



# COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

## YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 1980 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: First Baptist Church, 546 W. Main St., Carlton, Oregon

POTLUCK: Bring your own table service

PROGRAM: A play "SETTLERS KLISMAS", read by author, Marcella Rawe. This play is based on a story told her that took place a little bit north of Yamhill. Mrs. Rawe is a retired music and drama teacher who has written and published about 32 plays, most of which are historical.

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Someone at the last meeting took a dark blue coat belonging to Mrs. Laurence Schreiber, leaving a similar one in it's place. Please bring it back for exchange at the next meeting or phone Mrs. Schreiber, 472-5206.

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### MUSEUM NEWS

With a new roof and paint on the steeple of our building, we think of house cleaning and making more room for the display of donations. You may be asked to donate some TIME. There are some donations of articles for a blacksmith shop and they will be gathered soon.

Our postcards with photo of Museum Buildings in color have been ordered. Message will be on the card with history on back. These have been asked for by visitors for some time.

Did you sell a book this month? They are the monies to support our program. We have approximately 500 to sell, please help.

I visited the Cook School "Old Timers Day". I displayed cast iron articles, there were quilts, carding, spinning wool, Indian articles and many other pioneer articles. The children learned much by seeing these articles and telling them the use of each. They need to come to the Museum and see more of these things, but there is no gas for student tours this year.

We still need an umbrella stand.

Would you like to make a tax deductible donation to the Museum to help with our reroofing? Eight thousand dollars will be a big drain on our finances. The steeple is being painted by the roofers while they were up doing other repair jobs. Its looking good. Our next big expense will be a paint job on the Museum as its peeling real bad in places.

If anyone would like to help on Sunday openings, call 472-7935.

ROMA SITTON

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## HISTORY NOTES

The acknowledged forerunner of the town of Carlton was a place called Mountain House. Mountain House acquired a post office on October 19, 1866 with Charles W. Cogle (or Cagle?) as its first postmaster. Contrary to the information in OREGON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES the first location of this post office was several miles west of present Carlton and not two miles (west of Carlton). The deeds and records in the county courthouse show that Cogle bought his mountain property (up Panther Creek) some time before 1866. About 1868 or 1869 this property changed hands. It was purchased by James L. Hembree and the deed to Hembree refers to it as the Mountain House property. I am quite certain that Hembree did nothing with the Mountain House and that it must have soon fallen into disrepair.

The Mountain House postoffice was officially moved to the home of Wilson Carl on November 9, 1868. This was just two miles west of Carlton. During the time Carl had the post office, Mountain House was considered a thriving little place. The Rev. Gustavus Hines in his book OREGON AND ITS INSTITUTIONS, published about 1869, gives a description of Yamhill County and its towns. He writes about Lafayette, Dayton, and McMinnville and then adds: The other places of note in this county are Amity, Mountain House, North Yamhill, Sheridan and West Chehalem.

In January of 1874 Lewis C. Thompson became postmaster of Mountain House. This would probably have moved the postoffice a mile or so farther west. In July of the same year (1874) Carlton postoffice was established and in November of 1874 the Mountain House postoffice was officially terminated.

RUTH STOLLER

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