

Pete & Mary Meet at Philomath College



Philomath College as it appeared in 1923.

According to a Feb. 16 article in the "other Gazette-Times" at Corvallis, it was Valentine's Day 1865 that a milling group of Benton County's ox-cart pioneers living at Marys River Settlement found their places in the Maple Grove Schoolhouse and sat down to thrash out a problem.

They had often discussed the problem when they met Sundays for United Brethren Church services: how to assure a religious and literary education for the settlement's young people who could not cross the plains to eastern colleges and academies?

The outcome was Philomath College centered on an eight-acre tract around which the City of Philomath was to rise. The cornerstone was laid 1865 and 100 students entered the doors Oct. 1867, the doors closed 62 years later.

The walls of the main building were raised with brick fired from earth dug in front of the building. It stands as the oldest college structure in Oregon. It shouldered the 1962 Columbus Day storm.

Now again citizens have

gathered for Philomath College. This time to restore the building that is basically sound though there is considerable surface wear and deterioration. The beautiful old building is a historic site and anyone driving that way would do well to drive by and see it.

After restoration, the City Council will accept the building and the floor space will be recycled for community use.

The College has precious memories for Pete and Mary McMurtry who met while attending school there. Pete was from Philomath and Mary was from Lexington. She was Mary Duran before her marriage. They were married April 19, 1923 right after Pete graduated. The will be married 50 years next month.

Others attending Philomath College from around here were Dora Cutsforth Brosius, Mary's roommate, who now lives at Lakeview; Janice Helms and Lee Wagenblast's father Alex McLeod of Grass Valley, his sister Theodocia, who later became Mrs. J.K. Imby of Arlington. She and her husband had the hardware store until the relocation of Arlington.

Foresters Explain Benefits of Multiple Use

A wise use of wood, water, range, wild life, recreation and timber, the multiple use concept of the Forest Service, was explained by slides and talk at the Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce last Monday. There to make the presentation were Dennis Martin, Marvin Chitty and Rick Curtis.

Members especially enjoyed hearing about Timber Sales which are planned five years in the future and updated every two years. The annual allowable harvest is based on the amount which can be cut each year and still have a perpetual supply of timber. In the Heppner district this runs about 20 million board feet and includes 4000 to 8000 acres a year and two to four sales a year.

Slides were shown of areas where buffer zones along the creeks would be left to control the temperature of the water for steelhead. Areas where roads would be limited to leave wild life habitat unchanged to minimize harassment of elk and deer. Little Potamus Falls left to conserve scenic beauty. An area where a trail system may be developed for recreation.

Areas that should be thinned so more moisture could reach the ground. Grazing conditions improved with grass seeding after logging. Ponds developed for sheep and cattle, wild life and fire fighting.

The foresters illustrated how the multiple use concept is considered in all planning and how good management resulted in improved use of wood, water, range, wild life and recreation. Mr. Martin said he was sorry one particular member who opposes the road program wasn't present.

Planned Sales
Color coded maps were shown to indicate the Timber Sales areas. The Heppner district includes lands in Morrow, Wheeler and Grant Counties.

1973 Sales
One sale of 11.6 million board feet has already been made in 1973. This is the Tamarack sale in Grant County, east of Hwy 207 about 45 miles from Heppner. Planned also for 1973 is the Porter Creek sale. It will include 16 million board feet and is located adjacent to the Heppner-Spray Hwy about 40 miles south of Heppner.

1974 Sales
Sales planned for 1974 include: Two Springs 2.5 million board feet located about seven miles south of Ditch Creek Guard Station; Wickiup 2.1 million board feet located about 8 miles southeast of Ditch Creek and Bull 4.4 million board feet south of Bull Prairie road in Wheeler County.

1975 Sales
Keeney Sale 10.5 million board feet, three miles south of Anson Wright Park and the Notch Sale 9 million board feet located between Winlock and Camp Five.

The Kenney Sale area was logged in the 1940-1950's. Mature trees need to be logged. The old roads were poorly located and plans call for them to be widened and surfaced. Additional roads are designed to prevent erosion.

1976 Sales
Planned sales for 1976 are on Kelly 7 million board feet just west of Kelly Prairie between it and Penland Prairie; Yellow-jacket, 15 million board feet adjacent to Camp 5.

Irrigon Lions Hear District Governor

Guest speaker at the Irrigon Lions Club on Thurs. was District Governor Royal Ward from Maupin. His wife accompanied him while visiting the various Lions Clubs in the area. He told the club the Lions of Oregon have donated \$35,000 towards helping the blind.

The women of the Lions Auxiliary in Irrigon have been active in helping the school for the blind in Salem. \$58 was donated to the school recently from the sale of paper back books.

Women Conduct Service
The Womens Missionary Council is in charge of the Sunday morning service at the Assembly of God in Irrigon. There was special music by a girls trio including Sherry Partlow, Lola Smith and Sharon Stewart. Mrs. Harvey Warner sang "Sunrise, Sunset", a song

Marvin Chitty said they were interested in hearing the public's reaction to the planned timber sales. "That is why we're putting out our plans so far in advance."

The forests provide 8.6 percent of the jobs in Morrow County, the Chamber was told as that percentage of the labor force in Morrow County was employed in milling and wood related industries in 1971. This figure has increased with the addition of Kinzua's green veneer plant in Heppner.

The schools and County share in the timber sales receipts in direct proportion to its area within the National Forest. Morrow County will receive \$86,821 this current year which is the largest amount it has ever received from timber sales.

A discussion of roads, and closing of roads followed the discussion Area closures as the Cheniminus area in Wallowa County might be an alternative to patrolling "closed roads". The Foresters said that in this country 4-wheel drives, drivers

written by Mrs. Evangeline Fagerstrom, who is a former resident now visiting from Calif. Mrs. Walter Agee introduced the theme, which was "Anticipate". Other speakers were Mrs. Chester Wilson, Mrs. Battie Rand, Mrs. Bill Griffin, Mrs. Josephine Buchanan, Mrs. Henry Froberg, Mrs. Don Eppenbach and Evangeline Fagerstrom. Lerry Wilson sang "The King is Coming" at the close of the service.

Landscaping Planned
Members of the Catholic Church in Irrigon are planning to landscape the grounds around the church.

Women of the church are presenting a Fashion Show on April 3 at 7:30 at the Riverside High School in Boardman. A card party will follow.

"just go around barriers."

Jack Van Winkle won the pot. Judge Jones introduced Mr. and Mrs. Lee Zimmerman of Pendleton. Mr. Zimmerman is the planner with the Eastern Oregon Association of Counties and will be available in the five counties to assist in loan applications.

Visit Nevada

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Christiansen and Etta Lou, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christiansen celebrated the 92nd birthday of the men's mother, Henrietta Christiansen. While in Nevada

they visited Virginia City and toured a museum and the capitol buildings in Carson City.

Cora Burnside of Spray had eye surgery in a Pendleton hospital and is now convalescing at the home of her daughter Lola Breeding.

Property Tax Relief

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