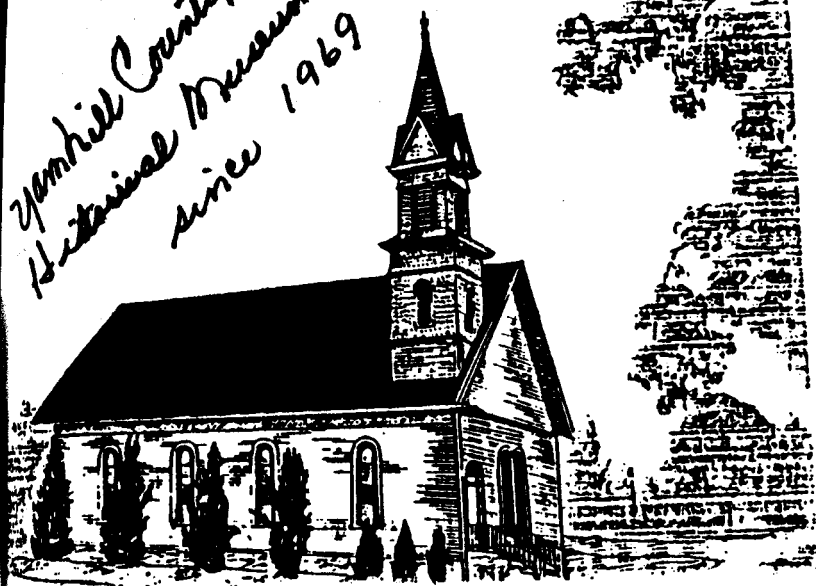


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APRIL YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS 1990

MEETING: Tuesday evening, April 10, 6:30 p.m., at Willamina V.F.W. Hall on East Main Street, Willamina.

POT LUCK SUPPER will begin the evening. Bring own table service.

PROGRAM: Jerry Easterling, author and feature story writer for the "Statesman-Journal," Salem, will be the speaker. His subject will be whatever he wishes to communicate. (It's sure to be interesting!)

VISITORS are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

We will carpool to get to Willamina. Meet at the BiMart parking lot near the highway. Any one who needs to be picked up, call me Monday. The last car should leave at about ten minutes before 6:00pm in order to get to Willamina in time for dinner. Maxine, ph.472-4547.

By now you all know all about the Murder Quilt. I want to thank everyone who did whatever I asked to help in every way.

Keep on selling raffle tickets. Bring the last of the tickets and money at our May meeting.

A graduate student at OSU in Museum Studies has been researching the flax crop in Yamhill County as a degree project. Flax flourished in this county, especially in the Dayton area, before and during W.W.II. There is a lengthy article about it in the March 27 "News-Register." Artifacts are scarce and this student would welcome records or photos to add to his research. If you have such materials, contact him: Steve Wyatt, N.W.16th, Corvallis, OR 97330.

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(This is an early (1865) account of a trip to Dayton, McMinnville, and Lafayette by the editor of the Advocate. Fifteen years before this there was practically nothing on the site of Dayton; ten years before, McMinnville had only the flour mill and the miller's house on its site; Lafayette was the oldest of the three towns having been laid out in the fall of 1846 and designated the county seat in January of 1847. In 1848 there were only two buildings in Lafayette, but because of the gold rush, by 1850 it was a lively little town.)

NOTES BY THE WAY

A recent trip to Yamhill County was made in obedience to the call of Rev. N.A. Starr who is the preacher in charge of the Dayton & Lafayette Circuit.

On Friday afternoon the UNION steamed up the Yamhill River four or five miles above its juncture with the Willamette and landed us at Dayton on the left bank of the river. Thus far the Yamhill is navigable all year for small steamers. Dayton is well located on a site quite above the high water mark. It is a very neat village surrounded by a good country and, in every way promises to be a place of interest and growing importance. We have a very neat and commodious church which is free from debt, also three acres of ground on which there is a comfortable parsonage and a few fruit trees in bearing. There are but few church members in this place, yet the citizens are church going, respectful, and kind to their minister. As there was an appointment for religious services at McMinnville, eight miles distant on Friday evening, we set out for that place in Brother S.'s spring wagon drawn by a pair of excellent horses--reach the place of our destination just at dark and found a kind cordial reception at the residence of Rev. Mr. Chandler of the Baptist Church. We had met Bro. C. many years ago and were glad to renew the acquaintance. He has labored faithfully in this country and for anumber of years at McMinnville, where his labors have been blest in the accomplishment of great good. He also labors in other communities. McMinnville, though not large, is a model town. There are two churches, and yet but one congregation, which is composed of the members and friends of four different denominations. The Medthodist, Baptist, Reformers (Christian), and Cumberland Presbyterian have church organizations and their several ministers hold services in turn. The prayer meeting is one, and the same is true of the Sunday School. An excellent spirit seems to pervade the community, and more harmony and genuine Christian fellowship than is apparent there, we have seldom seen. There is a good academy taught under the principalship of J.W. Johnson, A.B., a graduate of Yale College. There is not a liquor store or grog shop in the place. The surrounding country is rich and beautiful. We preached to the people four times and the congregations were large.

-- Ruth Stoller

(to be concluded)