# Sedona Westerners Yearbook

## 1967 - 1968

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Emilie Touraine Photo

**GO-GO WHERE? Nowhere, if the burros have their way in a Kids' Burro Race, but when they held one at Sedona not long ago, the brawn of Sedona's determined fathers finally prevailed. Here Earl Carpenter tugs at the persuading rope attached to his son Kevin's balky "steed," while Bill Werner (rear) does the same for his daughter Lynn. At this point the contestants appear to have been neck 'n neck.**

Emilie Touraine Photo

**A REAL growler of a prisoner was Walt Zaharek when arrested by Deputy Red Sandstone (with star) and thrown into jail on the all-day campaign to make every one dress western on Sedona's Western Days. Serving as aide to the deputy is Shawn Kingman. Charley Smith is wary guard.**

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| October 15 | 1:30 p.m. | Harding Point |
| October 22 | 1:30 p.m. | Indian Ruins near Cornville |
| October 29 | (Time to be announced later) | Devils Bridge and Boynton Canyon |

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

## KIDS HAVE A 'BALL' AT BURRO DAZE

Saturday Burro Daze Show captured about every child in the Sedona area and they all had fun. In addition to the games and **races on burro back,** many gift certificates given by local merchants were awarded. Drawings were held between each race.

A pie eating contest was held with 30 entrants. Pies were baked and donated by our very popular baker, Leo Faassen of the HOLLAND BAKERY in Sedona. Winner of the contest was Tom Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Larson of the Red Rock News. When asked if he wanted another one said "Yes, if I can have more time to eat it". He was presented one gallon of ice cream, donated by Cliff Crawford, of the Sedona Tastee Freez west on 89 A.

Adults also indulged in a bit of fun. Allen Bristow, chairman of the beard contest reported winners to be Dick Bennett (fullest), Fred Perkins (most fancy), Ollie Simon (best trimmed), Charles Smith (Buffalo Bill).

The Burro Daze Show was son of Phoenix, owner of the burros. The cost of Burro Daze was sponsored through the sale of tickets on a baby burro by local organizations.

The Pie Eating Champ

## OUTING PLANNED STONEMAN LAKE

Members and guests of the Sedona Westerners will meet at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, September 9th and head for Doc Dumas' place with their steak at beautiful Stoneman Lake.

Some of the group will stay overnight in their campers.

After consuming steak, etc. the ole-timer's music will play for the dancers. . . (and listeners too).

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## No Westerners Meet September 14th

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The Sedona Westerners will not have a meeting on September 14th due to the steak fry on that date.

Next meeting will be September 28th at 8:00 p.m. at the County Building.

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# Thoughts On A Nickel

Verde Valley old timers swapped stories, danced, and played musical instruments at a special meeting September 9 at Stoneman Lake.

Hit of the evening was a story written by Dr. M. O. Dumas of Cottonwood, which was read by Albert Thompson of Indian Gardens. The story follows.

*A Loaf of Bread For A Nickel*
By M. O. Dumas

Around the turn of the century, and for some years later, a person could buy a loaf of bread for a nickel.

The price of almost every other commodity has advanced accordingly. For example; a pair of Levi's cost about ninety cents; one hundred pounds of flour cost $1.50. We did not have ground coffee at that time and the most often bought brand was the old Arbuckle Bros. coffee which came in one pound paper packages and sold for twenty cents a pound. Some people preferred to buy green coffee which they parched in the oven of the old kitchen wood stove. This, of course, cost even less.

What I notice the most in these times are all of the old liberties which we have had to give up. Years ago everything in the land was free to use. One could go into the timber lands and help himself to timber to meet his needs and all that he wanted. The same could be said about hunting and fishing and many other such things. If a person had a horse or a cow or even many more animals, he could turn them out on the open range and no questions were ever asked of him.

Now what of today?

Taxes are one item that have soared and are still being raised to meet the many needs each year. In the olden days, I was running a herd of about 1500 head of cattle on the open range. There were no fences, and as well as I can remember, my taxes were less than $100, and I am sure this is a very conservative estimate. We never knew of a Federal tax then, but this did not last long.

Around about this time you were requested to secure a permit to run stock on the range but there was no charge for the permit. A few years later you were assessed ten cents per head. At a later date it was raised to twenty-five cents, later up to fifty cents, then up to a dollar a head and so on. I knew of some year long permits for $5.00 per head. There may have been some a little higher.

Our Territorial and County taxes were about one fifth of what they are now. You also had a road and poll tax to pay; the road tax was $3.00 a year. You could pay this or work on the road for two days and get a receipt for same from the road boss. Every district had such a boss who was appointed by the County Supervisors.

I think the poll tax was collected and earmarked for the schools. You had to pay this in order to have the right to vote in general elections. If you worked for a corporation, this was deducted from your pay check.

When I was eighteen years of age, I was working in Jerome. They deducted this said poll tax and I protested saying I was only eighteen but the clerk said I looked the age. As I had no birth certificate, I had to pay on my looks and still could not vote.

In place of being born thirty years too soon, a great many of you were born fifty years too late to enjoy a fine country. At that time about the only thing we had to get a permit or license for was to get married.

Of course I realize that conditions have to change as our population increases. But what will our privileges be in another fifty years?

You will probably have to have a college degree to secure a license to drive your own car. At the start of this century our population was probably less than 40,000 in our home Territory of Arizona.

Sometimes I envy the old Indians and the freedom they enjoyed. They had very few rules to abide; no taxes, no schools, no courts or law suits or fines to pay, and to get married they only crossed two sticks. They had no divorces and few family troubles as the bucks rode the horses and the squaws walked, chopped the wood, made camp and cooked the meals. Then there seemed no danger of over population as there is today. They had very few medical problems or medical science. They had a Medicine Man but all was based on superstitution and the use of roots, herbs or leaves made into tea for relief of pain.

They lived off the land and at times it was a very tough problem too but most of them undoubtedly were a very happy and carefree people.

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## Westerners Plan Pancake Breakfast

A "Spatter Dad" pancake breakfast will be held Sunday from 8 to 10 a.m. under the auspices of the Sedona Westerners.

Oak Creek Canyon cider and pancakes packed with grated Oak Creek apples will be served. The breakfast will be open to the public, and the Westerners promise "all you can eat for a buck."

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## Pancake Breakfast

The Sedona Westerners will serve another 'Splatter Dab' breakfast this year.

It will be held at the Elks Lodge on October 29th, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Spanish maid (Evelyn Wright) will serve cider from apples grown right here in Oak Creek Canyon. The pancakes will also be packed with grated apples. All you can eat for a buck.

All proceeds will go to help finance the printing of the 'Ol Timers book.

Oct 26-1967

**HONORED AT a recent meeting of Sedona Westerners at Stoneman Lake was Dr. M. O. Dumas of Cottonwood, who at 87, was the oldest person participating in a recent Sedona parade. Dr. Dumas is shown wearing the award. During the celebration, Albert Thompson of Indian Gardens read a story, "A Loaf of Bread for a Nickel", written by Dr. Dumas.**

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NOVEMBER HIKES

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| Nov. 19th | Bear Wallow Saddle** |
| Nov. 26th | Devils Kitchen |

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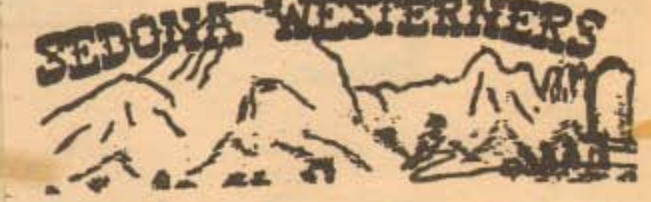


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NEWS Sedona, Arizona Thursday, November 30, 1967

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DECEMBER HIKES

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| Dec. 3rd | "Bear Sign" Canyon |
| Dec. 10th | Indian Ruins near Bridgeport |
| Dec. 17th | Spring Creek |

Hikes are scheduled to leave at 1:30 P.M. except **Nov. 19th which leaves at 10 A.M. (take lunch)

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DECEMBER HIKES

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| Dec. 17th | Spring Creek |

Hikes are scheduled to leave at 1:30 P.M.

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Sedona, Arizona Thursday, December 7, 1967

DECEMBER HIKES

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| Dec. 10th | Indian Ruins near Bridgeport |
| Dec. 17th | Spring Creek |

Hikes are scheduled to leave at 1:30 P.M.

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Thursday December 14, 1967

## Club To Picture Birth of Sedona

"Living Scenes of Early Sedona" is the title of a Christmas program sponsored by the Sedona Westerners and scheduled for Saturday evening in the Sedona School auditorium, it has been announced by Ollie Simon, Westerners' trail boss.

The evening will open with a pot-luck at 6:30. The program, scheduled to start at 8 p.m., will include eight three-minute skits put on by 24 "oldtimer" members of the Westerners, Simon says.

It will be followed by square dancing at 9 o'clock. The public is invited. There will be no charge. Leo Flood will be master of ceremonies.

**HIKERS TAKE TO THE TRAIL**

Cactus Dodger Charley Thompson guided a group of hikers to a cave in Big Park last Sunday. Due to weather conitions, this was the first hike the Sedona Westerners conducted in more than 6 weeks.

Finders of arrowheads were Charles Smith and Lisa Lark. As a bonus surprise Mr. Smith crossed the path of a rattler. The sunbather was a beauty about four feet in length. He immediately took refuge under a huge rock and refused to come out while the hikers were present. This was the first report by the group to see a rattlesnake in January; however, oletimers say it is not uncommon to see them anytime on an ideal day such as Sunday.

Other hikers were: Tana Ray, Nina Boyle, Caroline Gurney, Iva and John Fairchild, Ollie Simon, Allen Bristow, Mitch Mitchell, Gladys Allen, Wilma Dallas and Ivy Smith.

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## NO HIKES DEC. 24th and 31st

Cactus Dodger Charles Thompson reports that no hikes are scheduled for Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st.

There will be a hike this Sunday, Dec. 17th and the next one will be January 7th. Watch for the January schedule in the Red Rock News next week.

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**'OL TIMERS BOOK NOW BEING PUBLISHED**

The 'ol timers book, which is being published by the Sedona Westerners, has now gone to the printers and will be available soon. Ruth Coleman, who many years worked for Rand-McNalley, made the layout pictures to give it a professional appearance.

Thursday, January 18, 1968 — Verde Independent

# Volume To Tell Oldtimers' Story Of Sedona And Oak Creek Areas

A project on which members of the Sedona Westerners and the organization's honorary oldtimer group have been working for two years is about to come to fruition, according to Ollie Simon, trail boss.

It is the publication of an authentic history of the Sedona-Oak Creek area, with views of characters and events in neighboring Verde Valley communities, as told by the oldtimers themselves. The book as yet untitled, is scheduled for release this spring.

The 300-page volume will be illustrated with reproductions of half a hundred old photographs loaned by many of the 30 or more contributors to the text. Copied by Rollie Houck and being prepared for the printer by Ruth Coleman, these alone will constitute an invaluable record.

Cover illustrations are being contributed by two members of the Cowboy Artists of America, Charlie Dye and Joe Beeler of Sedona, both nationally known Western artists.

The first edition will be one of 2,000 copies, including a limited edition of 200 books in hard cover. Much of the text is already in the hands of the Oak Creek Press, Sedona. The offset process will be used, and the printing will be done on a high grade tinted paper.

The book, which will cover subjects of general interest as well as family histories, will be fully indexed.

Production is in charge of a committee consisting of Albert Thompson, Ruth Coleman, Don Willard and Ollie Simon. They emphasize that this is a non-profit venture being carried out in the interests of the community.

ARIZONA REPUBLIC

# Westerners Plan Book

SEDONA — A 300-page history of the Sedona-Oak Creek Canyon area, produced by members of the Sedona Westerners, will be ready for publication this spring, the group announced yesterday.

The volume, which will contain reproductions of 50-year-old photographs loaned by contributors, has not yet been named.

Cover illustrations were contributed by Charlie Dye and Joe Beeler of Sedona, members of the Cowboy Artists of America. JAN. 20 1968

# Hikers Tour More Indian Ruins Sunday

Sugar Loaf Mountain near Cornville was the attraction to many Sedona Westerner's last Sunday.

Cactus Dodger Charley Thompson was joined by 30 hiking companions to explore the ruins. They were Clara Purtymun, Caroline Gurney, Ivy and Charles Smith, Virgie and Frank Miller, Ollie Simon, Lisa Lark, Nina Boyle, Wilma Dallas, Lucille and Ellsworth Schnebly, Inez and Bill Gubbins, Lee Christopher, Mitch Mitchell, Edith Hoffman, Bonnie Bowers, Pauline and Judd Trask, K. A. Snow, Stella and Allen Bristow, Sharon and Stella McMenamin, Florence Smith, Helen Sand, Edith Cunningham, Ruth and Don Willard.

Following the hike, many in the group stopped by Running Water Ranch to chat with Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Smith and to admire their collection of various artifacts as well as the many antiques which furnish their lovely home.

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JANUARY HIKING SCHEDULE

Jan. 28 Spring Creek

Public invited. Meet at 1:30 PM County Bldg.
Information 282-3354

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JANUARY HIKING SCHEDULE

Jan. 21 Sugar Loaf near Cornville

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**SEDONA WESTERNERS WILL MEET FEBRUARY 8th**

The Sedona Westerners will hold their regular meeting Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the County Building. Visitors are welcome.

Refreshment time is get acquainted time for newcomers to Sedona.

Membership $1.00 per year.

# Westerners Go On First Hike

Sedona Westerners marked the opening of their 1968 hiking season Jan. 14 by visiting what trail finder Charley Thompson believes was the first ranch to be homesteaded in Big Park.

At the early ranch site were seen remains of buildings, rusting farm machinery and, on a warm south hillside, a low cave with smoke-blackened ceiling. Fragments of red and black pottery, and of small animal bones lay scattered about.

The group headed for the hill. There a surprise awaited them. A native of the place objected to their being there. From his half concealment under a rock, his beady eyes and busy rattles angrily told them so.

Fletcher Fairchild and Charley Thompson recalled the delicious watermelons raised by dry farming methods by the earliest homesteaders. Others of the Sunday hikers were Iva Fairchild, Caroline Gurney, Wilma Dallas, Nena Boyle, Olin Mitchell, Allen Bristow, Charles and Ivy Smith, Ollie Simon, Lisa Lark, and Gladys Allen.

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HIKING CALENDAR

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| FEBRUARY 4 | SPRING CREEK |
| FEBRUARY 11 | SIEBER TANKS * |
| FEBRUARY 18 | DOE MOUNTAIN |
| FEBRUARY 25 | DANCING SKELETON CLIFFS |

PUBLIC WELCOME
MEETING PLACE: COUNTY BLDG.
TIME 1:30 PM EXCEPT FEB. 11th * 10:30 AM
INFORMATION: 282-3354

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SEDONA WESTERNERS

HIKING CALENDAR

March 31st — OLD PURTYMUN HOMESTEAD 10:30 A.M.

Meeting place: County Building

Time: 1:30 P.M. Except indicated

Information: 282-3354



# Tales Told By Oldtimers Give Birth To Forthcoming Historical Volume

The book now in progress that will be published this spring under the auspices of the Sedona Westerners has been a gradual outgrowth of some of that organization's many activities, according to Ollie Simon, trail boss.

Two years ago when Tex Dallas was trail boss, the Westerners began marking some of the hiking trails in the Sedona-Oak Creek-Red Rock area. In doing so they came upon the fact that several local landmarks have had changes in names over the years.

Wishing to make the trail signs authentic, and believing that the original names should be preserved, the Westerners consulted men and women who had lived in the area a long time, with the result that some lively controversies ensued and many interesting stories of early days came to light.

In addition, the Westerners inaugurated a program of Sunday hikes in which local points of interest were explored. Leaders of these expeditions were most often the oldtimers themselves, chief among them "cactus dodger" Charley Thompson, a son of the late Jim Thompson, a pioneer whose role as the first settler in Oak Creek Canyon is commemorated by an historical marker at Indian Gardens.

The Westerners presented many of the oldtimers with honorary life memberships and invited them to write out their stories and read them at the organization's meetings.

It soon became apparent that here was a wealth of historical material that was in danger of being lost with the passage of time. At this point the idea of the book was born, and Rollie Houck began making tapes of the stories as they were told, discussed, and supplemented by the reminiscences of others present at the meetings.

He also began collecting old photographs, which he copied for the record, gathering data about them at the same time; and Wilma Dallas performed yeoman service at the typewriter.

Later many hours were devoted to transcribing the tapes by Ruth Coleman and June Dieckman. Miss Coleman's experience in the publishing field has proved particularly valuable in the technical aspects of the book's production, and she has also devoted many hours to retouching the photographs in order to make them suitable for reproduction.

Especial credit is due Albert Thompson, another of Jim Thompson's sons, who over the years has earned a reputation as the area's best qualified historian. Albert has kept voluminous records throughout his lifetime, is a scrupulous seeker of accuracy, and has known where to go to obtain much additional material. He has been responsible for much of the historical background in the book.

Since the recent announcement of the forthcoming publication, much interest has been expressed, and it appears that there will be a considerable advance sale. The Westerners will soon begin taking orders, Simon says.

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# HIKERS VISIT SPRING CREEK

After crossing Spring Creek, a group of hikers led by Charles Smith and Charles Thompson, hiked up a mountain slope near the Cornville area last Sunday. The view from the top was magnificent.

Hikers who accompanied the Smith-Thompson team were Clara Purtymun, Ollie Simon, Caroline Gurney, Ivy Smith, Pauline and Judd Trask, Marie Aull, Josephine Wright, Lisa Lark, Wilma Dallas, Nina Boyle, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Tana Ray, Ott and Norene Sollars and Bert and Phoebe Reed.

Next Sunday's hike will be at 10:30 a.m. with a potluck lunch at Sieber Tanks. Visitors are welcome and it is recommended that you wear hiking boots. Also a canteen of water is most always useful.

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HIKING CALENDAR

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| FEBRUARY 11 | SIEBER TANKS * |
| FEBRUARY 18 | DOE MOUNTAIN |
| FEBRUARY 25 | DANCING SKELETON CLIFFS |

PUBLIC WELCOME
MEETING PLACE: COUNTY BLDG.
TIME 1:30 PM EXCEPT FEB. 11th * 10:30 AM
INFORMATION: 282-3354

Red Rock News Feb. 15 - 1968

SEDONA WESTERNERS

HIKING CALENDAR

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| FEBRUARY 18 | DOE MOUNTAIN |
| FEBRUARY 25 | DANCING SKELETON CLIFFS |

PUBLIC WELCOME
MEETING PLACE: COUNTY BLDG.
INFORMATION: 282-3354

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SEDONA WESTERNERS

HIKING CALENDAR

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| FEBRUARY 25 | DANCING SKELETON CLIFFS |

PUBLIC WELCOME
MEETING PLACE: COUNTY BLDG.
INFORMATION: 282-3354

**HIKERS TO DOE MOUNTAIN**

Red Rock News

Up Doe Mountain with Cactus Dodger Charles Thompson last Sunday were: Ollie and Rose Simon, Clara Purtymun, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Nina Boyle, Wilma Dallas, Tana Ray, Caroline Gurney, Charles and Ivy Smith, Burt and Phoebe Reed, Judd and Pauline Trask, Robert Every, Felix & Lula Herold, Lisa Lark, Ellsworth Schnebly, Darrell and Florence Smith, Mitch Mitchell and Allen Bristow.

Lucky finders of arrowheads were Ollie Simon, Chas. Thompson and Charles Smith, also Mitch Mitchell.

Next Sunday's hike will be at 1:30 p.m. and the destination is Dancing Skeleton Cliffs.

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## Hike To Dancing Skeleton Cliffs

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Last Sunday the Sedona Westerners hike was led by Charles Smith. Hikers included Charles Thompson, Charles and Ivy Smith, Clara Purtymun, Caroline Gurney, John and Nita Grobe, Ollie Simon, Mitch Mitchell, Mike and Stephanie Ceballos, Ellsworth Schnebly, Gladys Allen, Nina Boyle, Bob and June Every, Judd and Pauline Trask, Charles and Sylvia Nemec, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Maisel Honey, Lisa Lark and Ray Heym.

Next Sunday's hike is scheduled for Robber's Roost. Look elsewhere for March hiking calendar.

## Bring Rummage To County Building

Any items which you no longer find useful will be appreciated by the Sedona Westerners.

They will hole their spring rummage sale on March 30th at the bank parking lot in Sedona.

Bring your contributions to the county building where Judge Longfellow will accept them.

If you prefer that the items be picked up from your home, please call Mrs. Dallas at 7786 or Mrs. Wright at 7492.

Your fine contributions for the sale last fall was very helpful toward the cost of publishing our book written by the oletimers in the Verde Valley.

Easter is the anticipated date for book completion. This sale will assist in making final payment. Any articles of clothing, furniture, etc. will be greatly appreciated.

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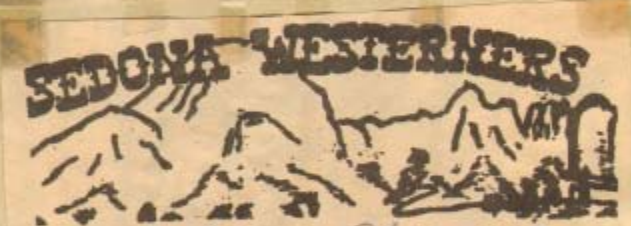


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SEDONA WESTERNERS

HIKING CALENDAR

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| March 3rd | ROBBER'S ROOST |
| March 10th | OAK CREEK CANYON CAVE |
| March 17th | SIEBER TANKS - 10:30 A.M. |
| March 24th | CAVE NEAR CORNVILLE |
| March 31st | OLD PURTYMUN HOMESTEAD 10:30 A.M. |

Meeting place: County Building

Time: 1:30 P.M. Except indicated

Information: 282-3354

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## Rummage Sale Donations Asked

An appeal for items for a rummage sale to be held March 30 at the bank parking lot in Sedona was made this week by the Sedona Westerners, sponsor of the event.

Contributors should take their donations to the county building in Sedona or, if they prefer to have them picked up, phone Mrs. G. T. Dallas or Mrs. M. F. Wright at Sedona.

"The fine response to the appeal for contributions to the sale last year added greatly to the funds for publishing the book written by oldtimers in the Verde Valley," sale sponsors declare.

Easter is the Westerners' target date for completion of the book.

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NOTICE

ALL WESTERNERS ARE REMINDED TO TAKE PART IN "RED SACK DAY" SATURDAY, MARCH 9th.

Ollie Simon
Trail Boss

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## Westerners Plan Rummage Sale

Sedona Westerners have started collecting rummage for the outdoor sale they will hold Saturday, March 30, at the parking lot of the 1st National Bank, Sedona.

Items of all kinds will be welcome, ranging from furniture to knickknacks, from clothing to toys. Items should be brought to the County Building during court hours, where Judge Harold Longfellow will accept them. Pickups may be arranged by calling either Mrs. Tex Dallas, 282-7786, or Mrs. M. F. Wright, 282-7492.

Proceeds will help defray the costs of publication for the forthcoming book on area history prepared by the Sedona Westerners and now in process of production at Verde Valley Press.

HIKERS TO ROBBER'S ROOST

On Sunday, March 3rd the Sedona Westerner's group enjoyed a hike to Robber's Roost. Down the trail with Cactus Dodger Charley Thompson were Charles and Ivy Smith, Alice Carnahan, Caroline Gurney, Alice Harris, Helen Albert, Lilian Stephenson, Paul Rudesill, Margaret Willsea, Glen Rudesill, Mrs. A. W. Schimberg, Ellsworth Schnebly, Judd and Pauline Trask, Nina Boyle, Ollie and Rose Simon, Larry Mingus, Darrel and Florence Smith, Chrissann Mingus, Al Bristow, Mitch Mitchell, Ott and Norene Sollars, Bert and Phoebe Reed. Red Rock News Mar 7-1968

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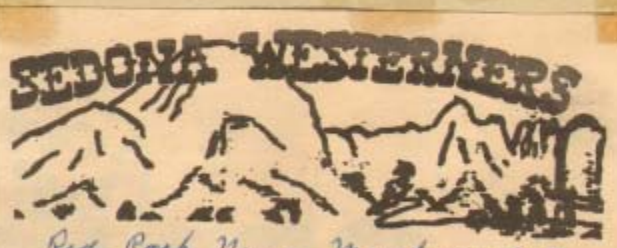


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Information: 282-3354

# Caravan Of Sedona Westerners Makes Journey To Robbers Roost

The Sedona Westerners left the county building in Sedona at 1:30 p.m. March 3 and the caravan of cars went south on U. S. 89A to Red Canyon Road, past the Windmill Ranch on the Sycamore Pass road to the sign saying "Sycamore Pass-2 miles," turned right and drove to the end of the road.

Six cars and two motorbikes parked and 26 people piled out and hiked to Robbers Roost. It was an easy half-mile hike to the Roost where ropes had been placed for hand rails for safety. When inside the cave you can see from Sedona to Camp Verde.

Florence Smith Photo
MITCH MITCHELL and Allen Bristow at Robber's Roost with Sedona Westerners.

Allen Bristow told the story he had heard when he was a child about how Black Ketchem stayed at Robbers Roost for awhile, then rode down to Camp Verde on horseback to the original Wingfield Store, killed Mac Rogers and Clint Wingfield, then rode on to the Mogollon Rim with a posse right behind him.

He rode under a tree with his horse, swung himself into the tree and let the posse follow his horse. He was later shot in a train hold-up in New Mexico. He told about the Camp Verde killings as he lay dying.

Allen Bristow's father was a member of the posse. Allen then laughed and said, "I don't know how true this story is, but I heard it when I was a boy."

Charlie Thompson the Westerner's cactus dodger (means guide) told about how George Murry used to take the horses that had "gathered" into town to sell and would use the money to get drunk and make everyone mad.

Charlie had also heard that quite a few outlaws would hide in Sycamore Canyon and use Robbers Roost as a lookout. As our cactus dodger is 75 years young, we noted that our youngest guest was Chrissann Mingus, age 2-1/2 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Judd Trask found arrowheads and others found pottery shards and pieces of tools. The day was lovely with sunshine and beautiful white billowy clouds floating around. Manzanita and little strawlike flowers were blooming.

Members of the caravan were: Charley Thompson, Ivy Smith, Alice Carnahan, Caroline Gurney, Alice Harris, Mrs. Helen Albert, Lillian Stephenson, Paul Rudesill, Glen Rudesill, Margaret Willsea, Mrs. A. W. Schimberg, Ellsworth Schnebly, Judd Trask, Pauline Trask, Nina Boyle, Ollie Simon, Rose Simon, Larry Mingus, Chrissann Mingus, Darrel Smith, Florence Smith, Ott Sollars, Norene Sollars, Phoebe Reed, Bert Reed and Charles Smith.

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HIKING CALENDAR

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| March 24th | CAVE NEAR CORNVILLE |
| March 31st | OLD PURTYMUN HOMESTEAD 10:30 A.M. |

Meeting place: County Building

Time: 1:30 P.M. Except indicated

Information: 282-3354

**HIKERS TO FINISH DAY OFF WITH POTLUCK SUPPER**

Next Sunday's hike to the Cornville area will be followed by a potluck supper at Darrell Smith's Running Water Ranch.

Hikers to Sieber Tank last Sunday were: Charles Thompson, Clara Purtymun, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Nina Boyle, Lee Christopher, Charles and Ivy Smith, Ott and Norene Sollars, Bert and Phoebe Reed. The group left at 10:30 a.m. returning at 4:15 p.m., giving the feet a real workout.

For hiking information, refer to the schedule elsewhere in this issue.

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HIKING CALENDAR

APRIL HIKES

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| April 7th | RED TANK DRAW |
| April 14th | EASTER BREAKFAST (Elks Lodge) |
| April 21st | CAVE IN THE CANYON |
| April 28th | INDIAN RUINS (Cottonwood Basin) |

Information: 282-3354
Public Invited
Meeting Place: County Building
Departure time: 1:30 P.M.

## HIKE – POTLUCK COMBINED

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Thirty-three hikers finished off a delightful day with a potluck supper, following the hike to cave ruins near Cornville last Sunday.

The outing was attended by Charles and Ivy Smith, Charles Thompson, Alice Riley, Lilian Stephenson, Alice Harris, Jim and Kitty Lohrand, Lee Christopher, Allen and Stella Bristow, Judd and Pauline Trask, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Alice Carnahan, Herb and Ruth Martin, Nina Boyle, Marvin and Grace Everett, Chrisann Mingus, Clara Purtymun, Don and Ruth Willard, Darrel and Florence Smith, Larry Mingus, Bert and Phoebe Reed, Stella McMenamin, Ott and Norene Sollars.

The potluck was held at The Running Water Ranch.

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE
Don't bring much money
bargains GALORE free COFFEE
Your friends will be there
JOIN 'em
WHEN??
Saturday, March 30th
9 am to 3 pm
Bank parking lot (NICE WEATHER)
Inside county bldg. (BAD WEATHER)
Something for everyone

## Diverse Articles Donated For Sale

The Sedona Westerners' report that they are receiving some desirable items for the bargain sale to be held Saturday in the bank parking lot in downtown Sedona.

The sale will include among other items a bed, umbrella type clothes line, tires, assorted flower pots, books, records, nicknacks, wearing apparel of wide selection, plus "thingamajig" items.

At the meeting today (Thursday) members will be admitted in exchange for two items each for the sale.

"You, too can participate in the publication of "Those Early Days," written by Sedona's oletimers," sale promoters urges. "Bring anything you no longer use to the county building in Sedona. The SW extend gratitude to all of you who have contributed."

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**TERRIFIC ITEMS FOR WESTERNERS RUMMAGE**

The Sedona Westerners' report that they are receiving some terrific items for the bargain sale which will be held March 30th, downtown in the bank parking lot.

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**HIKERS MAKE ANOTHER DAY OF IT**

The Sedona Westerners and guests enjoyed another full day of activity. Departing at 10:30 a.m. the group under the leadership of Cactus Dodger Charley Thompson visited the Old Purtymun Homestead.

Others in the group were Clara Purtymun, Grace and Marvin Everitt, Lee Christopher, Nina Boyle, Ollie Simon, C. L. Knaus, Ivy and Charles Smith, Lilian Stephenson, Alice Harris, Phoebe and Bert Reed, Ott and Norene Sollars, Mildred Westrup, Louise Meginness, Evelyne and Mike Wright, Pat, Lisa, Chrisann and Larry Mingus, Florence and Darrel Smith, also Mr. F. M. Gold of Flagstaff.

All April hikes are scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

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Members of Sedona Westerners have been invited to meet with the Prescott Westerners on April 5.

Noted Western artist Joe Beeler, whose painting is one of the cover paintings on the pioneer book of the Sedona Westerners, will be the featured speaker at the dinner meeting in Prescott.

Since the Square and Compass Club has given up the sponsorship of the Easter Sunrise atop Table Mountain, or Airport Hill as it is commonly called, local ministers will be in charge of continuing the annual observance. Sedona Westerners will, as usual, be on hand with a hearty cowboy breakfast, to be served at the Elks Lodge at the conclusion of the service.

There will be 43 black and white photographs of "Those Early Days" in the book with that title, now being printed by publisher Bill Cameron of the Verde Valley Press. The front cover painting, appropriately titled "Looking Back", is the donated work of famous artist Charlie Dye of Sedona, and shows a cowboy and his mount topping a ridge, and pausing for a backward glance.

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The Sedona Westerners added a number of glasses and frames to our collection to be turned over to the Lions Club for their help to the blind program. Many, many thanks!

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# WESTERNERS HIKE TO RED TANK DRAW – SUNDAY

Red Tank Draw was the point of interest last Sunday for the Sedona Westerners and their guests. After viewing the pictographs, they spent some time seeking other rewards. Evelyne Wright and Maisel Honey were the lucky finders of arrowheads and have marked the spot for future reference.

Others in the group were Cactus Dodger Charley Thompson, Lee Christopher, Caroline Gurney, Alice Harris, Harry and Mabel Jensen, Lilian Stephenson, Allen Bristow, Mitch Mitchell, Charles Knaus, Charles and Ivy Smith, Ellsworth Schnebly, Herb and Ruth Martin, Ira and Alice Davis, Ott and Norene Sollars, Bert and Phoebe Reed, Paul Rudesill, Stephen and Ellen Forder, Mildred Westrup, Louise Meginness, Mike Wright, Nina Boyle, Jim and Kate Grutz.

No hike next Sunday since many of the group will be assisting at the annual Easter Breakfast held at the Elks Lodge following the Sunrise Service on Table Mountain.

## Title Given Book About Old Times

"Those Early Days" is the title selected for the book of local history to be published soon by the Sedona Westerners, it has been announced by the organization's book committee.

The book, which is being produced by the Verde Valley Press, will contain approximately 300 pages of text. Some 75 illustrations will supplement the "memoirs of oldtimers" who live in the Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona, Red Rock and Verde Valley areas.

Adding to the interest and value of the book will be cover illustrations by two well-known Western artists, Charlie Dye and Joe Beeler, both of Sedona.

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SEDONA WESTERNERS

HIKING CALENDAR

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One of the most beautiful places they have seen in this area, was the description of the old Purtymun homestead given by Grace Everett, one of the Sedona Westerners who held an all day picnic at the site on Sunday, March 31.

Transported across Oak Creek from Junipine Cabins by Jeep, the 27 members of the group were thrilled by the large, original homestead log cabin, kept in good repair, and by the story of pioneer life when the place was tenanted by the James Thompson family.

The Westerners learned that when Clara Purtymun and her brothers, Albert and Charles, and other members of the family lived there, plenty of flour, sugar and other supplies were stored in the fall; and they had an abundance of wild turkey, deer and bear, plus pigs and chickens they raised.

The beautiful creekside and mountain ranch now owned by Attorney F. M. Gold of Flagstaff, father-in-law of Tommy Anderson of Junipine Cabins, was once sold, said Clara, for $150. The Sedona Westerners were welcomed by Anderson, a 29-year resident.

Trip leader Charles Thompson pointed out the Old Bear Howard Trail which they used to hike up the mountain, then take a road to Flagstaff. Nine of the hardier members of the group climbed the old trail. Bert Reed made it nearly to the top. Those topping the mountain were Ott and Norine Sollars, Lee Christopher, Lillian Stephenson, Alice Harris, Phoebe Reed, ...r. Knaus and Nina Boyle.

## Westerners Go To Cave Area

A group of Sedona Westerners made a trip to the Running Water Ranch of Darrel and Florence Smith for a hike to some caves near Cornville and a potluck supper on Sunday March 24.

Included in the group were: Charlie Thompson, Charles Smith, Ivy Smith, Alice Riley, Lisa Lark, the Herb Martins, Alice Carnahan, Grace and Marvin Everett, the Judd Trasks, Bert and Phoebe Reed, Ott and Norene Sollars, Jim and Kitty Lohrand, who came up from Phoenix for the day, Pat and Larry Mingus and daughters, Chrissann and Lisa, Evelyn and Mike Wright, who joined the outing after a day with another group.

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The Emblem Club is still collecting components for glasses to be turned over to the Lions Club for their help-to-the-blind program. The club acknowledges receipt of a number of glasses and frames from the Sedona Westerners.

Evidence that Sedona is becom-

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## Don Willard Will Talk On The Valley

"Ghosts Of the Verde Valley Area" will be the topic of Don Willard, Sedona, at a meeting of the Sedona Homemakers Club April 22, at 1:30 p.m. at Wayside Chapel.

A native of the Verde Valley, Mr. Willard comes from a long line of pioneers, and one of his ancestors took part in the Lewis and Clark Expedition, so he is eminently qualified to speak on this subject," says Mrs. Lois Metz, president of the Homemakers.

# Red Rocks Shrine Site for Services

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Annual Sedona Easter Sunrise Service will be held this year at the Shrine of the Red Rocks on Table Mountain at the end of Airport Road on Sunday, April 14 at 6:30 a.m.

Originated by the Sedona Square and Compass Club, the services have been sponsored each year until now by that club. This year, however, members of the Red Rock Memorial (Masonic) Lodge have made the Shrine available to the churches of Sedona, and the services will be under the auspices of and directed by the ministers of the community. The public is invited to attend. The program will be as follows.

The Opening will be a trumpet solo by Don Pratt. James Biddle, bass, of the Catholic Church of St. John Vianney, will sing the Call to Worship.

The Invocation will be delivered by the Rev. Eschol Cosby of the Conservative Baptist Church.

The Rev. W.G. Meengs of the Wayside Chapel Community Church will speak the words of Welcome. Scripture passages will be read by the Rev. William Keeney of the Church of the Red Rocks, Congregational; the Prayer by Father Robert Juergens of St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

A vocal solo by tenor Joseph Barclay will follow. Barclay, a new resident of Sedona, was at one time Director of Music at the 1st Baptist Church, Long Beach, California, and has sung on many national radio and TV programs.

The Message will be delivered by the Rev. Ira Day of the 1st Southern Baptist Church.

Next will be another vocal solo by Barclay, a closing Prayer and Benediction by Rev. Day, and trumpet solo by Pratt. Organist throughout the services will be Mrs. Roberta Coin.

Following the services, the Sedona Westerners will serve a traditional Cowboy Breakfast at the Elks Lodge at the foot of Airport Road. Tickets will be available at the door and everyone is invited.

Rollie Houck Photo

**REV. IRA DAY, pastor of 1st Southern Baptist Church, Sedona, will deliver the Message at the Easter Sunrise Service at the Shrine of the Red Rocks.**

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Easter Sunday, April 14

***Easter Sunrise Services*** Our truly inspiring vista of Red Rocks--as seen from "The Shrine of the Red Rocks", made available to the clergy of Sedona by our Square and Compass -- is a service everyone should attend. Tourists are most warmly welcomed. This interdenominational service is to be embellished by many musical offerings by our uniquely talented Sedonans: Jim Biddle, Don Pratt, and Roberta Coin; plus new Sedona resident Joseph Barclay, tenor, noted T-V, radio and recording artist.

Airport Road 6:30 A.M.

***Please note: Following this beautiful ceremony, there will be the traditional hearty "Cowboy Breakfast" served up by Sedona's "Westerners". Tourists are cordially invited to attend and partake of this remarkable value. Food is delicious---and the "atmosphere"?--Incredible!

Elks Lodge After Services

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## Westerners Hike to Sheephead Wash

On Sunday, Sept. 29th, the Sedona Westerners and guests left the County Bldg. for a hike up Sheephead Wash. It was a lovely day and the hike was enjoyed by all. The hike was along the irrigation ditch to the falls and the scenery was beautiful. After a climb to the top of the falls purple sand the Indians used in sandpainting was found. It was a beautiful purple in color with a bluish cast. Many wished they had small containers to take some home. After the hike a potluck supper was held at the lovely home of Darrel and Florence Smith in Cornville.

Those participating in the hike were Charles Thompson, Herbert J. Zoph, Thomas Behlow, Judy Behlow, David Behlow, Clara Purtymun, Jan and Bob Every, Pauline and Judd Trask, Gene Edwards, Charles and Ivy Smith, Ruth D. Stevens, Allen and Stella Bristow, Marvin and Grace Everett, Gladys Allen, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Darrel and Florence Smith, Stella Mae McMenamin, Sharon McMenamin and Darlene McMenamin.

At various points on the banks of an excavated irrigation ditch near lower Oak Creek, Sedona Westerners hikers last week found an abundance of small to tiny sea shells of the clam variety, reminding them that the terrain on which they walked was not always an arid plain, but probably an ancient lake bed. Red Rock News Oct. 10 1968

ever possible. Verde Indep

Afternoons the office will be staffed by Miss Dieckmann, a former office manager for a large construction company in Chicago. During the summer of 1968 Miss Dieckmann was an office assistant at the Forest Service's Sedona District Ranger Station. She is active with the Sedona Westerners and prepared the excellent index for their book, "Those Early Days." Oct. 10 1968

# CAMERON'S CORNER

Oct. 3-1968

Verde Independent

October is the month for special events in the Verde Valley, and this year is certainly no exception.

There is no opportunity to gripe about the variety either, because they range from aerobatics at Cottonwood Aviation Days, to Spook Night in Jerome, to the ground breaking for a fine new library in Sedona.

Fort Verde Day will be here before we know it, and Saturday, the Valley's most historic community will have an old-fashioned political rally in the Camp Verde gymnasium.

I think all the events are great, and it should be pointed out that these things don't just happen.

Dedicated people, who become involved in these community projects, work themselves to a frazzle, and it isn't often that they get a pat on the back.

The best pat that can be given is for more people to get involved, discuss new ideas, and then work in one direction for the betterment of the community.

The greatest team we can have in any Verde Valley community is for new residents to work with the old.

A beautiful example of this is the Sedona Westerners, who worked hard on this formula, and came up with a successful project, a book that will always be a credit to the history of the Verde Valley.

Experience, blended with new ideas, is a hard combination to beat.

Feb 14, 1968 Ariz Republic

# Old-Timers' Tales Recorded in New Volume

By ELIZABETH RIGBY

SEDONA — The day Myron Loy saw his first train — and ran — is among the anecdotes of early Oak Creek Canyon days slated for publication soon by the Sedona Westerners.

Loy, then 8, was in Flagstaff in 1901 with his cattleman-farmer father, William Loy, when he saw his first locomotive.

"I thought the headlight was a big eye on a black monster!" Loy recalled. "I wasn't about to wait for it."

Loy and his wife Frieda recalled Sedona's early history here recently before the Wayside Community Chapel's Women's Fellowship.

**LOY FIRST SAW** what is now Sedona the same year he saw the train.

"My father was an inveterate trader, and some time before this he had got himself some Navajo mohair goats. These animals were highly valued for their fine - quality long hair, and my father had his corralled on the Frank Owenby Sr. place where Sally Black lives now. By this time there were several hundred head, and they were tended by an old man, Nick Stevenson, whom I called Uncle Nick.

"**BUT JUST** about then the Forest Service took over much of the area and we were going to have to move the goats, so we came up from Middle Verde to do the job. There weren't any cross - country roads here in those days, just wagon trails, and it took us all day to make the trip that today can be driven in 45 minutes.

"When we arrived, we were told that a bachelor schoolteacher had just bought the Owenby homestead, and we went over to meet him. He was Ellsworth Schnebly, uncle of the Ellsworth Schnebly who lives in Sedona today. He was later joined by his brother Carl.

Republic Photo

**Myron And Frieda Loy Recall The Past**
**She Painted Picture Of Their Homestead Cottage**

"Carl became the first postmaster here, on June 26, 1902, and the place was named for his wife Sedona, at Ellsworth's suggestion."

The old-timer said that Middle Verde was the center of population in the Verde Valley in those days. There was no church, but three ministers lived there, and services were held in the Middle Verde School.

A member of the audience, who said she had never heard of Sedona until recently, wanted to know how people happened to come here to live in the days when it was little more than an uninhabited wilderness. She addressed her question to Mrs. Loy, who, like her husband, is native born.

Mrs. Loy smiled. "My father, Henry Schuerman Sr., who was born March 17, 1832, came to this country from Germany when he was 17 to avoid military service. A baker by trade, he joined a relative in Prescott in the restaurant business, and they were partners for a while. In 1884, my father's childhood sweetheart came over to join him, and they were married.

"THAT SAME YEAR, a man who owed my father $500 and couldn't pay it told him he had squatter's rights to a 160-acre parcel of land over in the Verde Valley and offered him the land in lieu of payment."

"My father had no idea where the land was or what it would be like, but he and my mother decided to have a look. The trip from Prescott took four or five days.

"Once my parents had seen the land, they decided to stay."

Mrs. Loy said her father later discovered that the land was actually owned by the railroad, and he had to buy it again.

Stories of the Loys, the Schuermans, and many other early settlers in the area have been compiled by the Sedona Westerners in a still untitled volume on Sedona-Oak Creek Canyon and neighboring sections of the Verde Valley.

## Thompson Sets Record Straight

To the Editor:

I would like to set the record straight about an item that appeared in Sedona news of the Verde Independent on April 11.

It is about Sedona Westerners' picnic on the lawn of Junipine ranch house.

To begin, the ranch was first settled by the Steven Purtymun family and the house was built by them. The Jim Thompson family never lived there. The only one of the Thompson family to ever live there is Clara Thompson Purtymun after she married Albert Purtymun.

True, the place was sold for $150, but that was only rights and improvements. The land had not been patented at the time.

The Bear Howard Trail that some members of the Westerners climbed was built up to Barney Pasture on the west side of Oak Creek and was never used as a supply trail to bring in groceries. The Purtymun trail that leads up the mountain on the east side of the creek starts out just in front of Junipine store. It was the one that supplies were brought down over.

Albert E. Thompson

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SEDONA WESTERNERS

HIKING CALENDAR

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| May 5 | Wilson Canyon Trail (Cave) |
| May 12 | Visit Mother |
| May 19 | Anderson Pass* |
| May 26 | Wupatki National Monument* |

May 5th hike departure time 1:30 P.M.

May 19th and 26th scheduled for 10:30 A.M.

Information: 282-3354
Public Invited
Meeting Place: County Building
Departure time: 1:30 P.M.

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**WILSON CANYON TRAIL HIKED LAST SUNDAY**

On Sunday, May 5th the following hikers joined Cactus Dodger, Charley Thompson down the Wilson Canyon Trail into a cave.

Ted and Wanda Tinkler, Alice Harris, Lilian Stephenson, Clara Purtymun. Marvin and Grace Everett, Herbert Zoph, Bert and Phoebe Reed, Ott and Norene Sollars, Judd and Pauline Trask. Lisa Lark, Alice Carnahan and Myrtle Smith.

## Westerners Grills Are Stolen

May 2-1968

Broiling grills belonging to Sedona Westerners have been stolen, and because the steak fry season is here, new grills are badly needed.

The Westerners are asking residents who have pieces of metal screen with about 1-1/2 inch mesh to donate them to the organization. Ideal size would be about three feet square.

Carl Richards of Sedona has agreed to put the grills into steel frames. Those with suitable screens are asked to contact Tex Dallas at 282-7786. Verde Independent

**SEDONA WESTERNERS SPONSOR "YOUR HOME STATE" PICNICS MAY 19th**

Michigan Day is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This will be the first picnic of the season sponsored by the Sedona Westerners.

By request of many former 'Michiganers', now residing in the Sedona area, this state plans a picnic with all the trimmings in a most unique atmosphere, the Posse Grounds. This is located 4½ miles southwest of Sedona off Highway 89A.

Invitation is extended to anyone in Arizona who has lived in the state of Michigan.

Come and bring your guests (regardless of their state).

Bring your favorite covered dish – beverage served as courtesy of Sedona Westerners.

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May 16, 1968

**SUNDAY IS MICHIGAN PICNIC**

The Sedona Posse Grounds is the sight of the Michigan Potluck-Picnic this Sunday. Anyone who has lived in the state of Michigan may attend. Gov. Romney has been invited but no reply has been received whether or not he will attend.

The Sedona Westerners will serve the beverage as a compliment to the event. They have been requested to hold a Wisconsin Picnic within the next few weeks.

Come and meet your former statesmen. Hot dogs available if you do not wish to bring a covered dish.

Taking to the grassroots trail on Sunday, April 28, 15 Sedona Westerners drove over rocky and "cactusy" mesa lands to reach the site of a large prehistoric Indian community on the Verde River, south of Camp Verde. They hiked and climbed to inspect many of the approximately 50 cave dwellings and a pueblo ruin. Ott Sollars won his Westerner badge (as if he needed to) by shoveling out one large boulder from under the Reed car to make way for dislodging another by main force, then averting further accidents to all the cars by walking ahead and, with an assist from Marvin Everett, throwing big rocks out of the grassy trail.

Making the trip, previously scouted by Charles Thompson, Allen Bristow and Olin Mitchell, were besides Thompson, Bert and Phoebe Reed, Ott and Norene Sollars, Charles Knaus, Marvin and Grace Everett, Herb Zopf, Ollie Simon, Myrtle Smith, Charles and Ivy Smith, Clara Purtymun and Gladys Allen.

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**MEMORIAL DAY HIKE PLANS**

Cactus Dodger, Charley Thompson announced that a hike has been scheduled for Memorial Day due to several requests.

The hikers will meet at 10:00 A.M. at the County Bldg. and bring lunch.

Hike will be to the first bench of Wilson Mtn. Thursday, May 30th at 10:00 A.M.

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ELLSWORTH SCHNEBLY PRESIDENT

## WESTERNERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

On Thursday, May 23rd the Sedona Westerners elected the following officers to serve for the coming year.

Trail Boss (President), Ellsworth Schnebly; Wagon Boss (Vice President), Don Willard; Wrangler (Recording Sec'y.), Pauline Trask; Roundup Boss (Corresp. Sec'y.), Evelyne Wright Foreman (Treasurer), Nina Boyle; Prospector (Membership Chairman), Mitch Mitchell; Star Toter (Marshall), 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.

ELLSWORTH SCHNEBLY

Thursday, May 9, 1968 Verde Independent

**MEMBERS OF THE Sedona Westerners take potluck at the old Purtymun Homestead in Oak Creek Canyon.**

**A GROUP OF SEDONA Westerners at the front veranda of the old Purtymun Homestead in Oak Creek Canyon.**

# Plenty Of Loving Care Preserves Picturesque Purtymun Homestead

by Florence Smith

Leaving Sedona on a beautiful Sunday morning the Sedona Westerners took a potluck lunch and were guests of Frank Gold and Tommy Anderson of Oak Creek Canyon.

Gold told us about his coming from Kansas in 1913 with tuberculosis and a limited time to live. We all had to admit he is the youngest looking 89er we have ever seen.

He showed us through the large house with quite a bit of old furniture. He was very proud of an old waffle iron and hot cake griddle. He told us about the puncheon flooring in the north room. This building is the oldest still standing in Oak Creek Canyon.

Steven and Martha Purtymun came to this area and had squatter's rights; later it was homesteaded. Martha and Steven had nine children and, as they grew up and married, some of them came home to live.

Clara Purtymun, a Sedona Westerner, married Albert, a son, and lived there briefly several times, the first being in 1905. She told a story of her daughter hiding in one of the lovely old cupboards, while everyone was looking for her for hours and afraid for her life because of bobcats. Clara also told that at one time the place was sold for $150.

Charles Thompson, Clara's brother, remembered his first visit to the place 70 years ago.

Charles Smith showed the Westerners the cherry tree he once sat under in 1917 and ate "an awful lot of good cherries."

Anderson, being a long-time friend, is so proud of his part in this old place and he has worked hard to preserve as much as possible.

The cement for the chinking was gathered and made right on the property and he laughed when he told us that the old chinking was holding up better then the repair he made.

He showed us the original shake roof he has protected with another roof. He told us that Martha Purtymun had made most of the shakes.

The original porch posts are very sturdy. Anderson proudly told of the friends of the Purtymans who still stop by to visit the home. Everything that he has added he is proud to say is as near as possible to the original. We all agreed it looks wonderful.

and were taken on a tour of the garden and orchards and shown a spot where there had been a 100-year-old apple tree, taken out only a few years ago.

We had a wonderful day and certainly felt proud to have met two such wonderful men as Gold and Anderson. We appreciate their efforts in preserving the wonderful old peaceful "Purtymun Homestead."

Westerners present were Charles Thompson, Clara Purtymun, Grace Everett, Marvin Everett, Lee Christopher, Nina Boyle, Ollie Simon, C. L. Kanus, Ivy Smith, Lillian Stephenson, Alice Harris, Phoebe Reed, Bert Reed, Ott Sollars, Norene Sollars, Mildred Westrup, Louise Mezinness, Charles Smith, Evelyne Wright, Mike Wright, Larry Mingus, Pat Mingus, Chrissann Mingus, Lisa Mingus, Florence and Darrel Smith.

**FRANK GOLD, left, and Charles Smith show the old Purtymun Homestead in Oak Creek Canyon to a group of Sedona Westerners.**

CARD OF THANKS

A hearty and sincere "thank you" to all who helped toward the success of the Jerome Cinco de Mayo Fiesta.

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Cedar Breaks and the North Rim.

On Sunday, May 26, the Sedona Westerners were guided to a remote Indian ruins area that probably only a native could have discovered. William and Violet Rupe of Winslow took the group on a faint trail off of the road to Anderson Pass. Numerous perfect bird points were found, of various colored stone. Remains of large pottery bowls in shades of red and gray and a variety of black-on-white were also found.

Violet Rupe is a native of and grew up in Oak Creek Canyon, and, with her husband, has lived in various parts of the Verde Valley.

Others taking the trip were Mrs. Rupe's mother, Clara Purtymun; Caroline Gurney, Myrtle Smith, Nena Boyle, Herb Martin, Allen Bristow, Ellsworth Schnebly, Ollie Simon, Herb Zopf, Darrel and Florence Smith, Alice Harris, Lillian Stevenson, Gladys Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Oliver from Oakland, travel-trailer visitors in Sedona for the week, who were guests of Mrs. Harris.

## Officers Elected By Westerners

New officers were elected by the Sedona Westerners on Thursday, May 23. They are:

Trail boss (president), Ellsworth Schnebley; wagon boss (vice president), Don Willard; wrangler (recording secretary), Pauline Trask; roundup boss (corresponding secretary), Evelyne Wright; foreman (treasurer), Nona 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, Judi Trask, Ollie Simon, Albert Thompson, Gladys Allen and Fletcher Fairchild.

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## Group Switches Tour To Wupatki

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When their guide was not available for the scheduled Anderson Pass trip on Sunday, May 19, the Sedona Westerners' trip chairman, Charles Thompson, switched that day's destination to Wupatki. A party of 14 drove past Sunset Crater, picnicked and toured the national monument ruins.

En route home they were shown mor[illegible] and an interesting cave a few miles north of Flagstaff, by "ol'timer" Charley Smith. Westerners and guests taking the trip were: Mike and Evelyn Wright, Darrel and Florence Smith with their daughter, and family; Charles Thompson, Clara Purtymun, Nena Boyle, Charles Knaus, Myrtle Smith, and Charley and Ivy Smith.

Another contingent of Sedona Westerners hosted the Michigan State Picnic at the Posse Grounds on May 19. Ellsworth Schnebly, Herb Martin and Carl Richards provided coffee, music and supervision of the potluck picnic fo. 26 former residents of Michigan, some coming from as far as Prescott and Tucson. Herb Martin, Wilfred Stalo and Norman Koski took pictures of the group.

Attending were: William and Vlasta Ellson, formerly from Lansing; Ralph and Marian Block from Pontiac, who bought property here in 1948 and moved here in 1954; Arthur and Priscilla Skeats from Mount Pleasant and Sedona; "Hub" Gallap, now of Sedona's Bell, Book, and Candle, from East Lansing; Dick Newnham from Saugatuck and his wife Elsie, from New Jersey, who have lived in Harmony Hills since February, and prior to that, in Tucson for nine years; Tex Dallas from the upper peninsula, and Wilma from Missouri; Norman and Fifi Koski of Hancock, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Ahti Jaaskelainen from Ahmeek, Michigan, now living in Tucson; Ruth Stevens, Indian Trails, from Fennville, Michigan; Mrs. Fred (Maude) Van Hartesveldt from Detroit. Other Michiganers from out of town were: George E. Sleep, Jerome; Grace Thiel and Harry B. Ives, Cottonwood; Betty and Myrtle Waldo, Prescott.

Buyers of Those Early Days, the pioneers and sons of pioneers book about the early days of white settlement in this area, will have the opportunity to meet and get acquainted with the oldtimers who are contributors to the book, and learning who they were.

Purpose of the Sedona Westerner sponsored autograph party to be held at the Art Barn in late June is delivery and autographing of the books by the oldtimers, and an occasion for them to visit with each other, and with the purchasers of the book.

At the Red Cross Board meeting at the Turtle on Monday, June 10, Chapter Chairman George Hodgins announced that Rev. William Kenney and Mrs. Hugh Duerson are helping with the swimming instruction program for Sedona pupils at the Clarkdale Pool, in addi-

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One hundred dollars has already been bid on the first copy of "Those Early Days" in Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona and the Verde Valley, which is to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. An autograph party will be held for this purpose by the Sedona Westerners after the first hundred books, already printed by the Verde Valley Press, have been bound. June 6 - 1965

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## Westerners Plan Book Reception

A reception honoring publication of their book, "Those Early Days" will be held by Sedona Westerners July 7 from 3 to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sedona Art Barn.

Old timers who have contributed their stories to the book will be on hand for the affair and to autograph copies.

A regular meeting of the organization will be held July 27 at the Sedona County Building.

## Westerners Plan Book Reception

On Sunday, July 7th, The Sedona Westerners are holding an autograph party at the Art Barn, the hours will be 3:00 to 6:00 and 7:00 to 9:00. The purpose of this party is delivery and autographing of the book Those Early Days, a book about the early days of white settlement in this area. This will give the buyers of the book an opportunity to meet and get acquainted with the oldtimers who are contributors to the book. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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When Chamber of Commerce President Dan Kingman wanted to try an outdoors dinner meeting for the chamber's June 3 meeting, he called on dedicated civic worker and Sedona Westerner-trailboss, Ollie Simon, who arranged for and headed a Sedona Western steak fry at the Posse Grounds for the chamber's first outdoors meeting. Foreseeing a shortage of experienced steak broilers, Ollie called on a Sedona Westerner friend, the Lions Club, with happy results. Top cooks, James Lemieux and Guy Lunt volunteered their able help and they and Simon turned out steaks that received high praise for tenderness. Verde Ind. June 13 1965

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**FILM TO BE SHOWN AT WESTERNERS MEETING 25th**

The Sedona Westerners will present a film as the entertainment for the regular meeting on Thursday evening, July 25th. The movie will be INVITATION TO THE EAST featuring Niagara Falls and other points across the United States.

Guests are always welcome. Place is the County Building at 8:00 p.m.

and numerous other whirling rides.

New Sedona Westerner members, Bob and June Every of Phoenix and Sedona, and Ollie and Chet Howard of Coffee Pot Subdivision with their niece Cindy Howard from Westminster, Calif., who is here for the summer, and the Howard's daughter and family from Huntington Beach, Nancy and Keith Jongsma and Michele, Mark and Michael Jongsma, all were guests of Charles Thompson in the cool shade of black alder and walnut along Oak Creek June 30.

Others enjoying the fishing, hiking, visiting, and games of the day were: Ted Tinkler, a friend of the Thompsons, and Purtymuns who has a summer trailer home at Indian Gardens, and who works at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix; Mrs. Joe Kurtz and Patty Kurtz from Phoenix, and another daughter of the Charles Thompsons from Cornville; Charles and Ivey Smith, Clara Purtyman, Ruth Randolph, Judd and Pauline Trask, Felix and Lula Herold.

Also Mike and Evelyne Wright, Darrel and Florence Smith and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mingus of Phoenix and Cornville; Ott and Norine Sollars, Gladys Allen, Ollie Simon; and Durward and Goldie McKinney from Flagstaff who were guests of the Felix Heralds.

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## Westerners Get Carnival Check

At the Sedona Westerners meeting July 25, Jack Craig of the Lion's Club and a member of the Westerners, presented a check to the Westerners for their part in the Lions carnival.

Beaverhead stage station was discussed again. The group would like to have it made a historical site and preserved.

Allen Bristow called attention to an article of clothing worn by some of the men in the pictures in the book, "Those Early Days." How many people know what "galluses" are? Suspenders to some of us city-bred folks.

Allen explained that people used to carry silver dollars and other heavy things in their pockets, so they had to have strong "galluses." They were sometimes made of leather, some were fancy with ruffles! Some had snaps and fancy buttons. He said, when they were run through a wringer, the buttons would sometimes be ruined.

Don Willard showed a picture of a tramway similar to the one carrying ore on Mingus Mountain in the mining days there.

Refreshments were served by Pauline Trask, including homemade cookies.

Elsworth Schnebly showed a motion picture of a flight over United States, taking off at San Francisco, flying over cities and countryside, over Niagara Falls.

Next meeting will be at 8 p.m. Aug. 8 at the County Building in Sedona. Fletcher Fairchild will be the guest speaker with a talk on Zane Grey. This meeting is open to the public.

## OLDTIMER'S MAY HAVE SECOND AUTOGRAPH PARTY FOR NEW BOOK

"THOSE EARLY DAYS", a book just published, was written by the oldtimer's group of the Sedona Westerners.

It contains history, places names, homesteading and life in these red rocks in the early days.

Last Sunday, author's of the stories autographed more than 300 copies of the book at a party held at the Sedona Art Barn. Many who had previously ordered books are on vacation and missed the autographing; hence, another party seems likely.

The oldtimer's will discuss the subject at the Sedona Westerner's meeting Thursday evening.

Out of state subscribers may order a book by mail from the Sedona Westerners. Locally, the book will soon be available in most shops.

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At the Sedona Westerners July 11 meeting, members voted not to sponsor the Western Days parade and celebration, as they have for the past two years. The event, formerly called the Posse Parade, held on the same day as the Posse's rodeo, is "up for grabs" by any organization or individual wishing to produce it.

Complimentary letters have been received by various Westerners about the new book, "Those Early Days," which is being enthusiastically received by buyers in Sedona, the Verde Valley and Flagstaff. Date for a second autograph party has been tentatively set for Sunday, July 28. Verde Ind. July 18 1968

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**ELLSWORTH SCHNEBLY, above, is new Trail Boss (president) of Sedona Westerners, which is planing an autograph party for its book on oldtimers at Sedona Art Barn.**

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## WESTERNERS PLAN AUTOGRAPH PARTY

On Sunday, July 28th, The Sedona Westerners are holding a second autograph party at the Art Barn, the hours will be 3:00 to 6:00 only.

This book "Those Early Days" has created so much interest and many who had previously ordered books were on vacation so The Sedona Westerners decided to hold this second autograph party. The first one was a very big success.

"Those Early Days" was written by the oldtimers group of the Sedona Westerners. It contains the history and life in the Red Rock Country in the early days.

Everyone is welcome to attend this affair and make their acquaintance with the "Old Timers" who contributed to the book, see the book, and obtain autographs.

## Melon Escapades Enliven Meeting

Several impromptu stories of watermelons and boys made the last meeting of the Sedona Westerners a "howling success."

Fletcher Fairchild told how he was the target for some well-placed buckshot while he was "borrowin" some watermelons.

Allen Bristow added a story. Then Don Willard told how he and some other youths floated watermelons down an irrigation ditch to get them past a certain house.

At the Westerners' next meeting a colored motion picture, "Invitation to the East," will be shown. This records a helicopter trip over Niagara Falls and the eastern states. The meeting will be at 8 p.m. July 25 at the County Building.

The Westerners say everyone will be welcomed.

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# Inner City Pupils Tour Sedona

The red carpet was out in Sedona Tuesday, July 16, when 30 boys and girls from Phoenix's inner city came to spend the day.

They are among those enrolled in the Phoenix Union High School's summer school Communications Class, a Title I Federal Aid to Education program designed to "widen the horizons" of inner city children, explained Miss Louise Myers, teacher, who, with another teacher, Gordon Hill, accompanied the group.

The students will all be high school freshmen next year. Many had never been out of the city before. "The program is designed to expand their awareness of the community, to show them things they might not otherwise see," Miss Myers explained.

Previously they had visited the Wax Museum in Scottsdale, Luke Air Force Base, the Phoenix Art Museum, and the Phoenix Library. Next they will visit the Phoenix Police Station and Taliesin West.

The field trips are in addition to four hours daily instruction in English and reading, Miss Myers said.

With Hill, she had come to Sedona the preceding Saturday to make arrangements for the Sedona excursion and had approached Tex Dallas of Kachina Tours, asking whether he would serve as guide. Among the places they wanted to take the young people were Montezuma Castle (on the return trip) and the Chapel of the Holy Cross, because a view of the chapel, which Frank Lloyd Wright helped design, would supplement the projected visit to Taliesin West.

Dallas, a member of the Sedona Westerners, not only volunteered to guide the group without charge, he arranged for a number of bonus treats.

One was a free-of-charge visit to the Old West cyclorama, "Pecos West," a dramatic theatrical production created by Sedona woodcarver Valenty Zaharek and depicting pioneer life in the Southwest.

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# WESTERNERS NEW BOOK

Two copies of the new book, "Those Early Days," in which more than fifty Sedona old timers reminisce about the pioneer period of Sedona history, will be among the score of door prizes to be drawn at the big "Evening To Remember" party which the Rotary Club will stage at the Elks' Club August 10th, for the benefit of the building fund of the Sedona Public Library.

"Those Early Days," off the press this month and sponsored by the local organization, The Westerners, is a rich and colorful lode of exciting stories, anecdotes and memories of the days since John J. Thompson took squatters' rights to the Indian Garden ranch in 1876.

In the book Albert E. Thompson recollects that while the postoffice was established in 1902 and the tiny settlement given the name of Sedona for the mother of Ellsworth Schnebly, the site was previously known as Camp Garden.

Pioneer residents have contributed in their own words stories of the early days of the Red Rock country. Sedona's two nationally known artists of western paintings, Charlie Dye and Joe Beeler, have sketches on the outside front and outside back book covers respectively. Many other members of The Westerners contributed in some manner to the creation of the book.

A measure of the fascinating tales that lie within the book is glimpsed by a few chapter headings: The First White Child Born in Sedona, Names Places in Sedona's History, An Indian Scare, The Last Long Trail Drive, "Bear Tree" Jimmy, A Bear Hunter Who Lost (the story of how Mount Wilson got its name) Mysterious Graves, The Winter of the Deep Snow (1915-16), A Loaf of Bread for a Nickel, and The Torture Rod. In all, 63 chapters tell the wide ranging story of Sedona.

"Those Early Days," if purchased, cost $7.50 plus tax for the hard cover and $4.95 for the soft cover. All revenue from the Rotarian "Evening to Remember" party will be turned over to the library's building fund, according to Marcus McCutchan, Rotary president. Any expenses incurred will be defrayed by Rotary, he said.

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**THEY HELPED make Sedona-Oak Creek Canyon and Verde Valley history, and now they have a book to prove it. From left: Joe Lay, Minnie Farley Steele, Ruth Willard, Myron (Budge) Loy and Felix A. Herold with copies of "Those Early Days".**

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# Pioneers' Book Goes On Sale At Sunday Party

Sunday will be a great day for Verde Valley old timers as the Sedona Westerners begin distribution of "Those Early Days", a book of Verde Valley history, at an autograph party at the Sedona Art Barn.

Written by the pioneers, many of them will be on hand to autograph copies from 3 to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

The project started nearly three years ago when Tex Dallas and Rollie Houck urged long-time residents of the area to preserve their stories in book form.

Old timers were frequent guests of the Westerners, and often entertained by telling of their experiences involving the life and times of early settlers in the area.

Much of the material in the book has been carefully gathered over many years by Albert Thompson, the son of Oak Creek pioneer Jim Thompson.

Albert Thompson was able to persuade many other pioneers to contribute their family stories, and a number of them were related through him.

Everyone is welcome to attend the affair at which the books will go on sale.

The book has created so much interest that many advance sales have been made. One enthusiast has offered $100 for the first book completed and certified as such. If his offer is challenged by a higher one, this might prove an exciting feature of the occasion.

The book was printed by The Verde Independent.

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10 CENTS COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA

EXAMINING THE first copy of "Those Early Days", the Sedona Westerners' new book of pioneer stories, are these members of the publication committee, from left, Don Willard, Allen Bristow, Albert Thompson, and Ellsworth Schnebly. Sale of the books started with an autograph party Sunday.

# Pioneer Book Sales Off To Fast Start

Sedona Westerners and their "oldtimer" members played host to a throng of enthusiastic guests Sunday afternoon and evening when the new volume of Sedona-Oak Creek-Red Rock and Verde Valley history, "Those Early Days," was introduced at a mass autographing party at the Sedona Art Barn.

Sedonans started pouring into the Barn at 2 p.m. and they were still coming at the 9 p.m. closing time. This gave the oldtimers, who had only an hour off for dinner, quite a workout at the long autographing tables as they signed book after book for the purchasers.

To date some 375 copies of the book have been sold, according to Don Willard, member of the Sedona Westerners book committee.

"Those Early Days" is available in both hard and soft cover. The cloth bound volumes sell for $7.50 each, plus tax, the soft cover volumes for $4.95, plus tax. For the time being the books may be obtained from Ellsworth Schnebly, new Trail Boss of the Westerners, 441 Smith Road; Don Willard, back of Canyon Portal Motel; or Wilma Dallas at the Oak Creek Medical and Dental Clinic on Jordan Road. Later they will be available through designated retailers, to be announced.

One thousand copies each of the hard and soft cover volumes have

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## Westerners Book Is Selling Fast

They came to the Oldtimers' autographing party at the Sedona Art Barn Sunday afternoon (July 28) carrying armloads of copies of "Those Early Days" to be signed by those who had produced this interesting chronicle of the early days of Sedona-Oak Creek and the Verde Valley, and the oldtimers were more than happy to oblige. Their pride in this volume is well justified and a pleasant thing to see.

Don Willard, a member of the book committee, reports that between 7 and 8 hundred copies of the 2,000-book first printing have been sold since the book went on sale July 7, less than a month ago, a fact indicating that the community is solidly behind the project and grateful for the enterprise that has made possible the recording, for the first time, of much little-known local history.

The Sedona Westerners' new book, "Those Early Days," is now available at the following establishments and more will be added soon, it has been announced by Don Willard, member of the book committee.

In Oak Creek Canyon, Junipine and Don Hoel's; in Sedona, Rollie's Camera Shop, The Worm, Bell, Book and Candle and the Chapel of the Holy Cross; in Cottonwood, The Verde Independent; in Camp Verde, Wingfield's store and the Fort Verde Museum.

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ELLSWORTH SCHNEBLY, who retired recently after 44 years as an educator, is shown with the three bells, each with a special meaning in his long teaching career.

# Schnebly Has Colorful Career

"Three bells and all is well" with Ellsworth Schnebly of Sedona, who took over the cudgel of Trail Boss (president) of Sedona Westerners, following his retirement after 44 years as an educator.

Now in possession of three bells, each with a special significance, Schnebly was presented the middle-sized bell from Beaver Creek School, his last teaching job in a long and colorful career.

He was presented the bell by Paul Webb, Beaver Creek School board clerk, at eighth grade commencement exercises May 22.

The largest bell belonged to his mother, the late Sedona Schnebly, who taught school in Gorin, Mo., before her marriage, and the smallest bell is one he used when he taught at Chambers, Ariz., in 1919.

From a family whose name is living legend in Sedona, which was named for his mother, Ellsworth was born in Gorin, Mo., but has been more or less homebased in this area since he was three years old.

Discharged from the army in December 1918, he worked at the lumber mill at Cooley, now McNary, before his teaching job at Chambers.

"Because I had an idea the Colorado State College at Greeley offered more than the Arizona institutions of higher learning, I lived in and taught in Colorado for the next eight years while I was working for my A.B. Degree," he recounted.

"In 1929, my wife Lucille, my young son, Larry, and I came back to Arizona where I have been teaching ever since, except for the period between August 12, 1942 and January 11, 1946 when I was in the Marine Corps," he said.

In the fall of 1946 he taught at Cottonwood and in 1947 went to Mayer where he lived eight years before returning to Cottonwood to teach eight years.

"Although I had a masters degree from Colorado State College, I wanted a degree from my own state, so I got a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Arizona University (then Arizona State College) at Flagstaff in 1956.

His other teaching jobs included a year at the Indian Center at Dennehotso, "which was then an almost isolated outpost on the reservation where many Indians had never seen a town," and as an educational advisor at the CCC Camp at Mt. Eldon east of Flagstaff.

"Because I once worked in the Denver post offices, I was assigned to the Fleet Post Office while I was in the Marine Corps in 1944," he said.

The Schneblys' son, Larry is with KGUN Channel 9, ABC TV in Tucson.

They also have two daughters, Patricia and Paula, and nine grandchildren.

# New Book Acquaints Latter-Day Arizonans With Their Heritage

"Did you ever see a dream walking?" asks a popular song.

Well, "Those Early Days," a fascinating book newly published by the Sedona Westerners, is just that for a good many people.

About the early history of Oak Creek-Sedona and the Verde Valley region of northern Arizona, the book did not come into existence without some trials and tribulations.

The first printer who was awarded the job of production in the summer of 1967 went out of business with the work only partly completed and with much left to be desired in the quality of that work.

Somehow The Verde Valley Press, which took over the job, managed to jump this hurdle and produce a handsome volume. Much of the credit for this goes to Ruth Coleman of Sedona, whose services as a professional book designer were fortunately available.

"Those Early Days" is a readable blend of family histories, exciting tales of true events, amusing anecdotes (some, perhaps, a little on the tall side) and running accounts of such topics as early day homesteading, roads (at first there weren't any ), the narrow-gauge railroad, roundups and trail drives, from kerosene to kilowatts, storekeeping, fruit growing, early automobiles, country doctoring, law enforcement in lawless days, heroic women alone in the wilderness bringing up children who are today's old-timers, and many other such subjects.

An eight-page index, for which June Dieckmann is largely responsible, makes the wealth of information contained in this book readily available.

A bonus gift is to be found in the front and back cover drawings contributed by Sedona's two noted Cowboy Artists of America artists, Charlie Dye and Joe Beeler, titled respectively "Over the Rim" and "Old Brind," both created especially for this book and donated by the painters.

The book is, of course, not flawless.

Through no fault of Miss Dieckmann's, the sub-headings under main topics in the index are printed flush with the margins instead of being indented, as is customary.

Due in part to the incompleted work of the original printers, there are typographical errors.

Finally, some stories had to be omitted, either because of space limitations or because no qualified persons could be found to write them. Members of the book committee are well aware of the imperfections, but then, they say, "We can always hope for a Volune Two!"

Perhaps some idea of the book's flavor may be obtained from the following brief excerpts selected at random.

The first is from Allen L. Bristow's chapter, "From Trail Dust to Jet Trails." It refers to a period in the early part of the century when his family was living on the Lower Verde and his father was running cattle on the remote H bar Y range.

"Father would be gone for a week or more at a time in this rough area looking after the cattle. Mother had her hands full taking care of us kids, doing chores, milking a couple of half-wild cows, and doing the family washing.

"Washing clothes in those days was a little more than turning on a switch. First you had to chop wood, then build a fire under a big kettle filled with water which was drawn from a well which was 90 feet deep. This was done with a bucket attached to a rope that ran over a pulley.

"Shavings from homemade soap were added to the water, and after a melting time clothes were placed in this kettle and boiled to save rubbing time. Rubbing of the clothes was done by hand on a washboard made of galvanized iron or brass."

The second is from octogenerian Clara Purtymun's lively chapter titled "Ramblings." It has to do with life on her father's farm in Oak Creek Canyon. Clara's father, John J. (Jim) Thompson, was Oak Creek Canyon's first settler, having established squatters right in 1876 to property at what is now known as Indian Gardens.

"My oldest brother, Frank, had to take over the farming as soon as he was old enough, because Dad was gone from home so much. Frank was a harder taskmaster than Dad or Mother, and we were more afraid of him. Lizzie, my older sister, helped mother in the house, and I had to help in the garden and field work. We had to weed the garden, drop the corn and potatoes when it was planting time and pick up potatoes in the fall at harvest time.

"Once when we were dropping corn and Frank was covering it with a little plow, Fred, my younger brother, spilled a lot of corn. He could not get it picked up before Frank was back with the plow, so he buried it all in one spot so Frank would not see it and scold. A lot of corn came up in that spot!

"Fred and I herded cows, pigs, ducks and chickens. We had to stay out all day and not even come in when we had company or to eat. Someone would bring us lunch at noontime. We herded the chickens to keep them from scratching up the little corn and garden. Mother and Lizzie tried to make our job easier by sewing old overall rags on the chickens' feet to keep them from scratching. It did not work. Before they got the moccasins made for the last ones, the first ones had them worn out."

It is fun to read about "Those Early Days," but perhaps some of us are glad we did not have to live in them. We pay tribute to those who did and who have so gracefully made the transition into modern times, another world. --E.R.

## Autograph Party To Be Repeated

The Sedona Westerners Oldtimers will hold a second autograph party for their book, "Those Early Days," from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Sedona Art Barn.

This is in response to many requests from persons who missed the highly successful first event July 7, according to Don Willard, a member of the book committee.

Copies of the book, both hardcover and paperback, will be available at the party. Persons who have purchased copies since July 7 but have not had an opportunity to have them autographed are invited to bring their books with them.

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## SEDONA WESTERNERS RESUMING HIKES

After their summer break, Sedona Westerners are resuming their combined hikes and motor trips on Sunday, September 1, starting at 10 AM for Anderson Mesa, from the County Building. On Sept. 8, Barney Pastures, said to have the tallest and biggest pines in Arizona, will be the destination, with 10 o'c lock also the starting time.

## WESTERNERS TO MEET AUGUST 22nd

At the next Westerners meeting to be held on August 22nd, Lucille Schnebly and Iva Fairchild will show and give a talk about their antique bottle collection. Both have a large and very interesting collection. Lucille Schnebly will also give a short talk on the composition of glass of all kinds and colors. Iva Fairchild will give a short history of glass of all kinds. They have traveled throughout our Western states adding to their collection.

This will be a very interesting evening and the public is most cordially invited.

The meetings are held at the county building starting at 8:00 o'clock. Red Rock News Aug. 22-1968

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**WOODCARVER Valenty Zaharek talks to a group of Phoenix Union High School summer school students at his "Pecos West" cyclorama, Sedona. From left, they are Alvin Wright, Debra Neely, Elaine Perez and Pat Olmstead. At right is Fletcher Fairchild, Sedona Westerners "oldtimer", one of three who accompanied the youngsters on their outing to tell them something of the history of the area.**

The boys and girls sat spellbound as the marvel revolved before them under the changing lights, the effect enhanced by appropriate music. Zaharek later told them that the multi-scened carving contained 33,000 pieces of wood and had taken him three years to make.

At Dallas's suggestion, three other Sedona Westerners, all members of the organization's Oldtimers Committee and contributors to the newly published book, "Those Early Days," rode in the bus with the students to answer questions and tell something of the early history of the area. They were Fletcher Fairchild, Don Willard, whose father was the first postmaster at Cottonwood, and Ellsworth Schnebly for whose mother, Sedona Schnebly, Sedona was named.

While they were eating a picnic lunch at Red Rock Crossing, Fairchild told the students about his early associations with the famous western novelist, Zane Grey.

Willard, who recently attended his 50th class reunion at what is now Arizona State University, Tempe, asked the students, "How would you like to meet someone who attended your high school from 1912 to 1916? I did just that, and at the time the school had just one building and not many more than 400 students."

At which one of the kids took a startled second look at the questioner, a tall and active man of distinguished appearance.

"Why," the student said, shaking his head in disbelief, "you must be 70 years old or more!"

# French Group Treated To Old West Holdup

The 99 French students, professional men and women and workers on a month-long tour of the American West had expressed a desire to experience an authentic Old West holdup, and Paul Coze, French consul at Phoenix, thought he might be able to oblige.

Having heard of the Sedona Westerners, Coze drove up to Sedona a few days in advance of the two-bus caravan of visitors to make the arrangements, and Ollie Simon and Tex Dallas took charge.

They enlisted the aid of Sedona's Remount Stables owned by Doug Johnson and Seth Williams and managed by Gary Anderson. Anderson, stable workers Lynn Traylor and Dick Krahl, Dick's brother, Lane, and Andy Phillips agreed to play the bad men, and Seth Williams astride Freckles, the burro, for a comic note, was to be the not-quite-Johnny-on-the-spot sheriff.

Since he was told that the students were serious in their interest in American history as well as fun-seeking, Ollie selected an area near the historic Beaverhead Stage Coach Station site for the stage holdup, and there, with the "bad men" and "sheriff" in hiding among the trees by the spring below, a group of Sedonans waited to greet the visitors early in the afternoon of July 28.

After a visit to the Chapel of the Holy Cross, the busses hove into view and came to a stop in the field for a picnic lunch break, whereupon the bad men rode up in a cloud of dust, shouting and brandishing their six-shooters in a realistic performance that had the delighted students reaching for the sky in a hurry.

After busses had been boarded and purses snatched, Sheriff Williams came limping along astride slow-paced Freckles with Stretch Maiden pushing the balky burro from behind, and the bandits rode off up the road.

Lunch eaten, all walked down the hill to where Myrtle Smith, an authentic Sedona-Oak Creek Canyon old-timer, had steaming pots of authentic cowboy coffee at the ready, while nearby, at the site of the old stagecoach station, Paul Coze gave the guests a rundown on the history of the place.

Later the busses drove to Valenty Zaharek's cyclorama, "Pecos West," for a pictorial view and musical rendition of typical Old West scenes.

Having already visited Denver, Santa Fe and Taos, the Navajo and Hopi reservations and Phoenix, the students were bound for Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Salt Lake City before heading back to New York.

Members of the visiting group are from the House of Youth and Culture at Saint Germain En Laye, a town of about 30,000 on the river Seine near Paris.

The House of Youth was founded after World War II to provide an incentive for service and a program of educational, cultural and social activities for young people, according to Robert Capel, a teacher who was with the group.

To promote international understanding on a people-to-people basis, trips have been arranged in the past to Italy, Greece, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Ireland.

A brochure prepared for the visit to the American West describes as the greatest adventure ever experienced by members the first trip to the United States in 1965 and the two-year preparation for it.

That trip was to the eastern part of the country. It was such a success that immediately upon its conclusion plans were begun for the present one to the western states.

On their travels, the young people are staying with American families, and in gratitude for this hospitality they treat their hosts to dramatic performances in French and to such entertainment as folk dances from different parts of France.

"We like Americans," said Capel in Sedona. "They are so direct and friendly."

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**THE WAY they come back for more, the French visitors must have thought Myrtle Smith's cowboy coffee was plenty good. Here, near the old Beaverhead Stage Station site, Myrtle pours it steaming for, from left, Jean Benugrand and Mrs. Beaugrand and teacher Robert Capel. Monsieur Beaugrand is vice-mayor of St. Germain En Laye and director of the House of Youth and Culture.**

**FLAGS OF** two nations meet on Sedona soil during recent visit of members of the "House Of Youth and Culture" from St. Germain En Laye near Paris, France. Here Patrick Destree, (left), 20, of Nancy, a student, and Jacques Collineau, 23, of Paris, an educator who works with retarded children, hold Old Glory and the Tricolor. Between them stand Ollie Simon (left) of the Sedona Westerners and Paul Coze, French consul at Phoenix. Verde Independent Aug, 8-1968

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# Westerners Hear Friend Of Author

The Sedona Westerners latest meeting was attended by 43 people, the largest attendance for quite a while.

The Herb Martins were welcomed home from an extended vacation.

Guests were introduced. Elsworth Schnebly introduced Mrs. Dolly Schuerman, a long-time resident and teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Didley Liles, also were introduced.

The Liles are neighbors of the Schneblys, and Olin Mitchell, the Westerners' membership chairman, announced to Elsworth's surprise that the Liles and 10 others had been members for a month. Mr. and Mrs. Rudesill became members at the meeting also.

Pauline Trask, Westerners' secretary, read the minutes.

Elsworth Schnebly, trail boss, would like everyone to know how much all the efforts to help with the oldtimers' book were appreciated.

Anyone wanting a book autographed may bring it to any Westerners meeting.

Fletcher Fairchild as the guest speaker told of his meeting and friendship with Zane Grey. Romer Grey, Zane Grey's eldest son, had presented Fletcher with a summary of Zane Grey's life that is little known.

Fletcher read an article on Zane Grey, telling how Grey came to the Flagstaff area and of their meeting when Fletcher was nine years old.

Some years later Zane Grey needed transportation from the Grand Canyon and Fletcher drove 93 miles in a new touring car to get him. When driving along with the top down, Fletcher came around a curve suddenly at a speed of about 35 miles an hour and hit a mud puddle. Muddy water cleared the windshield and covered Grey thoroughly.

Grey finally remarked, "Speck, you certainly fixed that mud hole, knocked it right of existence."

Fairchild told of being the guest of Romer Zane Grey, eldest son of Zane Grey, at Zane Grey's home in Altadena, Calif., and some about the house.

Grey visited the old Thomas ranch in Oak Creek Canyon, which is now Mayhews', and all of the west fork area. And from that visit came the book, "Call of the Canyon," in 1921.

Fletcher told of the fact that Zane Grey wrote his first story at the age of 14 on wallpaper. At one time he was a professional baseball player. He also went to college to study dentistry, a profession he found he did not like.

At coffee-break time, cupcakes, coffee and punch were served by Mrs. Carl Richards.

At the meeting Aug. 22 at the county building in Sedona, Mrs. Elsworth Schnebly and Mrs. Fletcher Fairchild will show and give a talk about their antique bottle collection.

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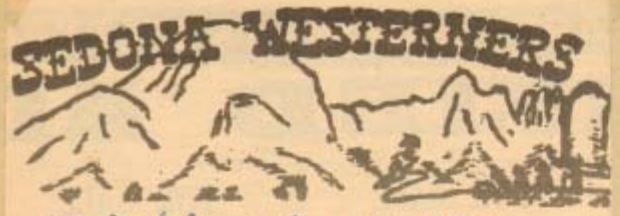


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SEDONA WESTERNERS' HIKING CALENDAR

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| Sept. 1 | ANDERSON MESA | LEAVE 10:00 A.M. |
| Sept. 8 | BARNEY PASTURE | LEAVE 10:00 A.M. |
| Sept. 15 | BARNEY PASTURE | LEAVE 1:30 P.M. |
| Sept. 22 | BARNEY PASTURE | LEAVE 10:00 A.M. |
| Sept. 29 | SHEEPHEAD WASH | LEAVE 1:30 P.M. |

Public invited. Departure place is County Bldg. Take lunch on A.M. hikes.

## WILL TALK ON ZANE GREY

At the next meeting, August 8th, of the Sedona Westerners Fletcher Fairchild will give a talk on Zane Grey whom he knew very well while Zane Grey lived here.

He will include outstanding facts that are little known to the public. This will be a very interesting evening and the public and visitors are most cordially invited. The Westerners meeting are held at the County Building starting at eight o'clock.

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## Sedona Westerners Plan Activities

"Happy Holiday in the Ozarks" is the title of a film which will be shown at the September 12 meeting of the Sedona Westerners at the county building in Sedona.

The meeting will start at 8 p.m. and refreshments will be served. The film will be shown by Ellsworth Schnebly, trail boss.

Charlie Thompson will be the cactus dodger for a trip the organization will make to Barney Pasture on September 8. The group will leave from in front of the county building at 10 a.m. Rides will be arranged for those without transportation. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch.

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## Westerners Plan Rummage Sale

The Sedona Westerners will hold a rummage sale on the parking lot of the First National Bank of Arizona on Saturday, Nov. 9, starting at 9 a.m.

Rummage is now being collected and may be brought to the County Building or to Ollie and Rose Simon's trailer next door. The sale will be an all-day affair. Delma and Ray Hale of the Olde Coffee Mill Antique Shop on Jordan Road have donated a large clothes rack to be used during the sale.

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Sales of Those Early Days are continuing to surprise and please its writers and producers. On a recent California trip Don Willard sold more than $50 worth of the pioneer books, saying his relatives were "captive customers."

Retired teacher, Mrs. Gladys Gilbert, and a friend, from Riverside, California, visited Mrs. Gilbert's cousins, Mrs. Helen Jordan, and the Al Bris; tows, and bought two of the Early Days. Her mother was Mrs. Nettie Gilbert who formerly lived in Camp Verde. Helen


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TAKE LUNCH ON A.M. HIKES.

## Westerners Plan First Two Hikes

The first two Sedona Westerners hikes of the season have been scheduled for Sunday, September 1 and Sunday, September 8, it was announced at the regular meeting of the Westerners at the County Building August 22.

The first hike will be to Anderson Mesa, the second to Barney Pasture, and the public is invited to attend. Those planning to go on the hikes should meet at the County Building at 10 a.m. both days.

Letters were read from out-of-towners praising the Westerners' book, "Those Early Days." Ollie Simon reported that sales of the book are going well and the organization and members who loaned money to make the project possible are now almost completely out of debt.

Ellsworth Schnebly, Trail Boss, who presided, read an excerpt from the book that had been reprinted in the August 8 issue of the Scottsdale weekly, The Arizonian. It was a portion of Albert Thompson's account of early Sedona history and appeared in a column, "The Sedona Scene," written by Nancy Jane Merrill of Sedona.

The program for the evening was on old glass bottles and was given by Iva Fairchild and Lucille Schnebly.

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## Westerners Hold Meeting Tonight

The Sedona Westerners will hold their regular meeting at 8 p.m. today (Thursday) in the County Building at Sedona.

Ellsworth Schnebly, trail boss, reports that there has been a change in the program for this meeting. Harold Longfellow's scheduled talk on his collection of Arizona territorial and pre-territorial covers will be given at a later date. Instead, a program will be given by Allen Bristow, a native of the Verde Valley and a contributor to the Sedona Westerners' book, "Those Early Days." The program will be open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

FLETCHER FAIRCHILD TALKS ON ZANE GREY

Fletcher Fairchild told Sedona Westerners at their August 8 meeting of the phenomenally prolific writings of Zane Grey, whom he knew, and whose Call of the Canyon was written at the former Lolomai Lodge in Oak Creek Canyon. Fairchild said Harper Publishing Company has published one of the hitherto unpublished Zane Grey books each year for the past 22 years, and that in Grey's study in his son's home in Altadena, there is a backlog of enough manuscripts to last for 25 years more.

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## Westerners Will Hear Longfellow

Harold Longfellow will talk on and display some of his pioneer "covers" at a meeting of the Sedona Westerners October 24.

A "cover" is an entire envelope that has been sent through the mail. At a recent auction Longfellow acquired the oldest known New Mexico cover.

At the last meeting of the Westerners, members showed slides of trips they have taken recently. They included Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Smith and Charlie Smith. Tape recordings of recitations by Gale Gardner and Dr. Taylor Hicks were also played.

At their meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, Ellsworth Schnebly will show a travel motion picture.

A hike is planned Sunday. Members will meet in front of the Sedona county building at 1:30 p.m.

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**BOTTLE DIGGERS Iva Van Deren Fairchild (left) and Lucille Schnebly display some of their treasures at recent meeting of Sedona Westerners.**

# You Get Dirty, But It's Real Fun

The colors are clear, amber, ruby, rose, aqua, lavender, purple, dark or light green, cobalt blue, milky white, black.

The shapes are round, oval, angled, pinched, tall, squat, lean, rotund.

The materials are fine sand, soda or potash, lime, maybe lead, perhaps a choice of cobalt, selenium, or manganese, and sometimes a generous dash of desert sun.

When you dig for them in old dumps dating back 50 to 100 years or more, you wear your sturdiest and most disreputable clothes. The tools you use may include a short-handled shovel, a small garden cultivator or 3-tined rake, perhaps a weed puller.

And after you've struggled to clean them up with strong detergent, scouring powder, strong brushes, steel wool, and metal scrapers, your prizes may range in value from $1 to $150 apiece.

What are we talking about?

Old glass bottles, that's what.

At a recent meeting in the County Building, Sedona, Iva Van Deren Fairchild and Lucille Schnebly told members of the Sedona Westerners something about the pleasures and rewards of seeking treasure trove in hidden heaps. On display at the meeting was an assortment of prize items from the Fairchild and Schnebly bottle collections.

Iva is a native of the area, and her husband, Fletcher, is a true oldtimer. For many years the two lived in Long Beach, Calif. but were frequent visitors to Sedona. Sometimes they accompanied Fletcher's brother when he went hunting Indian arrowheads. The Indians often made their arrowheads from obsidian, one of two forms of natural (not manmade) glass, Mrs. Fairchild said. It is a volcanic substance, she explained, whereas the other form of natural glass, the fulgurite is created when lightning strikes sand or rock.

It was on these arrowhead hunts that the Fairchilds began to develop an interest in old bottles, and when they returned to Sedona to live in March, 1963, they began digging for these in earnest. Now 4-1/2 years later, they have almost 1,000 of them.

Lucille Schnebly, for whose husband's mother the town of Sedona was named, has lived in Arizona since 1929. She has been a bottle collector for only 10 years, but her interest in glass dates back to her childhood in Colorado Springs. "I used to love it when my mother would send me to the cellar to bring up the old purple fruit jars during canning season," she said.

Lucille explains that clear glass exposed to the desert sun will turn different colors depending on what type of mineral was used in the original bleach.

Both the Fairchilds and the Schneblys have hunted bottles all over the west. They say that the dumps in the Verde Valley "are about dug out, but we have friends who think they know some other good locations."

When you start digging for bottles, they explain, you start with the shovel, "and when a bottle shows, you ease it out with the small cultivator. You may dig for a long time and not find anything, then suddenly you'll find a pocket of them because someone, a long time ago, cleaned out the storeroom all at once."

When asked about breakage, Lucille Schnebly replied with pride of experience, "A good bottle digger never breaks a bottle."

The real chore, according to Iva Fairchild, comes in cleaning the bottles of the accumulated dirt of decades. "You soak and you soak. You scrub and you scrub. You scrape and you scrape." Eventually the bottles will come clean, but some will have absorbed minerals from the soil to create an effect known as "dump etching."

The bottles often have interesting histories and stories connected with their kind. Typical specimens once contained beverages of various kinds (whisky, beer, wine, bitters, soft drinks). Many contained "cures" or patent medicines, but after 1906 it was illegal to use the word "cure" for these. They became "remedies" instead. There are nursing bottles, and doll bottles made just like the real baby bottles only smaller. Other "miniatures" were used for "single shots" or in advertising.

And then there were the poison bottles, which had rough edges or were three-cornered, so that if you picked one up in the dark in the days before electricity, "you would know what you had your hands on. Mostly these contained strychnine intended for animal pests, but occasionally a husband got a dose."

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## Hiking Schedule For Westerners

The Sedona Westerners have announced their hiking schedule for January. All hikes start from the County Building and the public is always welcome to join in.

Jan. 5 -- Hartwell Canyon, 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 12 -- Clear Water picnic ground beyond Camp Verde, 10:30 a.m. Bring lunch.

Jan. 19 -- Joe Hancock Ranch, Indian ruins, 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 26 -- Robbers' Roost, 1:30 p.m.

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## *Old Cemetary Is Cleaned*

A cleanup job was accomplished on the Oldtimers Cemetery that is located back of Pecos West and the Crimson Cliffs Motel. The work was done by the members of the Sedona Westerners on Saturday Nov. 2nd. Many of the headstones are badly weathered. Some of the members have relatives buried in the old cemetery and we heard interesting stories about some of the oldtimers buried here. Those participating in this cleanup were Pauline and Judd Trask, Don Willard, Jay Cook, Fletcher and Iva Fairchild, Dudley and Lois Liles, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Stan Altpeter, Charles Smith, Albert and Mabel Thompson, Marvin Everett, Ollie Simon, Nina Boyle, June Dieckmann and Florence Smith.

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| Jan. 5 | Hartwell Canyon | 1:30 |
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## Westerners Hike To Nolan Tank

The Sedona Westerners' hike Sunday, Dec. 8, was to Nolan Tank, situated a short distance from the Red Canyon Road.

Members and their guests left the County Building in Sedona at 1:30 p.m. and, after a hike of a mile, reached their destination, a large hole in the ground similar to Devil's Kitchen.

Some of the hikers went down into the 60-foot-deep hole by nylon rope and found a large cavern containing some stalactite formations.

The youngest to descend to the floor of the cavern were Charlie Thompson's granddaughter, Joanne Kurtz, and George Jackson's son, George Jr. Those on the hike included:

Charles Thompson, Patty Kurtz, Joanne Kurtz, Jo Hayeroft, Ollie Simon, Alice Carpenter, Richard Carpenter, Stephen Forder, Ellen Forder, Stan and Mabs Altpeter, Roy and Eleanor Hill, Frank and Virgie Miller, Alice Harris, Wilma Dallas, Ellsworth Schnebly, Charles Knaus, Charles Smith, Nina Boyle, K. Snow, Margaret Krebs, Don and Ruth Willard, Ray Heym, Judd and Pauline Trask, Alice Carnahan, Jack and Ruth Van de Water, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Myrna and George Jackson and George Jr., Kitty and Jim Lohrand, Darrel and Florence Smith, Larry L. Mingus, Chrissann Mingus, Helen Sand, Edith Cunningham, Gladys Allen and Bill Fitz.

The Westerners stress that the public is invited on all of their hikes.

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## Hikers Retrace Old Stage Trail

Sedona Westerners' trekked over the rugged Old Beaverhead Stage Trail from the crumbling remnants of the old stage station to the crest of the hill to the northeast, where they overlooked the valley below with its numerous buttes and mesas.

The hikers were: Helen Sands, Edith Cunningham, Florence and Darrell Smith, Ollie and Rose Simon, Don and Ruth Willard, Myrna and George Jackson, Hazel and B. R. Seaman, Alice Harris, Betty Benebach, Laddy and Lori McIntyre, Robert Conibear, Lothar Kolbig, Allen Bristow, Charles Hunting, Ruth and Jack Van de Water, Mrs. T. K. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Lambert, Lula and Felix Herold, C. L. Knaus, Ray S. Heym, Pauline and Judd Trask, Vi Smith, Jean Edwards, Ruth Stevens, Margaret Krebs, Charles Smith, Nina Boyle, Maya Fulton, Alice and Richard Carpenter, Stan and Mabs Altpeter, Clara Purtymun, Charles Thompson (the intrepid Cactus Dodger), and Ellsworth Schnebly.

Parts of the trail are clearly discernible; other parts are badly washed out; still others are impassable to anything except four-wheel drive vehicles.

Hikers speculated on what may have happened to the old stages and their passengers as they bumped and were jostled over such an unfriendly route. How many holdups! How many murders? How many died because of thirst, breakdowns, and consequent starvation or because of the elements?

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## *Rummage Sale Postponed*

The Sedona Westerners have announced that the date of their autumn rummage sale has been postponed to November 23rd, rather than the original date of this coming Saturday. Because of the numerous contributions of items that have been donated, the committee must allow more time to get organized.

Appreciation is expressed to all the generous donors for the many useful and rare articles including furniture, clothing, etc., for the sale.

Pick up service will continue until November 21st, if you call 7904 of 7786 (now is your chance to clean out closets and garages). Items may also be dropped off at the county building to Judge Longfellow or Ollie Simon (next door).

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**WESTERNERS MEET SEPT. 12**

The next meeting of the Sedona Westerners will be held on Thursday, September 12th at 8:00 o'clock at the county building.

Carl Richards will show a display of cartridges from his collection. Some of these are very old. A film, titled "Happy Holliday in the Ozarks" will be shown by Ellsworth Schnebly. Trail Boss. Refreshments will be served.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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## Westerners Meet For Film Tonight

Some of the authors of stories in the Sedona Westerners new book, "Those Early Days" will be on hand for a meeting of the group September 12 at the county building to autograph copies.

A film on the Ozarks will be shown by Ellsworth Schnebly. The meeting is open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

Mitch Mitchell, chairman of the membership committee, and Mrs. Mitchell, have been called east because of his daughter's illness. In his absence membership information can be obtained from Wilma Dallas or Florence Smith.

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At Rollie's Camera Shop, the newly published pioneer book, "Those Early Days", caught the eye of a vacationing tourist on September 5. Thumbing through the volume, he found a story of the Bristows of Verde Valley and Oak Creek. Promptly buying the book, he identified himself as James F. Bristow from San Bernardino, the son of Tom and Zella Bristow, who ran a hotel in Sedona in the 1900s. The visitor remembered living at the Doodle Bug Ranch, and that his father has put in the irrigation ditch there.

He was directed by Rollie to Sedonan Allen L. Bristow, author of the story: "From Trail Dust to Jet Trails," in which Allen relates the three months trip of a nine-wagon caravan of his grandfather and family and friends in 1875 from Missouri to the Verde Valley.

The newly discovered Bristow cousins compared notes on their related grandfathers, had a good visit, and the Allen Bristow's discovered that the James F. Bristows have spent a great deal of vacation time here, that he is nearing retirement from an administrative job with the San Bernardino Fire Department, and that they are considering coming here to live. Also that their guest's grandfather, James O. Bristow and his wife died within a week of each other, leaving seven children. In true self-reliant pioneer spirit, "the older children raised the younger one, and others helped."

By coincidence, on September 4, another Bristow, who was born and raised in the Verde Valley and who now lives in Tucson, called on Allen and Stella Bristow. It was Mrs. Jack (Cleone Bristow) Branhan, whose father, Lazarus "Buddy" Bristow and family lived in Middle Verde and Camp Verde. Mr. Branhan is a civilian employee of the Army in the Tucson area.

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A primitive recreational road bearing the numbers 231 and 18 on forest maps, clouds of dust, and a long hike were small prices to pay for the utter grandeur of the view from the rim of the wide valley bordered by flame-colored cliffs at the upper end of Dry Creek viewed by the Sedona Westerners who drove four-wheelers and other passenger cars on Sunday, September 8. They also saw the rusting frames of one wing and the tail assembly that remain from the Vultee aircraft that was wrecked and burned on Barney Pasture more than 30 years ago, a portion of which is thought to lie beneath Vultee Arch, miles away. A very young doe stopped to look at one of the caravan of cars before continuing her successful light from the bow and arrow deer hunters traversing the area. Red Rock News Sept. 19 1968

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## Westerners Will See Color Slides

Showing of members' color slides will highlight the September 26 meeting of the Sedona Westerners.

The meeting is set for 8 p.m. at the County Building in Sedona.

On September 29 a potluck will follow a hike to Sheepshead Wash near Cornville. The group meets at the County Building at 1:30. Everyone is invited to participate.

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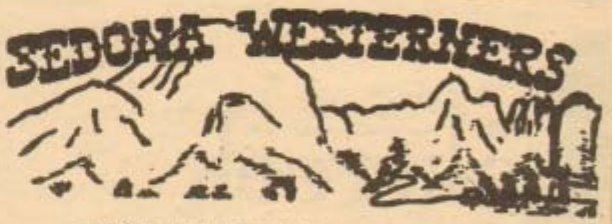


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| Sept. 22 | BARNEY PASTURE | LEAVE 10:00 A.M. |
| Sept. 29 | SHEEPHEAD WASH | LEAVE 1:30 P.M. |

Public invited. Departure place is County Bldg
Take lunch on A.M. hikes.

SEDONA WESTERNERS' HIKING CALENDAR

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| NOV. 3rd | FAY CANYON (A NATURAL BRIDGE) | LEAVE 1:30 P.M. |
| NOV. 10th | HIEROGLYPHICS IN RED TANK WASH NEAR RIMROCK | LEAVE 1:30 P.M. |
| NOV. 17th | INDIAN RUINS ON THE LOWER VERDE RIVER | LEAVE 1:30 P.M. |
| NOV. 24th | SYCAMORE CANYON (IT'S BEAUTIFUL) | LEAVE 1:30 P.M. |

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8:1-2. The public is invited.

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## Westerners All Clear On Book

There was rejoicing, and some surprise, when members of the book committee for the Sedona Westerners told fellow members Thursday evening, September 19, that the organization's book, "Those Early Days," is now one hundred percent paid for.

Printed by The Verde Independent and first released to the public in both hard and soft cover editions on July 19, 1968, "Those Early Days" contains many first-hand accounts by oldtimers of what life was like in pioneer times in Sedona-Oak Creek and the Verde Valley. It is an invaluable contribution to the history of the area, and the Westerners are to be commended for having undertaken the project.

In order to finance the publication, it was necessary to borrow both from the bank and from individuals, and one organization, the Soroptimist Club of Sedona, advanced fifty dollars. In the short space of two months' time, all these debts have been discharged, "and the book is ours," exulted members of the committee.

Said one individual who had advanced a sizable sum, "Well, I never expected to see this again."

"We are particularly grateful to the Soroptimists for their faith in us," said Don Willard, committee member. Other members of the committee are Ellsworth Schnebly, Allen Bristow, Miss Ruth Coleman, Albert Thompson, Ollie Simon, and Tex Dallas.

Over half of the 2,000-volume edition has been sold and orders are still coming in from coast to coast and inbetween. Proceeds from sales made from now on will go into a fund that, it is hoped, will make possible the publication of a second edition without the necessity of borrowing the needed funds, Willard said.

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**WESTERNERS MEET THURS.**

Members of the Sedona Westerners will show slides of recent activities and hikes at the regular meeting on Thursday, September 26th at the County Building at 8:00 p.m. Red Rock News

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**SUNDAY HIKE TO BE POTLUCK**

On Sunday, September 29th the Sedona Westerners will conduct a hike to Sheep Head Wash in the Cornville area leaving the Sedona Chamber of Commerce at 1:30 p.m.

The hike will be followed by a potluck supper at Running Water Ranch, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Smith. Take covered dish.

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**THE HOPEWELL Tunnel near Jerome was visited recently by members of the Sedona Westerners. The explorations of the hiking group turned up many interesting relics, such as a bucket which, according to hiker Don Willard, was once used as a shower head by workmen. It is displayed here by Alice Carnahan.**

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any man."

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## Westerners Have Ammo Program

Carl Richards surprised the Sedona Westerners at the September 12 meeting with his collection of 117 types of firearms ammunition.

He admitted he did not know what some of the shells were and said a great deal of the history of ammunition is unknown. The oldest shell he has is dated 1876.

Mr. and Mrs. Nooman are new members of the Westerners.

Guests Mrs. Elizabeth Kintz, sister of Mrs. Ruth (Herb) Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Hilton, known to quite a few oldtimers, and Mr. and Mrs. Burnham.

Ollie Simon announced the book, "Those Early Days," was now free of debt. From now on monies earned from sale of the book will be earmarked for philanthropic work.

Volunteer carpenters from the Westerners soon will replace the bench in front of Oak Creek Market with materials to be furnished by Milt Dunn. Carl Richards is chairman of the project.

Ellsworth Schnebly, trail boss, showed a picture of a trip through the Ozarks.

Lucille Schnebly served refreshments.

Next regular meeting is September 26.

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## $250 Cleared In Westerners' Rummage Sale

The Sedona Westerners cleared over $250 at their recent rummage sale, it was announced last Thursday evening at the organization's regular meeting in the County Building, Sedona.

It was voted to earmark a portion of the money for the Sedona Public Library building fund.

Most of the rummage that remained after the sale was given to Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Roberts to take to the Happy Farm home for indigent children at Sonoyta, Mexico. Heavy coats were given to the Sunshine Mission, Flagstaff. Stanley Altpeter volunteered to deliver them.

Don Willard proposed that a fund for the purchase of a bronze plaque to mark the site of the Beaver Head Stage Station be started, and that a committee be appointed to organize the project, a longtime dream of the Sedona Westerners.

Guests for the evening were Katy Hadley, a student of Mary Pendleton's; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Philip and their friend, Olga Perschbacker, all of Grand Rapids, Mich., who are spending the winter at Sunlife Apartments; Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Seaman, Nancy Brandt and Don Stanley.

Before the evening was over the Seamans, Stanley and Nancy Brandt had joined the organization as members. Ellsworth Schnebly, trail boss, says it is not necessary to be a member to come to the meetings and join the hikes.

Program for the evening was a film, "Mighty Western Forest," shown by Schnebly.

It was announced that the next hike will be to a cave in Sycamore Pass on Sunday, Dec. 22, leaving the County Building at 1:30 p.m. There will be no hikes on Dec. 29. The meeting scheduled for Thursday evening, Dec. 26, has also been canceled.

The annual Westerners Christmas party will be a potluck in the Sedona School auditorium at 6 p.m. tomorrow (Friday). Members and guests are asked to bring their own service.

It was announced that members of the book committee will have copies of "Those Early Days" available at the party, and that oldtimers present will autograph copies.

## Westerners Enjoy Anderson Pass Trip

Sedona Westerners enjoyed a recent trip to Anderson Pass, and the stories of Charlie Smith who told them about the early days in Oak Creek Canyon.

Roads to the destination were lined with flowers of every color, and participants enjoyed looking at the many Indian ruins in the area.

On the way home Smith told how he helped string the first telephone line down Oak Creek Canyon with burros carrying two poles at a time.

Smith said the old road crossed Oak Creek 14 times, and pointed out where a whiskey still had been located.

Making the trip were Charles Thompson, Bill and Inez Bubbins, Charles and Inez Knaus, Vi Smith, Jean Edwards, Nina Boyle, Ruth and Dick Stevens, Ollie Simon, Wilma Dallas, Evelyn and Mike Wright, Maisel Honey, Darrel and Florence Smith.

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## Old Cemetery To Be Cleaned

The Oldtimers Cemetery back of Pecos West and the Crimson Cliffs Motel, Sedona, between the Airport Road and the Sedona Elks Club, will be the target of a clean-up job at the hands of members of the Sedona Westerners Saturday, starting at 9 a.m., according to Don Willard, who is in charge of the project.

Among those expected to be present are Jay Cook, now of Cottonwood, who homesteaded 160 acres at the foot of Table Mountain and grew cotton on the land 40 years ago. It was Cook who gave the land for the cemetery, where Sedona Schnebly and her husband, Carl, for whom the town of Sedona and Schnebly Hill were named, are buried.

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## Westerners to Clean Sedona Memorial Cemetery

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Volunteers of the Sedona Westerners will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7th for a general clean up of the Sedona Memorial Cemetery.

The Westerners recently accomplished a clean-up of the first Sedona cemetery on the Jay Cook property which he had given for burial grounds, to Sedona oletimers.

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## WESTERNERS CONCLUDE SERIES OF "BARNEY PICTURE" HIKES SUNDAY

For the past three Sunday's the Sedona Westerners toured and hiked the rim country and Barney Pasture area, rewarded by spectacular views from many points off the rim. Looking from several points into dry creek area and the red rock formations was an exciting and unusal wonder, second to the Grand Canyon rim views. However, some hikers prefer to dispute this by stating the view as better than that at the Grand Canyon. Other views of unlikeness was that of Oak Creek Canyon from many scenic points and proved to be breathtaking as well as a diversity in nature.

Walking up to the top of the East Pocket Lookout Tower, (altitude of 7200 feet) the group could see Wilson Mountain, House Mountain, Capital Butte and many other well known formations.

In Fry Park, they observed the original homesite of Charles Howard better known by oldtimers' as stated in the recently published book "THOSE EARLY DAYS" as Bear Howard. So named because of the numerous bear that he killed, butchered and marketed in Flagstaff at the butcher shops. He had come to the Fry Park area in the 1880's after his escape from a California prison which resulted from killing a sheep herder there. He changed his name, was never caught and lived to be in his 90's, according to Clara Purtymun. An unexpected added feature was turkey and deer which were seen.

Hiker's included the guide Carl Richards, Charles Thompson, Clara Purtymun, Kay Hopkins, Charles Knaus, Ollie and Rose Simon, Ruth D. Stevens, Nina Boyle, Charles Smith, Lisa Lark, Ellsworth and Lucille Schnebly, Ed and Marie McCauley, Bob and June Every, Judd and Pauline Trask, Helen Sand, Edith Cunningham, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Darrell and Florence Smith, Herb Martin, Gladys Allen, Ira and Alice Davis, Bess Kintz, Allen Bristow, Ott and Norene Sollars, Bert and Phoebe Reed, Bill and Ann Denne, Alice Carnahan and Wilma Dallas.

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## *Rummage Sale*

Someone can use those items you no longer use. The Sedona Westerners will hold their autumn rummage sale on Saturday, November 9th, at the bank parking lot.

Judge Longfellow will accept your donations (in the a.m. only) at the County Bldg. If you prefer having items picked up from your home, call chairman of the pick-up crew at 7904 or 7786.

Proceeds to accumulate for future community projects.

Your contributions are appreciated—everyone loves to go to a rummage sale.

Left-over items will be sent to Sunshine Rescue Mission.

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## WESTERNERS' VISIT VULTEE ARCH SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 13, the Westerners' trek took them to the Vultee Arch. To show that the danger of rattlesnakes still persists, the group killed one of the reptiles. They found parts of the wreckage of an airplane which just might be a portion of the Vultee aircraft, which they had seen on a higher level on Barney Pastures on September 8. Mrs. Gladys Allen is going to use a number from one of the parts in an attempt to check where the plane came from or to whom it might have belonged.

The group walked up under the Vultee Arch, but did not climb up on it. Those making the trip were: Ted and Wanda Tinkler, Charles and Irene Knaus, Clara Purtymun, Alice and Richard Carpenter, Bob and June Every, Gladys H. Allen, Ruth D. Stevens, Ollie Simon, Marvin and Grace Everett, Nina Boyle, Nita and Albert W. Schimberg, and Charles Thompson.

Next week's hike will take a group to Hopewell. As usual, visitors are welcome. Children must be accompanied by parents or guardians. Meet at the County Building at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, October 20.

Guided by Charley Thompson and Carl Richards, fifteen Sedona Westerners in four vehicles saw the remains of a small one-room log cabin, said to have been built by pioneer "Bear" Howard, and occupied by him more than 100 years ago. Enroute to Howard Pocket overlooking West Fork, they saw 4 deer and 4 turkey. Making the trip over sometimes rocky and dusty roads, were, besides the leaders, Judd and Pauline Trask, Bob Every, Clara Purtymun, Herb Martin, and his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Kintz, Gladys Allen, Ira and Mrs. Davis, Allen Bristow, Wilma Dallas, Oliver and Rose Simon.

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## *Westerners Get Report On Book*

The Sedona Westerners held their regular meeting last Thursday evening in the County Building at Sedona, with Ellsworth Schnebly, trail boss, presiding.

Ollie Simon reported that more than half of the copies of "Those Early Days," the Westerners' local history book, have been sold.

It was also reported that a new bench to be placed on the street in front of the Oak Creek Market has been designed by Simon. It is being constructed by Carl Richards "in between hunting trips."

New members welcomed into the group were Ruth Stevens, Stan and Mabel Altpeter, Richard and Elsie Newnham.

It was announced that all November Sunday hikes will start from the County Building at 1:30 p.m., with everyone welcome to join in.

During the refreshment break music was provided by Mabel Thompson on the guitaro, Albert Thompson on the accordion, and, for the last number, Lisa Lark on the harmonica.

Allen Bristow, who went to work for the Pacific Electric Co. in Southern California in 1919, was guest speaker and gave many interesting facts concerning the famous PE big red trolley cars and their era, 1895 to 1961.

The next meeting will feature a 30-minute motion picture, "Happy Holidays In Michigan." The meeting, open to the public, will be at the County Building at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14.

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## *Re-live Vultee Airplane Crash of the 1930's*

Memories of the airplane crash near Sedona in the 30s that killed Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vultee were revived by receipt of a recent letter to the Chamber of Commerce from a member of an informal organization of former employees of Vultee Aircraft, Inc., in Downey, California, called The Vultee Club. Some of the members of this club, which meets once a year to renew old friendships, knew and worked with Jerry Vultee.

The writer asked whether the crash site is marked by a monument, and whether permission could be obtained for them to erect a marker with a suitable brass plaque.

Chamber of Commerce President Ed Malm answered the inquiry, assuring local cooperation, and enclosed a map and a picture taken by Sedona Westerner Florence Smith of a part of the wreckage in Barney Pasture taken on a recent trip of the Westerners.

Some confusion exists because of more wreckage being found below Vultee Arch, which was so named in honor of the talented young couple who lost their lives in the accident. Mr. Malm says it is not unusual for parts to be found over a large area when such extremely stormy conditions prevail.

A piece of aluminum that appears to be a border or molding was found at the Vultee Arch site by Ollie Simon on the Sedona Westerners hike of October 13. It bears an incised mark H T with S 9 below it, in a circle of about ¼ inch diameter.

Coconino County Sheriff at the time, Arthur Vandevier, of Sedona and Flagstaff, says the site where the bodies were found was up the mountain from Todd's Lodge and about a mile beyond, and was near the brink of a canyon. This corresponds to the Barney Pasture area where the rusting framework of a part of the plane still remains.

He said the bodies were burned beyond recognition, with hands and legs burned off, and just torsos left. Three or four Forest Service men with trucks took the coroner's men to the scene. County trucks were obtained and made the trip later.

A thousand dollar reward for finding the bodies cam to Sheriff Vandevier. He, with Oren Webber and others, presented the check to the head of the CCC camp in Sedona for distribution to the boys who took part in the search for and discovery of the bodies. The two or three boys who found the wreckage and bodies received more than the others, and the balance of the money was split up between all the boys, said Vandevier.

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## Westerners Hike

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On Sunday, Dec. 8th, the Sedona Westerners and guests left the County Building at 1:30 p.m. for Nolan Tank. This is located a short distance from the Red Canyon Road. After a mile long hike they reached their destination which was a very large hole in the ground similar to Devil's Kitchen. It was rather oblong in shape—about 50 feet across and about 60 feet long and nearly 60 feet deep. Some went down to the floor via a nylon rope. At the bottom they found a large cavern containing some stalactite formations, an icicle-like incrustation of carbonate of lime. The youngest that went down were Charlie Thompson's granddaughter, Joanne Kurtz, and Geo. Jackson's son, Geo. Jr. It was very nice to again visit with the Lohrands who drove up from Mesa.

Those participating on this hike were: Charles Thompson, Patty Kurtz, Joanne Kurtz, Jo Haycroft, Ollie Simon, Alice Carpenter, Richard Carpenter, Stephen Forder, Ellen Forder, Stand and Mabs Altpeter, Roy and Eleanor Hill, Frank and Virgie Miller, Alice Harris, Wilma Dallas, Ellsworth Schnebly, Charles Knaus, Charles Smith, Nina Boyle, K. Snow, Margaret Krebs, Don and Ruth Willard, Ray Heym, Judd and Pauline Trask, Alice Carnahan,

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## *Rummage Sale Postponed*

**The Sedona Westerners have announced that the date of their autumn rummage sale has been postponed to November 23rd, rather than the original date of this coming Saturday. Because of the numerous contributions of items that have been donated, the committee must allow more time to get organized.**

**Appreciation is expressed to all the generous donors for the many useful and rare articles including furniture, clothing, etc., for the sale.**

**Pick up service will continue until November 21st, if you call 7904 of 7786 (now is your chance to clean out closets and garages). Items may also be dropped off at the county building to Judge Longfellow or Ollie Simon (next door).**

## Westerners Give Hiking Schedule

Following is the Sedona Westerners' December hiking schedule:

Dec. 1, Hartwell Canyon, pictographs; Dec. 8, Cave near Nolan Tanks; Dec. 15, old road north of Beaver Head Stage Station; Dec. 22, cave at Sycamore Pass; Dec. 29, no hike.

All hikes will start at 1:30 p.m. from the County Building back of the Sedona-Oak Creek Canyon Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited to join the hikes.

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## Rummage Sale To Be Saturday

The Sedona Westerners' rummage sale Saturday (Nov. 23) will start at 9 a.m. at the parking lot at the First National Bank of Arizona, weather permitting, it has been announced by Ellsworth Schnebly, trail boss. In case of rain it will be held in the County Building.

Better come early, suggest members of the committee in charge, because there are some prize items that are likely to be snatched up in a hurry. Like, for instance, an automatic washing machine, and electric stove, a vacuum cleaner, a cider press, and everything a woman might want for a holiday wardrobe.

Anyone having rummage to give may still bring it to the County Building.

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## Graves Clean-Up Idea Spreading

Since the Sedona Westerne.. cleaned up the old cemetery off Airport Road, several persons have approached Don Willard, who was in charge, with the suggestion that a similar job be undertaken at Sedona Memorial Park, east of Ariz.-179.

This suggestion was approved at the Westerners' meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, and plans were made to do so on Saturday morning, Dec. 7. Those wishing to assist are asked to meet at the County Building on that day at 9 a.m. or go straight to the cemetery, bringing rakes and shovels.

It was also suggested that the same sort of work be done in the near future at the Schuerman family cemetery on the Red Rock Loop Road.

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## Rummage Sale Set For Nov. 23

Because of the large number of items received which required sorting and pricing, the Sedona Westerners have postponed their fall rummage sale from Nov. 9 to Saturday, Nov. 23.

Pickup service will continue through Thursday, Nov. 21, or donations may be left with Judge Harold H. Longfellow at the County Building or with Ollie Simon in the trailer home next door.

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## Westerners Set Party For Dec. 20

The Sedona Westerners held their regular meeting Thursday evening, Nov. 14, with Ellsworth Schnebly, trail boss, presiding.

Tex Dallas reported that the Christmas party has been scheduled for Friday evening, Dec. 20, in the Sedona School Auditorium at 6 p.m., and everyone will be welcome. It will be a potluck, followed by a program at 8 p.m.

Schnebly announced that the film on Michigan, previously scheduled, would not be shown. Instead he showed a film on North and South Carolina.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Grace Everett.

The next meeting will be at the County Building on Dec. 12.

## Meeting Skipped By Westerners

Because their regular meeting date falls upon Thanksgiving Day, the Sedona Westerners will not meet on the fourth Thursday of this month, it has been announced by Ellsworth Schnebly, trail boss.

The hike next Sunday will be to Hartwell Canyon, where there are numerous Indian petrographs. The public is invited to join the hike. Those going will meet at the County Building at 1:30 p.m.

The Westerners will hold their annual Christmas party at 6 p.m. Friday evening, Dec. 20, at the Sedona School. There will be a potluck followed by a program of entertainment. Tex Dallas is in charge of arrangements.

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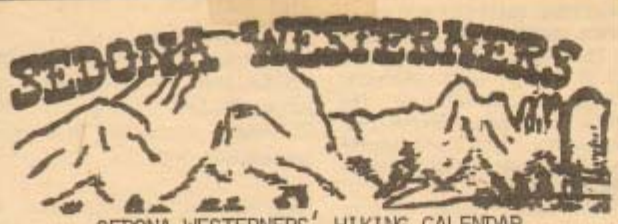


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OCT. 13TH VULTEE ARCH — LEAVE 1:30 P.M.

OCT. 20TH HOPE WELL — LEAVE 1:30 P.M.

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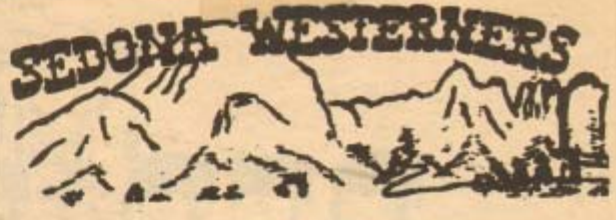


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OCT. 6TH INDIAN RUINS AT BOYNTON CANYON — LEAVE 1:30 P.M.

OCT. 13TH VULTEE ARCH — LEAVE 1:30 P.M.

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# Graves Cleaned By Westerners

Members of the Sedona Westerners turned out in force last Saturday to clean up the old cemetery west of the Airport Road.

The cemetery, which has no official name, belongs to Jay Cook of Bridgeport, whose father, Henry Elmer Cook, homesteaded 160 acres in the area under Table Mountain in 1928.

When the Cooks first obtained this property, there were already three graves on it, that of Alvin A. Clifford, who died in 1918 during the flu epidemic, and those of Jim and Viola Wagner, according to Albert Thompson.

In 1928 Henry Cook decided to make this portion into a permanent cemetery, and in 1930 he fenced off a little over an acre for this purpose.

The rest of the original homestead was sold off after 1950 when the Cooks left Sedona, but Jay Cook still owns the cemetery section, and he came up for Saturday's clean-up.

Because of limited space, he says, he has now restricted burials to members of families already having graves there. Among these are the Schneblys and the Van Derens, Ellsworth Schnebly is this year's Trail Boss of the Sedona Westerners and Iva Van Deren Fairchild is an active member.

Don Willard, who is in charge of the Westerners' cemetery project, plans to make a record of the burials, with relevant information, and Florence Smith was on hand Saturday to photograph the headstones for this purpose.

Present Saturday in addition to Cook, Willard and Mrs. Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Judd Trask, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Fairchild, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Liles, Stanley Altpeter, Charlie Smith, Marvin Everett, Ollie Simon, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson, Nina Bayle and June Dieckmann.

They pulled up mounds and mounds of tumbleweed, hacked out ragweed and other botanical intruders, and generally gave the place a spruced-up look.

## Hour Advanced For Sunday Hike

The Sedona Westerners' hike to Sycamore Canyon on Sunday will start at 10:30 a.m. instead of at 1:30 p.m. as previously announced, Ellsworth Schnebly, trail boss, says those planning to go should bring sack lunches. The hike will start from the County Building in Sedona, and the public is invited.

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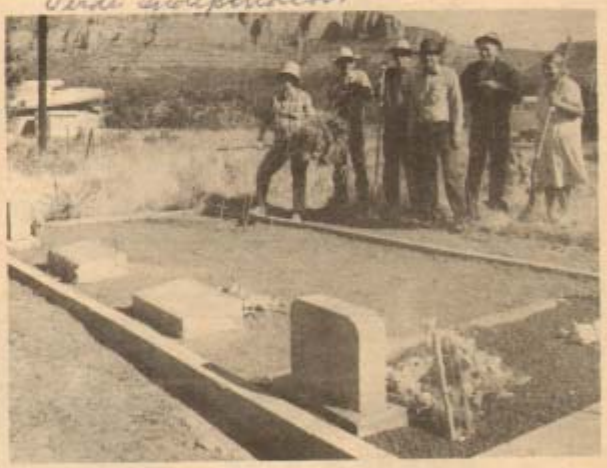
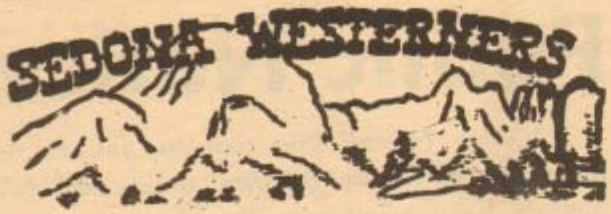


Elizabeth Rigby Photo

**SEVERAL SEDONA Oldtimers were among the group of Sedona Westerners who helped clean up the old cemetery west of the Airport Road, Sedona, recently. Shown from left are Mrs. Iva Van Deren Fairchild, whose parents are buried nearby; Fletcher Fairchild; Don Willard, who is in charge of the project; Jay Cook, who owns the land on which the burial ground is located but now lives in Cottonwood; Albert Thompson and his wife Mabel. Grave on right is that of little Roene Wood (1926-1930). Grave on left is that of Pearl A. Schnebly (Nov. 18, 1899-June 12, 1905), who died as the result of being thrown from her horse. Inscription on the stone next to hers is Pearl's mother's. It reads: "Sedona Schnebly, Feb. 24, 1877-Nov. 13, 1950—An Immortal Pioneer of Sedona." Next is the grave of Sedona's husband: "Theodore Carlton Schnebly, Dec. 29, 1868—He Lives On In Schnebly Hill."**

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NOV. 24th SYCAMORE CANYON (IT'S BEAUTIFUL)

LEAVE 10:30 A.M.



# SEDONA WESTERNERS HIKE TO RED TANK WASH

On Sunday, Nov. 10th, the Sedona Westerners and guests left the County Building at 1:30 p.m. for Red Tank Wash. After a short hike along a dry creek bed they reached their destination--a huge rock ledge covered with Indian hieroglyphics. There were many of these crude drawings--we have never seen so many of them in one place. These drawings are very interesting to see and try to figure out just what story these figures tell.

Those making the hike were: Charles Thompson, Alice Harris, Alice Carnahan, Charles and Ivy Smith, Ollie and Rose Simon, Stephen Juharos, Jean Edwards, Vi Smith, Nina Boyle, Marg Haran, Mr. and Mrs. B.R. Seaman. Wilma Dallas, Marvin and Grace Everett, Alice Cjpenter, Richard Carpenter, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Winifred Prescott, Allen Prescott, Ellsworth and Lucille Schnebly, Clara McBride, Nita Schimberg, Jack and Jean Stratton, Carol Fisher, Eileen Pritchard, Carol Gard, Gladys Allen, E. F. and Phoebe Reed, Judd and Pauline Trask, Darrel and Florence Smith, Chrisann Mingus, Dorothy and John Roccaforte of Chester, Calif., Edith Cunningham, and Helen Sands.

The Westerners were very glad to see so many joining them on this hike. Some were visitors in this area. We hope that more on their future hikes. These hikes are opened to the public. See you next week?

Ollie Simon, Ivy Smith, Charles Smith, Vi Smith, Jean Edwards, Pauline Trask, Judd Trask, Alice Carpenter, Richard Carpenter, Marvin Everett, Grace Everett, Allen Bristow, Alice M. Carnahan, Don Willard, Ruth Willard, Nine Boyle, Louisa Meginness, Mildred Westrup, Mike Wright, Evelyne Wright, Florence Smith, Darrell Smith, Lucille Schnebly, Ellsworth Schnebly, Pat Mingus, Chrissann Mingus, Lisa Mingus, Margaret D. Kiek.

Next Sunday's trip will start at the County Building at 10:00 a.m., travel across the first base of Wilson Mountain.

Jack and Ruth Van de Water, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Myrna and Geo. Jackson and Geo. Jr., Kitty and Jim Lohrand, Darrel and Florence Smith, Larry L. Mingus, Chrissann Mingus, Helen Sand, Edith Cunningham, Gladys Allen, and Bill Fitz.

Next week the hike will be to the old Beaver Head Stage Station.

The public is cordially invited on all of the Westerners' hikes.

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# WESTERNERS HIKE TO HOPEWELL SUN.

The Sedona Westerners' hike took them to Hopewell on Sunday afternoon, October 20, where they meandered thru a maze of gullies, read the sign over an iron gate, "HOPEWELL TUNNEL, 1916," peered thru the iron gate to see the crumbling timbers and fallen rocks, which were warning enough that no one should attempt to enter even if the gate had not been put there by safety-minded people.

Don Willard, whose knowledge of the Verde Valley around Cottonwood, Clarkdale, and Jerome is probably as dependable as that of anyone, said that Hopewell Tunnel finally reached the pit at Jerome. Mrs. Alice Harris inched her way up a slippery dirt bank to an abandoned road bed while Judd Trask and Marvin Everett labored up a steep slope across the gully.

It imprssed us to see so much good cement work standing unused and unusable while in the proper place it could be put to good use.

Those making the hike were: Charles Thompson (Cactus Digger), Alice Harris, Lilian H. Stephenson, Gladys H. Allen,



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## Rummage Sale Items Unique

Several sheets of corrugated aluminum, beds, electric sander or perhaps you would like a vacuum cleaner, auto top carrier, electric stove or an automatic washer. Other unique items such as a dehumidifier, lamps, heater, or an antique clock. These and many many other unusual articles will be purchased at a cost so minimal that you will be amazed.

Plan to attend the SW Rummage sale this Saturday, Nov. 23rd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the bank parking lot. If weather should be inclement, the sale will be held indoors at the county bldg. Come and if you don't find anything you want to purchase, enjoy a visit with the Sedona Westerners.

# Westerners Hike to Indian Ru.

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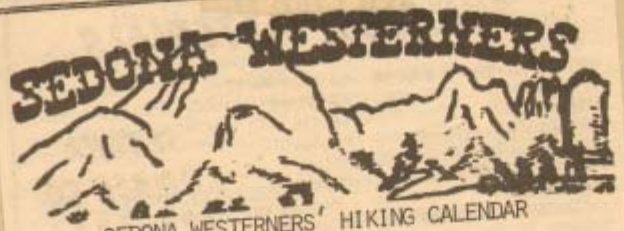
On Sunday, Nov. 17, the Sedona Westerners and guests left the County Bldg. at 1:30 for Indian Ruins on the Lower Verde River. They drove across the Wingfield Mesa to reach the cliffs where the Indian caves are located. There were many caves and some were very large. Allen Bristow told the group that these caves were first discovered by M. L. Osborne back in the 1880's. Mr. Osborne homesteaded nearby and in cleaning out and repairing the ditch the Indians had used for irrigation found these caves. He discovered many Indian artifacts and in one cave found small cobs with colorful kernels of corn still on them. He gathered up this corn and planted it on his land. In the following years he propagated this corn and bred it into much larger ears. The Indian corn we know today in this area came from the corn Mr. Osborne propagated and bred.

Those making the hike were: Ollie and Rose Simon, Charles Thompson, Clara Purtymum, Mitch Mitchell, Allen Bristow, Margaret Krebs, Alice Harris, Ray Heym, Jean Edwards, Vi Smith, Judd Trask, Bob and June Every, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Burt and Phoebe Reed, Alice Carpenter, Richard Carpenter, Alice Carnahan, Mrs. Betty Genekach, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Seaman and Maisel Honey.

The public is cordially invited to join the Westerners on these interesting hikes. Please watch the RED ROCK NEWS for the calender on future hikes.

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# Beaver Head Station Remembered

The following article was submitted to The Verde Independent by Mrs. Winnie A. Van Deren.

"The old Beaver Head Stage Station. It was stated in the paper last year that the old Wells Fargo Star Route would be resurveyed through Arizona.

"I had hoped that it would be, and a monument placed at the site of the Beaver Head Station though the last bit of the buildings, the old chimney, has been destroyed.

"The road travelled by the Wells Fargo coaches was said to be the nearest to an 'as the crow flies route' as any in the west.

"It could still be called that. Looking due west toward Mingus Mountain, one can still see traces of the road, then straight east the tracks are very distinct up Mogollon Rim.

"A new road was in the building when the station was abandoned. Instead of climbing the Mogollon Rim straight up, it led northeast along the Wood's Canyon hillside.

"As late as 1965 there could be found some of the grading blocks cut and laid by army prisoners.

"It is hard to believe that a once so busy place could be so completely obliterated.

"Second only to the post at Fort Verde, Beaver Head Station was a community in its own right.

"The station master's family had a comfortable home, and then there were the hostlers, the drivers and the guards.

"It seems fitting now that Kenny Wingfield's cow outfit encompasses Beaver Head. His father, Dave Wingfield, was born there at Beaver Head station.

"My father, Charles Dickinson, was one of the first ten drivers on the Whipple to Beaver Head Station run when the coaches started rolling in 1876.

"He considered his days as a Wells Fargo star mail route driver some of the most colorful and interesting of a life filled with excitement.

"The stories told by him and his friends about the coach horses would fill a book.

"All teams had to match not only in color, height and weight, but in stride. As they told it, one horse of a team of four or six with a short choppy gait, could spoil the timeing on an entire run.

"Pintos or blaze or bald faced horses were taboo, the white spots or bald face being so visible in faintest star shine. But the station had one blaze by name. It was a beautiful blood bay, equal to any horse in the outfit, yet he led a life of leisure because of his lovely white face.

"The story about my father and Blaze is too long to be told in this article. Suffice to say he was credited with saving Charles' life one November night when circumstances forced them to put Blaze on the run.

"Yes, Beaver Head Station was a very real part in the early days of the Verde Valley.

"Road agents were an ever present danger as the mines around Ehrenburg and the Vulture sent gold shipments east via the Fargo.

"The Army payroll sometimes shifted to this more direct route east. There may be records somewhere giving estimates of the wealth that really did flow through by way of the old Beaver Head Station.

"I hopt that someday due recognition will give deserved credits to those early pioneers in a chapter of Verde Valley history that is fast becoming lost and forgotten.

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# Westerners Hike Sycamore Canyon

On Sunday, Nov. 24, the Sedona Westerners left the County Bldg. at 10:30 for Sycamore Canyon. Two stops were made on the way. The first stop was just past the Verde Valley Country Club. Clarkdale smelter could be seen from this location. Don Willard gave a very interesting history about this smelter which took the place of the old smelter in Jerome. The Clarkdale smelter was built in 1912 just before World War I.

The second stop was across from a steam plant which The Arizona Power Company built to supply electric power for the Clarkdale smelter. Mr. Willard gave the group an interesting short talk about this place. There is a long swinging bridge over a creek here which Mr. Willard said the school children used to get to and from school when the water was high.

After a short drive the group reached the mouth of Sycamore Canyon. From the rim of the Canyon you can look down on the Old Packard Ranch. Some of the buildings are still standing. After lunch the group went down the trail to the bottom of the canyon and hiked nearly two miles up the canyon to some springs. Here watercress grew profusely. Several picked some to take home. Nearby, where the cars were parked, Indian ruins could be seen. The walls are all tumbled down and just rubble remains but by the size of it the tribe that lived there must have been quite large. Not too far away were a couple of springs. The beavers have been busy damming up the water from these springs with freshly cut small trees.

This was a very informative and interesting hike with beautiful weather and scenery. Those taking this hike were: Charles Thompson, Clara Purtymun, Margaret Krebs, Alice Harris, Mitch Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. B. R. Seaman, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Genevieve Quail, Betty Geneback, Don Willard, Ollie Simon, Katy Hadley, Allen Bristow, K. Snow, R. S. Heym, Nina Boyle, Alvina Boyle, Ruth Stevens, Virgie and Frank Miller, Eleanor and Roy Hill, Lisa Lark, Jo Haycraft, June Every, Susan Every, Jean Edwards, Vi Smith, Stan and Mabs Altpeter, Mildred Westrup, Louise Meginness, Stephen and Ellen Forder, Bernice and Ralph Burnham, Ruth and Jack Van de Water, Bert and Phoeby Reed, and Ellsworth Schnebly.

The public is invited to participate in these hikes. Watch this newspaper for the Sedona Westerners' hiking calendar for December and plan on joining the group.

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## Cemetery Work Set For Saturday

Ellsworth Schnebly, trail boss of the Sedona Westerners, wants to remind all the people wanting to help clean the cemetery to meet at the County Building in Sedona by 9 a.m. Saturday.

Don Willard is chairman of the committee.

Sunday's hike will be to a cave near Nolan Tank. This cave is reported to have stalactites and stalagmites. The group will leave Sedona at the County Building at 1:30 p.m. Non-members will be welcomed.

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SEDONA WESTERNERS' HIKING CALENDAR

DEC. 8th CAVE NEAR NOLAN TANKS
LEAVE 1:30 P.M.

DEC. 15th OLD ROAD NORTH OF BEAVER HEAD
STAGE STATION LEAVE 1:30 P.M.

DEC. 22nd CAVE AT SYCAMORE PASS
LEAVE 1:30 P.M.

DEC. 29th NO HIKE

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# Westerners Plan Cemetery Project

The Sedona Westerners held their regular meeting Thursday evening, Oct. 10, at the County Building, with Ellsworth Schnebly, trail boss, presiding.

A new project will be the restoration of the old cemetery near Airport Road. Jay Cook of Cottonwood, who donated the property for this cemetery many years ago, will be consulted.

Plans for a Christmas party have been started, with Tex Dallas heading the committee in charge. Last year's party had to be called off because of the "Big Snow." Dallas asked that all those who were helping last year get in touch with him now.

Don Willard showed the booklet issued for Fort Verde Day and pointed out that some of the Sedona Westerners are related to families mentioned in the booklet. He suggested that everyone get a copy.

An article by Mrs. Winnie A. Van Deren in the Oct. 10 issue of The Verde Independent concerning the Beaver Head Stage Station was discussed. The Sedona Westerners hope to have an historical marker installed near the site one of these days.

Guests were Mr. Collins of Sun City, Calif., brother-in-law of Allen Bristow; Elizabeth Kintz, sister of Mrs. Ruth Martin, and Mrs. Nelson Grant.

Refreshments were served by June and Bob Every.

Herb and Ruth Martin showed slides of several Westerner trips and of last year's parades at Sedona and Camp Verde, and Ellsworth Schnebly showed a half-hour motion picture on California.

It was announced that the next hike will be to Hope Well next Sunday, with Don Willard serving as Cactus Dodger. Those going will meet at the County Building at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited.

# HIKE TO HARTWELL CANYON

On Sunday, January 5th, The Sedona Westerners and guests left the County Building at 1:30 p.m. for Hartwell Canyon. The group hiked about three quarters of a mile up the canyon to Indian ruins and pictographs. Some of the pictographs pictured a serpent, the sun, goats, dogs and other figures. The group was sorry to see that some pictographs have been defaced. This canyon is a very picturesque place with red cliffs towering high on both sides.

Those participating on this hike were: Charles Thompson, Ollie and Rose Simon, Lisa Lark, Helen Barker, Margaret Krebs, Allen Bristow, Mitch Mitchell, Gladys Allen, Charles Smith, Ellsworth Schnebly, Richard Carpenter, Alice Carpenter, Jo Haycroft, Clara Purtyman, Bob and Ivy Conibear, Charles Hunting, Stan and Mabs Altpeter, Ray Heym, Stephen and Ellen Forder, Lothar Kolbig, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Judd and Pauline Trask, Edith Cunningham, Helen Sand, Rose Lang, Maisel Honey, Ruth and Jack Van de Water, and Darrel and Florence Smith.

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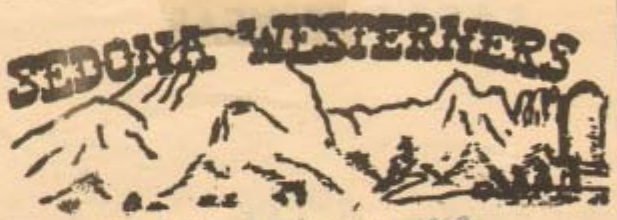


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## Westerners Plan Hike To Ruins

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Sunday, Sedona Westerners and their guests left the County Building at 10:30 a.m. for Clear Creek Campgrounds.

After a picnic lunch they drove to the Indian caves near the gypsum plant. A long steep climb was required to reach the caves. There were many of these, both large and small, to explore, and, a short distance away, Indian ruins with some walls still standing.

Participating in the hike were Charlie Thompson, Alice Harris, Margaret Krebs, Charles Knaus, Caroline Gurney, Gladys Allen, Jo Haycraft, Ollie Simon, Richard and Alice Carpenter, Hazel and Bill [illegible]aman, Mike and Evelyne Wright, [illegible]phen and Ellen Forder, and Helen and Herman Janetzky.

The Jan. 19 hike will be to the Hancock Ranch, where there are some particularly interesting Indian ruins. Hikers will meet at the county building at 1:30 p.m.

The public is always welcome to join the Westerners on these hikes.

## Hike To Indian Caves

On Sunday, January 12th, The Sedona Westerners and guests left the County Building at 10:30 for Clear Creek Camp Grounds where they enjoyed lunch and a little visiting. From there they drove to Indian caves near the Gypsum Plant. To reach the caves involved a long, steep climb. There were many caves, large and small, to explore. A short distance from these caves were Indian ruins with some walls still standing.

Those participating on this hike were: Charles Thompson, Alice Harris, Margaret Krebs, Charles Knaus, Caroline Gurney, Gladys Allen, Jo Haycraft, Ollie Simon, Richard Carpenter, Alice Carpenter, Hazel and Bill Seaman, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Stephen and Ellen Forder, and Herman and Helen Janetzky.

Next Sunday the hike will be to Hancock Ranch to see Indian ruins which are very interesting. The Sedona Westerners cordially invite the public to join them on their hikes.

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## Westerners Told Hiking Schedule

Ellsworth Schnebly, trail boss of the Sedona Westerners, has announced the organization's hiking schedule for November, as follows:

Sunday, Nov. 3, Fay Canyon.

Sunday, Nov. 10, hieroglyphics in Red Tank Wash near Rimrock.

Sunday, Nov. 17, Indian Ruins at Lower Verde.

Sunday, Nov. 24, Sycamore Canyon.

Visitors are always welcome to join the hiking group, Schnebly says. Meeting place is the lot in front of the County Building, Sedona.

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## Hartwell Canyon Goal Of Hikers

The Sedona Westerners left the County Building at 1:30 p.m. Sunday for Hartwell Canyon and hiked three-quarters of a mile up the canyon to Indian ruins and pictographs of a serpent, the sun, goats, dogs and other figures.

Those on the hike were: Charles Thompson, Ollie and Rose Simon, Lisa Lark, Helen Barker, Margaret Krebs, Allen Bristow, Mitch Mitchell, Gladys Allen, Charles Smith, Ellsworth Schnebly, Richard Carpenter, Alice Carpenter, Jo Haycroft, Clara Purtymun, Bob and Ivy Conibear, Charles Huntting, Stan and Mabs Altpeter, Ray Heym, Stephen and Ellen Forder, Lothar Kolbig, Mike and Evelyne Wright, Judd and Pauline Trask, Edith Cunningham, Helen Sand, Rose Lang, Maisel Honey, Ruth and Jack Van de Water and Darrel and Florence Smith.

The Westerners stress that the public is invited to join their hikes. Next Sunday's hike will take the group past Camp Verde. The group will leave the County Building in Sedona at 10:30. Hikers will take their lunches.

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BY MARILYN FRANCIS

As we sit in the former home of the Orville Redwines musing over the intelligence that the book Those Early Days by the Sedona Westerners is one of a short list of ones most constantly circulated by the Sedona Public Library, we have been spelling Sedona backwards. [illegible]y it).

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## Sedona Westerners Hold Meeting

On Thursday, January 9th, The Sedona Westerners held their meeting in the County Building at 8:00 p.m. Guests were Lothar and Myrtle Kolbig, also Mrs. June Every's mother, Mrs. Muth from Evanston, Ill. Mrs. Every is a new member.

Allen Bristow told a tall tale about Bloody Basin. Fletcher Fairchild then proceded to top Allen with a story about "petrified bottles" and also how he learned to swim in Beaver Creek.

Ellsworth Schnebly, trail Boss, showed pictures on "Chocalate Town, U.S.A.," Hershey, Penn.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 23rd, and Mr. Kolbig, a world traveler, will show movies. These meetings are open t the public.

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## Westerners Trek To Cliff Dwellings

The Sedona Westerners' Trek on Sunday afternoon, October 6 carried the following group to some cliff dwellings high on the right side of Boynton Canyon: Charles Thompson, Clara Purtymun, Alice Carnahan, Ivy Smith, Charles Smith, Nine Boyle, Jean Edwards, Vi Smith, Gladys Allen, Stanford Altepeter, Mable H. Altpeter, Charles Knaus, Irene Knaus, Ollie Simon, Dolores Zeman, Linda Zeman, Lisa Zeman, Alice Carpenter, Richard Carpenter, and Ellsworth Schnebly.

The most remarkable feat was that of five year old Alice Carpenter, who made the entire ascent and descent on her own power altho she is only in the Sedona Kindergarten. Two other sub-teenagers, Linda and Lisa Zeman also outdid mountain goats by being the first to arrive at the cave, where some walls were still intact while others had been regrettably wrecked by the lowest form of vermin—human vandals. Why do some people have to wreck Cliff Dwellings or vandalize some thing which should be preserved for posterity?

Another remarkable achievement was to have both Charley Thompson and Clara Purtymun (who is past eighty years old) make the climb. Each one makes every trek and never stops until he gets to the end or the top. The Sedona Westerners welcome you, one and all on these treks, all of which are announced thru the kindness of the editors in your hometown paper, THE RED ROCK NEWS.

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