

# **Historical Highlights**

**of**

**Frazier's Book Store/Frazier Office Supply**

**227 S Main Street - Pendleton, Oregon**



**1901 ~ 2022**

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# **Owner Timeline – Frazier’s Book Store**

## **1901-2022**

- 1901**      **Earliest records would indicate Frazier’s Book Store was founded in 1901. Ads on December 6, 1901, East Oregonian verify there was a Frazier’s Book Store owned by Lawrence Frazier.** Ads in the EO on Dec 6, 1900, indicate the closing of the Blue Front Store on 715 Main Street. Perhaps Lawrence secured their inventory for his business? A later item from son-in-law David Hamley noted Frazier started in Blue Front store but I could not find anything to verify that location?
- 1902**      **???Lawrence secured Blue Front Stationery from Max Baer? Per written memories from son-in-law. No news items to verify.**
- 1910**      **A small item in EO on Oct 15, 1910, notes business name as (Frazier-Nelson). The merge must have happened mid-1910 as the phone directory for 1910 has the separate businesses listed.... Nelson’s Books & Stationery at 719 Main Street and Frazier’s Books & Stationery at 724 Main Street.**
- 1911**      **Store is noted as Frazier/Nelson Book Company in small news item on June 7**
- 1912**      **Store is still noted as partnership (Frazier – Nelson Company) located at 719 & 724 Main Street in Phone Directory. Lawrence is listed as President and CE Nelson is listed as Treasurer**
- 1913**      **Lawrence is listed as Sole Owner of the business on March 25, 1913. Clarke E. Nelson is noted as retiring.**
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- 1917**      **Frazier’s Book Store listed at 719 Main Street in Phone Directory**
- 1939**      **Lawrence Frazier passes on May 20, 1939. Katherine Jean Frazier listed as Owner/Manager of Frazier’s Book Store in Phone Directory**

- 1941\*** Lawrence A Ballmer listed as Owner of Frazier's Book Store in phone directory. However, there is not a directory for 1940? Mrs. Frazier is not listed in the Census for 1940 as Manager of Frazier's hence my guess is Ballmer likely purchased the business in late 1939 or 1940? (Store address as 227 Main Street...at Pendleton changes street #s)
- 1944** Homer E. Waggoner purchases Frazier's Book Store
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- 2000** \*\*\*The Bates changed business name to Frazier Office Supply Inc.
- 2019** Business sold to current owners, Kris and Stephanie Smith

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**1901**      **East Oregonian Ad – December 19, 1901 – Christmas Ad**



**1902**      **EO- July 29 – Store Enlargement...New Quarters**

TO ENLARGE HIS STORE. Rapid Increase of L. G. Frazier to Business Forces Move to New - Quarters. L. G. Frazier, the progressive proprietor of Frazier's book and stationery store is greatly enlarging his salesroom and making space for a large addition to his already large stock. The partition in the rear of the room has been removed and shelving is being put in the full length of the building. Mr. Frazier has purchased the book, news stand and stationery business of Tallman & Co. and will move the stock to his present room and the increased space is made necessary to accommodate the purchase, as well as a large stock of late new books which will arrive soon. The combining of the book, news and stationery department of the Tallman & Co. store, with his present stock, will give Mr. Frazier a store that will be a credit to Pendleton. T. W. Ayres, of Tallman & Co., will leave August 9th for a trip east, where he will select a line of the latest novelties, toys sporting goods, etc., which will occupy the space vacated by the book' department. The Stock to be added by Tallman & Co. will consist of articles entirely new to Pendleton.

**1902**      **Ads indicated the store sold a variety of items including Golf Clubs & Sporting Goods. (November 8, 1902)**



1902

East Oregonian Ad – December 13, 1902 (Dolls-Christmas Gifts)



1903

East Oregonian - Jan 28

BOOK LOVERS FRIEND. Pendleton Favored by Having a Circulating Library Not Expensive to Read All the Late Books. In many cities and towns throughout the country, clubs are formed by book lovers for the purpose of securing the latest popular books to read and books are passed from one member to another, but in Pendleton such clubs are not necessary as the circulating library established by L. G Frazier fills the bill to a nicety and answers all purposes. By the system in vogue at Frazier's Bookstore. book lovers have at their service all the newest books as well as the standard works. There is no initiation fee or red tape. If you desire to read any book, call, and by the payment of a small sum you can rent it to read, and when finished, return it. Frazier's circulating library has been popular, since its inception and has proven itself a boon to book readers to secure all the new books at the present day.

1904

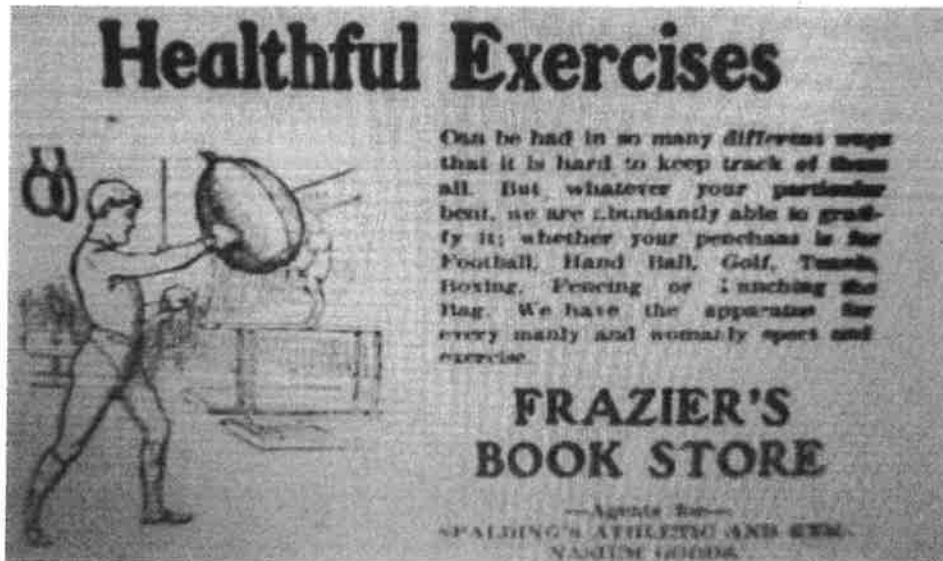
A circulating library of popular books is added. (Ad noted on Feb 6, 1904)

1905

Frazier Book Store address Listed at 724 Main Street


1905

East Oregonian Ad – December 2, 1905 "Healthful Exercise"



1906

East Oregonian Ad – April 30, 1906 - Fishing Equipment Ad



**A LUCKY FISHERMAN,**  
is the one who has the best fishing tackle. Before trying your luck on the finny tribes, prepare yourself with an up-to-date outfit in rods, lines, flies, hooks, reels, baskets, etc., etc., from our superior stock of fishermen's goods. We have everything in the line of sporting goods of the latest and best makes.

**Frazier's Book Store**

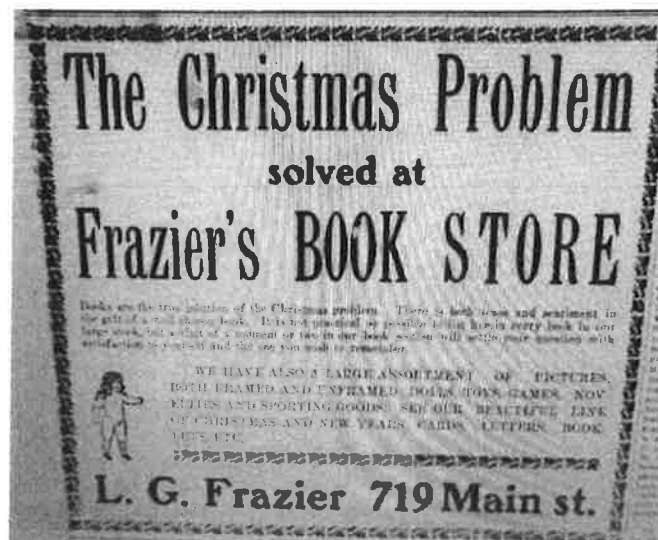
1906

East Oregonian Ad – June 25, 1906 - Fourth of July Supplies



**4th of July**  
**DECORATIONS, FLAGS,**  
**FIREWORKS AND**  
**FIRECRACKERS**  
Headquarters at  
**FRAZIER'S BOOK STORE**

- 1909** Frazier's Store Front is remodeled. Shaefer Jewelry Store Front is also remodeled. August 23, 1909
- 1910** A small society item in EO on Oct 15, 1910 about employee Genevieve Clark notes business name as (Frazier-Nelson)
- 1911** A run away horse-drawn wagon caused a stir in the alley between Alexander Department Store and Frazier's Book Store.
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- 1913** Needlework supplies are included in the store. Oct 30, 1913
- 1913** East Oregonian Ad – December 20, 1913 – Christmas



1915 A fire in the lower level of the building at 719 started on October 30, 1915. It was believed to have started from a burning cigarette dropped through the street grate. The fire was quickly caught and extinguished.

1917 Frazier Book Store listed at 719 Main Street

1917 East Oregonian Ad – December 22, 1917 "Fun with the Faries" Book



1919 East Oregonian Ad – March 12, 1919, Picture Framing





1919 East Oregonian Ad – March 28, 1919 – Roller Skates

**ROLLER SKATES**

THE GOOD KIND.

For Boys and Girls; Double Ball Bearing and  
Need no Oiling.

Axle nuts do not come off  
and get lost. Adjustable  
to any size.

**Fraziers Book Store**

1919 East Oregonian Ad – April 16, 1919 – War History Book

**History of the War**

We have just received a Pictorial History of the  
World War for Liberty, written by Thomas A. Rus-  
sell, noted historical and military writer, together  
with the Official Story of American Operations in  
France, by General John J. Pershing, commander-in-  
chief.

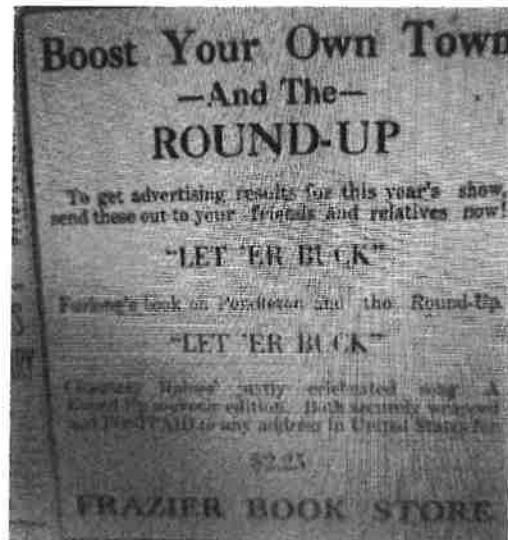
In Two Bindings. Price \$2.00 and \$2.50

Also a new line of Paper Novels and Joke Books.

**Fraziers Book Store**

**1921** High School Annuals are sold for the first time. The books were sold through Frazier's Book Store.

**1921** East Oregonian Ad – August 21, 1921 – Round-Up Let'er Buck Books/Music



**1939** Lawrence Frazier passes away at his desk at work on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1939. His wife, Katherine Jean Frazier is listed as Owner/Manager of Frazier's Book Store after the passing of her husband in the phone directory.

????????? From 1901 to 1940 there seems to be a blend of using both "Frazier's Book Store /vs/ Fraziers Book Store/vs Frazier Book Store" in articles and Ads. I noticed this changed to read just "Frazier Book Store" in 1941.

**1941 (?)** Lawrence A Ballmer listed as Owner/Manager of Frazier Book Store in the Phone Directory for 1941. He possibly purchased in 1940 or late 1939 as Mrs. Frazier is not listed in the 1940 Census as manager of the Book Store, only Manager of her Dress Shop. \*\*\*Research library is missing the 1940 Directory.

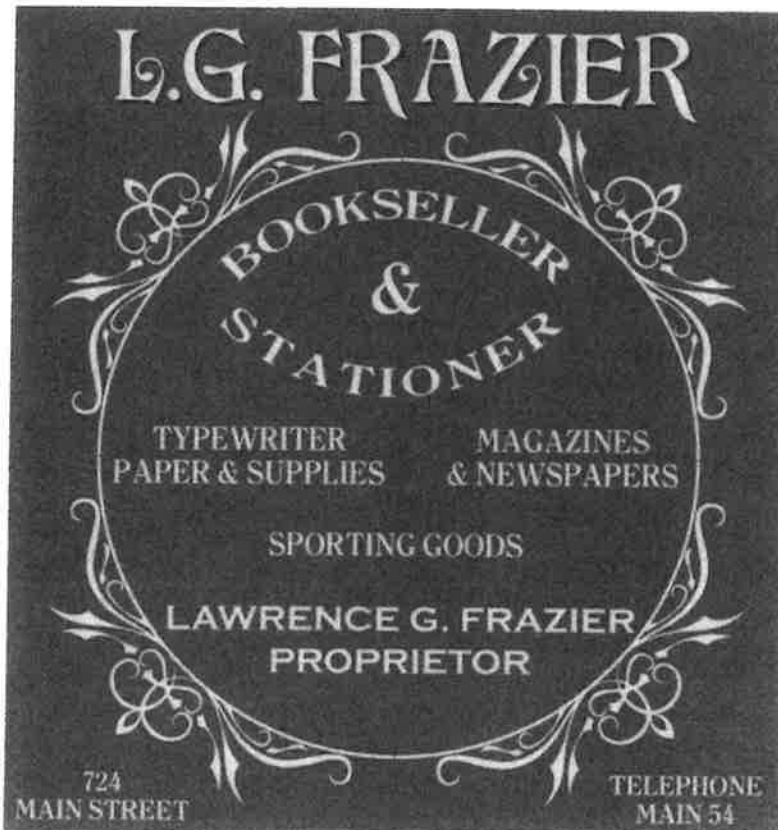
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## **Frazier Book Store Employees listed in E.O/Pendleton Record over the Years**

<b>1902</b>		<b>Effie Jean Frazier – She was a long-time employee at the store. Over the years Effie was often listed in the EO for attending book conferences for the store of social gatherings in the community.</b>
<b>1910</b>		<b>Genevieve Clark</b>
<b>1913-1914</b>		<b>Chester Beam</b>
<b>1917</b>		<b>Walter Snyder</b>
<b>1917</b>		<b>Sterling Patterson</b>
<b>1922</b>		<b>Fleener Douglas</b>
<b>1933</b>		<b>Jean Frazier joins the staff after her reign on the Round-Up Court.</b>
<b>1940's</b>	<b>per obituary</b>	<b>Dorothy Koening (Dickson) worked part-time at Fraziers while in High School in the 40's</b>
<b>1942</b>	<b>per obituary</b>	<b>Donna Hodgen Johns worked as the Bookkeeper. Married Maurice Johns in 1947</b>
<b>1960's???</b>		<b>Donna Kuykendall (Gehrke) worked many years as the bookkeeper for Frazier's in the 1960's on. She passed in 2016.</b>
<b>1972</b>		<b>Ralph Richards</b>
<b>1982?</b>		<b>Ron Bates * Employee who became Owner in 1985</b>
<b>2004</b>		<b>Lorrie Rigdon</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>EO Article</b>	<b>Kris Smith * Employee who became Owner in 2019</b>

## **Owner - 1901~1939 - Lawrence Frazier**



Lawrence Frazier was born in Bodega, Sonoma County California on November 9, 1867, and passed on May 20, 1939, at his office desk. Lawrence married Kathryn Letitia Corby of Pleasanton, Kansas on May 26, 1902. He was 35 and she was age 25. Lawrence and Kathryn had one daughter, Jean Frazier Hamley. Census records for 1910 note that Kathryn's brother, Harry Corby was living with them at the time and working as a Telegraph Operator.

Lawrence came to Oregon by covered wagon with his parents, Mr., and Mrs. Wiley Frazier in 1879. He was the sixth of eight children born to Wiley C. and Rebecca Frazier, six boys and two girls.

Wiley and Rebecca and first-born son, Albert, had originally crossed the plains from their home in Missouri by wagon train in 1854. They settled first in Sebastopol, then in 1863 moved 18 miles west to Bodega, CA which was located on the coast. In 1879, by covered wagon, the family moved to Centerville (Athena) where they made their home until moving to Pendleton in 1883.

Lawrence received his education in the public schools of Sonoma County, California and Umatilla County, Oregon.

Following his school years, Lawrence first took a job with the Byers Mill located on the southeast corner of SE fifth and Court St. He then accepted a position with O.R. & N.Ry. Co until 1890 when he became a driver of the delivery wagon for the Pacific and Northern Pacific Express Companies and acted as night transfer clerk. On March 8, 1892, he was appointed local agent jointly for both companies, a position he held until his resignation to pursue his career with his Book Store.

He established Frazier's Book Supply in 1901 and remained active in the business until his passing. According to accounts from son-in-law, David Hamley, in 1902 Lawrence purchased the Blue Front Stationery from Max Baer located at 237 South Main and the store came to be known as Frazier Book Store. It is unclear if Lawrence took over the Blue Front Stationery Store or simply purchased the inventory as the dates do not correspond since Frazier's was up and going before Max Baer closed his business. I did note that Lawrence secured the Tallman & Co. inventory in July 1902.

Lawrence was an innovative businessman known for his thrifty approach to operations. During the years in business, he not only sold books and office supplies at Frazier's but also went on to sale Sports Supplies and Toys. In the early years of operation, he had a strong connection with the school district serving as the source for parents to secure their annual supply of textbooks and school supplies. Frazier's also served as the supplier for the first High School Yearbook in 1921.

Lawrence is known as the longest serving Round-Up Board of Director in the history of the organization - having served from the originating year in 1910 until 1936 when he resigned. He is credited in the major reorganization of Round-Up and served as interim President in 1933. He also was active in numerous other civic organizations, holding countless leadership roles for community organization including a director of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce. Lawrence was inducted into the Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame in 1997.

**Major Events/Business Challenges:** WW 1- 1914-1918; Spanish Influenza 1918; Stock Market Crash 1929; Great Depression 1929-1939. Pendleton often flooded downtown until levees were built creating downtown cleanup issues. Lawrence conduct a buying trip to Salt Lake each year to obtain store supplies.

**PENDLETON POPULATION:** 1900 – 4406; 1910 – 4460; 1920 – 6837; 1930 - 6621



## **Bio – Kathryn Corby Frazier**

Kathryn Corby Frazier passed away on September 8, 1959, at the age of 82. She was born in Ohio but moved to Pleasanton, Kansas as a child with her family. She resided in Kansas until her marriage to Lawrence Frazier on May 26, 1902.

Throughout her life, Kathryn was very active in Pendleton's social circle belonging to most women's service clubs including:

- Pendleton Current Literature Club
- Duplicate Whist Club
- Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
- Pendleton's Women's Club

In 1939, she and Mrs. Rex Ellis founded the Frazier-Ellis Shop at 143 S Main Street. The shop was a women's wear shop which continued in business for many years. Health issues forced Kathryn to step away from an active role in the business as time went on.

Kathryn is also listed as the Owner/Manager of Frazier's Book Store in 1939 after the passing of her husband, Lawrence. Prior to her husband's passing she was not engaged in the daily operations at Frazier's Book Store.

Census records list her last residence as 409 NW Ellis Street in Pendleton.

*(Researcher Note) I was unable to confirm exactly when Lawrence A. Ballmer took over as active owner/manager of the Frazier Book Store from Mrs. Frazier during the 1939-1943 period. With the exception of the time after Lawrence passed, I was unable to confirm any type of active role of engagement of Kathryn within the Frazier Bookstore's on-site operation.*

## **Bio - Jean Frazier Hamley**



Jean Frazier Hamley was born October 1, 1913 in Pendleton, Oregon. She was the only child of Lawrence and Kathryn Frazier. In 1927, Jean was a Round-Up Princess serving with 1927 Round-Up Queen Mabel Strickland and fellow Princesses including: Mary Bond, Janet LaFontaine and Elizabeth Crommelin. Jean was honored as Queen of the 1933 Pendleton Round-Up. Princesses included: Cathryn Collins, Sally Seigrist, Dorothy Doherty, Anne Kistner and Ruth Porter.

After graduating from Pendleton High School, Jean attended the University of Oregon where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. Jean did not return to the U of O to complete college after her reign on the Round-Up Court. She instead worked at Frazier Book Store with her father and aunt. (While I couldn't verify...she likely stayed on until she married in 1940).

Jean married Pendleton resident, David Hamley on August 14, 1940. They had two sons – John and Thomas. Jean was active in many Pendleton Service projects including:

- Organized local League of Women Voters in Pendleton
- Charter Member of Mustangers Horse Club
- Member Oregon Trail Ski Club
- Blue Mtn Ski Club Member
- Volunteer at Eastern Oregon State Hospital during & after WWII



In 1962 Jean joined her husband, David at Hamley's as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Hamley's Corporation. She continued in that role until the business sold in 1980.

Throughout the years after marrying David, Jean was responsible for working with Hamley's to outfit the Pendleton Round-Up Court. In 1971 Jean served as a judge for the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.

Jean passed away on September 4, 1991.

## **Bio - Effie Jean Frazier**

Effie was five years of age when the family moved to Pendleton from California. She was 16 when she began working as a Post Office employee in Pendleton. Effie Jean then began working with her brother, Lawrence at Frazier Bookstore as a clerk in the early years. While an exact date is not listed, a note in the East Oregonian on February 15, 1902, indicated she was working at Frazier Bookstore at that time. She worked at Frazier Bookstore for many years and was a highly regarded member of the Pendleton business community. Society notes in the East Oregonian make note of Effie attending business meetings and buyer's conferences on behalf of the store on several occasions.

Effie was very involved in the Community Social circle and was often noted in the society pages as having been an attendee at various Pendleton functions. Effie was considered to be a talented musician. She played the church organ for many years and was an accompanist for many of the early day Minstrel Shows where she was often the only woman in the cast.

Effie is credited for originating the unique, spectacular opening to the Pendleton Round-Up Show each day. It was her idea to shoot the American Flag into the air from a cannon which accounted for the "bombs bursting in air" start for the show.

Effie passed on July 10, 1951, at 79 years of age at the Pendleton Convalescent Home after an illness of several months.

## **Bio - Wiley C. Frazier**

Wiley C. Frazier, aged 81 years and a resident of Umatilla County for 31 years, died August 26, 1910, at his home in Pendleton after an illness of 18 months. During a great part of his final 18 months his suffering was intense. A year prior to his passing he suffered a stroke of paralysis resulting in his inability to leave the house.

Wiley was born in Kentucky, February 28, 1829. As a young man he moved to Missouri where he was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Leard. The couple was united in marriage for 59 years at the time of his passing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazier and their family crossed the plains to California with an ox team in 1851. They took up their residence in Sonoma County, where they continued to live until 1879. In that year they came overland to Umatilla County, first settling near Athena.

Following their move to Pendleton, in 1883, Mr. Frazier was engaged for many years in the truck and dray business. All his life up until the time of receiving the stroke of paralysis, Wiley was described as a strong, robust man and the affliction which made him a helpless invalid at times was almost more than he could endure.

Wiley and his wife had the following children:

- Albert A. Frazier, Humbolt County, CA – 1853-1937
- George Thomas Frazier, San Louis Obispo County, CA. 1855-1940
- Charles A. Frazier, Colfax. WA. 1857-1924
- James Edward Frazier 1860-1940...moved to Grant County
- Mrs. S. F. Sharp, Athena (Mary Ellen???) 1864-1965
- L. G. Frazier, Pendleton 1867-1939
- Julius A. Frazier 1868-1911
- Effie Jean Frazier, Pendleton 1871-1951

## **Owner - 1940ish - 1944 Lawrence A. Ballmer**

Records do not indicate what year Lawrence purchased Frazier Book Store. The first entry I found was in the 1941 Pendleton Phone Directory listing him as Owner/Manager of Frazier Book Store. Unfortunately, the 1940 Directory is not available in the Research Library, and I was not able to verify in the Census data.

It would appear that Lawrence did some business with Morrow County as notices in the E.O. financial statements for Morrow County list payments to Frazier Book Store.

I was able to find in the Oregon Statesman that Lawrence he and his wife purchased the "Commercial Book Store" in Salem in December 1944. They were very active in the Salem business and community circle. Both their names were often listed in Society articles in the metro papers.

Mr. Ballmer passed on November 2, 1961.

**Major Business Challenges:** WW II 1939-1945 (US enters 1941-1945); Supply shortages, Rations, Fuel, Transportation

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### **Pendleton Population:**

1940 – 8847

1950 – 11,774

## **Owner - 1944 ~ 1976 Bio - Homer Waggoner**

Homer Waggoner was born October 26, 1898 in Decatur, Illinois. He married Violet Iverson in Walla Walla, WA in April 1922. They began their early life in Kent, Washington where Homer worked at Skaggs Grocery which eventually became a Safeway store. The couple moved to Pendleton in 1926 and Homer continued to work at Safeway until 1944.

In 1944 Homer purchased Frazier Book Store. He managed the store until 1977 at which time he sold it to his daughter & son-in-law Mary Jane (Marjorie) and Unsle Cunning.

Homer was not only active as a businessman but also engaged in community service within the Pendleton Community. He was a member of the following organizations:

- Pendleton BPO Elks 288
- Pendleton Kiwanis
- Pendleton Episcopal Church of Redeemer – 55 years
- Happy Canyon Volunteer – 50's – 60's
- Verity Masonic Lodge in Kent

Mr. Waggoner passed on December 28, 1992. Mrs. Waggoner passed on October 7, 1993.

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1940 – 8847;      1950 – 11,774;    1960 – 14,434;    1970 – 13,197;    1980 – 14,521

## **Owner -1979~1985 – Bill & Shirley Griffith**

The Griffith's were well respected in the Pendleton community. Shirley was active with the Pendleton Church programs. Bill was appointed by Governor Atiyeh to serve on a Task Force for the Easter Oregon Hospital and Training Center. The Griffith's hired Ron Bates as an employee and eventually asked the Bates to consider purchasing the business or partnering with them as they were ready to retire. Ron and Debbie decided that they would go ahead and purchase Frazier Book Store in 1985.

The Griffith' moved on to the Eugene/Creswell Oregon area where they continued to volunteer in the community with projects for their church and the community library.

### **Pendleton Population:**

1970 – 13,197

1980 – 14,521

1990 – 15,081

## **Owner - 1985~2019 - Ron & Debbie Bates**



Ron worked with Bill and Shirley Griffith for a few years before he and Debbie purchased the business in 1985. Originally, when Bill & Shirley decided to retire, they offered to go into partnership with Ron & Debbie however, the Bates desired to go into the business as sole owners.

Debbie worked with the State Court system in the early years of their ownership to cover ends such as insurance however, the business grew quickly, and Ron and Debbie were soon able to both work full time at Frazier's.

They utilized business monthly sale flyers to attract customers, added a vibrant website and full-sized catalog to expand customers as well as local delivery services. In

2000 they changed the business name to Frazier Office Supply. In 2016 they purchased "Home Office Supply" in Hermiston and became active in the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce.

Both, Ron and Debbie have been active community members. Debbie was a member of Altrusa for many years. She also has been a volunteer with Pendleton Round-Up. Debbie was awarded one of the Pendleton Round-Up Appreciation Awards in 2009 for her service to the Round-Up.

Ron has served on the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and was on the Board when the new Chamber of Commerce building was constructed.

In 2011 Frazier Book Store received the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce "Customer Excellence Award."

In 2019 Ron and Debbie sold the business to Kris and Stephanie Smith enabling them an opportunity to enjoy retirement including traveling and spending time with their family.

**Business Challenges:** Introduction of Online Purchase Capabilities, "Box Store Competition," "Paperless Communications hence changes in customer product demands"

Transportation & Delivery Options changed over the 30-year period.

### **Pendleton Population**

1990 – 15,081; 2000 – 16,731; 2010 – 16, 612; 2200 – 16,909



# **Owner – 2019~2022 – Kris & Stephanie Smith**

**Purchased January 2, 2019**

**EO Article January 25, 2019**

**[https://pendletons-frazier-office-supply-under-new-ownership/article\\_ad3720ac-2014-11e9-8c0f-6f9d7c27f534.html](https://pendletons-frazier-office-supply-under-new-ownership/article_ad3720ac-2014-11e9-8c0f-6f9d7c27f534.html)**



**Business Challenges:** The Smith's launched their introduction to ownership of Frazier Office Supply only a few months before the worldwide COVID-19 struck resulting in economic struggles to every corner of the world. Severe shortages resulted in a creative mindset. Much like the founder, Lawrence Frazier, Kris took a step into providing new lines of products to the business to meet immediate needs including Toilet Paper, Hand Sanitizer and Business Cleaning products. 2022 seemed to ease slightly with COVID-19 issues however, extreme fuel costs due to World tensions in Russia resulted in an economic impact on Frazier's ability to deliver products to their customers.

Kris and Stephanie are determined to provide solid economic support for their employees including Retirement Plans. They are also in the process of buying and remodeling the actual building which houses "Frazier Office Supply."

Continued challenges for their business include ongoing competition with Online Purchase Capabilities, "Box Store Competition," "Paperless Communications hence changes in customer product demands," and "Transportation-Delivery-Product Supply."

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## **Research Project Information Sources**

**\*University of Oregon Historic Oregon Library**

**\*Historic Newspaper Archives**

**Daily East Oregonian**

**East Oregonian**

**Evening East Oregonian**

**Athena Press**

**Pendleton Record**

**Oregon Journal**

**Pendleton Phone Directories – 1900 - 1990**

**U.S. Census – 1900-1950**

**“Let'er Buck” by Virgil Buck**

**Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame Museum**

**Memories from David Hamley as shared with Hall of Fame**

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**Community Conversations – Debbie Bates**

# Hall of Fame

The Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame was founded in 1969. Ten men and five horses were the first honorees. Each year other men and women have been selected as honorees by the Hall of Fame board of directors.

An honoree must have a long association with Round-Up and Happy Canyon. As might be expected many more are nominated than are chosen each year. The Hall of Fame is housed under the South Grandstand. Plans are afoot for a structure of its own.

## Past Winners:

CLARENCE BURKE	1969	CLARENCE BISHOP	1982
GENE RAMBO	1969	ROY BISHOP	1982
GEORGE RIETZGER	1960	DAN BELL	1983
GEORGE STRAND	1969	GEORGE DOAK	1983
HENRY COLLINS	1969	KARL DOERING	1983
HERB THOMPSON	1969	ART MONTAGNE	1983
LEE CALDWELL	1969	CLARK MENTHRE	1983
ROY PALAY	1969	BOB BLETCHER	1984
TIL TAYLOR	1969	EVERETT HOWMAN	1985
YAKIMA CANUTT	1969	PAT FOLSOM	1985
CARL ARINGOLD	1969	SID SEAVE	1986
FAYE LAGROW	1970	BOB HALE'S	1986
ALLEN DRUMHELLER	1971	ELLA LAZINKA GANGER	1987
HUGO STRICKLAND	1971	ROB CHRISTENSEN	1987
LAWRENCE HIELALLEN	1971	MILFRED SEARCY	1988
MABEL STRICKLAND	1971	ROB CHAMBERS	1989
PEPE KNIGHT	1971	JACK DUFFE	1989
PHILIP BILL	1971	IGORIS SWAYZE ROJINDS	1990
E.N. "PINK" BOYLEN	1972	VERNE TERPSON	1990
JACKSON SUNDOWN	1972	GERALD SWAGCART	1991
JOHN HALE'S	1973	TESSIE WILLIAMS	1991
MELISSA PAIR	1973	BILL SEVERE	1992
TIM BERNHARD	1973	DUFF SEVERE	1992
BILL SWITZLER	1974	DON McLAUGHLIN	1992
BOB CROSBY	1974	J. DAVID HAMBLEY	1992
ELISE FITZMAURICE JACKSON	1975	L. J. HAMBLEY	1992
SHOAT WEBSTER	1975	LESTER H. HAMBLEY	1992
BERKELEY DAVIS	1976	WILLIAM MINTHORN	1992
DR. JOSEPH BERNMAN	1976	LEOYD "BUS" HOWDYSHILL	1993
ELIZA BIL	1977	LEONARD KING	1993
LEW W. MINOR	1977	HERMAN ROSENBERG	1994
MARION HANSELL	1977	JOHN DALTON	1994
GEORGE MOENS	1978	THE HAWKINS BROTHERS	1995
MONCK CARPEN	1978	BERTHA KAPPERNIK BLANDETT	1995
EMIS KIRKPATRICK	1979	EVERETT SHAW	1995
MONIE MONTANA	1980	DEAN OLIVER	1996
LIARLEY TRUCKER	1981	TOM SIMONTON	1996
KEF RUDE	1981	THE CURRIN FAMILY	1996
CHANCEY BISHOP	1982		

PENDELTON ROUND-UP

# Hall of Fame



September 8, 1997

Installation  
Banquet

# 1997 Honorees



LAWRENCE G. FRAZIER

**Laurence G. Frazier**  
A man of foresight, integrity, determination and dedication, Lawrence G. "Loi" Frazier served the Round-Up as Grounds Director from its beginning in 1910 to 1937 — the longest tenure of any director in the history of the Round-Up. A pillar of strength during the Round-Up reorganization, many future Round-Up leaders grew under his leadership.

## Jim Rosenberg

More than 50 years of service to Round-Up and Happy Canyon mark the life of Jim Rosenberg. He started volunteering at the age of 11, helping with race horses in the arena. He bulldogged from 1948 to 1960, and led the ox team in parades for many years. He's been a director of Happy Canyon and Round-Up, and three-time Round-Up president. Many members of his family are involved with Round-Up as royalty, contestants and volunteers.

## Dick Truitt

A member of the original Turtles and one of just three men to win all of his events and the All-Around at Pendleton, Dick Truitt was a nationally known competitor.

The Oklahoma cowboy's championships at Pendleton include steer roping, 1929; steer wrestling, 1933 and 1936; calf roping, 1934; and all-around, 1929 and 1934.

## Elgin Stage Coach Team

For 33 years, Odie Payne, Billie Hindman and Sonny Weatherspoon brought crowds to their feet in a roar of excitement — the stage coach race. The Elgin team has also taken part in the Westward Hol Parade and Happy Canyon.

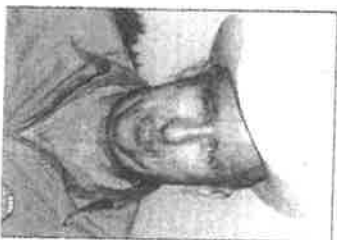
Other individuals also took part — but these three were the nucleus of the team.



DICK TRUITT



JIM ROSENBERG



BILLY HINDMAN



ODIE PAYNE



SONNY WEATHERSPOON

## Program:

Social hour, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Introductions

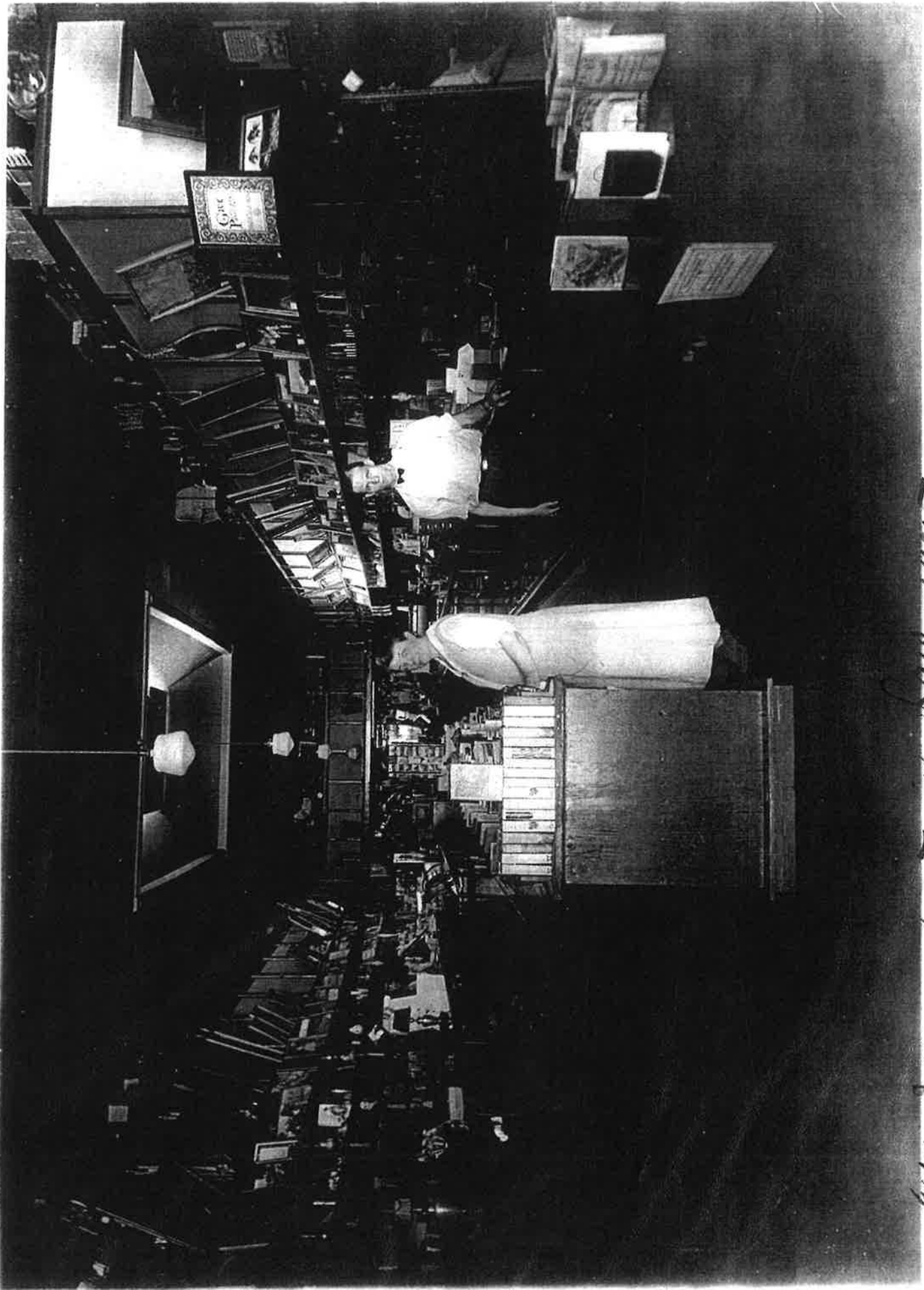
Master of Ceremonies,  
Jack Sweet, president  
of the Hall of Fame.

Formal announcement of  
1997 honorees

Acknowledgements

Menu:

Market Salad with Assorted Dressing  
8 oz. Top Sirloin with Mushroom Cup  
Jamaican Mashed Potatoes  
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables  
Warm French Bread  
Cheesecake with Pureed Strawberries  
Coffee, Decaf, Tea, Milk



47th from and Miss Sawmer