After an eight o'clock breakfast, we slid across the nylon covers of a soft, comfortable seat, and laid our hands easily on the polished plastic of the steering wheel. We turned a key, and instantly 225 horses were at our command. In a little more than an hour, rolling smoothly over paved highways, we were in the heart of Fresno.

This is a little different than the way Pansy Kirk, one of the most colorful Old Timers in the Kaweah Valley, used to make the trip. Long before daylight, she swung her long, lean legs into a well-worn saddle, took the bridle reins in her hand, as she flanked her mount. Fifteen, twenty or more hours later, plodding along rugged trails and over hot, dusty roads, she plodded into the outskirts of Fresno to work, packing fruit.

Pansy Blossom Cahoon Kirk has lived all her 73 years on the South Fork of the Kaweah. She was born on a knoll not far from where she now lives with her husband. [Remember this article was written in 1960 not 2017.] It is a comfortable, pleasant house just beyond the end of the pavement of the South Fork road. This is characteristic of her for she has always lived just beyond the pavement, where the land, the animals, the people were natural.

Pansy Kirk’s grandfather was Ira Blossom, one of the first white settlers in the Kaweah Valley. He left them in a house which Julie always said was a hen house, because it had no walls, just a roof which came down to the ground. Today it is “ultra modern” to have a long, rakish roof, which touches the ground and reaches up to a high, sharp peak.

Julie was as rugged and resourceful as her husband. She made friends with the Indians, talking first with signs, and was never afraid. She even refused to leave the area when it was known that a band of Indians from Lone Pine were crossing the Sierras to attack the Kaweah Indians. The Army moved into the fray and there was a bloody battle at what was then a Sulphur spring, and where the Three Rivers post office now stands. But friendly Indians who had always looked out for her saw that she and her children were not harmed during the hostilities.

“She was never out of meat,” Pansy loves to explain. “Before her meat was gone there would be another deer hanging in a tree outside her cabin. The Indians always hung it at night, and she never knew just who did it. But she was among friends, and I’ve always felt that’s the way we should all be – friends.”

By the time Pansy was born the South Fork area had been almost thickly settled. There were nearly a dozen families! There were the Alleses, the Bilstraps, the Putnams, the Glens, the Hoskins, the Kirkpatricks, the Boltons, and some others. All the lakes, meadows, and peaks had been discovered and most of them named for the men and women who discovered them. There was Cahoon Mountain, Cahoon Meadow, and Cahoon Rock Lookout, Palmer Cave, Evelyn Lake, named for Pansy’s mother, Evelyn Blossom, and the Blossom Lakes, named for her uncle, Charles Blossom.
This has been a very ‘hot’ and busy summer at the Museum and while our newsletter is a bit behind, we made it. **Moving on……………**

The cougar on the cover is one of 3 artifacts that is coming to the museum as a donation from the estate of Margaret ‘Peg’ Wells-Seaborm and her family. The cougar was one of two carved by Frank Treuting. It measures (56”x26”x12”). The other cougar is on the mantle at the front desk of the museum and is smaller. In addition to the cougar her estate has donated a beautiful stone piece also carved by Frank Treuting of a Raccoon (38”x24”x20”) and a bronze golden eagle (32”x16”x14”) by Lidabelle Wylie.

The cougar and eagle will be displayed in the museum while the raccoon (holding his crayfish) will be placed on a pedestal in the pond. All three pieces are due to arrive in late October thanks to Peg’s sons Todd and Jim Wells.

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**Membership Renewal and Officers**

Membership is the main source of our income and so important for our day to day operations and our future growth. The membership runs from July 1 to June 30 each year.

This year we are also renewing our Board of Directors and Officers for the next two years.

*Tom Marshall, President*  
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**Book Signing**  
**Sunday**  
**August 20**  
**1pm to 4pm**

**Meet the Authors**  
“Echoes of Three Rivers”  
Earl & Gaynor McKee  
with Carol McGrew

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Join Us In Celebrating “Veteran’s Day”
Saturday, November 11, 2017, 10am-4pm

What better way to celebrate “Armistice Day” (the ending of World War I) than to honor our women and men who have served in the military. The end of WWI came about on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month and so we now celebrate “Veteran’s Day” on November 11 each year.

The Three Rivers Historical Museum is holding its annual Living History Day on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 10am to 4pm and this year, we want to honor local Veterans by having them as part of our celebration. The event will also be an educational one for local students.

If you know a local Veteran, let us know and we will contact them to be a part of our celebration. You may have a family member or friend that is a Veteran. We are very interested in photos of the Veteran during their time in the Armed Forces. We want everyone to share their experiences with each other and with our visitors that day.

As part of the event, we have plans for an educational experience for local students. The photo of the Veteran will be made into a button that the Veteran will wear that day. Students will then seek out individual Veterans and ask them a series of questions which they will turn into their teacher on Monday and hopefully share the responses with their fellow students.

In 2009 our ‘Living History Day’ was all about World War II era and the Veterans were out in full force that day telling stories to fascinated children and adults. We want 2017 to be even better, so look for those Vet’s and let us know.

If that Veteran is YOU then we definitely want you involved.

Please consider joining us and not only give us the chance to honor your service to our country but everyone that is currently serving or has served.

I recently came across this poem and while it is not an old history story it seems to fit the older I get.

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ATTITUDE
by: Charles Swindoll

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do.

It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.

We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way.

We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you... we are in charge of our attitudes.
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| **HOLIDAY BAZAAR**                    |
| November 4, 9am-4pm                    |
| Senior League, Arts & Crafts Show At Memorial Building |

| **1st SATURDAY**                      |
| November 4, 9am—3pm                   |
| Museum hours                         |
| Artists studios throughout town       |

| **LIVING HISTORY DAY**                |
| November 11, 10am-4pm, Veteran’s Day Celebration, honoring military |
| At The Museum                          |

| **COMMUNITY CAROLING**                |
| December 2, 5pm-7pm                    |
| At The Museum                          |