



YAMHILL COUNTY

HISTORICAL

SOCIETY

Yamhill County Museum, One and a Half Miles East of Amity, Oregon

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
DATE: Tuesday, February 12, 1980 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: First Christian Church, 1300 Brooks St., McMinnville, Oregon
POTLUCK: Bring your own table service
PROGRAM: Barbara Knutson, "Early History of Sheridan"

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MUSEUM NEWS

Work on the showcases completed, we will have a beautiful case of Indian baskets and other small articles. Thanks to Henry Nieman for his work. We have several cases in the tool barn to clean and repair.

Dayton people are coming to get pictures and news articles for their Centennial Program this year.

Students at Cook School are also searching materials for a booklet of history for their program. We are glad to help if we can.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN UMBRELLA STAND. We still have ten boxes of books to sell - would each of you members and friends of the society sell one or two for us. The fund supports your Historical Society Museum.

We still have school desks and books to sell. These are from Dist. 7 at Briedwell Station, Amity.

Many thanks to Mr. Stoller for moving the showcases from the Walker Farm out of Amity and Mr. Walker for the cases. They had been in the Broadmead Store years ago, then stored at Walker Farm.

We have some new officers, please give them your support. We look for a busy summer this year. Clubs and schools call 472-7935 for appointments as we are only open Saturdays and Sundays otherwise.

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HISTORY NOTES

Our program this month is one that was given at a recent meeting of a women's group in Sheridan. It was such an interesting presentation on the early history of Sheridan by Barbara Knudsen, that we were anxious to have her give it to our group as soon as possible. The program features old pictures that belong to Miss Lillian Bewley, a descendant of one of Sheridan's oldest families.

The Bewleys arrived in Oregon in 1847 and lost a son in the Whitman Massacre. A daughter, Esther, was held captive by the Indians, along with others who were living with the Whitmans, until Peter Skeen Ogden of the Hudson Bay Company engineered their release. The father of the Bewley children died at The Dalles on the way down the Columbia. The mother later married James Graves and settled in the Sheridan area before 1850. Esther Bewley married William Chapman who also settled near Sheridan. Part of Sheridan lies on the Chapman claim and both the Chapmans and the Bewleys were prominent in early Yamhill County history.

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NOTES FROM OTHERS

The genealogy group now has a name - YAMHILL COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY - and will elect interim officers at it's monthly meeting, Saturday, February 2, 1980, McMinnville Public Library. All who are interested are welcome to attend.

The YAMHILL CHAPTER, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION and the YAMHILL COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY will jointly have a display of materials and be there to help you with any questions on looking up or recording your family history on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 28, 29 and March 1, 1980 during the regular business hours of the Book Shop. See you there at 334 3rd St., McMinnville. Contact Ione Kilgore, 472-7144 or Julie Jones, 472-6226 if you have questions.

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