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GREETINGS - for the New Year. Surely everyone has made their list of Resolutions and with that done can face the New year with great expectations and resolve to make it the best ever.

CONGRATULATIONS to the new officers who will lead and guide us through 1988. These officers are:

President	Lee RUDISILL
1st Vice Pres	Zira KAHL
2nd Vice Pres	Damaris REYNOLDS _ Assistant Fern SHAFFER
Secretary	Mary YOKE
Treasurer	John MATUSZAK
Librarian	Charlotte MARSHALL- Assistant Margaret HAYS

We know we will have a successful year with such a "line up!" Thanks to these officers for agreeing to accept the responsibility.

COMING SOON - mark your calendars now.

January 30 - a conference/workshop at the LDS Library, 4141 N.W. Harrison, Corvallis. 9 - 12 noon, all genealogists invited. Cost is free -program will be speakers, tours, activity/information centers. Come on out and enjoy the day - and learn.

February 13 -next Society meeting.

Thanks to Joan PERRY, Gladys PARKER, & Virginia KOOS for the refreshments today.

March 12 & 13 - the annual ANTIQUE SHOW where we participate by having a booth to sell our archival supplies, spread the genealogical fever, and help out a worthy cause. Helpers will be needed to set up and to staff the booth (in shifts). See Danell KNIGHT for how & when.

SYMPATHY to Mildred HAWKINS whose husband, Harlan, died during December.

TRAVELING - contributed by Mabell MARTSCHING

While visiting Fort Laramie, Wyoming this fall, I purchased the book THE PLAINS ACROSS written by John D Unruh, Jr. It is one of the better books about the Overland Emigrants who crossed the plains on the Oregon Trail, the California cut-off, Barlow Road, etc. He tries to picture the reasons for such a great number of men who would take their families on a trip such as this not knowing the consequences or what was at the trail's end. He could not answer this question even after studying the western movement from beginning to end. Some of the emigrants named in the book are: Applegate, Barlow, Blodgett, Chilton, Fremont, Gilliam, Meek. ONE chapter is devoted to the doctors who tried to help those with cholera along with broken bones and other injuries. Not all of the wagon trains had a doctor with them.

Fort Laramie is now a National Park and has been restored for public viewing. A few miles before reaching the Fort, we could see the deep wagon tracks left by the covered wagons. Also the names written on the rocks along the bank of the river.

1987 goodbye! FAREWELL! - before we let it go we need to take at least one fond look back to see where we have been. A few facts should be noted - and filed.

We ended the year with 78 members, including 18 that were new.

We purchased 15 new books for the library plus the subscription to the HELPER. The total books in the library now numbers 325 volumes plus some periodicals.

We continued to sell archival supplies and sold \$734 of these. Collecting Flavor Pac & Santiam labels netted \$20.

Our Thrift Shop project brought in \$121, and we sold 2 copies of our 1910 Benton County Census for \$25 each.

With some of our own knowledgeable & skilled members as instructors, we offered 5 mini-workshops on topics of interest. These were eagerly attended.

We started an ambitious project of recording all graves in Benton County. To date 12 cemeteries have been enumerated.

We launched the microfilm loan project with National Archives.

Thanks to all the members who have worked so hard. WE repeat again & again how marvelous a total group - all willing workers, all interested & supportive of each other- Thanks!

Here is a condensed financial summary as of end Dec 1987

	INCOME	BUDGET	EXPENSE	BUDGET
DUES	222.00	260.	RENT	105. 120
DONATIONS	61	75	BOOKS	220.16 200
COFFEE	85.01	75	Mem. BOOKS	115.75 -
USED BOOKS	36.81	25	COFFEE	46.60 25
FLAVORPAC	20.16	20	PROGRAM	21.10 50
XMAS AUCTION	178.34	200.	COPIES	10.29 10
sale SHEETS	55.13	20	CENSUS	39.84 150.
ARCHIVAL	734.34	60.	* ARCHIVAL	827.86
THRIFT SHOP	120.95	75.	PUBLICITY	35.10 35
1910 CENSUS	50.	50.	MEMBERSHIP	43.25 25
POT LUCK	31.85	-	MISC.SUPPLS	23.40 20
			FILM PROJ.	15.00 -
TOTAL	1594.69	860.	CONTINGENCY (book case)	149.00 110.
			TOTAL	1652.35 860.

* Archival has inventory 12/
wholesale retail
value value
\$588.75 \$907.90

January 1, 1987
Beginning Balance \$ 874.20
December 31, 1987
Ending Balance 809.54

(64.66)

REMINDERS- next month is the time to turn in Flavor Pac labels to receive the bonus amount. Give them to Audrey BROADLEY.

Continue to bring items for sale at the Thrift Shop. Our sale number is 492. Questions or help from Damaris REYNOLDS.

A reminder about Library rules- Each member "in good standing" (meaning dues paid and no overdue books) can check out a total of five books for one month. Books should be returned early in the morning of the due date in order that researchers can use them.

The tradition of members bringing books from their personal libraries to share still continues. The sharing table is usually at the back of the room and identified. We ask that you never remove a book from this table- it's too easy to get it lost, mixed up with others etc. Our plan of having certain states/localities emphasized will be the same - maybe a different grouping. For the February meeting- bring books to share on the west - Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Idaho, Alaska & Hawaii.

MISCELLANEOUS- the following was contributed by Mabelle MARTSCHING and was taken from newsletter "The Boone Family"

OLD AND NEW STYLE OF TIME

It must not be forgotten, in reading many early records, espically those of the Society of Friends, that dates prior to 1752 are usually given in the Old Style or Julian Time. A simple explanation of this change of time is to be found in "Our Calendar"- a pamphlet by Gilbert Cope of West Chester, Pa, an emineng genealogist. It read:

"An act of Parliament was passed in 1751, prescribing the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar throughout Great Britian and her colonies; making the succeeding year begin with the first of January and dropping eleven nominal days (3-13) from the month of Sept., 1752, so that what would have been the third of the month was called the 14th. The Quakers at their yearly meeting adopted this method, directing the members to recognize the change of style, and decreeing that thereafter the months should be numbered beginning with January. Formerly their numbering had begun with the month called March."

Hence by merely adding eleven days to a date given in Old Style, we have the corresponding date according to our present calendar. In Julian or "Old Style" time, prior to 1752, the year began March 25th. In Gregorian or "New Style" time the year begins with January 1st.

Family history is interwoven with our country's history, particularly when roots strike deep into Colonial times. (also from "Boone Family")