

Event ^{Oct.} ~~September~~ meeting
Time Tuesday, October 8, 7 p.m.
Place Sheridan American Legion Hall
Speaker Dr. Stephen Dow Beckham

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The second most important event in the life of our Society since its organization is scheduled for November. The Executive Board has requested William D. Rutherford to chairman the committee for the promotion of the project, a ballot measure for the establishment of a tax base for the operation of the Museum and Society.

The active and energetic support of every member of the Society will be needed if the measure is to pass.

Our thanks to Bill and to his helpers: Mildred Renne, Bruce Huffman, Roma Sitton, Laurence Schreiber, Arthur Ireland, Tom Rowe, Mrs. Ken Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Shields, Alice Sherris, and Chester Hall.

INFORMATION REGARDING BALLOT LEVY:

This fall the County Ballot will carry a measure requested by the Yamhill County Historical Society. The measure requests the tax base established for the Society to provide a \$10,000.00 operating appropriation to the Society and Museum.

The ballot levy is an annual levy not to exceed \$10,000.00. The annual budget for the Society at present is \$5,500.00 supported by dues of the Society, donations, and revenue sharing. Revenue sharing in 1974 was \$5,425.00; however, this amount will not be renewed.

If the Society and Museum are to continue to operate at even the present level, the Museum needs to build a machinery shed to house farm equipment which has been donated to the Museum. The cost of this building is presently estimated at \$10,000.00 and is increasing with inflation. Additionally, the Museum hopes to pay for some of the services which are presently being donated on a voluntary basis. Roma Sitton has worked on the Museum on a nearly full time job, without compensation. We cannot expect Roma and others to be so generous with their time in the future.

Other museums which receive tax support from their counties are Roseburg and Tillamook. We are certain there are many others, but do not know which at present.

It is estimated that the impact of the levy will be 2 to 2½ cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

William D. Rutherford

MUSEUM NEWS

We are open Friday and Saturday 1:00 to 4:30. The show cases are wired for lights. The Captain Cook display at the Historical Society in Portland is one of its kind to be displayed here. Be sure to see it.

The need for our museum barn is greater every week.

As soon as we can move the show cases given by the Senior Citizens group we can display more articles. We have plenty of donation land claim Maps now. Mrs. Williams of Yamhill donated a large framed picture of Mr. Burton, early day settler of Yamhill. Other photos and articles and clothing Albert Youngberg gave us a number of tools, his war I helmet-also his wives war I helmet. Thanks Albert. Iona Westerfield donated a lovely old leather covered trunk a large framed photo of her mother several pieces of glass of her mothers wedding figts in 1845. A collection of newspapers thanks again for your many donations.

We are looking for old photos of Lafayette early day street and buildings.

Roma Sitton

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