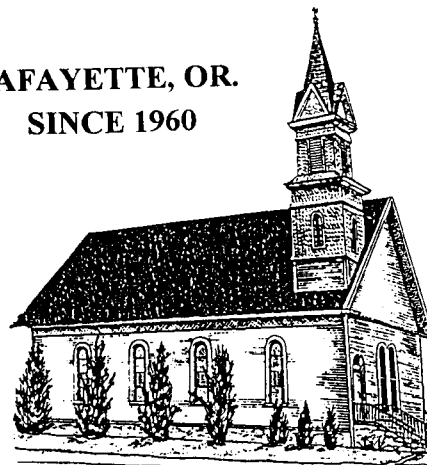


**YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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**MUSEUM HOURS:  
SAT. & SUN. 1-4 PM  
MARCH 1995**

**MEETING:** Tuesday NOON, March 14, Mormon Church, Yamhill. From Carlton, procede thru Yamhill (toward Gaston), ~~but~~ turn left. This time no coffee will be served at the POT LUCK, which precedes the program.

**PROGRAM:** Eleanor Mitchell of Yamhill, will be reading the life history of James Robertson, pioneer of the area.

Greetings to All,

Because of the snowy weather on February 13 & 14th, several members were unable to attend the February meeting. Our recording secretary, Betty White, reported a foot of snow at their home. I wish to thank Lois Brooks and Barbara Knutson for filling in for Betty. Jim Lockett gave an informative talk on Oregon becoming a state on February 14, 1859.

A video of this program was submitted to Reuban Contreras. It will be shown Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30pm, Wednesday, February 22 at 3:00pm and Friday, February 24 at 12:00 and 5:00pm on Cable Channel 9. The video will continue to be aired until further notice. Don't forget Jim's book, "Settling the Land of Promise", will be for sale for \$14.95 at the Museum. Jim and Rieta have generously agreed to donate 1/3 of each sale of the books at the Museum to the Society. Jim is also the new Historian for The Yamhill County Historical Society.

Saturday, March 4 is the date of the McMinnville Downtown Merchants Historic Tour. They will meet at the Cozine House at 10:00am and 2:00pm. Representatives of the YCHS will be present to greet those going on tour. They are Ken & Barbara Knutson and Jim & Rieta Lockett.

Because we have the Miller Log Cabin Museum with space for meetings, the Oregon State Historical Society has ask us to host one of their quarterly meetings on Monday, December 4th. We will provide coffee and donuts in the morning and catered lunch at noon. They expect 50 to 60 people. I feel this is quite an honor to be ask to host such an event.

Work continues at the museum site: Gutters and downspouts for the barn, the retainer wall by the log building, the handicapped driveway, and solutions for the drainage problems. Again we thank George Williams for his continued effort with all of this.

A revision of the by-laws is about finished thanks to Miriam Blair and Maxine Williams.

## COMMITTEES:

The Braided-Crocheted Rug Committee: Headed by Maxine Williams is requesting donations of rags for the rug for the log museum project. Marrietta Rankin has agreed to instruct us in how to make and assemble. Heavy fabric should be in 1 3/4 inch strips for braiding and lighter weight fabric 1 1/2 inch for crocheting. If you do not wish to make them into strips we would still like the rags. Drop rags off at: Maxine Williams-1348 Melrose, Mac. , Shirley Venhaus-8200 N.Hwy 99W, The Museum on Sat & Sun. 1-4 or bring them with you to a meeting. Our first work day is March 18, 1-4 at the Miller Log Cabin. The second day is April 1, 1-4 at the same location. Bring rags, scissors, ruler, needle and thread. This is open to everyone, society, community, friends and relatives. Bring a guest. We hope this will become not only something for our own use but also a teaching activity and perhaps a fund raiser for the society. Your participation is needed.

The Oral History Committee: Headed by Ilene Lewis and Ilene Crowley. Donations or the loan of tape recorders are badly needed. We have two for society use, but that is not nearly enough. A script, release forms and blank tapes are available from either Ilene or myself. Have your list of names of those who should be interviewed to be turned in at the next meeting or call me. This has to be a full society project or we will never get to all the people we need to reach.

The Log Cabin Committee: Will meet at the Museum Tuesday, March 7 at 1:00pm.

New committee chair-people and officers:

Membership Directory-Ruth Crawford

Librarian & Publications-Olive Johnson

Historian-Jim Lockett

Scrapbook(for want of a better title)-Chrystal Rilee

Correspondence Secretary-Delores Robertson

Braided/Crocheted Rugs-Maxine Williams

Ruth Stoller Research Library-John White, Harvey Stoller, Olive Johnson

Oral History-Ilene Rankin, Ilene Crowley

Thank you to Ruth & Don Crawford for the donation of a file cabinet that has been placed in the Miller Log Museum for the societies use.

I have spoken to the Lafayette City Council to inform them of our activities. I am scheduled to speak to the McMinnville City Council and The Yamhill County Commissioners in March. I plan on visiting all the city councils in Yamhill County to remind them that we are, The "Yamhill County" Historical Society. I will do just fine as long as they don't ask me about Yamhill County History. I'm sorry I'm so uninformed in that area. It seems strange to be your president and know so little about your history. I am learning and until I have a better grasp of Yamhill County History I will have to rely on all of you. You can ask me about Nebraska and Colorado. Hopefully in time I can add Oregon to that list.

If you couldn't make a walking man out of the first number I suggested - try 11030.

Shirley Venhaus, President

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