



Yamhill County Museum, 6th and Market Street, Lafayette, Oregon

# COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 1980, 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: United Methodist Church, 203 Nursery St., Amity

POTLUCK: Bring your own table service

PROGRAM: Cal Monroe who is remembered by many when he was with the Extension Service here, will give us a program on the history of Amity, it's schools and early families.

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### MUSEUM NEWS

We are quite busy with visitors for this time of year.

The schools do not have gas for trips, so I have been asked to Adams, Columbus and Cook Schools to talk about my school days and pioneer days, displaying a few articles and photos of early school buildings and the town and how they grew. The question session is great, they ask many questions about how we did our school work, etc.; indicating they really want to know more about early days.

We are still looking for an umbrella stand.

Did you sell a book for us this month?

We had a \$200.00 bequest from a friend of the Historical Society, Alta Savage Cerny of Dallas and Willamina. These donations will help greatly in the preservation of our history. We have school desks to sell. Many dues are not paid, did you forget? (See listing of officers at end of newsletter for address to mail your dues.)

Photos have been taken for our postcards to sell. It takes several weeks to get film developed then decide on one selected, etc. Two pictures can be on one card. History of Museum and Tool Building will be on back of card. Many have asked for cards and our other card supply is very low.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teegarden and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Schreiber for serving the Museum on two Sundays past - to give the regulars a day off.

Call 472-7935 for appointment.

ROMA SITTON

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At least ten outlying school districts were involved in the consolidation of the Amity school district. Of these, four were designated as joint districts with Polk County. Three others were close enough to the Polk County line to have drawn students from across the county line at some time or another during their existence - - these were Wheatland, Hopewell, and Arbor Green.

The districts that became a part of the Amity school system were: #7 Briedwell, #12 Waddell, #20 Wheatland, #25 Fairview, #33 Arbor Green (Patty School) , #49 Hopewell, #53 Lone Star (Jt.), #76 Ballston (Jt.), #87 Yampo (Jt.) , #95 Broadmead (Jt.).

Some of these districts date back to the early 1850s. The Yamhill County Museum has records for #7 that date back to 1854. Deed records for #12 go back to 1860 and the original school seems to have been built about 1855. Wheatland and Fairview were both organized early. Fairview was originally called Mt. Hood and the first school building was know as Belcher School house. It had been built in 1856 when it was used as a regular meeting place on the Yamhill Circuit of the Methodist Church. Old church records refer to it.

If Arbor Green was the original district #33, it must have been organized by 1860. #87 was organized about 1900 and Broadmead about 1912 or soon after.

The Historical Society is looking for pictures and information on all these schools. We have some excellent old pictures of some of these schools, but we are always looking for more to copy. The more pictures we have, the better our records. Also, by copying your pictures we have a copy available to you in case something happens to yours. Right now we are in need of pictures of #12 Waddell, #76 Ballston, #87 Yampo, and #95 Broadmead. We have one picture of Yampo but it does not show all of the school building.

RUTH STOLLER

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