

HISTORY OF CORNELIUS

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It was her desire that record should be kept of our small town during the past many years.

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LOVINGLY DEDICATED TO THE SACRED MEMORY
OF THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED HERE AND WHO HAVE GONE
BEFORE, TO THE HOUSE NOT MADE WITH HANDS, ETERNAL
IN THE HEAVENS, TO THE RESPECTED CITIZENS NOW
LIVING HERE AND TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE POSSIBLE THIS
BOOK.

(signed Mattie Mann Smith

"For there's something, somehow holy
In our town, where many have trod,
Living here makes of us, one family
And that kinship points to God."

(dated) June 1, 1937

Memorandum found on back side of first page:

The earliest history date we can find on Cornelius is 1851 where the first School District was formed and the first school was south of here on the banks of the Twalatin river.

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"It's just a little street where old friends meet
So many wander back again,
Sure it may be old, but all profound
It's a grand old place is our Home Town."

And so it is! and what a contrast it now presents as we remember it was once the tenting ground of the redman, who outnumbered the palefaces, five to one. The barking of the Indian dog, the howling of the coyote and gray wolf filled the air with music not as pleasant to listen to as the voice of our young people out serenading today. It was not uncommon to see an old bear strolling along with her cub. However, there was plenty of other game more to the liking of people, such as deer, grouse, pheasant and quail. The first step toward civilization was the erecting of a schoolhouse on the bank of the Twalatin, near where the Morrissey home now stands. It was a log house 12 by 14 ft...There was not a nail used in it, it being held fast with wooden pegs. Clapboards were used in place of shingles and the chimney was built of sticks and mud. For windows, a log was cut on two sides of the building and strips of muslin, which had been greased with lard, were pasted over the holes. The seats were made of puncheons or split logs. The first teacher was Charity Marsh, oldest daughter of the late John Marsh of Centerville. The next step was the building of permanent roads to take the place of Indian trails. All trails led to and from the Columbia and Willamette rivers, made by the Indians when after fish. Oregon City was the oldest town and trading post in what was then the territory of Oregon. It was there that everyone had to go to do their marketing and shopping, crossing the river in canoes and swimming their horses to carry back their goods. The first matches purchased were treasured like gold for they cost twenty five cents for a box of one dozen matches. As a rule, fire was borrowed and if the neighbors fire was out, families would resort to tow, gun powder, and flint. The first flouring mill was at Oregon City. The farmer would put a two bushel sack of wheat on a horse's back and start on a three or four day's journey to the mill. That bag of flour would last a medium size family six months. The young people were expert horsemen and horsewomen. The young man would ride up to the door with one horse and an extra blanket. The girl would take his hand, spring on behind and they were off to church in the school house. On arrival, the young man sat one side of the room and the young lady on the other.

The half block on Pine Street on which St. Alexander church now stands was donated in the year 1909 by late Cornelius William Hendricks. The new church was dedicated May 8, 1910 to God, the best and greatest, by the Most Reverend Alexander Christie, Fourth Bishop of the Archdiocese of Oregon City. At the conclusion of the dedication ceremonies Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Reverend Ferdinand J. Krettenhofer of Saint Clement's Church, Portland. Reverend Jacob Reverdy Buck served from 1909 to 1917. Reverend George J. Campfield served from 1918 to 1919 and Reverend E. P. Murphy, after returning from the trenches of France, served from 1919 to 1921. Reverend M. E. Boesch, the present Father began in 1922. Prior to the history of the church in Cornelius there was a Catholic Church in South Cornelius, which dates back to the year 1888, the property being donated by Mrs. Mary Brocacle Schmitt. This old church was torn down and such parts of it as could be used were employed on the construction of the present Cornelius edifice. The South Cornelius Church was served by the Reverend Father Dominic Faber, a pioneer priest of Oregon, who later became chaplain of Saint Vincent's hospital, Portland, and died there August 19, 1925. Adjacent to the South Cornelius Church is the Fern Hill Cemetery, the land being donated in 1891 by Mrs. Elizabeth Lang Hulsman. The activities of the Ladies' Altar Society, Young people's Club, Cecelian Choir and Study Club are well known as well as the many beautiful communion classes and beautiful wedding ceremonies. August Missine has been sexton for years.

The Adventist Church was dedicated in May 1911 with Elder R. D. Benham and Edwin Squires, originators. At one time the memberships was over 60, but due to death and non-residence there are now twenty-five members. Reverend Benham, ninety-five, passed in December and was a Civil War Veteran. Shortly before his death, he addressed the Laurelwood Academy and donated four hundred dollars, to the new Health Hall there. Prior to his pastorate, he taught school. The Benhams recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary and in later years have spent their winters in the Portland Sanitarium, where Mrs. Benham has been since his death. Mr. Benham wrote and had many of his poems published. The two frequently sang, some of the occasions being at the joint Thanksgiving and Memorial Services with the Methodist Church. The Benhams were a grand old couple, loved and respected by all. Elder C. Wilcox is now pastor of the Church.

The Advent Christian Church was built in 1901 by E. S. Sturdevant, being located where the A. Hoffman home now stands. Later it was sold to the Pentecostal Church people who held meetings for a period of years. It was later sold and torn down.

The Lutheran church was organized in early days and has been very active since. Sermons have been preached in both English and German. The church has a Junior Aid, Ladies Aid, Sunshine Club, Sunday School and choir, all of which are very active. The church in past years have had dinner booths in Hillsboro at the Fourth of July, chicken community dinners and teas, and its pastors have given commencement addresses for the local school graduates. On several occasions its pastors have given Easter Sunrise addresses at the Methodist Church. A confirmation class was taken into the church May 16th of this year in a beautiful service. Well known pastor and families have been Rev. Berthold, Rev. Karpenstein, Rev. Timmcke, and Rev. Kohler, Rev. A. S. Wolff is the present pastor. His daughter, Miss Verona, will teach school here next year.

The Lutheran Cemetery began early, the first grave that of Sigmond Berthold, son of Rev. and Mrs. Berthold, a much loved family. It is near the Oregon Electric tracks on the North side of town.

The Cornelius Methodist Episcopal Church was built by men of the community in 1885. The first pastor was Rev. H. B. Elworthy. Several years later the parsonage was built under the pastorate of Rev. Lee. The first church cost \$2700, it being remodeled in 1921. In June the same year the Mann-Mooberry wedding was held in it. The Church has had thirty-seven pastors and since 1931 having the same pastor as Hillsboro. Many of the early pastors lived at the T. R. Cornelius home. Some well remembered pastors have been Rev. Downs, Rev. Irwin, Rev. Krozier, Rev. Warrell, Rev. Sund, Rev. Shaffer, Rev. Beedler, Rev. Miles, Rev. Walker and Rev. Reed, the latter a very well loved pastor and family.

The Aid Society was organized before the church was built, the women meeting in homes. Today it is still a very active organization and it is still a strong arm of the church. The Home Missionary Society was organized in 1931 and while it is a comparatively young organization it is making rapid strides and has done much good. The Epworth League and Choir are composed of Young people. The Epworth League Institute at Falls City has been an annual affair, lasting one week, and one which is planned for months ahead. The Sunday School has a membership of seventy-five. It is organized into a missionary group, Home department, Cradle Roll department, Temperance department and has five classes. The Home department is composed of twenty-three respected and noble old people, unable to attend services. The Cradle Roll department has twelve babies on its roll, who are under three years of age. The church is organized into boards, the trustees being also members of the cemetery board. Prayer meetings are held weekly. A sinking fund, now over \$200 has been raised, and is still being

added to, to^{re}paint the exterior and repaper the interior of the church. The church, under the present pastorate of Rev. Alexander Hawthorne, who is also pastor of the Hillsboro church, has grown spiritually, as well as in all its fields. It has an active membership of 83, with 23 non-resident members. There has been 16 baptisms and 24 accessions this year.

For the last few years a teachers' reception has been sponsored by the church, with teachers who reside here, but who teach in other schools, giving the program, with the four local teachers as honor guests. Christmas carolling by the young people and attendance of the New Year Eve's service at the Hillsboro Methodist Church has been enjoyed for years. Last year was the first year in a period of 60 years that Albert Tozier missed ringing the bell. He is now in a very weakened condition in Portland, where his sister, Edith Tozier Weatherred, cares for him.

Mother's Day has always been a special day at the church, with the young people delivering tokens and singing to shut-in Mothers. Easter sunrise service and fellowship breakfast has been an annual affair at the Lester Mooberry home. Lasting in the minds of the local Methodist are the pleasant memories of the superintendencies of W. E. Sherbrook, Helen Olson and Ernest Rand, whose daughter, Miss Winifred, is now a Missionary in China. Mrs. M. A. Cornelius known as Auntie Cornelius, who passed her ninetieth birthday anniversary in December, reminds one of Cornelius of Caesarea, one who loves God, is devout and of good report, known and loved by all. For many years, she in her gentle, influential, christian way was active in every branch of the church. Today many say that they always went early to Sunday School to see her chalk talk illustrated lesson and to win a Bible which she gave to all who attended her class. Now, unable to leave her home, she sits quietly reading, usually the Word of God, and her multitude of friends deem it a privilege to visit with her. Still gentle in manner, sweet in nature, alert in mind, true to God and man, fervent in spirit, praising the Lord, casting the same great influence of her victorious life begun so long ago. She is honorary communion steward and is recognized and respected by all with special honors on many occasions, which she always accepts in true humility. Other names dear to Methodists have been Mrs. Vickers, Mr. Mc Claghry, Mr. Sholes, Mr. and Mrs. Scholfield and Mrs. Mooberry.

Cornelius has within its borders two retired ministers, Rev. Sprague, a Congregationalist, and Rev. Blackenberry, a Methodist.

The Cornelius Cemetery is under the jurisdiction

of the trustees of the Methodist Church, after its being purchased from the Odd Fellow's Lodge many years ago. The Lodge had a member, Joe Francis, who died and they bought this land for burial. The Odd Fellow's hall burned after this so they united with Hillsboro, selling the Cemetery to the Methodist Church. Mrs. L. G. Weidewitsch is a great worker as well as a member of the board of trustees for the upkeep of the cemetery. Each year it is given two cleanings, with contributions to finance the project from lot owners. Each year on Memorial Day, flags are placed on soldiers' graves. This was first done by Mrs. Anna McNutt and Lester Mooberry. Old soldiers' graves are Messrs. Henderling, Brooky Fairchild, Bailey Fitch, Neep, Schoen, Cornelius, Dickerson, Sturdevant, Moats, Mooberry, Tibbits, Miller, Campbell and McNutt. Linnie Love, a young girl at that time, died in France where she sang for the soldiers. Her grave is in the local cemetery. World War graves are those of Herman Pfahl, Wesley Cooper and Henry Holtz. The grave of Robert Weidewitsch is in this cemetery also. He was in the world war, but returned and died many years later in an accident at work.

The City of Cornelius, now with a population of 500 was once called Free Orchards, being known for its beautiful orchards and being donated by R. Tucker's land donation. It was named for Col. Cornelius, husband of Auntie Cornelius, by Mr. Holiday, railroad promotor.

Cornelius was incorporated in 1893. Its first officials were J. R. Miller, proprietor of the St. Joseph hotel, president of the council, A. A. Phillips, recorder, A. S. Wilks, treasurer, L. G. Weidewitsch, marshal, A. Graham, Thomas Talbot, J. W. Clark and J. Cornelius, Councilmen. They met at the hotel, but in 1893 a jail and council room was built. Later the city hall was built now holding a room where the council, Boy Scouts and Civic Club meet, and the Library and Rest Room. The room is adjoined by a kitchen and was the place of so many chicken dinners, sponsored by various church groups and civic organizations. One unique affair was a chicken dinner given by the Methodist Church with Mayor Baker as its speaker.

The main items of the first city officials were looking after livestock, regulating saloons, quelling rowdyism and improving the streets and sidewalks. The saloons were on the grounds first, but shortly after the town was incorporated they were put under licenses and certain regulations. In matters involving legal counsel, the attorneys in Hillsboro were William Hare and Mark Bump. The town was peculiarly situated. It might as well have been said to be between the law and the gospel, as Forest Grove supplied its first minister and Hillsboro its lawyers. The first city marshal received \$2.50 a month and the honor of the office. His duties were to attend council meetings, make fires, take care of the running at large, disturbers

of the peace and the youth of the town. The center of attraction seems to have been the railroad depot, for the station agent petitioned the council to put a stop to playing ball on its grounds and throwing snow balls and that children be stopped from getting on and off the trains while in motion, under 15 years of age. Fourth of July was held in the City Park in 1894. Meetings were held and Concessions for stands, swings, and dance halls were sold to the highest bidder. Lest there should be some misunderstanding over the profits of the venture a special meeting was called giving the council the right to spend it as they saw fit. They took in \$160.50 and the expenses were \$160.10. The profit was spent for council stationery. Old soldiers played their instruments at these celebrations and on Memorial Day. Prominent mayors have been A. S. Sholes, and L. A. Jackson, who was responsible for the first chautauqua here, with a beautiful Tom Thumb wedding, Ashley, his son, acted as the preacher. Lights, paved streets and store flags were put in. The old horse drinking fountain was changed to a beautiful flower garden, but since has been taken down to make four lane traffic. Hitching posts have been taken down to make more room to park cars. The one drinking fountain in town is still rushed. Under the mayorship of Myron Mooberry, many blocks of cement sidewalks were laid and the erecting of a Christmas tree in town. The Cornelius tree, with its hundreds of lights, has the reputation of being the prettiest tree for miles. Ray Shaw is the present mayor.

The city jail was built forty-four years ago to care for the mellow overflow product of the saloons, of which the city had two and sometimes three at that time. Bunks, straw ticks, comforters, six chairs and a hanging lamp were its properties. The first record of arrest was for drunkenness and was fined \$2.50, which the recorder split fifty-fifty with the marshal. The first criminal case tried in the hall was the city against two men for fighting and disturbing the peace. The only tragedy was when one was arrested for drunkenness and placed in the jail. In his drunken delirium he shouted all through the day and night and when someone finally went to the jail they found him dead and the jail on fire. It was not known whether he tried to burn his way out or accidentally set his bed on fire. The jail was repaired and the cell lined with sheet iron to prevent a similar occurrence. Recently the fire department, which is well organized and one to be proud of, has taken over the city jail as their club house, due to its not being needed further. One large room has been made, a new floor has been laid, walls and ceiling panelled with veneering, indirect lighting provided and in place of the old box stove, which records show cost \$16, an attractive fireplace has been built. Furniture has been donated and curtains hung making it very comfortable and a pleasant room. Ashley Jackson, who is the fire chief, holds regular fire drills and the firemen

have suits and caps. The boys donate their work in a most cheerful spirit. There are two fire trucks, one being a rural truck. Many new fire alarms have been installed around town. The firemen give an annual ball each year to help meet finances.

The Civic Improvement Club was organized on April 8, 1913, with seven charter members and Mrs. Laura Jackson was the first president. She was instrumental in having the club affiliated with the Oregon Federation. Mrs. George Wilcox was the second president and did much in establishing the Library in 1914. The object of the club was, "The Moral and Civic Betterment in our School." The Club sponsored the first city clean up, offering prizes of jumping ropes to the school children who helped, sponsored. The first cemetery clean up was with Ben Scholfield, 74 and his wife, Sarah, 68, in charge. Water hydrants were put in, a rest room and a tool house built. \$300 was collected for this purpose. The city park was cleaned, flowers and vines planted, drinking fountains put in and the grand stand built. The ringing of the curfew began with the ladies, being rung each night since by the night watchmen. A woodcutting bee was held with 100 present and six cord of wood cut for the Library. The Library began in 1914, with the women acting as librarian the first year. The women held a reception for the teachers, a reception for the town, entertained the County Teachers' Association, were responsible for the raising of the bell and fire drills at the school and for sanitary basements at school, had a sick committee, which did much good by visits and gifts, worked with the school in the Parent Teacher Association, and placed a large sign at the entrance of the town, which read, "No saloons, Good Schools, Good Mountain Water." The women gave two very good plays, lasting in the memory of Cornelius patrons. They were "Mail Order Brides" and "Mary's Other Husband," During Mrs. Wilcox's year as president the club's report was said to be the best in the state, and appeared in the Federation magazine. A recent development has been hot lunches in the school, paid for by the club with a cook, Mrs. Rudolf Schultz, and assistance of parents with donations. The women bought the city hall stove, painted the interior of the hall and bought the dishes, and other equipment. The young people of the St. Alexander's Church recently bought curtains. They established a Picture Library for the school, mounting each picture themselves, and giving the story of each picture. The club has helped to support the Doernbecker hospital and has helped with scholarship loans. A thistle riddance contest was begun by the club with the third and fourth grades of the school gathering 1899 pounds and the fifth and sixth grades a close second. Both were rewarded with parties. In 1929 the parkings were seeded and flowers, shrubs and walnuts planted. Charles Kuntz, who passed away recently and father of Mrs. Henry Behrman, aided the women with donations of time and means. The walnuts now net

enough to pay for the upkeep of the parking and the trees and shrubs are beautiful when in full bloom. The women have studied the constitution, great poems and poets, designing and other topics. This year Interior Decorating was studied, taught by Mrs. Luella Mustonen Voges. Each year the club is in charge of Red Cross subscriptions, raising over \$25 each year. This year their project is to aid in paying for a \$250 auditorium stage curtain and gave a program and play for it recently. They are sponsoring the Boy Scouts and recently entertained 14 clubs of the County Federation. Cornelius people can well speak with pride as they point to the club women.

As has been said the Civic Club women organized the Library in 1914. Mrs. George Wilcox was chairman of the board for 15 years and Mrs. Ray Shaw and Mrs. Arthur Brock served as members for a long period of time. David Wilcox, uncle of George Wilcox, presented the library with pictures of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Bartol Ingebrigston spent many cheerful evenings with the town boys at the library and Lester Mooberry, who then was principal of the Cornelius school, said that each grammar lesson closed with an enthusiastic book review then. Librarians have been Mrs. Ray Neep and Mrs. Madge Wight and the present librarian, Mrs. Edna Russell, who always stood ready to help in wise selections of books, were and are thoughtful and cheerful. The library, during depression and unemployment proved very worthwhile. At present there are 2731 volumes, 25 magazines and the Hillsboro Argus, a county paper. Recently a large magazine rack was purchased. Lester Mooberry is now president of the Library Board.

The Camp Fire Girls, known as Minnehaha Camp, was organized in 1915 with Mrs. George Wilcox as guardian and was very active and worthwhile, holding parties, musicals, excursions, programs and plays with children's Story Hour on Saturday afternoons. Honor beads were given for good English and language. They sewed and made donations of many kinds. Ceremonials were held, the girls having rings and gowns. Miss Irene Vanderbery, former teacher here, at one time organized a group also.

Girl Scouts have been active, one especially active group being led by Mrs. Otto Osborn, who had many excursions and conducted memorial services at the local cemetery.

The Boy Scouts were first led by Alec Sellars, later by Marl Woods, assisted by Lester Smith, later by Warren Barnes and at present James Vanlom, assisted by Robert Cochrane and Leland Jacobsmuhlen.

The Cornelius Post Office was first in the T. B. Cornelius store, Mr. Cornelius being the postmaster. Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Cranse and the present postmaster, Frank Doohar, make up the list of postmaster and post mistresses. Mail carriers were and are Albert Bunning, Mr. Vanlom, William Vanlom's father, Ernest Creekprum and the present carriers, William Mann and William Vanlom.

The Cornelius grade school was first located near where the Union Oil Company now stands. Later a school was built where the present one now stands. Miss Anna Newman, A. L. Thomas and Lester Mooberry taught the last year in the old building and the first year in the present building, which was built in 1908. One of the main carpenters was Walter Challacombe, who recently died and had a desk used by Lester Mooberry in the school. The second school was used for a long period of time as a community church. The present building, a few years ago was overcrowded, so the social room of the Methodist Church was used as a school room. Through the years we are reminded of the following teachers, Mr. Ayler, D. Cochrane, Eva Newman, Irene Vanderbery, Margaret Mann Mooberry, Anne Morrissey O'Donnell, Marguerit Morrissey Dooher, Marcella Morrissey VanLom, J. W. Peabody, Marl Woods, Mr. Yates, Warren Barnes and Louise Mooberry Cochrane. Mrs. Cochrane has taught 18 years here, being the ^{one} who has taught the longest here. Through the years declamation, spellingbees, ball games, ciphering, class plays, operettas, graduation, Literary societies, P.T.A. 4 H club work, Scout work, flower, nut and candy showers have added to the pleasure of the school. Beginning under Warren Barnes' principalship and continuing with the present principal, M. L. Kathan, came musical festivals, bird house contests, kite contests, harmonica bands, school paper, rhythm band, art, woodworking, tap dancing, athletics and educational talking pictures. A few years ago a kitchen was added to the school and hot lunches served. When Mrs. B. Mooberry taught she originated hot lunches in the school by having the children bring vegetables which she prepared and cooked on a oil stove. New auditorium, including gymnasium, kitchen and shower rooms was built in 1936. The school is equipped with radios, pianos, and phonographs and is protected with fire alarms and escapes. Beautiful shrubs outline the building. This year's graduating class of 12 will be the second class to graduate from the new auditorium. Former exercises were held in Challacombe's hall and the Methodist church. The school has an enrollment of 100.

In 1907, the Oregon Electric Railroad was built. Station Agents were B. Ingebrigston, Mr. Ernsley, Mr. Crabtree, the last one being Mr. Skrofern.

The Southern Pacific railroad was made possible by Mr. Holiday. The depot was built and named for T. R. Cornelius. Mail came and went on this line until recent years when it began to be carried by bus. Agents have been Dan Barrett, Mr. Beeman, Mr. McIlvaine, Mr. McNutt and Mr. Bradley. The section crew was headed for years by Charles Cranse. Lonzo Creekpaum worked for years with him.

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The Neighbors of Woodcraft has met for years in Bunnings hall and is still a very active organization. Each year they hold an unusual installation of officers which is public. Many times drill teams from adjoining towns have given the floor work. All years at this time it is an evening of beauty and orderliness. It is also active with its Thimble Club in giving bazaars, teas and programs. The names of Mrs. C.C. Hancock, Mrs. Ellen Vickers, Mrs. A. Bunning, Mrs. M. Morrissey and Mrs. Hatch are remembered in connection with the circle. Mrs. Lester Mooberry is the present guardian neighbor.

The Knights of Pythias always met in Bunning's hall and was a very active organization. In 1935 the Cornelius lodge joined with Forest Grove. The names of Rawleigh Phelps, Charles James, Grant Mann and Albert Bunning are remembered as workers in the group.

Dr. Earl Caruthers in 1912 purchased properties owned by Dr. Ernest Everest and had his office in the building now by owned by Albert Bunning. Dr. Ivan Jackson came here in 1917 to care for his father, leaving for a better field at Powers. later

Dr. Gessner was a prominent Doctor here for many years. Dr. Cole is the only Dr. in Cornelius now. At present he is very ill.

Dentists have been Dr. W. Pollock and Dr. A. Adams. Dr. Everest was druggist here for many years until 1911, when L. A. Jackson purchased it, moving into the bank building in 1914. On the death of Mr. Jackson in 1927, his wife, Laura Jackson, sold to Frank Goff, who operated for a number of years and then began business in Forest Grove.

Mr. Merrill and Mr. Wolfe operated a butcher house here for a period of years.

Harry Challacombe and E. Wilkins ran a grocery store near the first Post Office, which was purchased from Mr. Foster in 1905. In 1908 A. S. Hendricks built a large building known as the Opera House, later Challacombe hall. It contained a store, hall and hotel. In August 15, 1915, Walter Challacombe went in with his brother continuing until 1925. In 1925 they sold to Portland people, who sold the goods, discontinuing the store here. In 1925 the beautiful home of Harry's was built by Walter and in December 17, 1926 the skating rink was opened, where the store once was, managed by Walter. The building was torn down a few years ago.

In 1913 R. A. Phelps purchased Scott Wolfe's and Herman Reese's butcher shop. In 1916 Henry Jacobsmullen went in with R. A. Phelps and they were together until 1918 when the store moved to the C. C. Hancock building. Mr. Phelps operated it with the help of Mr. Phelps, Madison Anderson, Henry Steinow and Della Pheps (Mann.) Earl Phelps making deliveries by bicycle. R. A. Phelps sold to Herman Thies who later sold to J. C. Barnard. R. Maurer bought the store from Mr. Barnard in 1936 and is operating today, making deliveries and employing two clerks.

Another grocery store is Hank's Market, managed by Henry Hering, who also has two clerks and makes deliveries. His store is in the old bank building.

L.C.. Weidewitsch operated a store here for many years as did C. C. Hancock. Many people in town have dishes and other gifts which were given by Mr. Hancock to his customers at Christmas.

Irmeler and Goff operated the hardware here, it being managed today by A. J. Irmeler.

C. Cheney operated a Variety store for a few years in the building which is now the Kelo Flour Mill, owned and managed by Leo and Kieth Susbauer.

The Cornelius Store and McNutt Store were the oldest stores in town. Col. Cornelius was the sole business man at one time with the exception of saloon keepers. His was the largest grain shipping center in the county. He also built and managed a creamery and wagon shop.

Bertol Ingebrigston built a feed mill and warehouse in 1907, beside the Oregon Electric Depot, which was operated until 1927. R. Nixon now owns the mill.

The other mill in town is the one located near the Southern Pacific tracks, owned at present by C. C. Ruth, with former owners A. Sellars, J. Johnson and C. B. Buchanan.

Lumber mills were the Baseline Lumber Company, owned by Will Patton; Graham's Mill furnished the lumber for the Jackson Bottom Bridge, near Hillsboro. Kroagen's Mill stood where the Buckeye Pavilion now stands.

The Cornelius State Bank, which was here for many years until 1933 was begun by J. Adams in 1905, and John Thornburg, later going into the hands of A. S. Sholes and son Frank.

The hotels operated in town, one being the Cornelius Hotel and the other St. Joseph's. It was used for voting in the days when election day was a big day. Voting places at present are the Library and social room of the Methodist church.

The telephone office was located in the Challacombe building, being operated by the Sweitzer family. Iva and Chatty Chapman, Inez Miller, Ester Fitch, Mrs. Geneva Robinette and Mrs. Edna Russell through the years, headquarters now being in Forest Grove.

L. K. Fiske had a Confectionery here, later selling it to R. A. Phelps in 1913. William Vickers then operated, selling to Ray Mann in 1918, who made part of his confections. In 1926 Joseph Mann bought the store from his brother, moving into the bank building, where he operated under the name of Green Tree Confectionery. In 1927 it was sold to Elmer Bennet and in 1928 Laura Jackson purchased it, operating until 1932 when it was sold to the present owner, Mrs. Lillie Kelsey, and is known by the Cheerie Nook Confectionery. It is headquarters for the Oregon Motor Bus Line, Gas and Coke Company, Portland General Electric Power Company, Telephone, News-Telegram, with Clifton Openlander, carrier, Journal Route, in charge of Mrs. Oliver Cartwright, Mr. Pugh, and Buddy Erikson, Oregonian headquarters and strawberry yard headquarters.

Livery barns were owned by Albert Bunning and Marian Tibbits.

Barbers have been Messrs. Graham, McGrinnis, Zamanica, Orr Emmot Duffey and the present barber, Ole Olson.

W. E. Sherbrook from 1910 to 1918 operated the Cornelius Rose Gardens on the place now owned by A. J. Oliver. Mrs. Henry Thies has a beautiful garden of all kinds of flowers and bulbs at her home.

Blacksmiths have been Messrs. Hatch, Storehouse, Humburg, K. Mackers and Lee Dierdorf.

Shoe repairing shops have been managed by O. Hoffman, Ray Mann, Mr. Percell and Mr. Tucker.

Race horse tracks were once near the park. The names of Tom Talbot and Mr. Merrill are remembered in connection with them.

A brick yard was once located near where the Union Oil Station now stands.

Where the L. K. Fiske home now stands was once a brewery.

Fitch and Phelps, Albert Bunning and C. C. Hancock had real estate offices here at different times.

The Featherstone Cannery operated for a number of years. The Knight Packing company still operating.

At different times Cornelius has had a local paper, being edited by Virgil Massy, Mr. Bray and Mr. Farnworth.

Service stations have changed hands. Past and present owners are M. A. Towrey, A. L. Brook, G. Hall, C. Wardius, T. Thompson, E. Sahnaw, O. Cartwright and W. Stokes.

John and Henry Jacobsmullen have run a Meat Preparation house for years.

M. L. Kathan is a specialist in Maplewood products and Gene Morton has the Watkins route.

Long's Airport is an added attraction in town. Ed Ball, pilot, recently purchased a new Taylor Cub enclosed red and silver plane. In connection with the airport is the Long's Radio Shop.

The Pool hall is now in the hands of John Oppenlander, with former owners, Charles Miles and H. Tilton.

The Union Oil Station and Standard Oil Station have been on the outskirts of town for years.

The town baseball team is recognized in the county for its victories in the League as well as the men's basketball team. The women also have a town basketball team and indoor team.

The milk routes, first by horse and wagon, then by truck, to Hillsboro Condenser were driven by P. Killen, J. Stark, M. Hermans, C. and O. Pfahl, Mr. Cox and Zimmerman.

Threshers were operated for years by Loren Pizer, Ben Henderson and Mr. Dickerson.

Coxey's Army, whose leader, of course, was Coxey, visited Cornelius and gave a speech before leaving for his famous trip.

Lee Hoffman, son of the late, Mrs. Ellen Vickers, relates an account of the first and only earthquake here which lasted but for a few seconds, but which knocked the chimney from their house.

A service flag now hangs in the city hall, honoring the soldiers of the world war. Mrs. Mary Morrissey Wunderluch was the only nurse in the world war and she is still living and has done nursing on her return. She is known for her noble spirit, calm disposition and sense of humor as well as the latest methods in this field.

"Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief". Cornelius has had all, but beggars and thieves. The citizens have given much to the town, probably the greatest work being done unseen and by unknown hands who did give for glory, but for the joy of giving. Cornelius has had its share of successes. Scholarships have been won by many as well as honors in dramatics, declamation, music, typing, athletics, Hi Y. Girl Reverses and other honors in the local school and Forest Grove and Hillsboro Union High schools. Many of its citizens are in College or are college graduates. Cornelius has sent out Sisters, Ministers, Minister's wives, Missionaries, Doctors, Lawyers, Nurses, Dentists, Bankers, Teachers, 19 of which are now actively engaged, music teachers, vocalists, artists, poets, actors, beauty shop operators, clerks, insurance men, mail carriers, engineers, carpenters, surveyors, dress makers, stenographers, business men of all kinds, homemakers and farmers. Many of the Cornelius daughters have won popularity and beauty contests, and have been Fourth of July Queens and goddesses of Liberty. Mr. Rockwell recently won a Lafayette Nash in a radio contest and Ole Olson last year won a cash prize in a baseball contest. Miss Thelma Cornelius won honors in essay work and Miss Geneva Shay won honors on a story which was published in a leading magazine. Both were students at Forest Grove High School. Leland Jacob-smuhlen won vocal honors in the same school recently. Mrs. Otto Osborne has had many of her poems published.

Cornelius is surrounded by dairy, berry, fruit, nut, onion, hop and poultry ranches, one large one being the Parkins Poultry Ranch.

Every house in Cornelius is occupied and many are building new homes.

Cornelius points with pride to many of its citizens for within each loyal citizen is the same spirit held by the pioneer, the keeping of the golden rule, including a helping hand in time of need, where love for home and God and the beautiful is manifest, and where regardless of denomination or station, one's success is everyone's success, every sorrow a sorrow felt by all; where progress is not measured materially, but where

the human tie of kinship, revealing the Divine endures forever.
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"For it's just a little street where old
friends meet, and greet each other in the
same old way."



Mattie Mann Smith
(Mrs. Robert Heath)
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