

Library-Museum Gift to County, City as Memorial

One of the most beautiful buildings in the city of Heppner is the library-museum, a substantial brick structure, which was the memorial gift to the city and county from Mrs. Amanda Duvall in memory of her husband, Harry L. Duvall, and their daughter, Erma.

Dedication ceremonies were on Sunday, May 29, 1960, with J. O. Turner, a member of the museum commission, as master of ceremonies. The building was presented to County Judge Oscar Peterson and Mayor William C. Collins by the donor, Mrs. Duvall.

The commission set up to administer the library-museum is a joint city-county group, and those on the commission are Mrs. Duvall, chairman; Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Heppner, secretary; J. O. Turner, treasurer; Herb Hynd, Cecil; Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Ione; O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington; and Mrs. Ted Smith, Heppner.

Built at a cost of \$80,000 to the donor, the library-museum was constructed by McCormack Construction Company of Pendleton. Assistance on furnishings was given by the public, and a sum approximating \$10,000 was raised by popular subscription for show cases, shelving, desks and furnishings in the entrance to the building.

The library-museum is modern in every respect and is considered one of the finest buildings of its type in the state. The museum contains many articles relevant to the history of the county. Included are items given to the museum, and many others are on loan. Indian relics, implements used by pioneers, artifacts and old-time household and commercial articles are on display. Among the more interesting exhibits is a collection of pictures taken at the time of the Heppner flood in 1903. Also of special interest is the gun room with the old-time rifles and pistols in the show cases. Another picturesque display shows a pioneer bride in her home and the room is furnished with antiques and items of historical interest.

The library side of the building contains more than 5,900 volumes including classics, reference works, children's books, history books and latest best sellers. Magazines and periodicals are also included.

Not all the books in the library have been catalogued as yet, and the librarian, Mrs. Blanche Brown, is in the process of doing this job. The library is open to the public on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 5 p. m.

Any resident of the county



MODERN in every respect is this library-museum building, donated to the City of Heppner and Morrow County by Mrs. Amanda Duvall in memory of her husband, the late Harry Duvall, and their daughter, Erma. The building is located on Main street, Heppner. (G-T Photo)

may take out a library card with the privilege of borrowing books. Children must be over six years of age to borrow books. The library checked out 9200 books from the time of its opening, April 23, 1960 (a month prior to dedication) to the end of May, 1961. A total of 1030 were checked out during the month of August, 1960.

The museum is open on Saturdays from 10 a. m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 5 p. m., and on Sundays from 2 to 5 p. m. and by appointment for out-of-town visitors.

Mrs. Rachel Harnett, curator, said that more than 1200 articles are on display in the museum. Since the museum was opened, some 2500 persons from 25 states and Washington, D. C., have visited this interesting building.



THIS VIEW shows one section of the displays in the museum that was dedicated in Heppner in May, 1960. At least 1200 articles of historic interest are on display.

Cable Brings TV To Morrow County; Co-op Organized

Through the use of cable, television is brought to homes and businesses throughout Morrow county. Organized on March 15, 1955, for the purposes of bringing TV to the county was Heppner TV, Inc., a cooperative.

A membership fee of \$135 is paid by each member and a monthly service charge of \$3.50 is paid to the co-op to keep the system operating. Memberships are saleable and can be transferred to other cable companies belonging to the National Antenna association, throughout the United States.

Heppner TV, Inc. has a membership of 422 and furnishes the television signal to 418 homes and businesses within the system. The company has \$51,000 invested in pole lines, amplifiers, and coaxial cable. There are 35 main line amplifiers and 13 miles of coaxial cable. The service truck is equipped with two-way radio to expedite repairs in case of any breakdown within the system.

Due to the distance to Heppner from large cities, Heppner TV can receive only one station direct, channel 19, Pasco, Wn. Two Portland stations on the system are picked up via translator stations in The Dalles and Wasco and cannot be relied upon for constant signal strength due to the distance and variations in weather conditions.

Gem and Mineral Society is Active In Rock Hunting

The Morrow County Gem and Mineral Society was organized in Heppner in December, 1955.

The main objective of the club has been the study of geology and collecting of minerals. Opal Butte is one nearby place where the club has an opportunity of hunting for rocks.

Since its beginning, members of the club have attended various gem shows around the Northwest—Eugene Gem show, Prineville Pow-Pow, Yakima County Gem and Mineral show, and the Northwest Federation Gem and Mineral show.

Several members have traveled to Arizona and other points to collect new specimens of rocks and minerals.

Field trips have become a part of the club work as well as a booth at the county fair.

The club is a member of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Meetings are held at the old city library every fourth Saturday, except during the months of July and August.

Anyone interested in geology, gemology, mineralogy, or just plain rocks are more than welcome to attend these monthly meetings.

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Our forefather, William B. Barratt, an immigrant boy, walked into Morrow County, late in the year 1883, with only the clothes on his back, a total stranger to the land and its early people. Possessed with indomitable courage, foresight, and a desire for a permanent home, his faith in the land and the future soon proved to himself and others that Morrow County was rich in natural resources that needed only the development by the toil of man and beast.

Four generations later the Barratt family is still strongly attached to the land and industry of Morrow County. We are happy that fate chose to send our forefather to Morrow County. We face the future with faith and optimism, believing that all areas of the county still have much to offer man and machine in this fabulous space age.

We join our neighbors in extending a hearty welcome to all individuals and organized combines of wealth and manpower to come within our borders and share in the future of a tremendous development.

PROGRESSIVELY YOURS

Throughout the years our family has given freely of its time and money in promoting the interests and economy of Morrow County. The past 12 years we have assisted in boosting the assessed valuation materially. Through subdivisions, building and re-modeling we have been responsible for 38 water and sewer connections within the city of Heppner. We now hold for sale lands enough for a potential 150 home sites, with city water and sewer available. All within the city limits and adjacent thereto. In North Morrow County we hold for sale land enough for 35 home sites. The services of our building material and farm and home supply enterprise is ever ready to serve one and all.

SHAKE HANDS, POD'NER, SHAKE

AGRICULTURALLY YOURS

Our faith in Morrow County is represented by extensive holdings of farm and range lands, with lamb and cattle feed lots and our own feed grain and storage and milling facilities. We presently feed and fatten 5,000 lambs and feed and handle 500 cattle per year, in addition to a productive herd of range cows. With an expanded population and a greater demand we can double this production. We definitely believe that all livestock raised for sale in Morrow County could and should be fattened on Morrow County grain products and consumed in the county. New industry and an expanded population could make this possible. In welcoming new enterprises to Morrow County we are prepared to meet the increased demand with all the effort and facilities at our command.

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