Listed below are the officers of our society for the year 1979 and 1980:
The Western Montana Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 8946, Missoula, MT 59807
President - Joyce Kemmer, Vice President - Gail Ranstrom,
Recording Secretary - Pat Darling, Corresponding Secretary - Paulette Parpart,
Treasurer - Carol Israel, Librarian - Corinne Florin.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Friends and Members,

Here we are approaching a new year for our genealogical society, with more learning experiences.

I hope your summer has been a good one. If it was as busy as ours you'll be glad for school to start and for things to get back to normal.

The second "World Conference on Records" was held in Salt Lake City August 12 thru the 15th. It was a tremendous experience for all those from our area who attended.

Spencer W. Kimball, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints announced a new genealogical library and a new church museum and arts center on West Temple within the next two years. To accommodate church members and friends of the world the present offices in the church office building do not take care of the number of patrons now using the facility.
Alex Haley was honored with two standing ovations. There was much respect for the man and his accomplishments. He heard the oral histories of his ancestors over and over from his grandmother and aunts. His cousin George spurred him on. He then became so engrossed with writing he would even write at breakfast. He stated "that a things success was not due to the author or artist but because of the response of the public to a thing." He told us he was going to "try to sound like he knew something about genealogy". He also stated that like everyone else just drive from within and he would uncover one clue after another with persistent effort. I felt another reason he was so successful is we all like to hear of the success stories of the winners.

There were experts there from all over the world. A rewarding experience.

Our public library project on the indexing of the Missoulian has been at a slow pace because of the summer. My plea is can we start again with renewal effort. It is such a fun, and interesting experience. It is not hard and only takes a little time. The rewards are great. Let's not let anyone be able to say of us "they didn't finish what they started". Be sure to put B for births, D for deaths, M for marriages and DIV for divorces. The reference librarian will help you all they can.

We'll be seeing you September the 11th.

Your President
Joyce Kemmer

COMING EVENTS

The Montana Genealogy Societies will have a State Seminar on Oct. 4, 1980. It will be hosted by the Great Falls Genealogy Society and held in the Conservatory of Paris Gibson Square, 1400 1st Ave., N. beginning at 9:30 A.M. The registration fee is $6.00 per person and includes lunch. Topics to be presented during the day's activities will be of interest to both beginning and experienced genealogists. Darliene Seeman is the seminar coordinator.

The program for the Western Montana Genealogical Society for the September meeting will be Mr. Dennis Richards, librarian at the University of Montana, speaking on the government index on family records. Mr. Richards presented this program in August of 1980 at the World Conference on Records in Salt Lake City, Utah.

CURRENT PROJECT

The indexing of vital statistics in the Missoulian is our project and more time from volunteers is needed. The reference librarian furnishes the bound volume, gives instruction and furnishes the 3 x 5 cards on which the entries are made. Sample:

Name: SMITH, John G (Alberton)
Date of Death: July 4, 1931
Newspaper: D
City of residence: 
Page number: 7: 4
Column number: 

Please print and designate the event with the following abbreviations:
Births = B, Marriage = M, Divorce = Div, Deaths = D. In cases of a marriage, be sure to make an entry under the bride's maiden name as well as her married name.
KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

Each membership will receive a number of identification. This will save on typing and printing costs. Charter members will have a "C" preceding their numbers.

C-1  Wanda Alsaker, 108 Jackson, Missoula, MT  59801
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From the Editors:

We are looking for ideas as to what you as members would be interested in concerning future programs, speakers or workshops. Please contact Phyllis Duncan, 2622 Arcadia, or Marlene Lundin, 5615 Gharrett both of Missoula.

Due to the longevity of our list of members, the newsletter in future issues will hopefully include a section listing the books at our library, books for use but only in a person's private home, points of interest, history section, book reviews and other goodies.