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MUSEUM, Lafayette, OR, since 1969
 Summer Schedule: Wednesdays-Sundays
 1 - 4 o'clock

MAY

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MEETING: Tuesday Evening, May 12, at the Rebekah Lodge Hall, corner of 3rd & Maple (Hwy 47), Yamhill.
 POT LUCK at 6:30. Bring own table service. Visitors welcome.

PROGRAM: Eunice Noyes on Anthony Thompson, "Our Benefactor," and Eleanor Mitchell, "Memories of the Mitchells of Flying M."

Notice that the summer hours are Wednesdays through ^{Sundays} ~~Saturdays~~, beginning June 17. One to 4 o'clock.

A reminder that the yearly DUES are payable to Financial Secretary, Mary Ogden, P.O. 273, Amity, OR 97101; \$5.00. Also, addresses must be up-to-date. We hope to keep you on the mailing list!

The picnic will be at Jaquith Park in Newberg on Tuesday, July 21 at 12:00 noon. The park is located on the west side of N. College St. several blocks from Highway 99 West. There is a large sign at the park entrance. Following the picnic Hoover-Minthorn House, 115 S. River St., Newberg, will be open for those who would like to take the tour -- \$1.50 for adults, \$1.00 for senior citizens. Others may prefer visiting the small museum on the George Fox College campus and taking the walking tour of historic homes in that area. If you need a ride to Jaquith Park please contact me prior to Tuesday the 21st.

It is spring cleaning time again and we will start at 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 18. Both museum buildings need cleaning so if possible try to be there to help. Bring a lunch.

Attendance at the museum has been good and we continue to get many favorable comments. Several school classes as well as other groups have visited this spring, keeping Ruth, Roma, Shirley, and me busy. We keep acquiring more welcome and interesting donations for the museum, but lack space to display them. The board has been discussing the possibility of adding a room as we have adequate land. Please think about this and decide if you consider an addition to the museum a good use for our inherited money. We will vote on this at the potluck.

The YCHS will have a booth at the county fair July 29-August 1. Lots of help will be needed. Also volunteers for the summer hours at the museum need to select their times now. Please sign up to help if you can.

Death has claimed another member of our historical society, Arnold Johnson. We offer our sympathy to Olive and her family.

Lois Brooks, President

THE SHERIDAN FLUME

(Due to a typographical error in the last newsletter, we had Mrs. instead of Mr. Larry Rich as the author of this article. We are sorry.) The following is continued from last time.

Construction of the flume was started in 1906 by the Shumway and Everett Company and took nearly two years to complete. The flume was "V" shaped with 30" side walls. The source of flume water was controlled by a handgate at the dam located just in front of the mill. The dam, which had been built for the storage of logs, was over 200 feet long with the highest point at 40 feet. It extended across the flat to the edge of the mountain and covered the area now occupied by the county road. Height of the water was controlled by handflood gates.

The flume was approximately 10 miles long, built on a slope of 1 1/4" fall to the rod (16 1/2 feet). It ranged from six feet below ground level to over 80 feet high. At Buell the flume was about 30 feet above the ground. It had a walkway on one side with a banister the full length of the flume. Two flume walkers maintained the long flume. One would start walking from Sheridan and one from the mill. They would meet at the halfway point and then return to their starting points. They carried pickaxes which they used to keep the lumber from piling up and going over the sides of the flume.

Logs were cut 30 feet long and then blocked no larger than 14" x 18" which were as large as the flume could handle. The sawmill workers then placed the lumber into the current of water in the flume, and in three hours it arrived at the receiving pond in Sheridan. There it was yarded out, stacked, stored, sold or shipped by rail.

The Sheridan plant was located where the Sheridan Grain elevator now stands. It consisted of the main office, one re-saw, one gang-saw, a drying kiln, four planers, a loading dock with steam engines for operating machinery, a lumber shed for storing dry and retail lumber, and a large lumber yard for storing surplus lumber. In later years a high storage tank 40' x 100' x 30" was built at flume level. This was an improvement over the first method of discharging the lumber out of the flume.

(concluded next time)

R.S.

Deadline for submitting authentic recipes from pioneers who traveled the Oregon Trail, is May 15. Send to Oregon Trail Cookbook, P.O. Box 69144, P.O. Box 5117 S.W. Macadam, Portland, OR 97201. Include anecdotes and your address and phone number.