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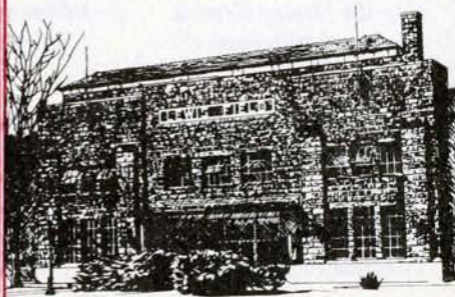
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# LEWIS • FIELD • PIONEERS

## 50 YEAR REUNION

*Luncheon*  
*Oct. 6, 1984*  
*Memorial Union*  
*FHSU*



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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

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*Invocation . . . . . The Rev.  
Wilbur DeYoung*

*President's Remarks . . . Tom Small*

*Reminiscing . . . . . Bob Culley*

*Special Presentations:*

*Nita Landrum . . . . . Art Leas*

*W.D. Moreland . . . Ray Roemer*

*To FHSU . . . . . Tom Small*

*(A special thanks to the  
Department of Music for the  
entertainment.)*

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# YOUR MENU

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*Turkey Croissants with Fruit Plate*

*Tossed Green Salad*

*Rolls and Butter*

*Cheese Cake*

*Coffee and Tea*



# THE ORIGINAL LEWIS FIELD PIONEERS

**-1934-**

**-1984-**

George Wood Adams  
WaKeeney, KS

Lester Rolland Branson  
Manhattan, KS

Norval Curry  
Ames, IA

Marvin Hubert  
Ft. Morgan, CO

Everett Lewis Lyda  
Broodus, MT

Hugo Pfortmiller  
Wichita, KS

Rex Schwein  
Atchison, Ks

Arden Lyle Wallace  
Hill City, KS

Lester Adams  
Hoisington, KS

Beverly Brookshire  
Bellmore, LI, NY

Ivan Virgil Dack  
Lenora, KS

Louis Richard James  
Address Unknown

Marion McDonald  
Topeka, KS

Lawrence Pfortmiller  
Natoma, KS

Keith Sebelius  
Deceased

Marion F. Ward  
Arvada, CO

Arthur Austin  
Hill City, KS

George Frank Burditt  
Address Unknown

Kenneth Davenport  
Deceased

Paul L. Johnson  
Address Unknown

Vivian Meckel  
Deceased

Dr. Lowell Arthur Postma  
Amarillo, TX

Herbert Lewis Seyfrit  
Deceased

Delbert Clair Wardlow  
San Diego, CA

Nolan Fred Balman  
Deceased

Wesley R. Burford  
Santa Rosa, CA

Dr. Otis Dickey  
Colorado Springs, CO

L. Edward Kindschi  
Address Unknown

Norwood Arnold Mellick  
Deceased

Max Rankin  
Wichita, KS

Lloyd Edward Sidener  
Deceased

Dale Weems  
Topeka, KS

Dale Edward Barb  
Address Unknown

Donald Leroy Bybee  
Deceased

William Dale Dunham  
Address Unknown

Irvin J. Koppisch  
Ingalls, KS

Harry Walter Montgomery  
Kansas City, KS

Kenneth Reddick  
Castro Valley, CA

Clinton Raymond Smith  
Burdett, KS

L. Richard White  
Salina, KS

John Barkley  
Mesa, AZ

Delos Carr  
Larned, KS

Hugh Everton Farquharson  
Deceased

Mervin Ernest Kurth  
Address Unknown

Eugene Moon  
Deceased

Floyd Reynolds  
Omaha, NE

Raymond Frank Soukup  
Wilson, KS

Ned Whitmer  
Goodland, KS

Forrest August Baynes  
Address Unknown

Dr. Karl Carson  
Ft. Collins, CO

Dr. Arnold Finch  
Arroyo Grande, CA

Alvis Lake  
Address Unknown

Floyd Motley  
Leavenworth, KS

Kenneth Rex Richardson  
Address Unknown

Lavern Spreier  
Jetmore, KS

Lloyd Erwin Willison  
Deceased

Hollis Been  
Colorado Springs, CO

Gordon Keith Casad  
Greenville, SC

Floyd Greer Foley  
Sugar Creek, MO

Ralph Elmer Larson  
Address Unknown

Delbert Newberry  
Goddard, KS

Brooks Rickard  
Overland Park, KS

Carlie Andrew Stevens  
Osborne, KS

Joseph York  
Garden City, KS

Hersey Bibb  
Deceased

John Clark  
Poughkeepsie, NY

Doyle Foster  
Pawnee Rock, KS

Phillip Lauver  
Deceased

Cecil William Normandin  
Address Unknown

Herman Rohrs  
Colorado Springs, CO

Roy Vernon Stuart  
Deceased

Lorenze Randall Bingham  
Deceased

Basil Cole  
Topeka, KS

Paul Hilton Gordon  
Address Unknown

Arthur Leas  
Hays, KS

Richard Hay Parker  
Phillipsburg, KS

Arthur Rose  
Haysville, KS

Dr. Burtis Taylor  
Glendale, CA

Donald Clarence Blakely  
Address Unknown

Herbert Cole  
Denver, CO

Harold Henry Groves  
Address Unknown

Clarence Leckron  
San Bernardino, CA

Gordon Pekarek  
Stockton, KS

Dale Arthur Rowlison  
Address Unknown

James Tharp  
Wichita, KS

Earl Bondy  
Salina, KS

LeRoy Cross  
Sylvan Grove, KS

John Woodie Hesilius  
Address Unknown

Harlan Wesley Loeppke  
Lakin, KS

John Lund  
Oak Ridge, TN

Elmer Rudolph, Jr.  
Wichita, KS

Ray Theodore Thurlow  
Hill City, KS

Richard Bracken  
Fort Worth, TX

Perry Louis Cunningham  
Address Unknown

Samuel Charles Higgins  
Address Unknown

Clarence Lowry  
Deceased

Maurice Albert Peters  
Gardner, KS

Orville Schultz  
Larned, KS

William A. Wade  
Deceased



# LEWIS FIELD PIONEERS

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## Memories . . .

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Yours to Enjoy!

The following statements were taken from the publication, *Grit, Spirit and Character, A Story of the Lewis Field Housing Project at Fort Hays Kansas State College*, written by **Katherine Rogers**. We hope you enjoy them and the history book about the Lewis Field Pioneers.

### FROM MARVIN HUBERT

*“One winter, on a very cold day, Eugene Moon made some kind of bet that he could go under the ice on Big Creek and show no sign of being cold. He went outside in his underwear and bare feet. Someone had chopped a round hole through the ice which was about a foot thick. Moon calmly dunked himself into the hole, keeping complete control all the while. He attributed his stoicism to American Indian ancestry, which he claimed.”*

### FROM BROOKS RICKARD

*“One really humorous event was the time a Holstein cow was borrowed from the dairy barn, and several men were trying to lead and push her into the barracks. Rex Schwein was heard to say: ‘I hope old Moreland doesn’t catch us.’ At that moment W.D. Moreland walked up and said, ‘May I help you boys?’”*

### FROM REX SCHWEIN

*“One night, or rather early one morning a cherry bomb was thrown under someone’s lower bunk. The explosion had its desired effect of awakening whoever was sleeping just above the blast (which also blew out the end of a suitcase), and the unfortunate soul aroused enough to stumble his way to the toilet and back and flop back into bed—only he lit on bare springs. Some of his ‘roomies’ had tossed his mattress and bedding over one of the overhead beams.”*

### FROM CARL ROHWER

*“Much is said about the primitive conditions of the project, but that was only incidental. It was the men with character and determination under difficult times that made the field unique. We all had an economic common denominator along with a strong desire for an education and we developed a close association that still exists after 50 years. As a member said to me recently, ‘We were underprivileged but did not know it.’”*