

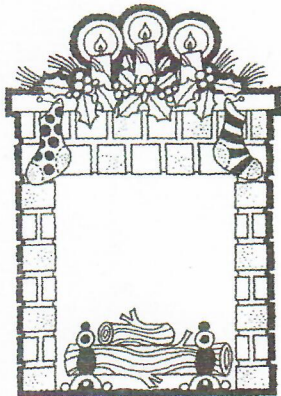
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A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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'TIS THE SEASON TO MEET AT THE HARLOW HOUSE...



Saturday, Dec. 11, from noon to 4 p.m. is our Christmas at the Harlow House celebration, a warm, cozy event with steaming hot Christmas punch, homemade cookies, Santa Claus by the fireplace and our own wonderful members exchanging greetings of the season.

Bob and Vera Strebin regard the event as "their" Christmas. One charming family with red-headed youngsters tells us that the "real" Santa is at the Harlow House.

So join us that day. Bring a plate of cookies to share. Take a plate home when you go.

Come prepared to buy the 1993 Harlow House Christmas ornament, a wooden bell with the date, made by Curt & Geri VonAhn.

If you miss that event at the Harlow House, don't skip seeing the house in Christmas dress. The Harlow House will be open every Saturday and Sunday afternoon through December beginning Dec. 4 to show off the Christmas decorations. The only exception is Christmas Day. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

While you're at it, say thanks to our winter Harlow House volunteer hosts: Mary Hughes, Georgia Erdenberger, Jack & Roberta Burns, Florence Baker and Sharon Nesbit. Substitutes are: Mario Ayala, Pearl Ramseth and Penny Balch.

THE LITTLEST NEWSLETTER EVER...

Because of the pressures and pleasures of the season, you are receiving a one-page newsletter for December. Look forward to a more complete letter in January.

OUR MOST RECENT TREASURER'S REPORT....Treasurer Lynda Harvey

ENDOWMENT FUND.....	\$ 13,405.99
OPERATING ACCOUNT.....	16,406.11
DEDICATED BARN FUNDS.....	416.53
BARN BUILDING FUND.....	12,825.72
DIRECTOR'S FUND.....	3,750.03
GRAND TOTAL.....	46,804.38

DONATIONS...

VICKIE NESBIT & TERRY WEINER, ELSIE SIMNITT, BOB & LOUISE DIX and a cash donation made by various family members were contributions to the endowment fund in memory of Ethel Peterson...From BILL & SHARON STREBIN, a donation in memory of Ig Wand, Ethel Peterson and Emma Strebin...We have a \$200 grant for the purposes of planning our museum barn exhibit from the FRANK SCHMIDT FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST...JACK & ROBERTA BURNS, faithful Harlow House hosts, are also faithful barn donors. Their most recent check qualifies them for a place on the barn beam...JOHN & JUNE NASMYTH sent a gift in memory of Ig Wand.

CONTINUING OUR HISTORY OF TROUTDALE...

The decline in business in Troutdale was tempered somewhat by the construction of the Columbia River Highway through the city beginning in 1913. The road was dedicated in 1916. Livery stables installed gas pumps. Restaurants developed along the new highway to feed the travelers. Enterprising Troutdale residents, especially those along the Sandy River, installed tea rooms, hot dog stands, dance pavillions and fried chicken dinner restaurants.

A second fire in 1925 took the top off of the town's only brick--and thought to be fireproof--building. Once again, the business district was nearly destroyed. This fire is believed to have been ignited by the explosion of a still in John Larsson's garage at the east end of town, though the official explanation was a spark from a passing railroad train. As before, the flames were fanned by the East Wind. The Tiller Hotel and Helming's saloon, both built after the 1907 fire, are two of the pre-1925 commercial buildings left in the business district.

John Harlow's original home, next door to the present Harlow House, was torn down in the 1920s. The only original building left on his farm site is the Harlow House, built by his son, Fred, in 1900. That building is now the museum of the Troutdale Historical Society. It contains a cabinet that family members believe was built by Harlow from parts of the ship that he beached on the Sandy River.

The present city park, which opened in the summer of 1972, was also part of the Harlow holdings. In 1906 it was sold to the Willamette Valley Advent Christian Conference and was used for many years for 10-day camp meetings, climaxed by baptisms in the Sandy River.

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