



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

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MUSEUM HOURS: SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS  
1 - 4 o'clock  
(except by appointment)

Built in 1892 by Rev. C. C. Poling, Ph.D., president of Lafayette Seminary, the Yamhill County Historical Society purchased the building in 1969 for a museum. It is open every Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4:30, plus 4 days a week during the tourist season.

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## YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1988

MEETING: Tuesday evening, May 10, at Community Christian Church, 5th & Church Sts., Dayton.

POT LUCK SUPPER at 7 o'clock. Bring own table service. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PROGRAM: Speaking will be Peter Schoonveld, on the restoration of the Dayton Band Stand which was destroyed in the Columbus Day storm of 1962.

PICNIC IN JUNE! Our historical society's pot luck picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22nd. It will be from 11 to one o'clock in McMinnville's Wortman Park, in the shelter area, which is entered from McDonald Lane. Following the picnic will be the HISTORICAL TOUR of the Mission Mills Museum in Salem. Car pool transportation can be discussed and worked out at our May meeting. The tour of the Kay Woolen Mills and historical homes on the site will be from 2 - 3 o'clock, then the many and varied shops there can be toured individually. Cost for the tour: general admission \$3.50, Senior citizens \$2.50.

### MUSEUM NOTES

We have new curtains up to the four windows in the back room. The shrubs have been cut back, but the lawn is in bloom with dandelions as our lawn man is on vacation. . . The Board is trying to reach a solution on the flag pole and rope, so that it can be displayed without the problem of vandalism. . . We have received a letter from the Coos County Historical Society, which is sending us a book on military men from our county. One of our members recently gave their museum some mementos of interest there. These exchanges are good. . . I attended a meeting of the Yamhill County Tourism group. They will be compiling a calendar for the June meeting. . . I toured the new McMinnville Fire Hall with my daughter. The trophy room has their first engine and the old hand-pulled hose cart. Also old photos. . . The days pass quickly. June 15 marks the opening of our summer schedule. Come help if you can. And members, encourage new membership!

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Summer Schedule: Wednesdays thru Sundays, 1 - 4 o'clock. No more newsletters until fall. Your September newsletter should arrive in your mail box in late August.

(This is a continuation of an article that appeared in the NEWBERG ENTERPRISE on May 21, 1915 about Roy Hanville and his mail route east of Newberg.)

For the greater part of the way the roads were in good condition and ~~there~~ ~~work~~ ~~was~~ ~~being~~ ~~done~~ in road improvement. But it is in the winter that the carriers have reason to complain. And the aggravating thing about it is that as a rule a little work with a road drag at the proper time would be all that is needed.

Speaking of road work Mr. Hanville said that his brother who lives out beyond Dayton improved the road in front of his property with a drag and was so pleased with the result that he got his neighbors together and they appointed a committee to go before the county court and ask for an appropriation for road drags. The sum of \$25 was given to Mr. Hanville, who was the only member of the committee that served, and he was instructed to make six drags and leave them at various points in the district with the understanding that the property owners would make use of them. He did his share but the drags have remained unused just where he left them.

On the west slope of the mountain is the German settlement composed chiefly of farmers who came from Nebraska a number of years ago. "Here is where I am well treated at Christmas time", said Mr. Hanville. "They give me dressed chicken and other good things suitable for that festive occasion. In the summer they give me grapes and cherries and other fruit." We had just passed a couple of men sawing down a big tree and Mr. Hanville said that the wife of one of them was a famous maker of mince pies as he knew from personal knowledge.

Just before striking the level country a good sized box was seen alongside the mail box in front of Mr. A. Strothover's house. "That's the right kind of a man", said Mr. Hanville. "That box was put up for parcels and is the only one on my route. I wish they would all do it."

In many of the boxes letters for delivery at the postoffice were found. In one was a quarter and two copper cents. The carrier said that was two cents too much for the purpose intended and he left the coppers in the box. A part of the duty of the carriers is to sell postage stamps and postcards. They also issue postoffice orders and sometimes this business is quite brisk. Asked if there was much doing on his route in the way of orders for mailorder houses Mr. Hanville said that the business seemed to be decreasing somewhat.

Mr. Hanville's route is not confined to this county but slips over into Clackamas and Washington. At one place on a straight stretch of road he explained that if he was driving exactly in the center of the roadway he was in Washington county while the Enterprise man was in Yamhill.

Ruth Stoller, Historian