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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR,

I was remiss in not mentioning the dedication of the RUTH STOLLER RESEARCH LIBRARY on Nov. 4th in my last letter. It was a wonderful afternoon with Harvey Stoller and family members present. Thanks to hours of work by Jack White the library is now functional. A plaque and a picture of Ruth were placed in the library. Thanks to the committee for hosting the afternoon event.

Since then Harvey has been laid up. We all miss him and hope he is soon on the mend.

The December General Meeting included the presentation of three Century Farms and our Honored Guest, Roma Sitton. Schools and businesses were closing due to storm warnings of rain and high winds but the members of the YCHS proceeded with business as usual with a large attendance.

Thanks to a very generous Christmas donation from Jack & Betty White the YCHS now has been able to buy a brand new copy machine. It will be in place in the Stoller Library. Now we will no longer have to go to "Bill's Market" for copies.

We wish to thank Bob & Shirley Kuykendall and Tom Genco for their donations to the Chair Fund. The total now is \$416.00.

The YCHS hosted the quarterly meeting of the Oregon Museum Association. A reception was held Sunday afternoon at the Chateau Benoit. We

thank the owners Fred & Mary Benoit and Chairperson Julie Roodhouse. Although the attendance was low, Julie's efforts made the event very enjoyable. Monday, 65 people registered at the Log Museum for the Business Meeting and Program, "Building the Catalogue Database: Three Software Examples". Museums: Benton, Union, Marion, Clatsop, Douglas, Yamhill, and Washington County, also Mission Mill, Jensen Artic, Pacific University, Cowboys Then & Now, Pittock Mansion, Ore. Sports Hall of Fame, Oregon Textile Workshop, Albany Regional, Minithorne House, Aurora Colony. Historical Societies: Umatilla Co., Canby, Southern Or., Cannon Beach and Oregon State. Also several other organizations. Lunch was catered by Sir Hinkelman's. Following lunch everyone was treated to a tour of the YCHS's three buildings. Due to two work days and several hours of cleaning, moving and rearranging everything looked good. Chairperson Ruth Crawford and helper Delores Robertson are to be commended on their efforts. The tree donated by the Jette Tree Farm was decorated with old fashioned decorations. Others who gave time & effort were: Twila, Lois, Maxine, Bob, Shirley, Ed, Margaret, Deputy Tom & assistants and anyone I may have forgotten. It was a job well done. Thank you, Thank You!!

It has been a busy month. See you next year.

.....Shirley

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The *West Side* was a weekly newspaper published circa 1869-71 at McMinnville. Through a sequence of acquisitions and mergers the present *News-Register* is a distant descendant of this once popular chronicle. Its name was derived from an early day practice of referring to the Yamhill District as the "west side" of the Willamette River. In redesigning the format of this newsletter, the title just seemed to fit.

THE CENTURY MARK

Dick Blenkinsop will see his 100th birthday in January. Friends may offer him best wishes at the Hillside Manor.



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Sept 1 to May 31:
Fri-Sat 1 to 4 PM
or
By Appointment

Tuesday, January 9th 10:30 A.M

Board of Directors - Community Christian Church - 2831 North Newby - McMinnville

Tuesday, January 9th 12:00 Noon

Potluck Luncheon - Community Christian Church - 2831 North Newby - McMinnville

Bring Own Table Service

Guests Always Welcome

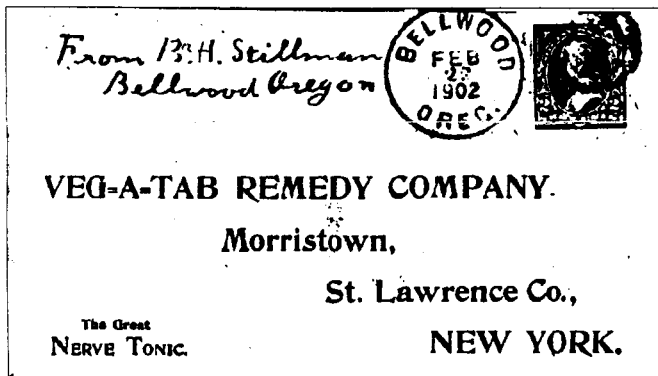
**Jim Lockett will speak on McMinnville pioneers Dr. James McBride, Sebastian Adams & Samuel Cozine
Election of Officers for 1996**

POST OFFICE SITE QUIZ
Test Your Knowledge of Yamhill County History

Since January 1850 when "Yamhill Falls" (now Lafayette) became the first U.S. post office to be established within the county, 48 more at various times were set up. The total number in service at any one time reached a peak of 24 at the turn of the century before rural delivery routes began to replace the smaller, less efficient or more remote offices. Shown below are the names of 14 Yamhill County communities from a bygone era and at the right is a scrambled list of their respective locations. The challenge is to match each office with its proper site. As an example (and to make sure everyone gets at least one correct), "LARCH" matches up with "(H) 13½ miles west from the town of Yamhill on the old Trask Toll Road".

Locations

- (A) At the present day intersection of Niederberger Road and Highway 99W.
- (B) Up Panther Creek about 7 miles west of Carlton.
- (C) At the residence of Moses Morgan in Happy Valley.
- (D) In the extreme southwest corner of the county on the old Grand Ronde to Hebo stage road.
- (E) Where today's Riverwood Road crosses the railroad tracks.
- (F) By the old Mountain Top School on Bald Peak
- (G) Along the Lafayette-Hopewell Road just south of its intersection with Fairview Road.
- (H) 13½ miles west from the town of Yamhill on the old Trask Toll Road.
- (I) In the lower Gopher Valley near the point where Dupee and Deer Creeks come together.
- (J) Almost exactly where the town of Wilsonville stands today.
- (K) On the Carlton & Coast Railroad not far from where the Flying M Ranch is today.
- (L) Never had a post office (trick question).
- (M) At junction of Woodland Loop Road with Highway 240.
- (N) Name later changed to "Rex".



*Envelope posted at Bellwood in Yamhill County... Where was this?
 Hint: The sender, Benjamin Stillman, was also Postmaster*

Communities

BELLWOOD	MOUNT HOOD
CHARLESTON	MOUNTAIN HOUSE
CHESTERBROOK	PIKE
CRAWFORD	ROBERTS
EKINS	WASHINGTON
LARCH	YAM HILL (2 words)
MANILA	ZIEGLER

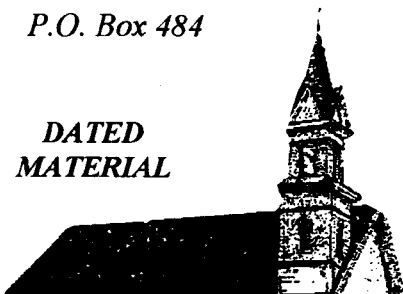
*The answers will appear in next month's issue.
 Until then - Have fun! (JW)*

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