



Yamhill County Museum, 6th and Market Street, Lafayette, Oregon
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 4:00, plus 4 days a week during the tourist season.

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MUSEUM HOURS: Saturdays &
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(except by appointment)

MARCH

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

1989

MEETING: TUESDAY EVENING, March 14, United Methodist Church,
203 Nursery St., Amity.

POTLUCK SUPPER at 6:30 (note earlier time). Bring own table service.
Guests welcome and encouraged.

PROGRAM: Opal Lahley, assisted by Ernestine Shields, will tell of
Old Amity Days.

MUSEUM NOTES

One weekend during the very cold weather the museum was closed but it has been business as usual ever since.

Geraldine Diederich brought us a collection of old photographs that includes some pictures of McMinnville groups taken between 1895 and 1915. We will bring them to the March meeting and perhaps some of you will recognize an ancestor.

Our Society members will be interested in knowing that the NEWBERG GRAPHIC is celebrating its 100th birthday with a special anniversary edition that promises to be truly outstanding. It is slated to be published toward the end of March.

Society dues are \$7.50 but just \$5.00 to senior citizens, 55 years and older. Send them to YCHS, P.O. Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127.

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REMINSCENCES OF FRED L. TRULLINGER (Yamhill, Oregon), Part II

Mr. Willsey was paid \$40 per month salary and I took none from Willsey & Co. We divided our profits at the end of each year. The first year, we nearly doubled our sales as we had a lot of Hop Dryer installations, stoves and pipe sales. We made the pipe in the tin shop, which was a part of our operation. Mr. Willsey was a very good, practical tinsmith and used the services of a traveling tin-smith that came by in the summer to help. We sold farm machinery and Studebaker wagons, hacks and buggies. Also, a good business in farm pumps, which I installed for the customer. I also went out into the field and set up binders, mowers and rakes which came to us knocked down in crates. Altogether, our profits were enough that I paid off the Austin note and had a balance to my credit.

At the end of our third year, Mr. Willsey had an offer to buy his interest in the business. He was getting along in years and wished to retire on a farm. Instead of taking on a new partner, I decided to buy his interest. The deal was made and I continued the business under the name of F.L. Trullinger.

In 1889, Willsey & Co. bought a grain and hop storage warehouse on the railroad and rented another warehouse on the same side of the track, owned by Tom Perry. One we operated for cleaning and storing grain, the other for storing hops. This adventure proved very profitable and when Mr. Willsey sold out to me, I entered into a partnership with Ed Salficky. We became known as Ed Salficky & Co., I being the "Co.". We operated at a very good profit for three years when we sold our interests to Robert Bros.

In 1903 I entered into a partnership with Ben Laughlin. Ben purchased a well-located piece of property, 70'X90' on the corner of Main and Maple Streets at Yamhill, Oregon. He planned on building a wooden building 50'X60' and opening a grocery store with Harry Gist as his clerk.

Ben had recently returned from mining in Alaska with a nice bundle of \$10,000. I persuaded Ben to join me in a partnership and we would build a brick building, 70X90' and broaden our store into a General Store, where we would sell everything. I suggested that I would move the Post Office into the store, rent-free, as it would draw a lot of trade. Everyone came to the Post Office for their mail, and would surely buy whatever they needed or desired.

Ben accepted the proposal but stipulated he would come into the hardware store and learn that end of the business while the new building was under construction.

Ben paid the Company one half of the inventory value of the hardware stock and became my partner on January 1, 1903.

(To be continued)

Ruth Stoller

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