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MEETING Tuesday NOON, January 14, at the Bible Baptist Church, 514 Market, Lafayette. (Noon, despite what some newspapers may say.) Potluck dinner, so bring own table service. Visitors always welcome.

PROGRAM following the meal, will be presented by Ed Colvin, Portland, who will present a slide show on Covered Bridges of Oregon. He has traveled thousands of miles, taking over 100 pictures of Oregon's covered bridges, in all stages.

We are happy to announce that all present officers whose terms expired, have agreed to carry on in this new year. Dues, \$5. per person, are payable to Mary Ogden, Financial Secretary, P.O. Bx 273, Amity, OR 97101.

Our Museum Barn has received some unsolicited publicity with a feature article in the Dec. 24th Portland "Oregonian". In the summer, it was featured in the "News-Register" and Salem's farm newspaper, "The Capital Press."

From our President -

Nineteen years ago - January 1973 - Robert K. Kuykendall was the featured speaker at the historical society potluck. His topic was "History of Yamhill Churches." The president at that time was Dr. G.A. Odgers and the other officers were Charles Teegarden, Mrs. Mildred Renne (who faithfully fulfilled the duties of recording secretary until the end of 1988), Dr. J.A. Jonasson, Mrs. W.D. Rutherford, and Mrs. Ivan Shields. The museum had just been open a little over two years, but a quilt show was already in the planning stages!

The newsletters bound by the Trappists Abbey make fascinating reading -- particularly for those of us who are not long time members. The three volumes are at the museum. The accomplishments of the society over the years are impressive. Our members are wonderful people, so I'm sure they will cause more good things to happen in 1992. We can look forward to some great programs Barbara already has lined up for us.



HISTORY NOTES

We continue our account of Market Road No.1, taken from the TELEPHONE REGISTER of July 16, 1920. Market Road No.1 went from Newberg to Yamhill through the Chehalem Valley.

"Two miles south is Ed Cary with his world-renowned herd of Saint Mawes Pkppies and near him is Delmar Perkins and Silver Chimes, another noted herd of Jerseys, and 'Abe' Laughlin with his 400-acre prune orchard, said to be the most profitable orchard in the west. The writer has a herd of 24 Ayrshirees one mile east of the 'viewpoint', and near him is the Calbreath farm, which contains the 'Ewing Young Tree', planted an acorn on May 6, 1846, by Mianda Bayley, to mark the grave of the first white man to die in the west, the administering of whose estate caused the organization of the first provisional government.

"This tree is standing alone in a field and is often visited by travelers. Historians such as Governor Geer and George H. Himes hope some day to acquire title to it for the purpose of making it more available as an object lesson in early Oregon history.

"The purpose of this communication, frankly, is to call to the attention of the people of Oregon this beautiful valley and the importance of the new road.

"Those who are familiar with the situation around Paris at the critical period of the war, will remember that all roads radiate outwardly from Paris; that to get from one portion of the surrounding country to another portion it was necessary to go first into Paris and then go back. There were no available crossroads. If the enemy had got near enough to Paris from the east to shoot to the roads leading in from the west, they would have had the protecting armies on the west cut off from communication with each other and with the city and would have taken the city.

"This condition must not be allowed to prevail in building all roads into Portland. There must be crossroads connecting all these main arteries of transportation.

"State market road No. 1, Yamhill county, connects the Rex-Tigard road (Capital highway), with the road from McMinnville north to Forest Grove and to Portland, and the extension of it southeasterly to Woodburn connects with the east side Pacific highway.

"There is another similar road in prospect, that is to begin at Oregon City and thence proceed westerly through Wilsonville, Sherwood and Scholls to Hillsboro, and then on northerly from Forest Grove to Vernonia." (The above article was written by John U. Smith, son of Sidney Smith and his wife, Mianda Bayley. John U. Smith was still living on his parents donation land claim in Chehalem Valley and was one of the fathers of the new road.)

Ruth Stoller