



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

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1 - 4 o'clock only
after September 11

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.

SEPTEMBER

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1988

MEETING: Tuesday EVENING, September 13, Community Christian Church, 2831 Newby St., McMinnville.

POT LUCK SUPPER: 7 o'clock. Bring own table service. Visitors welcome.

The evening is to be devoted primarily as a Retirement and Happy Birthday occasion honoring Roma Sitton, who has been the "push" behind the Historical Society and keeper of the Museum these 19 years since its beginnings. There is a fine feature article in the August 19 "News-Register" about Roma. In detracting attention from herself, Roma has lined up a program for this meeting. Mrs. Anna Reddick will be showing slides of houses and their styles.

FALL MUSEUM HOURS will be SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS only after September 11.

A Board of Directors meeting is scheduled, after which officers will be forthcoming with the reorganizing of responsibilities.

MUSEUM NOTES

In spite of hot weather, we have had good attendance this summer. The school house "Museum Mall" has been a good factor in our good group of visitors. As Lafayette was the first town in Yamhill County, it is worth saving as the beginning of the County. Too bad the county seat was ever moved. After several letters the city park was named "Joel Perkins Park" after the man whose donation land claim was the city of Lafayette. He donated a city park as he plotted the town. . . I have had the boy in our house clean the weeds and morning glories from the yard and around the Museum building. . . When Laurence Schreiber passed on the Farm Tool building came to a standstill. Men are needed to carry on -- clean and straighten articles. . . This is to be my last news letter. I will miss the Museum connections and the lovely people I have met and will be glad to help whoever replaces me. I have enjoyed putting together the donated pioneer articles. When my license expires and owing to bad eyes, I am not applying for a new permit to drive. After many years of good record, I'd hate to keep going till I have a bad problem or cause one. . . I trust that another will keep up the news of the Museum. Roma Sitton, Curator

The following article appeared in THE PACIFIC HOMESTEAD for March 25, 1909. E.A. Rhoten was field representative for the HOMESTEAD and traveled around the Salem area in a one-seated buggy pulled by his horse, "Bill". On this particular trip he was headed toward Yamhill County. Most of you will recognize many of the names in the story and there are still descendants in the area of many of the people mentioned in the article. Our thanks to Robert Marsh of Dallas for giving us this copy.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

E.A. Rhoten

No, Bill and I are not dead; only been resting awhile. A pretty stormy time to start out but the weather man said the moon was to change soon so we harnessed up and headed northwest from Salem for McMinnville. Almost no farming had been done for weeks on account of the wet weather; the farmers will be mighty busy as soon as the moon changes so they can go to work in the fields. (They are now at it, the moon having changed things for the better).

Near McCoy, Oregon, I saw a man busy acting the part of shepherd with a flock of choice sheep. This was Hon. C.L. Hawley, who had recently returned from he'ping make the state laws. Mr. Hawley was an important factor in getting several valuable bills passed and was a good man for the place. However, I believe he enjoys working with his flock of Lincolns better than anything else that he does. Lambing season was well on with him and he won't miss 150 percent very far with his eighty breeding ewes.

The Domes farm is near and we stopped to see how Walter and his Jersey's were making it. So far as I know this is the only Jersey herd in the state outside of Ladd's Hazel Fern herd that are being officially tested. They started his test last November and Walter says that it is now an assured fact that all that they have entered in the test will enter the register of merit. One cow with her second calf gave 1243 pounds of milk in January with a 6.4 percent test. They have a number of others nearly as good and we will expect some yearly records that the state will be proud of. The Domes' herd of Hampshire swine are a novelty in this part of the country, to say the least. Mr. Domes has had these only since last fall, but says the more he sees of them the better he likes them. He will exhibit them on the fair circuit this fall.

F.E. Lynn is another Jersey breeder in the same locality, but nearer Ferrydale. He has a beautiful new house on his 160-acre farm and is a breeder of high-class Jerseys. He has been a breeder for some time, but last fall took a trip east to purchase a carload of cattle. After traveling around a good while and visiting many herds he finally selected a choice car lot from the herd of Col. Scott of Scott Station, Kentucky, and now has these on his farm. He has^a typical Jersey bull--Island bred--at the head of his herd. He is a very pleasant man to visit with and is planning on making the fair circuit the coming fall. He has some heavy milkers in his herd but they will freshen at the wrong time to enter the milk tests.

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Ruth Stoller