

Haven for the history buff

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Up until the early 1960s the only way to learn the history of Morrow County was to chew the fat with the oldtimers or read locally written books. But then the Morrow County Museum came into existence and the county's history was no longer hearsay or opinion.

The brick building currently houses the museum, and includes the Morrow County Library which occupies the northern portion of the structure.

The building was donated to the county by Amanda Duvall in memory of her husband, Harry Duvall, and her daughter, Erna Duvall. A formal dedication of the facilities was held May 30, 1960.

The museum has been furnished with many private antique collections and many donated items which serve to tell a story of the past.

Upon entering the museum the first striking display to meet the eye is a postal booth which with its leaded windows, brass screen, and watchful postmistress, guarding the door in omnipresent fashion.

The booth was a replacement for the original postal booth in the lone Post Office

which burned May 18, 1916. In time the postal box holding structure was outdated, and through various hands finally reached the museum.

The room reveals antiques and glass cases containing articles of the past which seem to be suspended in time. Host and guide for the museum is Rachel Harnett, who alternates her time between opening and displaying the museum on off-season weekends and researching, documenting, and filing the county's history during the rest of the week.

Her explanation and description of the exhibits and articles in the museum take on a realistic, personal interest to her audience. The guest register near the entrance shows that travel and history buffs from throughout the United States have toured the museum under Rachel's guidance.

Centered in the first and main room of the museum in a long glass counter containing a fascinating collection of foreign and unusual coins. In this display are coins from countries around the world, many of which are antique or valuable in their own right. Paper money from around the world as well as several bills

of currency from the Confederate States are exhibited. A collection of presidential

and national election campaign ribbons are also included with other curios in the counter.

Around the walls of the main room are glass cases containing antiques of every shape and description. Within the confines of these cases lie collections of antique plates, porcelain and jewelry which remind housewives of days gone by.

One case is filled with arrowheads and stone implements used by the original settlers of Morrow County, the Indians. Some rocks showing Indian hieroglyphics are displayed, along with various forms of Indian beadwork and handicrafts.

Another exhibit contains a collection of medical paraphernalia once belonging to Dr. Louis Shipley, the earliest school-trained doctor in Morrow County. The collection includes Dr. Shipley's surgical tools, his nameplate, and some of his textbooks used in his education at Willamette University, where he became the first doctor schooled in Oregon in 1869.

Also in the exhibit are

dentistry tools belonging to Dr. B.F. Vaughn, who drowned in Heppner's 1903 catastrophic flood, and other medical artifacts of Heppner's early doctors.

A huge ornamental wooden desk, once owned by Dr. Charles Chick, fills one end of the room and is filled with interesting articles, including several old family Bibles.

The last copy of THE DAILY CITIZEN of Vicksburg, Mississippi, before the newspaper office was captured by the Union forces on July 4, 1865 is displayed in the museum. The "wallpaper" edition copy was taken off the stilled press by a soldier who kept the souvenir. Through many hands, the paper ended in its current resting place.

Upon entering the second room a glass walled parlour filled with statuesque fashions and furnishings greets the visitor. The fashions are not re-copied articles of clothing, but rather original clothes which probably once graced a mail order catalogue or glassed in display window in one of Heppner's early day shops.

One wall of this second room is commanded by a rack of glassed frames filled with early day photographs of Morrow County. Frames of the rack are collected into sections of Lexington, Parkers Mill, Lone, Hardman, Stanfield, Arlington and the Klamath Falls-Bend area. In the rack are also many pictures of early day wheat harvesting operations, along with photos which depict the early influence of the sheep and cattle business on Morrow County.

Adjoining the rack is a display depicting the 1903

Heppner flood in photographs before and after the tragedy, and many newspaper accounts of the flood. Further information on the flood and its consequences can be obtained from Rachel's files which contain the most accurate death list of the flood which she terms "as complete as we can get at this time."

In this room is a photographic equipment collection showing cameras and accessories probably used to obtain the photographs which so graphically show Heppner in the early days. A lantern slide projector which once projected pictures in the Methodist Church stands in stately tin grandeur in the small room. Foremost in the room is an ornate piano which originated in Sweden and through many travels found itself here among other relics of the past.

A third room houses an assortment of Eastern Oregon wildlife, stuffed and mounted, which includes species of birds, wildcats, lizards, snakes, coyotes, fish and many just plain varmints. Oddities such as a two-headed calf and a mermaid are also preserved in the two large display cabinets.

The museum's fourth room is filled with a free-standing collection of articles ranging from several pumporgans to a collection of high school awards from the now defunct Lexington High School. Several early electric beauty appliances, including a curl setter, with its coil of wires and shining chrome must have impressed many a customer at Lois Winchester's beauty salon.

A large folding bed dominates the room showing that space problems also existed in

Anita Davidson wins UN tour

Anita Davidson has been selected as the Umatilla-Morrow County district winner in the annual United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth speak-off.

Anita was chosen from a group of competitors representing high schools throughout the two-county area. After winning Heppner High School's essay contest she was entered in the district competition where the essays were delivered to a panel of judges which made the final selection.

The competition is staged at the Pendleton IOOF Hall annually to select a district representative which is a-

warded a month long tour of the United States.

The tour visits various national monuments throughout the country and includes a week-long study and observation of the United Nations.

Anita's brother, Greg, was last year's district representative on tour and during this year's competition Greg gave a brief talk of his travels with the tour last summer.

Anita's observation of international politics at the UN will round out a year of observing government on the state and

national levels as she has been selected to attend both the state and national 4-H Club Conferences. After being selected as one of the 4 top 4-H Club members in Oregon, Anita attended the state conference in Salem and will attend the national conference in April.

The UN tour will begin in July.

Jim Swanson has purchased the trailer home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McIntosh.

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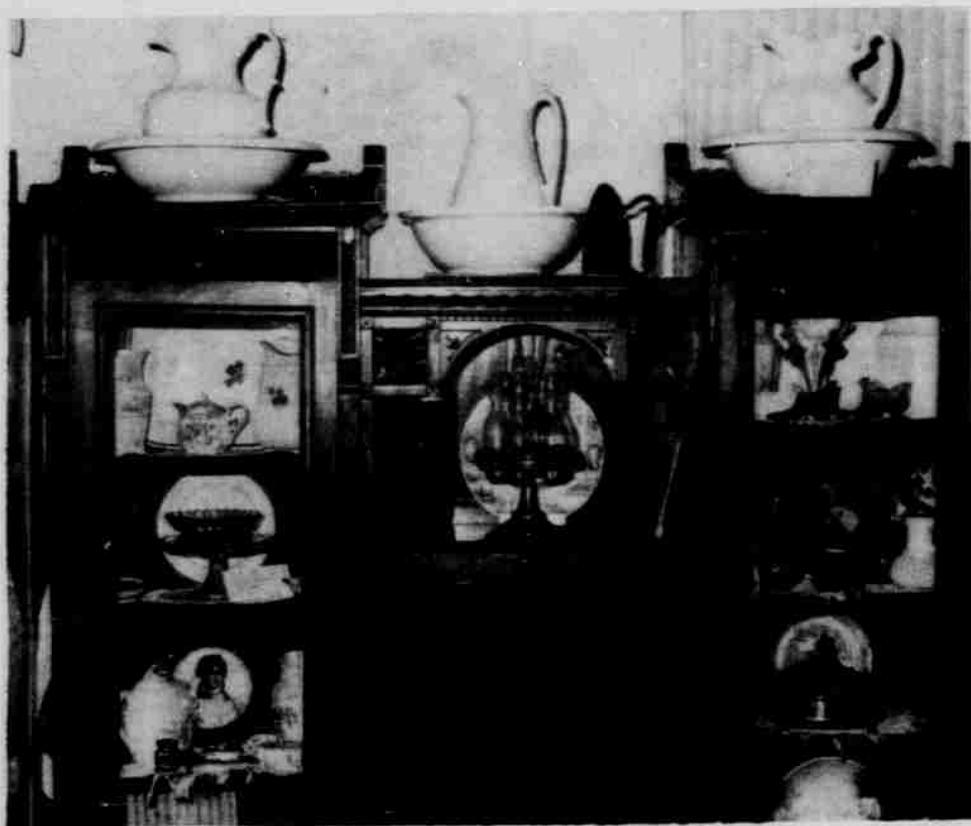
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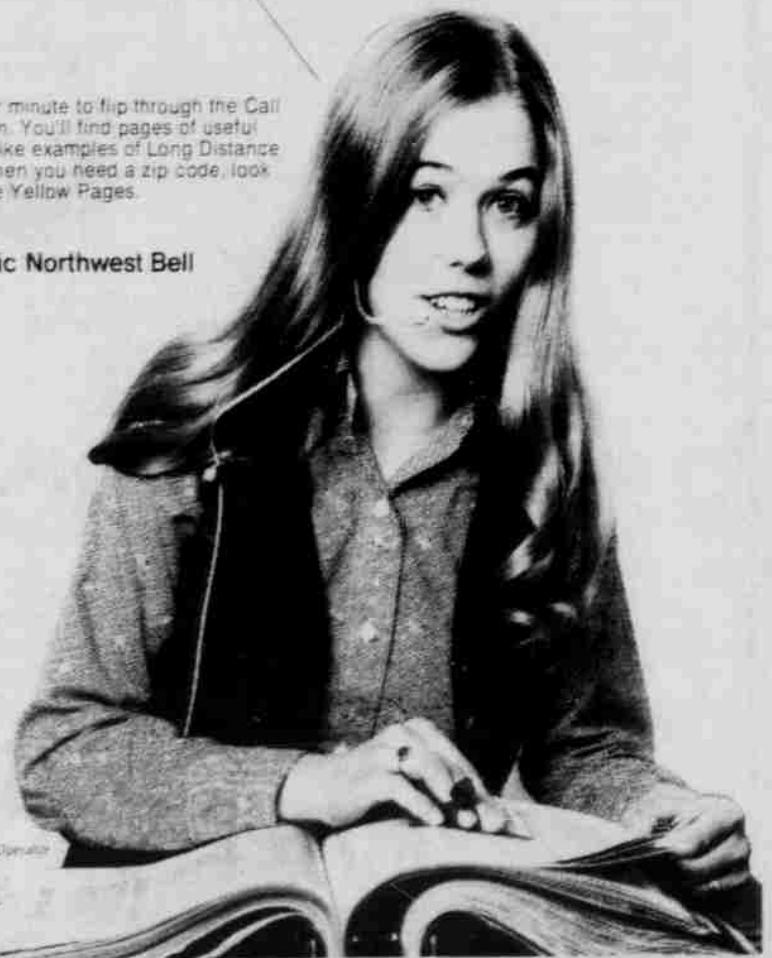


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