

The West Side

Newsletter and Journal of the Yamhill County Historical Society

September 2004

From our President

Our Society is an Affiliate member of the Oregon Historical Society. This free membership gives us free admission to the museum or the research library and a discount on purchases at the museum store. We also receive the Oregon Historical Quarterly and the newsletter, *The Historian*. For more information on this membership contact a board member.

You will also note that your newsletter is now printed on the new copy machine at the Log Museum. This is more convenient and cost saving. The Yamhill County Historical Society is very proud of the progress that we have made in the past years and we look forward to a very successful future. Be sure and read your Newsletter carefully. There are change of dates and specific information that you may find of interest. You will not the Harvest Festival will be held on Oct. 16th, not in Sept. Also you may find enjoyable to visit the museum and see some of the improvements that have been made. Every time I'm in the Research Library I note the neatness and organization that has gone into this facility. People who have never been there before and drop in to use the library comment on how convenient and well arranged it is. Upstairs you can note the well arranged and proper storage that is being used. All of these items can be accessed easily. The Church will soon show the results of the "Preserving Oregon Grant" and the matching funds from the "Verl and Dorothy Miller Designated Funds". Already the water has been diverted from the basement and the building is fully insulated. The next step is the repairs and painting of the exterior of the building. Randy Baxter is the contractor who will be in charge of this major project. Sincerely Shirley

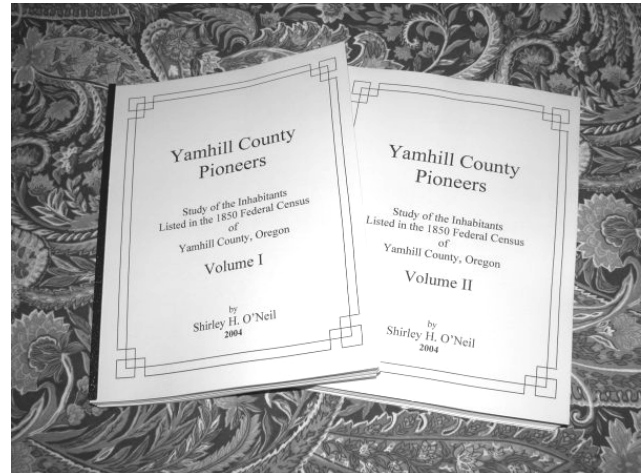
THE BUILDING STEERING COMMITTEE

Members of this committee continue to meet approximately every 2 weeks to work on planning & funding this project. All and any members and interested parties are welcome to attend these meetings. They are usually on Thurs. 2:00PM at the Log Museum. The next one is planned for Sept. 2nd. Plans are to erect a 60 ft. by 60 ft metal building in the back corner of the property on Highway 18 and Durham Lane. This will be a multi-purpose building. For now it will be storage and later for restoration and many other uses in conjunction with the museum building itself. This building should be completed in Oct or Nov.

The results of the Consultant's findings have been turned over to the committee. Judith & Glenn Mason of Cultural Images did an excellent job with their research and suggestions for the new museum. A copy of the report will soon be available at the museum.

Another way of Volunteering !

Shown below is our latest addition to our YCHS publications, and we are greatly indebted to member Shirley O'Neil of Tualatin. She spent countless hours pouring over many sources in preparing "Yamhill County Pioneers", a two-volume compilation focusing on the inhabitants listed in the 1850 Federal Census of Yamhill



County.

Shirley prepared similar publications on Benton and Polk county pioneers, but this latest effort is by far her largest book to date. Together the volumes contain 729 pages, index and bibliography not included. There were 243 houses containing 1511 people in the census of 1850, but her work contains data from some later censuses as well as many stories about our first pioneers and their descendents. We are selling this set for \$60. This is a must for serious genealogists and researchers of Yamhill County History. Shirley is not receiving any compensation for this effort beyond printing, and this is a welcome addition to our list of publications. Thanks again, Shirley.

YCHS Museum Orientation Workshop

September 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will be having a thorough orientation workshop involving all aspects of our facility. Ann Wheeler, Curator of Collections with the Oregon Historical Society hopes to be in attendance. She has been so helpful and patient in answering our questions regarding preservation and displays, but she has never visited our museum and is anxious to see our results and will be on hand for any questions. We will also be discussing recent changes at our museum and it is very important that members and volunteers become as well informed as possible. Please bring a sack lunch. See you there!

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September 1 - May 31:
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June 1—August 30:
Fri-Sat-Sun 1 to 4 PM

or

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A Very Successful Sale

The Yamhill County Historical Society would like to express sincere thanks to all who made the gigantic garage sale a huge success. A special thanks to Millie & Colin Armstrong for organizing and offering the use of their home for this sale. To all their neighbors and friends for helping set up, price and work the days of the sale, we thank you. Also, thank you to all the Society members for their hours of work in helping make this a success and to those who generously donated items for the sale. With all this effort we are pleased to report that the sale exceeded Millie's goal. The proceeds of over **\$13,500** will be applied to the new museum facility to be built on Hwy.18 and Durham Road. Again, Thank You. The Yamhill County Historical Society.

SHARE DAY:

On Wed. Sept. 8, the George Fox University will sponsor its sixth annual Serve Day. The University sends out approximately 1300 members of the George Fox community to serve those around us. In the past years they have done everything from spreading bark chips and clearing blackberry brambles to washing wheelchairs and visiting with senior citizens. The Yamhill County Museum has been the recipient of these members for the past 3 years. This year's major work will be to get the landscaping under control where it will not require quite so much work all the time. They will also help with a major cleaning of the three buildings. The Society is responsible for transportation, supervising, tools & equipment and the pleasure of working with such wonderful people. George Fox believes that dedicating a day to community service is important in living out their commitment to show Christ's love to their community.

Anyone wishing to help, please be at the museum Wed. Sept. 8th at approximately 9:00 am.

August Board Meeting Highlights

(the full minutes are posted in the Log Building) The meeting was called to order with ten officers and directors present. **The Treasurers Report:** given by Carol Reid, showed a beginning balance of \$5,249.95, expenses \$13,044.69, deposits of \$10,895.06 resulting in a balance of \$3,100.32. **Correspondence Secretary:** Marjorie Owens reported handling 7 pieces of correspondence for the month. **Volunteer Chairperson:** Carol Reid reported the summer schedule has run very smooth. She had three days that were not covered but had volunteers who stepped in to volunteer at the museum on those days. **Membership Chairperson:** Kathy Peck reported she is working on an upcoming membership drive. She is recruiting help for the event.

Old Business: Oregon Preservation Grant Report: Frank and Shirley will meet with Randy Baxter on August 12th to go over the contract for the painting and repair of the church. **New Business: Harvest Festival:** It has been decided that the Harvest Festival will take place on Oct. 16th from 10-4. **Steering Committee Report:** Each board member was given up-to-date copies of the minutes of the steering committee minutes and will now receive them from that committee in a timely manner. The building to house the farm machinery will soon be erected along with a driveway. It is hoped this will take place in October. **Items to consider:** Ken, Frank and Carol will be working on the budget again for next year. The by-laws should be looked at by an attorney and be rewritten by the first of the year. A nominating committee will be seeking nominations for next year's board positions that will become available. **Shirley O'Neil's donation:** Shirley O'Neil's year long project of putting together "Yamhill County Pioneers" Study of the inhabitants listed in the 1850 Federal Census of Yamhill County, Oregon, Volume 1 and 2 is complete and in print. She will be printing them herself and charging the museum for her cost only. Order forms will be available. **Other new business:** On a motion by Barbara and seconded by Shirley M. it was decided to order an updated copy of "Willamette Landings" for the research library.

Annita Linscheid, Secretary.

News from the Past

The following are excerpts from various issues of the Telephone-Register, all dated from 1894:

March 1: The steamship that has been building near the water works by the McMinnville steamship company, will be launched on the coming Saturday. As she slides into the water she will be christened the "Aneita". As soon as her engines can be put in and her upper works constructed she will commence freighting between Yamhill River points and Portland. The vessel is 68 feet keel, 19 feet beam, and will have a 50 horsepower engine to power a 11x11 wheel. The city should turn out and see her launched. The band will furnish music.

March 15: We understand that John Evenden has parted with that terribly vicious dog that has long terrorized the community. He tells us that had any one just mentioned his name he was the most gentle and affectionate of canines. His name was Rodickinarkipetricockinovovwandersp-dukilovitch.

E. Sanders had R.M. Dickenson arrested last week for using profane language on the street. The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty and Mr. Dickenson was discharged. The costs of the case however were saddled upon the city. When the bill comes before the council it should not be allowed. Mr. Sanders is the man to pay the costs amounting to about \$30.

March 22: Chas. Palmer, the street commissioner, has decreed that the mud shall be cleaned off Third street. A good idea, indeed.

The Oregon Telephone Company is soliciting subscribers to a telephone exchange in this city. If 12 instruments are taken the exchange will be established. The rate is \$2 a month and the average business man will save more than that in wear and tear of shoe leather in a month. Eight or ten of the business men have agreed to take instruments and the exchange is almost assured. The central office will be in Rogers Bros. store.

Tuesday morning about 9:30 Dr. E.E. Goucher, while on his way to visit a patient on the Willamette river, was the victim of a runaway which left him unconscious in the road near the farm of Henry Fletcher. He was taken to the house of Mr. Fletcher and Dr. Calbraith was summoned. It was two hours before the doctor regained consciousness. No bones were broken but several large bruises are rather painful. The doctor is a careless driver and lately has been driving a team rather disposed to government of their own, and have demonstrated their capacity for meanness no less than six times within the past month or so.

April 19: The *Oregonian* will please refrain from the practice of clipping articles from the *Reporter* of this city and giving the credit to the *Telephone-Register*. We have a reputation to sustain.

May 10: Someone stole two chicken coops Monday evening from the yard of J. Dumphrey. They left the chickens.

A Mr. Wallace, of South Bend, Wash, has been in the city attempting to start a populist newspaper. The field is rather small, there being 8 papers in the county and but 10,600 inhabitants.

May 31: The latest fad in this city is the growing of roses. Every lady has an assortment, and even the men are growing enthusiastic over the queen of flowers, wearing them in their button-holes at all times.

June 7: Who says he can sell cheaper for cash than J.P. Irvine? Look at these prices: Seventeen pounds granulated sugar \$1; 18 pounds extra C \$1; 16 pounds rice \$1; 25 pounds beans \$1; one can coal oil \$1.05; fill jacket 75c; Ar-buckle or Big 4 coffee 25c; 4½ pounds Costa green coffee \$1; 5 gallon keg pickles 90c; 5 gallon keg syrup \$1.30 and \$2.25.

June 14: Drs. Calbreath and Goucher amputated the left foot of Mrs. Anna Miller of this city on Thursday last. She has been troubled with necrosis for the past two years, finally growing so serious as to necessitate amputation. The foot was taken off just above the ankle and the lady is now rapidly moving toward recovery.

June 21: Swarms of caterpillars are destroying the foliage of many orchards in this county and along the line of the west side road. Some orchards near Amity have been completely wiped out, looking as if a fire had been through them. In some places they have covered the railroad track to such an extent that it was found impossible to run a hand car over the rails, the crushed bodies lubricating the track so that the wheels would not hold. What they are or from where they came, no one seems to know.

July 5: The photo gallery of O.D. Scott is supplied with all the latest appliances for taking photographs. With the new flash-light, pictures can be taken the darkest night. Third street; call and see samples.

Several tramps have made themselves obnoxious upon the streets during the past week. Insulting gestures to young ladies and threats to women to who they have applied for work, constitute their crimes against society. Vagabonds of this description should not receive consideration at the hands of the town authorities, but should be arrested and put to work on the rock pile.

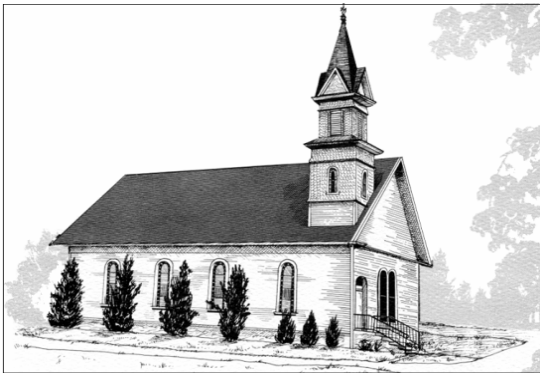
September 27: The little steamer Aneita, owned by Mr. Cook, of McMinnville, was sunk at New Era on the 18th while towing logs to Oregon City. The boat ran on a rock and stove a hole in the bottom. Captain Carey managed to take the boat to the West Shore, where it lies in shallow water.

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Please make checks payable to the Yamhill County Historical Society. Annual membership gifts are tax deductible.

Members receive the Westside newsletter and access to our research library free of charge. We are an all volunteer organization, and are constantly on the lookout for new helpers. If you can assist us in any way, financially or with your time or talents, it will be greatly appreciated. If you are not sure if you have paid your membership dues, please contact Carol Reid at 472-9631, or check your mailing label, which should show this information also. (The month and year indicate your "paid through" period according to our records.) If you see a colored notice inside your newsletter, you're at the end of your membership term!

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Calendar of Events

Board of Directors: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 14th. Our next regular monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheridan. Our fall kickoff program will be given by **Janet Graves Smith**, on the Graves family, early Sheridan pioneers.

Harvest Festival: October 16th, 10-4 at the Museum

Special Mystery Event: December 11th at the Museum, please mark your calendar. If you have card tables and/or Christmas decorations (plum or Burgandy colored) which can be used for the event please call Carol Reid or Kathy Peck. We'll have more information on this in future newsletters, so stay tuned.

Renewals & New Members

We welcome returning member JoAnn Ross and new members Doris Cruickshank, Jean Sundborg, Ray Jensen and Johnny Edwards. Thanks for your participation.