



Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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Hi there! We are sending out the NEWSLETTER early to jar you out of the summer doldrums- to remind you that September 8 soon will be here and our meetings will resume- and especially to attach a questionnaire from the Board of Directors who are seeking input from the membership as they look toward the future and do some long range planning. It's an "opinion survey" so make sure to take this opportunity to express yours, thoughtfully and honestly. Fill it out and return it now.

NEWS AND OTHER GOINGS ON

Jane & Charles Dodge have moved (mid July) to the San Diego area where Charles will continue to work for Hewlett-Packard. We shall miss them and their active participation in the Society's affairs, especially Charles's long service as book committee chairman, and Jane's cheerful smile and willingness to take on a variety of short term assignments. Their new address: 2225 Terracewood Lane, Escondido, CA 92026. They say they would love to hear from any of you. Good luck and best wishes to two very special people who have enriched our lives in many ways

Over the hot summer days a faithful group of workers headed by Betty SWAN and including Jean GRUBE, Damaris REYNOLDS, Daniel FROELICH, Mary YOKE, Joy READ, and Lee RUDISILL worked a few miracles with our Library. The verticle file cabinet donated by Damaris REYNOLDS and equipped with hanging files donated by Lee RUDISILL was loaded up. The file cabinet now contains all the pamphlets, catalogs, and misc. materials that were hard to find on the book shelves. One drawer contains OREGON material, one drawer has material filed by STATE, another drawer contains material by SURNAME and the other contains MISCELLANEOUS-as census, military, and "how to" articles. The group issues this warning - DO NOT OPEN MORE THAN ONE DRAWER AT A TIME OR IT WILL ALL FALL OUT ON YOU. Does that sound like the voice of experience and that maybe the workers had a little excitement? Well consider yourself forewarned. This group also cataloged all books and made a card file listing by author and subject. Three cheers and a big THANKS to each of them.

Fern SHAFFER and husband have moved to eastern Oregon. The move was made in hopes that a drier climate will help Fern's arthritis. We wish the best for them and shall greatly miss Fern, her friendly kindness, her steady and dependable ways, and all the work she has done for the society- as co-hostess, as cemetery project worker, and many other things- not to mention her weaving projects for the Christmas auctions. We are missing you, Fern, and wish you well. Their new address is: 69192 Ruckle Road, Summerville, OR 97876. Write to her- you know how everyone loves to hear from old friends.

A word from the Pres- Ed
HISTORICAL INTEREST GROUP STEERING COMMITTEE

You may remember that in April we had a meeting of like minded Historical groups in the area. At that time, we set up some items to be worked on for the betterment of all the groups concerned.

On August 9 we had our first meeting of the principals of the groups involved. Our first order of business was to name ourselves. We decided on the name above. Attending were: Bill LEWIS, Benton County Historical Museum; John BEATON, president of Benton County Historical Society; Lucy SKEJELSTAD, director of Horner Museum; Lorna GRABE, Soap Creek School; and Ed STRATTON, president of Mid Valley Genealogical Society. The steering committee will meet monthly on the 4th Wednesdays at the Benton County Museum.

Beginning on October 21, 1990 the committee will sponsor 3 general meetings on preservation of historical artifacts. The first meeting will be an overview of general preservation efforts and the next two or more will be on specific preservation techniques. These 2 meetings will be in the first part of 1991- January 13 and April 21.

VERMONT BICENTENNIAL PROJECT

To celebrate Vermont's Bicentennial in 1991, the Genealogical Society of Vermont plans to collect family group sheets with narrative and references on those persons listed in the first Vermont census. They hope eventually to issue a publication titled, "Vermont Families in 1791". To participate, send your material to Joann H Nichols, President, GSV, 46 Chestnut St. Brattleboro, Vermont 05301-3152. (editor's note- wouldn't this be a great idea for us to do for Benton County families in the 1850 census?)

NEEDED-

With Charles DODGE gone, we need someone to take over his job of Book Chairman. Since no one person could fill his shoes, we think we need a whole committee. The Board is asking for volunteers. What a chance to get the best job there is- so step right up and submit your bid.

CEMETERY BOOKS- Damaris, who is in charge of book sales, reports that the first 2 volumes are practically "sold out". In fact there is only 1 book left. We have reordered Volume 1 and things are looking good.

GARAGE SALE- on Saturday, Sept. 15 at Timberhill Townhouse-2928 NW 28th St. All funds received at this address (you might recognize it as Damaris') will go into our Society's Book Fund. If you have items to donate- bring to the September meeting or speak to Damaris about when you can deliver.

NEXT MEETING: September 8. We look forward to seeing all the happy faces, tanned and relaxed from a summer vacation. Our program will be the traditional September one of "show and tell" -about your summer trips, your research, your successes, as well as anything else you want to share.