

TIME AGAIN

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Many thanks to Mike McGuire, Don McLean, Jr., Jeff Duhachek, Jim Foster, and Scott Atkins for their hard work rebuilding the wooden walkway at the front of the Museum. It is beautiful!



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OLD CHOO CHOO TRAIN

WITH CABOOSE IN WEST FALLBROOK

I moved to West Fallbrook in 1941 shortly before Peal Harbor was bombed. I was of kindergarten age, but the school system did not have a kindergarten then. Camp Pendleton was not in existence yet and the town was still called West Fallbrook, not Fallbrook as it is now. There was a train spur from Oceanside to West Fallbrook that carried freight only and it was an



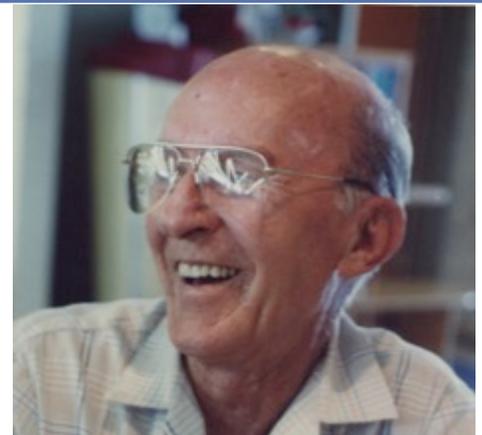
old steam driven choo choo with a caboose, not a modern diesel. The train station was across a creek from the high school so during track practice us boys on the FUHS track team would run over there and beg the railroad worker to let us ride the caboose to the turnaround triangle where the train would turn around to head back to Oceanside. Usually he would let us do it so we would jump on the caboose and ride. On the way back the train would not stop so we had to jump off while it was moving about 12 mph. It was kind of scary but no one ever got hurt. Unfortunately for my fond memories of Fallbrook, both the train station and tracks are long gone but the old high school athletic field is partially still there. For 4 years I played football on that field and two of my teammates were Jack Story and Jim Cravath. We won the league championship in 1953.

- by Edward Mitchell

Marion F. Clemmens

July 17, 1918 – March 16, 2019

Marion was one of five sons born to Albert and Carrie Clemmens at the family ranch on Clemmens Lane in Fallbrook. Marion spent his entire life as a part of the Fallbrook community. He graduated from Fallbrook High School in 1936. He married his bride Esther Lee Barnes in November 1939 and they were blessed with three daughters. Esther preceded Marion in death after 65 years of marriage. Marion worked as a rancher and as a postal worker. For fun Marion and Esther loved traveling with their trailer club and playing cribbage. He celebrated his 100th birthday at the Fallbrook Historical Museum, where he spent countless hours volunteering and serving on the board. He is survived by his 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Fallbrook will always remember Marion.



Marion F. Clemmens
Oldest Native Son of
Fallbrook

We wish to thank Thomas & Mary Jane Tunnicliff and Pat Showalter for their contributions to The Fallbrook Historical Society in memory of Marion McLean.