

COUNTY HOMEMAKERS LOOK OVER "SOON-TO-OPEN" COUNTY MUSEUM

Fifteen Morrow county homemakers saw a dream that is fast becoming a reality, when they toured the Morrow county museum in Heppner on Friday afternoon, February 26, according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

Representatives from each of the extension units in the county journeyed to Heppner on Friday as guests of the county museum commission to see the progress of the building and to hear of their plans to preserve pioneer relics and other items of historical value relating to the people of Morrow county.

"The 'dream' first began in 1958," reported Mrs Omar Rietman, lone, a member of the museum commission. "When the home and community living committee met for the ten year Town and Country Planning Conference. At that time," she continued, "we were thinking of Oregon's centennial celebration and felt that it should be brought to the attention of the people of the county that the relics relating to pioneer life and the people of the county, that had an actual part in this life, were rapidly disappearing. If these mementos were not preserved, the future generations would be deprived of the opportunity of seeing them and learning the accurate history connected with them."

"I remember saying at that time that I wished we could have a museum to keep all these things," joined in Mrs Ralph Thompson, Heppner, another member of the commission. "You can well imagine our surprise when Robert Abrams, local attorney, announced at one of our planning meetings that someone was willing to build a museum."

A commission was formed to accept the donation and the group began working in 1959 on plans for the structure.

The museum, a 54x72 foot building of concrete tile with brick veneer finish, is the gift of Mrs Harry Duvall, Heppner as a memorial to her late husband. It is built on the south end of the Heppner city park. The south portion of the building will be occupied by the museum and the north half by the library. It will be operated jointly by the city of Heppner and the county.

The women were greatly impressed by the beauty of the building with its lovely wood paneling, "marbelized" plastic floor, and its good lighting. Construction has begun on the cabinets and shelves. There is a separate room for guns and sad-

dies. The unit ladies were especially excited about the enclosed living room which the museum commission hopes to furnish with typical furnishings of a past era.

"We're looking for an old fashioned settee and chair, a marble topped table, a globe lamp, an old fashioned organ, flowered rug, and lace curtains," explained Mrs Duvall. "These things will all be sealed into this living room so that it will be free from dust and always safe."

Mrs Ted Smith, Heppner, the fourth woman member of the commission explained that the city of Heppner will contribute to the upkeep of the library, part of the museum and the grounds around it.

She also explained that in addition to the building itself, the fixtures, the furnishings and equipment would cost from \$7,000 to \$10,000. She urged that people and organizations interested in the completion of the project donate whatever amounts they could.

"A public record will be kept of all donations," explained Mrs Smith, "checks should be made to the Morrow county museum commission, Heppner."

Exhibit application blanks were given out to each unit at this meeting by Miss Kirmis. Suggested exhibits included articles that were brought to Oregon by the pioneers, Indian relics, rocks and ores, old furniture, old dishes, clothing, pictures and tin types, lamps, spinning wheels, marble top tables, things rescued from the Heppner flood, pictures of the flood, guns and saddles.

According to the museum commission the ownership of these exhibits may remain in the family and may be claimed at any time.

"Exhibits will not be sold or traded to another museum," announced Mrs Duvall. "We wish Morrow county things to remain in the county."

Exhibit application blanks sent to Mrs Harry Duvall, chairman of the museum committee. Application blanks may be obtained from her.

Unit representatives, who were later entertained at the home of Mrs Harry Duvall for a coffee hour included: Mrs Earl Briggs, Mrs W G Seehafer, Boardman; Mrs Keithley Blake, Miss Leta Humphreys, Mrs Gordon O'Brien, Mrs Ebb Hughes, Mrs Orian Wright, Mrs John Graves, and Miss Esther Kirmis of Heppner and Mrs Bryce Keene of Ione. These women will report back to their respective units at their March unit meetings.



EXTENSION WOMEN TOUR COUNTY MUSEUM—Representatives from units in the county pause on steps of Morrow county museum before reporting back to their communities on progress and plans of the Morrow county museum commission. Included in the picture are: Mrs Omar Rietman, Ione; Mrs Ebb Hughes, Heppner; Mrs Gene Ferguson, Mrs Ralph Thompson, Mrs John Graves, Mrs Gordon O'Brien, Mrs Ted Smith, Heppner; Mrs Earl Briggs, Boardman; Mrs Harry Duvall, Heppner; Mrs Bryce Keene, Ione; Mrs William Seehafer, Boardman; and Miss Humphreys, Heppner.

Mrs Ralph Thompson, Mrs Ted Smith and Mrs Omar Rietmann assisted with the coffee hour.

Male members of the museum commission include Herb Hynd, Cecil; Orville Cutsforth, Lexington; and J O Turner, Heppner.

Lexington News

By DELPHA JONES

Donnie VanWinkle, son of Mr and Mrs William J Van Winkle, spent several days last week as a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Rev. and Mrs Walter Smith and children are spending some time in Eugene, Oregon. Mrs Smith underwent major surgery Tuesday morning at the Eugene hospital and clinic.

Mr and Mrs Cecil Jones and children and Mr and Mrs George Irvin were guests over the weekend at the Henry Cavlin home in Portland.

Mr and Mrs Grant Henderson and family of La Grande were dinner guests on Sunday at the Alonzo Henderson home. Mr Henderson's mother returned to her home in La Grande with them after several days visit in Lexington.

Don Campbell is visiting relatives in Lexington for awhile. Mr and Mrs Roy Campbell returned home with him after a visit in Willamette Valley with relatives and friends.

Mr and Mrs Bob Davidson and family visited their daughter and family, Mr and Mrs Vern Viall at Grandview on Sunday.

Mrs Marilyn Pullen and son Robbie of Pendleton visited at the George Steagall home one day last week.

Mr and Mrs Frank Mangood of Pendleton were visitors Sunday at the Tom Faircloth home.

Mr and Mrs Bert Breeding of Stanfield visited at the O G Breeding home Sunday.

Mrs Homer Green and sister, Mr and Mrs O G Breeding, Mr and Mrs Floyd Smith and children and Mrs Anna Mae Steagall were guests at the Breeding home where Mrs Steagall was honored with birthday cake.

Mr and Mrs O G Breeding and Mr and Mrs Floyd Smith and children were Spray visitors at the Burnside home last week.

Mr and Mrs Max Parks and children Coral, Sheila and Dale of Ephrata were callers at the Johnnie Edwards home last week.

Mr and Mrs Norman Bergstrom and children of Brookings were visitors at the Bergen Ledbetter home over the weekend.

Mrs A F Majeske is recovering from a broken ankle received in a fall in Portland.

Barbara Nichols had minor surgery in Heppner one day last week.

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Winter Sports Notes

By BOB RICE and PAULA BARAK

When you hear a familiar "Yah-hoo," you will know the tow rope at Cutsforth's Park has started and Dr Pfeiffer is halfway down the steepest part of the ski slope, going like the wind. Other sounds and sights you might recognize—the whir of a buzz saw as "Roscoe" cuts wood for a warm fire at the bottom of the slope; over this the sound of the tow motor, or the muffled laugh of a skier as he plows head first into a snow bank, or piles up during an attempted slalom turn.

Last Sunday, February 28, there were 18 skiers on the hill. It was a lovely day, with the sun shining and the snow packed by noon. There was a rumor going around that an Unidentified Flying Object was sighted resembling a ski with Ken Turner dangling from it, heading over the horizon.

About 4:30 p m the tow closed and everyone headed for the

Cutsforth Lodge for a potluck supper, and later a ski club meeting. At the meeting it was decided by the newly formed club that the membership dues would be as follows: Single membership will be \$2.50; family membership, \$5.00; and daily membership, \$1.00 per skier with the exception of charter members who will be assessed 50 cents per skiing day for the rights of using the tow and other skiing facilities.

The next meeting will be at the Lexington city hall on Sunday, March 20, 1960. The contest for the club name will be open until April 31 with a one year free membership for the prize. If you want to design a shoulder patch with the name of your choice on it, send it with the name you are entering.

All wishing to sign up as charter members contact Kenneth Peck, Lexington, Dr Pfeiffer, Heppner, or Barbara Cutsforth, Lexington before April 1.

LEXINGTON

Three Links club meets on Thursday, March 10th at the Georvin home.

Women's Fellowship group meets Tuesday, March 15th at the Roy Campbell home.

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