

Bygone Times

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AN EYE ON THE BARLOW TRAIL...

On Monday night, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall at Troutdale City Park we will

continue our study of the Oregon Trail by hearing from Bureau of Land Management archaeologist Richard Hanes who is spending two years studying the Barlow Trail in the eastern part of Clackamas County with noted Oregon historian Steve Beckham.

Hanes is doing the detective work necessary to precisely locate the trail, tracking it down driveways and through people's pastures. He will also show slides of



the sites as he tells his story.

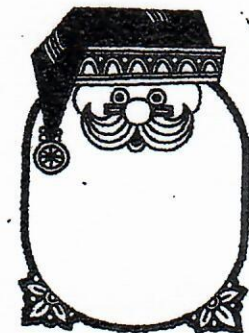
Please note the change of location for the meeting. Earlier newsletters indicated Troutdale City Hall, but court is in session there so we will be in the park building.

Join us to greet Ellen Brothers, our new director, and to enjoy refreshments provided by Sue Davis and Nancy Cox.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Two big events are slated for December, so mark your calendars and plan to be at Harlow House Saturday, Dec. 12, for our Christmas open house from noon to 4 p.m. Our theme this year is dolls, and we'll have a number on display.

The following day is a Christmas home tour, the brainchild of Karen Burger-Kimber. Participants will get to visit about eight area houses to see all their Christmas finery. (That includes one special house where a Christmas wedding is planned.) If you can help out on this project, if your club or group would like to make money selling tickets in advance, or if you are interested in being a host at one of the houses, give Karen a call at 661-6486.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Say hello to our new members, MIKE & TONI NELSON, Welches; BILL & PATTI POLLY, Troutdale; KATHY FORREST, Troutdale; PAT SATTERFIELD, Portland. She wrote: "I love the house and what you are doing. Good luck with the barn."

A REMINISCENCE FROM BEVERLY RESBURG...

When I was 4 or 5 years old, my uncle Jim (James Roberts) worked at Bissinger's Wool Pullery in Troutdale, Oregon.

I do not remember what his job was at that time, but I do remember his bringing home 'soap sacks' used in the processing procedure. Out of these soap sacks, my mother, aunt and grandmother would make drapes, slip covers, table cloths and even, eventually, a summer coat for me.

The material was heavy, canvas-type cloth. (Resburg enclosed a sample.)

The pullery made Ripley's Believe It or Not feature when a kitten was found buried in a stack of hides shipped in a railroad boxcar. Discovered nearly half-way down in the pile of hides, the animal was completely flattened out, spread-eagled, but still alive!

All the employees worked diligently and long massaging the legs and body until the kitten was able to walk and play. It became the factory mascot and lived to a ripe old age.

This was during Prohibition and certain employees had begun hiding bootleg whiskey in oaken kegs under deep piles of hides. While this at first seemed to be a very good idea, they found to their dismay that a long while being buried in this odorous heap allowed the stink of hides to penetrate the wood and 'flavor' the once good whiskey.

As you may guess, that was a topic of conversation around ours and probably many other households.

Thanks to Beverly Resburg for this great story about Troutdale. If you have a tale to tell, please write it out for us.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of September 30, 1992....

ENDOWMENT FUND.....	\$13,077.88
OPERATING FUND.....	14,421.21
DEDICATED BARN FUNDS.....	733.69
BARN BUILDING FUND.....	7,355.77
DIRECTOR'S FUND.....	2,652.34

TOTAL.....\$38,240.89

BE A BRICK, BUY ONE...

The Troutdale PTA is selling bricks imprinted with names to commemorate 100 years of Troutdale school (at the top of the hill) and the people who have been a part of it. They plan to use the bricks to pave areas in front of the school and to cover a time capsule. Money will go to the Playground Fund. Bricks are \$15 each. Checks should be made to: Troutdale PTA Brick Sale, c/o Troutdale PTA, 648 SE Harlow St., Troutdale, OR 97060. An order form is below:

Ordered by: _____
(Name) (Phone)

Brick #1 _____
(Print name EXACTLY as you wish it to appear on your brick.
Up to 30 characters.)

Year (Optional) _____

Shall we send a gift card? Yes _____ No _____

Send gift card to: _____
(Name) (Street Address) (City/State/Zip)

SO HOW DID WE DO?...

Treasurer Marge Schmunk reports that profits from this year's Harvest Faire are about \$5,900, all to go to our barn for continued construction. Tad's Chicken N' Dumplings gave us a substantial boost in that regard by donating nearly all their profits, \$1,500. That plus previous donations moves Tad's to the big beam in the barn, for those who make gifts of \$2,500 or more.

Also moving to the big beam is Harvest Faire chairwoman Sharon Nesbit. It is our policy to reward Harvest Faire chairs by putting them on the beam. If you would like to earn your way there, the chairmanship of Harvest Faire for 1993 is available.

Thank you as well to Gloria Witter, Gresham; Ted Haines, Gresham; and the Troutdale PTA for sharing a portion of their profits with us.

We had a wonderful turnout for Troutdale Historical Society day at McMenamin's Power Station, though we have not yet heard what our share of the profits were. Thanks to all of you who wined and dined there that day. And thanks to those who shared their memories of their school days with us at the school reunion.

(See Page 3 about ordering a centennial brick at Troutdale School.)

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS...

BOB & DONNA BURLINGAME made a barn donation in memory of ELMER STURM, who died in October. HAROLD & MYRTA WEATHERHEAD made a gift to the barn, as did KAY POWERS. SHARON NESBIT donated to the barn in memory of ORAL LANE, Boring, who was a rancher in his early days. ED FINEGAN, Troutdale, made a donation to the barn.

SPEAKING OF THE BARN...

Next step, sez Dick Jones, is to put up the insulation. If you can help with the task, let him know and he'll arrange a work party. His number is 252-4306.

Thanks to BILL STONE, BOB STREBIN, SAM COX and JONES, the last of the batten boards were placed on the barn and painted Oct. 10.

IN MEMORY...

Member VERN BARNES died in October. He and his wife Arwyn frequently attended our events.

Also ADELBERT REES, husband of member Helen Rees, died last month. He was the former postmaster of Fairview.

WANTED: Thanks to Julie Russell who answered last month's ad to be Harlow House porch custodian. This month we are looking for someone interested in old things who would like to take charge of special displays at the Harlow House. Call Sharon, 665-0423.

STUMPED FOR A CHRISTMAS IDEA....

How about giving a 1993 gift subscription to the Troutdale Historical Society. Individual memberships are \$5. Couple memberships are \$8. Family memberships are \$15. Lifetime memberships are \$100. Fill out the form below and the rest is history.

MY NAME AND ADDRESS

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I WANT TO BUY A FAMILY....., COUPLE....., INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP....FOR
NAME.....
ADDRESS.....
CITY, ZIP.....

NAMEDROPPERS...

If you baked a pie for the Harvest Faire, you will be delighted to know that JEAN HOLMAN & DOROTHY STURGES sold \$800 worth of pie and ice cream. Thanks for doing your part...MYLENE WHITAKER recently visited the Harlow House. Her father and Faye Harlow are first cousins. She would like to know if there was an old meat market in Troutdale in 1915, possibly named Mena Schenck's...Three fourth grade classes from Sweetbriar School recently went on walking history tours through Troutdale with historian SHARON NESBIT...We have received a wonderful Celilo Indian doll in a cradle board from FRED & BARBARA KOCH, Portland...Thanks to DON HESSEL who donated dessert as a reward to our steering committee, the folks who brought you ice cream social and Harvest Faire...And a hearty thanks to TED SCHULTE, who has retired from Troutdale Bingo (in which we get a share of the profits). Ted has been a volunteer at bingo since the game's inception in 1986.

THE BAD NEWS...

Just a few days after Harvest Faire the Harlow House museum was burglarized. The burglar, apparently unaware of the alarm system, kicked in two doors, triggering the alarm. He was interrupted, but managed to escape with a gold retirement watch that was given to the father of John and Herb Nasmyth.

The burglar has been identified and a warrant has been signed for his arrest. Troutdale police expect him to be arrested soon and hope that the watch will be recovered.

TROUTDALE BINGO IS PLAYED EVERY THURSDAY IN TROUTDALE CITY PARK
BEGINNING AT 6:45 P.M. (REGULAR PLAY STARTS AT 7 P.M.)

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