

YAMHILL COUNTY

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY MAY 12, 1981 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 2831 N. Newby, McMinnville, Oregon

POTLUCK: Bring your own service

PROGRAM: Ione Kilgore and Ruth Stoller on early McMinnville buildings
(we'll try it again!)

MUSEUM NEWS

We have just received two old Amity newspapers dated 1895. Our book on county cemeteries is at the museum. More books are coming later as all the cemeteries are not listed in one volume.

We now have the booklet with many pictures of early Dayton and its history. They were published for their centennial last year. Our organization has been asked to display pioneer artifacts at Yamhill and Dundee soon. Also at Columbus Schools celebration of 50 years.

Thanks for the donation to Ruth Stoller to help pay for her heavy stapler needed to compile her books on cemetery records. Left at the April meeting as a dessert spoon and a cookie sheet and tea towel. I'll bring them to the next meeting.

Mrs. Dyer donated two packages of filler sheets for our museum register. Thank-you, Mrs. Dyer. We will need many volunteers this summer at the museum as funds are short to hire help. Our book on district schools must be published. Many have asked for it already. We will have a vast collection of photographs.

Call for appointments when your group wants to visit the museum other than Saturdays and Sundays. Call 472 - 7935.

ROMA SITTON

OLD NEWSPAPERS

Old newspapers are fun to read! The Museum has just received, through the kindness of Mrs. Joyce Fink of McMinnville, an old copy of the McMinnville News for February 20, 1901. The news really wasn't so much different then, than it is now- the big difference is in the advertisements. Meals at the Yamhill Hotel were 25¢ and 50¢. But there were coupons to clip in the old newspaper just as there are today. C.C. Murton's advertisement read:

"Cut out this ad and bring it with you anytime during the next ten days and I will accept it as part payment to the amount of ten cents on the purchase of One Dollar's worth of goods. Never mind how or why I do these strange things occasionally; that I do them and that you benefit by them is enough."

Eighty years ago the McMinnville post office was being moved to a new location.

"Last Saturday our postmaster received peremptory orders to move the

post office up into the I.O.O.F. building in the room formerly occupied by H.C. Burns furniture store. Mr. McCain will proceed to move just as soon as the room can be gotten ready. The room that the office will occupy in the near future is large and will give more space for the accommodation of the public. This will cause some of our town people a little longer walk for their mail but they can see how nicely the windows along 3rd street are decorated."

And then there was the matter of teacher's salaries:

"Mr. McCann, the principal of the North Yamhill schools, resigned last Saturday to accept a more lucrative position. Yamhill County is likely to lose many of her best teachers unless she commences to pay better wages to her teachers. Other counties have begun to pay better salaries and Yamhill will surely have to follow if we retain our best teachers at home."

This little news item also appeared in the same paper:

"Have you seen the new electric light at the Star Mills? This has been a long needed want and it would be a fine thing to have one at the farther end of the bridge going to the college as this is one of the darkest places in the city and gives one a creepy sensation while passing along that walk."

RUTH STOLLER

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