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- MEETING Tuesday NOON, March 9, at the Dundee Methodist Church,
11th and 99W, Dundee
- POT LUCK 12:00 noon. Bring own table service. Visitors welcome.
- PROGRAM Viola and Lloyd Nisley of Dundee will twll of flying
their own plane, tracing the Oregon Trail from the air.

President's Message -

We had a great turn-out at the February meeting - more than the number we normally have. Hope we can do this again in March.

I realize that the Society has voted on this issue several times and has always voted it down. But once more I want you to consider having ALL meetings at noon. Perhaps on a day other than Tuesday as we have them now. We will discuss this at our March meeting, so plan on being there and letting us know how you feel about this. So far, just about everyone I have talked to about this has been in favor of changing the time. But we won't know how YOU feel if you don't tell us. If we change the day, it will be necessary to change the bylaws, so it would not be an "immediate" change.

I'm writing this on the 21st of February and there is snow on the ground AGAIN. However, it should all be gone by March 9th and everyone should be able to attend the meeting on that day. Hope to see you there!

MB

Our mailing list is well over 200. If someone has ceased to use the mailing address we have, we have no way of knowing, since this is bulk mail and the post master will dispose of it. If you are aware of such changes, do let the Historical Society know, to keep the mailing list up-to-date.

Among the original manuscripts in our museum is the 1861-62 Day Book of a sawmill in the Pike area. It was given to us by Helen Webb of Yamhill whose great, great uncle George C. Robison was one of the owners of the mill.

J.W. Hines and G.C. Robison were buying E.M. Silver's sawmill, which may have been the old Harris mill a couple of miles above Pike on Turner Creek. George C. Robison was a son of J.H. Robison who had come to Oregon in 1853 and had a Donation Land Claim in the Pike area. J.W. Hines had arrived in Oregon with his mother, brother, and sisters in 1847, his father having died on the journey west. The mother married Elijah Dodson in 1848 and settled in the Pike area. Elijah Dodson had two sons: William whose claim was next to his father's on the south and Jesse whose claim was just south of William. The community of Pike is on William Dodson's claim.

In 1860 J.W. Hines was living with Julia and Edward T. Washburn. In the same household was Julia's father, Isaac Davis, age 60. The Washburn's claim bordered Elijah Dodson on the west.

The first entry in the Day Book is dated June 4, 1861:

We, John W. Hines and George C. Robison, being in partnership own a sawmill, together with one hundred and eighty acres of land and three yoke of oxen, for which we owe as follows:

One note given to Jessee Dodson for the amount of \$400.00 due the first of June 1862.

One note given to Isaac Davis for the amount of \$30.00 due _____ 1862.

One note given to E.M. Silvers calling for ten thousand feet of fir lumber due June 15, 1862.

One note to E.M. Silvers of 16500 ft. fir lumber due June 1st 1863.

One note to E.M. Silvers of 16500 ft. fir lumber due June 1st 1864.

And notes amounting to 15000 ft. fir lumber to Richard Holmes due at different times during the winter of 1861 & 1862.

Jesse Dodson, who was J.W. Hines' step-brother, had a daughter who was married to E.M. Silvers. There were two Isaac Davises in the neighborhood: one was the father of Julia Washburn and the other had married Hines's sister, Sarah. Holmes had a claim next to Elijah Dodson on the north.

The partners had two hired men working at the sawmill. One was W.N. West who had married a daughter of Thomas Harris. The other was T.B. Skeen who in 1865 married a granddaughter of John J. Perkins, also living in the aread. William Ball, living in North Yamhill, did their blacksmithing.

The patrons of the mill were all people living nearby: T.C. Davis, Thomas Wilson, J.J. Burton, Thomas Brown, D.C. Stewart, J.M. Laughlin, R.H. Dodson, M.R. Crisp, Indian Dick, J.M. Fryer, Jacob Williamson, E. Morris, Daniel Roy, Joseph Perkins, A.H. Roberts, K.C. Mercer, S. Dukes.

June 7, 1862 J.W. Hines To cash \$5.00

and which is accreted G.C. Robison it being money borrowed by Hines a few days previous to his starting to the mines.

George Robison kept the mill for a few months longer, His final entry is dated October 15, 1862. R.S.

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