

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING: APRIL 11, 1978  
WHERE: YAMHILL, OREGON GRADE SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
WHAT: POTLUCK 7:00 PM PROGRAM PROF. LEE NASH

Prof. Lee Nash of George Fox College will give an illustrated talk on Harvey W. Scott, famous editor, of the Portland Oregonian from 1877 until his death in 1930.

When the Scotts arrived in Oregon in 1852, they settled first in Lafayette, Oregon. Two of Harvey Scott's sisters remained in our area for many years.

Harvey Scott was not the only member of his family to become prominent in Oregon history. His sister, Abigail Scott Duniway, was one of the most outstanding women to come out of early Oregon. Her youngest sister, Sarah M Scott Kelty, married James Kelty of Lafayette. There is an interesting little known fact about Sarah that makes her famous in her own right. She was one of the first (if not the first) women to hold a public office in Yamhill County.

A.R. Burbank of Lafayette, writing in his diary on March 9, 1884, made this entry: "At our annual school meeting, there was a lady elected to the office of director, which is the first that has been given an office in this county-----which is something new." The Lafayette correspondent for THE REPORTER, a McMinnville newspaper, for March 6, 1884 sent in the following item under the date of March 4, 1884: "Yesterday was the day for holding the school election here as all over the state. The meeting was well attended with quite a number of ladies present. On the vote for director, Mrs. S.M. Kelty, was elected in place of Dr. Appleton whose term had expired. Mr. J.M. Kelty was elected clerk for the ensuing year. The election of Mrs. and Mr. Kelty to fill the two offices gives excellent satisfaction."

Ruth Stoller

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Good weather brings visitors out to our Museum and we are glad for more visitors. Our count since 1970 to date is over 10,000 visitors. Have you visited the Yamhill County Museum?

Mr. Greiner, retired teacher of McMinnville High School, has offered to help clean tools for display. We need more help if we get all the tools ready for the dedication of our Tool Museum Building. We have not officially named our new building yet. Are you thinking of a name for our new building?

We have an offer of three fanning mills--no anvil yet. Any old piece of machinery or hand tools is welcome.

Remember we have a number of the book, Old Yamhill by Ruth Stoller, for sale also stationery and maps as well as maps of donation land claims. All can be purchased at the Museum.

I attended the training meeting for museum workers in Portland on March 17, 1978. It was very good and I got many helpful ideas. Most of the valley museum workers were represented.

School should be having tours of the Museum after Easter vacation. For appointments call: 472-7935.

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