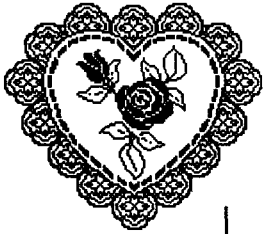


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MUSEUM HOURS

June 1 to Aug 31:
Wed-Sun 1 to 4 PM

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

HAPPY VALENTINES MONTH

The January 9th General Meeting was held at the Community Christian Church in McMinnville. It is wonderful to see the good attendance we have for these meetings. Our guest speaker was Jim Lockett. He spoke about McMinnville Pioneers. Jim is the author of the book *Settling the Land of Promise* which is available at the Museum for \$15.00.

Jack White is responsible for the new newsletter format and the corrections have been made on the Museum hours. Also we want a report on who was able to get the most correct answers on the Post Office Site Quiz.

The new copy machine is in place at the Log Museum. Copies are 10¢ each.

A meeting has been held to discuss policies concerning the RUTH STOLLER RESEARCH LIBRARY. A manual is being prepared and an instructional meeting will be held for those volunteers who will be working in the Log Museum and the Stoller Library.

Speaking of Volunteers: Anyone who can give one afternoon from one to four once a month to help in the Church, Farm Equipment or Log Museum please contact Maxine Williams (472-4547) or Shirley Venhaus (472-7328).

We are in need of help especially when the summer hours begin. There is a training program for new volunteers.

Thanks to a donation from Ella Mae Oliver the chair fund now needs \$179. more to be paid off.

New Board Members elected to the YCHS on Jan. 9, 1996 were: Barbara Knutson; Vice President, Lila Jackson; Financial Secretary and Ed Roghair; Director

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the Historical House Tour in October. An organizational Meeting will be held Thursday February 22, 1996 at 1:00 pm at the Log Museum. Anyone who can work on this committee is ask to attend the meeting, call Shirley at the number above or contact me at the February General Meeting. This should be a fun event.

Thanks also to Fr. Martinus of the Trappist Abbey for binding our old Dayton newspapers.

We have a new list of all who have not paid their YCHS dues. If you are in doubt as to whether you have paid your dues or not, please ask to see it. Our Newsletter editor is working on a system by which your address label on your Newsletter will tell you when dues are "DUE".

Thanks to Morgan (Log Museum builder) we no longer need a box of band-aids at the Log Museum front door. Morgan received a physical reminder of the need for a different door handle the last time he was at the museum. We now have a wonderful new door handle. Thank you Morgan.

May love be with us all.....Shirley



INCREASING COSTS BRING NEED FOR SUPPORT

Because our membership renewals fall upon the anniversary of joining rather than the same date for everyone, we often tend to forget when our dues are due. Beginning this month with some of the less recent, a RED DOT will appear on your mailing label if you are a bit behind.

Annual membership is only \$7.50 per person and may be directed to the Financial Secretary:

Lila Jackson
2430 North Baker Street
McMinnville OR 97128
472-8510

Tuesday, February 13th 10:30 A.M.

Board of Directors - Christian Church - 301 5th Street - Dayton

Tuesday, February 13th 12:00 Noon

Potluck Luncheon - Christian Church - 301 5th Street - Dayton

Bring Own Table Service

Guests Always Welcome

Jeff McClain of McMinnville will speak on the history and interesting facts about Brookside Cemetery

Thursday, February 22nd 1:00 P.M.

Historic House Tour Organizational Meeting - Miller Log Museum - Lafayette

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S POST OFFICE SITE QUIZ

How many did you correctly match?

BELLWOOD: (D) In the extreme southwest corner of the county on the old Grand Ronde to Hebo Stage Road. Operated from 1899 to 1906 in the general store at Sourgrass Summit.

CHARLESTON: (N) Name later changed to "Rex". Harry L. Ward opened the office in 1900, but another Charleston already existed in Coos County so name had to be changed. Exact origin of "Rex" remains somewhat of a mystery.

CHESTERBROOK: (K) On the Carlton & Coast Railroad not far from where the Flying M Ranch is today Existed from 1913 to 1917 to serve logging camps in the area. R.E. Hanna was postmaster throughout the period.

CRAWFORD: (E) Where today's Riverwood Road crosses the railroad tracks. Named for pioneer settler Medorem Crawford whose claim was nearby. Open only from 1905 to 1907 in anticipation of a proposed development.

EKINS: (A) At the present day intersection of Niederberger Road and 99W. Set up by storekeeper Claudius Ekins in 1881 who was forced to leave a few months later due to alleged liquor law violations. Post office then moved to the Dundee Hotel and the name soon changed to "Dundee"

LARCH: (H) 13½ miles west from the town of Yamhill on the old Trask Toll Road. Operated from 1891 through 1894 at the Summit House and became a convenient "mail drop" for absentee timberland speculators.

MANILA: (C) At the residence of Moses Morgan in Happy Valley. Commemorating Dewey's naval victory, this office operated from June to October of 1898 at Morgan's home and then at Byron Brower's for one more month. The reason for its existence at all appears to be rooted in a local dispute.

MOUNT HOOD: (G) Along the Lafayette-Hopewell Road just south of its intersection with Fairview Road. Operated from 1854 until 1862 to serve the Eola Hills district. Apparently the name was derived from the outstanding eastward view from nearby elevations.

MOUNTAIN HOUSE: (B) Up Panther Creek about 7 miles west of Carlton. Opened during 1866 at the stage stop run by C.W. Cagle. Two years later it was moved a few miles eastward to the home of Wilson Carl and in 1874 another move resulted in a name change to reflect its location in the newly formed town of Carlton.

PIKE: (L) Never had a post office. Although this community would have been a logical site during the 1890's, local citizens apparently felt otherwise or perhaps none wished to cope with required postmaster paperwork

ROBERTS: (M) At the junction of Woodland Loop Road with Highway 240. Established in 1892 and named for either A. H. or Henry Roberts (perhaps both) who occupied adjacent farms there. Three years and four postmasters later the office closed for lack of patronage and revenue.

WASHINGTON: (I) In the lower Gopher Valley near the point where Dupee and Deer Creeks come together. Opened in 1858 by Eduard Dupuis ("Dupee" is a corruption of his surname) who suffered reverses and was gone by 1860.

YAM HILL: (J) Almost exactly where Wilsonville stands today. O.K. this is in Clackamas County now, but prior to 1862 a narrow strip of Yamhill County extended six miles further east along the north bank of the Willamette River. From 1856 to 1857 Thomas Bailey operated a post office at the north landing of Boone's Ferry where the town of Wilsonville later became established.

ZIEGLER: (F) By the old Mountain Top School on Bald Peak. If you got this one correct, you were probably guessing. No one knew the location for certain until about 3 years ago when Ruth Stoller uncovered the final clue. A "George Ziegler of Yamhill County, Oregon" received authorization on May 23 1898 for a post office by this name in a store. However, the order was rescinded 30 days later when it was noted he had failed to file the required map and site report with his petition.

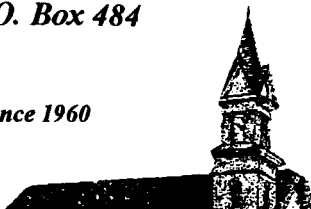
Did anybody say this was going to be easy? (JW)

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