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President- Edward Stratton

THANKS to the outgoing officers who have served us well and have done a great job during 1990. A special, well earned, thanks to: Edward Stratton, President; Lee Rudisill, Vice President; Zira Kahl, Finance Chair; Mary Yoke, Secretary; and Betty Swan, Librarian. Each of these have done their duties faithfully and exceptionally well and also for more than one term. We are grateful to each and all.

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected officers and appointed committee heads who will start their terms of office in January 1991. Our thanks to each of these volunteers who are willing to give their time and talents for the good of the Society. They deserve all the help and support that you can give.

OFFICERS

Daniel Froehlich -President
Rebecca Kiger -1st V.P.(Program)
Damaris Reynolds -2nd V.P.(Hostess)
Darrell Kahl -Finance Chairman
Janice Barclay -Secretary
Joanne Perry -Librarian

APPOINTEES

Jean Grube -Membership
Joy Reed -Asst. Hostess
Shelia Madden -Book Committee Chrm.
Ed Stratton -Newsletter Editor
John Matuszak -Asst. Librarian
Mitch Beard -Publicity
Virginia Hoeye-Scrapbook/history
Mary Yoke -Archives film orders
Mabelle Martsching- Queries
Danell Auckerman- Surname Files
Audrey Broadley-Labels
Damaris Reynolds-Thriftshop sales

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

- #457 "Descendants of William Warren and Phebe Elizabeth Herbert Starr 1862 to Present Time" by Jesse Benson Starr & Mary Alice Starr.
- #458 "Gene Stratton-Porter - Novelist and Naturalist" by Judith Reick Long.
- #459 Benton County Cemetery Records & Tombstone Inscriptions, Vol I
14 cemeteries incl. Alsea, Blodgett, Kings Valley, Pleasant Valley
- #460 Benton County Cemetery Records & Tombstone Inscriptions, Vol II
Crystal Lake Cemetery
- #461 Benton County Cemetery Records-Military Personell buried in Benton Co

REMINDERS

Next meeting- January 12. Bring books to share on Pennsylvania & Ohio.

Bring Flavor Pac and Santiam Labels to Audrey- frozen food labels as well as canned will qualify. The annual "turn in" time will soon be here.

Bring items for Thrift Shop to Damaris or take them yourself. Our number is 492 and every little bit helps our book fund.

Books, maps, newsletters, etc. are needed for the used book sale table.



WELCOME

to new member Eleanor KENNEDY- we are happy to have you with us.

THIS AND THAT

February 2, 1991- Dick Millican from Albany Genealogy Society extended an invitation to meet with them at 1 p.m. at the Waverly Library- to become acquainted and to know what records they have, what they are doing and etc.

Additions to the list of Newsletters/Quarterlies received by members who are willing to share: Pat Coolican receives (1) County Mayo, Ireland Newsletter, (Quarterly) and (2) Twin Tiers N.Y Newsletter (Chemury, Steuken, Schaylen Cos,)

The New Jersey State Archives has suspended the processing of all genealogical requests due to an employment freeze and budget restrictions. The Pennsylvania State Archives has announced its closure for 6 to 12 months for repairs. (from Willamette Valley G.S. Newsletter, Nov. 1990)

A FAMILY

A family is a deeply rooted tree with branches of different strengths all receiving nourishment from an infinite source.

A family is where holidays are celebrated with feasting, birthdays acknowledged with gifts, and thoughts of days gone by kept alive with fond remembrances.

A family is where character is formed, values are learned, ethics are created, and society is preserved.

A family is where each can find solace and comfort in grief, pleasure and laughter in joy, and kindness and encouragement in daily living.



A family is where all members contribute and share, cooperate and work, and accept their responsibilities toward the good of the group.

A family is a haven of rest, a sanctuary of peace, and most of all, a harbor of love.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/ RENEWAL

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____ REINSTATE _____ membership year starts in January

Enclosed is: \$ _____ for _____ individual membership(s) at \$4.00 each
\$ _____ for _____ family membership at \$6.00

For family membership please list names _____

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MERRY CHRISTMAS !

D. FAGAN: HISTORY OF BENTON COUNTY, OREGON, BIOGRAPHIES

HANSON, John W.—this leading merchant tailor of Corvallis, is a native of Lane county, Oregon, born 15 December 1855. In 1870 he went to San Francisco and entered the merchant tailoring establishment of his uncle where he spent the following 5 years. In 1875 he returned to Lane county and engaged in business for himself in Eugene, until 1880, when he came to Corvallis and opened his present tailor shop in connection with which he runs a general store. Mr. HANSON was married in Lane county to a daughter of C. W. YOUNG, one of the most prosperous farmers of that county.

HARRIS, John—in the gentleman whose name heads this brief memoir, we have a leading and worthy citizen of Benton county. He is one of the men whose success in life has been mainly achieved in the county in which he now lives, by the exercise of economy, industry and business integrity, guided by intelligent financial ability; he is now in good circumstances and 25 years ago was a poor man. What he has, came gradually through those years as the result of correct business calculation and not by chance of the favorable turn of fortune's wheel. Mr. HARRIS was born in October 1827, was married 12 March 1848, to Jane BUCHANAN, in St. John's church Liverpool. On 16 April 1850, he sailed from Liverpool for California, arriving in San Francisco November 16th following—proceeding direct to Hangtown (now Placerville) and embarked in mining which he followed in the different mining camps until June, 1852, when he concluded to engage in agricultural pursuits and selected Oregon for his future home, coming direct to Benton county in the above month and year. A short time after his arrival he purchased 300 acres, a part of his present farm, it being the donation claim of Mr. Wm. BRAGG, to which he has since added by purchase some 300 acres more located 8 miles southwest of Corvallis, where in 1875 he built his present beautiful residence where he now lives enjoying the comforts that attend a well spent and industrious life. Mrs. HARRIS left Liverpool for Oregon in October 1852, and arrived at her present home 26 January 1853, having made the trip alone to join her husband in his new home. Their family consists of one daughter, Mary J., a young lady of more than ordinary intelligence and one who has been educated not to look upon life as the idle drones upon the honey stored for them by the working bees in the hive, but as a period blocked out of time in which she is to accomplish something by her own acts that will not be a discredit to herself (and her native state). To Mr. HARRIS and men of his kind, Benton county and Oregon owes its present prosperity and future success.

HARTLESS, Eldridge—the subject of this sketch, a highly esteemed pioneer of Benton county, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, 22 February 1816, but at an early age was taken by his father to West Virginia, where he was left an orphan. When 20 years of age he removed to Indiana. At the age of 27 he was married and 2 years later removed to Missouri, whence, in the spring of 1846, he joined a party coming to Oregon. Having first settled in Oregon City, in 1848 he came to Benton county, located the claim on which he died, 1 September 1882, and during life was remarkable for his public spirit and energy. Save a few trips to California, Idaho and Montana on business he never left the county of his adoption. He married in Lowell, Massachusetts, 27 July 1857 Miss Emily C. BATES, by which union there were nine children, 5 of whom now survive, viz: Sarah J., Virginia, William, Eldridge, and Clara.