

The West Side

Newsletter and Journal of the Yamhill County Historical Society

May 1999

POLING FAMILY MEMORIES

It turned out to be "two for the price of one" night at the April 13th YCHS general meeting held in the Bible Baptist Church at Lafayette as Dr. Dow Poling, the scheduled speaker, shared the podium with his sister Ann Poling Hawkins. It was their great uncle, Dr. C. C. Poling who began an internationally recognized Evangelical career in Lafayette with the erection of the church building that now houses our museum. Dr. Dow began the presentation by sorting out the branches of a family tree significantly intertwined with the history of both religion and education in Oregon. He read a few selected excerpts from a journal kept by Dr. C. C. Poling during his early days in Lafayette and followed by relating several anecdotes that occurred later during the renowned Evangelist's career. Allowing equal time for the distaff side, Mrs. Hawkins then spoke of the Poling women with particular attention being given to "Grandma Alice", of whom she had many memories. Dr. Dow Poling concluded their presentation to enthusiastic applause in well deserved appreciation of a highly entertaining program.



B. White photo

Dr. Dow Poling and Ann Poling Hawkins

FROM THE BOARDROOM

[The president's comments normally appearing in this space were not received in time to meet the publication schedule. In order to keep members advised of current YCHS business, highlights of the April 13th 1999 Board of Directors meeting are presented instead]:

Needed gutter and roof repairs to the church building were discussed. The question arose that moss removal from the roof is expensive and might cause more problems that it would solve. It was decided to have an independent inspector determine the remaining life, and if it appears to need replacing soon, cleaning will not take place and the money thus saved would go toward a new roof.

A motion to halt all spending, except for routine expenses or emergencies, until such time as a functioning Finance Committee is established and a working budget in place, was passed unanimously.

President Shirley presented a draft of proposed Constitution and By-Law revisions with each Board member receiving a copy. These are to be studied and discussed at the next Board meeting. *Members are encouraged to contact one of the officers to review this draft document and offer comments.*

SYNOPSIS OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT (March 1 through March 31 1999)

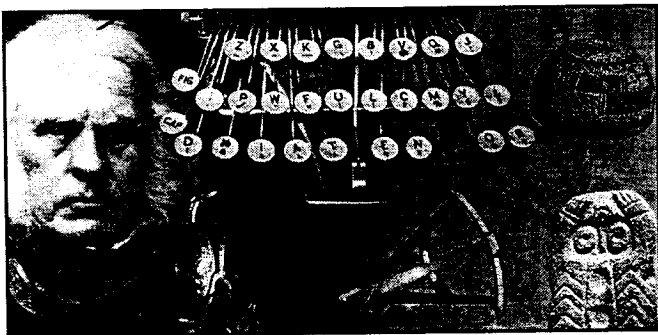
Income

Dues:	367.00
Checking Account Interest:	3.01
Book Sales:	160.00
Donations:	235.16
Memorials	50.00
Quilt Raffle Tickets	56.00
Other Misc. Sales & Income:	131.35
Total Income for Period:	1002.52

Expenditures

Book Purchases	253.37
Newsletter:	180.58
Office Expenses:	614.91
Utilities:	475.32
Misc. Expense Items	74.77
Sidewalk Construction:	1855.00
Sprinkler System Intallation:	1320.00
Total Expenditure for Period:	4773.95

YCHS TO HOST TREASURES OF OREGON' EXHIBIT - JUNE 24 & 25



Co-sponsored by AT&T and the Oregon Historical Society, this spectacular touring exhibit contained in a 48 foot custom designed mobile museum will be situated on Sixth Street alongside our Poling Memorial Church building during these two days. Free to all, this dramatic and informative exhibit draws from the Oregon Historical Society's priceless collections to bring the Oregon story vividly to life. Among the many unique artifacts to be displayed are such items as a Native American tomahawk from the Whitman massacre, Meriweather Lewis' branding iron, an ancient stone sculpture found on Sauvie Island, pottery from Captain Gray's ship, Abigail Scott Duniway's typewriter and much more. Don't miss this opportunity to view these important links to Oregon history.

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MUSEUM HOURS

Sept 1 to May 31:

Sat-Sun 1 to 4 PM

June 1 to Aug 30

Fri & Sun 1 to 4 PM

Sat 10 AM to 4 PM

or

By Appointment

605 Market Street
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ANNUAL DUES

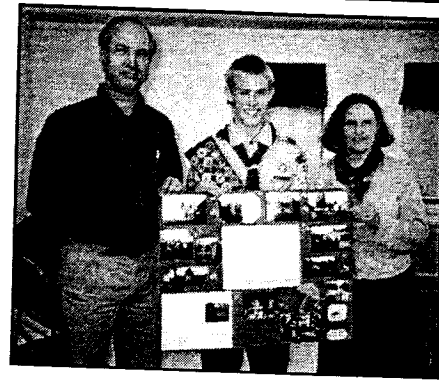
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EAGLE SCOUT RECEIVES AWARD

At a small ceremony held on March 15th, President Shirley Venhaus presented a certificate of our appreciation to Eagle Scout Mike Eells of McMinnville on behalf of the Society. Mike, of course, is the 15 year old young man who designed and constructed the very attractive arbor that now stands behind the Miller Log Museum. He undertook the project as a community improvement Eagle Scout activity and, almost unheard of in these times, completed the job under budget. Mike and his parents were unable to attend the YCHS March 9th meeting at Dayton, but were our guests and introduced to the members at the April 13th gathering in Lafayette. It a rewarding experience to meet such fine young man and his supportive family.



S. Venhaus Photo

Mike Eells with parents and YCHS award

MAY GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER

For this gathering we will be returning to the McMinnville Community Christian Church, 2831 NE Newby Street, on Tuesday May 11th at 6:30 pm. Speaker for the evening will be Lori Cronin of Beaverton who will present a program based upon the diary of Emma Kincaid, Virginia born wife of a prominent farmer in the Springbrook area during the latter part of the 19th and early 20th century. Remember to bring table service in addition to your potluck offering and why not add a guest or two as well?

MEMORIAL ROSES

It would appear a new YCHS tradition has begun in the form of planting a memorial rose in our newly developed rose garden. Betty White in memory of her mother, Effie Mutton; Gale Taylor for his mother Alta Taylor; and Barbara Hinman have each purchased a plant as a remembrance.

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

As this issue of the WEST SIDE goes to the printer, arrangements for the annual picnic are not firmed up. The summer edition will be going out around July 1st and will contain the information.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Although several months away, plans are underway for the Third Annual YCHS Harvest Festival on October 16th. Chairman John White reports the general format will be the same as in prior years with an added attraction or two under consideration. Lois Brooks and Annita Linscheid will co-chair the hospitality and refreshment committee with Shirley McDaniel and Ruth Crawford lining up craft activities. Also look for some real old toe-tapping music and other entertainment as well. This year we'd like to have all our members dressed in period clothing. The exact period is up to you as anything between 1850 and 1950 is now considered "antique" or "historic"...

BIG BOOTS TO FILL

Our resident Master Gardener and Head Groundskeeper, Ruth Crawford, informs that she will soon be relocating in Arizona. During her tenure Ruth has been responsible for developing and maintaining all the attractive plantings around the museum buildings. Although we will continue to enjoy the results, her expert touch and green thumb will indeed be missed.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members and hope to meet them at the next dinner meeting:

Barbara Chavez - Sherwood
Jack & Jewel Price - McMinnville
Kyle Swift - Sheridan

QUILT RETURNING TO MUSEUM

Following its official unveiling at the April 24th Quilt Workshop, the "Ohio Star" handmade quilt donated by Piecemakers Quilt Guild will go on display at the YCHS Museum. A public drawing will be held for this attractive quilt on October 16th at the Harvest Festival. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Don't delay.

ON THE MEND

Dorothy Miller, good friend and major benefactress of the YCHS, has returned home following recent surgery. Her address is 2545 SW Terwilliger Blvd. #704, Portland OR 97201-6308. We're sure she would enjoy hearing from you.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

At the Museum: Summer hours will be in effect after June 1st. This will mean additional volunteers are needed to cover host duties for the extended days and hours. Contact Maxine Williams at 472-4547 (before she calls you).

The Newsletter: Following this issue of the WEST SIDE, we will be on the summer schedule of just a single issue sent about July 1st. Normal monthly publication will resume with the September 1999 edition.

Remember, A Red Dot on Your Address Label Means Your Dues are Due

MORE CLIPPINGS FROM THE PAST

Compiled by John White

So much favorable comment was received concerning the random newspaper clippings from bygone days which appeared in the January 1999 issue that an encore is being presented here. This time the selections have all been taken from the 'Lafayette Courier' of February 13, to October 2, 1866, offering a slice of life as it was just following the Civil War in one of Oregon's principal towns. A word of explanation: J. H. Upton, editor and publisher of the 'Courier', was a staunch hard-line Democrat, and for the then very controversial issue of temperance, he stood firmly on the "wet" side of the question.

Tuesday February 13th 1866

"OBSERVE THIS NOTICE. I have been liberal in accommodating my friends and Customers with goods, and expect them to remember me when I must have money. My debts must be paid promptly. I want money to buy more goods and must have it - I cannot keep up a good stock of goods without it. Will those interested respond?

J. DIXON

Tuesday February 20th 1866

"MAILS BY STEAMER - Petitions are in circulation for a tri-weekly mail service between Oregon City and Lafayette. It is hoped the project will meet with favor at Washington. Judge Steward informs us that Mr. Brooks, our Mail Agent, will interest himself on our behalf, and that Capt. Miller [*James D. Miller, master of the steamer 'Union' and a Yamhill River veteran - ed.*] will perform the required service at very reasonable rates. There is no valid reason why we should not have it.

"NEW BREWERY - By last mail we received a letter from a gentleman in Portland, desiring [*sic*] information as to whether or not a brewery could probably be made to pay at Lafayette. We are of the opinion that capital and labor could be profitably employed in an enterprise of the kind. Upon inquiry of those supposed to be posted in such matters, we are assured that there are many hundreds of dollars contributed each year from this place, to Portland and Oregon City breweries.

Tuesday February 27th 1866

"TEMPERANCE MEETING - Last Saturday eve, a goodly number of our citizens, of both sexes, met at the Church house for the purpose of conferring together, and of devising [*sic*] if possible, some means by which to arrest the progress of intemperance in our midst. Mr. S. C. Adams led off with a speech of commendable moderation and liberality, which was in very striking contrast with a great majority of the modern harangues having ostensibly in view the same end. Others present, spoke more less to the point. A pledge was drawn up and numerously signed - by the ladies especially. We shall refer to this subject again.

"THE MONGRELS IN CONGRESS - The reported proceedings in the House of Representatives were of a character which should stamp with eternal infamy the majority which sanctioned them, and if the American people again rouse themselves from stupid lethargy which has allowed political fiends and black hearted tyrants to trample upon their constitutional rights and the rights of their representatives, there will be a day of reckoning for the party in power [*Lincoln/Johnson Republicans - ed.*] which will hurl its present petty despots and villainous usurpers into a vortex of shame and obloquy from which there will be no escape.

Tuesday March 6th 1866

"Mr. Kennedy has arrived at our place and is making active preparations to start his Brewery. Success to the enterprise.

Tuesday July 31st 1866

"WELCOME HOME - Company "B" from this county, First Oregon Infantry, was mustered out at Vancouver last Tuesday. Quite a number of the boys have been spending a few days in Lafayette during the week past. They had been in service about 22 months, and have done some hard service. The climate up north must be a healthy one for every one of the returned volunteers we have seen looks exceedingly robust and hearty [*the unit had been stationed at Fort Boise and Fort Hall to protect the wagon trail west against Indian or Rebel attack - ed.*].

"LAFAYETTE FERRY. The undersigned would respectfully announce to the travelling public, that he has, at the Lafayette crossing of the Yamhill, a large, new and safe ferry boat on which he can cross teams, stock, &c expeditiously and cheaply. The roads leading to and from this crossing are in good repair and persons will find it to their advantage to use this ferry.

JOHN HARRIS

"WAGONS, HACKS, COACHES AND BUGGIES - An experience of many years on this coast in the business, enables him to assure patrons that he understands what it requires to make or repair jobs in his line in a manner to stand through all our varied seasons. He will take in exchange for his work wagon timber and lumber. He wants Spokes, Felloes, Tongues, Axles &c., for which he will allow market price.

J. EDWARDS

Tuesday September 11th 1866

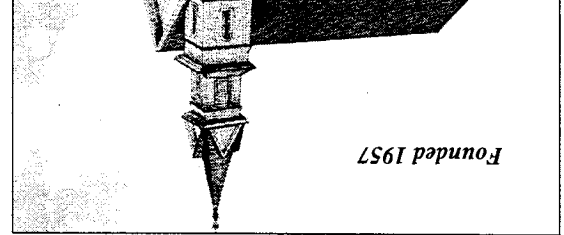
"MR. LAUGHLIN [*well-known North Yamhill merchant, and later banker, Lee Laughlin. - ed.*] passed through town Sunday, on his way to Salem where he is going to attempt to obtain a seat in the lower house to which he no more entitled than the King of Dahomy. It is an imputation upon the honesty of the members of the House, and an insult to their manhood for someone so obviously disqualified as is Laughlin, to present his case for their consideration. It is emphatically presuming upon the recreancy to duty and their solemn oaths of the members constituting that body. When the facts are presented, we are sure he will be denied his seat without a moments hesitation. A jury of twelve Apache Indians upon whom the sunlight of civilization had never burst or shed its gentle rays, would pronounce the act without a parallel in the history of legislative piracy, should he be permitted to take his seat, premising the facts in the case are as we understand them to be.

Tuesday September 25th 1866

"A PARSONAGE. Rev. G. H. Greer, pastor of the M. E. Church detailed for service in the Lafayette circuit desires we are told, to reside in Lafayette, and in consequence of there being no dwelling to be had in the place, is compelled to sojourn elsewhere. It is usual to provide a parsonage at the point considered headquarters of the circuit, and we believe Lafayette would be so regarded. For the credit and improvement of our place we would be pleased to see an enterprise set on foot looking into the erection of a comfortable parsonage in Lafayette, to be occupied by each successive minister sent among us to preach.

Tuesday October 2nd 1866

"LAFAYETTE ACADEMY - Our readers are referred to the cards of Proffs. [*sic*] Hall & Forbes, to be found in this paper. These gentlemen have both ability and experience in their line, and will, we are sure, make the Lafayette Academy a credit to our place, a benefit to those in quest of a good education and a source of profit to themselves.



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May 1999 Calendar of Events

Friday - April 30th - 10:00 AM

Clean Up Day - YCHS Museum Complex - Lafayette

Saturday - May 8th - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

County Awareness Day - YCHS Museum Complex - Lafayette

Tuesday - May 11th - 5:00 PM

Board of Directors - Community Christian Church - McMinnville

Tuesday - May 11th - 6:30 PM

General Meeting & Potluck Dinner- Community Christian Church - McMinnville

Bring your Own Table Service - Guests Always Welcome

(See page 2 for details)

Thursday & Friday - June 24th & 25th - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

'TREASURES OF OREGON' Exhibit - YCHS Museum - Lafayette

Free Admission

(See page 1 for details)