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NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION

The New Society Officers will be installed today during the business meeting.

The New Officers voted in last month are:

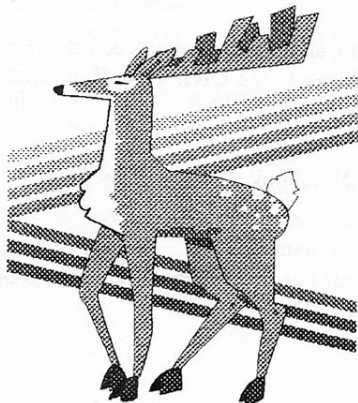
President	Ken Beilman
1st Vice Pres	Danell Aukerman
2nd Vice Pres	Judy Beals
Secretary	Jo Triggs
Treasurer	Ron Edwards
Librarian	Jean Grube

May you all have a good and fulfilling year.

TODAYS MEETING

The Library will close at 12:00 Noon today to prepare for the Auction and Tea in the Fireside Room of the Methodist Church at the East end of the parking lot. Please have all of your books back in the library, or checked out, by that time.

At Noon we will adjourn to the Fireside Room, and the meeting, Auction and Tea will take place there. The reason is that the board felt that there would be more room there for our festivities. There will be a donation jar available to defray the cost of renting the facility.



ODDS AND ENDS

The Library is open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 pm. Librarians are on hand to help you with your questions. You may check out and return books on Tuesday.

Remember our number at the OSU thriftshop is 492.

If you don't already belong to the Benton County Historical Society, why not consider joining? Contact a board member to find out what it is about.

LABELS

Don't forget to bring in your Flav-R-Pak and Santiam labels. There is a plastic box in the library to store them in. NOTE: All you need to bring in is the UPC Symbol. Be careful to cut a little extra package around the Symbol so that all of it is there. If you bring just the UPC Symbol, it will take less room in the library.

CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP

Canadian Interest Group will not meet in December. Call Pat Rawlinson, 752-2243, for further info if you need more.

VOLUNTEERS

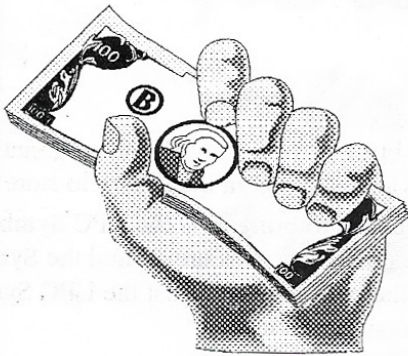
There are several areas that need volunteers to keep them going. Among them are the library, snacks for each meeting and cleaning up afterward, extracting the GT records and others that come up from time to time. If the masses of the membership do not act to fill these open spots, there is one inevitable consequence, the program or activity will close or be considerably curtailed. Please help us by keeping the volunteer chair of each projects list full to overflowing.

MONTHLY SHARING

Each month we have a table to bring books or other artifacts to share with the other members, from the area we are specializing in. The items are used for that one day only, you take them home that night. Following is the listing for the ten months that we have meetings. If you have books or items to share, please bring them as shown below.

If we do not have your area of interest, please contact a board member and let's see if we can update the listing to satisfy your needs.

Jan	PA, OH
Feb	OR, WA, ID, MT
Mar	VA, WV
Apr	NC, KY, TN, and Germany
May	IL, MI, WI, Ireland and Scotland
Jun	IN, IA, KS
Sep	NY, NJ, MD, DC
Oct	NH, VT, MA, ME
Nov	CT, RI, DE
Dec	Auction and Christmas Tea



DUES

It is that time again. Your annual dues may be paid starting with the September meeting. The membership chair and Treasurer would like to get this job done before the first of the year.

Again this year the dues are \$9.00 for a family and \$6.00 for a single membership. Make checks payable to Mid-Valley Genealogical Society. Give them to the treasurer at the meeting or mail them to PO Box 1511, Corvallis OR 97339.

Please get your dues paid early this year.

Maybelle wants us to know that the Eugene Society has a new location.
Oregon Genealogical Society, Inc.
223-F North A St.
Springfield OR

DIG DEEPER

The following was given to me by Virginia Hoeye and is from **Travel 50 & Beyond**, Fall 1993 issue, from the column **Our Readers Write**.

"The moral in an ancestral search should be "never leave any stone unturned." I had a "feeling" that I had a great-great-grandfather who had served in the War of 1812. All "Request for Records" forms sent to the National Archives in Washington, DC, for his military service record came back as "no record; unknown." I later visited the National Archives and this time I noted to search also "unindexed" records. Imagine my surprise and delight in being handed a large brown envelope containing many original documents of my ancestors. I wanted to share the magic word "unindexed" with those also searching for military records. I hope everyone has the good fortune to receive a first-hand glimpse into their own family history."



NEW BOOKS

The following are the New books added to the MVGS Library as of 7 Dec 1993.

Corvallis High School Memory Book, Class of 1940, 50 year Reunion.

Camp Adair - 50 Years Ago, World War II.

Camp Adair Memories, 1941-1993, Vol. 2.

North and South Carolina Marriage Records, from the earliest colonial days to the Civil War. Compiled by Wm. Montgomery Clemens.

STARR Family Notebook. Compiled by Mabelle Martsching.

Key to the Ancient Parish Registers of England and Wales, by Arthur Meredith Burke.

Bernice Robison-Charter member

by Lee Rudisill

I met Bernice Robison this week for the first time in her room at the Corvallis Manor. Right away I knew that we could have been friends for years if we could only have met.

But I must tell her story from the beginning. Bernice was born in Denver. Their family moved to Riverside when she was 4. She has one sister. She attended Jr. College and became a professional Girl Scout director. Her husband was a Boy Scout executive. They lived in Winslow, Az. for 20 years. They had two daughters.

She said she has always been interested in Genealogy. When she was a child she loved the family stories and when anyone in the family had information it was given to her.

It just seemed to be always understood that she would be the family historian. Others in the family did research and sent their information to her.

Bernice has three lines that go back to the Mayflower. COOK and WHITE are two of them. She belonged to the Nebraska Mayflower society and also to the D.A.R. of Riverside, Ca.

Most of her ancestry comes from England and Germany. There have been several books published on her different lines.

Some of her ancestors were Quakers and one of her stories is about a young man that followed his girlfriend to America and later married her but her family were very strict Quakers and would not let him come into the church for many years because he had been of the Episcopalian faith.

Bernice writes: "My grandfather Hughes Lamborn was an Elder in the South Denver Congregational Church when it joined with others to become a Community Church. He had been an Elder for years. In those days once an Elder, always an Elder, a so called "Hellder" He was given the two silver Communion Goblets for his many year's of service. They were passed from person to person, one on each side of the congeration. They were very plain silver ten or twelve inches high. I gave one to the Winslow Arizona Presbyterian Church for their Communion table. The other is in a Presbyterian Church on our Oregon Coast."

Another story : " In a small old oval tin frame I inherited a black rosette. Written beside it in fading ink; "Worn by Joseph Bunch in the Revolution". This came from a cousin of my mothers. Her mother was a Bunch. My mother's grandmother was a Bunch. I used this to be in the D.A.R. My grandson in Wisconsin now owns it along with all my records and books.

Bernice was a seamstress and made a lot of their clothes even tents, and sleeping bags. She hooked rugs, braided rugs and sketched the outline for the pictures her husband wanted to paint.

She has a beautiful cross stitched picture of birds on her wall that she sewed.

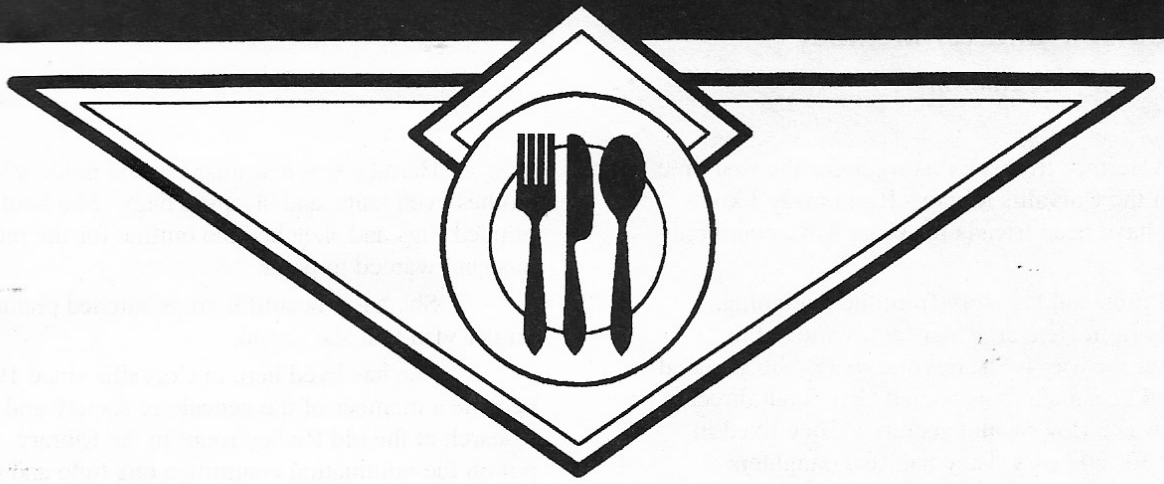
She has lived here in Corvallis since 1970. She became a member of the genealogy society and did lots of research at the old Richey room in the Library. She was put on the nominating committee one time and the Chairman announced that those on the committee would be the new officers - there was no vote and the chairman left town. Bernice was to be president, but she refused as she had only been in Corvallis a short time and didn't know many of the members. She said that was as close as she came to being an officer.

Bernice spends lots of time now with her hobby of Origami, folding paper into tiny birds, flowers, and other designs, gluing them on to note paper then drawing in the background. Her bureau has several drawers and she ask me to open the bottom drawer which she called her factory. The second drawer is her attic, and the third holds her supplies.

There was a box of finished note cards in her 'factory' drawer and she ask me to select three cards for my self.

Her philosophy - "When ever you go somewhere don't leave without some loot" These cards were my loot. They are very lovely. I hope she lets me visit again sometime.





*By whatever means
you celebrate the
Holiday Season*

*I hope that you have
a very Happy time.*

Ed Stratton, Editor

