



LELAND HUOT, a former Klickitat County resident, displays two of his 112 coffee mills now on display at the Historical Society museum in Goldendale. Mr. and Mrs. Huot began collecting the mills 12 years ago and their collection is now one of the largest in the Northwest. It will be on display here until October.

Coffee mill collection on display in museum

The Klickitat County Historical Society museum in Goldendale has added for the rest of the season a display of 112 antique coffee mills of the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Huot, former Klickitat County residents. Coffee mills of nearly every size and description are on exhibit.

The Huots began collecting the mills 12 years ago when he had to buy five of them to obtain the "miner's mill," which is a combination grinder, coffee pot and cup. From this beginning, their collection has grown to one of the best in the Northwest.

Their largest mill came from a store torn down during an urban renewal project in Portland. After two years of "dickering," they were finally able to buy it for \$20. In a 1910 Sears Roebuck catalog the Huots have, the mill was advertised for \$4.69.

Another unusual example in the collection is the "bride's mill," which was given to them by Mrs. Helen Imrie of Goodnoe

Hills. It originally was sent to Mrs. Imrie by her grandfather in Germany and it grinds only enough beans for two cups of coffee.

One of the mills is attached to a board that had been bolted to a covered wagon during the trip west. Another interesting mill is of "Tole Ware" called the "None Such Coffee Mill". It was made by the Bronson Co., Cleveland, Ohio, and on the back is printed: "It grinds the easiest; it grinds the most even; it grinds the finest; it's guaranteed".

The Huots also have a fact sheet on coffee describing its origin, chemistry, different kinds, where it is grown and how much is grown and exported by countries throughout the world. According to the fact sheet, Brazil exports about half the world's supply of coffee beans.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Huot are from pioneer families in Klickitat County. His maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ger-

ling, settled in Rock Creek in 1876. His father, Lincoln Huot, settled at a later date in Goodnoe Hills. Mrs. Huot's maternal grandparents, the William Tates, settled in High Prairie in 1884 and her father, Wallace Binford, came here from Indiana in 1888. Her mother, Nelia Tate Binford, taught elementary school for 30 years, six of them in Goldendale and later in Bingen.

The museum is grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Huot for the privilege of displaying the outstanding collection of coffee mills and the board hopes to obtain one or two special exhibits each year, according to Harold Fariello, president.

The coffee mills will be on exhibit in the museum until it closes for the season in October.