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YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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DAYTON EVAPORATING COMPANY

Granulated potatoes pictured above along with the granulated soup vegetables label pictured on the back of this issue are only two of the many products processed by the Dayton Evaporating Co. at its plant in Dayton. Established in the 1890's the company specialized in the production of dehydrated soup mixes which found a ready (concluded on back page)

Event-----January Meeting
When-----Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 P.M.
Where-----Dundee Community Hall

Speaker and program are being arranged

Officers for 1975

		term ends
President.....	Chester Hall.....	1976
Vice-President.....	Charles N. Teegarden.....	1975
Recording Secretary...	Mrs. Mildred S. Renne.....	1976
Treasurer.....	Dr. J.A. Jonasson.....	1976
Financial Secretary...	Mrs. Florence M. Bridenstine.....	1975
Membership Secretary..	Mrs. Marie B. Winters.....	1975
Directors.....	Elton F. Jones.....	1975
	Ernest B. Shelburne.....	1976
	Laurence E. Schreiber.....	1977
	Mrs. Dorothy W. Gunness.....	1978

Membership Classes: Non-voting, voting, Honorary. Non-voting, persons under 18 years of age. Voting, persons 18 years old and older:
Annual, Life, Honorary: Sponsor, Donor, Patron, and Benefactor.

Dues: Non-Voting, \$1.00 per calendar year payable in advance;
 Voting, \$2.00 per calendar year payable in advance, or
 Life, a single payment of \$50.00; or
 Sponsor, a single payment of \$500 to \$999.99; or
 Donor, a single payment of \$1,000 to \$2,499.99; or
 Patron, a single payment of \$2,500 to \$4,999.99; or
 Benefactor, a single payment of \$5,000 or above.

Dues are payable to the Financial Secretary and may be mailed to her

1975 dues are now due:
 Mrs. Florence M. Bridenstine
 1029 East 4th St.
 McMinnville, Ore. 97128

MUSEUM NEWS

Museum open Friday and Saturday 1:00 to 4:30 or will meet groups anytime phone 472-7935. Had brownies and a group of boy scouts -- also fire departments of the valley when Lafayette firemen were host. They were impressed with our collection.

Have had good attendance, some say they voted for our measure in the November election. There are some new families in Lafayette. Two abstracts came in from Mrs. Shumaker property in McMinnville. A abstract property donation land claim W.T. Newby and wife to Samuel Cozine and wife October 18, 1858. Samuel Cozine and wife sold to Jeremiah Rowland in 1858.

A cub scout group visited on November 19. Thanks to Mr. Stoller for starting the furnace.

Roma Sitton 472-7935

YAMHILL COUNTY'S FIRST GRIST MILL

by
Ruth Stoller

The 1850 census of Yamhill County listed four sawmills but only one grist-mill -- the Perkins' grist-mill. It was on the upper reaches of the North Yamhill River and apparently was the first grist-mill in Yamhill County. I have found no record or references to an earlier grist-mill.

John Perkins was a millwright by trade and came west with the immigration of 1844. When he arrived at Whitman's Mission near Walla Walla he was persuaded by Dr. Whitman to spend the winter at the mission rebuilding and operating the Mission's grist-mill.

The following spring John Perkins arrived in the Willamette Valley and soon settled on the North Yamhill River. His land claim was just south and east of Pike. When gold was discovered in California in 1848, Perkins joined most of the men of the valley and went south to the mines. He spent nine months in the gold fields and on his return he went into partnership with his father, Eli Perkins, on the building of a sawmill and grist-mill. Both mills were in operation in 1850.

One of the township maps of the early surveys of donation land claims shows the site of the two mills. This map was made in 1852 and, according to it, the mills were side by side on the North Yamhill River about a mile west of Pike.

A great deal of flour was taken by Spanish pack trains from this mill to the southern mines. These would have been the newly discovered mines in southern Oregon and northern California.

By 1860 the mill had been sold to J.J. McCoy and soon after that McCoy moved the grist-mill to a site on the North Yamhill River about two miles due west of the town of Yamhill. Sometime later McCoy sold the mill to a man by the name of Stanley (or Standley) and at a still later date it came into the hands of D.P. Trullinger.

The Trullingers owned the mill from the early 1870's until the time that the mill was discontinued -- well into the 20th century.

Many of the artifacts from the old mill were saved by the Eustace family of Yamhill. Mrs. Eustace was a Trullinger descendent. The Yamhill County Historical Museum was very fortunate to have been given many of these things by Mr. Eustace and his family after the death of Mrs. Eustace a few years ago. At least one of the original mill stones is now placed in the museum garden. John Perkins first mill stones were supposed to have come from the Whitman Mission, but no one seems to know just when and how he acquired them.

Among the things from the old grist-mill, that are on display at the Museum are two stencils used to mark the flour sacks -- one has the McCoy name on it and the other has Stanley's.

market in Alaska during the gold rush era and for many years later when weight was an important item in back packing to remote areas.

For over forty years the Dayton Evaporating Company was one of the main industries of Dayton hiring many women for the preparation of various vegetables for dehydration. Fruit and vegetables were processed from throughout the valley. At that time there were numerous apple orchards in Yamhill county and the making of Vinegar was one of the companys main products. Owned and operated by Mr. D.A. Snyder the plant served the community well until new methods of food handling and the passing of Mr. Snyder finally forced the closing of the operation.

Ray Albright



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