

Grant to Wheeler County for an unusual history

A \$12,130 grant has been awarded to the Wheeler County Historical Commission by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Wheeler County grant, awarded Feb. 1 by the Oregon Committee for the Humanities, is to be used to promote public discussion and dialogue on the theme "Man and the Land: Community and Individuality."

Research on the history of Wheeler County, including oral interviews, will provide some of the material for the discussion of issues involving the community and the individual in their relationships with each other and the environment. The communities that have shaped life in the county, and changing values

and ways of doing things that have sharpened policy issues are among the topics to be considered. Public meetings are planned to discuss particular issues, such as Land Use Planning: Historical Necessity or Political Accident?; Ownership vs. Trusteeship; Changing Attitudes Toward Domestic Animals, Animal Husbandry, and Wildlife; and Conservation, Preservation and Population: the Economic and Other Values at Stake.

One of the long range goals of the Wheeler County Historical Commission is to publish a full scale history of the county. Both the work of research and the history itself are aimed at shedding light on the practices and doubts of the

present—the history of the county will attempt to deal with all important aspects of county life. For this reason, all county residents are being urged to share in the work of compiling the history and discussing the issues it poses.

The principal movers responsible for founding the Wheeler County Historical Commission in the fall of 1973 were Judge Andrew Leckie of Spray and Jack Steiwer of Fossil. The success of the project will depend on the cooperation of many individuals.

Everyone is invited to attend and take part in the meetings of the historical commission (the meetings are announced in the Fossil

Journal).

Anyone having old photographs, artifacts, letters, diaries, ranch and other business accounts, or any other historical sources is urged to write to the editor, F. Smith Fussner, Star Route, Spray, Ore. 97874. All such private records can be photographed wherever they are. They may be historically important.

The History of Wheeler County will be of the greatest use if it contains the greatest amount of accurate information. The grant has made possible a new kind of local history in which members of the community and humanist historian both take active parts.

NEWS FROM IONE

The Ione Trail Riders 4-H Club met Feb. 4 at Ione High School.

Members discussed riding in parades this summer and a combined overnight trail ride with the Heppner Club. Mrs. LaRue helped new members learn the "nomenclature" of a horse. Barbara Palmer served refreshments.

Next meeting will be held the first Monday in March.—TODD SHERER

The Ione 4-H Sewing Club met Jan. 20 at the home of Kathy Gilbert.

Officers elected were Margaret Doherty, president; Sherrie Wilson, vice-president; Diane Morter, secretary-treasurer; Cassandra Chapel, news reporter; and Corby Sullivan, sergeant-at-arms. New members are Margaret Doherty, Diane Morter, Corby Sullivan, Annette Roberts and Anita Palmer.

Members were asked to think about their sewing projects for the year and also to submit a name for the club.

Leaders are Mrs. Beverly Doherty and Mrs. Bob Montgomery. Junior leader is Kathy Gilbert.

The members were asked to bring thread, tape, thimble, needles, scissors and sewing baskets to the next meeting to work on pressing rolls.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Montgomery.—CASSANDRA CHAPEL

The Junior High and High School Church classes will have their annual skiing trip Feb. 17. They will meet at the church for worship and then leave for skiing at 7 a.m.

Dick Haggon and Berl Akers Jr., Pine Ridge, S.D., were recent visitors at the Berl Akers home.

St. Williams Altar Society met at the home of Mrs. Gar Swanson, Feb. 7. The short business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Dave Baker, president.

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. John Jepsen, Feb. 6. Mrs. Gar Swanson, chairman of the Americanism Committee, discussed the essay contest on Americanism that was recently held in Ione schools. Further plans were made for the selection of two delegates for Girl's State to be held in June. The auxiliary sponsors one girl and other civic organizations sponsor one.

The girls in the junior class at the high school will be asked to submit a short essay telling why they would like to be a delegate.

Ione City Council met Feb. 5. A building permit was issued to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Beck to construct a modular home on the lot they recently purchased. City Engineer Steven Anderson presented blueprints for the planned improvements to the city water system.

Eldon Tucker is the featured personality in the February issue of Ruralite Magazine, published by Columbia Basin Electric Coop.

The monthly study group of the United Church of Christ on current Christian literature will meet Feb. 21. The book of the month is Bob Mumford's "The Problem of Doing Your Own Thing." An invitation is extended to all interested persons to join this group. Books are available at Bristol's Market.

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Bryce Keene announces there will be a meeting of the Willows Grange Feb. 17 starting with a potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. Regular meeting will begin at 2 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan returned Feb. 9 from a month's vacation in Hawaii.

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Wheeler County Archery Club held their first meeting of the year Jan. 20 at the Kinzua Club House.

New officers elected for 1974 are: president, Herschel Murdock; vice-president, Don Nickelsen; secretary-treasurer, Betty Murdock; field governor, Doug Elders; tournament director, Henry Spivey; ways and means chairman, Virginia Sitton, with Sue McClure, Edith Bell and Verlin Connor assisting.

Weather permitting a Valentine shoot was set to be held on Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. at the course. Anyone wishing to learn to shoot, and those who already shoot, are welcome to come and join the Wheeler County Archers.

Merrymakers card club was held Wednesday evening at the home of Darlene Bartlett. High was won by Sharon Bell with second high going to Linda Shaw. Pinochles were won by Ery Luper and Bonnie Campbell. Others playing were Lorri Hire, Molly Day, Barbara Heim, Hally Spivey, Irene Samples, Irma Ralston, and Melba Mitchell.

Mrs. Erwin Carpenter of Bend has been here for the past week visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Weaser and daughter Lisa.

Pastor and Mrs. William Mai took Louis Lorengel to Portland Friday where he entered Physicians and Surgeons Hospital for medical treatment.

Mrs. Marian Tripp was taken to The Dalles Friday by ambulance where she entered The Dalles General Hospital. Marian suffered a heart attack Friday evening.

Mrs. Robert Kelso went to Madras Wednesday to bring home Mr. Kelso, who had been in Mt. View Hospital since Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Benson went to Portland over the weekend for medical treatment for Stan. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Miller and Todd.

Mr. and Mrs. Red Watts went to The Dalles Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reid and family went to

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Hermiston for the weekend and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMinn and family went to The Dalles Saturday on business.

Mrs. Herb Luper and Marc and Mrs. Marvin Lucas and Chevy went to Heppner Monday on business.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lucas held Sunday dinner at their home to celebrate Chewy and Marc Luper's birthdays. Chewy turned five on Feb. 3 and Marc was five on Feb. 4. Helping the children celebrate were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Luper; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lucas and families.

Mrs. Vernon Cecil and Mrs. Raymond Reid went to Heppner Wednesday and Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hire went to The Dalles Jan. 29 on business.

Mrs. Don Nickelsen and children and Mrs. Jack Sitton went to The Dalles Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Slinkard and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bailey went to Bend Friday evening and were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Oyler and son Don.

Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Bowman and Cindy went to Arlington Sunday afternoon and met Mrs. Marilee Radermacher and son Joey of Pendleton for a visit and lunch.

Going to Bingen Tuesday was Mrs. Herschel Murdock, Mrs. Jack Bell and Betty and Mrs. Fred Casey of Fossil.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Murdock went to Rufus over the weekend to go fishing. Also going fishing were Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Warming and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Labart of Fossil.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Todd and family went to Portland over the weekend were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winebarger.

Going to The Dalles Saturday on business was Mr. and Mrs. Denzil White.

Among those going to Elgin Saturday to attend the ball game were Mr. and Mrs. Elvyn Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Elvyn Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spivey and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ball were overnight guests Saturday of

Lexington

Sp. 5 and Mrs. Melvin Wylie and son Justin visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, over the weekend. Wylie will be leaving for Korea soon. Mrs. Wylie and Justin are living in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Winkle were in Mt. Vernon Sunday visiting her mother, Mrs. Sally Lowry.

The Amicitia Pinocle Club met at the home of Mrs. Orville Cutsforth Wednesday evening. Those attending were Mrs. Joe Yocom, Mrs. Delbert Piper, Mrs. Morris McCarl, Mrs. Eldon Padberg, Mrs. Oral Wright, Mrs. Lee Padberg and Mrs. Robert Davidson. Winners were Mrs. Yocom, high; Mrs. Piper, low; and Mrs. McCarl, traveling.

An American Field Service Exchange Student from Norway, Inger Christiansen, will be guest speaker when the Lexington Grange meets Monday evening, Feb. 18. Miss Christiansen is attending Hermiston High School. The program will be preceded by a potluck dinner at 6:30. The public is invited.

Holly Rebekah Lodge met at their regular meeting with Florence McMillan serving as noble grand. Mrs. Mike Palmer is serving as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Cecil Jones. The lodge revealed last year's secret sisters names and drew new ones for this year.

Sherri Marquardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt, underwent major surgery in Pendleton this week. She is in St. Anthony Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woodward of Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spivey went to Portland Sunday on business, and returned as far as The Dalles Monday where Henry entered The Dalles General Hospital for surgery Tuesday.

Mrs. Verlin Connor went to The Dalles Monday to keep a doctor's appointment.

Among those going to Arlington Friday evening to attend the ball game were Mr. and Mrs. Elvyn Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spivey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hulett, Mrs. Lee Asher and Arden and Tom Tripp.

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