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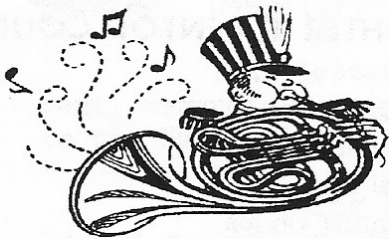
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## ODDS AND ENDS

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, is for those searching for their roots in Canada. This group meets the third Tuesday of each month, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Albany Public Library. If you have a specific area of Canada you are interested in, please let me know so we can have books and printed materials there for you to look at. We have resources available for Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and some Quebec, plus Canada in general. Car pooling can be arranged. Call Pat Rawlinson, 752-2243.

## 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 (NOTE: new this month is KS.)
Sep	NY, NJ, MD, DC
Oct	NH, VT, MA, ME
Nov	CT, RI, DE
Dec	Auction and Christmas Tea

## 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 an 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.



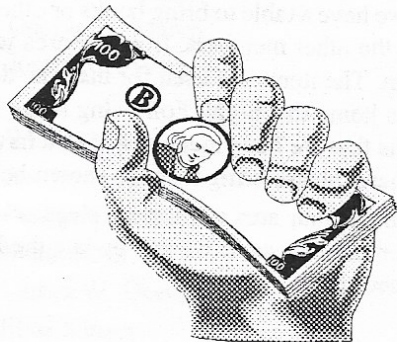
## NEW BOOKS

The following books are now in our library.

Camp Adair - World War II  
Volumes 1 and 2

Scrapbook of Starr  
Genealogical Information by Mabelle Martching

Corvallis High School Memory Book  
Class of 1940 50 Year reunion.

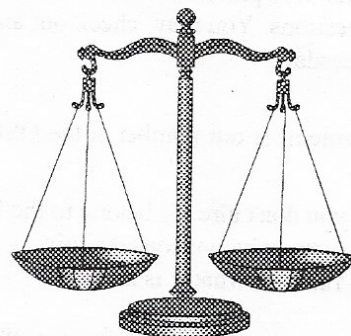


## DUES

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.



## MANSLAUGHTER IN BENTON COUNTY

From **The Democratic Era**

Fri 21 April 1871

Vol. 1 #1

East Portland, Oregon

University of Oregon

Misc OR Newspapers

Réel 13, p 2:4

Corvallis, April 19. A young man named White, a student of Philomath College, got into a fight yesterday at Philomath with Frank Mason, when Eli Mason, an older brother, threw a piece of iron, striking White on the head, inflicting a wound from which he died about 8 o'clock last evening.

Friday 5 May (Vol. 1&3) p 2:5

Eli Mason, the youth who killed Silas S. White, by throwing a piece of iron at him while fighting with Mason's brother at Philomath, not long since, has been convicted of manslaughter.

Friday 12 May 1871, p 3:2

The late homicide at Corvallis - Mason, who was recently convicted of the killing of White, at Philomath College, Benton County, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

## POSTAL SERVICE

The following two pages are listings of the Corvallis and Brownsville Post Office Postmasters from their beginnings until the time the letters were written. I am sorry, but the donor's name was not on the pages, and I can't remember who gave them to me. Forgetfulness comes to all of us.

## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



*National Archives and Records Service*  
Washington 25, D. C.

March 22, 1954

Mrs. Richard Dempster  
1005 N. 30th Street  
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Dempster:

Your letter of February 17, 1954, to the Post Office Department, regarding the post office at Calipooya, Oregon, has been referred to the National Archives and Records Service.

According to the records of the Post Office Department now in our custody, a post office was established at Calipooya, Linn County, on January 8, 1850. Its name was changed to Brownsville on May 18, 1859. Names of postmasters and dates of their appointment were:

Hugh H. Spaulding	January 8, 1850
Hugh S. Brown	July 14, 1853
James W. Mack	April 30, 1858
John S. Reasoner	May 8, 1861
James Worth	November 18, 1861
A. Kirk	April 13, 1863
George C. Cooley	July 7, 1863
Alexander Kirk	May 30, 1866
R. H. Duncan	November 10, 1868
William H. Rowland	March 19, 1869
Peter Hume	August 16, 1872
Fred F. Croft	May 10, 1876
Peter Hume	January 10, 1881
Charles C. Stanard	February 20, 1884
George A. Dyson	March 20, 1889
Francis M. Jack	July 11, 1893
Edward D. Starr	July 19, 1897
John P. Cooley	October 22, 1914
William H. Hayes	November 16, 1923
Walter A. McHargue	May 19, 1936*

# CORVALLIS, OREGON POSTOFFICES AND POSTMASTERS

First established as "Averys" Benton county January 8, 1850

Changed to Marysville, September 9, 1850

Changed to Corvallis, February 18, 1854

<u>Postmasters</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>
J.C Avery	January 8, 1850
Alfred Rineheart	September 9, 1850
Joseph C. Avery	March 14, 1851
Wyman St.Clair	November 5, 1851
George H. March	January 7, 1853
Joseph C. Avery	June 7, 1853
do	February 1, 1854
Wm. Wilson	August 16, 1854
Jas. H. Slater	June 28, 1855
George E. Cole	November 28, 1857
Matthew N. Bell	October 4, 1858
Luther W. Doolittle	December 13, 1859
Elias Kinsey	June 18, 1861
George Mercer	November 12, 1861
John W. Souther	June 10, 1862
Wm. A. K. Mellen	January 4 1865
Robert M. Thompson	October 6, 1865
Wallace Baldwin	July 6, 1868
George Mercer	March 20, 1871
Joseph A. Hanna	June 4, 1872
Elias Woodward	May 7, 1875
Newton R. Barber	May 25, 1876
Mrs. Frank A. Helm	January 30, 1888
Charles M. Moore	February 8, 1892
Robert "Bob" Johnson	August 11, 1894
Burtis W. "Bert" Johnson	October 18, 1897
Victor P. "Vic" Moses	March 10, 1914
Claude E. Ingalls	March 3, 1923
Victor P. Moses	June 18, 1935
Wm. Watson Woody	January 3, 1945

Mrs. James Moore:

I am happy to give you the above official list of postmasters, covering also period of Service, as much as reported to me by direct inquiry, Postmaster Gereral's office Washington.

Sincerely yours,

March 14, 1950

Victor P. Moses  
Ex-postmaster, etc.