

• See enclosed letter from Willard

Interview Outline For  
Willard Chase

\* Willard -feel free to write any notes you might need on this outline.

I. Introduction-Birth-Father-Mother-Brothers-Sisters.

II. What do you know about your mother's (Anna White) family history?

A. Discuss the Wisconsin connection.-Parents-brothers-sisters.

B. Discuss Anna's childhood years-schooling-graduation-etc.

C. Discuss Anna's employment and marrying Lono Chase.

III. What do you know about your father's (Lono Chase) family history?

A. Discuss the Minnesota connection.

B. Discuss Lono's childhood years-education-work-skills-brothers-sisters-etc.

C. Discuss Lono's work history-hobbies-where he settled-etc.

1. Focus on why Lono and Anna decided to settle in North Dakota.

III. What do you remember about your childhood years?

A. Discuss life in Garrison, North Dakota.

1. Focus on holidays in the home.

2. Focus on coping with extreme weather conditions-winter-drought-insects- etc.

3. Focus on family values/work ethic/money shortage.

4. Focus on Willard's schooling and how he got into the newspaper business while in school. Graduates in 1931 as salutatorian.

a. Track and basketball star

b. Very good speaker.

5. Focus on the impact of the Great Depression on family life in Garrison, North Dakota.

a. Nonpartisan League and depression politics.

b. Anna and Lono lose the farm/how family survives the Depression.

c. How the Depression impacted Willard's career. Getting married in 1937.

B. How did WW II affect the family?

IV. Why did you move to Cle Elum in 1953?

A. Discuss the decision to establish the Northern Kittitas County Tribune?

- a. Focus on need for change and decline of the coal mines.
- b. Focus on what the NWI Company was doing for the community as the mines closed.
- c. Focus on the public reaction to the closing of No. 9 mine in January, 1963.
- d. Focus on how the community changed after the mines close. -paper circulation-business closings-unemployment- etc.

B. Discuss the rise of the NKC Tribune and the merger of the Miner-Echo.

- a. Who is P.D. Peterson?
- b. Best years for the Tribune? Bring out how you built up circulation.
- c. Bring out Tony Giollotti comment.

V. How did you go about using the press to improve the local economy in response to the decline of coal mining?

A. Discuss the founding of the Chamber in 1960.

1. Focus on activities/Alpine Lakes issue.

B. Discuss the U of W. Community Development Program.

1. Focus on Upper County Economic Survey.
2. Focus on Operation Uplift.-Roslyn and Cle Elum publish history books.

C. Discuss the Kittitas Valley Development Association.

1. Focus on Shoemaker Mfg. moving here.

D. Discuss the BPA Advisory Commission and the efforts to keep the coal mines open.

E. Discuss the establishment of the Kittitas County Port Authority.

1. Focus on the industrial park in Cle Elum.

F. Discuss the movement to save medical services in the local area.

1. Hospital district No. 2 founded.

G. Discuss the founding of the Cle Elum Kiwanis Club and its impact on the local area.

H. Discuss how the Eagles helped the local economy.

1. Eagles Youth Convention-Eagle Valley.

I. Willard-- fill in as there is a long list. Add what you want the community to remember.

VI. Closing: What advice would you give a young person in order to cope with the future? What should a visitor or resident know/do in order to protect/enhance our local community?