

# Fort Simcoe at Mool-Mool Restoration Society

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## PROGRESS REPORT and ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

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On this ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR of Fort Simcoe, your Society desires to make a brief report of restoration progress, during the three years of the Society's existence. We can announce the following accomplishments:

1. Fort Simcoe made a part of the State Parks System.
2. Superintendent Mathew John has been appointed and an old house rebuilt for his living quarters, on the grounds.
3. Several beyond-repair, later built structures removed.
4. Splendid, modern rest rooms built and are in operation.
5. Crumbling foundations and decaying sills have been replaced with treated timbers, and the Commandant's House fully restored to its original condition, save for interior decoration and furnishings, both of which will be completed soon.
6. A good start on a second Officers House.
7. A flag-pole placed by the Toppenish American Legion.
8. Archeological research and exploration, has unearthed important information highly valuable to authentic restoration.
9. A deep well drilled and proved. Contracts have been let for necessary piping for adequate fire protection, sprinkling and domestic use.
10. Federal legislation obtained resulting in a 99 year lease to the state. An addition of 60 acres of land for a total of 200 acres in the park area. Lease has been given by the Yakima Tribal Council.
11. State legislation secured, that places the road from White Swan to the Fort on the State Highway System. Appropriation for the survey has been obtained, the ground-work necessary for a paved highway to the Park gates.
12. The Parade Grounds graded and seeded, and piped for sprinkling.
13. Five men, under the able supervision of Arnie Salonen, are now at work expertly restoring the buildings, with Dan Hart and District Superintendent.
14. More than \$30,000.00 has already been spent on the restoration, and a similar sum is earmarked for the present biennium.
15. A Furnishings Committee, chairmaned by Mrs. Helen Crum, is at work collecting authentic furnishings for the period 1856-59. Albert Culverwell, State Historian, in charge of Fort Simcoe's restoration, will pass on every piece of furniture and its location, to conform with his research discoveries. (Note: if you know of any such an article, please contact Mrs. Crum)
16. A Committee, Stanley Livingston, Chairman, is now preparing a suitable program for the Centennial Celebration.

Until now, work at the Fort was necessarily of such a nature that the casual observer could see little progress. But from now on, with additional help more rapid progress will be noted. Plans for completion this summer include;

1. Commandant's House fully restored, decorated and furnished.
2. A green Parade Grounds suitably kept.
3. The remaining block house fully restored.
4. The other original three blockhouses of which no sign remains, to be completely rebuilt as exact replicas of the originals, on the exact locations discovered by last summer's archeological research.



SIMCOE BLOCKHOUSE



5. Cleared picnic grounds, amply supplied with tables.
6. Adequate parking facilities provided.
7. The Indian Service expects to build a by-pass road.
8. The later-built, metal-covered buildings removed. (Now in progress)
9. A suitable CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, commemorating Fort Simcoe's ONE HUNDREDTH Birthday to be staged, probably sometime in August 1956.
10. An accelerated publicity program.

YOUR help is needed NOW - this CENTENNIAL YEAR.

1. Check your own membership card. If not a LIFE MEMBER become one if possible. All Annual Memberships are now due.
2. Bring in as many additional memberships as possible. YOUR SINCERE HELP is needed - NOW. LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AT \$10.00, which pays dues FOR LIFE, save book-keeping and postage and are cheaper for the member as well. Annual Memberships cost a dollar per year.
3. Attend the Annual Banquet to be held at Hotel Chinook, Yakima, Monday evening, March 12, 1956, at 7:00 p.m. Send in reservations now.
4. Promote Fort Simcoe by word of mouth, by letters to friends and by taking your guests for a tour of the historic spot.
5. Boost the CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION on August 12, 1956 at every opportunity.

WHY? You may ask.

Fort Simcoe is rapidly becoming accepted throughout the State as potentially the greatest tourist attraction in the Northwest. Whether it does or not, depends upon YOU and me, as citizens sufficiently interested in the valley we have chosen for our homes. The amount of money the State will spend there depends upon the local interest largely.

The proper restoration of Fort Simcoe, important as it is to the State and the Northwest, is of VITAL importance to the Yakima Valley, possibly the most important single project to the future of the valley - our home.

It has three great values, historic, recreation and as a tourist attraction. Every person in the valley can be effected one way or the other.

Your board and officers hereby earnestly and sincerely solicit your whole-hearted support. Will you please fill in the blanks below, attach your check for the amount you indicate, and mail it to Secretary, George M. Martin, 902 Larson Building, Yakima - TODAY? Thanks.

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Tear off and mail to, George Martin Secretary, 902 Larson Building, Yakima.

Save \_\_\_\_\_ places for me at the Fort Simcoe at Mool-Mool Restoration Society's Annual Banquet, at \$ 2.75 each. My check is attached for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am also enclosing my annual dues check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Or for a LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Or - None, because I already hold a LIFE MEMBERSHIP. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am also sending you memberships I have sold to those whom I am listing below WITH ADDRESSES and amounts after each name, for a total amount of

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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