

HARNEY COUNTY HISTORY PROJECT

AV-Oral History #13 Side A

Subject: Rudy Reinertson

Place: Hemet, California

Date: May 4, 1973

Interviewer:

PAULINE BRAYMEN: This is Pauline Braymen working for the Harney County Library History Project. The following is a re-recording of a tape Rudy Reinertson, former Burns businessman, made for radio KRNS earlier in 1973.

RUDY REINERTSON: This is Rudy Reinertson, on this 4th day of May 1973, at Hemet, California. Hemet, California is one of the favorite spots in Southern California for senior citizens to spend part of their winter months.

On March 8th, I was taken to the local hospital by ambulance with a serious heart attack, where I was for two weeks, and have since been resting here in an apartment to gain strength to return to our home in Canby, Oregon

The special reason that caused me to make this tape is to express my gratitude to all you good people in Harney County who sent or mailed the get well and well wishing cards and messages.

There has always been a special tender feeling towards all of you people where we raised our family and spent 35 years of our active life. This recording reminds me of a weekly Harney County program I had about 1960, in connection with my commercial for the Rudy's Family Shoe Store.

I would like to reminisce some of when I served as your Harney County Chamber

of Commerce president. I have a picture of where we were breaking ground for our present KRNS Radio Station with Jim Ward and Howard McDonald. This was the beginning of a new era for Harney County, of having its own radio station, and a great asset of Jim Ward and Howard McDonald, serving Harney County in many ways. I personally wish to thank them for the special services they rendered, as well as their help in my business advertising.

Again, I wish to refer to the many I received, and single out one message from Henry Slater, where he mentioned that our Arrowhead Coffee Shop burned down. I have one special dear memory of the Arrowhead, and that is the big booth that was called the Democrat Corner. I have before me a picture taken August 29th, 1957, which was printed in the Burns Times-Herald with the following people: Nelson B. Higgs, C. B. McConnell, Julian Byrd, Pat Cecil, Eldon Sitz, and Rudy Reinertson.

The occasion was celebrating the birthdays of C. B. McConnell and Nelson B. Higgs. For a few years this was a regular noon hour appointment. Every once in awhile, Eldon Sitz and I were hard pressed defending our Republican party against these well-posted Democrats. My association with these fine gentlemen is one of the finest memories, sharing their philosophy and humor in spite of them being Democrats.

And then also these gentlemen were the original real Democrats with good old conservative principles. Now I imagine these remarks will go over big with some people. Ha! I could go on indefinitely telling about the good memories of Harney County, but I shall let these remarks do for now. Again, thanks to KRNS for their community service and for putting these remarks on the air. Expressing my gratitude to our many friends in Harney County. God bless you all from Rudy Reinertson.

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