

Mid-Valley Genealogical Society
8 October 1983

The October meeting of the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society was called to order by Vice-President, Becky Kiger. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a \$453.67 balance in the general fund and a \$20 balance in the petty cash fund.

Correspondence received was read aloud as follows:

Margaret Abell read a letter from Baltimore, Md. in which the Brengle name is featured. "Brengle Branches" is a family newspaper available for \$12/yr. for people seeking further information on the Brengle family.

Frances Hallam read a news release stating that the Washington Co., Arkansas cemetery records were available in a new volume marked Vol. 6. This volume includes small family cemeteries and family data and is available for \$8.50.

The Tualume Co. Genealogical Society of Sonora, Calif. is in the process of receiving requests for information on the California gold region. Should you seek information on people involved in the California gold rush submit any requests to "Gene West" Index Project, P.O. Box 39561, Sonora, Calif. 95370. The deadline is 15 January 1984, or when 4,000 names have been received.

New business under discussion included the decision of the book committee to have a form available to all members for them to submit suggested books to the committee. Charles Dodge, committee chairman, has these forms available.

Charles Dodge volunteered to assemble a bulletin board on which we can put the incoming notices we receive.

It was announced that the Horner Museum at OSU has a display about early German Settlers. This is in commemoration of the anniversary of the arrival of German settlers in America. In addition, there is a series of movies held at OSU featuring German history and the effect the early German settlers had on our early heritage. To further augment acknowledgement of the anniversary of the arrival of these early Germans, OSU is having a program on the first German settlers given by a lecturer from the University of Delaware.

An announcement was made regarding the Brownsville Library in Brownsville, Oregon. The hours are Tuesday and Friday from 10-5 and on Thursday from 2-8 p.m. It should be noted that there is no heat on the library, however. The Brownsville Museum is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Mildred Hawkins, our member from Albany, gave us the news that she has had a column in the Senior News for two

months . She will receive queries of lost ancestors at the end of the Oregon Trail and also additional queries in a six county area: Lane, Polk, Linn, Benton, Yamhill and Marion. Mildred makes announcements of genealogical societies in the area, their meeting days and locations, as well as informing her readers of catalogues and books of relevant interest.

Becky Kiger announced the members of the nominating committee. They are Virginia Hoeye, Edna Wiese and, Chairman, Velma Parsons. They will bring names of proposed officers to our November meeting when election of officers will take place.

The program for October was given by Dorothy Ballard. Mrs. Ballard gave us an informative and enlightening presentation of how she utilized family drawings, a family journal and reflections of her mother to reconstruct the journey her parents made from New York City to Seattle, Washington. The title of her fascinating book is, Horseback Honeymoon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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