



# Antelope Horn

Newsletter of the  
Kern-Antelope Historical Society, Inc.  
PO Box 1255 Rosamond, CA 93560

May, 2017

## **Meetings:**

**General Meeting:** Thursday,  
May 11th; at the Wanda  
Kirk Library, 3611  
Rosamond Blvd.,  
Rosamond, CA, at 5 pm.

**Board Meeting:** Thursday,  
May 25; at the Sladek  
Ranch, 5 pm.

## **May General Meeting: Installation of New Officers**

Join us this coming Thursday at 5 pm at the Wanda Kirk Library as the officers for the 2017-18 year are installed.

## **Looking Ahead:**

June Meeting: Summer Social - Thursday,  
June 8th, tentatively scheduled to be  
held at historic Willow Springs,  
California. You won't want to miss this  
time to visit, make friends and see  
Willow Springs. Watch for the next issue  
of the *Antelope Horn* for more details.



## **The Settle Family**

*The following information comes from an article in Antelope Valley Pioneers, published by the Kern-Antelope Historical Society, Inc. William B. Settle's father's family came to California as part of a wagon train from Texas in 1870. William's mother came from northern California and his parents married in Santa Ana in 1875. William was born in Norwalk in 1877. Marion Ruth Allen's father came west in the 1850's hoping to strike it rich, but when the Civil War broke out he joined the Union Army. (Interestingly, he was sent to Fort Tejon on a training mission, while stationed at Santa Monica.) After his discharge, he returned to New York, his birthplace, married, and eventually moved his family to Santa Paula, CA. And that's where we'll pick up the article. Note: all mention of people currently living was at the time of the original article, 1984.*

When a young man William B. Settle moved to Santa Paula in Ventura county shortly before 1900, he met Marion Ruth Allen and they were married in that city in 1900. To this couple were born eleven children with ten surviving. They were Ruth, Maude, William B., Jr., Earle, Irving, Glen, Mildred, Marcus, Alene, Robert and Jack. (Alene passed away soon after birth and is buried in the old Palmdale cemetery.)

William B. Sr. went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. shortly after his marriage in 1900. After short stays at Piru, Burbank, Castaic and later Lone Pine, a good position opened up for his employment and in 1909 moved to Palmdale, California in the Antelope Valley. Most of the Settle children attended school for the next several years in Palmdale, later moving to Lancaster. Seven of them graduated from the Antelope Valley High School.

"Mom and Dad" Settle, as they were known to so many, did not have much time for outside activities while raising their ten children although Mom helped on many school projects while Dad was a supporter of many Antelope Valley athletic teams on which his sons were active.

The Settle boys played on many grammar school, high school and Lancaster town teams. The famous Lancaster All Stars Basketball team, coached by Whit Carter, had three Settle boys playing: Mark, Irving (Sock) and Glen. The team played several league games (one in Lancaster) against the Universal All Stars. They competed again in a tournament, which was won by Universal. Universal eventually became the National Champions and the U. S. entry in the first Basketball competition in the Olympic Games in 1936, winning the Gold Medal for the United States. Later the



**The William B. Settle Family  
Early 1930's Photo**

*"Mom and Dad" Settle and their ten children; Glen, the 6th child, is the tall young man in the back .*



**The Settle Family, cont'd.**

Lancaster All Stars defeated the Pasadena Majors who at the time were the Pacific Coast Champions. The Lancaster All Star team played many of the top traveling teams from throughout the U.S. and Mexico in the old A.V. High School gym.

In the 1930's three of the Settle boys along with partner Whit Carter owned and managed grocery stores: Earle at Roosevelt, William at Lancaster and Glen at Rosamond. The partnership became the Antelope Valley Distributing Co. with Whit Carter as a stock holder and installed the first soft drink bottling plant in Antelope Valley.

*(At the time of the original article there were three Settle children still living in Antelope Valley but we are going to follow Glen. You can buy the book to get more information. See back page of newsletter.)*

Glen, mentioned earlier, served in the U.S. Navy as a Physical Instructor (1942-1945.) He resumed his work at the A.V. Distributing Co. and immediately resumed his interest in athletics by coaching several A.V. championship A.A.U. teams both in basketball and softball.

In 1948, he married Dorene Burton and after a short career at Burton's Gold Mine they opened the Tropico Gold Mine and Camp near Rosamond for tours, which they operated for 22 years.

Glen has compiled and written numerous books and articles on Antelope Valley and Desert history. He has given many (now over 600) historical slide presentations to groups and organizations. Through those activities, appearances on Television and radio shows, he has become well known to California and Antelope Valley historians. . . . (As a member of the Kern Co. Centennial Commission, one of his projects was to) gather and preserve materials of the period which were sealed in a large tunnel at Tropico Mine, not to be opened until the year 2866. This Time Tunnel is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the World's largest Time Capsule. (Page 374 of the 1982-83 edition). He organized and was charter president of the Kern Antelope Historical Society (*His wife, Dorene, also served as president.*) and founded the World Championship Gold Panning Contest. Now semi-retired he and his wife live on the west end of Burton's Tropico Hill.

(Glen Settle passed away in 2009, preceded by his wife, Dorene, in 2000.)

**REMINDER:** 2017-18 dues are payable on June 1st. We hope you will continue your membership in, and support of, the Kern Antelope Historical Society.

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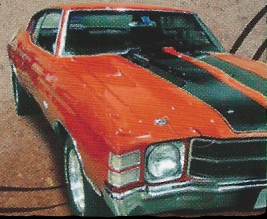
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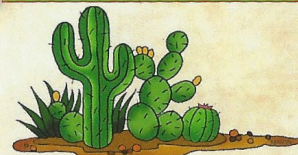
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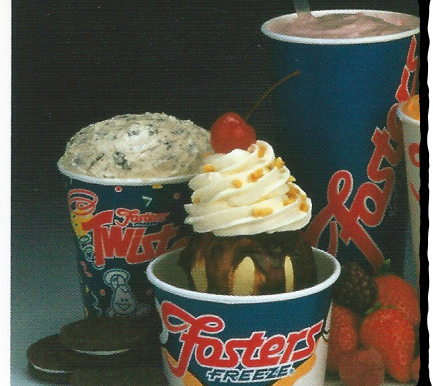
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