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Fort Simcoe at Mool-Mool Restoration Society

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Your Society will hold its fourth annual meeting on April 25, 1957 at 8 p.m., in the new Yakima Valley Museum in Franklin Park on Tieton Drive.

This will be a business and report meeting. Four positions are to be filled on the Board. Albert Culverwell, of Seattle, State Parks and Recreation Commission Historian, will speak on the Fort Simcoe restoration program - the work done to date, the current year's schedule and further plans.

This meeting will also provide our members with an opportunity to inspect the Museum building prior to the formal opening of the splendid structure on May 1.

Most gratifying progress has been made at Fort Simcoe since the restoration was started four years ago under the direction of Historian Culverwell. Your Society takes no little pleasure in the contributions which it has made to the restoration program. These include:

1. The sponsoring of federal legislation that enabled the Yakima Indian Tribe to lease the Fort Simcoe Historical State Park site to the State of Washington for 99 years.
2. The sponsoring of the August 12, 1956 Fort Simcoe Centennial, with the cooperation of the State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Yakima Tribe and the United States Army - which highly successful celebration drew statewide and national attention and, by the interest aroused, helped to assure a continuation of the restoration.
3. The incorporation of the White Swan-Simcoe Road in the State Highway System through the efforts of the Yakima County delegation to the State Legislature, action essential for construction of a standard width, hard-surfaced extension of the route from White Swan.
4. The acquiring of furnishings for the commandant's house and the captains' quarters on Officers Row.
5. The collection of historical data useful in the restoration and for telling the story of Fort Simcoe, the military post.
6. The collection of rarities, pictures and historic pieces for display in the Simcoe Museum, which is to be opened this summer.



SIMCOE BLOCKHOUSE

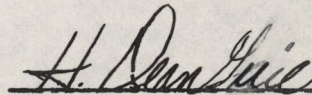
Improvements in the past year have included the complete repair of the commandant's house, repairs to the captains' quarters, repair of the remaining original blockhouse, the rebuilding of two blockhouses, raising of an authentically styled flagpole on the parade ground, installation of a pressure water system, grassing of the parade ground, razing of buildings erected subsequent to the military period, 1856-59, re-routing of the park entrance road and provision of automobile parking lots, and the recovery of the original guardhouse and its removal from White Swan to the fort.

The commandant's house will be opened again to the public on the Memorial Day week end, with the furnishings assembled by Mrs. Helen Crum and assistants again in place.

As there remains a great deal to be done at Fort Simcoe, your Society's task is far from finished. But for the Society's activities and influence, the restoration would not be so well along, and it is imperative that the Society have the sinew and voice to assure continuing state support of the restoration. While no funds were appropriated by the 1957 Legislature for specific work at Simcoe, your Board is advised that substantial work will be done there in the coming biennium.

It is to the interest of every member to enlist new members, to keep the Society strong and properly functioning.

We suggest to our Annual (\$1 dues) members that they join the ranks of our Life members by subscribing to \$10 memberships. We also recommend to all who wish to have a larger share in the Society's program to consider Life memberships at \$10, or Sustaining memberships at \$25.



President

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I wish to help with Fort Simcoe. Here are my dues as follows:

\$ _____ for _____ membership.

Name _____

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