

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY DECEMBER 14th, 1982 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Christian Church, 2831 N. Newby, McMinnville, Oregon
POTLUCK: Bring your own service
PROGRAM: Robert Kuykendall will update the history of the Yamhill County Historical Society in the first 25 years. This should be an informative program. Don't miss it!

MUSEUM NEWS

Our meeting at Newberg in November to show pictures of the Champoeg Pageant was very good. We have had several groups of visitors to the museum in the past few weeks and our weekend turnout has been good too.

We have been organized 25 years this month. Robert Kuykendall is to give the history for our program. We have made extensive growth during these years and I am sure you will be pleased with the program.

We have a book with names of our members who have passed on. Our "memorial file" will be on display-- also a list of our life members.

A total of more than 5000 articles are in our possession in the museum. A vast majority of these relate to Yamhill County and its pioneers. This represents over 12 years of collecting and people seem to be pleased we have a place to save and store these articles. There will be some improvements in our displays soon.

If you know of a group that would like to visit the museum on weekdays give me a call for an appointment, otherwise the winter hours are in effect. Open Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m..

ROMA STIFON

HISTORY NOTES

Back in the 1880's, Yamhill County had its own version of the "Big Foot." Although the beast was different, the story was the same. No one had really seen anything but the tracks, but those were familiar to many people.

Hunting was always a popular sport in Yamhill County, and one of the favorite spots all through the years has been the Fairdale area and what was later known as the Meadowlake area. The Petch Mill, mentioned below, was near Fairdale.

The following news item was published in the Telephone Register for August 10, 1888.

"Old Big Foot" the elk with the large track has been heard from again. His track has been seen in a band of about 50 that crossed the trail above Petch's Mill last week. Mr. Keyes thought he had killed the old fellow but his peculiar track is seen once more. The elk has never been seen by any living person although his track is familiar to every man who ever hunted in the mountains. From all signs he is a monster.

Submitted by RUTH STOLLER

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It is now time to begin thinking about paying your 1983 dues. They are \$3.00 per individual and can be mailed to Mrs. Evelyn Nieman, 1501 S. Baker St., McMinnville, Oregon 97128. If you would like to become a member (affiliate) with the Oregon Historical Society please enclose an additional \$10.00 per person.

