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MUSEUM, Lafayette, OR, since 1969  
Hours - Sat 6 Sun 2 to 4 pm  
(or by appt: 662-3788, 864-2589)

MEETING Tuesday evening, September 8, at the HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM,  
Sheridan. The school is located at 485 S. Bridge Street.  
POT LUCK at 6:30. Bring own table service. Visitors welcome.

PROGRAM Maurice B urchfield, a director of the N.W. Chapter of the  
Oregon-California Trail Association, will be showing a video  
of the Oregon Trail.

Note that after Labor Day the museum hours are Saturdays and Sundays,  
only.

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Using money donated by Sylvia and Irvin Bryan, Ed Roghair purchased the flag which we  
now proudly fly at the museum. The Bryans' generosity is much appreciated.

Thanks to Harvey and Ruth Stoller, Elaine Rohse, Shirley Kuykendall, Twila and Harry  
Byrnes, Maxine Williams, and Margaret Brixey the museum was clean and orderly for sum-  
mer visitors.

We went to the fair and only made \$108.00, mostly from books, but Elma Shuck, Eunice  
Noyes, Twila Byrnes, George and Maxine Williams, Sandy Syphers, Crystal Rilee, and Bob  
and Shirley Kuykendall, who all helped run the booth, said they enjoyed it. Ruth  
Stoller copied and mounted the pictures for the display, and with Harvey helped set up  
our space.

An addition to the museum, which the board and George Williams have been researching,  
will cost more than we have to spend. Do you have any ideas for obtaining more money?  
We definitely need more space.

Congratulations to Rohses and Ogdens who celebrated 50th anniversaries recently; and  
to Elma Shuck who was chosen as a volunteer of the year for the Thomas Kay Woolen  
Mills of Salem (1991), and is profiled in the Woolen Mills' May newsletter.

L.B.

Show your support of this organization, especially for future gener-  
ations, by keeping your dues up-to-date. Yearly dues, \$5. per indivi-  
dual, payable to the financial secretary, Mary Ogden, P.O. Bx 273,  
Amity, Oregon.

## THE SHERIDAN FLUME

The flume usually worked well, but there were some problems. Leaks in the trough were common and hard to plug. Lumber occasionally jammed up causing water and sometimes lumber to pour out, damaging farm land. During cold weather the water spilling over the sides would freeze into long icicles, which would be dangerous when they broke off.

The flume walkers helped to control most of the problems. A phone line was installed, and if a problem developed, the flume walker would call the sawmill to stop them from putting more lumber into the flume.

There were some advantages to living near the flume. A few of the neighbors planted gardens where the flume passed over their land, and tapped it for irrigation. Adventurous people would climb up to the walkway and hop on a large plank for a ride. Often men from the sawmill rode a plank down to the Buell store, bought what they needed, and then walked back.

In 1915 the Sheridan Lumber Company sold the mill. The new owners were not very successful in their operation of the mill and it was closed in 1920 and was dismantled in 1924. All that remains today is the large concrete foundations that once supported the steam engine.

The weather was not kind to the flume. High winds blew down portions of the flume which then had to be rebuilt. Finally, in 1919 a gale blew too much of the flume down and the decision was made not to rebuild it again. Many of the nearby residents used flume wood to build barns and sheds. The company had to tear the rest of the flume down. (The preceding information was compiled in 1992 by Larry Rich of McMinnville. This is the third of three installments.)

R.S.

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