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MEETING: Tuesday NOON, March 8, at the Zion Lutheran Church,
 301 S. River, Newberg

POT LUCK at 12:00. Bring own table service. Visitors welcome.

PROGRAM Lloyd and Viola Nisley, Dundee, will bring us another
 Flight over the Oregon Trail and Overland on the Barlow
 Trail.

President's Message-

It doesn't seem possible, but it was just a year ago this month that we were complaining about the weather - snow and ice, that is. In fact, the January meeting was canceled. Eric Epperson of the Clackamas Historical Society was to be our speaker subject: "At the End of the Trail," the proposed destination in Oregon City. That program is to be rescheduled. At the March meeting in Dundee, we were treated to a talk by Viola and Lloyd Nisley of Dundee, telling of flying their own plane, tracing the Oregon Trail from the air. There will be more information regarding this same subject at our next meeting, as well as overland on the Barlow Trail.

Lila will be back from Hong Kong by about the 25th of February. After that date, you can hand her your dues or mail them to her. We had one new member join us at our last meeting in February, Marilyn Reinhardt from McMinnville. Welcome !

M.B.

Prof. Joel Marrant of Linfield's Anthropology Dept., brought his class to view the museum and the barn extension. They were quite interested in the old vehicles, farm machinery and tools, as well as harnesses, ox bows and side saddles.

We have had 13 new members already this year.

HENRY BILLICK'S DUNDEE
(continued from last month)

Henry Billick credits Thomas Prince with starting in walnuts. As an adult, Billick got into filberts, and for 22 years was a partner in the filbert nursery now owned by J.D. Pierce. (This article was written in 1980.) He still owns 25 acres of filberts, which are share cropped, former property of the Dundee Loganberry Farm. Billick comments:

"I bought that property after World War II for \$500 an acre, and a lot of people thought I was crazy--thought I paid too much for it. The year I bought the land, loganberries were selling for 13 cents a pound, and the pickers were getting 4 cents. Then loganberries dropped to 4 cents--the same they used to pay the pickers. Well, when the berries dropped from 13 cents, those berry bushes came out mighty fast!"

The Billick family continues to be involved in Dundee, as Henry's son Paul is a member of the city council and chief of the volunteer fire department. Paul's house, the old Powell place, is one of the oldest homes in Dundee.

Henry Billick's major entertainment is derived from the drums he has played since he was 14 years old. He plays at least once a week in a four-piece orchestra that performs at the McMinnville Senior Citizens Hall.

As to the changes in Dundee, Henry Billick comments:

"When you're brought up with it, you can't say much. It's still a small town--hasn't changed much."

THE END

Dundee, Oregon is named for Dundee, Scotland. The town was platted on land owned by William Reid, a native ^{of the} Scottish namesake. The first post-office in the Dundee area was established June 7, 1881 and was called Ekin after Claudius Ekin (he had married a daughter of Flores and Adeline (Watt) Fulquartz who lived nearby) the original postmaster. It was located just outside the southern boundary of the platted town of Dundee. When William H. Lewis, who ran the Dundee hotel and telegraph office, became postmaster in June of 1882, the postoffice would have been moved into the town. A month later (July 1882) the name of the postoffice was change from Ekin to Dundee.

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