From our President -

I hope you've all been having a happy and rewarding summer. It's been a busy one for our historical society. We took part in several celebrations -- Ruth Stoller probably feels like she's been on a merry-go-round as she was involved in most of them, besides spending every Saturday afternoon at the museum. We had a display for the first annual All American Festival in the Adec building at the fairgrounds, took a quilt and some photos to show at Yamhill's centennial affair, and sold books at both Yamhill's and Amity's celebrations. Ruth's new publication on the Trask toll road, off the press in mid July, is selling well. Gordon Zimmerman peddled several copies on a train ride he organized between Banks and Tillamook.

This year's picnic fell on about the hottest day of summer, so I was happy to see 33 of our brave members turn out. Actually it was rather pleasant under the trees in Carlton's park and the food was excellent. Knutsens brought a guest from Germany.

The museum had quite a few more visitors this summer than last summer. One gentleman said it's the best historical museum he's seen and he's been to many. He commented on its cleanliness, organized arrangement, and the many, many articles of every variety on display. Roma Sitton deserves a lot of credit for this! Did you see Elaine Rohse's excellent article on the farm tools, featuring Ed Roghair as guide, in the August 17 News/Register?

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who were so faithful to keep the museum open and clean during the summer: Ruth Stoller, George and Maxine Williams, Lila Jackson, Mariam Blair, Elma Shuck, Bob and Shirley Kuykendall, Harry and Twila Byrnes, Roma Sitton, Barbara Knutsen, Alice Brandt, Edna Robertson, Eunice Noyes, Crystal Rilee, Mary and Gil Ogden, Laverna Gutbrod, and Evelyn Nieman, and me. (over)
The most exciting thing this summer was the news that our society is the sole beneficiary of Anthony Thompson, recently of Amity. He left us all he owned — his house. It's not a palatial house, it lacks furniture and some inside walls, and needs lots of work. But it's all he had and it was a fine thing for him to do for us. Barbara Knutsen, who is representing us in the settlement of the estate, will report on its status at the meeting.

Congratulations to Ed and Peggy Roghair and Bob and Shirley Kuykendall who celebrated their golden anniversaries this summer. L.B.

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BELLEVUE

Harvesting commences here next week. Mr. Branson has some barley that will be ready for the sickle by that time. Sheridan's Racers and Bellevue's Hambletonian Trotters galloped around the bases. Sheridan winning 33 to 30. More than a dozen wagons passed here one day last week on to the briny waters.

NEWBERG

Manager Minthorn of the Chemawa Indian school at Forest Grove, while here Friday said there were 148 pupils in attendance. Quite a number of newcomers from Indiana arrived here last week. A goodly number of our citizens are either at the coast or the Soda Springs.

SHERIDAN

L. DeLashmutt, Dave Campbell and another person killed seventeen deer in two days' hunting last week. Alf Wilson found where a bear had killed one of his young colts. He took out his hounds and gun and in a few hours bruin had passed in his checks.

LAFAYETTE

Most of our people went to Dayton on the Fourth where they say they had a good time. Some went to Amity and report an enjoyable day but those who visited the metropolis do not speak very favorably of the celebration in Portland. J.D. Fenton will start his binder on July 11. Look out for an early harvest.