

# BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## TROUTDALE SCHOOL REUNION: WAR YEARS



Who are these youngsters in Scott Cunningham's 1939 Troutdale School photo? The picture is labeled "Troutdale Advanced" and the following signatures are on the back, though not necessarily in order: Philip Flint, Donald Espenel, Jimmy Fujii, Walter Nasmyth, Edward Burnacci, Arlie Bettendorf, Anna Cereghino, Stanley Rathman, Wayne Espenel, Peter Wheadon, Scott Cunningham and Leslie Bass. We're sure the other names and the correct order will be supplied at our school reunion.

If you attended Troutdale School, if you worked at Troutdale School or if you just happen to know people who did, then be a part of the annual reunion at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24, in the annex of the Powerstation Pub, McMenamins Edgefield That's the old county poor farm on Halsey Street, for you old-timers.

**(Even if you can't come for the reunion, make it a point to have dinner or lunch on Oct. 24 at the Powerstation Pub. Thanks to Mike and Brian McMenamin and their staff, 25 percent of the pub's profits that day will go to our historical society. Take your kids. Take your grandkids. Eat a lot.)**

The evening reunion is a no-host dinner followed by recollections of the years during World War II when every school kid and every parent was part of the effort. Did you save tin foil? Have a Victory garden? Learn plane silhouettes? Work in the vegetable warehouse? Own blackout curtains? Have ration stamps? Let's remember it all.

**SEE OUR CALENDAR ON PAGE 3 FOR A LIST OF THE MEETINGS AND EVENTS OF 1994-1995.**



## TREASURER'S REPORT.....Lynda Harvey, Treasurer

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| Operating Account.....     | \$4,919.80         |
| Barn building account..... | \$5,717.93         |
| Dedicated barn funds.....  | 616.53             |
| Endowment fund.....        | 16,466.44          |
| Director's fund.....       | 3,969.72           |
| <b>TOTAL.....</b>          | <b>\$31,690.42</b> |

## GIFTS FROM OUR FRIENDS

From **Crystal Bayley** in memory of **Eleanor Reid**.

From **John & June Nasmyth** for the purchase of a computer.

## GIFTS FROM YOUR FRIENDS

From **Bill Nesbit**, a gift membership for **Muffett Patten**, Troutdale.

From **Ed & Florence Happold**, a gift membership for **Dale Latham & Marilyn Happold Latham**, Portland.

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to **Patricia Ehr**, Gresham, and **Norman & Louella Webb**, new life members from Troutdale.

## *A DREAM TEAM FOR THE BARN*

Based on information we are gathering from other museums, it appears that our next task in building our barn will be to assemble an exhibit design team to plan and execute an agricultural display on the main floor of the barn.

The board of directors, with your help, will name a group of people, some farmers, some folks with graphic or artistic skills, some with story-telling skills, to figure out what our exhibit will be like and how we intend to tell the story of farming and agriculture in this area.

Once we have our ideas in place (and during that process), we will raise the money to hire a designer to put the plan on paper. And then, just as we had our barn-raisin', we will have an exhibit raisin'.

Those who have worked on the barn in the past have already developed pieces of this dream exhibit. Len Otto, for instance, hopes that people who enter the barn will hear a sound track of barn noises, chickens clucking, cattle lowing, tails swishing.

Jean Holman has suggested that our sales items be displayed in hen's nests. Helen Towsley wants clear and easily readable labels with good graphics.

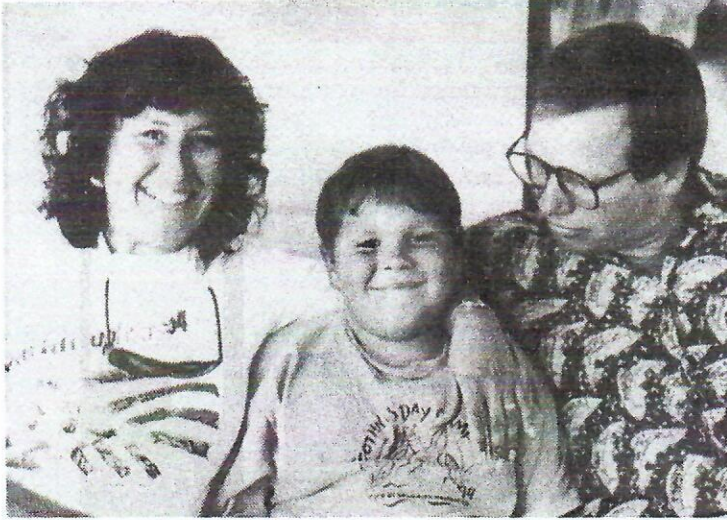
If you have thoughts about the barn exhibit, or areas that you think are important to cover in the exhibit, make sure to get your ideas in a letter to us. Once the exhibit is built, it will be too late to tell us what we left out.

## TRAVELING THE OLD HARLOW ROAD...

Members of the Harlow family -- some dating clear back to Mayflower and Pilgrim times -- have visited the Harlow House this summer. Our kinfolk included Betty Harlow Gonzales of Barstow, Calif., and Pauline Harlow Mandell of Grants Pass. Their branch of the family hailed from Kentucky. From Florence, Mass., came descendants of William Harlow, who married a Mayflower traveler. They were Paul and Sheila Harlow.



## THE HARLOW HOUSE ALUMNI RETURN HOME FOR A VISIT



Summer brings old friends back to the Harlow House, including former caretakers, Barbara and Dennis Grahm and their son, Matt, 9.

Matt has a special claim on the house. He was born while his parents lived there and spent the first months of his life in the house. Like all our caretakers, the Grahms were just starting out when they lived there, cared for the home and opened it to museum visitors on Sundays. These days they live in Palo Alto, Calif., where Dennis is a biologist, Barbara runs a Stanford University printing department and Matt attends school.

"It was kind of therapeutic living here," Dennis Grahm said. "But weird."

The first caretakers of the Harlow House were Ken and Linda Grassman. He is a chiropractor in Forest Grove. The Grahms were our second caretakers. The third and last was Kim Schilling, who remains active in our society by helping on exhibits.

On a related note, Ben Wetherill, who worked on the barn, traveled to Russia, met a girl and married her and, at last report, was living in Irkutsk. They hoped to move to the U.S. this year.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 1994-1995

Oct. 24, Monday, 6 p.m., McMenamins Edgefield Powerstation -- Troutdale School Reunion

Nov. 20, Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall -- An interview with Ruth Evans Sundling

Dec. 10, Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m., Harlow House -- Christmas at the Harlow House

Jan. 15, Sunday, 2 p.m., Caswell Galleries, Troutdale -- History of sculpture and tour of foundry.

Feb. 19, Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall -- Annual meeting with Deb Scrivens of Oxbow Park talking about animals in our area.

March 19, Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall -- A program: "Everybody Talks About the Weather."

April 17, Monday, 7:30 p.m., Troutdale City Hall -- A program on folk medicine.

April 30, Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sam K. Cox Hall -- Spring Brunch.

May 21, Sunday, 2 p.m., Sam K. Cox Hall -- Joint meeting of local historical societies and program.

June 10 & 11, Saturday & Sunday, Troutdale Community Park, Harlow House & Depot, Ice Cream Social.

Sept. 23 & 24, Saturday & Sunday, Troutdale Community Park, Harlow House & Depot, Harvest Faire.

## WINTER HOURS ARE HERE FOR OUR MUSEUMS

The Harlow House winter schedule begins Oct. 1. From then through the first of June, the museum will be open only on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, from 1 to 4 p.m. For special appointments call Ellen Brothers, 661-2164.

The depot museum will be closed weekends, but will be open during the week by the Troutdale Area Chamber of Commerce.



**THANK THESE FOLKS FOR HARVEST FAIRE**

At this writing, Harvest Faire is not yet a fact, but we already have a host of volunteers to thank for the event, which provides a major chunk of the money for our barn.

**THE STEERING COMMITTEE:** Chairwoman Mona Mitchoff (*You might have seen her and Jean Holman scrubbing the park building kitchen*), Director Ellen Brothers, (*She brought us the spinners and weavers*), Pat Brothers, Mike Dubesa, Marge Schmunk, Heidi Wilson, Florence Baker, Cindy Hammond (*She also grew pumpkins for Harvest Faire*), Dorothy Sturges, Nancy Holland, Sadie Riley, Jean Holman, Sharon Nesbit, Jack Knight.

**EXHIBITORS:** Mary Hughes, (*Dirty duds done the old-fashioned way*) Geri Von Ahn, Penny Balch, Jamie King, Pat & Becky Anderson (*They visited the Harlow House from St. Helens and the next thing they knew they were recruits*), Virginia Perry, Connie Purvis, Dan Stevens (*Even though it was his birthday, he agreed to join us*), Norm Strain, Bob Boring (*Strain and Boring are S-Scale train buffs*), the Fort Vancouver Blacksmiths Guild and Trapper Ben Sudul.

**HOSTS AT THE HARLOW HOUSE, BARN & DEPOT:** Mike Morrow, Bruce Towsley, Pat Albin, Allan Baker, Pauline Morrow, Irene Eber, Jack & Roberta Burns, Mario Ayala, Dione Pugh, Nancy Holland, Virginia Ranken, Bill Sullivan, Gladys Norment, and Bonita Jenkins.

**GATEKEEPERS AT THE PARK** (*collecting bucks for the barn*): Paul Thalhofer, Dave Ripma, Cathy Hamme; and Bill Nesbit (*Also the Harlow House moletrapper*)

**WORKING IN THE TRENCHES:** Ed Schmunk, Barbara Brothers (*Just her luck she visited Pat & Ellen at Harvest Faire time*), Bob & Maude Winning, Carolyn Strong (*Who designs our graphics and posters*), Carole Klinger, Bill Stone, Len Otto, Helen Towsley, Karen Burger-Kimber, Jeral Beatty, Evelyn Jacobson, Martha Booheister, Sam Cox, Donna Hawkins, Kay Struckman, Pam Christian, Beverly Welker, Jamie Ankie, Lynda Harvey, Phil Wilson, Nancy Collins, and Reynolds High students, Jessica & Darcy Davidson, Jeff Williamson, Ben Walker, Kent Graves, Kerrick Huston, Chris Silkwood, Ryan Holwege.

**BATTING CLEANUP:** Phil & Heidi Wilson, Bob Mitchoff and Nancy Collins.

**NEXT MONTH: THE PIE BAKERS**

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**TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
DAY AT THE POWERSTATION  
MCMENAMINS EDGEFIELD**

**OCT. 24**

**(AND OUR SCHOOL REUNION)**