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*Yamhill County Historical
Museum. Purchased in 1969.*

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YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

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MEETING: Tuesday, February 13, United Methodist Church, 203 Nursery,
Amity.

POTLUCK SUPPER at 6:30. Followed by PROGRAM: a collection of Amity
pictures by Floyd Schulz.

There is an interesting display of old Valentines in the Museum this
month. Perhaps some of you have some, too, stored away in a box or
drawer where no one ever sees them? Why not add them to the Museum's
collection where they can be seen and enjoyed for years to come? . . .

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MUSEUM NEWS

During the past month the Museum has received several interesting donations.
John and Jill Briedwell have given us some dishes with which John's ancestors, Marion
B. and Ellis (Sawyer) Hendrick, began housekeeping when they married in 1855. The
Hendricks first settled at Wheatland where Mr. Hendrick had a store, flour mill, and
grain warehouse. The dishes have gone through three Wheatland floods.

Mary Wagner brought in a booklet of McMinnville Bus Co. tickets that probably
date back to the late 1920s.

Paul Cramer, who has lived at Rex since 1925, donated a money order receipt from
the Rex postoffice with the Rex postal cancellation on it. It is dated Aug 10, 1939.
The Rex post office was discontinued in April of 1943.

We are working on a display of old Valentines--mostly of the 1920s era. Come
and see it!

Ruth Stoller

We welcome new officers Mary Ogden as Financial Secretary, and Gil Ogden
as Treasurer. This gives us a representation from the Amity area. We
THANK Evelyn Nieman for her years of faithful service as Financial Sec'y,
and Mike Boundy who has served with both the Newsletter and Treasurer.
An unseen activity is that Mike sees that the name labels for the news-
letter are run off, which is a great service to the society. . . Please
send your membership dues, and memorials to Mary Ogden, P.O. Box 273,
Amity, Oregon 97101.

Are your DUES up-to-date? Please check your records, or call the
Financial Secretary. It is important that membership does not lag.
Dues, \$5. 00 per individual, are due at the beginning of the year.

This is another account of a trip to the beach and follows the route through Dolph and Hebo. The Cronise's had been Salem photographers for many years. In the early 1970s Harry Cronise copied a lot of old pictures for me and I got to know him quite well. I had some wonderful visits with him about his family who were early Oregon pioneers--some from Yamhill County.

Ruth Stoller

Mrs. Stoller -

In the early summer of 1907 my brother, Ralph Cronise, had just finished high school and planned to enter the University of Oregon in the fall. Bob Hendricks, owner and editor of the Oregon Statesman, was owner of most of the town site of Bay City on Tillamook Bay and was promoting the sale of lots there. (Father owned one.) Mr. Hendricks, a friend of the family, had employed Ralph as a clerk in the small Bay City Hotel for the summer.

At this timethe Potter-Chapin Realty Company of Kansas City, was making elaborate plans for a summer resort to be called BAY+OCEAN, on the five miles long peninsula on the western side of Tillamook Bay. Plans included a large hotel, a natatorium, paved streets, water piped to every lot, etc. The area was platted and lots were sold for as high as \$2500.00. The Potter-Chapin Company had offices in Portland and their salesmen covered Oregon, Washington and Idaho. One, a Mr. Lauritzen, sold lots to a number of Salem people and a few built houses on their lots.

A railroad was under construction along the mud flats in front of Bay City. In fact the activities around Tillamook Bay were stimulating the interest of people who had bought or were considering buying property there. My Methodist Sunday School teacher who was selling real estate for Bob Hendricks, was taking a Dr. and Mrs. Mercer, over to see the lots at Bay City. He invited me and Pickering Chalcraft, fifteen year old son of Supt. Chalcraft of Chemawa Indian School, to go along with them. Riding in a two seated carriage pulled by two horses, we drove across the river and north on Wallace Road to Lincoln and west to McCoy and on to Perrydale, Ballston, Sheridan, Willamina and to Grand Ronde where the old block house built in 1856, part of old Fort Yamhill, was still standing, about a mile north and west of what is now Valley Junction. From Here on, the winding roads through the unspoiled beauty of forests with huge trees, rippling streams, wild berries, no paved roads or distractions of speeding cars, were delights that we can no longer experience.

It was late in the evening when we reached the coast range summit and toll gate at Dolph. Although it was past the dinner hour, the people who ran the little hotel prepared a meal and furnished beds for us. Next morning we had a delicious breakfast including Venison steaks and hot biscuits and honey. To a sixteen year old boy, this was something to remember. Dolph was only about ten miles east of Neskowin and the ocean; but here we turned north along the Nestucca River through Hebo and about twenty five miles beyond, to Bay City. The next day my father and mother arrived in another little two horse wagon. Father made the enclosed snap-shots along the way. I made prints of the entire roll of film and since you expressed an interest in the picture father made of the block house, I thought you would enjoy the other prints showing the changes that have occurred in the scenery during the past sixty four years.

Harry W. Cronise
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