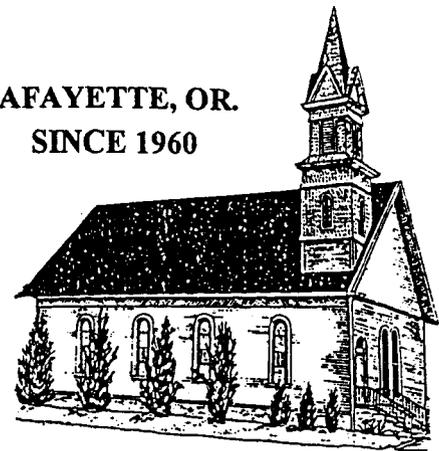


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MUSEUM HOURS:

Wed. through SUN. 1-4 PM

New Hours beginning September:
Saturday and Sunday only, 1-4
o'clock

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MEETING Tuesday Evening, September 12, 125 Bridge Street, Cheridan.

POT LUCK SUPPER at 6:30, followed by program.

PROGRAM Loisel Haas Bride, speaker, is a daughter of Ernest Haas, early druggist in Sheridan.

Dear Members,

It seems everyone is having a busy summer! I'm glad to have this opportunity to catch you up on some of the museum activities.

First I must notify you of the death of Verl Miller, the generous donor of the Miller Log Museum. Verl passed away Sunday, July 30th. His 91st birthday would have been August 13th. It was almost one year since we had the opening of the Miller Museum in honor of his 90th birthday. At the request of his wife, Dorothy, memorial services will be held Saturday, August 12th, 2:00 p.m. at the Miller Log Museum in Lafayette. A reception for his friends and acquaintances will follow the service. Members of the society are invited to attend. Members are asked to bring finger foods for the reception.

A reminder that the Y.C.H.S. annual picnic will be held Tuesday, August 22nd, 11:30 am at the Joel Perkins Park in Lafayette (located across the street from the museum). This is a potluck. Bring your own place setting and a tablecloth! Drinks will be provided by the Society.

We regretfully acknowledge the resignation of George Williams as the Y.C.H.S. Board Treasurer. His time and effort, loss of sleep and frustration in getting the Society back on track with our financial affairs is greatly appreciated by his fellow board members. We'll miss you George! Because of his efforts the job of the incoming treasurer will be much more manageable. Don Crawford has agreed to take over the vacated office.

The Museum continues to host several group activities: Hillside Manor Donor's High Tea, Chemeketa History Class #210 and the Obsidians.

We wish to thank Dan of "Bug Busters" for the free pest spraying services at both the Church and the Log Building.

Work days were set up at the museum for May 6th and 26th, June 9th and 23rd and July 21st. The upstairs and the kitchen in the church were cleaned out. Various articles were removed to the barn for further study and to determine their fate. We are in desperate need of storage space for these items while this process goes on. The items on display in the barn have become impossible to view because of the excess. The storage area need not be in Lafayette. The Indian artifacts have been moved upstairs in the Log Museum. Please take time to see this display! Trimming, mowing, cleaning, resetting stepping stones and more were also completed. Special thanks go out to the Log Museum Committee, extra helpers, the Yamhill County Sheriff's Department, especially Sheriffs Ron Huber and Lon Green and their crew. Thanks Kim Miller for the badly needed mowing!

The oral history interviews are continuing. We need everyone's help with this!

The Ruth Stoller Research Library continues to expand. Jack White reported the donation of a microfilm reader from St. Martins College in Lacey, Washington. Thanks to Elma Shucks generosity we have new bookshelves in the research library and the Church Museum.

There are so many more who need thanked for their contributions to the Society, but this isn't the Academy Awards and I don't have any trophies, so THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Seven months down and seventeen to go.....and you said I'd never last!

Sincerely,
Shirley Venhaus

Two editorials from the December 29 1886 McMinnville 'Daily Reporter'. The first illustrates a growing community coming to grips with urban problems while the second seems a bit paradoxical as the writer speaks of "adding new life" to a funeral parlor.

UNDERDRAINAGE CALLED FOR

Is not the present muddy condition of the streets of McMinnville highly suggestive of a need of a system of underdraining?

A system of underdrains laid down at a depth of from three to four feet and placed at proper intervals would draw out all the sub-soil water and lower the water line so that surface water could readily sink into the ground and leave the surface dry and solid for travel.

The benefits that would be derived from such an improvement would not be confined to the streets alone, as it would greatly improve the health of the town. Stagnant water, and cesspools of filth, has a tendency through constant evaporation, to chill and poison the atmosphere. It would also prevent a great deal of impure water from getting into the wells. The origin of a large amount of sickness such as malaria, typhoid fever and diphtheria and many other dangerous diseases may be traced to this source. Underdraining is not expensive when a good outlet is already provided as is the case with McMinnville and when drain tiles are used it is permanent and will continue to perform its good work for generations to come. The amount of money necessary to carry out such a system would be very small indeed, when compared to the great amount of good it would accomplish. It would increase the value of city property more than ten times the cost of the improvement. (Note: The writer no doubt refers to Cozine Creek and/or the South Yamhill as the "good outlet")



*Contemporary pen-and-ink drawing of the Fellows establishment
(Northwest corner of present day Third and Evans Streets)*

A LIVE MERCHANT

Some six or eight months ago, Capt. E.B. Fellows bought out the furniture and undertaking establishment of D.C. Narver. It was thought at the time that the new proprietor would add new life to the business and materially increase the business prosperity of the city.

The public have not been mistaken. Capt. Fellows immediately began to add a large and choice assortment of fine furniture. As the business began to increase in volume, a new front was added to the main store, making it at once the most attractive place of business in the city. For many years the public have had to put up with whatever facilities were offered for the burial of the dead. Mr. Fellows at once, with his usual foresight and energy, opened out a correspondence with an eastern house, and the

result today is a handsome plate-glass hearse comparing favorably with any city on the Pacific coast. The undertaking department is constantly in receipt of handsome burial cases. With the increase of business that has been justly merited by this energetic man, Mr. Fellows has found the present establishment far too small for his business, and has been forced to lease another building in which his numerous employees are constantly at work upon large invoices of handsome furniture. Mr. Fellows will continue to dispose of his goods at prices that can't be beat.

(Presumably the "goods" mentioned above relate only to the furniture side of the business JW)

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