Destination Lodi

A Historical Journey

Wilbur Wood /Mail Carrier

Wilbur Wood was born in Chatham on 10/21/1923 to Chester and Bertha (McMillian) Wood. He grew up in the Chatham and Lodi area. He attended Lodi and Chatham School, graduating from Chatham High School. Wilbur served in the Navy during World War 11.

Wilbur worked for Parker Funeral Home and Furniture Home. In 1956, he became our first mail carrier in Lodi village, working for the Lodi Post Office for over 30 years. “Woody” delivered mail, ALONE to the entire Lodi Village.

In a 1983 Lodi Advertiser article, Woody stated he walked 12-14 miles a day, six days a week. An estimate of over 100, 000 miles in his career. “The best part of being a carrier, “said Woody, “is the people.” The last time he counted, he had been bitten 28 times. (I think he meant dogs. HAHA).

Rev. Hyde married Woody and Donna Mosier Wood on 10/19/1947, raising three daughters, Pam, Linda and Lorie.

Donna was born in Leroy on 4/5/1928 to Melvin and Laura E. (Jamison) Mosier. She graduated from Leroy High School. Donna would work at Bailey’s Variety Store and Howers Department Store.

Woody and Donna were members of the Lodi United Methodist Church. Woody was a member of the Lodi American Legion, Chatham VFW and Lodi IOOF Lodge. Donna was a Rebekah member. Both were avid Cleveland Browns, Indian and O.S.U. sport fans.

Donna would pass away on 9/21/2012.

Woody passed away on 6/6/2013.

Note: My Grandfather Verne Miner was Post Master of Lodi. Remember all those fancy cast ion post office boxes in the old Lodi Post office in the Mason building. Grandpa initiated home delivery of the daily mail. It was Jo Miller and Joe Warner who numbered the house in Lodi for delivery.

The LHHS is sponsoring the Lodi Spirit Walk. Dates are Oct 12 and Oct 26. Tickets are $20 each, limited to 40 tickets per night. Tickets available at Lodi Music and Parkside Peddlers Antique Store. Recommended age 12 and over. The walk starts at the Lodi Harrisville Historical Museum and sends at the Old Lodi Cemetery. Wear comfortable shoes; bring a flashlight, cameras welcomed. Rain or shine. Lodi Library will have a presentation on Oct 9 at 630p on the “Arch Angels” ghostly findings in Lodi.