

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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DATE: TUESDAY JANUARY 12, 1982 12:00 Noon (notice time change)
PLACE: AMITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Nursery Street, Amity, Oregon
POTLUCK: Bring your own service
PROGRAM: History of the Amity area

DUES

Annual dues for membership into the Yamhill County Historical Society are \$3.00 per individual and can be mailed to Evelyn Neiman, 1501 S. Baker, McMinnville, Oregon 97128. Affiliate dues to the Oregon Historical Society are also available. They are \$10.00 per year effective January 1, 1982 and can also be mailed to Mrs. Neiman.

MUSEUM NEWS

I hope every one had a nice Christmas. Our rummage sale netted us \$305.69. Special thanks to all who donated articles and those who helped the week of the sale. This money will go toward financing the publication of the book on the Schools of Yamhill County. Paper and labor has skyrocketed in recent years so we do need as much help as we can get. This will be a larger book than Old Yamhill.

We now have a sale shelf at the Museum which includes books, pots, and our publications. This will enable us to raise more funds. We are also planning on another rummage sale in the spring.

We received a lovely family photo album from the Newberg area. It had the pictures well numbered and list in the front. It is very nice to have all of our old pictures named and well documented. We also received a nice article from the Nelson estate. It is a piece that was used by Mr. Nelson, a tailor for many years, especially for pressing collars and lapels.

Hope you have a very Happy and Healthy New Year.
Best Wishes,

ROMA SITTON

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

Donations from members and friends are a good way to keep many of our history preservation projects going for the coming year. You may also want to send us a memorial donation for a friend or relative that has recently passed away. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to the Yamhill County Historical Society, P.O. Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127.

HISTORY NOTES

EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARY OF MELLISSA ELLEN PAYNE
(Sent to us by the courtesy of a great-grandson, John J. Payne, JR.)

Mellissa was the wife of Dr. Martin Payne, who lived in the Bellevue area. Mrs. Dickey was the wife of David Dickey. Mrs. Ensley was the wife of

Martin Ensley. Mrs. Sawyer was Itha Gant, daughter of Reuben and wife of George Sawyer. "Mother" was Martin Payne's mother, Miriam Sumner Payne. Mrs. Mulkey was Margaret Garrison, daughter of Ephriam and wife of Monroe Mulkey. The Shaddens were cousins of the Paynes. Lycurgas Hembree had married Mary Shadden.

Wednesday January 1, 1873. We took dinner with Mrs. Dickey, had a nice time. March showers, wind from the west.

Thursday January 2, Washed today. Martin was called to see Mrs. Ensley.

Friday, January 10. Martin was called to see Mr. Tom Holcomb.

Saturday January 11. Martin returned this evening. Mr. Tom Holcomb better. Ensley's wife worse, not at home to answer the call.

Sunday January 12. Mrs. Ensley better. Had company this evening.

Friday January 17. Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Dickey was here today. Martin got me a teapot 25¢. Betsy Ann had a nest of 9 pigs.

Wednesday January 22. Had a nice visit with Mrs. Dickey today. Saly stays all night with me.

Tuesday January 28. Mother and Mrs. Dickey here this evening. I sold one of Betsy Ann's shoats to Mr. Dickey for four bushels of potatoes.

Wednesday February 5. Mrs. Mulkey crossed the drift, her brother no better. Mrs. Sawyer here this evening. Mrs. Dickey here this morning. Mr. Dickey has the toothache. (The Garrison's lived across the South Yamhill River from the Mulkey's R.S.)

Thursday February 6. Nice sunny day. I set out some flowers on my little grave (She had lost a daughter some years before.)

Thursday March 6. Wind and rain from the south. Johnie Gant here- Arisiples in his hand.

Sunday April 6. Pleasant day. Mrs. Henderson here today to have a tooth drawn.

Saturday April 19. Pleasant day. Went to Lafayette.

Sunday April 20. We stayed last night with Mary and L. Hembree in McMinnville. On our way home we stopped at Uncle Shadden for dinner. Got home at 4 o'clock.

Wednesday April 30. Pleasant day. Mrs. Dickey, Gene Davis, and Mr. Bennifield's boy hear today. I wrote to brother Wells. Finished Itha Sawyer's baby dress. Made a pot of soap out of concentrated lye. The baby 9 months old and can push a chair and walk by holding the chair.

Thursday May 1. I went to Mrs. Mulkey's she is sick in bed. seen Jane Garison and her baby. Mrs. Henderson and Tilley Garison there.

(to be continued next month)

Submitted by

RUTH STOLLER
