

St. Boniface Archives Record, 2012

Community Archives & Museum, Sublimity, Oregon

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Meetings are **Tuesday Mornings at 10:00** in the old convent building opposite the church in Sublimity. No appointment is needed.

We welcome visitors from 9:00am to noon on Tuesdays.

May 8, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Elmer Etzel, Carol Zolkoske,

Henry Strobel Jr sent in a large Stieler map (reprint) of the Pacific Northwest in 1879 . Yes, it shows Sublimity.

President Evangeline Ripp presented our first prize blue ribbon (See the Archives Record for December 27, 2011) from a 1916 Industrial Fair in Aumsville as a good will offering to our neighbors in the Aumsville Historical Society - probably in response to hints from their president, Ted Shepard. We were happy to oblige.

Five people, Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, and Charlene Pierce traveled to Mt. Angel for a nice tour and presentation of the Archives at the St. Mary Monastery. We were treated royally, capped by a congenial lunch in the sisters' cafeteria. On the return, we stopped to explore the scenic Gallon House covered bridge and a nearby hop field.

Ray Heuberger donated a photo album from the Glen Taylor estate. The photos are nicely labeled and dated from the 1936 to 1937 years. These are not local photos, but travel scenes from other areas. There was also a box full of letters addressed to Joe Taylor and receipts dating from 1900.

Tony Beitel's 103rd birthday was celebrated on May 9th hosted by John and Debbie Beitel and attended by a hundred or so of Tony's friends.

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May 2, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Vangie and Fred Ripp, Elmer Etzel, Joe Spenner, Henry Strobel

Henry Jr sent in a round Prince Albert Pipe and Cigarette Tobacco can. Hardly of historical significance, but the price label indicated it was sold at Ditters' store in Sublimity, June, 1929. Per Wikipedia:

“Prince Albert is an American brand of tobacco, introduced by the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in 1907. . .

“The tobacco was personally named by R. J. Reynolds after Edward VII, who was known as Prince Albert before being crowned King. For some time after Prince Albert had become King Edward VII, the can bore the additional words "Now King" under the portrait, which was based on one acquired by Reynolds at a tea party with Mark Twain.

"The Van Dyke Parks song *Clang of the Yankee Reaper* references the tobacco with the line "The sun never set on the Empire / Prince Albert came in a can.""

Vangie has been in email contact with Sister Alberta Dieker, archivist from Mount Angel regarding the possibility of us touring the Benedictine sisters' archives there. Sister Alberta, 91, is a noted teacher (Eastern Oregon State College and Mt. Angel College) and historian, honored with a Papal award from Benedict XVI and the 2006 Bishop Leipzig award.

[Advance notice – looks like Wednesday morning, May 9. Also Tony Beitel's 103 birthday party in the afternoon.]

Daughters of Rita Susbauer Young dropped by briefly to donate some items to the museum. Lisa Silbernagel and Karen Johnson brought a black dress that belonged to Rita's grandmother, Elizabeth Bany Susbauer. Elizabeth wore it for her Golden Wedding Anniversary. It was made by her oldest daughter, Catherine Susbauer Ditter. The celebration took place in Forester Hall in July of 1925. There is a photograph of the event and Rita is in the front row at the age of 5 years. Rita is now the only survivor of the group.

Lisa and Karen also gave us a really old autograph book that belonged to Rita's grandmother, Agatha Zimmerman Kintz. There was also an embroidered pillow casing from World War I. Rita's Uncle, Dan Kintz, was in the Army and sent it to Rita's mother, Rose Kintz Susbauer. Uncle Dan was also Rita's godfather.

Joe Spenner talked about graduating from and later working at St. Boniface High School in Sublimity. He left his name and short note on a ceiling tile in the rafters in the school. Joe wonders if it's still there. There were only 5 in Joe's (the first) graduating class.

Elmer Etzel talked about the school at Fern Ridge when he attended grade school there.

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April 24, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attendants: Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Vangie and Fred Ripp, Elmer Etzel, Carol Zolkoske. Ted Shepard and Ray Heuberger also came later in the meeting.

Francis Hendricks brought us a photo CD of the group of Sublimity and Stayton boys who had traveled on behalf of the local ICPE group to Arizona. Great pictures of them clearing and cleaning out the tumbleweed near the mission on the reservation as well as high jinks and escapades on the surrounding mountains.

Elmer Etzel mentioned a couple of books by Alfred A. Lomax, *Later Woolen Mills in Oregon*, *Mills which Followed the Pioneer Mills*, and *Pioneer Woolen Mills in Oregon, A History of the Wool and Woolen Textile Industry in Oregon*.

Regarding the local 100 year *Church of Christ* history that Don Porter had brought in last week, Henry has put the first 50 years on our web site. See:

<http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/stayton-church-christ.pdf>

He mentioned a couple of interesting grade school class photos he put on the web, one from Stayton in 1918, one from Sublimity in 1910. You may enjoy the names and notes. We did. Look in the History of Sublimity in 1918:

<http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/sublimit.htm>

and in the Archives at:

<http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/1910-sublimity-public-school.pdf>

Carol Zolkoske and Evangeline Ripp attended the OCHS event in Beaverton last Saturday. Photos were on display of every sister from the earliest to the present. A detailed time line was presented in a handsome booklet. Sister Wilhelmina was the first Superior General at the age of 29. There was an audio visual history history by a lady in period garb. A film was shown, *Women in Spirit*.

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April 17, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attendants: Vangie Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Joe Spenner, Elmer Etzel, Charlene Pierce, Dolores Morris, and George Susbauer.

Much of this meeting was a continuing discussion with Elmer Etzel, which will be mentioned here, as it's always interesting. He had taken photography classes at Chemeketa Community College for a couple years and brought in two large (16 x 20") photographs that he had taken years ago of the (south) Silver Creek Falls. These will be used as part of our display at the upcoming Silver Falls event, July 14-15. Elmer noted that he had also taken photos of the frozen falls that he had sold for several hundred dollars each.

He brought in an 8" x 10" photograph of him, taken at the 1994 Oregon State Fair demonstrating the cowboy's use of the lariat. Elmer had learned a lot about horses from Frank Studnick, a cowboy from the Sublimity/Stayton area. Also a photograph of him and his father, John William Etzel, in the Paris Woolen Mill, which the family owned after 1947. Elmer also brought in a 1988 newspaper story about him and his wife Shirley, ranchers of polled Hereford beef, *From clarinet to lariat*. (See last week.)

Elmer played the accordion when he was 15 or 16 yrs. old, and had played with a local group called the Baker Boys, but his primary instrument in Portland was the clarinet. We heard more about his teachers and mentors there, and their techniques.

During his time in the Navy, Elmer was a radio man. One of his jobs was to set up advance communications on beachheads to direct the Marines and landing craft as they came in.

Francis Hendricks had gone to the Aumsville Historical Society last Thursday and gave us an encouraging report of the speaker, Patrick C. Wilkins and the discussions followed. Pat had interviewed Gene Ditter years ago. We learned that Patrick also makes arrowheads as a hobby. Rex Lucas was there also and they talked about a rail line that used to run as a spur line from 5th St. and behind the flour mill in Aumsville. Lee Highberger owned the mill for about 20 years and put some kind of turbine on the creek. Joe Spenner said there used to be a water wheel on Mill Creek.

New Release from Bear Creek Press

SOMEWHERE IN OREGON - On the road across the state by Pat Wilkins

For more than twenty years as an on-the-road TV reporter for Portland's KATU, Pat Wilkins traveled the highways and backroads of Oregon in a quest to find the people, places, and history that make the state so special. Now thirty of his favorite stories are collected in *Somewhere in Oregon*. Wilkins' stories range all across Oregon, and along the way he introduces readers to, among other things, a cave-dwelling family and frog-jumping contests, to the man who invented erector sets and a boy who's a champion buckaroo, to a dog that stood trial and a cat that owned a city hall-even to the death of his friend, former governor Tom McCall. \$12.95 Trade Paperback

(Henry has ordered a copy for the Archives.)

Don Porter brought in a booklet, *Annual of the Church of Christ, Stayton, Oregon 1881 – 1981, 100 Years of History of the Stayton Church of Christ*, written by his cousins, Beverly and Donna Fisher. It's a fascinating detailed history of the church and its members, whose descendants will enjoy perusing this copy in the Archives.

Don Porter also brought in an obituary for local historian Daraleen Wade; he will check with Doug Fisher about Daraleen's books.

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April 10, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attendees: Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Elmer Etzel, Carol Zolkoske, Ray Heuberger and guests, Ken and Joy Krumdieck of Stayton.

Carol is planning to go to the OCHS Spring Event and also to the event sponsored by the state on archiving, on April 26, 27 and 28.

Vangie left a letter regarding the Silver Falls Event on July 14 and 15. We plan to be putting together some exhibits to take to this. Elmer Etzel has some photographs of Silver Falls that he took many years ago and we may be able to include these in our exhibit.

Elmer Etzel said that Virgil Palogy (sp?) is going to be showing a book of his life in the Marines at the Lakeside facility in Stayton on April 15th at 2:00. Free coffee and cookies.

Elmer talked about his training at the Portland School of Music on the G.I. Bill following WWII (Navy) and a little about his musical career. It wasn't just a music school; students were required, to get a degree, to take other classes such as English and History. The school was operated by some of the most famous performers and teachers in the world of music. Ariel Rubstein, the director, had been a concert pianist who for many years had performed all over the world. He taught piano and voice. http://www.nytimes.com/1997/06/23/nyregion/ariel-rubstein-97-a-classical-pianist.html?_r=1

Eugene Deurste had conducted operas in Europe and North and South America. He taught theory, harmony composition and ear training. Both were educated in the prestigious Conservatory Russia at the school in Moscow. Elmer talked about one of his instructors, Mr. Beecher, who taught piano and composition and Gregorian Chants.

Elmer wrote a four part harmony for choir Mass and "got a good grade on it." He also talked about his time playing with the Baker Boys. Elmer's primary instrument is the clarinet, but he plays many, and earlier entertained with his band in the Salem area on accordion. His clarinet instructor in Portland was Albert Klingler, the first choir player in the Portland Symphony Orchestra, who played at the Hollywood Bowl in the summer when the symphony was idle.

He spoke of the black discrimination that he was aware of. He knew a man who played the clarinet, but was not allowed to play certain classical compositions or in the symphonic orchestra. "The most important lesson we learned at the school was tolerance. The teachers and students were a diverse group of many nationalities, colors and religions."

Elmer graduated in June, 1950. He worked with his father John Etzel, who had bought and reincorporated the Paris Woolen Mills in Stayton in 1947. He was also a rancher of note. See *From clarinet to lariat* <http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/elmer-herefords-0.pdf>

Many thanks to Ray Heuberger for dropping by to donate a laminating machine and box of 8 x 10 vinyl laminating pouches!

April 3, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attendants: Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Elmer Etzel, Carol Zolkoske and Francis Hendricks

Henry donated the three Silverton books mentioned last week to the Archives.

We have another article on the web called *History of the Catholic Church in Stayton, Oregon* from the *Souvenir of Dedication*, June 22, 1952. It's beautifully written (unsigned), and incidentally also contains some history of the pioneer Pietrok and Spaniol Stayton families, who were instrumental in building the original Stayton church. This link will take you to the first of ten pages.

<http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/--1.jpg>

[Editor's technical note: These blue underlined links have all been tested, but may not work on everyone's computer. If not copy and paste into your browser.]

Henry discovered several other interesting connections which I will try to unscramble. We have a feature on the Archives web titled THE **STAYTON HOTEL**, which was also called the **Farmer's Hotel** when A. J. "Andrew Jackson" Richardson owned it in 1907.

After some investigation, Henry learned of two more apparent names of this hotel. Earlier, when it was owned by George Spaniol it was referred to as the **Commercial Hotel**, and later, in 1908 as the **Grand Central Hotel**.

Click on this link to see the *The Spaniols of Stayton*:

<http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/spaniols-stayton.pdf> This article contains excerpts from *The Centennial History of Oregon, 1811-1912*, Volume 4 by Joseph Gaston, page 936 and another from the Stayton Mail.

Henry also had visited the Wisner Cemetery on Kingston Road just southeast of Stayton last week and he has linked to a listing of those buried in the cemetery, including the patriotically named Richardson family. <http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/wisner-cemetery.pdf>

(Carol Zolkoske suggested that the cemetery called Bilyeu Den in Jordan might also be of interest. It is located just off Camp Morrison Drive and west of the Jordan Catholic Church. A listing of all the people buried there can be found at the following internet site:

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/or/town/lebanon/cems/bilyeudencem.html>)

Henry revisited his email correspondence with Karla Powell of Washington state who had been looking for information on the Streff family of Sublimity. It turns out that the Spaniols and Streffs were united both in marriage and in their long running plumbing and heating business in Stayton.

(And when Henry built his house in 1985, it was Gary Spaniol who installed the heating ducts! Last week he had a long talk with Gary about all this.)

Another personal note from Henry: "Good Friday my son and I went exploring again. Saw Scotts Mills for the first time. Home of many Bielenbergs. It seems Thomas McKay, stepson of Dr. John McLoughlin, and son of Alexander McKay and Marguerite Wadin, was the first settler there in 1847. It just didn't grow as fast as other places. The Historical Society Museum was closed as expected, but we were interested in fresh air so explored on up the mountain along Crooked Finger Road to the Church and cemetery. Beautiful day."

Francis Hendricks, whose son Terry was involved in the St. Boniface church recent trip to Keams Canyon, Arizona, suggested this news item:

Located in **Sublimity, Oregon**, ICPE USA is the newest ICPE Mission Center to be established. It

is currently in its beginning stages, having opened in late 2009. The Administrative Offices of the ICPE Mission are located in the nearby town of Stayton. The Bentz' family homestead in Scio, Oregon, called "The Blue Den Ranch" served as the community home base for the first year.

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March 27, 2012 Minutes by Charlene Pierce

Attendants: Vangie Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Dolores Morris, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Elmer Etzel, Fred Ripp with his grandson, Jared O'Brian, who is 14 yrs. old and visiting from Lebanon, Oregon. Vangie and Fred Ripp's youngest child, Corrie, and her husband, Bob O'Brian are Jared's parents.

Henry and his son visited the Silverton Country Museum in nearby Silverton on Saturday. The personal tour was appreciated! Henry purchased from their bookshelf *The Country Boy* by Homer Calvin Davenport, 1910, *When Silverton Was Young* by Flora F. Hoblitt, 1954, and a *Silverton Country History* by Mildred Thayer, 1995. You can read *The Country Boy* here: It's brief and delightful.

[http://play.google.com/books/reader?](http://play.google.com/books/reader?id=jUkDAAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&output=reader&hl=en&pg=GBS.PP1)

[id=jUkDAAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&output=reader&hl=en&pg=GBS.PP1](http://play.google.com/books/reader?id=jUkDAAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&output=reader&hl=en&pg=GBS.PP1)

Homer Davenport is, as we know, both a Silverton and an Oregon hero. You can read about him here:

<http://www.ochcom.org/davenport/>

Nellie Harrington Graves of the Silverton Museum said that she remembered Vangie Ripp from the Silver Creek Falls event and Carol Zolkoske from her connection with the Brown House restoration in Stayton. Nellie noted that she was no. 89 on the registry of infants born in the Brown House when it was a hospital. Chris Schwab, Museum Historian, gave Henry an old copy of a Homer Davenport Issue of the *Oregon Magazine*. Pertinent pages are now on our website. Chris' family came from Switzerland and settled in Gervais, Oregon, and is thus not a Mt. Angel Schwab, and thus not related to Henry's son George, who married one. (Why is he telling us this?)

Don Porter came across an old article that was written in August 28, 1991 and compiled into a book called, *A Century of Memories*. The article is on page 34, titled *Spaniol's serves area for three generations*. It contains a nice chronology of history of the Spaniol enterprise in Stayton over 90 years prior to 1991. The history begins with Jacob Spaniol and his marriage to Bertha Streff on August 13, 1908. Henry sent a copy to Karla Powell of Washington state from whom we had had inquiries last year about the Streff family.

Vangie and Fred Ripp, along with Joe Spenner, attended the event on March 25th at the Sisters of St. Mary celebrating their 125 years. They brought back several pamphlets, one of which is a listing of all the Sisters buried in Beaverton. There were many Sublimity, Stayton and Jordan families, relatives of the founding sisters, who attended and participated in the candle holding procession after Mass, Joe being one. After the Mass and procession, there was a reception with hundreds of people in attendance.

March 20, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attendants: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Dolores Morris, Sally Brandoff, Elmer Etzel, Carol Zolkoske, Joe Spenner

Dolores Morris brought an obituary for Herman Ditter, child of Matt Ditter, who had drowned at the age of 7 yrs. (Misnamed Bernard in the article.) Sally Brandoff brought in a memory card for Marcel Van Driesche, that many-sided grand old man of Stayton, just passed on.

Velma Lulay Russel had given many things from her childhood home to Vangie for the museum. Among them a straight razor and strop, shoe repair last, roller skates with wooden wheels and key. While these are not the treasures of King Tut's tomb, they are nice to have in a community museum, where old folks can reminisce and the kids can learn about the olden days.

Henry Strobel Jr donated a nice old photograph of a Doerfler. The consensus was that this was apparently Lee Doerfler. Henry Jr had found this photo in a store in Salem.

Mike Hafner called Vangie about getting a copy of Peter and Bertha Etzel's wedding day. This is a wonderful panoramic photograph of the sixty or so in the party. See it here:
<http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/etzel-hendricks-wedding.png>

2:00pm, March 25th is Gratitude Service Hope at Sisters of St. Mary's 125 years jubilee celebration in the Valley Catholic Athletic Center in Beaverton, Oregon.

March 13, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attendants: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce and Henry Strobel. Dolores Morris, Sally Brandoff, Elmer Etzel, Carol Zolkoske, Joe Spenner

Fred and Vangie also had brought in some large charcoal drawing of their ancestors, mostly the Odenthal and one of Fred's grandfather, Ripp. They also brought in two quite large diplomas. One is Fred's father, James Ripp, Community School Diploma for graduation from the eighth grade, dated June 27, 1906 from the St. Boniface Parochial School, signed by Father Lainck. The other is Joe Ripp's graduation from public school, dated 1907, when he would have been 17 or 18 yrs. Old. See these great pictures on our web page just above the wedding photo link above.

Vangie has put a few items from the Paris Woolen Mill into one of the shadow boxes that Francis Hendricks had acquired earlier for the museum. Vangie would like a nice picture of the mill to put with the display, and Elmer Etzel hopes to find one for her.

Charlene is gathering more information on the Ditter family and Vangie more Ditter photos. Henry will compile these into a web feature.

Don Porter had gone to the Sublimity Building Supply to check on the price of plexiglass for displays.

Ray Heuberger dropped by after the meeting, having sold a copy of *Let Us Remember*, and placed the proceeds in our "treasury."

March 6, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attendants: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce and Henry Strobel.

Vangie donated a sweatshirt with the "Fire Belles" logo that goes nicely with the large diameter "patch" with the same logo. She was a member of this fire department "auxiliary" back in the 1960s.

Henry reported a source of *Oregon Historical Quarterlies* for sale for a dollar each. If Vangie will make a list of the ones we DON'T have, maybe we can pick some up to complete our collection.

Henry has suggested that we do a "Featured Family" article for the web site and we thought we would start with the Ditter family. We do have older pioneer families already featured, but the Ditters are very representative of Sublimity; everyone in Sublimity knew and shopped at the downtown Ditters' Store which closed in 1995 after 105 years of operation.

We continue adding more and more select obituaries to our notebooks, where they are filed alphabetically, readily accessible to visitors who are often interested.

February 28, 2012

Attendants: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, George Susbauer, Joe Spenner, Elmer Etzel, Sally Brandoff.

We had extended discussion on archival techniques, web pages content, etc.

Henry donated an *Oregon Historical Quarterly* for Winter 2006 and presented books on WWI and discoverers of the Northwest.

Charlene was called away from the meeting early, so this record is skimpy.

February 21, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attendants: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Carol Ditter, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, Carol Zolkoske, Henry Strobel, George Susbauer, Joe Spenner, Ted Shepard, Carol Roller, Herman Bauer, Sally Brandoff.

Carol Ditter brought in a lot of excellent copies from a family album from her husband, Gene's grandfather's sisters. These newspaper announcements of obituaries, weddings, anniversaries and other miscellaneous articles will be filed alphabetically according to family name.

Carol and Gary Zolkoske have put together the WWI photo, now on the website. The detail is fantastic, the names very legible. They would also like to have the individual names available in a format compatible for "googling."

Henry noted upcoming workshops on oral history techniques in Eugene, March and Portland, April at www.archdpdx.org/ahc/workshop-flier-spring2012.pdf

He also brought in a DVD, about 3.2 Gb of Archives & Museum data on his computer to be combined with that of Vangie and Charlene. (We are still hoping for a better computer.)

Herman Bauer traveled from the Molalla area to the museum looking for "proof that Mr. Wright actually lived here in Sublimity." We made copies from different sources for him.

Carol Roller from Aumsville, gave us a copy of extensive information about the family line of Hadley Hobson from the book, *The Hobson Family Lineage Descendants of George and Elizabeth Hobson* She has a common family connection to the Hobsons. Joe Spenner and Carol left briefly to go visit the Hobson-Whitney cemetery on the hill just east of Sublimity. They took a few photos. One is of Carol and the gravestone of Elvira Lambert, who died



Carol Roller, Hobson Whitney cemetery. Stone reads: Elvira C. wife of N. Lambert, Born 1849, Died 1907

in 1907. See photo.

Ted Shepard informed us of some speakers that will be giving talks at the Aumsville Museum & History Center. On March 8 at 7:00pm, Ian Caldicott will be talking about the sheep industry, his carvings of shepherds' staffs and also about dog training. On April 12, there will be a talk by Pat Wilkins, noted history writer from Klamath Falls., Oregon. Ted had also mentioned family names: Brinkman, Swank and Charles F. Hein, from Germany. There was also a discussion about Henry Turner, the man who help start the towns of Turner, Scio and Aumsville.

February 14, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attendants: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Charlene Pierce, George Susbauer, Carol Ditter and Dr. Ray Heuberger

Francis Hendricks brought in various items of interest

- A resident Hunter License for 1947
- St. Boniface High School program for a play, "No Man's Land"
- A small booklet from 1930 called, "Jackie and Judy," a story based on a dental health puppet show
- Receipts for Ripp's Service and Repair Shop from 1954 (Gasoline was 34 cents per gallon)
- A National Rifle Assoc. (NRA) patch, about 7" in diameter from the Sublimity Rifle and Pistol Club from about the 1950's. Different communities had their own gun club. There was a building in Sublimity used for target shooters. It was north of the tavern of that era.

The NRA began in 1871 to promote marksmanship. Civil War General Ambrose Burnside, a former governor of Rhode Island and a U.S. Senator, became the first President of the NRA. He lamented the poor training of Civil War recruits as not being able to "hit the broad side of a barn." Thus began the organization that now has acquired a certain political significance.

Francis showed his patch from 1952 or '53 from the First Armor Division, from Fort Hood, Texas.

Henry revised our form, *Collection Receipt of Deed of Gift*. This is for people who want a receipt for donated items. We discussed the organization of donated items and the trimming of "fields" in the computer program related to the cataloging of items. A relational database allows for looking for items from different "angles." (sorting by year, name of item, donor, etc.) Vangie would still like to use the computer program that Henry has provided. Maybe the fields can be narrowed down to a dozen or so. Clipping albums or other scrapbooks are listed currently only by family name. They might be copied or scanned and exist only in the computer or memory media.

Vangie talked with Carol Ditter who has a "sampler" of embroidery and some other items that she could bring by for "show." Carol borrowed some photos to use in a collage of Sublimity pictures for use by Sam Brentano, commissioner of Marion County.

Dr. Ray Heuberger stopped by with another clipping album from Janice _____, Clyde Spenner's sister. This album follows the previous one and begins with clippings from 1955.

February 7, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attendants: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, George Susbauer, Joe Spenner, Carol Zolkoske, Dr. Ray Heuberger

Dr. Ray Heuberger dropped by to deliver a clipping album from Clyde Spenner. Apparently the Van Handel women had originally put this album together. The articles begin with the year 1951. This is just on loan for a short time, but we'll copy the most pertinent articles for our family files.

Henry has been adding more interesting articles to our web site. Most recently, he has meticulously digitized every page of *Mt. Angel, OR 1848 – 1912* by Sister Ursula Hodes, OSB, her Master's thesis

written in 1932 at the University of Oregon .

Henry also copied and brought in an article from an old paper dated 1897 regarding Father Lainck, who was assigned to do roadwork for failing to pay a poll tax. (No, he's not making this up, although we shouldn't necessarily believe everything we read in the paper.) The word "poll" is an English word that once meant "head" It was a "head" tax, or a per person tax that was used almost exclusively as a fixed tax applied to voting. The poll tax was a one dollar tax levied on people rather than on property. In Oregon, the tax was assessed upon every white male inhabitant of this state, between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years. In 1910, Oregon voters passed an initiative petition repealing the tax, and it soon passed from memory.

Another article from 1910 is headlined: **Stayton Wide Awake and Everybody Moving** . . . *Bank has big deposits – Automobiles are as common as wheelbarrows in a mining camp, etc. etc.*, a promotional piece for the town.

Carol Zolkoske reported that she and Garry have improved photos with graphically inserted names of most of those in the photo of the Oregon National Guard from 1918. There remain a few unnamed soldiers. If anyone had ancestors in the Oregon National Guard we encourage people to contact Carol to help put names to those faces. www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/oregon-guard-1116.jpg shows the original panoramic photo without the names.

We have also added items about our own Fred Ripp's father Jim as a rural mail carrier for thirty-one years up to Silver Creek falls beginning in 1915, and *Stayton High School Choir Goes to London*, January 2012.

Vangie has been sorting some crotchet items had originated with the Van Handel sisters. Velma also brought in a (just) wire "toaster," an early telephone, a *really* heavy duty tea kettle and a 1940s (working) Bendix radio.

Vangie suggested selling two extra computer tables to raise money for the archives. She is also interested making a display about the Paris Woolen Mill.

January 31, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, George Susbauer, Joe Spenner, Sally Brandoff, Rita Young, Jean Schwarz, Dr. Ray Heuberger

David Schumacher, through the Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company (SCTC), generously donated three desks and two tables for use in the museum. We quickly rearranged our computer equipment to make good use of the furniture. Thank you, David and SCTC!

Henry Jr sent in a set of three good photos, apparently originally postcards, one of the Stayton high school and two different Stayton Main St. views, undated, but probably from the 1930s from the automobiles.

Henry read an article, "Base Ball in the Countryside" from the *Willamette Farmer* newspaper dated June 1876. The Stayton team is the "Amateurs;" Sublimity's is the "Professionals." He's "not making this up." He added it to www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/national-pastime-sublimity.pdf

An article on our web site has been updated to add newly compiled biographical data on most (eleven) of the Trustees of Sublimity College www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/sub-coll-terr-legis.pdf

Another new article: *Rev. Anthony Lainck; where did he come from?* We all know St. Boniface' favorite and longest lasting pastor (32 years) came from Germany, but did we know that his great-grandfather

was a native of Scotland? www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/lainck.pdf

And another: *Who's where in the archdiocese of Oregon City?* Of course Oregon City preceded Portland as Oregon's Archdiocese. We peruse pages from *Hoffmans Catholic Directory for 1888* and learn some new things. E.g. Fr. Ruettimann was assigned to Oregon City before Sublimity. Read: www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/hoffmanns-catholic-directory-oregoncity.pdf

Another: Mount Angel, Oregon 1848-1912 by Sister Ursula Hodes, University of Oregon Thesis Series No. 20, 1932 (Reproduced 1940 by the WPA) Rich in details and perspective on Mt. Angel's beginnings, town, abbey, schools, people. Copious citations. Look under THE MT. ANGEL - SUBLIMITY CONNECTION on henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/archives.htm

Yet another: More ancient local newspaper articles for your amusement (or amazement): Old & Offbeat Near 1900. Stayton Mail, Capital Journal, etc. Cited by Sharon Barnes www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/old-offbeat.pdf

Vangie and Fred Ripp visited the Willamette Heritage Center Exhibit, as mentioned last week and met the Director, Keni Sturgeon who confirmed that we will be on their mailing list for possible new exhibits. Vangie took many photos and collected brochures from the current exhibit.

Sr. Janice Boogaard SSMO had written asking for names of relatives of the original ten members of the order who would volunteer to be candle bearers in the 125th Jubilee Mass at Beaverton on March 25th. Vangie has already supplied her some names. You may contact her at 503 769-5381. Sublimity is special, having provided most of the founding sisters. In particular, Vangie is wondering if there are any relatives still living in the area to represent Sister Magdalene Giebler. Here is a list. [w/www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/ssmo-list.pdf](http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/ssmo-list.pdf)

Carol Zolkoske is collecting information where possible about those named by Paul "Whitey" Dozler in the panoramic picture (www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/oregon-guard-1116.jpg) A discussion ensued about how WWI affected the men and the community. The National Guard was also referred to as the "Home Guard."

During the mobilization of World War I a void was left in homeland defense so local governments and businesses petitioned the state to form a Home Guard, the first Oregon State Defense Force. On November 19, 1917 a Battalion of State Militia, largely composed of Spanish War veterans, was mustered to protect Oregon citizens and property from possible enemy sabotage.

There is a (cannon) memorial for Sublimity area men (and women) who served in U.S. wars near the St. Boniface Convent on Main St. We noted that some names are missing from the plaques and some are misspelled.

Perhaps others in the community would like to contact the St. Boniface Archives and Community Museum by contacting anyone here and offering the story of a member of their family who participated in World War I.

Don Porter is a member of "The American History Society of Germans from Russia" and brought in their latest publication.

January 24, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, Dr. Ray Heuberger, Wayne Stedronsky and his granddaughter, Lisa Kuenzi

Vangie brought in her old Pocket Mail device made by Sharp, as mentioned last week. These things

used to also be called “organizers,” and had an acoustic coupler modem built in for email. Obsolete already, like so many wonders in our rapidly evolving technology, they were used by travelers to keep in contact by email, using landlines of friends or hotels. There was no additional charge over that for the phone connection except \$10 a month for the service.

Henry continues to “fine-tune” our website, rearranging the “Who are we?” “List of Officers” and “How we started” links. This was exhibited on a new larger monitor he provided. Many thanks for this, and of course, his continual work on the website, such as adding these articles:

Where did Fr. Lainck come from? www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/lainck.pdf

Who's Where in The Oregon City Archdiocese in 1888:

www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/hoffmanns-catholic-directory-oregoncity.pdf

Sharon Barnes pointed out a great new place to search Oregon newspapers mid-1800s to 1920: <http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/search/pages/> We have already found it useful.

Henry also brought in an article from last Sunday's *Statesman Journal* newspaper featuring an exhibit praising women's contributions to local history. It was titled, “The 'Herstory' in Oregon's History,” and included a letter written in 1905 from a young girl, by the name of Schwab, at Mt. Angel Parochial School. There was an extensive list of participating historical societies in Marion County, and we were wondering whether we should not have been participating, or at least aware of it. Vangie, Fred, and Charlene will visit the exhibit at the Willamette Heritage Center (formerly The Mission Mill Museum) in Salem to look into this and insure we are on the “list.” We want to keep abreast of the activities and newsletters of the Willamette Heritage Center www.willametteheritage.org and other local historical societies such as Silverton's, <http://www.silvertonmuseum.com/> Aumsville's, <http://home.teleport.com/~aumsvillehs/index.html> and Mt. Angel's <http://www.mtangelhistory.org/>

Vangie Ripp brought in a rather large circular embroidered “patch” probably about a foot in diameter. It reads, “Sublimity Fire Belles.” She admits to having been a member of this fire department “auxiliary” back in the 1960s.

Terry Hendricks brought in several tins and boxes of sewing, crochet and embroidery miscellany that had belonged to the Van Handel sisters, Christine, Katy, and Margaret, all now passed on. These elderly ladies were versatile craftsmen still on the old self sufficient pioneer farm. As late as 1978 they were seen perched atop scaffolds regilding the church altars.

Dr. Raymond Heuberger dropped by to donate a plate commemorating the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Route 1, Scio, Oregon, 1854.

January 17, 2012 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel and George Susbauer.

Francis Hendricks brought in a Molalla, Oregon newspaper, *The Bulletin*, dated March 3, 1976. The lead story was written by Joe A. Usselman, who was a 9th grader at the time. The title was, “*Phillip Pietrok Raised Growing Family Through Depression Years Near Stayton.*” Francis also brought in a copy of Marie Pietrok's obituary. Phillip was one of her twelve children.

There was a discussion about changing technology and Fred and Vangie talked about how useful “pocket mail” was in the 1990's. It processed email digitally, through landlines. It cost less than \$10 per month back then and they still have the one they used for traveling and perhaps will bring it next week.

This discussion led to the latest technology and Francis dazzling us with his new IPAD. Francis also

brought in a book from the National Endowment for Humanities, "My History is America's History."

Charlene brought in a packet of family descendants charts sent by Clem Spenner of Salem, Oregon, Joe Spenner's nephew. The Spenner family came to Oregon from Nebraska and before that, from Germany.

Henry Strobel has been adding several new articles to our web site at

henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/archives.htm

Scroll down to the heading SUBLIMITY COLLEGE and see especially:

An Act to establish a College at the town of Sublimity in the county of Marion, Laws of the Territory of Oregon, 1858 (We also have a copy of the original manuscript from the Oregon State Archives.)

Henry added notes on most of the original Trustees.

Also: A brief excerpt on Sublimity College from *Sublimity, The Story of an Oregon Countryside, 1850-1950* by Mark Schmid The Library Bookstore, St. Benedict, Oregon 1951. Written by a Sublimity native, the scholarly Mark J. Schmid OSB of Mt. Angel Abbey, it is easily the best book on Sublimity.

You will find both these items good reading.

January 10, 2012

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, George Susbauer, Joe Spenner, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske

We were greeted by a *huge* rolled up Oregon Department of Transportation engineering map provided to the Archives by Norman Rauscher, ODOT consultant. It shows the extensive improvements to Highway 22 from Joseph Street up through the Sublimity interchange. A fine addition to our collection of maps and architectural drawings.

Following last week's discussion of the Paris Woolen Mill, Vangie presented us a woolen lap blanket produced at the Mill ca. 1960.

It was a good meeting, certainly a pleasant one, but the minutes are meager, Charlene being out with a cold, and my recall not the the best . . . get well soon, Charlene!

January 3, 2012 by Charlene Pierce (First meeting of the year 2012)

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, George Susbauer, Joe Spenner, Henry Strobel, Charlene Pierce, Carol Zolkoske, Ray Heuberger

Yesterday was Henry's birthday and one of his gifts was three spindles of wool from the original Paris Woolen Mill in Stayton. He donated these items to the museum. This prompted him to do a bit more research into the mill, which after many years and many owners was at long last razed in 2003-4. Elmer Etzel, one of our board members, was long associated with it, as was his father John, a previous owner. So, Henry has put four reference articles on our archives web site. You will learn many fascinating things about Stayton and its ancient woolen mill if you read these. Click here henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/archives.htm and scroll down to THE PARIS WOOLEN MILL IN STAYTON, OREGON. Includes a set of photos, many pages from the National Registry of Places Inventory form, a nice history of the woolen mill from 1976, also a "Guide to the Paris Woolen Mill Records, circa 1911-1990.

Just above this you will find some interesting articles about THE Mt. ANGEL - SUBLIMITY CONNECTION, recently updated.

We also received a VHS tape, courtesy of Henry Strobel Jr, which Carol will have converted to DVD. It is of the the BC Lions Grey Cup winning game including interviews with Travis Lulay, local Aumsville native, game MVP who threw two second-half touchdown passes to lead B.C. to an exciting 34-23 Grey Cup win over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers recently.

Francis Hendricks had received a note from Linda Futrell, the community relations Director of the Lakeside Assisted Living and Retirement Cottages in Stayton requesting that someone here might want to give a talk about our archives and museum and history of the area. We found that Carol Zolkoske would be the best representative for this event and she will be making arrangements for this.

Ray Heuberger brought us a booklet that had originally come from George Gerspacher. It includes biographies of all the local archbishops up to the publication date of May 27, 1996.