONA (Special) — As a result of several months work by members of the organization's historical committee and an advisory group composed of longtime residents of the Sedona-Oak Creek Canyon and Verde Valley areas, the Sedona Westerners are now ready to publish a map of the hiking trails in and near Sedona.

This announcement was made at the group's recent annual meeting in the County Building, by Tex Dallas, Trail boss.

"One of the most important achievements to come out of this project," Dallas said, "is the fact we have been able to authenticate the original names of many historic and scenic landmarks of the Red Rock and Oak Creek Canyon country, and these are the names we intend to use on the map and on any trail markers provided."

It is not known when the maps will be ready, but when they are they will be available through the Sedona-Oak Creek Canyon Chamber of Commerce, together with the map of local camp grounds and developed recreation areas already being distributed there.

A number of points of historical interest were brought up during the meeting. As the result of a letter from Mrs. Joe Lay, the former Inez Loy, of Cottonwood, a daughter of pioneers, tribute was paid to the role played in the building of the West by the Chinese.

Some expressed surprise there should have been so many of that nationality here in the early days. To which Fletcher Fairchild replied, "The Chinese were great contributors to the building of the West.

"They were recruited from the West coast as cheap labor, together with the Irish from the east coast, when the railroads were being built, and many remained. They were hard and industrious workers, and many did very well for themselves and the communities in which they settled."

Another question raised by Mrs. Lay's letter had to do with the postoffice originally known as Verde, in Yavapai County, but changed in 1920 to Clemenceau, a settlement near Cottonwood.

In an earlier talk to the group, Harold Longfellow, who has a notable collection of Arizona Territorial "covers," made reference to the name Verde as having been the original postoffice name of what is now Middle Verde, a settlement between Camp Verde and Cornville.

Longfellow explained the postoffice he had referred to was in existence only for about two years, 1878-80, during Territorial days.

The one mentioned by Mrs. Lay existed during statehood. It opened in 1917 with the name Verde, its name was changed in 1920 to Clemenceau. On July 31, 1954, the Clemenceau postoffice was closed.

A letter from Dr. M. O. Dumas, honorary member of the Sedona Westerners of Cottonwood, said there had once been a stage station at Stoneman Lake on the Mogollon Rim on the same stage line route as the one recently visited at Beaverhead Flat south of Sedona.

Dallas said a trip to the Stoneman Lake site would be planned for sometime this summer.

Albert Thompson of Oak Creek Canyon suggested a program of unusual interest might be planned around the old-time dance music of the area. "Many of the tunes people danced to here 45 or 50 years ago are remembered by only a few of us," he said.

Thompson volunteered to sing some of these songs, if he can find a guitarist.

A date for the recital will be announced later.

Dallas also announced a potluck "state" picnic sponsored by the Westerners for residents and former residents of Michigan, his home state. It is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 23, at the Posse Grounds here, starting at 2 p.m. and lasting until dark. Dallas said a large number of people had signified their intention of attending.

Future picnics for residents of other states will be planned if there is sufficient demand.

Jack Fine, well known Flagstaff business man is recovering in Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix where he underwent surgery last Thursday. Mrs. Fine went there with him.

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Michigan Picnic Held at Sedona

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SEDONA (Special) — The first in a series of "state" picnics was held at Sedona recently under the auspices of the Sedona Westerners.

Planned for Michiganders and ex-Michiganders who have hopefully moved to "the land of sunshine," the picnic was attended by 35 persons from Sedona, Clarkdale, Jerome, Lake Montezuma, Prescott, and, Iron Mountain, Michigan. The picnic was voted a success despite the rain showers.

A letter was read from Gov. George Romney by Mrs. Wilfred Stalo.

Those from Clarkdale were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Post; from Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Koivy; from Jerome, Mr. and Mrs. George Sleep, and Judy Odom; from Lake Montezuma, Mr. and Mrs. William Dawson; from Iron Mountain, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Florian Kiefer; and from Sedona, Mr. and Mrs. Tex Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oakes; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Koski; John Makela; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Skeats; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rudesill.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ellson and son James; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Stalo; Mr. and Mrs. James Makela and daughter Sherri; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Snyder; Mrs. Marie Holly; Donna Makela; and Richard ("Pop") Allen, the Sedona Westerners' Star-toter, who served coffee to the group.

Residents of other states wishing picnics organized are asked to telephone Mrs. Gladys Allen at Scenic Realty, Sedona, 282-7754. All State picnics will be potluck, with the Westerners furnishing coffee.

Westerners Must Pick New Leader At Next Meeting

The Sedona Westerners will elect a new trail boss at their next meeting.

This is necessitated by the announcement of Trail Boss Chic Allen that his entry into a new business venture will not allow him time to carry on the duties. He made his intentions known at the group's meeting last Thursday night.

A cowboy breakfast is scheduled by the group Sunday from 7 to 9 a. m. at the Posse Grounds. It will feature new entertainment equipment recently acquired by the Westerners in the form of a record player and loud speaker system. The purchase was made possible through a donation made by Wes and Martha Lowell, proprietors of the Frontier Shop and devoted members of the organization.

Two new members, Inez and Gomer Lewis, were welcomed into the group. Mrs. Edna Russell of Phoenix, a sister of Mrs. Lewis, attended as a guest.

Dear Sir,
Would you please tell me how I could obtain 2 copies of this map. Thank You Carter

Hiking Map Just Off The Press

Hot off the press this week is the long-awaited hiking trails map of the Sedona area prepared by Sedona Westerners after months of exploration and research.

Assisting in the work have been an eager group of oldtimers native to the area, and all the names used on the new map have been authenticated by them.

Although not drawn to scale, the new map has been carefully and thoughtfully prepared and contains a wealth of information that will be helpful not only to hikers but also to those interested in identifying and locating red rock country landmarks.

Driving distances are given in each case from the Chamber of Commerce building.

Each of the 10 objectives included is keyed to a table on the back of the map, which gives both the length of the hike involved on each trail and its nature, short, long, steep, or easy.

In addition to preparing the map, Sedona Westerners have also marked 8 of the trails with guide signs. The other two, to Harding Springs and up Wilson Mountain, are Forest Service trails. Two of the objectives, the Beaver Head Stage Station Site near State Highway 179, and Merry-Go-Round Rock on Schnebly Hill, do not actually involve hiking.

The other 6 are Sugarloaf or Saddle Rock; the Devil's Kitchen; the Devil's Dining Room; Devil's Bridge; Vultee Arch; and Fay Canyon.

Skylarks Swoop Down on Sedona

Eighty two members of the Skylarks, Los Angeles flying club, spent last weekend in Sedona.

Flying in on Friday, the visitors were entertained and fed by the Sedona Westerners at a special Father's Day breakfast Sunday at the Posse Grounds.

The Westerners provided transportation to the breakfast in station wagons driven by Col. Gabler, Charles Clarke, Chic Allen and Harold Strohm. About 20 of the Skylarks arrived at the breakfast by horseback from Sedona Lodge where a riding party had been arranged for them. The group was guest of the Canyon Portal and Matterhorn motels.

Some 200 people were fed at the breakfast by the Westerners' food and service committee consisting of Nell Graham, Susan Pratt, Dean Gregory, George Allen, Lois Henderson, Wes Lowell, Norine and Vern Colman, Jean and Charles Clarke and Edna and Cielle Hurtgen.

Another big feed, a steak fry is scheduled Saturday night, June 22.

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Conestoga Wagon Westerner Topic

A talk on the development and use of the conestoga wagon highlighted the program of the Sedona Westerners June 20 at the Jailhouse.

The dissertation was given by Harold Strohm, Westerner campfire boss.

At the business meeting, conducted by Trail Boss Chic Allen, the group completed plans for its Father's Day breakfast and agreed to participate in the Lions Fourth of July carnival.

Guests at the meeting included Virginia and Selmer Holmquist of Mesa, Jim Irwin, Mrs. Leona Roy and Leonard Johnson.

Westerners Have Hike Sunday

Charles Thompson led a group of 11 hikers Sunday to a remote section of scenic beauty on Schnebly Hill.

Hikers were Mrs. Alice Carnahan, Ellsworth Schnebly, Rufus Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Simon, Mr. and Mrs. Tex Dallas, and Mrs. Thelma Jane Maffitt.

Most of the group are members of Sedona Westerners, who plan the hikes for residents and visitors.

Westerners will meet June 24 at 8 p.m. in the county building at Sedona.

Free copies of their recently published trail maps are now available at chamber offices in Cottonwood and Sedona. 6-24-65

Westerners Plan Hike To Slide

Every so often a section of some mountain in the Red Rock Country slides downhill.

To some extent, this is the process whereby the scenic convolutions that constitute the area's uniquely awesome beauty occurs, and with this year's unusual weather, there have been several such slides.

To view the most recent one, Sedona Westerners have planned a public hike for Sunday, June 20, which happens also to be Father's Day. Those interested in attending should meet at the county building here at 1 p.m. according to Tex Dallas, Trail Boss.

Destination will be Bear Wallow, then the new rock slide beyond.

Guide on the hike will be the Westerners' faithful oldtimer, Charlie Thompson.

Plans for the hike were formulated at a meeting June 10, at which it was also announced that among new members enrolled by Roundup Boss Cielle Hurtgen are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawley, and Cheryl Hawley, all of the new riding stables at Doodlebug Ranch. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Simonsgaard, whose drive-in restaurant on U. S. Highway 89A was opened Friday.

The Sedona Westerners will meet tonight, September 12 (and that's for sure) at the Jailhouse at 8. They will doubtless have something cooking for a future date but since no one can predict the activities of that most intrepid group of funsters it will have to be reported in a future issue. All are invited to attend the meeting.

Westerners Plan Final Steak Fry of Season

Arrangements for their last steak fry of the season and plans for a series of fall and winter activities were the main items considered at the September 12 meeting of the Sedona Westerners.

The coming activities will take such forms as hikes and trail-blazing, round and square dancing and an overnight campout. More plans will be made at the September 26 meeting.

Two new members, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nickols, were welcomed into the ranks of the organization at the last meeting.

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Herb Young Explains Jerome Tramway

The Verde Valley's most eminent storian, Herbert Young of Clark-ale, has come up with some ans-ers regarding the United Verde ramway.

The tramway was the subject of a letter to the Verde Independent recently from Mert Reade of Phoenix, who has a home on the top on Mingus Mountain.

Young said the tramway was built in 1891, three years after Clark acquired the United Verde.

"It was intended to bring wagon-hauled supplies to the smelter, and to haul copper bullion out. Coke was the main tonnage. No ore was involved.

"I think the rumor that ore was hauled came from the fact that there was subsequently another tramway built by Clark to facilitate his operation of the Iron King mine, as it was known then, which was south of Jerome adjoining the Copper Chief. My information is that the ore was hauled out to the United Verde Smelter in the earliest years of this century; also coke was hauled in, with other supplies, after Clark built a small smelter at the Iron King. Without any proof I believe parts of the dismantled tram line were used on the Iron King line.

"Clark reactivated the little original smelter in 1888, the year he got control of the United Verde. The year before that Frederick Tritle had leased the United Verde and tried to make copper, but had to close it after a run of a couple of months.

"He had spent about $25,000 on work of rehabilitation, including the road out, but the road was still rough and had many steep hills. Had Clark known that a railroad would be built south from Ash Fork a year after he built the tramway, it's safe to say he would not have bothered with the tram, for as soon as the Murphys started the Santa Fe, Prescott and Phoenix line, Clark surveyed and started work on the United Verde and Pacific to hook up with the new broad gauge at Chino Valley. This road was finished in 1893 and Clark built the new smelter which started operations in 1895.

"After the new narrow gauge reached Jerome there was no further need for the tramway to haul in supplies. It was used briefly to haul in limestone for smelter flux, but a quarry was developed along the railroad right of way, and thereafter the line was abandoned.

"After the Atlantic & Pacific line went through northern Arizona in 1882 and on to California there was, I believe, some coke shipped in from Wales, but it was superceded by much cheaper coke from New Mexico," Young said.

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"Litter Luggers" Available From Westerners

The Westerners have a number of large size plastic litter luggers on hand for free distribution. They may be used favorably for the children's Halloween loot bags and after the event they will serve as litter luggers for he family. Any group desiring them for their members please call Tex Dallas at 282-7766. They will also be distributed to the Sedona school children.

Westerners Present $200 to Ambulance Fund

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Despite the inclement weather last Saturday, a group of community-minded residents turned out to benefit a vital service to our area. Little do most of us realize the importance of the ambulance until we need it. The Sedona Westerners raised $200.00 from the sale of pies and donations. Jim Wells was in attendance and accepted the check in behalf of the department.

Tex Dallas, Trail Boss of the Westerners extends a personal thanks to all who attended the social and to the gals who donated pies but unable to attend. Our deep appreciation to the very talented Dr. Schauffler from Cottonwood, who entertained the group and was accompanied by his children in one number.

A special thanks to accomodating Leo Flood, who sold out the pies in a hurry and sure got a good price for each one.

Winner of the "surprise pie" was Bob Larson, the Red Rock News owner and editor. He was presented with a pair of "Town & Country" Seatcovers. Rollie Houck was the "surprise" gal and owner of his pie.

A $5.00 cash prize for the best pie went to Carol Sawmiller and she donated the winnings to the ambulance fund. Judges were Fletcher Fairchild and Fred Metz, who were reluctant to name one winner because there were so many excellent pies; theirs was a difficult decision.

Albert Thompson and Ed Denton had everyone dancing to their old-time tunes.

SW Old-Time Band to Entertain Veterans

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An invitation to entertain the veterans at Whipple Hospital in Prescott on Sunday, December 12, has been accepted by the Sedona Westerners. The invitation was extended through the courtesy of the Sedona Red Cross Branch Chapter.

The music will consist of favorite old-time selections, as well as requests from the patients and their visitors.

The band will entertain in the Library Annex Recreation Hall where the Red Cross Aids sponsor a Happy Hour and serve refreshments donated by church women of Prescott each Sunday.

WINTER VISITOR

A winter visitor at the Canyon View Apartments is Miss Ollendick of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Christmas Parade Termed Best Yet

Crowds jammed Cottonwood Saturday for the most successful Christmas parade in the community's history.

In addition to the 27 entries in the parade, spectators were thrilled with a sensational parachute jump by Ron Hornback, who landed right on target in the Cottonwood Ball Park at the end of the parade.

A special Christmas program followed the parade on the tennis courts next to Cottonwood Civic Club, and Santa gave treats to Verde Valley youngsters after the program.

The annual event is sponsored by the Cottonwood Progressive Association, and is financed by Cottonwood Merchants.

First place winner in the parade was a float entered by Beta Zeta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, and the marching band of Mingus Union High School took second.

Third place was won by the Sedona Westerners entry, and fourth went to Cottonwood Brownie troop. The Mingus Union High School chorus took fifth place, and Cottonwood Civic Club, sixth. An entry of the Verde Valley Association for Mental Health took the consolation prize.

Parade chairman was Chuck Mabery. Pete Minter is president of the Cottonwood Progressive Association. 12-9-1965

"Santa's Wagon" Takes Third Prize

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The Christmas parade at Cottonwood last Saturday was doubly spectacular. The floats were beautiful and so was the weather.

The Sedona Westerners entered a float "Santa's Wagon," winning third prize.

"Pop" Allen played the part of a perfect Santa (indicated by remarks overheard by the spectators), distributing candy to many children along the sidelines.

Cielle Hurtgen was Santa's helper, and Charley Thompson took the part of the reindeer, pulling the wagon loaded with gifts, using his power mower.

The energetic Sedona Westerners members were really excited about taking third prize, remarking what better incentive to enter a more outstanding float next year. There were more than twenty entries in the parade proclaiming the true spirit of the holiday season.

Bristow Speaker At Sedona Meet

Al Bristow of Camp Verde will be guest speaker at a December 9 meeting of Sedona Westerners.

Bristow is a son of the late John Bristow, Fort Verde pioneer, whose family is frequently mentioned in the book, "Pioneer Stories of Arizona's Verde Valley."

The meeting will be held in the county building starting at 8 p.m. Slides of recent trips taken by members will be shown.

The organization will hold its annual Christmas party for members and guests at the Oak Creek Owl December 16. Dinner will be followed by an evening of dancing.

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Westerners Plan Mother's Day Fete

Final arrangements for the special Mother's Day steak fry will be made at the regular meeting of the Sedona Westerners tonight.

Their regular bi-monthly meeting is scheduled for 8 o'clock at the Jailhouse.

The steak fry is planned from 4 to 7 p. m. Sunday at the Posse Grounds. Entertainment is being planned.

Harold Strohm, campfire boss, will present the program tonight. It will deal with artifacts. The public is invited.

The Sedona Westerners met at the Jail House Thursday to complete plans for their next event. This will be a special event not scheduled on their calendar. It will be a steak fry at the Posse Grounds on the 12th of May, which is Mother's Day, and serving will begin at 4 p. m. and continue until 7. Some form of entertainment is promised for this special event.

The newly-elected officers conducted this meeting and submitted many new ideas for membership approval. At the next meeting, which takes place on May 9, Harold Strohm will show some of the southwest artifacts from his Museum Et Cetera and tell interesting stories about them.

The Mother's Day Steak Fry staged by the Sedona Westerners last Sunday afternoon was well attended. In charge of the grill was the old master Dean Gregory who had a newly-initiated member as assistant, Richard L. Allen. Serving on the food and service committee were Vern Coleman, Vic Dickinson, Bud Billings, Jayne Haring and Edna and Cielle Hurtgen. Norine Coleman was cashier and hostesses were Evelyn Hill and Lois Henderson. Music played all through the meal was supplied and operated by David Haring.

Last Thursday the Sedona Westerners held their regular bi-monthly meeting at the jail house. Arrangements were completed for the special Mother's Day steak-fry which took place last Sunday and plans for a special event on Father's Day were discussed. Announcements for that will be made later. The program consisted of an interesting and informative talk on the subject of "Fetishes and Fallacy" by Harold Strohm. He showed some examples of artifacts from his Museum et Cetera and told stories behind them.

Westerners Plan Steak Fry June 1

The Sedona Westerners have scheduled another steak fry for Saturday, June 1.

It will run 6:30 to 8 p. m. at the Sedona Posse Grounds. Tickets are available at the Frontier Shop.

Trail Boss Chic Allen appointed the food and service committees at the group's regular bi-monthly meeting Thursday at the Jailhouse.

Guest speaker of the evening was Cliff Richell, former long time mayor of Oakland, Calif. Now retired, he spends his time traveling and pursuing his color photography hobby. He showed slides of Oakland and surrounding country.

He is in Sedona taking pictures which he will show during a tour he plans this summer with his two grandsons. Mr. Richell is a friend of long standing and a guest of Ray Meany at Red Rock Motel.

Meany was welcomed back into the Westerners. He was a charter member but dropped his membership during his absence from the area.

The Sedona Westerners, undaunted by the threatening weather last Saturday evening, held their scheduled steak-fry at the Posse Grounds. The usual good crowd turned out to enjoy the feast regardless of the chilly wind and a good time was had by all.

The Westerners meet tonight, same place, Jailhouse, and same time, 8 p.m.

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The Sedona Westerners put on another of their popular Charcoal broiled steak dinners at the Posse Grounds last Saturday evening. At this dinner they tried out their recently acquired record player and public address system which will be used at all occasions for entertainment and announcing. Dancing was enjoyed by the diners to records loaned by members. Serving on the foods and service committee were Dean Gregory, Stan Gabler, Martha and Wes Lowell, Norine and Vern Coleman, Nell Graham, Alan Jordan and George Henderson. Their next event will be a cowboy breakfast on Sunday, July 21, served from 7 to 9.

The Sedona Westerners are having a potluck supper tonight instead of their regular meeting. It will start at 6:30 and will be followed by a business meeting in order to elect a new trail boss. The place will be the garden on the Gabler place on Oak Creek. This meeting is for members and their guests only and everyone is invited to bring their favorite dish, enough to serve six, and their own service and chair.

The Sedona Westerners held the first of their August meetings Thursday at the Jail House. The main order of business concerned their entry in the Posse Parade Sunday. They plan to again enter a western wagon similar to their entry of last year which won first place for them. Details will be changed and kept secret but Harold Strohm, who was appointed chairman of the parade entry committee, requests that all members who wish to give assistance in the construction of the entry contact him at the Museum Et Cetera. In addition to the wagon, a mounted group is being planned and in charge of that group will be Mrs. Bill (Nancy) Elchling.

The Westerners voted to again provide a water wagon and dispense ice water to contestants in the parade formation area. Lois Henderson is in charge of this.

Lion Conference In Sedona Drew Big Attendance

More than 200 Lions and their wives participated in the summer conference for Lion District 21 last weekend at Sedona.

Visitors were high in their praise for the manner in which they were hosted by members of the Sedona-Oak Creek Lions Club. The Saturday night steak dinner prepared by the Sedona Westerners at the Posse Grounds was the hit of the social activities and preceded a dance at Sedona Lodge.

Work sessions were conducted Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning during which a program of activity and projects was outlined for the year. Jerry Paysnoe of Phoenix, district governor, presided.

Lions' wives were entertained by local Lions wives headed by Mrs. Harris Gray and Mrs. Jacques Fatout. They arranged scenic drives, coffee and cake at the Oak Creek Owl and a fashion show by Mary Pendleton.

Compliments and expressions of appreciation were received by the Sedona Westerners from the visiting Lions who attended the special steak fry put on for them Saturday at the Posse Grounds. With an assist from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson Sr. of the Nelson catering service, members of the Westerners served about 300 dinners in their usual fashion. Among those who served on the food and counter committee were Dean Gregory, Richard Allen, Stan Gabler, Harold Strohm, Harvey Johnson, Vern and Norine Coleman, Wes and Martha Lowell, Chuck and Jean Clarke, George Henderson, Nell Graham, Edna Hurtgen and Susie Pratt. Music was provided during the meal.

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CAROLING ON THE MOUNTAIN

The third annual Christmas Eve Caroling on Table Mountain was a beautiful scene just as dusk fell upon the red rocks. The moon was visible and the Lighted Star is magnificent when one is standing at the base. Among those attending were Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Blakely and children from Colorado Springs, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ketcham, Phoenix, Jane Willsea, also Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Willsea of San Francisco, California, Ray Kramer from Santa Monica, California, also Sedonans Tex and Wilma Dallas, Leo Petelle who directed the caroling, Harriet and Joe Woolfenden, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Earl, the R. J. Conway family, Mrs. A .L. Regan, Cielle Hurtgen, Mrs. Esther Frank, and Mrs. Dora Middleton; also the John Westman family, Vic Trost and daughter, Barbara. This event along with refreshments served is sponsored by the Sedona Westerners.

Sedona Westerners 'Round Up' For '65

12/30/65

A backward glance is taken by the Sedona Westerners members as they prepare to greet the New Year. 1965 activities are reviewed as plans for '66 get under way.

Good fellowship and much pleasure was the derivative of the following accomplishments by the group in '65:

—Cleared brush and debris from site of Beaver Head Stage Stop.
—Fenced graves of unknown in Soldiers' Basin.
—Authenticated original names of points of interest.
—Prepared and printed 1000 hiking trail maps containing eight SW cleared and marked trails and two forest service trails.
—Worked on anti-litter campaign.
—Selected site for proposed Red Rock Natural Outdoor Amphitheater.
—Organized "old-time musical" band and entertained patients at Fort Whipple.
—Contributed $25.00 to Sedona Library.
—Held an old-fashioned pie supper, donating $200.00 proceeds to Ambulance Fund.
—Sponsored a "Michigan" picnic (extending an invitation to other states interested).
—Operated a booth at July 4th Lions Club Carnival for benefit of community projects.
—Distributed 2,000 litter bags to all Sedona clubs and organizations.
—Participated in three parades: first being the Sheriff's Posse Parade in Sedona. SW won best historical entry trophy at the Ft. Verde Centennial parade. Also, entered the Christmas Parade in Cottonwood and took 3rd prize of $15.00 (Santa's Wagon - SW).
—Donated $10.00 to the Four-Cylinder Club of Phoenix toward trophies and held a Steak Fry for the group.
—Served Easter breakfast to more than 300 persons.
—Joined the Chamber of Commerce as an associate member.
—Sponsored the 3rd annual Christmas Caroling on Table Mountain.
—Donated Christmas gifts and candy to Indian children of Clarkdale.
—Host to 12 hikes (most of which Charley Thompson, Sr., was the guide.
—Collected considerable material toward the publication of a book on the early days of history in this area. Much was taped by Rollie Houck. Albert Thompson, a member of the Historical Advisory Committee said, "we have only scratched the surface" in reply to a question regarding the possibility of obtaining more interesting pioneer stories.

Number one on the SW '66 calendar is the Membership Drive. The members are active and appreciate any suggestions you can offer. You may become a member for $1.00 per year. Send $1 or stop in at Scenic Realty (downtown) for your membership card. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.