



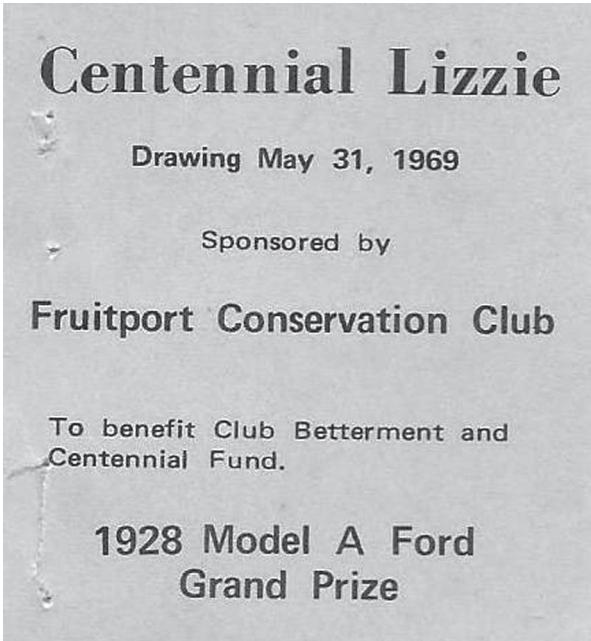
the actual centennial and ceremony vividly. "There was a nice crowd, and the town actually made money on the celebration," he recalled fondly... "People came together."

Now, with the help of the Fruitport's Lion Club, another gathering, this time the *sesquicentennial*, is



in full gear to make the next time capsule burial – due during Fruitport's annual Old Fashioned Days in 2019 -- a moment worth capturing. Another plaque will be added, and contents far different from yesteryear will be added that another generation can enjoy 50 years from present day.

As for Alger, a member of the Fruitport Historical Society, and the driving force behind the Veterans Park; the Pine Hill Cemetery granite



sign; the historic Peach Tree memorial (which commemorates the naming of "Fruit" port); and renovations to the Eighth Avenue beach park next to Spring Lake; it's the culmination of lifelong dedication, preservation, and loyalty to a community which took him in over half a century ago.

"I've always wanted to see a streetscape developed from the boat launch to Pontaluna," he reflected, "with curves, lampposts, and trees." But it may be time for this cowboy to ride off into the happy sunset. Alger is building a retirement house in Spring Lake and will be moving from his post high up on Airline Road shortly.

Satisfied, he simply states, "I would like to see someone else take over...I've done my time." And with that in mind, his work will endure...to inspire, to educate, and to preserve the legacy of a small "Peach" town, unto it's very own Bicentennial!



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