

BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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THE NAME OF THE GAME IS NAMES...

Why did Fairview have an alias? Is it Gresham Butte or Walters Hill? What Johnson gave his name to Johnson Creek? All those questions are answered in Oregon Geographic Names.

The author of Oregon Geographic Names, Lewis McArthur, is our speaker at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15, in the Sam Cox Building of Troutdale City Park.

McArthur and his father, the first Lewis McArthur, are names to know when it comes to names in Oregon. The first Lewis wrote his book of geographic names of Oregon in 1928. His son revised and enlarged that volume, making it the bible of geographic names in the state and one of our most used historical resources.

But McArthur is never satisfied, always phoning up asking more questions, always puzzled about one name or other. He'll come talk to us and other area historical societies on May 15, and he'll come with questions of his own.

This is our annual meeting of all area historical societies. We have invited Gresham, David Douglas and Crown Point Country historical societies as well as the Sandy Pioneer and Historical Association to join us. We'll spend a bit of time bragging about our good members and telling what we did last year and what we plan to do next year.

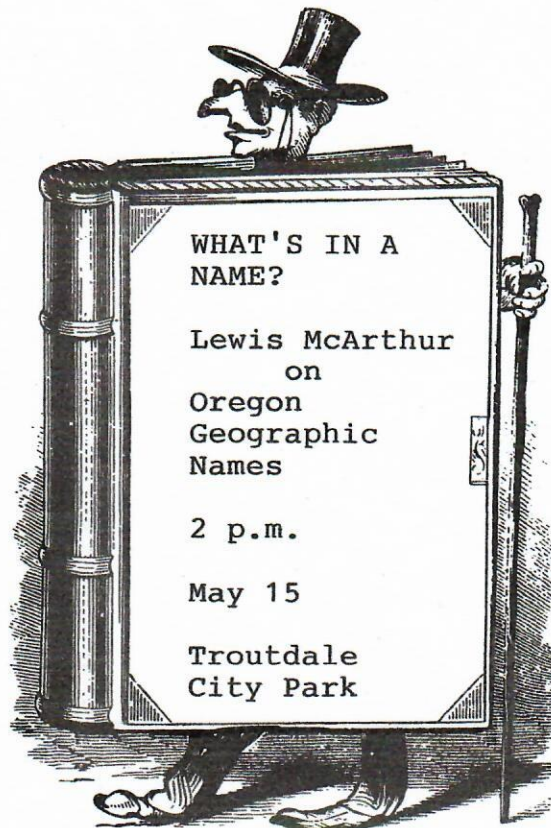
BE THERE TO HONOR OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER CATHY HAMME AND OUR MEMBER OF THE YEAR...AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IS ALWAYS A SURPRISE.

GOOD NEWS AT THE BARN...

Ron Place Construction began work on the sheetrock April 20. While that sounds simple enough, Dick Jones, Bill Stone and Roy Hoover were among the hardy volunteers who helped move everything in the barn so the work could be done. Jones, our chief barnbuilder, will stay on top of it as work progresses. The next step will be installation of the heating and cooling systems.

GIVE US A HAND WITH THE SUNDAES...

Can you put chocolate syrup on ice cream? Do you have a hefty right arm for scooping? Care to spend a pleasant afternoon with historic photos at the Harlow House? Want to greet folks in the barn? Or flex your green thumb at the plant sale? If you can give a couple hours and have time left over to enjoy our June 11 and 12 ice cream social, call Florence Baker and sign up for a job. Her number is 665-9656.



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK.....ELLEN BROTHERS



Three things are new on the Harlow House front porch. Though mentioned briefly last month, we have to brag some more about the new sign by our front door made by Dick Jones. It allows us to change our message and announce upcoming events.

In addition, Dick installed lights on an electric eye--or one of those magic devices---allowing us to come and go at night without tripping over our feet.

We had the rotten boards in the porch repaired and volunteers at our April 23 work day washed the porch for our summer museum season. We have lost our weekly porch cleaner to motherhood. If you have an hour a week to tidy the front porch, the job is open. Call me at 661-2164.

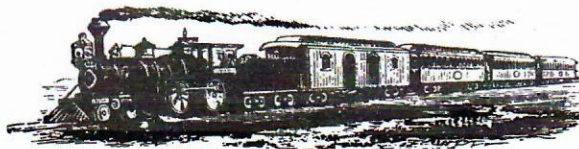
The flowers on the front porch, of course, come from Kaz and Helen Tamura. Remember to stop by their place on Troutdale Road, between Division and Stark Streets. They are good friends to our society.

Speaking of flowers, the camellias, lilacs and rhododendrons are blooming at the Harlow House. The frogs are hatching in the pond. Cathy Hamme's touch with growing things is evident. Stop by the Harlow House for a visit. We start summer hours May 4. Beginning then, the Harlow House is open five days a week from Wednesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

NAMEDROPPERS...PENNY BALCH has once again offered to be the regular Thursday afternoon volunteer at the Harlow House so Director Ellen Brothers can run errands...Thanks to CAROL ANDERSON, MAUDE WINNING, JAN BAYS and CLOVER NASMYTH for bringing cookies to our April meeting at the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. More than 60 people attended to hear the story of the house at Bridal Veil and to stroll the grounds. A special thanks to the sisters for opening their home to us...Did you know that the Troutdale General Store sold more than \$600 of our T-shirts for us? Thanks to ROY MEGER & ELSIE SIMNITT...Incidentally, board member LEN OTTO is working on the design for a new T-shirt we expect to have by ice cream social...DICK JONES ordered our first historical society pin...BEVERLY WELKER found a new negative file for our photo collection and keeps improving the photo library each week...PAUL STONE, son of Bill and Marie Stone, brazed our bronze weather vane so it will correctly mark the direction of the wind when mounted on the cupola of the barn...the weather vane, by the way, was a gift of JEAN HOLMAN.

LIKE TO TRY YOUR HAND AT GREETING GUESTS?

Our depot museum also opens for the summer beginning Sunday, May 1, and continuing each Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m., through September.



Bill Sullivan is chairman of the depot assisted by co-chairwoman, Gladys Norment. They are putting together a schedule of weekend hosts to greet visitors, learn a bit about railroading and give tourism advise. The training is easy and it's a nice time talking to people traveling through. Give Gladys a call at 666-1184. Your reward? Depot, Harlow House and steering committee volunteers enjoy a nice dinner in the fall.

IN MEMORY...

Two faithful members died recently, Darthea (Dot) Packard and Bertha Davis.

Dot and her late husband, Frank Packard, were Sandy River residents and longtime members of our society. They were among the first to support the idea of an endowment fund for our society. Their daughters and family suggested our society as a suitable place for memorials in her memory.

Bertha Davis and her late husband, Fay Davis, grew up in the Corbett area and were also members for many years. Fay Davis helped us build the first addition on our first museum in the park and the Davises often donated artifacts, especially tools, to our collection.

WE HAVE AN AD IN NEW GORGE GUIDE...

Ken Manske is publishing a new guide the Columbia River Gorge that not only includes our museum, but also an ad by our society. The cost of that ad, as well as one of his own, was paid for by Rick Buck of Multnomah Falls Lodge. Thanks a bunch, Rick.

MORE ICE CREAM SOCIAL NEWS...

Look forward to our June 11 and 12 ice cream social when Bridal Veil collector Steve Lehl brings his collection of vintage gorge photos to exhibit in the Harlow House. We are calling the exhibit, "Picture Pretty in the Gorge."

Also sure to be fun is the exhibit at the rail depot of Bob Mitchoff's toy train.

And if that was not enough, we will have little kids hand-cranking ice cream and a do-it-your-way sundae where you can put on whatever toppings strike your fancy.

Adding to the good news is that our great friends at Edwin O. Ege Sanitary service have once again signed up to sponsor the music on Sunday, the Swipesy Cakewalk Ragtime Band. On Saturday our music will be an assemblage of mandolins, the Portland Mandophonic Orchestra.

This also is the time to begin thinking of plants to donate to our annual plant sale. Mona Mitchoff, chair of our ice cream social, is also in charge of the plant sale. Any questions? Call her at 666-5455.

MORE NAMEDROPPERS...KATHERINE JOHNSON has given us a spinning wheel to use for demonstrations at the Harlow House...Gifts to the endowment fund have come from Lenore and Don Thomas...new members of the Director's Club are MIKE & CATHY HAMME and MARGE & ED SCHMUNK...DOMINIC & PHYLLIS BALASTERI donated to the general fund in memory of Louis and Louise Helming. MIKE & CATHY HAMME also are contributors to the general fund..Our income from the Troutdale bingo game in the last quarter was \$1,100. Volunteers at bingo are our unsung heroes and include SAM & NANCY COX, BILL & SHARON NESBIT, LINDA MURPHY, BILL JACKSON, PAULINE BRUMMEL, BOB MITCHOFF, KEN PRICKETT, CATHY HAMME, VAL LANTZ, PAM CHRISTIAN, MARGE & ED SCHMUNK and HARVEY WIEPRECHT. Most recently, TED SCHULTE came out of retirement to do a little repair work on bingo equipment...Welcome to new members, Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM ISACKSON of Carson, Wash., by a gift membership from Marion Clark, and to SID BRITTON, by a gift membership from Bud & Ruby Mathieson.

LOOK FORWARD TO A NEW ROSTER...

One of our goals for the summer months with our new computer system on line is to prepare a new roster of the membership. If you would prefer not to be listed in the roster, please call and notify Ellen,

DOES THIS PICTURE LOOK FAMILIAR?...

This photo came to us in a collection of pictures from the estate of the late John Hudson, who was a barber, as well as a former Troutdale City recorder and postmaster. The barbershop pictured is cute--and looks like it might be in Troutdale--but we're not sure. If you recognize it, let us know.

And may we take this opportunity to give a little lecture about the importance of identifying your photos by name, place and date. Whenever possible, please do that with a soft lead pencil.



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