

## HISTORY OF THE MCKENZIE RIVER CLUB, INC.

Written for the Corner Stone Laying Ceremony for March 20, 1949  
By Ruth West

The McKenzie River Active Club was organized November 4, 1941, by members of the McKenzie River Grange, for the purpose of having a social organization that would also work for the welfare of the McKenzie River country. Membership was open to anyone, regardless of residence. The By-laws were written by the following Officers of the Grange: Tom Powers, Weldon Keller, Ulla Brendell, Earl Friedly, Ruth West, Carrie Friedly, Ruby Keller and Frances Rodebaugh. The first Officers, elected November 18, 1941, were: Roy Payne, President, Gordon Goodpasture, Vice-President, Ruth West, Secretary, and Vi. Thomson, Treasurer.

September 22, 1945, members of this Club helped to organize the McKenzie River Protective and Development Association, when it became apparent that an organization was needed to work for Civic matters on the river and especially at that time to oppose the building of a high dam on the main McKenzie River. This Club has always supported this Association on their various projects and has also cooperated in many ways with the McKenzie River Guides Association.

February 1, 1947 the Club decided to build their own Clubhouse. It was also decided to Incorporate as a non-profit Organization, and in order to Incorporate, it was necessary to change the name of the Club. The name of McKenzie River Club, Inc. was chosen. The Executive Committee met at the office of Judge Harris, Eugene Attorney, to make arrangements for the Incorporation and new By-Laws. The final By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Club on May 3, 1947.

In July of 1947 Mr. and Mrs Dayton Thomson offered to donate a piece of ground for a Clubhouse and the offer was gratefully accepted. They gave the Club a deed for the property, and work of clearing the ground, making a road and grading was started, right away, with members donating their labor on Sundays. It was not possible to accomplish much during the winter, but during the Spring, summer and Fall of 1948, work continued and by November the concrete foundation and floor were completed. Work started again on March 13, 1949 and on March 20 th. the first pumice block for the wall was laid in place, and a Corner Stone laying Ceremony was held. Dayton Thomson conducted the ceremony of laying the first block.

Members of the Building Committee are Henry Christian, Cecil Beyerlin, Max Crosby Merrill Warren, John S. West, Vi. Thomson, Floyd Tharp and Earl Friedly.

Members of the present Executive Board are: Cecil Beyerlin, President, Earl Friedly, Vice-President, Ruth Mills, Secretary, Jean McNulty, Treasurer and Board Members, N. W. Nielsen, John West and Roy Payne.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF MCKENZIE RIVER ACTIVE CLUB, NOW KNOWN AS MCKENZIE RIVER CLUB.

1. T. R. Powers
2. Gwen Powers
3. Roy Payne
4. Ruth Payne
5. Ruth West
6. John West
7. Gordon Goodpasture
8. Ellene Goodpasture
9. Cecil Beyerlin
10. B. F. Goodpasture
11. Maize Goodpasture
12. Earl Friedly
13. Carrie Friedly
14. Frances Rodebaugh
15. Ulla Brendel
16. Lil. Brendel
17. Ruby Keller
18. Weldon Keller
19. Dayton Thomson
20. Vi. Thomson

# McKenzie River Club, Inc.

A NON PROFIT CORPORATION

VIDA, OREGON

## Membership List - - March 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Beyerlin	Vida, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Bridges	" "
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Carter	R. 2, Springfield, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Chance	Leaburg, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Christian	Finn Rock, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Clustka	Leaburg, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Max Crosby	Vida, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dastan	Finn Rock, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Engelbrecht	Blue River, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Friedly	Vida, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Hake	" "
Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hanns	Eugene, Oregon
Mrs. Alice Helley	Blue River, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hurd	Leaburg, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Brenn K. Journey	R. 2, Springfield, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Keller	Vida, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Lansbery	R. 2, Springfield, Oregon
Chas. A. Law	Blue River, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Don Marshall	Vida, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mills	Leaburg, Oregon
Marvin Mross	Vida, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Jim McNulty	" "
Mr. and Mrs. Martin W. Nielsen	Leaburg, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Payne	" "
Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Phillips	Blue River, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Retheret	Vida, Oregon
Vieter L. Rosenberg	" "
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Staines	" "
Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Thomsen	" "
Mrs. Evelyn Thomsen	" "
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tharp	" "
Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Warren	Eugene, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. John West	Vida, Oregon

### Also Members-elect:

Mr. and Mrs. Gee. J. Christian	Leaburg, Oregon
Stanley Chapman	Vida, Oregon

