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HAVE A GOOD SUMMER

Program 14 June

Today's program is the annual Pot-luck. The business meeting will be at 10:00 a.m.

There will be no meetings in July or August. The Library will remain open during the summer on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. As of now we are covered for librarians for the summer.

Book Sale

We will have a book sale at the June meeting. Bring your surplus books to add to the ones left from the garage sale. This is a good chance to stock up on summer reading and help the book fund at the same time. If you have magazines that are timeless (i.e. 'Sunset', 'National Geographic', etc.) bring those too.



Seems Right

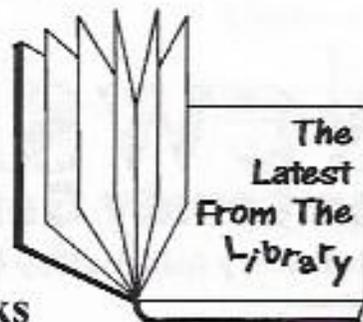
If you put tomfoolery in a computer, nothing comes out but tomfoolery. But this tomfoolery, having passed through a very expensive machine, is somehow ennobled and none dare criticize it.

Think about it.

Thought for Today

A man who says he has no knaves, fools or beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning.

Old English Proverb



New BCGS Library Books

We have received the 12 CD-ROM set of the Marriage Index. These are from selected counties and states to the point that they have been copied so far.

Miscellaneous Information

There will be an inventory of library resources in the library, we hope during the month of June. Jean will be happy to have all the members possible assist in the inventory. A date is to be set later. Call the Librarian at her number on the page 4 masthead.

Would you like to become an assistant to one of the officers or committee chairs? This would be a good way to get your feet wet. The standard question at the board meetings is 'how are we going to get some new blood into running the society?' This is a good way to start. Contact the officer or committee chair to offer your services.

The Family History Library has been temporarily moved from the LDS Stake on Harrison to the Plaza 9 Shopping Center. It will be there until the renovation is complete on Harrison. It is on the south side of the shopping center, which is just south of Bi-Mart.

Henderson's Copy center has moved to the old Iron Skillet restaurant. This is just north of the Bolby building and across the street from Fire Station One on 5th Street.

Remembrances

Two of our members have lost loved ones during the last couple of months.

On April 17th Betty Brummett of Philomath lost her mother Annic Phelps who was born in Summit in 1906.

Margaret Abell lost her husband Charles on April 22nd. He worked in forestry until retirement and then they moved to Corvallis.

Our thoughts are with you and may everything to right and happy with your families.

Potluck Today

After the meeting today we will have get together or visiting, or whatever you call it. Around 12:00 Noon we will have the Potluck. This will be in the annex in our regular room. Place settings and beverage will be provided

King Folk Reunion

Saturday June 21, 1997 there will a reunion of King descendants at the Kings Valley School. It will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information call Charlotte Wirfs at 926-5908 in Albany.



11. Try not to let your research get behind. Establish a filing system for your papers (using file folders or 3-ring binders) and file each page of notes, document, photocopy, etc. as you acquire it. There are few things more disheartening than contemplating a foot-high stack of unfiled papers, wondering if the birth certificate you desperately need to refer to is somewhere in it.

12. Double-check all dates to make sure they are possible, for example, a woman born in 1790 could not be a mother in 1800.

13. Be on the lookout for nicknames. A request for a birth record for Sadie White may be rejected if the name on file is Sarah White.

14. Beware of mail-order promotions offering personalized genealogies of your surname with titles such as "The Amazing Story of the BLANK Family" or "The BLANK Family New World Registry." These are usually little more than computer-assembled lists of names from telephone directories. Notify the Better Business Bureau and consumers' advocate agencies when you encounter these -- let's put these people out of business permanently!

15. Don't assume modern meanings for terms used to describe relationships. For example, in the 17th century a step-child was often called a "son-in-law" or daughter-in-law," and a "cousin" could refer to almost any relative except a sibling or child.

16. Remember that indexes to books rarely include the names of ALL persons mentioned in the book and, in addition, occasionally contain errors. If it appears that a book is likely to have valuable information, spend some time skimming its contents rather than returning it to the shelf after a quick glance at the index.

17. Be precise when making notes and especially when sharing information with others. Write dates using an unambiguous format: Americans interpret 5/6/1881 as 6 May 1881, but in many other countries it would be read as 5 June 1881. Always capitalize or underline surnames, some of which can be mistaken for given names, e.g., HENRY, HOWARD. Note place names in full, including parish or township, county, state or province, and country.

18. You will often encounter conflicting information and you will have to weigh it against other evidence to try to determine which is the most likely to be true. Periodically review and verify the conclusions you have reached concerning each of your ancestors' lives: this will help to prevent you from wasting time following blind alleys.

19. Place names and boundaries have changed constantly over the years. Always verify them in historical atlases or genealogical texts pertaining to the area. For example, the boundaries of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania have changed four times since it was first settled.

20. Whenever and wherever possible, advertise the surnames you are researching by submitting them to genealogical directories and surname lists published by genealogical societies that you belong to. This will put you in touch with others who are researching the same surnames, possibly for a much longer time. After all, the most rewarding genealogical research is that which no-one else has already done!

Michael Reck

Monthly Sharing

Each month we have a table to bring books or other artifacts to share with the other members, from the area we are specializing in. The items we used for that one day only, you take them home that night. Following is the listing for the ten months that we have meetings. If you have books or items to share, please bring them as shown below.

If we do not have your area of interest, please contact a board member and let's see if we can update the listing to satisfy your needs.

Jan	PA, OH, England
Feb	OR, WA, ID, MT
Mar	VA, WV, Scandinavia
Apr	NC, SC, KY, TN, and Germany
May	IL, MI, WI, Ireland and Scotland
Jun	IN, IA, KS
Sep	NY, NJ, MD, DC
Oct	NH, VT, MA, ME
Nov	CT, RI, DE
Dec	Auction and Christmas Tea

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Dues are \$10.00 single and \$13.00 family per calendar year. Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next year.

Canadian Interest Group

The Canadian Interest Group is for those searching for their roots in Canada. This group meets the third Tuesday of each month, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Albany Public Library. If you have a specific area of Canada you are interested in, please let me know so we can have books and printed materials there for you to look at. We have resources available for Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and some Quebec, plus Canada in general. Car pooling can be arranged.

Call Pat Rowlinson, 752-2243, for further info.

Odds And Ends

Our number at the OSU Thrift shop on Second Street in Corvallis is 492.

Please keep your Santism and Flav-R-Pak labels coming in to the Library. There is a plastic sack in the library to keep them in. Mary Hamlin is in charge of the label program. All you need is the UPC Symbol from the label. Be sure that you leave some area around the label when you tear it off.

More Member Info

Our meetings are held on the second Saturday of September through June, in the Fireside Room of the College United Methodist Church, on the east side of the parking lot, in the 1100 block of Philomath. Business meeting is at 10:00 a.m. with the program at 11:00 a.m.

Our Library, in the museum annex, is open to members and visitors on meeting days from 12:00 noon, or when program is over until 3:00 p.m. If we can keep enough volunteer librarians, it will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m.

Members in good standing may check out and return books any time the library is open.

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