

BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of General Meeting May 13, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President David Kribs at 10:05 a.m. Two new members, Dennis and Peggy Haney were introduced. Ardith Jones and Georgia Pritchard as nearly new members were also introduced.

Teri Greene, secretary, sent word that it would be necessary for her to resign as secretary at this time because she is providing 24-hour a day care for her mother. Charlene Talbot, secretary pro tem, read the minutes of the April meeting. They were accepted as read. It will be necessary to find a new secretary, but there are no current volunteers

The program chairman, Bill Gleaves, announced that the scheduled program on Fort Hoskins had had to be cancelled as the speaker was unable to fulfill his commitment. Bill Gleaves had been able to arrange to have Layne Sawyer of the Oregon State Archives at Salem speak on the research material available there.

The treasurer, Gene Newcomb, reported that at the end of April the amount of money in the treasury was \$3,339.37, a decrease of \$61.40 from last month, mainly the \$60 cost of printing and mailing the May newsletter. * 2,339.37

The librarian, Jean Grube, reported that the price for veterans' records from the National Archives would be going up substantially in July, and that there were forms available at the library for those who wanted to send for records before that date. The annual inventory of library books would be held in June or July. Three days would be needed, working from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to do that work, and it would be possible to be done by about 7 people. A sign-up sheet was sent around asking for volunteers.

Damaris Reynolds reported on merchandising. The garage sale is set for Saturday, May 20. She announced that the garage sale can use more merchandise. She has people signed up to work for the early hours, but more people are needed to help during mid morning. Ken Bielman and Gene Newcomb will help clear up afterwards and take unsold goods to Arc Thrift Shop. Donations will still be accepted early in the week. A nice Victorian dollhouse kit has been donated and one member has said she will bring tomato plants to sell. Pat Coolican will take leftovers to the OSU thrift shop to be sold under the Society's number there.

At the June meeting the merchandising committee generally has an in-house sale of paperbacks for light summer reading

Damaris also talked about the problem of finding books to buy for the library, as the Society already possesses most of the ones that are coming out now as CDRoms.

Charlene Talbot reported that Addendum One of the Corvallis Newspapers Project -- a little over 1,000 additional names -- has been photocopied and will be distributed to the

Benton County Historical Society, the Corvallis/Benton County Library, the Society's library and to four individuals who volunteer to do genealogical lookups.

The president explained that the next meeting will be a potluck to be held after the business meeting, outside the Annex if the weather permits, but otherwise indoors.

Maybelle Martsching had had a query about the Brown family who owned land between Mary's River and Philomath at some time before 1890. Ed Stratton was able to cast some light on that because he presently lives on land that was part of that claim.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55. The next general meeting will be on June 10, 2000.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Talbot, secretary pro tem.