

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING: MAY 9, 1978
WHERE: WILLAMINA REBECCA LODGE HALL
WHAT: POTLUCK 7:00 PM BUSINESS PROGRAM
PROGRAM: SPEAKER--MARIAN JOHNSTON ON EARLY WILLAMINA FAMILIES

Directions to Rebecca Hall:

McMinnville to Willamina about 18 miles. Just entering Willamina pass Plywood Plant and VFW Hall on left and the Willamina Lincoln Bank on the right. Turn left on first street after passing the Bank. There is a grocery store on the right at the opposite corner and a church on the right corner on turning. The Rebecca Hall is about a block on the left at the railroad tracks.

Our first meeting ever in Willamina will be held on May 9, 1978 at the Rebecca Lodge Hall. Some of the first settlers in Yamhill County settled in the Willamina area. Mrs. Marian Johnston of Sheridan is going to tell us about some of these early families.

The November 21, 1913 issue of The Weekly Visitor, published at Lafayette had a short item in it that said, "No. 58, the Beehive School, four miles west of the Willamina Brick Plant, voted \$1,500.00, on November 15, 1913, to build and equip a modern school building."

A request was made at one of our Historical Society meetings for more information on this school district-----the response to our request was excellent.

Ione Kilgore called Ivan Dent of Willamina and found that the first school in that district was called Grub College and stood about 150 yards from the old Beehive School. After the school referred to in the 1913 newspaper item was built, #58 changed the name to Hillcrest. The district was abandoned about 1930 and became part of the Willamina School District. Former students of #58 still hold a reunion every two years.

~~Roxie Carter Bryant and Elizabeth Mendenhall, both of Willamina,~~ sent us information on the school. The Society is grateful to them and to others for their efforts in gathering information on #58.

Ruth Stoller

Museum News

The Willamette Museums Association met in Oregon City April 17, 1978. The speaker presented a good lesson on hiring help, conducting tours etc. At noon we went to the Barkley House for lunch and toured that building. Then we went to Dr. McLaughlin House and the Mertie Sterns House which made a delightful day as there are so many old valuable articles on display and so well done by the Clackamas County Historical Society which was founded in 1952.

Our Society ordered another edition of the brochures on the Association Museums. Our next meeting of the Willamette group will be in June. We are to host the Association in September and need our new building ready to dedicate and the tools and farm machinery ready for display. We are still looking for a wise to add to our collection so we may set up an old blacksmith shop.

Don't forget we are still looking for old rural school pictures and collecting information about the schools. Bring pictures and information to our Willamina meeting or turn them in to Ruth Stoller. She often copies the originals if you wish to keep your pictures.

We are still recording old cemetery plots and individual burials perhaps found on old farm property. If you know of such a plot please contact the Yamhill County Historical Society.

We have filled the pages now in our guest book and will soon be adding new pages to our book. Come visit our Museum.

Appointments for clubs and schools can be made by calling 472-7935.

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