Three Rivers Historical Times
January—February 2016
I know, this is almost February

RULES FOR TEACHERS, 1872
from a book called, "The School That Was"
by Rose Hamlin Tennis

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the daily session.
3. Make your pens carefully. You whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
5. After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of this earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honest.
9. The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

Additionally, the teachers salaries during that time period were:
- Mail rural $11.45 per wk.
- Mail urban $36.63 per wk.
- Woman rural $8.00 per wk.
- Woman urban $12.69 per wk.

They would get their room and board at different homes, normally staying with each family, a week at a time.

Women could not use face powder, had to wear a minimum of two petticoats, and skirts not more than two inches from the floor.

The law required three terms, fall, winter and spring. The fall term was usually a woman teacher because the older children were needed at home. A man teacher was needed for the winter months because he would keep better discipline and could handle the older boys.

No Parent Left Behind
Author unknown. It came to us from our daughter in Idaho, who use to be a teacher. These are real notes written by Parents in a Tennessee school district. (Spellings have been left intact.)

1. My son is under a doctor’s care and should not take PE today. Please execute him.
2. Please exkuce Lisa for being absent she was sick and I had her shot.
3. Dear school: please ecsc’s John being absent on Jan 28,29,30,31,32 and also 33.
4. Please excuse Gloria from Jim today, She is administrating.
5. Please excuse Roland from PE for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.
6. John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.
7. Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.

More to come in the next issue.............
Meet Pia Martinez, Woodlake High School and F.F.A. representative to our board!

For the past two years we have been wanting to have a young person’s opinions and involvement in the Museum experience. Working with Bob Burke and the Woodlake High School staff at having a representative to our board and we think we have found just the right one. Actually, she found us with the help of her Mother, Shirley Martinez, Postmistress at Three Rivers. Pia has already volunteered and helped with a couple of our events over the past few months and we were so impressed that we thought she would make a wonderful representative. So here is a little bit about Pia:

Hi, my name is Pia Martinez. I live in Woodlake with my parents Richard and Shirley Martinez. I am a sophomore at Woodlake High School where I am involved in Future Farmers of America. I currently hold the office of the 2015 -2016 Historian and 2015-2016 Sentinel. I am an active member of the citrus judging team and Ag issues team. I will be showing rabbits at the Tulare County Fair this September. I am also involved in Theater Arts, Swimming, and several school clubs. I enjoy volunteering at the Three Rivers Historical Museum and look forward to meeting new people and learning more about Three Rivers.

TRHS has lost two very special people!

In the past 5 months we have lost Janine Chilcott and Chan Wilcox. Both cared about people, community and our museum. Their human kindness and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

We could use your help

We are in need of additional volunteers/docents to help with our visitors.

- Some knowledge of area required.
- 3 to 4 hour shifts; 2 to 4 days per month.
- Enjoy meeting and talking with visitors from around the world.
- Willing to help out at our museum events.
- TRAINING IS PROVIDED.

We have a finance committee

With the passing of Chan Wilcox we have a need for a financial advisor for our finance committee. This is a position from our community and is not required to be a board member but would like to help oversee our finances. This is a committee that makes recommendations to the board of directors and helps in locating grants and developing fund raising opportunities. The committee meets once each month.

If you think you might be that person that has a few hours each month to help us preserve our history and keep our finances in order, then you need to contact Tom Marshall at 561-4085.

A final note from the board president

I can only please one person per day.
Today is not your day.
Tomorrow doesn’t look good either!

"Three Decades, Two Uniforms"

“I had my first girlfriend in the 6th grade. She was a little red haired girl and played the accordion. I would go to the street that she took to go home and throw crab apples at her to show her how much I liked her.”

That is but one little entry in Clancy’s book, “Three Decades, Two Uniforms”. Besides being a new author, Clancy is an accomplished artist and has some wonderful pieces available when you come by for his book signing.

Clancy will be doing a reading from his book

Saturday, February 6th
1:00pm to 3:00pm
MINERAL KING ROOM
The Mineral King Room construction project is a reality. We start construction Feb 1st and hope to be finished by late April or early May. We'll keep you informed as we go. Look for a 'big grand opening' date.

MINERAL KING BRIDGE PROJECT
M375A Mineral King Bridge Project: the bridge is an approximately 108 foot long structure across the East Fork of the Kaweah River. The existing bridge was constructed in 1923 and is considered a historic resource. Tulare County, in cooperation with CALTRANS proposes to replace and/or rehabilitate the existing bridge.

In an effort to engage the public early in the design process, Tulare County will provide a brief presentation during the:
- Community Plan meeting
  February 8, 2016 at 6:00pm.
  Three Rivers Memorial Building.

The presentation will include alternatives, project schedule, and future community meetings.

Please support efforts to rehabilitate our historic bridge and like the slogan of the Three Rivers Historical Society says:

"Preserving the past for future generations"

SEQUOIA SHUTTLE STOP
For the 2nd year now, we have been selected to be one of two stops in Three Rivers for the shuttle that goes from Visalia to Giant Forest in Sequoia Park. In fact we learned that of the several stops it makes including Visalia, we are the 3rd or 4th busiest stop.

HERITAGE TRAIL
We now have a new "Heritage Trail" that starts at the Native-American huts in front of the Museum and winds around behind the building, across behind the Bequette House over to the West end of the property. The entire trail was built for us by CALFIRE, using a local crew here and a fire camp crew from the Springville area. It is 885 feet (.269 km) long and includes a portion of the original Mineral King Road which is the dirt road that goes through the property. We will be adding historical information signs and benches along the trail. In addition we are building a replica of the first saloon in Three Rivers on the original site of the saloon.

SOME REPAIRS TO BUILDING
Sky lights are nice in a building but can also be a pain in the 'antique's.' Over the past two years we have been putting up with some leaks from the skylights and now have decided to remove them. The work is being done by Scott Sherwood from Southern Sierras Construction. Work will start the first week of February and should take a couple of weeks. If there is a humorous side to this situation. Last week Dody was sitting at her computer in the office area with an umbrella over her head. No joke!

Artifact of the Month
February 2016
Wooden Snow Shovel
This snow shovel dates into the 1800's
It was donated to the museum by Nell Perry.
It is currently hanging on the wall at the Museum
### 2016 Historical Society & Museum Events

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### A MARVELOUS IDEA

The following is from Thelma Crain’s book “Sunbeams & Buzzards”

Dear Connie:

Since I last spoke with you, I have thought of an ingenious way to pass the time and relieve boredom. It was such a marvelous idea and did not require an excessive amount of effort to execute and in turn was quite amazing, once you thought of it. I don’t really know how I came to think of it except that my mind was free of any encumbrances and it just popped in.

Now if I can remember what it was that attracted my attention. Gracious, at the minute I believe I have forgotten what it was. Well, anyway, here is another thing I thought up while I was taking a nap recently and it is equally as fascinating as the former and I think you will be interested in hearing it because it is something that would greatly benefit humanity, if anything could.

Now what was it?? Drat, I do believe I have forgotten what it was also. As I faintly remember or don’t remember it had something to do with cooking or on the other hand maybe coal mining or raising chickens. Well, anyway, surely it will come to me if I try to stop thinking about it. Oh yes, I remember what it was. No, that’s not it. Well, I will contact you if I think of it.