

St. Boniface Archives Record, 2010

St. Boniface Archives & Museum, Sublimity, Oregon

ST. BONIFACE ARCHIVES RECORD is published weekly on www.saintboniface.net (Click on *Archives Record*). It is updated weekly by Henry Strobel, editor, and Carol Zolkoske, secretary (or Charlene Pierce). **Meetings** are **Tuesday Mornings at 10:00** in the old convent building opposite the church in Sublimity. No appointment is needed. **We welcome guests or volunteers from 9:00am to noon on Tuesdays.** Share your history and ours.

December 28, 2010 – 9-11:30 am by Charlene Pietrok Pierce

Attendance: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Terry Hendricks and George Susbauer

Catherine Steinkamp Busch's grandson, Greg, came in briefly, to leave a file of Steinkamp family history for the archives. Thank you, Greg!

A sad note from our indispensable Don Porter, whose mother, Louise Etzel Porter, died early this morning.

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December 21, 2010 – 10:00 - 11:00 am by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Mary & Dick Heater & their two grandchildren, Vangie Ripp, Tony Beitel, Joe Spenner, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Frances Hendricks, Fred Schwindt, Charlene Pierce, Rita Young, Jim Reiser, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske

This meeting, actually from 9-12:00, also served as a Christmas party with lots of goodies provided by Vangie, Charlene, Rita, and Frances, and Don.

Dick and Mary Heater brought their two granddaughters. The girls enjoyed seeing the museum and hearing from Mary many stories of their ancestors, the Hottingers. One of the most enjoyable things about the archives is people coming in and connecting with their past, especially children.

There was considerable speculation about the fifty or so persons in a photograph ca. 1915 from the Lambrecht family. Francis Hendricks is quite sure it is from the wedding of Peter Etzel and Francis' aunt Bertha Hendricks. Several have been identified tentatively. There are many children as well as a hearty contingent of musicians. If you can help flesh out the cast of characters please let us know. See the photograph below.



Another highlight was a letter in mint condition in its original envelope found on the internet and donated by Henry Strobel Jr. It was postmarked Stayton, Oregon, Feb. 24, 7am 1917 from Frank Spenner of Stayton to his brother Anthony Spenner in the Mt. Angel Seminary at St. Benedict, Oregon. You can read this letter on the Archives web page under "SOME OF OUR PUBLICATIONS."

Needless to say, our own Joe Spenner of the Archives committee, son of Frank, took a special interest in this letter!

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December 07, 2010 - 10-11:00 am by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Evangeline Ripp, Fred Ripp, Joe Spenner, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Fred Schwindt, Henry Strobel, Charlene Pierce, George Susbauer, Carol Zolkoske

Henry Strobel noted the fine article by Regis High School teacher Chip O'Brien in the St. Mary's/Regis newsletter this month. It was about the catholic history class Chip teaches at Regis and their visits to various catholic historical points of interest in the Stayton/Sublimity area, including the St. Boniface Archives & Museum. This article with color photos can be seen on the St. Boniface

Archives web site.

Conversation today brought up the subject of the longest married couple in Sublimity. (This was not on the agenda but we're flexible!) There are of course many couples married over 50 years, but Vincent and Junetta (Freres) Pietrok, parents of our own Charlene (Pietrok) Pierce, have been married 65 years.

Don Porter passed around a book in the Stayton library, *Stations West, the Story of the Oregon Railway* by Edwin Cup, Croydon Printers, Caldwell Idaho 1972. It is about trains and train depots in early Oregon and covers Aumsville and other local train depots. Useful and fascinating for the peripheral information throughout more than for that on the stations. A great reference.

Joe Spenner told the story about farmer Tony Van Handel who also logged on Black Tail Mountain up Coon Hollow way. The story goes that Tony had a load of very long logs that needed to be shipped from the train depot at Aumsville. He found that the box car was too short so he fixed the problem by cutting a hole in one end of the box car. The Van Handels can be found on page 96 of the *Let us Remember* book.

Vangie Ripp took spectacular pictures of a controlled burn of an old house on Broadway in Sublimity, the former home of Konstantin and Agatha Gisler, generally known as the Gisler place. Frances (Silbernagel) Freres had lived there with her grandparents and attended St. Boniface School in Sublimity. After St. Mary's School was built in Stayton she was in its first graduating class in 1929. Her mothers name was also Frances. See their picture on page 72 of the "Let us Remember" book.

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November 30, 2010 - 10:00 to 11:00am by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Fred Ripp, George Susbauer, Carol Zolkoske, Vangie Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Linda Spenner, Charlene Pietrok, Don Porter, Ray Heuberger, Jim Reiser

Don Porter is having the large map of Sublimity and surrounding area reproduced into smaller sections for easier reading.

Vangie reported that upon further inspection of the St. Boniface vital statistics records, everything has been located. She has been busily putting all these records in order on the computer for easy access.

Ray Heuberger donated to the archives a partial Heuberger family tree. These records follow the family tree of John Heuberger and Olivia Zuber. The information starts with the marriage of Wendelin Heuberger and Agnes Reibel

in the 1800's. This is a start, but more information would be welcome on this large and important Sublimity family.

Ray also had some information about John and Elizabeth Heuberger, whose daughters Mary, Elizabeth, and Frances became sisters of St. Mary of Oregon.

With Christmas just around the corner, some of us spoke of childhood remembrances. Vangie recalled her experiences as a child in North Dakota. On the night of December 5, the Eve of St. Nicholas, the good children in her family would receive oranges and peanuts from St. Nick. The others would receive sticks. Don said that he remembered having suet cake, hot apple cider, and doing the Russian bear dance at parties. Don is a member of the Etzel family who were Germans from Russia. George Susbauer reported that he remembers how Gene Ditter of the wide ranging Ditters' Store was a kind, caring person to everyone in the community, but his best memories are of the Ditter girls giving him free candy as a child. What are your memories? Does your family celebrate Christmas the same way you did? Consider telling or writing down your memories. The history of a family is an important part of who we are.

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November 02, 2010 - 10-11:00 by Carol Zolkoske and Charlene Pierce.

Attendance: Francis Hendricks, Fred Schwindt, Vangie and Fred Ripp, Henry Strobel, Charlene Pierce and Linda Spenner.

Henry Strobel donated some books:

McLaughlin and Old Oregon – A Chronicle by Eva-Emery-Dye, 1910 and *Oregon – There and Back in 1877* by Wallis Nash. Also misc. items.

The Oregon Catholic Historical Society received the Bishop Francis Leipzig award, which is presented annually by the Portland Archdiocesan Commission for the preservation and publication of Catholic history in “the Oregon country.” Francis Leipzig, who was the Bishop of Baker City, Oregon, understood the importance of preserving Catholic history for future generations. He was the principal founder of the Archdiocesan Historical Commission in 1972 after he moved back to Portland. The Oregon Catholic Historical Society is the only group to receive the award. In the past, the award only went to individuals.

Editor's note: You might like to read the background information on the Historical Commission near the end of the St. Boniface web pages.

Sister Charlene SSMO informed us that the Sisters of St. Mary's of Oregon will be celebrating 125 years in 2011 and will be coming to Sublimity sometime in August. They will be visiting Sublimity, where their order was born, in addition

to their celebration at the mother house in Beaverton in February.

Carol Zolkoske made a presentation to the local Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R) on November 1. The D.A.R. meets once a month at the Sloper Residence at Marian Estates. Thirteen ladies were in attendance. The chapter for Stayton and Sublimity is the Abigail Scott Dunaway Chapter and has members who come from as far away as Canby, Oregon. The group discusses many topics of interest pertaining to American history. At the meeting, Carol talked about the Glover and Denny families as well as early Sublimity history before the Catholic influx. Future meetings will include a talk by Susan Massey about the Boone family. There were many descendants of Squire Boone that came to Oregon on the wagon trains.

Carol also reported that the St. Boniface Archives and Museum will have a display of photographs, mostly of early Sublimity, at the Stayton Library starting Nov. 1. These photographs are in the first glass case as one enters the door. The display will be removed on November 13.

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October 26, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Vangie Ripp, Tony Beitel, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner

Carol, Vangie, and Fred are set to attend the fall Oregon Catholic Historical Society event at Fort Vancouver, Washington on October 30. There will be a presentation about Dr. John McLaughlin by Brenna Beck tour manager at Fort Vancouver. John McLaughlin played a major role in the statehood of Oregon, also in the establishment of the Catholic Church in the Northwest. There will also be a tour of Ft. Vancouver. Lunch is included for only \$15. Membership in the Oregon Catholic Historical Society is one of the best bargains around.

Evangeline (Vangie) Ripp scanned the Reiser family history records and scrap books. Rich in Ditters, Detroit, and vital records, now available in one place, although internal evidence indicates that some additional volumes have gone missing. Vangie is working to put pieces of the puzzle back together.

This material is just an example of such records in the St. Boniface archives. While it is available on the shelf for visitors to research, it is also backed up and accessible on computers. Henry Strobel has just delivered a DVD update of the material gathered and entered by Charlene Pierce and Vangie as well as the contents of our web site. The archives web site attracts international attention – we received last week an inquiry from a gentleman in Germany.

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October 19, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Vangie Ripp, Tony Beitel, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Charlene Pietrok, Joe Spenner, Rita Young.

Jim Reiser brought in an article about Phillip Steffes and the Sublimity thornless blackberries by Grace Ditter for the Stayton Mail in 1974. How they became an important cannery crop in Oregon and the roll Phillip Steffes played.

Carol Zolkoske reported that on Monday Oct. 18, the Catholic World history class at Regis High School came to visit the Archives. The 35 students and their teacher Chip O'Brien spent more than an hour touring the Archives and Cemetery. Carol and Vangie were on hand to answer questions and fill in the history of St. Boniface from its beginnings in 1879. The students were also going to visit the Abbey and other Catholic institutions in Mt. Angel that day. In the future they plan to visit the churches in Stayton and Jordan, having already visited historic St. Paul in St. Paul, Oregon

Editor's note: St. Boniface and St. Paul churches are both in Marion County, Oregon. If I am not mistaken, St. Boniface, built in 1879, is the oldest church building in Oregon in continuous use, but St. Paul has the distinction of being built in 1846 (although later rebuilt), and of brick at that!

Each student will be writing a 1500 to 2500 word essay. The subject will be early Catholic Oregon History for the Oregon Catholic Historical Society.

Carol will be making a presentation to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Stayton branch on Monday Nov. 1. They are very interested in all aspects of the Archives.

TONY'S TALES: When Tony was in Germany during World War II he spent time as an interpreter for a German general. The general was so happy with Tony that he gave him a 50 gallon drum of smooth whiskey. It was put in the back of his truck and everywhere Tony went he offered his fellow soldiers his hospitality. It lasted about 2 months.

October 12, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Vangie Ripp, Tony Beitel, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Charlene Pietrok

A good number of people from the St. Boniface annual barbecue across the street showed up at the Archives. Fred, Vangie, Francis and Joe were hosts.

The Oregon Catholic Historical Society Fall Event Oct. 30, will be held at Fort Vancouver in Washington. An overview of Dr. John McLaughlin's life will be presented by Brenna Beck, Tour Manager of Ft. Vancouver. Dr. John

McLaughlin, known as the father of Oregon, was the head of the Hudson Bay Company and also played an important role in the establishment of the Catholic Church in the Northwest. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and includes lunch. Please call Sr. Charlene SSMO at 503-906-1121 for more information.

TONY'S TALES: At 101 years old, Tony Beitel still has a vivid memory and often entertains us with stories about the past. Tony donated a soft rubber which he said was used in the winter when it was too wet for a hard baseball. He also said they used it because it did not break windows at the school. He was the pitcher for St. Boniface from 1918 to 1920. Tony did not go to high school because it was too far away. However, he did play baseball for Stayton High. The good people in Stayton hated to lose baseball games especially to Aumsville and when Tony was brought in to pitch Stayton was always the winning team.

When Tony was in the military during WWII he spent some time at Fort Sill. While there, he played on the baseball team as pitcher. On the same team was a fellow who played professional baseball as a shortstop with the New York Giants. After watching Tony pitch, he said that Tony's curve ball was the widest and best he had ever seen.

Tony also recalled that when he was young, and going to St. Boniface school Father Lainck would give one mass in English and the next in German.

September 28, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Joe Spenner, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Tony Beitel, Rita Young, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter

Vangie said that a member of the Glover family has been cleaning up their small family cemetery that is on the back part of the Frank farm. Henry said that he has been in contact by e-mail with a lady in Spokane, Washington who is a descendant of the Glover family and she sent various information about the early Glovers in Oregon.

Editor: Yes, and this combined Glover development has already developed into a new article on the St. Boniface Archives page. Look there under SOME OF OUR PUBLICATIONS for *Notes on the Glovers of Sublimity*. Philip Glover, a Presbyterian from Missouri, settled here in 1852, a wagon train pioneer, a generation earlier than the influx of Catholics from Minnesota.

Don Porter said that he has checked out the local cemeteries looking for Ditters. Not surprisingly he located quite a few.

Ray Heuberger gave the Archives a copy of a Triumph School roster of children who went to St. Boniface school in 1914. There were quite a few

Heubergers plus other names who are still in the community.

This week the Archives plan on purchasing plexiglas from Sublimity Builders Supply to cover the book shelves that were donated this summer.

TONY'S TALES: At 101 years old, Tony remembers an amazing amount. This week's remembrance took us back when he was a youth and his dad hired a Mr. Gray to redo all the fences on his farm. Tony remembers walking an old Indian trail on a ridge that bordered the Benson, Tate, and Gescher farms. Tony also said that because Ella Glover Lambert had no children, if she liked you, she would give between \$200 and \$250 to new parents to celebrate the birth of a child.

September 14, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Joe Spenner, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Tony Beitel, Rita Young, Linda Spenner, Francis Hendricks, Darrell Rybloom, Sharon Barnes, Dorthy Berg, Ann Berg, Kary Kohn

Darrell Rybloom came to ask about the Grover family history. He also asked for directions to the Grover family cemetery and said he would spend some time cleaning it up. He is working on the family tree and said he would give the Archives a copy when finished.

Sharon Barnes who is writing an article for the local *Our Town* monthly about the upcoming Parish dinner stopped by to get some information about past dinners. Members of the Archives Committee talked about their remembrances. Sharon said that she has quite a bit of family history about the Basl family that she will pass on to the Archives.

Don showed the group a book, a *Dictionary of Oregon History* by Howard McKinly Corning, published by Benford and Mort, Portland 1956. Henry Strobel said it was another example of books that the Archives should have in its reference shelf.

Linda donated a flyer about a fashion show put on by Johnson Clothing Store in Salem, Oregon. It was sponsored by the Mother Cabrini altar circle of St. Boniface church in 1957.

Dorothy Berg from Minnesota, her sister Wilma from Seattle, and a friend visited the Archives to find out more about the group of people who came from Minnesota to Jordan, Oregon from Rush Lake, Minnesota in 1884. She is related most closely to the Foltz's but others as well. They spent time looking at photographs and learning what it was like for family members who left Rush Lake for Jordan. After leaving the Archives they went to Jordan and its Pioneer Cemetery.

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September 7, 2010 -9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Joe Spenner, Don Porter, Vangie Ripp, , Fred Ripp, Tony Beitel, Rita Young, George Susbauer, Barbara Kerr, Wilma Ditter Rositzke

Wilma Ditter Rositzke and her daughter Barbara Kerr paid a visit to the Archives during the meeting. Wilma was raised in Sublimity but left when she was about 15 years old to find work in Portland. She needed to send money back to her parents to help support the family. During WWII she met her husband and they moved back to the New York City area. Eventually they owned 8 delicatessens. When her husband passed away after 53 years of marriage Wilma moved back to her hometown. She now resides at the Marian Estates in Sublimity, Oregon. Her daughter Barbara followed her back to Oregon and now lives in the area as well.

(The Archives has a Ditter family tree. We hope to one day make a CD of Wilma telling her story in her own words. Wilma was the grand-daughter of Philip Ditter and Mary Trimbor. Her parents were Mathias Julius Ditter and Anna Gray. Her brothers and sisters were, Philip, Raymond, George, William, Mary, Alma, Aloysius, and Dora Loretta. We also learned subsequently from Tony Beitel that John Gray 1850-1928, Wilma's mother's father, was hired to build fences on Alois Beitel's farm through 1915.)

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August 31, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Don Porter, Vangie Ripp, Charlene Pietrok, Fred Ripp, Tony Beitel, Rita Young, George Susbauer, Ray Heuberger, Barbara Kerr

Chip O'Brien, history teacher at Regis High School School in Stayton, Oregon emailed Henry Strobel asking if his history class could visit the Archives. Carol volunteered to contact him advising that we would be more than willing to meet with and show them around.

Ray Heuberger, chairman of the annual St. Boniface dinner, stopped by to ask about photos and stories about past Parish dinners. He hopes to have articles in local papers. As ex mayor of Sublimity he is arranging to put advertising stickers on Sublimity water bills. At his request Henry has put a preliminary presentation on the St. Boniface web site (which Henry also manages) including a history of past traditional dinners and a gallery of handsome photos of food preparation and consumption, many provided by local photographer Jim Liesch.

Ray also lent the Archives the book *The Bishop's Boys*, the life of Wilbur and Orville Wright. The author is Tom Crouch, chairman of the department of aeronautics at the

National Air & Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution, published in 1986 by WW Norton and Company, New York, and London. What he says of their father Milton Wright and his time in Sublimity as the headmaster of Sublimity College is however limited to these three paltry paragraphs:

. . .had a slight chill on July 26, the first symptom of the dreaded Panama fever. By the time they reached San Francisco he was a very sick man, his fever so high he almost fainted simply walking aboard the *Commodore*, the ship that would carry them on to Portland. T. J. Connor, a fellow mission worker, nursed him through the delirium that followed, when, as Milton later recalled, "my thoughts with painful vigor flew over the universe."¹¹

His recovery was very slow. Milton was still "quite weak and stupid" when they transferred to the *Hoosier* at Oregon City for the final leg of their journey to Butteville, Oregon. He preached his first sermon in Oregon on August 23, then began a slow tour of the Willamette Valley circuits as he regained his strength. Milton fell in love with the Oregon wilderness during his first weeks in the territory. "The breezes had a peculiar roar in the trees," he wrote, "and the memory of the sound was lasting."¹²

Posted to the Lane County Circuit in mid-September, he was still too ill to accept. Instead, he was asked to take over the preparatory department of Sublimity College, an embryonic United Brethren school. He opened classes on November 23 with twenty-seven "scholars." Under his leadership, Sublimity grew and prospered. He spent the next two years teaching and administering the school, and making "the rounds of various Oregon circuits as a preacher.

Milton remained in close touch with his family by mail. William received constant letters describing his life in the Oregon wilderness; there was also a steady flow of letters to and from Susan, "the girl I left behind."

Francis Hendricks brought in five more scrapbooks donated by his sister Anna Hendricks Wolf. These scrapbooks go back many years and were put together by their mother Genevieve Ditter Hendricks and their aunt Regina Ditter Albus.

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August 24, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Don Porter, Vangie Ripp, Charlene Pietrok, Linda Spenner, Fred Ripp, Fred Schwindt

Fred Schwindt donated his wonderful painting by Bob Hartmann. It is of Fred in his huge red logging truck. Fred was a log truck driver for 40 years. When he was discharged from the military after WWII in 1946, he first drove truck for Freres. In 1952 he bought his own truck. Fred drove the Peterbilt shown in the painting for 12 years. It's a good glimpse into our local timber industry.

The Archives Committee talked about the need to cover some of the windows in the Archives room to make more room for hanging items.

Carol reported that she has been in contact with her sister-in-law Evelyn Zolkoske Adams about her remembrances as a child living in the Freres Lumber Camp in the forest up the Little North Fork during the depression years.

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August 10, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30

By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Don Porter, Vangie Ripp, Charlene Pietrok, Rita Young, Tony Beitel, Fred Ripp, Randy and Gene Forrette

Thirteen members of the one and two cylinder carriage group visited the Archives and museum. Most of the group was from Washington with one car coming from Salem. They will spend a couple of days touring the Sublimity, Silverton and Stayton area.

Editor's note: At 9:00 sharp the convoy of antique automobiles rolled up, led by our good friend Mr. Farwell of Salem, Oregon. Most of the splendid vehicles were from the state of Washington, across the Columbia River. That might seem like a fair trek for them, but they were touring several attractions in the area, and apparently we were first on the list. They made quite an impression parked in front of the sedate old convent building.

I counted a Maxwell, two Buicks, a Reo, an early Cartercar from about 1905, a Ford and a Stanley steamer. All were in perfect condition, paint and polish, but the shiny black steamer leaving white clouds in its wake grabbed the most attention.

Our modest museum was nearly overwhelmed by all the drivers and passengers, all in period touring costume - authentic, for all I know. What fun.

Randy Forrette brought Gene Forrette from California by to check on Forrette family history. Gene who is a Toepfer on his mother's side enjoyed our photographs etc.

Vangie told the group that Dr. Ray Heuberger who is managing the St. Boniface this year dinner has a 10ft.X10ft. screen and a digital projector. We will assist by providing digital photos and other display items.

Charlene showed us the work she has been doing on the baptismal records data system. Since a lot of the information is in Latin, it's slow going.

Carol and Vangie were at the museum last Sunday the day of the Steinkamp family picnic which was held at the park next to the museum. There were about twenty visitors, interested in the many Steinkamp family connections with the church and town.

Henry talked about the best use for the new shelves. They will be in the hall area protected by Plexiglas.

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August 3, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Don Porter, Vangie Ripp, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Rita Young.

Charlene Pierce is working on the early church records and entering the data in

spreadsheet format she has designed. This will allow the data to be presented and searched in various formats and allows for alternate spellings and names. We are fortunate to have volunteers with such skills!

Vangie and Don have brought some items down from our storage upstairs to display in the Chapel for the picnic Aug. 8.

The Steinkamp family reunion picnic is Aug. 7 in the park next to the convent. The Archives Committee has been asked to be open for them to tour. Vangie and Carol will be there from around noon on.

Ray Heuberger who is heading up the St. Boniface Parish Dinner this fall has contacted the Archives about a presentation of the history of Sublimity, the church etc. that could be shown while people were waiting in line. The Archives already has a CD that can be used. We will need to borrowing a screen and a digital projector for this.

Anna Hendricks Wolf donated a about five scrap books that belong to her mother Genevieve Ditter Hendricks, mostly full of clippings from the *Stayton Mail*, going back as far as 1899.

After the meeting, Steve Theneil, Betty Young's son, stopped by to see our Japanese artifacts. We have a few items that someone from the Knights of Columbus brought back from Japan after WWII. Steve spent 5 years in Japan and told us about our souvenirs. One is a belt that was worn by a soldier or a pilot. It was made from cloth and had the flag of Japan at middle front and a small pocket below the flag. There are four Japanese characters around the flag that say "Continued luck in the fortunes of war". Also on the front of the belt are hundreds of little knots made with white thread. Steve said that each knot represents one woman. These belts were presented to the soldiers as they went off to war. Another item is a cloth towel and on it "this towel belongs to . . ." the surname in ink being barely legible. Even though it is called the St. Boniface Archives it contains interesting items from different times and places.

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July 27, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Don Porter, Vangie Ripp, Charlene Pietrok, Rita Young, Steve Theneil, Ray Heuberger, Lorraine Frank Weibel

Lorraine Frank Weibel donated a set of blueprints for a church, dated 1974, proposed by the then pastor Fr. Gadbois. This church would have combined the steeple of the old (current) church with a new, larger building, an intriguing plan. Lorraine got the plans from Lawrence Frank, who on the board of trustees at the time. This is not to be confused with the much earlier proposal for a new church, the foundation of which had constructed before the project was abandoned.

Don Porter said that Mary Heater has contacted him about material she has available on the Hottinger family.

Francis Hendricks has spoken to his sister Anna Wolf who has many scrap books of their mother who was a Ditter. She might lend them to us.

Vangie said that for the Parish Picnic Aug.8, the Archives would emphasize larger, more colorful church items from upstairs in the temporary display in the chapel.

Charlene Pierce will visit Bernadine Stuckart Bender to complete the Stuckart family history.

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A Point of Interest: You are invited to review the new articles and additions in the Archives web pages, which Henry adds from time to time. Example: His son Henry Jr discovered a letter written in 1872 from local settlers named Brower to their folks back in Iowa. We acquired it for \$20.00; Susan Strobel read and typed it, and Henry typeset, coded, and published it. It was a particular chore using the computer to remove a thousand or so fly specks from the envelope. The letter has been put in the archives, complete with fly specks. It's a clear look into the thoughts, personal and property dealings of perhaps typical immigrants of this time. It seems this family was Brethren, not Catholic.

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July 20, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Tony Beitel, Don Porter, Vangie Ripp, Mike Hafner, Charlene Pietrok, Dick and Mary Heater

Tracie Basl Reynolds is looking for information about Florence Schmid, d. 30 Dec 1985. Tracie would like to locate where she is buried. We are looking into that for her, as far as practical.

Carol brought in a story and picture of the squared off log house that Ted Freres built for his family when he ran a logging camp up the little North Fork river. There was also a story written by Rosella Zolkoske Burnard of her remembrances of when her family lived in the camp. The ca. 1900 2-story "log house" was one of the largest and finest residences in the area, with a full basement and many conveniences. We hope to get a better photo and do a small feature on it.

Mike Hafner brought in pictures of Margaret Lulay and Jacob Frank on their wedding day 12-26-1900. Margaret's father was Adam Lulay and they were from Nicktown, Pennsylvania. Research is progressing the Frank family history.

Dick and Mary Hottinger Heater stopped by to get some information about the Hottinger family history. Don will be working with them on this.

Charlene donated to the Archives a picture plate of St. Boniface church 1879-1979. On the back is a "history" of the church from 1870 to 1957.

Joe Spenner donated to the Archives an old granite coffee pot and an old kerosene lantern.

The next two meetings will be devoted to getting the museum ready for the Parish Picnic on August 8.

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July 13, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Tony Beitel, Don Porter, Vangie Ripp, Sue Hafner Sutton, Charlene Pietrok, Rita Young

Vangie has scanned the baptismal records of St. Boniface from 1924 to 1965. She has printed these out and they are being placed in mylar protective sleeves in binders for safe and organized access by visitors. This format may also be helpful occasionally to parish staff responding to inquiries.

Sue Sutton donated a 1947 Firestone farm guide book from Ted's Corner gas station in Sublimity.

Charlene is scanning two Lambrecht family photo albums. The albums are from the 20's and 30's. Many of the pictures are identified Tietze, Etzel, Walter, Zolkoske to name a few. A valuable addition to our files. There is also a 1929 photo of Fern Ridge School with its teacher, Miss Klemans.

Ray Heuberger has volunteered to be the chairperson of the parish chicken dinner this fall. Again the Archives will provide the popular sublimity history placemats.

The Parish picnic will be held on August 8th and the Archives will be open on that date.

The Steinkamp family reunion picnic will be held August 7th at the park next to the Convent so the Archives will be open that day also.

Don and Fred are going to take photographs of an old house on Broadway that is scheduled to be burned by the fire department. Rita said that it was once known as the Gisler place.

Sue Sutton also donated photographs taken by Gordon Burns of the Church repair work that took place between January 10th and April 2nd 2000.

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June 06, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Tony Beitel, Don Porter, Fred Ripp, Vangie Ripp, Mike Hafner, Fr. Raul, Charlene Pietrok, Fred Schwindt,

The tole painted book case that Tony donated is now in the Archives room.

Don has acquired all the addresses and phone numbers of the local museums. They are posted on the web site under OTHER COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUMS IN OUR

AREA, WEB SITES, ETC.

Charlene, whose interest and expertise is in genealogy, has been working on the Basl and Stuckart family trees. She also has been scanning photographs in family albums, the latest being an Etzel. Eventually they will be on CD's.

Vangie reported on the activities of the 100 year anniversary of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic church in Mill City, celebrated July 3rd and 4th. On Saturday there was a holy Mass with special Centennial Blessings with Archbishop John Vlazny. Vangie reported that the church was full, with overflow seating outside provided with a large TV screen. The members of the Immaculate Conception Church choir sang. A barbecue chicken dinner followed with live entertainment. On Sunday there were free concerts in the church, tours and Archives displays. At 7PM Sister Nancy Murray gave her world famous performance of St. Catherine of Siena.

With much fanfare and celebration St. Catherine begins its next 100 years of praise and service in the Santiam Canyon. What began with a St. Anthony Chapel car at the beginning of the last century, to a complete restoration of the church which began in 2006, the little church has been a beacon of hope in good times and bad. Much like Mill City itself the church has seen some rough times but now with its beautiful restoration it gives renewed hope to the parish and town alike.

During the meeting Father Raul Marquez, just ordained on June 5, the newly appointed Pastoral Vicar at Immaculate Conception Church stopped by. He will be the Vicar at Our Lady of Lourdes in Jordan and will provide Spanish Masses in Stayton. He was quite interested in the Archives and the history of Catholic Churches in the Santiam Canyon-Valley area. As he is from Colombia he this gives him a better understanding of his new surroundings.

We decided that the Tuesday "open" time of the Archives & Museum would be 9am - noon.

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June 29, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Rita Young, Tony Beitel, Don Porter, Fred Ripp, Vangie Ripp, Mike Hafner, Ronald & Agatha McAuliffe

Mike Hafner spent the morning at the Archives looking into the Hafner family tree. He also plans to work on the Frank family history at a later time.

Rita told us about her 90th birthday party that was held on June 27th. She said that there was almost 125 people there and everyone had the best time. (Ed.:including most of us!)

In early June the Archives was given two bookshelves by the Stayton Friends of the Library. They were from their used bookstore and no longer needed. The bookshelves were double sided and not feasible to use in that configuration. Fred and Don cut them down the middle, so now we have 4 bookshelves. They plan on

putting Plexiglas on the front. They will make great display cases at little cost. The cases will probably be in the hall as the two Archives rooms are full. Additionally, Tony Beitel presented us with a large old decorated (decoupage) bookcase. He also “demonstrated” an antique sheep bell from the farm.

We discussed new criteria for our meetings. As we head into summer, we are seeing more questions from visitors. In order to accommodate these folks in the best possible way, we plan to start the meetings promptly and better organized per the agenda, allowing time following for casual discussion, catering to visitors, and “housekeeping” (data entry, physical organization of assets, etc.).

Linda Spenner donated the framed 1918 marriage certificate of Frank Spenner and Mary VanHandel. The witnesses were Conrad Spenner and Dora Van Handle Spenner. Also a certificate of Mt. Angel College to Anthony Spenner – 1919, Joseph Spenner Sr.’s certificate of citizenship issued in the State of Nebraska –1887, and Frank Spinner’s German Bible.

Francis Hendricks donated a large box of clippings from early 20th C. German language newspapers. Source unknown.

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June 8, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Charlene Pietrok Pierce

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Rita Young, Tony Beitel, Don Porter, Fred Ripp, Vangie Ripp, George T. Krantz

The recently acquired (see minutes for May 25, 2010) original sanctuary lamp from St. Boniface church was suspended in our meeting room by Fred Ripp.

The statue of St. Boniface outside the church has been restored and a new photo was provided by Betty Young to Henry for use on the web site. See it at www.saintboniface.net

Rita Young donated an original copy of the *Stayton History* by Mathilda Siegmund-Jones.

George T. Krantz from Jordan was a guest at the archives. His father is George M. Krantz and his mother was a Quinter, a Swiss name.

President and Archivist Evangeline Ripp gave us a full tour, drawer by drawer, shelf by shelf, display by display, and room by room. We considered suggestions to improve this. Meanwhile Betty Young and Terry Hendricks delivered a nice book cabinet (Globe-Wernicke style) that they had found unused in the choir loft. It’s already in use - thanks!

Notice! Our regular committee member **Rita Young’s 90th birthday** will be celebrated Sunday June 27, 2:00-5:00 in the St. Boniface church hall.

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June 1, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Rita Young, Tony Beitel, Don Porter, Fred Ripp, Vangie Ripp

Francis and Terry have been further researching display cases.

Henry suggested that at the next meeting we review our inventory, how it is best organized and displayed, what museum artifacts should be stored and what displayed to optimize our focus within the space available.

Margaret Laux Hendricks lent the Archives 11 scrapbooks from the Lady Foresters.

Charlene, Carol and Gary are putting together a family history of the Stuckarts from information collected from Bernadine Stuckart Bender.

We have the story that Dr. Theodore Stuckart wrote about his life, including his experience as a soldier in WWI. This story is now on our web page. Don has a picture of an early Stuckart home he will bring to the next meeting.

We again have correspondence from the Denny family in Seattle re their connection with the pioneer Dennys of Sublimity. Their reunion will be held in Seattle this Summer.

We received two large bookcases from the Friends of the Library used bookstore in Stayton.

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May 25, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Charlene Pietrok, Rita Young, Tony Beitel, Don Porter, Dick and Mary Hottinger Heater, George Susbauer, Linda Spenner.

[Editor: Today Carol recounts some of the interesting, informal discussion.]

Rita Young said that she worked at Kay Woolen Mill in Salem during the War and that the first class material went to make the Army blankets and the cull material went in the blankets for the Navy! She also said that the blankets were made from a combination of sheep wool and Angora goat wool. The softer the blanket was, the more Angora wool it contained.

Tony's Tales: Tony Beitel also talked about Kay Woolen Mill, having worked as a sheep and goat shearer for many years. He said that he made an additional 2 cents a pound from Kay Woolen Mill if he got the farmer to sign a contract with them. Tony said the largest herd of sheep in the area was Adolph Heater's. His herd was around 1,000 sheep. Tony said that his operation was around Drift Creek. Besides sheep, Adolph Heater was also a bootlegger during Prohibition. He got \$10 a gallon. Joe said they carried 2 bottles at a time so they could hit them together and destroy the evidence if they were caught. Tony also said that when he was stationed in Germany after World War II he saw a man in Germany and Tony said to the man "You look just

like a man I know back home that goes by the name of Philippi." The man said to Tony "Why that is my name too, I am a Philippi."

Last week Darlene Hendricks came with her cousin Susanne Ditter Beutler who donated the old sanctuary lamp from St. Boniface church. Darlene told the group this story. "When Fr. Robert Neugebauer – 1955 to 1969 – was pastor of St. Boniface he made many changes to the Church. One was the removal of the old Sanctuary lamp. He directed the then maintenance man who was Susanne Ditter Beutler's father to throw away the old lamp and replace it with the one currently in the Church. He took the lamp down but put it in his attic. When he passed away his family found it and after much discussion it has been donated to the Archives."

Francis Hendricks reported that Terry had seen a display case for sale. We need more display cases and will look into it. Don said that he has been talking to Postal Connections about their new copier and ways it can be used for our records.

Linda Spenner contributed another box of items. Many were school workbooks that her uncle Joe used in St. Boniface High School. Included was the "The Beacon Light" 1940. It was the first Annual of the first graduating class of which Joe was a member. Also included was the St. Boniface directory from 1967.

Charlene, Carol and Gary visited Bernadine Stuckart Bender last week. An oral history CD about her story is in the works. Bernadene gave us a family history of the Stuckarts, including Dr. Theodore Stuckart's fine autobiographical story, which is now available for download on the Archives web page.



May 18, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske and Charlene Pierce
Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Charlene Pietrok, Rita Young, Tony Beitel, Doris Owen, Darlene Hendricks, Ken Heuberger, Ray Heuberger, Randy Forette, Vincent Pietrok, Velma Lulay Russell, Janice Kuper (daughter of Imogene Rock Kuper), Loraine Duchateau Bruce, Eldon Beutler (husband of Susanne Ditter Beutler) (Susanne is the daughter of Barney and Evelyn Ditter)

by Carol Zolkoske

The Archives room was alive with activity and conversation Tuesday morning with many visitors. Some dropped by to ask about family and local history and others dropped by to donate an article. It was a great morning and the Archives Committee felt the great honor that it is when people contribute items that mean a great deal to them, trusting that it will be there for future generations. We are gratified that relative strangers can visit our Archives and in a short time feel at home asking questions and sharing information about relatives from long ago. We are truly blessed.

Velma Lulay Russell donated the plans and information about the War Memorial that is at the front of the park next to the convent.

Janice and Imogene Kuper had a large collection of photographs from the vanHandel-Duchateau-Rock families plus photos of Sublimity and Stayton from nearly 100 years

ago. Janice is going to put them on a CD for the St. Boniface Archives.

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by Charlene Pietrok

Janice Kuper came down from Seattle, WA to seek information about her great-grandmother

Antonette (Nettie) DuChateau. Specifically, Janice was hoping to learn of her and her marriage to Harvey Crump here in Sublimity.

Other guests were Imogene (Ima) Kuper and Loraine Bruce, Ima's first cousin.

Rita Young brought in a photo of the 50th wedding anniversary (1925) of Joseph and Elizabeth [Barney] Susbauer. They are our Rita Young's grandparents. The photo was taken in front of the Catholic Foresters' Hall, the original sign of which is now in our Museum. Rita recalls that day, saying that her mother had made 12 loganberry pies for the event! Keep in mind that this was done on a wood stove!

The great-grand daughter of Elizabeth Susbauer is Suzanne [Ditter] Beutler and she brought the very dress that was worn by Elizabeth, for the 50th anniversary! This was the first time Rita had seen the dress. Charlene Pierce took a photo of the dress held by our guests, black taffeta with a pleated collar.

Suzanne Beutler also brought a wood chair that came from the Foresters' Hall. It has the original leather straps as built at the Stayton Chair Factory.

Charlene also took a photo of Darlene Hendricks and Fred Ripp holding a sanctuary lamp donated to the museum by Darlene. It had hung in the St. Boniface sanctuary until the renovation by Fr. Neugebauer in the 1960s.

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May 11, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Charlene Pietrok, Rita Young, Tony Beitel

Sharon Barnes emailed Henry updated information about the "Once a Month Band" for the web site. Done.

Don Porter has been talking to Don Harteloo at Postal Connections in Stayton about their new large format scanner/copier.

We talked about the possibilities of making a video tour of our Archives & Museum use by local cable channels.

Henry noted three May 6th Catholic Sentinel articles about Msgr. Gregory Moys, his work in the church in general and in particular his contributions to its history, another on the OCHS Spring Event at the Trappist Monastery at Lafayette presented by Fr. Martinus Cawley, and another about the Sisters of the Precious Blood...their 100 years in Oregon.

The Stayton Library has donated a copy of a local family tree *Some Descendants of Giles Thomas' Revolutionary Soldiers*. The Archives committee is interested in all aspects of Sublimity history and this contains information about the Stayton family who lived in Sublimity in the 1860's before founding Stayton.

Linda Spenner donated a number of items to the Archives including a booklet written in 1936 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St. Mary's of Oregon. Also included were typed copies of the *Servicemen's Bulletin* edited by Mae Neitling and Ed Bell during World War II, which contain excerpts from letters written by the men and women as they served during the war. These publications were a wonderful service to families during that difficult time.

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News for May 11, 2010 -

Evangeline Ripp wrote:

"Just talked with Janice Kuper from Seattle; she and her mother will be coming to our next meeting (May 18) to gather information on the Crump-VanHandel-Rock families. Her grandmother was Josephine Duchateau Rock, whose mother was Antonette VanHandel Duchateau Crump, Antonette was known as Nettie Crump. If there is a relative that would be interested in meeting with them, please ask them to the meeting."

Elizabeth Beitel wrote:

Tony Beitel (of the St. Boniface Archives Committee) will be turning 101 years young this coming May 9. Considering this milestone one well worth celebrating, we will be having a birthday party in his honor the following Sunday, May 16 . . . you are all invited to come and help honor his longevity! . . .

Location: John & Debbie Beitel's farm, 14686 Coon Hollow Rd, Stayton

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May 4, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske.

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Fred Ripp, Charlene Pietrok

Don, Vangie and Fred are looking through old Stayton Mails from 1895 forward and making copies of selected local news.

The Stayton Library now also can make copies of information from the Stayton Mail.

Charlene Pietrok Pierce is looking into the family history of the Silbernagel and Basl families.

Don Porter has done some family research on Theodore and Mary Ritzinger Highberger.

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April 20, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Fred Ripp.

Vangie and Fred Ripp, Susan and Henry Strobel attended the Spring Event on April 17 of the Oregon Catholic Historical Society at Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Abbey in Lafayette, Oregon. Those in attendance said it was most informative and that the grounds and Abbey were very beautiful.

The Trappists have early roots in Oregon as the Monks first came to Jordan in 1904-1911. At the presentation Martinus Cawley spoke of their time in what they refer to as "The Valley." Our participants were given 6 books for our Archives. *Monks of Jordan 1904-2004* gives a fascinating account of their time in "The Valley". Also included is a *Trappist History* from the year 1000 in France. The other books include *A short history of Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Abbey, Pecos NM and Lafayette Oregon 1948-1998, First Contemplatives of the Least-Churched State, The Conversion War Travels and Monastic Vocation of a Trappist Monk* - the story of a Soul-and Body 1939-1946, a history of *Oregon's First Contemplatives Sisters, Adorers of the Precious Blood at Mt. Tabor*, and lastly *Oregon's First Contemplatives*, mini-biographies of the 42 Sisters of Adorers of Precious Blood buried in Portland. These books will be added to our growing collection of Oregon catholic history; it is upon the shoulders of these devout people we stand. See www.trappistabbey.org

The tour afforded insights into this small but versatile religious community. The bright and spacious wood and glass abbey church, the impressive classics library, the wine cellar, the fruitcake bakery, gift shop, book publishing, commercial book bindery, and 800 acre managed forest.



March 16, 2010 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Tony Beitel, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Fred Ripp, Harriet Miller.

Joe Spenner donated miscellaneous artifacts, square nails from the old church roof, a WWII compass that belonged to Ben Spenner, etc. He said that Clem Spenner is sorting through old photos to be donated.

Don Porter showed a plate with a red agricultural motif. It had come to Oregon on the wagon train with the Porters in 1848.

Francis brought in a copy of a newspaper article from 1985 about the Church in Jordan. The Archives also has a copy of the History of the Trappist Fathers at Jordan 1904-1911 from the Scio Tribune 1974, plus an article of the old Trappist Monastery at Jordan (Source Unknown).

Vangie said there is a need for another filing cabinet to store the growing collection and that she and Don found one in the basement and will move it up shortly.

Don showed the Committee two books that he has found to be a great help with his research. The first one is *Mount Hope Cemetery and Pioneers of Waldo Hills in*

Marion County Oregon published by Oregon State Library 1997. The other one is *Oregon Marion County St. Barbara Cemetery Salem Oregon Volume I & II* published by Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Inc., September 2006. Both can be found at the State Library, but we noted it would be good to keep a list of such books to acquire when feasible for our own reference library.

One of the highlights of our Tuesday meeting is when Tony Beitel stops by which is often. Tony is soon to be 101 years young. He has an amazing memory and likes to tell stories of his life. We decided that some of these "Tony's tales" should be included in the minutes. Here's a couple:

"When the Beitel Family came from the Midwest, one of their big plans was to see the Pacific Ocean. Shortly after their arrival they all got into James Ripp's buggy and were driven to Kingston where they caught the passenger train. In those days the railroad went from Mill City to the Coast with many stops along the way including Albany. Tony was a strong swimmer and borrowed a heavy woolen swimsuit. He went swimming in the ocean and was in the water so long that his mother worried that he had drowned. They stayed about a week with family friends."

Tony went to St. Boniface School and when he was around 10 or 11 years old. The whole school walked to Aumsville so that the St. Boniface baseball team could play the Aumsville grade school. Leading the way were the teachers who of course were of the Sisters of St. Mary's. It took all day and must have been quite a sight.

We had a series of email correspondence regarding a query from Steve Knox about his early ancestors in the Knox Butte (Albany, Oregon) area and in particular about an old flintlock rifle engraved A. Miller Jr, Santiam, and G. Knox. We had discussions in the committee about various area gunsmiths - there were a lot of them, but it was Don Porter and especially Harriet Miller, one of our participants who works at the Oregon State Library who was able to finally provide some answers. This is a little out of our line and territory, but we were glad to be able to help. Here is the key email from Harriet, a nice bit of research.:

Henry,

I think I found the right person. There is an Abraham Miller, Jr. on the 1860 Federal Census page 374 in Linn County, Oregon Post Office Albany whose occupation is listed as Gunsmith. He was born about 1811 in Tennessee.

In the History of Linn County, OR on pg. 99 there is a Miller, Abraham Sr. had a Donation Land Claim in Albany, Syracuse, Knox Butte Region.

In the same book on pg. 110 there is a listing of Donation Land Claim Title Holders and there is:
Miller, Abraham Jr.
Miller, Abraham Sr.

Hope this helps Mr. Knox.

Harriet Miller

Mr Knox was delighted.

March 2, 2010 9:00am-11:30 by Carol Zolkoske Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Tony Beitel, Joe Spenner, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter.

Vangie told of her attending the installation of Abbot Gregory Duerr as the head of Mt. Angel Abbey, the beautiful ceremony full of pageantry. She had gone to school with him in Mt. Angel. Don Porter gave us a program, etc. from the occasion. Henry suggested that we keep a separate file of Mt. Angel items since Sublimity has many close connections to that community and we have accumulated quite a bit of historical information.

Don Porter had talked with the secretary of Immaculate Conception church about archival plans there. Apparently there is little interest now, but we agreed that we would provide some assistance if needed.

We had a series of email correspondence with Stephanie Stibbard, the owner, about the McAlpine one-room schoolhouse in Stayton. This fine, historical building had been earlier moved there from its rural Sublimity location. It was offered for the cost of relocating. Unfortunately, having no location and no money we had to pass it up. Emails are in the file.

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February 16, 2009 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske. Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Fred Schwindt, Fred Ripp

There was a great story about Monsignor Arthur Dernbach in the Feb 11, 2010 *Catholic Sentinel*, Portland, Oregon. In it he talks about his life including the years he spent at St. Boniface and our Archives. The whole article is quoted on our website, <http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/archives.htm> under Selected Newspaper Articles.

Don Porter donated a copy of the booklet from 1952 published for the dedication of the Immaculate Conception Church in Stayton. Oregon Don also bought in school papers from Aumsville High School from 1931. We are copying them for our files.

Henry Strobel Jr. gave us a *Farmers Pocket Ledger* from 1940. It had belonged to Eric L Fisher in Sublimity. He had written in many fascinating entries for work done, farm and grocery purchases by store and prices, weights for animals before and after slaughter, etc. This then ubiquitous "ledger" is well illustrated with line drawings of various farm machinery of that era.

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Feb 9, 2010 9:00 - 12:00 by Charlene Pierce
Attendance: Charlene Pierce, Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, and George Susbauer.

Linda Spenner came by and brought a box of excess older religious items to us from the Marion Estates Chapel. Included were 3 large wood and brass candle holders, 6

smaller metal candle holders, 2 glass cruets and a purple stole.

We had visitors from Mill City today: Carol Iverson, Michelle Pfohl, Joann Pfohl, Dorothy Keasey and her mother, Velleda Walz of Mehama.

George Susbauer donated a nice notebook of (copied) letters that his father, Leo, had written while in the U.S. Army during World War II. This notebook contains thirteen letters written to Margaret Sohler. It was Margaret's sister, Sister Angeline SSMO, who compiled these letters.



February 2, 2009 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Joe Spenner, Tony Beitel, Don Porter

Bill Predeek of Mt. Angel has very generously offered to give us a copy of his extensive photo archive of early Mt. Angel, Oregon. That's just great, and an example of how our organizations can work together. Yes, we do have a lot in common, in interests and of course history.

The Oregon Catholic Historical Society has announced their next Spring Event for April 17, 2010. It will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe - Trappist Abbey in Lafayette, Oregon. The cost is \$15. For more information call Sr. Charlene SSMO at 503-906-1131. Make your reservations (\$15.00) with Linda Duman - 43166 Thomas Drive - Scio, Oregon. This promises to be a very pleasant outing. Recall the very successful Spring Event we hosted here last April.

Now is a also good time to open or renew your membership in the Oregon Catholic Historical Society. We have application forms. Or you can mail a check made out to: Oregon Catholic Historical Society
to: Linda Duman, OCHS, 43166 Thomas Drive, Scio OR 97374
(\$15.00 Individuals, \$25.00 Married Couples, \$10.00 Students/Seniors, \$25.00 Organizations)

Carol said that she has been busy giving presentations about the history of Stayton and Sublimity to local school children. She is using transparencies of old photographs. She has made the presentation to the 3rd grade at Stayton Public School and has been invited to the 3rd grade at St. Mary's, Stayton. In the future, she will talk at the new Santiam Senior Center. Carol reports that the young students enjoyed looking at the photographs and hearing the stories. The children are encouraged to talk with family members about their history.

Carol presented to the Archives a DVD that her husband Gary made of the "Once A Month Band" a local band of people who live in the Stayton - Sublimity area, many of whose fathers, children and grandchildren played together in the 30's, 40's, and 50's. Many members use their family's instruments handed down from past generations. They had a fund raiser, featured in the video, for Jeff Silbernagel, who is battling cancer. The band, formerly known as the Etzel Family Band, is described in an article on our Archives' web page, led off by a great photo taken by Gary

Zolkoske. Take a look!



January 19, 2009 - 9:00AM to 12:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Joe Spenner, Tony Beitel

Guests included Gary Gries, Louie Heuberger, Dick Garland, George Susbauer, and Vincent and Junetta Pietrok.

The Archives now has a video DVD of the St. Boniface Sacred Hearts Shrine dedication of July 2009. The Shrine is now on the front page of the St. Boniface web site, including a photo gallery of the shrine, its statues and wonderful stained glass windows. Also several videos. See this at **www.saintboniface.net**

We had more visitors than usual today. Gary Gries who now lives in Roseburg spent a couple of enjoyable hours studying the family photos and documents. Louie Heuberger and Dick Garland stopped by. Dick is looking for information on his house which he believes was built in 1916. George Susbauer, Vincent and Junetta Pietrok also were here. The Pietroks have long been interested in local history. Junetta has done a lot of research of her family (Freres), as has her daughter Charlene Pietrok Pierce, a very active member and officer of the St. Boniface Archives & Museum.

Tony Beitel donated a green German Nazi army shirt that he brought back from World War II. The fabric is very heavy and in good condition. At first glance such things may seem peripheral to Sublimity history, but they are definitely connected, also adding visual interest to the museum.



January 12, 2010 - 9:00AM to 2:30PM by Carol Zolkoske Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp

Bill Predeek came on January 12, to discuss setting up an archive for the town of Mt. Angel. There was much discussion of procedural matters. Bill also brought his computer and showed photographs and talked about the history of Mt. Angel. He has an outstanding, comprehensive grasp, not only of the subject, but of the technical and organizational aspects of an archive. I would have to say that we learned a good bit, too.

Our president, Vangie Ripp, is also a native of Mt. Angel, and it was fine to see these too sharing history and reminiscences as well as technical notes.

Bill gave us a copy of a photograph of Emil Gier and a clipping from the *Centennial History of Oregon, 1811 - 1912 Volume 3*. about Phillip Meier, who was mentioned on page 66 of "Let Us Remember." Mr. Meier had a blacksmith shop in Sublimity. Emil Gier's brother, Engelbert, was the designer and builder of the altars in St. Boniface church in Sublimity. The Gier brothers were from Texas. (Can we get a copy of *Centennial History of Oregon, 1811 - 1912* ?)

January 5, 2010 by Charlene Pierce and Carol Zolkoske. 9:00AM to 11:30
Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pietrok, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Joe Spenner

We got off to a slow start as New Year's folks drifted in but actually had an excellent and wide ranging discussion about the organization and its plans. Looking back we realized that actually quite a lot had been accomplished with our completely volunteer staff resulting in a well organized and valuable archive of community history.

Joe Spenner brought in several small antique items for the museum.

Vangie said she got an email from Bill Predeek, who will come to our Archives meeting on January 12 from Mt. Angel to discuss his starting an archives for the town of Mt. Angel.

Francis brought in an email from the Holy Names Heritage Center. It reads as follows:

Dear Mrs. Hendricks:

Your relative, S. Mary Nestor, entered religious life at age 28 in March 1910. She had become acquainted with the Sisters of the Holy Names while working for a family in Salem. As you remembered, she was not a teaching sister but primarily spent her years as a religious cooking in various convents. Although she had no live at home for some years before entering. S. Mary Nestor returned home to Stayton for a few weeks after requesting permission to enter. This gave her time to sew her trousseau and gather necessary paperwork, which included a letter from Rev. Lainck, rector of St. Boniface's Church. In it, she writes that Miss Rose Pietrok is a young lady of the parish and has been known to the parish since childhood. Our community records list her as entering from Stayton. So it is true that she entered the community from your parish and I think you can certainly add her to the list of religious coming from St. Boniface.

Sister Mary Nestor (Rose) was the 4th child of Vincent and Marie (Kufner) Pietrok. She was born November 30, 1881 and died Feb 9, 1966. She observed the 50th anniversary of her profession July 14, 1962. She died at the age of 84 years and is buried at Marylhurst.

The Archives committee will add Sister Mary Nestor to the list of women who entered the religious from St. Boniface.