

MID-VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

11 October 1975

The meeting was called to order 1:05 PM by Elizabeth Akin, Pres.

The minutes were read and approved to clarify that Joan Harris class needed 12 members but Senior Citizen's bus needed 11 to be able to use it.

Eighteen members were present.

There was no treasurer's report due to illness of Treasurer.

Letter from Mr KH Salmon, head of Corvallis City Library read. He thanked the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society for the fine cupboard they installed; their many contributions to the Corvallis City Library; and asked the cooperation of the Society after use of reference books on meeting day that they would place the books in numerical order on the cart to facilitate the replacement on the shelves. This was done after this meeting.

Mr Ralph Van Cleave reported the updating and Xeroxing of the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Record Book; the only copy made is donated to the Corvallis City Library use. The book with the material from the DAR Benton County Cemetery Records 1948 and field trips is for public use. The book has been indexed. Also, Mr Van Cleave reported the finding of a hand-written diary by Rev Basil Longworth, UB Church, of the last six years of his life and is a day to day account of his life and the growth of the town of Jefferson and the vicinity. This was found in the Jefferson City Library. Mr Van Cleave put the original through a copy machine and gave one copy to the Jefferson City Library free. The Corvallis City Library paid for their copying which was \$25. Anyone who wishes to donate money to the Corvallis City Library to help with this cost is very welcome.

It was announced that anyone who wishes to take Joan Harris' class must register by Mon, 13 Oct. A report was given that the newspaper indexing was progressing.

Mrs Harriet Moore spoke of a priceless diary belonging to the DB Ward family which was written in 1853 when they crossed the plains being found.

A nominating committee was selected, namely: Velma Parsons, Edita Hughes and Mary Peffer.

A report was given on Vermont Old Cemetery Association and Wisconsin Old Cemetery Association organizations as a prelude to a talk by a Mr Jack Smith concerning pioneer cemeteries at November meeting.

It was announced that the Oregon Heritage Council meets 10-4 o'clock Sat, 18 Oct in Archives Room, 1005 Broadway, NE, Salem, Oregon.

Meeting adjourned and Mr JD Porter gave an interesting talk on coming legislation and the pitfalls to be expected and also concerning copyrights, rights and wrongs.

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