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President's Letter

It hardly seems possible that our Grand Opening was on September 9, 2000, just a year ago! We certainly haven't been sitting around since that time. When driving by you will have noticed the work we have been doing to the outside of the building over the past six months, especially with the completion of the exterior painting.

Doesn't the building look terrific!!!

The painting completed a matching grant project including a \$20,000 grant from Oregon Heritage Commission and \$10,000 from The Oregon Community Foundation. The Museum added \$33,000 from its own funds to complete the \$63,000 project which included some brick repair on the North side, a new roof, metalwork and flashing on the inside walls of the building down to the roof level, and finally the outside painting.

It would seem as if we could now sit back and relax for a while, but there are always other projects going on in the Museum, so come in and visit and look around.

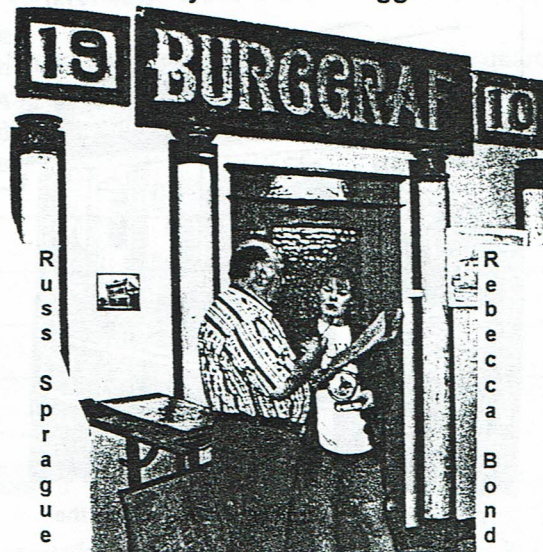
Again, I have to say that this could not have happened without your support and contributions through donations of money; individual, family and business memberships; donated time, labor and expertise. It was, and is, greatly appreciated and has helped us to meet the goals we set out as a Board to accomplish during our first year in the building.

Those of you interested in quilts will be glad to know we have been given the two historic district quilts—the Monteith area quilt which was created in 1979 and the Hackleman area quilt made in 1986. They are now on Display on the West wall of our main display room. We also have a 100-year-old quilt displayed in the Crawford Photography exhibit.

The museum is now on the internet, so if you wish to ask questions, set up tour times, or see what exhibits we currently offer, please check out our e-mail and website addresses elsewhere in this newsletter.

Gerald Brenneman, President

Albany architect Burggraf exhibit



planning session in process

Albany Regional Museum

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 2, 2001
7 p.m. at the Museum



All members
are encouraged to attend.



Everyone is invited.

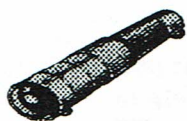


Election of Board of Directors
for coming year.



Review of what's been done
and what's yet to come.





Looking Back

by Jack Gillespie

\$2.00 Gasoline Perspective

Earlier this year gasoline prices were wavering toward the \$2.00-a-gallon mark before tapering off.

Taken in perspective, \$2.00-a-gallon gasoline would still be cheaper than it was over 50 years ago.

In 1947 I bought, for \$165 and a trade-in of my Western Flyer bicycle, my first car—a 1929 Dodge coupe, complete with rumble seat. At the time I was working after school and on Saturdays at the Ben Franklin Variety Store (at the location of the present Weatherford Law Offices). I was paid the then-minimum wage of 50 cents an hour.

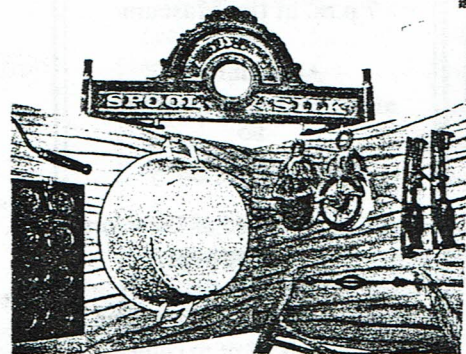
In 1947 the cost of a gallon of gas ranged from 20 cents (a Hancock Station on the SW corner of Main and First offered 5 gallons for \$1.00) to 25 cents a gallon for the better brands.

I had to work almost half an hour to have money for one gallon of gasoline.

Automobiles, new or old, did not get very good gas mileage in those days. My 6-cylinder Dodge got about 12 miles a gallon. Any car that got 20 miles a gallon was considered a "jewel."

Today, earners of a minimum wage of about \$8.00 an hour have to work less than 15 minutes for a gallon of gasoline—and most all cars and small trucks get well over 20 miles per gallon.

The typical working family of today probably spends more of their spendable income on automobiles, gasoline, insurance and maintenance than they did over 50 years ago; but \$2.00-a-gallon gasoline is just about equal to inflation.



Cooking utensils, tack, wash pan, muffin pan, dry goods, thread, etc., etc., etc.

"Our Albany"

(song about Albany located by Jerry Brenneman on the pages of the March 18, 1910 Albany Democrat paper) - sung to the tune "So Long, Mary" -

What's the spot you see upon the middle of the map?

That's Albany

All the roads are leading to it 'til they overlap.

That's Albany

Many are coming here from everywhere and there's a welcome for them here.

Fellowship and force are in the air,

Within our own Albany.

My Al-ba-ny, that's the only town for me.

My Al-ba-ny, Center of the whole valley, All our flags are flying for Albany,

Never furred

Hail Albany, the hub of the Northwest world.

What a might movement in our city

we can feel,

Oh Albany,

When we get together with our shoulders

at the wheel,

Oh Albany

Nothing in our valley can withstand,

When this hub city shall expand,

the center of this valley land.

Our own, our own Albany

Hail Al-ba-ny

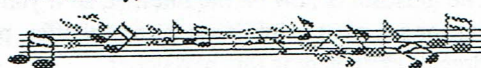
City of our homes so dear,

Hail Al-ba-ny

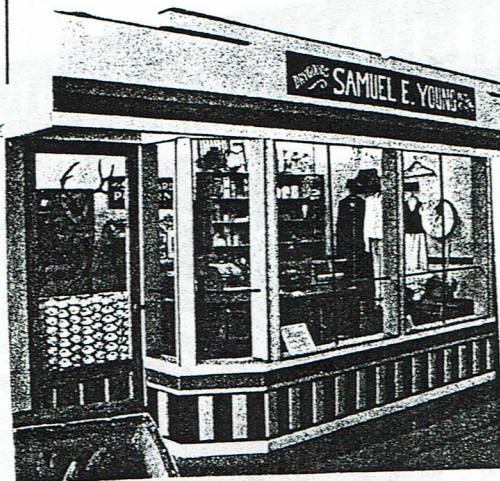
Welcoming afar and near

All people coming to Albany as they do,

Hail Albany, she shall ever welcome you.



Samuel E. Young Store exhibit
(owner & occupant of
current museum building
1887-1912)



This exhibit features many items sold at the S. E. Young Store.



Carol's Corner

by Carol McKay

How about a cure for lung trouble? One of our long-time volunteers, Rosemary Scholblom,

shared some of her Grandmother Hanke's recipes with me. Again, do not try this. This column is all about interesting facts and fiction of long ago and, for most of the time, not to share recipes to actually use.

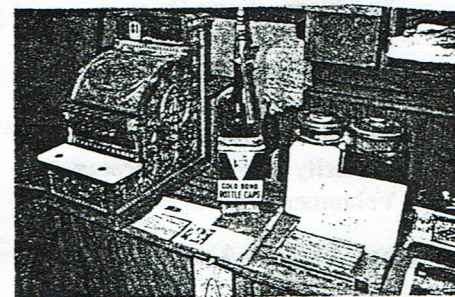
Here is the recipe for lung trouble.

"Take 1 pound whole clean flaxseed and place in a granite kettle, add 3 quarts of cold water, cover tight and boil gently for 2 hours add 6 clean lemons, large ones, sliced very thin and boil half hour longer or until the lemons are very soft keeping tightly covered all the time. Then strain through double white cheese cloth, return syrup to the kettle, add 1 lb. of pure bees honey wax and all braking it up finely, let boil up once or twice, strain again and fill into bottle, keep in cool place.

"To use, start with one teaspoonful 3 times a day before meals and increase until you can stand 1 tablespoonful every 2 hours. Avoid drinking anything for about a half hour after a dose. It may require 2 fillings of this prescription but it will positively cure if minutely followed."

Unfortunately, Rosemary didn't find this recipe until after her Grandmother had died. So she wasn't able to ask her if the cure really worked.

Other readers have called me to share some of their books, or collections of recipes. I'll try to add some new *old* recipes each column, so keep sharing your favorites with me. Every one is unique to me and most of our readers.



The cash register holds the money from the sale of jars, cigars, etc., etc., etc.

~ Thanks ~ Thanks ~ Thanks ~ Thanks ~ Thanks ~ Thanks ~ Thanks ~ Thanks ~

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A City of Over 8,700 People, Electric Light, Fine Water, Clean Parks, Railroads by Six, Mountain & Passenger Trains Daily, Fine Land Reliability, Available for Fruit, in Apples, Peaches, Cherries and all other fruit and berries every for production - 25¢ LIPSA & MARY HOSPITAL, AND CLONE TO GOOD BLANKETS. The beauty has no rock out, and at a CHEAPER PRICE, than in any section of the beautiful Willamette Valley.
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An enticing advertisement
 for Albany
 as it appeared in the 1909
Pacific Monthly publication

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Membership Form

I would like to become a member and receive the quarterly newsletter *Albany Old Times* and a 10% discount on all Albany Regional Museum purchases and events.

Annual membership is June 1 to May 31 Business \$50/yr Family \$15/yr Individual \$10/yr

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

(optional) I would also like to become a Patron \$100 Founder \$5,000 Benefactor \$10,000

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Thank you

"Comprehensive History of Albany, Oregon"

The Albany Regional Museum and the Linn County Historical Society have joined together in looking for volunteers to assist in the development of the "Comprehensive History of Albany, Oregon."

Albany was incorporated as a city in 1864, and it is hoped that this history can be completed in time to commemorate that historic occasion in 2014, its 150th year. If you are an amateur historian, interested in genealogy, want to know more about the community, or can contribute time filing and cataloging, we need your assistance.

Please contact

Jerry Brenneman at 967-7122
or **Glenn Harrison** at 926-4680
to sign up.

Your Museum Needs You
Call 967-7122 &
find out what you can do

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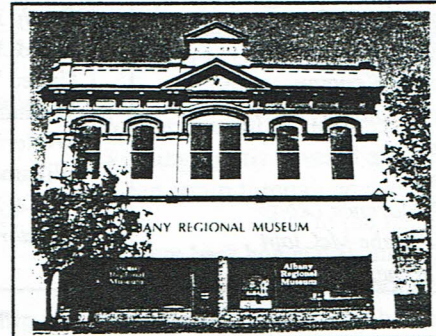
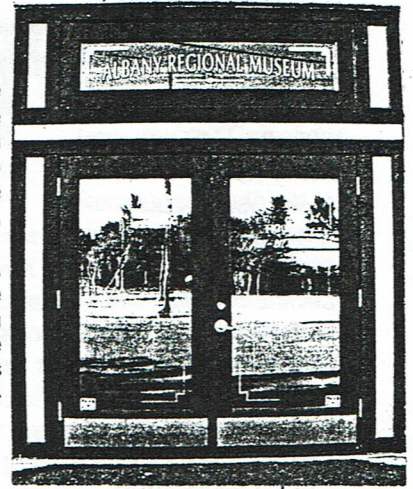
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Refreshments will be served.

The Museum's new paint and
lettering is patterned on the 1912
after-relocation paint scheme.


In the planning are
restoration of the roof finials and
the original street-level store front.

The Museum's
main entrance
is on the
North
(1st Ave.)
side of the
building.

(The A.C.T.
theatre
can be seen
in the
door-glass
relection.)



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