

Preserves history

Curator with museum for 19 years

Attendance at the Morrow County Historical Museum has dropped to 1,678 this year compared to 1978's 2,500 at this time last year, according to Museum Director Rachel Harnett.

Mrs. Harnett attributed the decline in visitors to the fuel crisis.

But more groups have toured the museum housed next to the Morrow County Library with about 367 touring compared to 250 the same time last year. The groups have largely consisted of schoolchildren taken through the historical exhibits by their teachers, though family reunions and guests on other business such as square dance associations, 4-H adults and

Youth Conservation Corps members have made a stop-overs this summer.

The largest number to tour the facility were 78 schoolchildren from the Hermiston school system, Irrigon schools sent 58 and Ione schools turned out 20 children.

The long-time museum, which has been a part of the community since 1960 with Rachel Harnett serving as director for 19 years, provides visitors with a view of antiques from photographs of the Heppner Flood furniture and dishes and wildlife to an 1863 Vicksburg newspaper announcing the surrender of the city to Union forces. The newspaper was taken off the press by Sgt. D.C. Ely, an infantry officer and passed through the Ely family to the late Fred Ely, Ione, who donated it to the museum.

Of all the exhibits, Mrs. Harnett says the newest is the Bicentennial quilt which was completed in 1976 by a group of women and it also is one of the more frequently noticed. It hangs in the latest addition of the spacious facility.

Donations of historical

items are always welcome, says Mrs. Harnett, but she says when they are duplications, she has to reject items offered. "I'm a bit choosy," she said.

One of the more interesting portions of the library is the Heppner's historical flood in the early 1900's depicting the city before and after the waters of Willow Creek destroyed the town. Photographers of that period used a wide angle town which shows the young town and the 1903-constructed courthouse standing on the hill above the creek.

Thirty-two cases of arrowheads were recently donated by Katherine Bisbee, who was born and raised here and now lives in Waldport. That increases the museum's exhibit of a variety of anthropological exhibits.

Visitors intrigued about wildlife found in Eastern Oregon will be interested in the Oregon wildlife room with stuffed animals staring life-like and perched on natural trees and for the housewife, there is a display of Mason jars, dishes, rooms decorated in the fashionable scenes of

earlier times, items grandparents used in the everyday course of their lives.

At the museum's entry door is the teller's window of the old Ione Post Office.

Mrs. Harnett summed up description of the museum's collections. "We have a little bit of everything. These are things people have used."

When visitors tour the museum from outside the local area of Heppner, Lexington and Ione, they sign their names in the guest book. A scan of the book indicates visits from Molalla, Sioux City, Iowa, Everett, Washington, Corvallis, Oregon and Palouse, Wash. during the past week.

The museum director is steeped in the history of Morrow County with many of her own collections on display. One of her family's displays is of her grandfather, Dr. Louis Shipley, whose professional equipment lies in a glass case above Dr. McMurdo's. Rachel's grandfather, a German

immigrant, homesteaded on Rhea Creek in 1878.

Besides watching over the exhibits during its opening days, on Monday and Wednesday, from Saturday and Sunday, Mrs. Harnett aids families researching their past with marriage and death records which she had developed over the years. And she is helping surveyors in the Boardman area find out who surveyed the property lines in the north end of the county.

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Son born to Ione couple

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eugene Crowell Jr., Ione, are the parents of a son, Jory Matthew, 7 lbs., 15 oz., born July 12 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crowell, Ione and Mr. and Mrs. A. Rosenbush, Natches, Wash. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall, Lexington and LaUna Crowell, Heppner.

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crete but a proposed bike path has been declared unfeasible.

Funds for construction of the two bridges are being provided by the State Department of Transportation.

At last week's Morrow County School Board meeting, Ione High School Principal Chuck Starr reported an estimated \$40,000 damage to the Ione School system from the February 6 flood waters.

The new bridge construction and channel work on Willow Creek this fall is expected to improve flood protection to the city and local schools.

Group slates plans for annual calendar sale

At a kickoff potluck picnic, Alpha Theta's calendar chairperson Bebe Munkers announced plans for Alpha Theta's Sixth annual community calendar sale.

The sale will be conducted from July 16 through Aug. 16.

The calendar's which list the birthdays and anniversaries of local residents also includes the meeting dates of

local organizations. They will sell for \$1 each plus 25 cents for each listing.

All proceeds from the calendar sales are used for Alpha Theta's philanthropic projects which includes worthwhile causes of local, state, national or international nature.

Alpha Theta is the local branch of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International.

First reunion planned for 1969 HHS class

The first reunion of the 1969 Heppner High School Class will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29.

Thirty-two of the 42 member class have said they will attend the events planned. The reunion begins with a dinner at the West of Willow Restau-

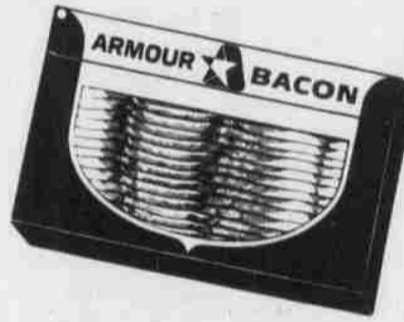
rant. Terry Peck will present a slide presentation at 7 p.m., followed at 9 p.m. with a dance at the Elks Club with Jim Ackley performing.

A picnic is slated Sunday, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

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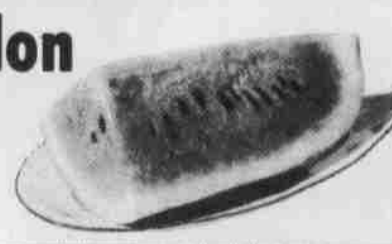
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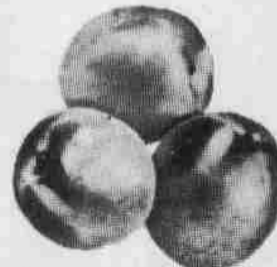
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