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- SUMMER
- MUSEUM HOURS: SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS
1 - 4 o'clock
(except by appointment)

Built in 1892 by Rev. C. C. Poling, Ph.D., president of Lafayette Seminary, the Yamhill County Historical Society purchased the building in 1969 for a museum. It is open every Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4:30, plus 4 days a week during the tourist season.

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

APRIL YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1988
newsletter

MEETING: Tuesday evening, April 12, at Community Christian Church, 2831 N. Newby, McMinnville.

POT LUCK SUPPER at 7 o'clock. Bring own table service. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PROGRAM: Julie Kolar, historic preservation specialist for Yamhill County, will bring an update on the county historic survey.

Notes by Roma Sitton, MUSEUM CURATOR Phone 472-7935

I have sold ten pews to a church in Dayton, and there are four left to sell. We are still looking for a 10' show case with 3 shelves. We have no space for the Lizzie Perkins donations, which were displayed at our last meeting, and were the subject of a feature article by Elaine Rhose in the "News-Register." Our Memorial Book is filling fast. . . We need new members, so many of our older ones have passed on. A visitor from Carlton expects to join us soon. . . We have been invited to take part in the Willamette Ceramics Guild Art Center in April, featuring historic potteries in Oregon. They take private or museum materials. I have several pieces of Oregon pottery. Anyone wishing to participate, write or call the Corvallis Art Center, at 700 SW Madison St., Corvallis, 97333. . . Memorial School has an appointment for a group of children to visit the Museum. It will soon be time to keep open Wednesdays through Sundays, afternoons. Please offer to serve an afternoon a week, and let me know so that it can be scheduled. . . I will soon need a replacement. My eyes are growing dimmer as time goes on. . . Have a good summer. Plant lots of garden and flowers!

The Historical Society has urgent needs: the Board is short a member with the incapacitation of Austin Bowen. We are in need of a program chairman. Mrs. Sitton is looking forward to retirement so there must be a new curator and keeper of the Museum.

On the reverse is the beginning of an article that appeared in the NEWBERG ENTERPRISE on May 21, 1915, about Roy Hanville and his mail route east of Newberg. (Compiled by Ruth Stoller, historian)

The first rural free mail delivery in the United States was made in West Virginia in 1896. Farmers' organizations, especially the National Grange, had lobbied Congress to provide money for free delivery of mail to rural areas. It took until 1917 to extend the service to most of the rural areas of the United States. The biggest growth came in the early 1900s. This was the period during which most of the rural routes in Yamhill County were established. One of the early ones was out of the Dayton postoffice. The following newspaper items come from the June 15, 1900 issue of the DAYTON HERALD.

"Dayton now has a rural mail route. The service commenced on Monday with Charles Saunders as carrier. The route is 18 miles in length. It runs out the Amity and Dayton Prairie Road to the Starr Place and from there to Pleasantdale on the Wheatland road. All have taken boxes along the route with the exception of two men."

"G.B. Abdill is now engaged in making mail boxes for residents along the rural delivery route. Up to the present time one hundred boxes have been ordered. He makes the boxes out of galvanized iron with the initial letters U.S.M. painted on them."

Several years ago Della Hanville Osburn of Newberg gave us a clipping from the May 21, 1915 issue of the NEWBERG ENTERPRISE about her father who was one of Newberg's early rural mail carriers.

OUT WITH A RURAL CARRIER

Twenty-One Mile Ride With Uncle Sam's Mail Wagon

By permission from Postmaster Larkin the Enterprise editor took a ride over rural route No.2 Friday with Mr. Roy L. Hanville, whose district takes in Parrett mountain with its elevation of something over 1200 feet. Probably nowhere can more Picturesque scenery be found. On a clear day Mounts Hood, Adams, Jefferson, St. Helens and two of the Sisters may be seen. For miles one sees farms and orchards and hopfields with attractive homes and farm buildings giving evidence of industry and prosperity.

Mr. Hanville serves 144 families and his route covers 21 miles. For a mile and a half he laps over onto a Sherwood route and coming into town he travels for a mile or so over the Portland road which is also covered by Carrier Enos Ellis of Route No.3. On these delivery routes boxes of various designs are found but the carriers prefer the one patented and sold by the Page Fence Co., as being the most convenient. In several instances boxes were in a dilapidated condition.

(To be continued)