



Yamhill County Museum, 6th and Market Street, Lafayette, Oregon

# COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

DATE: Tuesday September 11, 1979, 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Senior Citizen and Youth Center, Second and Adams Streets,  
Lafayette, Oregon

POTLUCK: Bring your own service

PROGRAM: Josephine Wascher will be our speaker for the evening.  
She taught in the Lafayette schools for many years and  
retired when the students were sent to McMinnville.

### MUSEUM NOTES

We have had a good tourist season, many local people also. There have been several good donations as well as book sales. Tourist season closes September 10th; then we will be open Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. or by appointment any time for schools, clubs, etc.

We have finished mulching the grounds with bark mulch and have some care to shrubs to do yet.

We have a new Museum Farm and Tool sign on our new building. Also one on the Museum with history of construction in 1892 by Rev. C. C. Poling, when purchased by Yamhill County Historical Society in 1969, etc. They are very nice and make the museum well marked.

The Carlton Library closed it's doors and gave us two sets of book shelves and many Oregon books and books by Oregon authors such as Victoria Case and brother, and Mrs. McCall, a set of Gaston reference books and many others. Many thanks to the ladies of the Carlton Library. We still have school desks to sell and many "Old Yamhill" books. We are still gathering school photos and history of students and teachers.

We are pleased to be able to meet in the new building of the Senior Citizen and Youth Center in Lafayette. Many hours of work have gone into this project to get it completed and it is a beautiful facility. Come to the meeting and see it.

For appointment at Museum, call 472-7935.

Roma Sitton

Lafayette's last weekly newspaper was the "WEEKLY VISITOR" published there for a short while in 1913-1914. In the October 13, 1913 issue I found a charming little essay on "OLD YAMHILL".

#### "OLD YAMHILL" IN AUTUMN

No artist ever conceived a more beautiful picture than can be seen from the hills near Lafayette on any clear day. Dame Nature has dipped her artist brush in all the colors of the rainbow and painted the landscape in colors of beauty that defy all effort at description. It would be hard to beat Yamhill County for scenes of tranquil beauty, green fields and evergreen forests, at any time of the year. But when the green of summer is turned to the purple and gold of autumn and the red-cheeked apples hang in mellow clusters from a thousand orchards, while the mild soft sunlight falls in splendor over the scene, made more beautiful by contrast with groups of evergreen interspersed, you have a picture such as none but God could paint.

But not alone for her beauty is "Old Yamhill" queen. She has more than this to offer. Nowhere are the barns and graineries of the farmer filled to overflowing as here, nowhere do the orchards bend with a greater weight of luscious fruit and nowhere can an endless variety of produce be grown to better advantage. Whether it be corn or clover, vetch or kale, onions or potatoes, apples or peaches, they will be found growing in luxuriant profusion, a very riot of vegetation.

One thing more: A climate mild, equable and delightful, where the rain and the sunshine can be truly said to meet to make up the golden year. Some may complain of the rains in winter, but, as a rule, they are not excessive, and then we miss the snows and cold of many less fortunate states. Go to thou grumbler. Behold how beautiful the land in which thy lot is cast!

Things haven't changed a great deal in the last sixty six years in Yamhill County, have they? The huge apple orchards that covered the hills just to the east of Lafayette are gone, but the rest of the country is about the same.

Ruth Stoller