

### Lowell & Clara Stringfellow

Lowell was born Oct. 31, 1914, in the old Enloe Hospital, in Chico, the first of six children.

Lowell was raised at Pentz, Ca. on what is now the Lucky Seven Ranch, but when Lowell was growing up, it was the Chico Meat Ranch. Lowell's father was foreman on the ranch for 27 years. All of Lowell's siblings were also raised there. He attended Messilla Valley school, where Miss Alma Hesbol was the teacher.

Clara's growing up was not so stabilized! She was born March 20, 1920, at Dairy Oregon, and before she was a year old, had moved to Ca. Before she started school, was back in Oregon, and while in the 1st grade, came back to Ca. Most of her elementary schooling, however, was at Cherokee, Ca., where Mrs. Rose Churchman was the teacher for all but two years. Both Lowell and Clara graduated from Oroville High School.

At the time they met, they were both living at Pentz, Lowell on the ranch, and Clara at a service station/store managed by her father. Lowell had just gotten back from Nome, Alaska. He came by the store, saw Clara, and asked her to the New Year's dance at Paradise. Three months later, the night before her 18th birthday, he asked her to marry him.. Lowell's brother, Stewart, and Clara's Mother, went with them to Reno, NV and they were married on Dec. 14, 1938. Lowell left in April for Alaska, and Clara followed him in July. They were there for two years, when War II started. Lowell went to work in the shipyards in the Bay area, and later to the logging woods in Plumas Co., near Quincy.

Their son, Lowell Alan was born in Oroville on Sept. 10, 1941 and daughter Diane Marie

was born, also in Oroville, on March 11, 1949.

In 1955 they bought property in Durham, and came to live on it in late 1957 and early 1958, when they moved back to Quincy for economic reasons. Lowell applied to the State of CA for employment and was hired to work on equipment building the Oroville Dam. Clara was working for Bank of America in Quincy and was transferred to Oroville. They moved back to Durham in 1963 and have lived there since.

They have two children, five grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Lowell and Clara are Charter members of the Durham Good Sam Club and served as Wagonmaster from July 1988 to January 1, 1990.

