

Way We Were
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As an introduction to our sixth article regarding Dick Steinheimer's images of Park City in February 1953 I want to express my deepest appreciation to three people who contributed so much to this series - Shirley Burman, Gary Kimball and Sarah Hill. Through them I gained a deeper appreciation of what makes our town so special.

For me this is my favorite of Dick's images. The sunny day and radiant smiles of these three children portend a "bright" future for Park City.

Dick is standing at the bottom of Main Street looking toward the Union Pacific Station, now one of our finest dining establishments known as Zoom Restaurant. The U.P. station agent during this time was Fay Deardon, his wife Donna remains in Utah to this day, living in Lehi.

The house the children are by was owned by Albert Smith. Smith also owned the lumber and coal yard to the right of the station. One building remains today we know it as Table One restaurant. Sometime after this picture was taken Albert moved his family into that facility. He ultimately obtained a liquor license - thus offering one stop shopping for lumber, coal and spirits!

Smith's house was replaced by a Dairy Queen which in turn was converted into a Chinese eatery. The property was eventually purchased by Harry Reed who built the Silver Queen Hotel, which is currently undergoing a complete and total renovation.

What about these children? We believe the boy with the bike is Albert's grandson - Rick Anderson. As for the other children - we ask our readers for help to identify them.

Their smiling faces look to a future when Park City would be reincarnated as a premier skiing destination. Thank you Dick Steinheimer, for brilliantly capturing the past, present and future of Park City in this image.

We hope that you have enjoyed this series of articles. Look for future stories that describe "where are they now?"

If you are interested in the availability of Dick's prints please email Shirley Burman at railwomen@earthlink.net.

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