

Historical Society discusses historical farms, Smith falls

by Delpha Jones

The Morrow County Historical Society met on Monday night, Dec. 29, at the Jim Bloodworth home for their regular meeting. In the absence of the secretary, Barbara Bloodworth filled the chair.

A report was made that Ruth McCabe, secretary, and Delpha Jones, chairman, had attended the meeting of the Forest Service and the Willow Creek water users concerning the Smith ditch in the mountains. The ladies expressed the wishes of the society that this ditch and waterfall be preserved, as it is the only waterfall in Morrow County and has been there since the 1930's.

The society has purchased two of the newly printed books on Umatilla County for the local school libraries. These are historical accounts of the progress and pioneers of that area.

Folding chairs for the museum are to be purchased to help with the seating problem there when groups hold meetings or come to see the museum.

Picture frames are being made and will hold some of the old-time pictures that are at the courthouse and, at present time, not on display. These will be hung in the courtroom.

Work is being done on a program for the dedication of the century-old farms in this country, and it is hoped that the research work can be finished so that the dedication may be held this fall, preferably in Sept. A booklet is being planned for the 75-year-old

Change made in Farmer-owned reserve program

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland has announced a change in the farmer-owned reserve program which will give the Secretary discretion to consider short-term price aberrations before calling reserves.

"Until now, reserves would be called automatically if the five-day moving average price exceeded the call level for five consecutive days. With this change, the secretary has the discretion not to call reserves if the daily adjusted average price for any of the previous five days is below the call point," Bergland said. "This applies even if the five-day moving average price exceeds the call level for the required five days."

"This will give additional flexibility to avoid calling reserve loans in cases when erratic market forces push up market prices temporarily," Bergland said.

The regulations making this change were filed with the Federal Register Dec. 8.

Deadline Friday for comments on grazing changes

A second extension to comment on proposed changes in grazing regulations has been announced by Cecil D. Andrus, secretary of the Interior Department.

The new comment period now ends this Friday, January 9. Andrus granted the second extension at the request of several members of Congress.

The proposed changes to the grazing regulations call for a longer phase-in period for grazing adjustments, more consultation between BLM and range users, and more opportunity to amend original grazing decisions.

Before the January 9 deadline, BLM will conduct a Denver meeting with groups affected by the proposed changes. Participants will represent state and federal agencies, the livestock industry, conservation organizations and the range science community.

Comments addressed to Director (650), Bureau of Land Management, Washington, D. C. 20240 will be used to help prepare the final regulations.

farms. Farms qualifying must have a continuous ownership and some member of the family still residing on the property. People are invited to

send in the history of their places, so that the society may get the project underway. Plans were made some time back, but the society hasn't

received the needed histories of these places to get the booklets going.

An election of officers was held with Delpha Jones re-

elected chairman, Ruth McCabe, secretary, and Harold Beckett, vice chairman.

The following committees were appointed for 1981: century farms, Barton Clark and

Jean Nelson; preservation of farm machinery, Harold Peck and Cecil Jones; membership, Rachel Harnett, Harold Peck and Bryce Keene; finance, Don Eppenbaugh and Jim Hayes; and newsletter, Ruth McCabe, Barbara Bloodworth and Delpha Jones, with

any volunteers who wish to serve on any of these committees.

Plans are underway for a trip to Sumpter and a trip on the narrow gauge railroad, probably in early May.

The next meeting will be in the museum, March 30, with Joanne Wood and Rachel

Harnett acting as hostesses. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome to do so.

Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beckett, Rachel Harnett, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Don Eppenbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones, Bryce Keene, and Jim Hayes.

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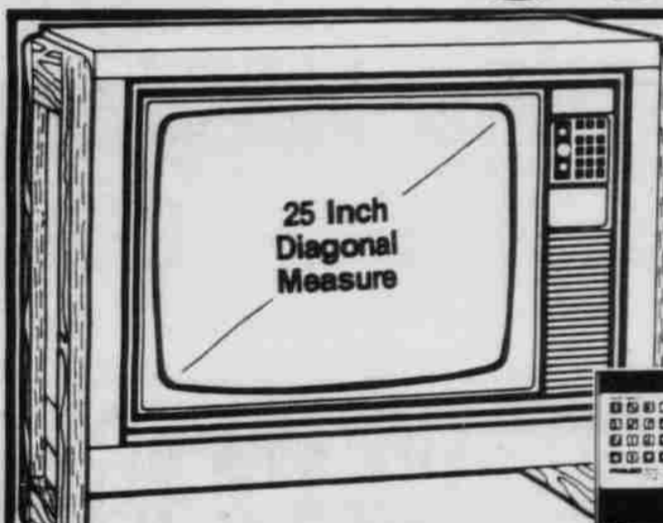
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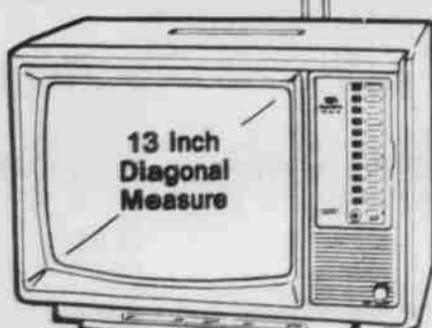
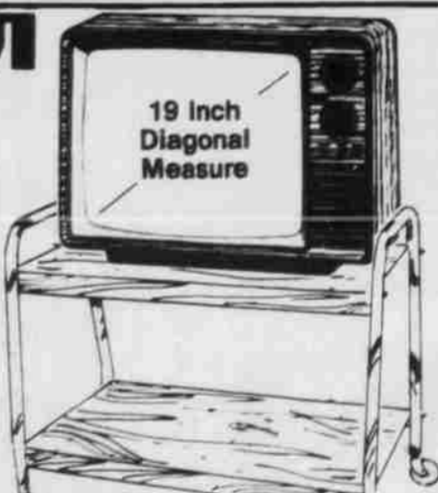
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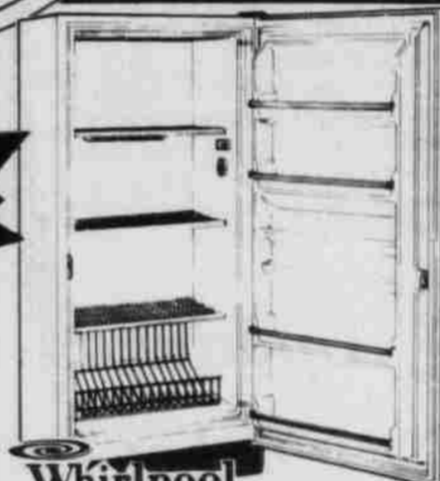
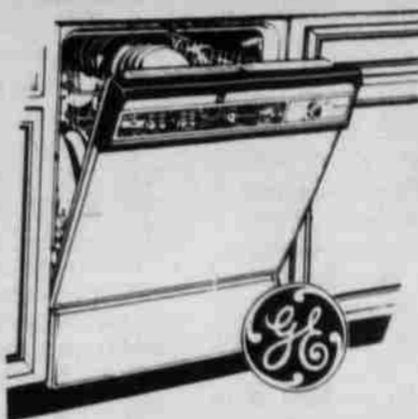
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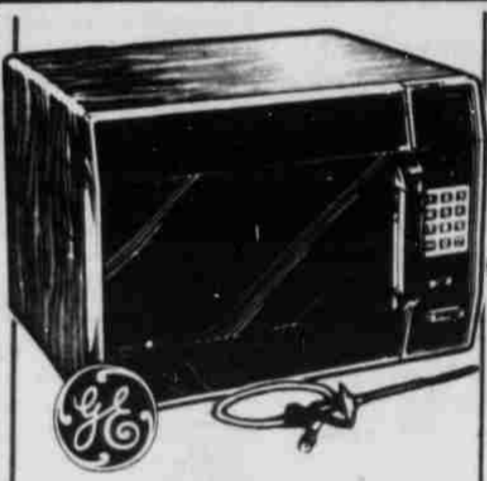
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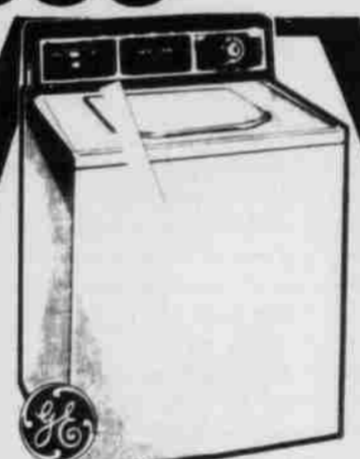
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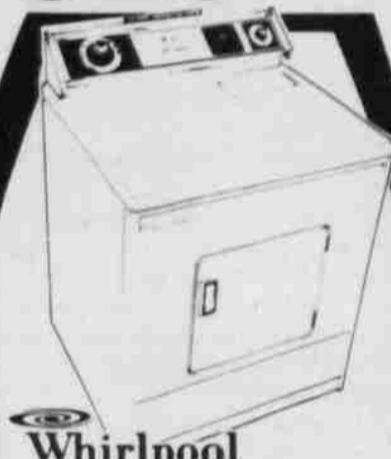
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