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MEETING NOON, MONDAY, March 11, at the First Baptist Church, 546 W. Main, Carlton. POT LUCK dinner, so bring own table service. Visitors always welcome.

PROGRAM of the day will be presented by Ruth Asplund, who has done extensive research, and the Rev. Sid Johnson, pastor of the host church.

All yearly dues run from January. Dues collected since last September have been credited to 1991. This means that some paid in advance, while others did not get dues paid for 1990. It is hoped this policy will clear up some questions. Dues are \$5. per member per year, or \$100. for life membership. Donations and memorials are additional ways to add support. The Historical Society, with the Museum, receives no other support. Financial Treasurer is Mary Ogden, P.O. Box 273, Amity, Oregon, 97101.

From Our President --

In the few years since I've belonged to the historical society, we have lost several of the older long time members through death; among them Dean and Austin Bowen, Mrs. Berry (who made such wonderful mincemeat pies), Henry Nieman, Dorothy Hall, Mrs. Warmington, and very recently Tom Roe. Gone with them are their vast stores of knowledge (except for that passed on to their descendents and friends).

I never knew Tom Roe but knew of him as he was the postmaster in Gaston for many years and was the son and grandson of postmasters who served in Gaston and Dewey (according to information I've gleaned). Even after he retired and moved to a nursing home he kept up the postal tradition of the Roes by delivering mail to his fellow residents. I bet he could have told some great tales about the early postal service. His family were pioneers in the Lakeview area of Yamhill County.

He and his wife Ruth were generous supporters of the museum, and there are many articles on display which they donated. These include a pottery milk crock and teapot, a granite milk pan, crockery foot warmer, old gallon vinegar jug, three-pronged barb wire staple, some brass door pulls, one brick from the Willamina Brick Co., and several books, quite a few of which are about birds. You might want to look for these things next time you visit the museum.

PACIFIC COAST BUSINESS DIRECTORY
1867

(Most of the material for this directory appears to have been gathered in 1866. The Willamina postoffice (est. 1855) was moved and renamed Sheridan on 4 April 1866. The Sheridan P.O. is listed in the directory with a postmaster; Willamina is listed as a P.O. but no postmaster. The Mountain House postoffice (nw of present Carlton) was established 19 October 1866 but did not make the list. Wheatland was established in January of 1867 but was also not included. Newberg (1869), Carlton (1874), and Dundee (1882) all came later. Muddy P.O. was changed to Bellevue in 1869. For some unknown reason the business listing for Dayton is incomplete. We know there were more business establishments there in 1866-67 than are given in the directory.

My copy of the directory was given to me by Wayne Herring of Dayton. It has been a wonderful source of early Oregon and Yamhill County history.)

YAMHILL COUNTY. Area, 750 square miles. Yamhill is rapidly growing into importance; some of the best farming land in the State is to be found in large tracts in this county. "The prairies are gently undulating, and are skirted by groves of the choicest timber." The statistics of mortality show this county to be the healthiest in the State. Numerous water privileges exist, affording sufficient power for an indefinite number of mills, etc., which at no distant day must attract the attention of enterprise and capital. County seat, Lafayette.

OFFICERS.

OFFICE	INCUMBENT	RESIDENCE	Term Expires	SALARY
County Judge	J.W. Cows	McMinnville	July, 1870	\$500 per year.
County Clerk	S.C. Adams	Lafayette	July 1868	Fees.
District Attorney	P.C. Sullivan	Dallas	July 1868	Fees.
Sheriff	L.L. Whitcomb	Lafayette	July 1868	Fees.
Treasurer	Clement Eckles	Lafayette	July 1868	Fees.
Assessor	David Smith	Lafayette	July 1868	\$3 per day.
Surveyor	A.S. Watt	Lafayette	July 1868	Fees.
Coroner	Dr. J.W. Watt	Lafayette	July 1868	Fees.
Superintendent Schools	John Spencer	Chehalim	July 1868	Fees.
County Commissioners	William Ball	North Fork	July 1868	\$3 pr day &
	J.H. Brown	South Fork	July 1868	mileage

AMITY, Yamhill Co, P O, 11 miles s of Lafayette

Brown, W, blacksmith	Jellison & Richardson, wagon makers
Brown, Woodson & Co, general mdse	Judy, David, brick layer
Embree, TVB, physician	Lovelady, F.B. Druggist
Getchell, George E, general mdse	Pettygrew & Blodget, genl merchandise
and postmaster	Talmadge, C.F., hotel proprietor

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