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Historical Group Hear Talk On Peter Ogden by Librarian

Peter Skene Ogden, after whom the new junior high school in Oregon City will be named, was the subject chosen by Miss Charlene Kirchheim, elementary librarian for the Oregon City school district, when she spoke to the Clackamas County Historical Society at its monthly meeting December 13 at Mertie Stevens' Guest House.

When word reached Vancouver of the Whitman Massacre there arose a question, Should the legislature sitting at Oregon City be notified? That would have taken too much time so Peter Skene Ogden with 12 men left Vancouver immediately in a canoe for the scene of the atrocity. Why not Ogden, since he was the logical one to deal with the Indians; they would have dealt with no one else. As a result of his negotiations with them at the scene the party was able to return with the survivors as well as the five Indians responsible, and they subsequently were hanged at Oregon City.

From his early youth, Peter Skene Ogden, born of a prominent family in New Jersey, was fascinated with the life of the fur traders. Although he had been tutored privately as a youngster and had had

two years of law, life in Montreal where his family had moved, revolved about the business of furtrading and he longed for the life of activity and adventure.

At 17 he was apprenticed in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company at one of their outposts. He was later placed in charge of a fur brigade and it was at about this time that he purchased for 50 pounds the Indian princess who became his wife.

Five years of fur brigades followed, some of this time in Snake River country which he believed to be the best source of beaver skins. As chief trader Ogden explored Northern California and named Mt. Shasta and was the first to explore around the Great Salt Lake. There is a monument in his memory in the vicinity. Ogden's Hole is now the city of Ogden, Utah. He was also one of the first explorers of the Upper Columbia River.

Dr. John McLoughlin and Peter Skene Ogden were firm friends, probably partly because they agreed on how to deal with the Indians -- be firm, take a stand and stay with it. Ogden was called Governor Ogden by many of the pioneers, Old White Head by the Indians, and Monsieur Pete by his servants. He was described as short in stature, broadchested and very muscular, good humored, fond of company, vivacious, quick of action. He perhaps was the first lawyer in Oregon.

He was also a member of the circulating library organized in the Oregon country in 1834, and was known to quote Shakespeare and the Bible. Gardening was introduced by him to the Indians in his district.

Ogden was a victim of one of the first bunco games in Oregon. He had been instructed to buy land at Cape Disappointment which the Hudson's Bay Company thought strategic. He paid the "owner" \$200 only to find out title was held by two others to whom he had to pay a thousand dollars.

Ogden became factor at Vancouver together with James Douglas. These two didn't always see eye to eye but evidently the preference of Ogden for work in the field and Douglas' preference for the business and allowed them to manage the fur trading jointly. After Douglas was sent to British Columbia Ogden became the chief factor at Vancouver.

Daughter Sarah Julia married Archibald McKinley whose donation land claim was in the Falls View area of Oregon City and Ogden built his home there. His health had not been good

strict announced Byron Edmonds, chairman of the local soil and water district.

Members of the Sandy Chamber of Commerce directed President Neil Jackson to appoint six persons as directors of the organization to hold office until the end of this year. The organization is presently in the process of revamping their by-laws and constitution.

Al Gantenbein of Kelso has been named Sandy-Hoodland Fund Drive chairman for the American Cancer Society for this area.

State Sen. John J. Inskeep was the featured speaker at last week's Kiwanis Club of Sandy evening dinner meeting. He pointed out important legislative efforts underway in the present legislature to the group. P. N. Smoke was elected to the club's 2nd Vice President office.

New Pro-tem directors for the Sandy Chamber were appointed by President Neil Jackson at the group's Tuesday noon meeting. They are: Howard Berger, Chuck Croston, Spike Emerson, Clyde Sutherland, George Morgan and Roy Van Pelt.

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Picture events in April: 1. With completion of the newly remodeled and expanded Clackamas County Bank in Sandy came their Grand Opening for public viewing. 2. Blame for a fire at Sandy's Sno-Top Drive-In on Proctor Avenue was placed on this french fryer located in the business kitchen area. 3. Crewmen of Portland General Electric have started a project of changing power line facilities in this area. In the photo shown cross arms are in place and actual transfer of power lines is taking place.

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Your Commissioner Reports . . .

By Stan Skoko
Clackamas County
Commissioner

The young chap in his scanties marking the entry of the year 1965 arrived in Clackamas county to find the greatest flood disaster of current history in progress. Like a ravaging lion, the Christmas week and January floods raised havoc with an untold number of families in our county. The losses in property and resources appeared unsurmountable. The loss of homes of many families was heartbreaking; the hardships endured by so many during the trying days were impossible to record.

The disaster, instead of becoming a liability, was turned into a challenge by the people of Clackamas County. Families and neighbors banded together for mutual assistance who only a few days earlier were strangers to each other. The spirit of cooperation and friendship that resulted from the hard work in aid, salvage and restoration, resulting from the flood, has often been discussed.

The Clackamas county road department looking forward to a good year was suddenly stymied with the washouts of many bridges and roads.

The federal disaster inspection team gave Clackamas county a disaster area rating and viewing the immediate attempt of restoration by county road crews gave approval of federal funds from the Office of Emergency Planning. Clackamas county, being the hardest hit by the winter floods, received approximately \$800,000 in federal funds for assistance for bridge and road repair. Needless to say, the flood did retard the 1965 road program. But in spite of the setbacks, the county road department resurfaced approximately 170 miles of road and approximately twenty miles of new oil roads were installed.

The Bridge Department labored under pressure the year long. In addition to replacing 16 bridges damaged or destroyed by the winter storm, three major bridges were built.

The Sign Department placed approximately 3000 directional signs, striped 1400 miles of County roads in addition to placing hundreds of feet of guard rail.

The flood also placed a heavy work load on our fine County Health Department. Under the direction of Dr. Stoltz, the staff administered 9000 typhoid shots, 4530 diphtheria and tetanus shots and 2348 shots of smallpox vaccine. Also conducted were 4700 T.B. time tests; taken were 3269, 70 mm. T. B. films shots as were 253, fourteen by seventeen inch X-ray shots. Under the Health

Department came the establishment of the Mental Retardation diagnostic program which was the first in the State. The sanitarians approved 2481 sanitary installations which included residential, commercial and industrial uses.

The flood taxed the efficiency of our County Sheriff's Office. The great efforts in rescue and assistance by the Sheriff and his deputies, along with great personal satisfaction to these men earned them outstanding award. This additional work caused the total mileage of the Sheriff's patrol cars to exceed 800,000 miles. The County jail was often quoted by outside County officials as second to a federal penitentiary in efficiency. Over 75 per cent of persons incarcerated in the County jail have been apprehended by the County Sheriff's force. This office, during 1965, served over 51,000 papers, such as complaints, executions, writs, subpoenas, etc. As these subjects come to light it is no wonder that at times it took a bit longer for a deputy to come to assist when needed.

Cost of residential, fraternal, business and public construction was approximately \$20,000,000. This indicates the magnitude of work administered by the County Planning Commission and staff. The many studies made to insure proper and orderly County development cannot be herein explained. The various zone changes, building permits, field checks and violation inspections constantly plagued the director and his staff. The real work in this field is just beginning. The increase in this work load was four times as great as five years ago and twice as great as the year 1964.

A detailed report of all County departments is impossible to render. In the opinion of your writer each County department performed dutifully and sincerely. Because of the effective work of these departments and the trust placed in Clackamas County by County residents, we have had a great year in 1965.

Wishing each of my readers a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

What's Cooking?

Keep this recipe on hand for those turkey left-overs.

TURKEY CASSEROLE

Cook in salted water 1 cup small cut macaroni. When it is tender drain and blanch with cold water.

Dice finely 3/4 cup celery and 1/2 cup onion. Sauté in 1/2 cup butter. Use 4 cups left-over turkey, chicken or veal and combine with above. Mix in 1 can cream of chicken soup (undiluted) and 3 drops of tabasco sauce. Sprinkle over the top 1 can (3 oz.) Chinese noodles and about 1/2 cup silvered almonds. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 20 minutes or until bubbly hot. From the files of Mrs. Ray G. Bahe, Sandy.

The following recipe is a must for your file. I have thoroughly enjoyed using it during the holiday season to make pies for the family and for company.

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Seaman Apprentice Johnny J. Carolus, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil L. Carolus of Rt. 1, Gunner's Mate Seaman Walter J. Hoppe, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoppe of Rt. 2, Signalman First Class Philip E. Setterlund, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Setterlund, all of Sandy, are serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS America, operating in the Mediterranean with the Sixth Fleet.

SANDY MISS ON OCE HONOR ROLL

Carolyn Lee Cooke of Sandy was listed among the honor roll students at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth for the fall term.

In order to make the school's honor roll a student must carry at least 15 quarter hours and earn a 3.5 GPA or better.

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