

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BULLETIN OF THE YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Membership in the Yamhill County Historical Society is open to all. We earnestly solicit your active participation in the activities of the society.

Membership dues are: Junior membership \$1.00 per calendar year
Adult membership \$2.00 per calendar year
Life Membership, \$50.00

Payment may be made to the Financial Secretary:
Mrs. Florence M. Eridonstine
1029 East 4th St.
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Museum located at 66h and Market St. in Lafayette is open Friday and Saturday afternoon in the winter and Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons in the Summer, check with Mrs. Sitton for the hours.

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The following newspaper item was found at the Oregon Historical library in an old scrapbook that had once been kept by Mary Watson Hill of Dayton. Mary Watson had married Frank Hill in 1872. There is no way of knowing from which newspaper it was clipped, but it may have been from Magail Scott Duniway's own newspaper, THE NEW NORTHWEST, which she edited and published from 1871-1887, using it as her voice for woman's suffrage. The article was signed by her.

Portland, June 4, 1883

Lafayette and her environs are enrobed in a prodigal profusion of living green. Many of the old landmarks have entirely disappeared, and in their places have come up new improvements in keeping with the progressive spirit of the times. The palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. Burbank, the beautiful residence of Dr. Littlefield, the cozy cottages of Dr. Calbreath, Frank O'Connor and Dr. Watts, the neat white cottage of the Keltys', nestled in a wilderness of bloom and shade, and the pretty and cozy little houses of the Hendersons, Poppletons, Johnsons, Careys, Gates, Chrismans, Hembrees, Ilds, Vesterfields, and many others who favor the equal rights cause, furnish indisputable refutation of the theory that the Woman Suffrage element has no regard for home.

The Cooke farmhouse on the hill across the river has lost its characteristic coat of white and donned the drab habiliments of advancing years. The Cooke farm is a model establishment, indoors and out, and one well worthy the emulation of thousands of farmers whose aim to work and manage from year to year only to discover what it is in the way of luxury or even comfort that they best can get along without. Farmers and farmers' wives too often live, grow old and die in a ceaseless struggle to increase acres. wjocj they will leave behind at death for heirs to quarrel over.

Lafayette is just now under a very thick financial cloud, the result of the Winter freeze-out in the surrounding wheat fields. Farmers who sold their wheat last Fall for 80 cents per bushel were obliged to re-seed their fields this Spring with wheat purchased from abroad at a heavy premium. A few hundred dollars of extra expense falls heavily upon most any farmer, rather, upon his wife and daughters, who are expected to economize efficiently in their departments to make the deficit good. We hear of no man who has given up his pipe or tobacco because of the freeze-out, but accidents are quite common wherein women have foregone their Summer milliner and the usual amount of current literature on account of it.

Merchants feel the stagnation in business quite as sensibly as farmers, for when the latter do not trade or pay up the former are pressed by wholesale houses. And so it goes. The farm is the basis of all industry and the center of all prosperity, and business languishes in every direction when the products of the farm are out of market.

A.S.D.

Many of the homes that are mentioned above are still standing--ninety years later. "The neat white cottage of the Keltys" (The Robb home) is still nestled in a wilderness of bloom and shade. The Dr. Littlefield residence has been painted and fixed up. The cozy cottages of Dr. Watts and Dr. Calbreath are still being lived in. The Gates' house is just west of the Museum and, although much altered, is still in a fine state of preservation. "The cozy little houses" of the Chrismans, the Hembrees, and the Vesterfields are still with us, and the Cook farmhouse "of advancing years" is still on the hill across the river. "The palatial home" of the Burbanks burned in about 1914 while A. P. Fletcher was living in it.

Ruth Stoller

Event: November meeting.
When: Monday November 10, 1975
Where: Carlton-Yamhill High School, Yamhill
Speaker: Carlton-Yamhill students will give the
Program, the theme will be the Bicentennial.

Please note: This time only the meeting will be held on Monday Nov. 10th. Reason Tuesday is a legal holiday and the schools will be closed. Drive to the rear of the High School and there is plenty of parking space there. Remember the Potluck at 7:00 P.M. and the program and business meeting at 8:00 P.M. Bring lots of good eats and a friend that is interested in the history of Yamhill county.

MUSEUM NOTES

New donation land claim maps are at the Museum now, \$2.50 each. Mr. Fields gave us boxes of Christmas greeting folders -ones you add a photo. New hours at the Museum -- Saturday and Sunday 1:00 to 4 30 for the winter months. Group tours anytime call 472-7935.

Dr. Rev. Charles S. Poling son of C.C. Poling who built our Museum building died in Phoenix Arizona October 10. He was born in Lafayette December 22 1892. He was pastor of several large churches in the Nation. He was recipient of many honors author of two books of fiction and one of poems. He was a recognized authority on the American Constitution. He visited the Museum in 1973 and was pleased his fathers church was preserved as a Museum.

Roma Sitton

John Odell settled near Dayton in 1851. Previous to his coming to Oregon he had established the "Nebo Chapel" in Indiana. About 1857 he built the first church in the Dayton area which he named the Ebenezer Chapel. For many years this was a regular appointment of the Yamhill Circuit of the Methodist Church.

Not many years after the chapel was built it was destroyed by fire and later was rebuilt. Later it merged with the Webfoot Church. Today Ebenezer Chapel still stands covered with berry vines, brush and poison oak on the Charlie Carr farm south of Dayton.