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YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

DATE: MARCH 14, 1978

PLACE: COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH 2831 NORTH NEWBY

TIME 7:00 PM POTLUCK 8:00 PROGRAM

PROGRAM: BEGINNINGS OF THE LUMBER INDUSTRY
IN YAMHILL COUNTY 1837--1880

Do you have pictures of early logging or sawmilling in Yamhill County? If so, bring them to this meeting and share them with the rest of us.

The first sawmill in Oregon was erected on Chehalem Creek in Yamhill County, several years before county or district lines were even thought of. The second mill in Oregon was located at the Willamette Falls at Oregon City. The only earlier sawmill in the Pacific Northwest was that of the Hudson Bay Company situated a few miles east of Fort Vancouver.

The second sawmill in Yamhill County was erected in 1846 in Moore's Valley and took most of a year to build. By 1850 there were at least four sawmills in the County and by 1860 ten mills were still in existence, several had already come and gone. One priceless bit of sawmilling history was left the Museum by the late Elton Jones, grandson and son of the builders of the first Nestuka (Nestucca) sawmill built on the summit of the Coast Range in 1876. This is the diary of O. H. Adams which gives a day by day record of the erection of the 1876 mill in a remote area of the Coast Range. It was a steam sawmill and all the machinery ect. was freighted in, piece by piece, by horse and wagon. The diary will be one of the sources used at our March meeting.

Ruth Stoller

Museum News

Our new Museum Tool Annex has many new articles in it since Wednesday, February 22, when Mr. Bernard's with his machinery trailer moved the wagon, mowing machine, disk, cultivator (horse drawn) and some smaller tools from the Lawrence Schrieber barn. Thanks Mr. Bernard's.

We are having more visitors now and a number of groups of children have come.

Several of our loyal helpers put up plyboard on the south side of the room in the annex which is used to put up small tools. The drain tile also has been laid. Many thanks to these men. We still don't have an anvil which would help complete our collection.

I did a half hour talk on KCMC on Mr. Ireland's program telling of our projects. Before I left the station a book order was requested and a group scheduled a tour of the museum. Come visit your local Museum. Phone 472-7935 for group appointments.

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SEE YOU ALL AT OUR MARCH MEETING.

BRING A GUEST TO ENJOY OUR FELLOWSHIP AND PROGRAM.