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Benton County Genealogical Society

formerly Mid-Valley Genealogical Society

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

If you haven't paid your dues by the 15th,
you will receive no more newsletters.

Program 13 Jan 96

Today's program is a discussion and explanation of the Elderhostel / BYU program.

Book Needs

The book committee is seeking your input to help with decisions of what books to purchase this year. A needs survey is in the center of the newsletter. Please either bring the completed survey to the January meeting or mail it no later than 13 January. See the form for directions.

Mailing Label Coding

The two digits behind your name on the mailing label are:

S=Single; F=Family; E=Exchange.

Number is last of year; 6=96.

L0 is Charter Honorary Life Member.

Notes

If you want a copy of the new By-Laws, call the President.

The book list is available for \$2.00 each, while they last, in the Library.

Auction and Raffle

The Bowl by John Martching was won by Lee Rudisill. You could hear her gasp clear across the room. The Afghan was won by LaRae Gump and the Christmas hanging by Leroy Volz, a neighbor of Mabelle Martching.

The auction brought in \$285.10 and \$130.00 from the raffle.

A great time was had by all.

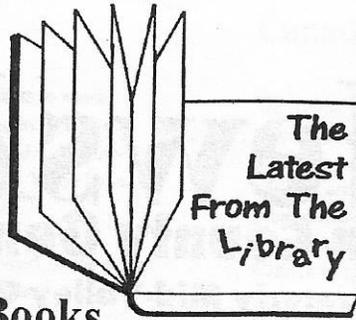
Installation of Officers

Pat Coolican gave, as she said, a very informal installation of the new officers. All but two were returning again this year. Pat called each up so that the members could see them and pronounced Leila Crawford's several times as a lot of people have trouble with. Pronounce it Lee Ila.

The new officers are on the masthead on the back page but here they are again.

President	Ken Bielman
1st Vice	Gene Kelsey
2nd Vice	Judy Beals
Secretary	Leila Crawford
Treasurer	Ron Edwards
Librarian	Jean Grube

After the first of the year the appointed office of Membership will become an elective one and Danell Aukerman will fill it.



New MVGS Library Books

The information in parentheses is the location on the shelves.

Microfilm Index to 1840 Indiana Census (IN) Gift of Damaris Reynolds

The Great Migration Begins, Vol 2, G - O (New Eng)

We received Vol I of "The Great Migration Begins", as noted in the October Newsletter. It was not on the book list so please add it to your list.

Comittee Assignments

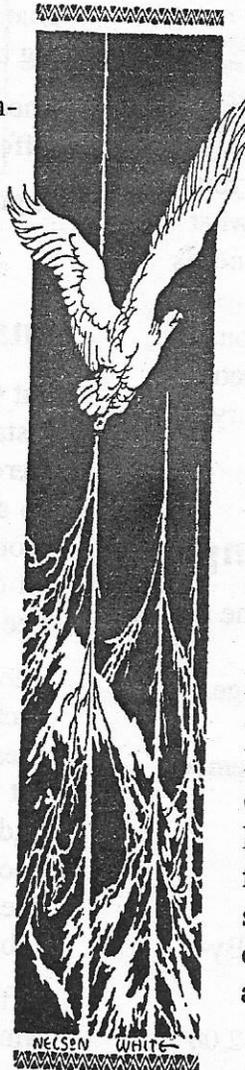
The following members have agreed to be committee chair for the 1996 year.

Standing Committees

Audit	Bob Tarrant
	Joanne Philips
Book Purchases	Damaris Reynolds
Library Scheduling	Lee Rudisill
Pedigree Charts	Jim Russell
Surname File	Jim Russell
Public Relations	Mitch Beard
Queries	Mabelle Martching
Service Projects	Becky Kiger
Society History	Virginia Hoeye

Special Committees

Budget	Daniel Froehlich Chair
	Sheila Fitzpatrick
	Betty Swan
Computer Survey	Joan Mueller
Membership	Danell Aukerman
Merchandising	Damaris Reynolds
Newsletter	Ed Stratton
Norpac Label's	Mary Hamlin
By-Laws	Gene Newcomb



Various Coming Events

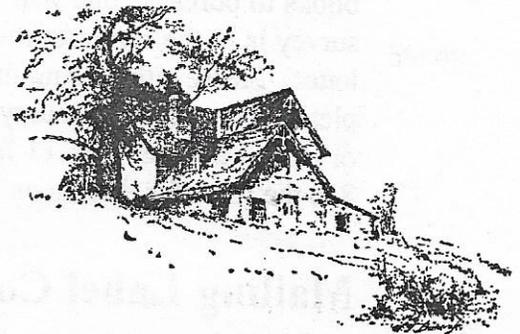
May 8 to 11 1996 in Nashville TN. The National Genealogical Society (NGS) and Middle TN Gene Soc. (MTGS) are sponsoring The 16th Annual NGS Conference in the States. See Library BB for paperwork.

Coming in 1996 on your PBS TV Station. They will be showing a ten part series on **Ancestors** stay tuned for more information.

Monthly Question

Last month's answer is; The pronunciation of the word Berliner was wrong. The way he said it meant "I am a jelly donut".

This Months question is; What was the reason the first automobile owner in Vancouver, WA, got a traffic ticket?



New Catalog

Have just received a catalog from a new company, Quintin Publications. They have a lot of Canadian material, especially French Canadian some of it in French! Much is available on microfiche. Also British Isles and European, some of which I have not seen listed elsewhere. If you are interested, see me at the meeting or give me a call.

Damaris Reynolds 753-1810

BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Twenty-five years later there is no record of the effort and planning that went on, probably during the summer of 1971. It seems that a growing interest in family history brought a number of people together, among them Mary Peffer, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Erma Lee Brown, genealogist, and a member of the End of Trail Researchers. Meetings were held. Velma Parsons wrote that an early planning meeting of about a dozen women met at the home of Lotta Chapman and Celia Coon. Names mentioned by Velma were Harriet Moore, Hazel Beals, Bessie Murphy, Bernice Robison, Clara Jans, Edith Hughes, Edna Wiese, Jo Zadina, Mary Peffer, and the hostesses.

At the May 1982 meeting Velma reminisced about those early days. She said that subsequent planning meetings were held in the Elizabeth Ritchie Room of the Corvallis Library. This activity led to the first publicly announced meeting, to be held on 11 September 1971. Unfortunately only the newspaper announcement remains as a record of that meeting.

It is possible that a Nominating Committee was formed at that September meeting. It is sure that officers were elected at the October meeting. The first officers were:

President - Velma Parsons
Vice President - Celia Wilson Coon
Secretary/Treasurer - Josephine Zadina
Directors - Hazel D. Beals, Harriet Moore, and Bernice W. Robison
Also present at that second meeting were Mary Peffer, Norma Pennington, Lavohn M. Watts, and Edna Wiese.

The End of Trail Researchers, based in Salem at the time, had as its main purpose publishing Oregon Records. A secondary purpose was to travel to other Oregon cities to assist with forming new groups. Erma Lee Brown traveled, and became an early member. Thus it was that our Society came into being as the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society, with members from Albany, Alsea, Corvallis, Cresswell, Eugene,

Lebanon, Sweet Home, and Pullman, WA.

The first program, on 9 October, was presented by Edna Wiese, who told of her recent trip of discovery in Germany. On November 13, Betty Wilson outlined the personal qualities needed and steps to take in compiling a family record in "Beginning of a Growing Record.". On 11 December, Billie Sneed Webb told the group of "The Seven Steps to Genealogical Research."

In addition to socializing and personal research, the group expected to "cooperate with the Benton County Historical Society in the preservation and publication of area history." (The Corvallis-Gazette Times, Tuesday, 19 October 1971.)

Charter Membership closed on 31 December 1971 with these members: Ruth H. Arnold, Hazel D. Beals, Eugene Mitch Beard, Gladys Bierman, Leona Brandenburg, Ednah L. Breckon, John Breckon, Marjorie Burianek, Lotta Chapman, Celia W. Coon, Stanley P. Farwell, Aaron Glasgow, Elaine Heckart, Edith Hughes, Clara Jans, Alene Lewis, Peggy Mason, Harriet Moore, Bessie G. Murphy, Velma Parsons, Mary Peffer, Bernice Robison, James Russell, Donna F. Soule, Ysabel Thomas, Glenn Ware, Louise 'Billie' Webb, Gene Westfall, Harriette Westfall, Edna Wiese, Betty Wilson, Marjorie M. Wink, Josephine Zadina, all of Corvallis; Elizabeth Akin, Ruby E. Boyes, Merle Britten, Joel Fosdick, Margaret Fosdick, Mildred Blair Hawkins, Ruth Lines Motley, Rex Palmer, Louis St. Dennis, Jean Vanderpool, of Albany; Mrs. J. W. Holbrook, Alsea; Margery Akin Crawford, Cresswell; Lois Inman Baker, Maxine Simmons Bell, Addie Dyall, Mrs. Edward Winn, of Eugene; Harley Haskins, Helen Haskins, Veva Large, Edith R. Mill, John Miller, Norma P. Pennington, of Lebanon; Erma Lee Brown, of Salem; Carla Healy, of Sweet Home; and Frances Milne, Pullman, WA.

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by Virginia E. Hoeye, Historian

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.

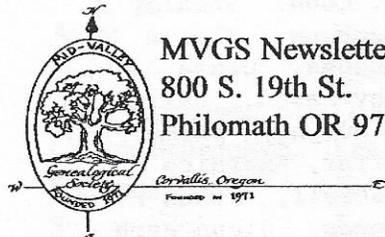
If we do not have your area of interest, please contact a board member and let's see if we can update the listing to satisfy your needs.

Jan	PA, OH, England
Feb	OR, WA, ID, MT
Mar	VA, WV, Scandinavia
Apr	NC, SC, 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

Membership Information

President	Ken Bielman	758-3769
1st Vice Pres	Gene Kelsey	753-8410
2nd Vice Pres	Judy Beals	745-5383
Secretary	Leila Crawford	929-5935
Treasurer	Ron Edwards	929-3731
Librarian	Jean Grube	758-7618
Newsletter Editor	Ed Stratton	929-6141
Membership	Danell Aukerman	752-6425

Dues are \$10.00 single and \$13.00 family per calendar year.
Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next year.



Canadian Interest Group

The 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 p.m. 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, for further info.

Odds And Ends

Our number at the OSU Thrift shop on Second Street in Corvallis is 492.

Please keep your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels coming in to the Library. There is a plastic box in the library to keep them in. Mary Hamlin is in charge of the label program. All you need is the UPC Symbol from the label. Be sure that you leave some area around the label when you tear it off.

More Member Info

Our meetings are held on the second Saturday of September through June, in the Fireside Room of the College United Methodist Church, on the east side of the parking lot, in the 1100 block of Philomath. Business meeting is at 10:00 a.m. with the program at 11:00 a.m.

Our Library, in the museum annex, is open to members and visitors on meeting days from 12:00 noon, or when program is over until 3:00 p.m.. If we can keep enough volunteer librarians, it will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m.

Members in good standing may check out and return books any time the library is open.

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