

Museum-Library Observes First Anniversary; Special Hours For Memorial Weekend

One year ago on May 29, 1960, the Morrow County Library-Museum was dedicated.

This building was donated by Mrs. Amanda Duvall as a memorial to her husband, Harry, and their daughter, Erna, and was given to Morrow county and the City of Heppner, the city having donated the land for the building.

The purpose was to house the city library in one room and a museum for old historical items in the other rooms. It was the intention of Mrs. Duvall that her gift be maintained and operated jointly by both the county and city.

The building was built at a cost to the donor of more than \$80,000 not including the furnishings, such as library shelving, reading tables, chairs, desks, and other items, or the museum's glass show cases, cabinets, desk and the furniture for the lobby entrance to the building. These furnishings have cost more than \$10,000 and monies for them have been largely donated by Morrow county citizens and other interested persons.

Those who have donated \$500 or more now have their names on plaques in the lobby. These donations have been greatly appreciated by Mrs. Duvall along with many other gifts and all the help she has received in many ways in making this a worthwhile project.

The museum curator, Mrs. Rachel Harnett, states that during this one year more than 2,200 visitors have registered from 25 states and Washington, D. C. This does not include younger children who added their names many times while passing thru. She has catalogued almost 1,200 articles which are on display, and articles are still coming in regularly. It is the wish of the

museum to receive more of older historical items as time passes. Articles received are to be on loan for at least one year at a time, or can be donated permanently. All articles are to be catalogued and signed by the commission and the owners.

The regular hours for opening of the museum are Saturday 10 to 5; Sunday 2 to 5, also by special appointment for out of town visitors. However, this week end the museum will be open from 10 until 5 or later on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday so that anyone who may be here for Memorial weekend will be able to visit the museum.

Mrs. Blanche Brown, the librarian, states they have 457 books added to the library. More than 9,200 books have been checked out since the opening on April 23, 1960, and circulation has been steadily increasing. During the month of August alone 1,030 books were checked out.

The regular library hours are: Monday, 2 to 5 and 7 to 8; Wednesday 2 to 5 and 7 to 8; and Saturday 2 to 5 only.

CHILDREN HOME FOR VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Max McCormick, Heppner, have had as house-guests, their three children for the past week. It is the first time in several years that the whole family has been together.

Visiting were their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hulstine and daughter LeAnn from Wichita, Kan.; daughter SP5 Estella Maxine Ferrell from Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; and their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Max McCormick from Pueblo, Colorado.

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Lexington News

By DELPNA JONES

Women's Fellowship Group of the Lexington Christian church met at the home of Mrs. Betty Marquardt on Tuesday of last week. At this time a most interesting report was given by the ladies attending the Eastern Oregon Church Conference held recently in Milton-Freewater.

Each lady going attended a different session and each made the report on the one they attended. Also a report was given on the coffee hour which Lexington ladies were in charge of the first meeting. At this time it was decided to have a study group with the meetings, and Betty Marquardt was selected chair-

man for this. Those attending were Mrs. Dollie Smith, Mrs. Lola Breeding, Mrs. Joan Smith, Mrs. Cora Warner, Mrs. Frances McMillan, Mrs. LaVerne Henderson, Rena Marquardt, Mrs. June Davidson, and Mrs. Delpha Jones. The hostess, Betty Marquardt, and co-hostess, Sue Messenger, served lovely refreshments.

Mrs. Annie Keene of Ione, Mrs. Dimple Munkers of Heppner, Mrs. Freda Majeske and Mrs. Florence McMillan returned last Thursday from Pendleton where they attended the Rebekah convention held there last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hunt attended the square dance convention in Pasco Saturday night.

Mrs. W. E. McMillan, Mrs. LaVerne Henderson, Mrs. Delpha Jones, Mrs. Leila Palmer and daughter Carol Ann, and Mrs. Nellie Palmer were Pendleton visitors on Tuesday.

A birthday dinner was enjoyed Monday night at the Cutsforth ranch honoring O. W. Cutsforth and Kenneth Jones on their birthdays. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Armin Wihlon, Mrs. Gar Leyva, Miss Sharon Cutsforth, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones and son Kenneth, E. E. Peck and children George and Kay, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson of Hermiston visited at the home of Mrs. Trannie Parker and Miss Dona Barnett on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Breeding of Portland were visitors in Lexington last week at the O. G. Breeding home.

Lexington PTA held their installation recently at the regular meeting at the school house with the following ladies installed: Vesta Kilkenny, president; Anna Mae Steagall, vice president; Mildred Davidson, treasurer; and June Davidson, secretary. Barbara Cutsforth, installing officer, presented each of the new officers with a lovely corsage. Retiring president, Gladys Van Winkle, was then presented a past president's pin by Jerry Doherty. The program consisted of each class presenting some musical selection that they had learned thruout the year. At this time a very clever skit that was written by Mildred Davidson was acted out and Miss Fern Bonnell, a retiring first grade teacher, was the honoree of this skit and was also presented a gift. Refreshments were served later in the cafeteria. The tables were decorated honoring Miss Bonnell for her 48 years of teaching.

Mrs. Armin Wihlon returned home Friday from a business trip to Portland.

Mrs. Jessie Henderson is visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Henderson. Mr. Henderson motored to Milton-Freewater after being here on Sunday.

Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday for their regular meeting. At this time the delegates to the convention told that they will have a report on the convention at the next meeting, and Mrs. Henderson will show movies at the next meeting. Prize was won by Florence McMillan.

Rules for the first annual Wheat Press Award have been announced by the Oregon Wheat Growers League, sponsors of the competition.

The writing competition is open to any article or series of articles, editorial or series of editorials pertaining to Oregon wheat. They must have been published during the 12 months prior to the Nov. 1, 1961, deadline in any Oregon subscriber newspaper or periodical.

Writers of the first-place article or editorial will receive their awards at the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League in Pendleton Nov. 30-Dec. 1 and 2.

This competition is a project of the Wheat League's public relations committee, of which Robert Jepsen, Ione, is vice chairman.

Yellow Roses and Purple Flags

The following article was written by Miles F. Potter, of Portland, whose parents were pioneers in Morrow county. Mr. Potter grew up in the area.

With his mother, now 88 years of age, he will be in Heppner for Memorial Day. This article was sent to Dr. A. D. McMurdo who passed it on to the Gazette-Times.

The Oregon pioneers were a hardy breed, filled with raw courage and a desire to build for themselves and their children a new home in a new country. They streamed westward on the long journey across the plains, the rivers and the mountains, their meager possessions packed away in the old prairie schooner.

Many of them faded, their unmarked graves are lost and forgotten by the side of the Old Oregon Trail. It is from those who made it that our heritage springs and of this we are justly proud.

When we look around us today we realize what a debt we owe those courageous men and women. They are no longer with us but their graves are in every cemetery, from the tiniest village to the largest city. The names you read there are familiar names—the same you hear on our streets today. Should you ask these descendants from whence they came, they would point with pride to some little village, town or city, saying, "My people were pioneers." They settled there on the journey westward. They could bring so little, just the bare necessities of life.

The women dug from their gardens only a few flowers and shrubs, just some little reminder of the past that they could take with them into the future. Most of the plants withered and died during the long journey. Only a few were strong and hardy and in many ways so much like our people. Because of this, it's possible even today to find many of

the spots where our forefathers' cabins once stood. As did most of the women of the wagon train, one lovely lady, with tender hands planted an old fashioned yellow rose and some purple flags.

Many privations were endured. Children were born and reared. Over the years laughter, sorrow and fears—all were contained within the little cabin walls. Now only the site remains, identified by a few stones where the fireplace stood, part of a broken churn, a well worn grindstone and the rusty lid from an iron Dutch oven. The well has long since caved in. Beside the clear little stream meandering down through the valley stands a lonely poplar tree. At its base lie part of a wagon wheel and a rusty walking plow.

The family that claimed this spot as their own is scattered and gone. You may meet them in your home town, or even in far away places. Yet they built their beginning here. They built their cabin and took up their new way of life.

Now there are no laughter, no tears, for this is a deserted place. But each year, when the days grow long and warm and the hills are green, the flowers bloom again. Not far away, rests the pioneer lady whose home this was, while over her grow a yellow rose and some purple flags.

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Our meeting was held at the home of Cheryl Corley. Cheryl gave a demonstration on "How to prepare a spaghetti or noodle dish."

We also discussed at the meeting what we were going to do as a fair demonstration. We nominated someone for father of the year.

Our guest was Lennie Corley. Refreshments of cookies and punch were served by Cheryl. On April 22 our meeting was held at the home of Sue Townsend. She gave a demonstration on preparing an oven fried chicken. For dinner we had oven fried chicken prepared by Sue; baked potatoes, prepared by Cheryl Corley, Shirley Hicks and Cheryl Smouse; frozen peas, prepared by Marilyn Morgan; hot rolls, prepared by Cheryl Smouse; and dessert of strawberry shortcake, prepared by Sue Townsend.

After our dinner we had a short meeting. Our guest was Mrs. Hershel Townsend.

Reporter, Shirley Hicks.

SCHOOL MENUS

MONDAY—Mor (Hamburger Casserole), Cabbage salad, cake, fruit, bread and butter and milk.
WEDNESDAY—Hamburger gravy on rice, hot asparagus, carrot sticks, cake, fruit, bread and butter and milk.

THURSDAY—(no school lunch for teachers) Hobo dinner, lettuce wedges, cake, fruit, bread and butter and milk.

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