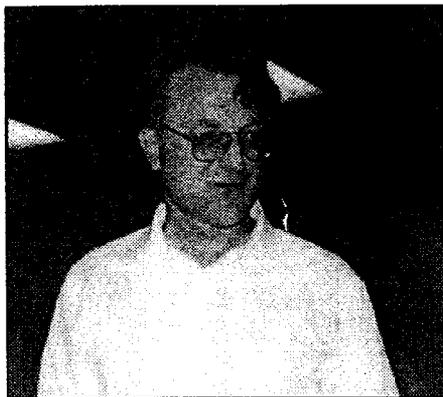


The West Side

Newsletter and Journal of the Yamhill County Historical Society

November 1999



ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORIAN SPEAKS AT AMITY

Bob Zybeck, a graduate of Oregon State University in Forestry who also completed masters degree work in the fields of Forestry Ecology, Historical Archeology and Cultural Anthropology, addressed the September general membership meeting and potluck held in the Amity Elementary School cafeteria October 12th. Employing considerable background data covering fire, flood and other natural events in the Willamette Valley and Coast Range over the past several centuries, he related this information to forest management practices as presently conducted in the region. This historical approach afforded considerable insight as to this area's natural environment prior to arrival of settlers during the mid nineteenth century as well as offering a well documented point of view upon what is sometimes the rather controversial subject of forest clear cutting. Certainly food for thought.

AN EARLY REPORT OF THE 1999 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Although it has been possible to include a number of photos, the very short time between the Harvest Festival and a 'West Side' publication deadline prevents in-depth report of the fete with this issue. However, steadfast museum volunteer Elma Shuck penned the following brief summary:

"The weather was an example of what a good fall day should be-balmy with good clean air. The church was ready to show off her new bonnet, the fall flowers were in fine array and Tom's inmate crew had bought in fresh top soil and trimmed the shrubs.

"Activities were everywhere. Good fiddling music floated from the log building and the singing of hymns wafted from the church. The open doors of the barn seemed to say "come in" while a group of men in straw hats were in front discussing the events of the week. The clomp of mule shoes on the roadway mingled with voices young and old indicated a warm

experience for all.

"Busy fingers in the log building created interest in skills with needles and bobbins-long forgotten by many. A bountiful table easily reached by all and filled with food that only Yamhill County communities could provide.

"It was a great day for all. Quilt tickets brought in \$180.00 for the day and book sales totaled \$65.00.

.....Elma Shuck

To this, and until it can be done more properly, a very grateful Harvest Festival chairman adds thanks to the excellent committee heads and the host of willing hands who contributed so eagerly toward making the affair such a success.

.....John White

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My comment for this month is short and to the point!!! **We must have more volunteers to be present at the museum.** Through September to May we are open only on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. New volunteers would work with more experienced people. It is a fun and interesting thing to do. **The fact is clear, without volunteers we cannot keep**

the museum open. The Society has worked so hard to improve and maintain our facilities. At this time only a handful of people are doing what all of us should be helping with. **"PLEASE", CALL MAXINE WILLIAMS AT 472-4547 WITH YOUR OFFER TO HELP.** Thank You.

.....Shirley

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS REVISION

Included as an insert to this issue of the 'WEST SIDE' is a copy of the revised YCHS Bylaws as proposed by the Board of Directors. Members are urged to thoroughly read the document in preparation for a formal vote of acceptance at the December 14th general meeting.

Election of officers will also take place at this same meeting and a nominating committee has been appointed to prepare a recommended slate.

STOCKING STUFFERS ?

President Shirley Venhaus also suggests that a gift membership in the Yamhill County Historical Society might just be the answer to the problem of finding a Christmas gift for that person who has everything. Contact Financial Secretary Lila Jackson for complete details!

The Yamhill County Historical Society is a nonprofit tax exempt educational and public service corporation established to protect, preserve and share the history and heritage of Yamhill County

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Sept 1 to May 31:
Sat-Sun 1 to 4 PM

or

By Appointment

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ANNUAL DUES

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**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

The Board of Directors at its October 12th meeting voted unanimously to award an honorary life membership to Shirley Kuykendall in recognition of her tireless efforts on behalf of the Society. For years Shirley has quietly gone about doing all the little, but highly important, things required to make our monthly potluck dinners and other gatherings a success. From hauling chairs and tables to wielding mops and scouring rest rooms, she has tirelessly and willingly done it all.

At the left, Shirley displays her new life membership card presented at the October 12th general meeting in Amity. Lila Jackson made the award followed by considerable applause and comments to the effect of "It's about time".

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER

A new McMinnville venue has been selected for the general membership meeting and potluck dinner on Tuesday **November 9th at 6:30 PM**. This time we'll be gathering at the **Seventh Day Adventist Church - 1500 Old Sheridan Road in McMinnville**. Speaker for the evening will be Jim Lockett who will present a program entitled "Christmas on the Oregon Trail." It promises to be an interesting evening for all and members are encouraged to invite guests. Also don't forget table service and a potluck offering.

BY DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT

It really doesn't matter the size of a visiting group, we are always happy to open our doors and share our time with those who wish to come see our facility. Early Saturday October 2nd (9:00 AM is early isn't it?) Jean Fitzgerald drove a Portland Parks and Recreation van to Lafayette with nine ladies and one gentleman on a five stop tour out of the city to experience the quiet life. They seemed to feel that their museum visit was a good omen of how the rest of their day would be as they headed for a winery and lunch at the Lawrence Galley followed by two more stops on the drive home. Jean said she would keep us on their itinerary for future outings.

Monday October 4th (9:00 AM again) we were expecting a small group of ladies from the "Extension" convention in McMinnville, when to our surprise, two men shoed up. We soon learned that the women obviously changed their mind about where they wanted to go on their outing and that "Extension" is now known as "Family Community Education", hence the men. Our visitors were from east of Salem. They said they would let those who chose to go elsewhere know what they had missed. The men seemed reluctant to leave and certainly received a special attention tour. This is the first time we hosts outnumbered the visitors.

Both groups left a contribution which we always appreciate. Lois Brooks, Ed Roghair and I will open for any one who wishes to visit as will the guides who fill in for us if we can't be there. We are proud of what we have to show and share.

.....Twila Byrnes

BUZZARD'S LUCK

Both 'WEST SIDE' editor John White and his very able assistant, Olive Merry Johnson, are presently experiencing rather serious illnesses. It is therefore asked that readers bear with possible newsletter production irregularities for the next few issues.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members and hope to become acquainted with them at future Society functions:

Elvin A. Duerst - Washington D.C.
Jim Durham - McMinnville
Marilyn James - Yamhill
Lee Johnson - Newberg
Ralph & Phyllis Turner - Sheridan

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Matt Dunckel - McMinnville

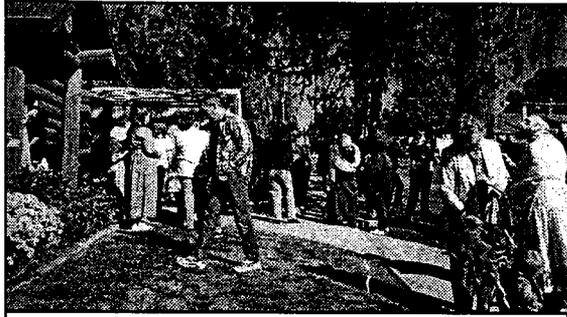
NEW ROOF ON MUSEUM

Have you seen the bright new roof on the Poling Church building? If you haven't, maybe you're not coming around as often as you should.



HARVEST FESTIVAL - 1999

Photos by Betty White



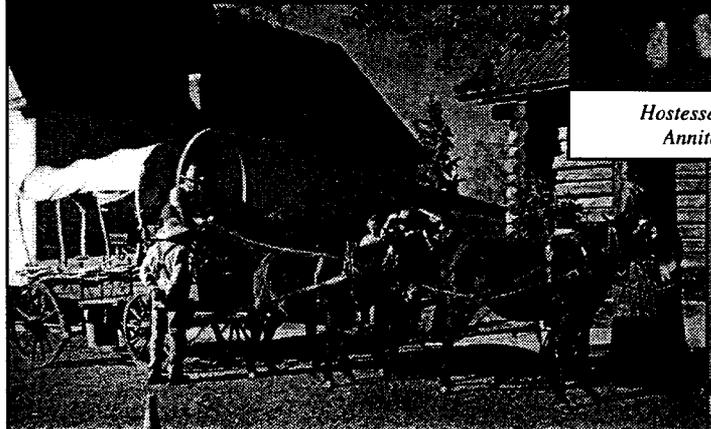
Part of the Large Crowd Attending



Hostesses Lois Brooks
Annita Linscheid



The Poling Church Choir under the Direction of
Barbara Knutson and Organist Opal Lehley



Wayne Beckwith and his Popular Mule Wagon



The Baker Family Enjoying Guest Refreshments



Bob Kuykendall and Twila Byrnes
Dressed for the Occasion



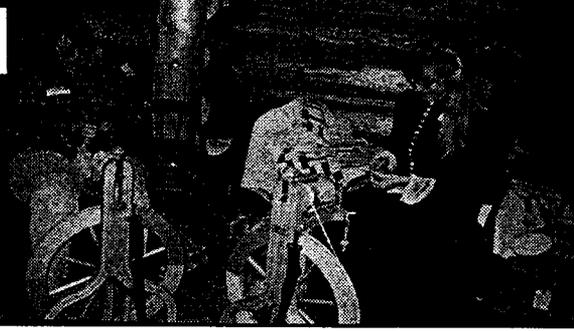
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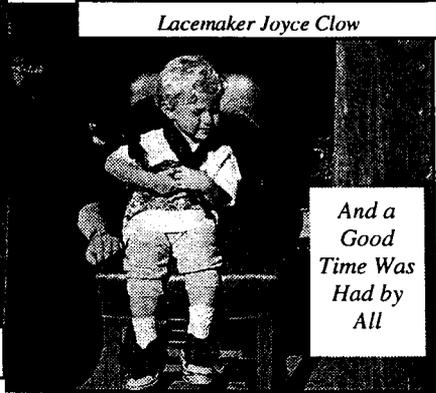
Lacemaker Joyce Clow



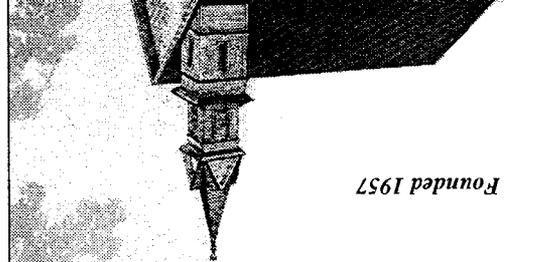
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Spinners Karen Label and Belinda Morgan at Work



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November 1999 Calendar of Events

Tuesday November 9th, 5:00 PM

Board of Directors - Seventh Day Adventist Church - McMinnville

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General Meeting & Potluck Dinner- Seventh Day Adventist Church - McMinnville

Bring your Own Table Service - Guests Always Welcome

(See page 2 for details)