

# Silverton Country Historical Society

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Over Forty-five Years of History in the Making



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Several of our issues of the newsletter this year will feature stories from the Silverton Appeal to help us remember what life was like 100 year ago in 1920. The stories below are from January and February 1920.....

## Silverton Appeal-Tribune

THE COUNTY'S LARGEST WEEKLY



### N. C. Hubbs Goes Into Auto Business

N. C. Hubbs was over from Salem Wednesday evening. Mr. Hubbs has associated himself with the Marion Automobile Co., Inc and is now a full-fledged salesman of Oldsmobile, Studebaker and Franklin cars. Mr. Hubbs is very optimistic as to the automobile outlook for 1920 and says his company has the brightest of prospects. They have Marion and Polk counties as a working territory. Mr. Hubbs has purchased a home in Salem and will move his family there.

### Business Men May Form Building Society.

A movement was put in motion at a special meeting of the Silverton Community Club Wednesday evening for the organization of a company of business men to try and overcome the shortage of homes in Silverton. It was pointed out that family after family comes to this city with the intention of making their home here but are compelled to go away because of the fact that they cannot find a place to house their families. Fifty homes were built in Silverton last year and fifty more could be filled right now were they available. The meeting was well attended and by a rising vote the idea of forming a local building company was given hearty approval. An effort will be made to organize the company with a \$50,000 capitalization. By motion the chair was empowered to appoint a committee of five to canvas the business men of the city to ascertain what portion of the \$50,000 can be subscribed for this purpose. Those selected to do the interviewing are Julius Alm, Geo. W. Hubbs, Wm. A. Zosel, Geo. Steelhammer and Elmer Olsen. Within a few days these gentlemen will be ready to report back to the Club the success they meet with.

### RESUMES OPERATION Practically All Old Hands Back This Season.

The Silver Falls Timber Company's big saw mill started the sawing season Wednesday morning with plenty of men on hand for successful operation. With the exception of three or four all of the mill positions are filled by men who have been with company previously.

Fine weather in the logging camps has given the loggers an opportunity to get logs out rapidly. The mill pond is estimated to be holding over 8,000,000 feet of logs. The date set for the resumption of sawing had been planned for March 1st but the logs were piling up so fast that it was either necessary to start the mill earlier or switch the workers in the logging camps.

The management is looking forward to a long and successful season.

### Two Shops Entered Sunday Evening

Sunday night between the hours of 7 and 8 the harness shop of J. F. Fishwood was entered from a rear window. Mayor Adams in passing the shop and noticing the front door open stepped up to close it. At this juncture the "man inside" slammed the door in the Mayor's face. Alarm was given but the intruder made good his escape. Nothing was missed from the shop by Mr. Fishwood.

The same night the shoe shop of H. Haaland next door to the harness shop was entered through the front window but nothing has been missed from the shoe shop. It is thought the entrances were made by youths as the work seems to be not that of professional robbers.

### Will Re-open The Silver Falls Hotel

Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodhouse have returned to this city from Portland and have again opened the Falls Hotel which they purchased a short time ago. The hotel is now being put in first class running order for the handling of the heavy influx of guests which will be coming daily as the Silver Falls Timber Company mill is scheduled to start March 1st and the Falls Hotel is the handiest hotel in the city to the mill.

### Curator's Corner

In just a few short weeks baseball season will open and spring training is happening now in the warmer states to the south of us in Oregon. As a small girl I was taken to McGinnis Field to watch baseball and promised if I was good I would get my second box of Cracker Jacks during the seventh inning stretch. (I almost always got that second box.) From that information you can probably guess that I am a dyed in the wool baseball fan, so to my great delight and for all of us we have just been given a uniform from the 1947 Silverton Junior American Legion championship team. Duane Owens was a team member and



brought his framed uniform, a team picture and included a short history of the team members and coaches. The framed uniform is hanging upstairs in the Silverton Red Sox alcove. Baseball found a place in almost every small town, large town and city all around Oregon and each and every state. To have this history of the impact that it played in our community is truly a 'gift'. A huge thank you goes out to Duane for sharing his time in uniform with all of Silverton. As I was looking at the team members names I noticed one in particular. Carl Wickham, who played second base, was to later teach at Silverton High School. He also was assistant football coach with Tom Cowin and coached basketball with his assistant Jack Hande. The young men who played for this team came from all over the



area. Carl was a Silverton student who later played for Linfield College, Lance White came from Canby, Jim Beilemeir from Mt. Angel, Joe Brock, Arnold and Duane Owens and Don Miller all from Molalla. Pop Delay was their coach who set the bar for coaching greatness. In reading Duane's short history of the players and the amazing lives they went on to enjoy, I have to wonder that learning how to work as team members if baseball didn't have something to do with their success in life.

**Epidemic Now Moving To The Country**

According to the opinion of old Oregonians, bright, warm and dusty days in January and February in this state are sure to be followed by much sickness. We have been having the warm, dusty days practically throughout the two months and there is a large number of cases of sickness, but whether the bright warm days have any more influence on the condition of a persons health during these two months different from any other months we are not in a position to say. For winter the weath-  
now is ideal.

A wave of colds, influenza, grip or whatever one chooses to call it is passing up and down the valley and few are escaping some form of sickness. Some have been only moderately ill while others have been very sick. Three or four deaths with other complications have resulted thus far from the epidemic.

At present it seems that the number of cases of sickness in the city are diminishing while in the country districts the number of cases of illness are on the increase.

Cases from the country districts are reported where whole families are down and unable to get any care save that which they are able to give themselves.

Chris had a suggestion that we celebrate 100 years of Silverton by looking at some of the old newspapers and sharing some of the 'happenings' around Silverton from 1920. The front page of the March 5<sup>th</sup> 1920 edition of the Silverton Appeal had this article titled: Epidemic Now Moving To The Country. I know that sounds grim but as the opening sentence says: "According to old Oregonians, bright warm and dusty days in January and February in this state are sure to be followed by illness." What caught my eye with this article is that some things really don't change much in 100 years. In the lower left hand corner there is this: **Announcement!** We have arranged with the American Relief Administration to issue Food Drafts payable in the following countries: GERMANY; AUSTRIA; POLAND; HUNGARY; AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. Since this is post World War I these countries are the hardest hit by the effects of the war and in need of the most relief. The ad was taken out by the Coolidge and McClaine Bank.

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These drafts can be purchased for different amounts and call for the payment to the holder of certain definite quantities of food. Outside of the American Relief Administration deposits the prices of food are such that they are practically prohibitive. These drafts are for the purpose of enabling you to send food to your relatives and friends in those countries, and, in sending relief this way you are assured that they will receive exactly what you order.

These drafts are issued by us absolutely free of any charge.

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*Judy Lowery*

## SCHS Annual Meeting - 2019



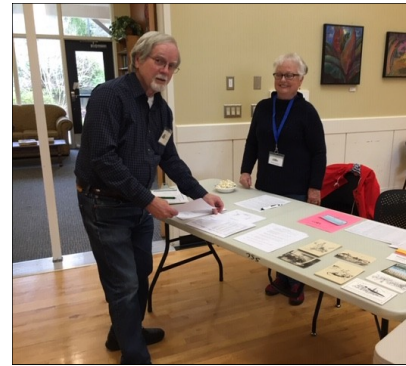
The Society's Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the Silverton Senior Center. Attendance was terrific....not sure if the draw was the election of new officers and board members....or perhaps it was the showing of two great classic Silverton-produced movies from the 1920's.

Officers and board members for 2020--2022:

President—Gus Frederick  
Treasurer—Tracy Duerst  
Nicholas Coffey

Vice-President—Fred Parkinson  
Curator--Judy Lowery  
Russ Gould                      Ruth Kaser

Secretary—Chris Schwab  
Membership--Kathy Hunter  
Corey Christensen



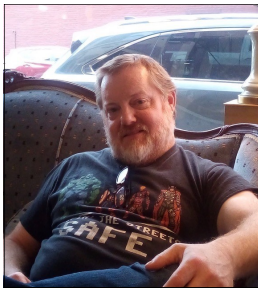
### Your Board!!!

Clockwise from bottom left: Corey, Ruth, Norm (retiring), Russ, Nick, Judy, Fred, Tracy, Kathy, Gus.  
Inset, Chris (photographer)

Many thanks to Norm English (who thinks he is stepping down....) for his many years as board member and officer.



### New Board Member - Nicholas Alan Coffey



We are very pleased to welcome new board member Nick Coffey to our ranks. A native Oregonian, Nick was born in Albany. Even better, his mother Rose was born in Silverton and is a cousin of our own Norm English. Nick attended schools in Albany, Jefferson and Stayton. After graduation, Nick worked at a few jobs, but came to the realization that he wanted to own his own business. He opened his first in Springfield and a second in Stayton. Eventually he moved to Silverton and in May 2016 he opened his current enterprise, Astonishing Adventures. Nick soon joined the Silverton Sidewalk Shindig as a volunteer and quickly became the event Coordinator and the committee Chairperson. The Silverton Sidewalk Shindig takes place annually on the first Saturday of October and is the biggest single day event in Silverton. Nick says the Shindig is Silverton's version of the Mardi Gras, with live music all day and fun for the entire family. That's the spirit we like! You know, if you have been in Nick's shop, that he loves vintage world items, music, art and pop culture, He joined SCHS to learn more about the history of this amazing town and community. Welcome Nick!



### SCHS at Willamette Heritage Center

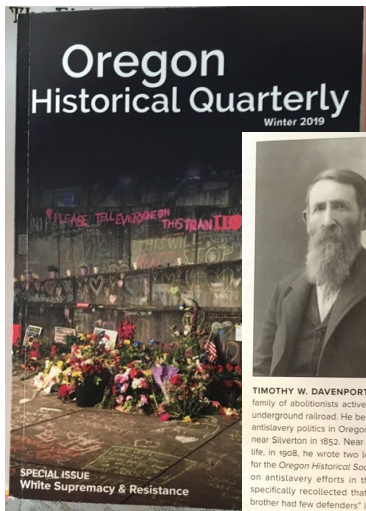
Once again, SSHS is proud to participate in the annual Willamette Heritage Center Invitational Exhibit. This year's theme is "Join the Club!," focusing on how service groups shape the identity of a community. We chose to tell the story of Silverton's Rotary club, relating quite nicely with Salem Rotary's 100th anniversary display. The event runs until April 18, 2020, Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. Free admission with SCHS membership.



Judy, as usual, working diligently on our display at Mission Mill. The final result is appreciated by Fred. We hope you will go see this and the other displays.

*Dear members: we have been gradually transitioning our membership due dates so that they will all be up for renewal at the first of each year. (The advantage for you is, that several memberships have gotten an extra month or two!) Hopefully, this will not cause confusion....it will certainly make it easier for us (and hopefully, you) to keep track of our memberships. Please call us with your questions: 503-873-7070.*

***And as always, we are so very grateful to all of you for your support!***



TIMOTHY W. DAVENPORT came from a family of abolitionists active in the Illinois underground railroad. He became active in antislavery politics in Oregon after settling near Silverton in 1852. Near the end of his life, in 1908, he wrote two lengthy essays for the Oregon Historical Society Quarterly on antislavery efforts in the 1850s and specifically recollected that "the colored brother had few defenders" in the fight.

Several excerpts from the writings of Silverton's own Timothy W. Davenport are included in the recent Winter issue of the Oregon Historical Quarterly's special issue on White Supremacy and Resistance. T.W. became interested in anti-slavery politics after settling in the area in 1852. He was also a contributor to the magazine on the subject in the early 1900's.

Davenport was active in Silverton's social scene, joining other prominent locals to form the Silverton Liberal Union. The organization was a precursor to the Oregon State Secular Union, which became a major voice of the so-called free-thought movement in Oregon during the late nineteenth century.

## Museum Opening for 2020 Season! First Ladies in Residence

In recognition of this election year, our main display case in the living room is once again being graced by our collection of First Lady dolls, lovingly styled and dressed by long time Silverton resident, Mary Ruhl Dodds. The consummate homemaker, she is remembered by her family as "always working on something." We are fortunate to have these amazing examples of her handiwork. You must come see them in person to truly appreciate them.

Our volunteers will be on site beginning Saturday, March 7, from 1 to 4 pm.



Junior volunteer Clara Feller, helped with setting up the display. We had fun!



The collection, which was donated to the Museum in 1998, includes all the First Ladies, and acting First ladies, from Martha Washington up to Hilary Clinton. We would love to bring the collection up to date but as yet we have not had any takers.

In the early days of the United States republic, there was no generally accepted title for the wife of the President. Many early first ladies expressed their own preference for how they were addressed, including the use of such titles as "Lady," "Mrs. President," "Mrs. Presidentess" and "Queen," as in the case of Dolley Madison.

Supposedly, Harriet Lane, niece of President James Buchanan, was the first woman to be called First Lady in the press. The phrase appeared in Frank Leslie's Illustrated Monthly in 1860, when he wrote, "The Lady of the White House, and by courtesy, the First Lady of the Land."

The title actually first gained nationwide recognition in 1877, when Mary C. Ames wrote an article in the New York City newspaper The Independent describing the inauguration of President Rutherford B. Hayes. She used the term to describe his wife, Lucy Webb Hayes. Mrs. Hayes was a tremendously popular first lady, and the frequent reporting on her activities helped spread use of the term outside Washington. After that the term First Lady was applied retroactively to all predecessors.



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our generous donors and to anyone who has  
given anonymously to the Museum or any of its projects.**

**You're the best!!**

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*Happy Birthday, Oregon!*