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SUMMER  
MUSEUM HOURS Wed. thru Sundays,  
1-4 o'clock, beginning June 20.

MEETING: Tuesday evening, May 8, at the church on Dundee's Main Street.  
Use the side entrance. visitors encouraged to attend.  
POTLUCK at 6:30. Bring own table service.

PROGRAM: Mildred Renne will tell about her husband, known to many of  
us as Judge Renne.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT -

It is imperative that all Raffle Tickets be turned in at this month's meeting, as the quilt winner will be drawn at this time! If you cannot be there, be sure someone else will be bringing your tickets before or at this meeting. . . George Williams will be signing up volunteers for summer duty. The summer schedule will begin **June 20**, the Museum being open Wednesdays thru Sundays, 1 - 4 o'clock.

Since May is our last meeting until September, here are some reminders: Mark your calendar for August 14, for our Annual Potluck PICNIC. To be at noon in the Lafayette Locks park. For any who need rides, call Maxine at 472-4547. If there must be a change, this will appear in your local newspaper. So keep this in mind. . . I wish you would all turn in your Yamhill County family information. If you have lost the form handed out, get another from the Museum. . . We have a request from Stan Shaw, Factoid Desk, "The Oregonian" newspaper, for odd trivia for the "Fun Facts" section of the "Northwest Magazine," Sunday supplement. He is interested in strange, unusual, humorous, or unique information that might be left out of official histories. Write him, or call him at 800-452-1420, ext.4071. . . Another request is from Sherry Frankovich, who with her friend Jane Burich, is making up a cooking journal. Both are natives of Yamhill County. They request family recipes handed down from generation to generation, along with a brief history of the recipe, when and how the family moved out west, even if only last year. Appreciate family pictures, also. Sherry's address is 10915 N.W. Cornell Rd., Portland, OR 97229, or phone 644-0386.

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*Yamhill County Historical  
Museum. Purchased in 1969.  
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A nationwide celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Oregon Trail is to take place in 1993. Since Oregon and Oregon City, in particular, were the end of the Trail, this celebration will mean much to our state. The state of Oregon and some of its counties are already making plans. A member of the firm hired by the state and Clackamas County to lay the ground work for the Oregon part of the celebration paid the Yamhill County Museum and Historical Society a visit a few days ago to see what we might have to offer toward the observance.

Many of the first people to come over the Oregon Trail settled in Yamhill County and we still have many descendents living here. Our museum has many objects associated with the lives of these first pioneers, including many brought across the plains. We have also gathered much information and history of these early settlers.

We are ready to celebrate this 150th Anniversary on a first-hand basis and to cooperate in any way we can with the general plans of the state and the nation.

Ruth Stoller

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Did you get your DUES up-to-date? They go to Mary Ogden, P.O. Box 273,  
Amity, OR 97101  
The Historical Society appreciates the Memorials it receives.

# Lafayette hosts new oak tree

## Commons Park dedication site

LAFAYETTE—Dedication ceremonies for a new red oak tree in Commons Park will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, at the corner of Second and Adams streets in Lafayette.

The new seedling was donated to the city by Bailey Nursery, and will

represent the old council oak that stood in the park when Lafayette was the county seat in the 1800s.

It is believed that the first jury trial in Oregon was held under the original white oak. And some old Lafayette documents suggest a horse thief was hung on that spot.

In the the 1930s, the large oak gave

way to a baseball field. The park now is the location of a senior center.

Residents of Lafayette are invited to attend the ceremony along with members of the Historical Society, city council and new mayor Lee Wood. Yamhill County Commissioners also have been invited to attend the ceremony.

From April '90 "News-Register"

PACIFIC CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE--April 1, 1865

(This is an early (1865) account of a trip to Dayton, McMinnville, and Lafauette by the editor of the advocate continued from the last newsletter.)

### NOTES BY THE WAY

On Sunday morning we worshipped in the M.E. Church in Lafayette. This is the seat of Justice for Yamhill County. It is situated on the Yamhill River, three miles above Dayton, and is reached by steamboats nearly all the year. The site is not beautiful, being rather low and flat, at least it seems so now. The church is good and out of debt; the congregation was good. The courthouse is a substantial brick structure, the lower partion of which is occupied as a jail, and just now they have prisoners charged with horse stealing. It is believed the authorities are gaining information which will enable them to ferret out and bring to justice a large band of rogues who have been doing a heavy business in horse stealing. One man is retained in the prison to give evidence. The jail is guarded every night by armed men as threats have been made to break open the prison and liberate the theives.

Having shared the hospitality of our good friends, Brother and Sister Bird, during our stay in Lafayette, we returned on Monday to the parsonage at Dayton, having reached the conclusion that the Dayton-Lafayette Circuit is not a safe place for an invalid preacher to visit, as Brother Starr gets all the service out of his friends that is possible. Thus far it has been a year of prosperity to that field of labor.

We are very greatly obliged to the officers of the steamers SENATOR and UNION for their kindnesses toward the editor of the Advocate.

Henry C. Benson D.D.