

BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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ICE CREAM, STRAWBERRIES...ALL THE GOOD THINGS OF OUR 26TH ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

We call it "Times Remembered," our 26th ice cream social, which takes place Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Troutdale Community Park.

Our sponsors, Edwin O. Ege Sanitary, bring us the Swipsey Cakewalk Ragtime Band on Sunday. Playing Saturday on their mandolins will be the members of the Portland Mandophonic Orchestra.

What else? Bob Mitchoff will show off his wonderful G-gauge train at the Rail Depot museum. Steve Lehl exhibits his early Columbia Gorge photos at the Harlow House in a display we call "Picture Pretty in the Gorge."

For children, we have paper-dolls. Remember what fun they were? Also the experience of hand-cranking homemade ice cream as well as a kid-sized and kid-priced sundae. Also planned are childrens' fun booths and about 20 craft booths in the park.

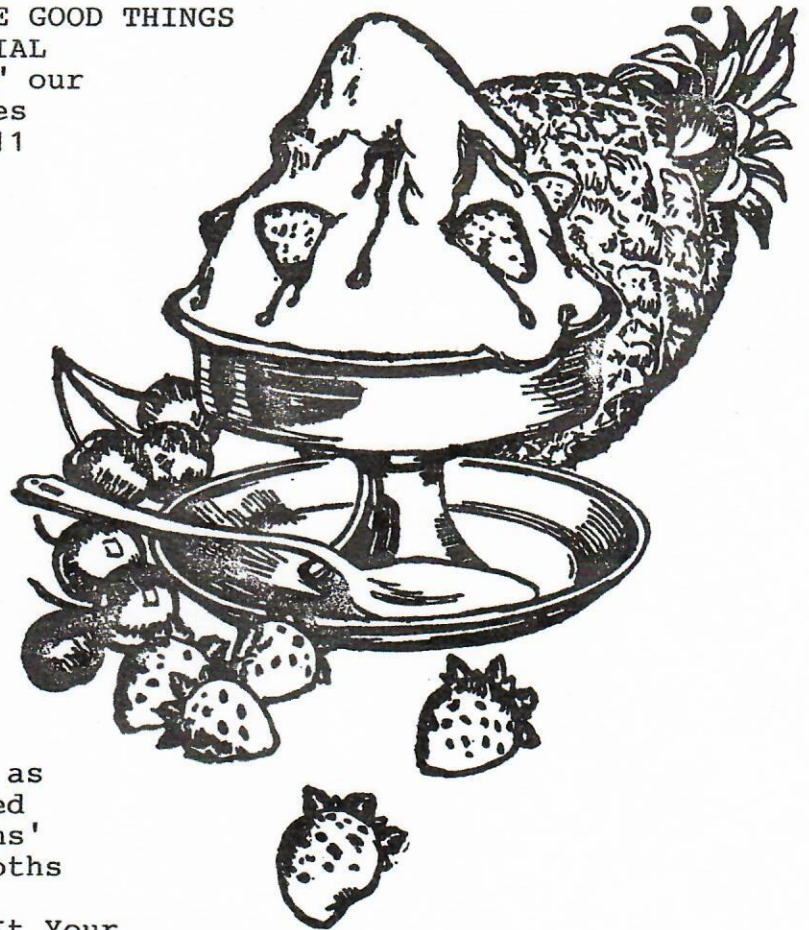
Gluttons will love our "Have It Your Way" Sundae for \$3.50 with all the toppings a heart can desire.

And the plant sale--opening at 10 a.m. for early-birders--and offering perennials, annuals, veggies and whatever else good fortune and our donors bring us. Friends of Beaver Creek plan a native plant sale as well.

Join us at the barn to see the progress there. Bring a friend, or 12.

WHAT YOU CAN DO...

- * Clean strawberries at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 11. Call Florence Baker at 665-9656 to volunteer for that task. She also needs barn and Harlow House hosts and people to work in our booth.
- * Mona Mitchoff is begging for plants. Too many seedlings? Pot them up. Dahlia tubers? Dig them. In a pinch, she'll do the digging. Just call her at 666-5455.
- * Pretty flowers to cut? We need them for decoration at 5 p.m. Friday June 10.
- * Want this to be a success? Put up the attached poster in prominent spot.



CLOVER NASMYTH NAMED MEMBER OF THE YEAR...

Clover Nasmyth, our former secretary, pinafore seamstress, scrapbook keeper, refrigerator defroster, cookie-baker and general all-purpose volunteer was honored as our volunteer of the year at our May 15 meeting. Appropriately, Clover's award, which was a picture of her working at an ice cream social, also included her husband, Herb, who never fails to pitch in at her side. The member of the year award results in Clover's automatic membership in our Board of Trustees, a group that meets annually to plot the course of our historical society.



A less formal ceremony occurred later at the Harlow House where we made Cathy Hamme put down her bag of slug bait and accept honors for her service on the board of directors. Cathy has stepped down from the board, but continues to volunteer in the Harlow House garden and as curator of our collections.

A GATHERING OF HISTORIANS...

Seventy people were present May 15 for our annual joint meeting of local historical societies. The event gave us a chance to compare notes with the Sandy Pioneer and Historical Association, David Douglas Historical Society, Fairview Rockwood Wilkes Historical Society and Gresham Historical Society.

We learned, for instance, that Sandy has reprinted their first book, "Sandy Pioneers, Early Settlers and Barlow Road Days," first published in 1973. This time they have added an index and also prepared an index for the second history, "Whistle Punks and Misery Whips." Phil Johnsrud presented our library with both books.

Our friends at Fairview Rockwood Wilkes named Dick Jones--yes, our barn-builder--as their member of the year, pointing out that he takes photos at all their events and provides prints at no cost. Which is a reminder that he does the same for us, and has never been properly thanked. What would we do without Dick Jones? The Fairview group plans to have their fun fest--that used to be Sunday in the Park--on August 6. Put it on your calendar.

Naturally, congratulations were in order for Gresham, which opened its pioneer museum this year. They are as well starting a series of day-time meetings on the third Friday of each month, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the museum, the old Gresham library. Take a sack lunch and join them.

Many thanks to our speaker Lewis McArthur for his talk on Oregon names. And to our cookie bakers--these names we have: Sharon Nesbit, Tom & Betty Shaw, Vera Sehorn and Helen Carlson.

A HISTORICAL QUESTION...

Anyone remember the location of the Lake Farm Dairy, which closed in the 1930s? Walter Balmer has provided excellent photos of farming operation there, but we need to be sure of the location.

Regarding last month's barbershop photo, the general opinion is that the shop was likely one that John Hudson owned in another city, though John Nasmyth thinks it might have been in the Logan Building. We're still checking.

TREASURER'S REPORT.....	LYNDA HARVEY, treasurer
Operating account.....	\$ 3,987.43
Director's fund.....	5,360.72
Endowment fund.....	14,858.12
Dedicated barn fund.....	616.53
Barn building account.....	23,635.30
TOTAL.....	\$ 48,458.10

REMEMBERING GLENN OTTO.....

During his long career in Troutdale and Oregon politics, many photos were taken of Glenn Otto, but our favorite is this smelt-fishing picture taken near his Sandy River home, probably in the 1960s or 1970s.

Glenn Otto died of a heart attack on April 25. Though he went on to the legislature to serve all the state of Oregon he never, as Gov. Barbara Roberts said, "quite got over being mayor of 'greater' Troutdale."

Ellen Brothers, in writing donors who have sent money in Otto's memory, said, "It was Helen's idea to form our historical society 26 years ago and Glenn was instrumental in making that idea a reality. Glenn was proud of our accomplishments and supported the society from its fledgling days. As you know, today we have two operating museums, the Harlow House and Rail Depot. Our barn museum is under construction. We are saddened that Glenn will not be at our ribbon-cutting. His son, Len, is now on our Board of Directors, carrying on a family tradition."



Helen Otto and family requested that donations sent to the historical society in Glenn's memory go to the endowment fund to provide for the continued operation of our society. To date, those contributions have amounted to about \$600.

Donors are: FRANK & JEAN DRIVER, JEANNE PULLIAM, MARY ANN LANGE & BONNIE & NANCY, KAZ & HELEN TAMURA, R. KENT LUNDERGAN, TAI & NOBI FUNATAKE, STEVE & DONNA WALLACE, TARO & MARIE ASAI, MARY EATON, FRIEDA O'NEIL, FRIBERG ELECTRIC CO., MIKE & PAULINE MORROW, CRYSTAL BAYLEY, DON & SHIRLEY ROBERTSON, VAL RATHMAN, CLIFFORD & JO ANNE TROW, CAMILLE CRUMB, HELEN ALTHAUS, LAWRENCE & LOIS GEORGE, BILL & SHARON NESBIT, M.J. SCANDRETT, DAVID RIPMA, GEORGE & IRENE STARR and LEO & JANE SANSREGRET.

Gifts made to other funds in Otto's name came from BOB & LOUISE DIX to the director's fund and from JOHN & JUNE NASMYTH to the barn fund.

OTHER GIFTS...

Donations to the endowment fund in memory of Darthea Packard have come from SHARON NESBIT and HELEN ALTHAUS. LOIS MITCHELL has made endowment fund donations in memory of WAYNE ESPENEL, who died in May, and MARGARET BOLSON, mother of Irene Simons. Other donations to the fund came from LARRY & LORI CALLISTER and GERALDINE HARLOW GUSTAFSON.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS...

Welcome to new members WALLY BALMER, HARLEY & CAROLYN TAYLOR and ROSE MARY JOSLIN. Gift memberships have also been given to KYLE FRITZSINGER and BARBARA BROTHERS by Pat and Ellen Brothers and to LESLIE GUSTAFSON from Geraldine Harlow Gustafson.

THANKS TO KAZ & HELEN TAMURA FOR DONATING FLOWERS TO DECORATE OUR MAY 1 BRUNCH. THOSE FLOWERS AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN PLANTED AT THE HARLOW HOUSE.

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

A special thank you to all who helped make our May 1 brunch a successful event! For those of you who missed the Kerlakes' cooking and the donated salads and desserts, put April 30, 1995, on your calendar. The Kerlakes have generously agreed to put on another feast next year on that date. All proceeds go to our barn building fund. This year's profit was about \$600.



The volunteers whose names we have, in addition to more Kerlakes than we can count, are: MONA MITCHOFF, MARIE STONE, FLORENCE BAKER, JEAN HOLMAN, ELLEN BROTHERS, CINDY HAMMOND, NANCY HOLLAND, JUNE NASMYTH, EVELYN JACOBSON, JO CALLISTER, EVELYN DEYOUNG, HELEN TOWSLEY, SHARON NESBIT, MIKE DUBESA, DOROTHY STURGES, CATHY HAMME, NANCY COX, BEVERLY WELKER, ALICE WAND, JEAN DRIVER, DIONE PUGH, MAXINE CARMICHAEL and LYNN SIMONSON. This is likely an incomplete list, because some of you sneaked in with goodies and RICH & DOROTHY KERSLAKE'S crew of family came and went during the course of the morning.

And about the barn! Dick Jones has been spending half his life there while the drywall has been installed. Yes, the barn has a whole, new look. Be sure to come see the progress on June 11 or 12 when it will be open for the ice cream social.

In addition, the heating/air condition system will be installed by the time you get this newsletter. After the contractors are out, Dick will need strong backs and clever hands to help in the barn. He wants to get some painting and other chores complete before things are moved back. If you are interested, call me at the museum, 662-2164 on Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m.

We can use more Depot Museum volunteers on Saturdays and Sundays during July, August and September. If you can spare even three hours, call Bill Sullivan, 760-7260, or Gladys Norment, 666-1184.

On a sad note, we say farewell to Glenn Otto, our friend, Senator and the one who made Helen Otto's dream of a historical society in Troutdale a reality. We are flying the flag at the museum at half-staff in his honor during May. Our sympathies to Helen, Joanne, Ken, Len, Mary and Neal.

We will be printing a membership roster in the next few months. If you do not want your phone number, address or name to appear, please call me at 661-2164.

A friendly reminder, if you want to continue receiving our newsletter, please send in your dues, if you have not already done so.

NAMEDROPPERS...

BERNICE PLUCHOS of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society, hosts for our April Trek, wrote to thank us for the check for lunch and museum admissions and added: "I don't know who had the best time, you or us." ...AL & JOYCE STOECKEL have volunteered to clean the Harlow House porch for the summer...and thanks to GERY GUSTAFSON for sending clippings from the Eugene paper about Glenn Otto...The GRESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY wants you to know their museum is open every Friday and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m....At Harlow House, our summer hosts are: MARY HUGHES, IRENE EBER, MARIO AYALA, FLORENCE BAKER and SHARON NESBIT. PENNY BALCH is our Thursday volunteer...Bending to the task at our April work party, prepare the house and barn for summer were FLORENCE BAKER, EVELYN JACOBSON, BOB STREBIN, DICK JONES, CATHY HAMME, JEAN HOLMAN, SHARON NESBIT and ELLEN BROTHERS...and photo librarian and sleuth BEVERLY WELKER will go anywhere to track down a photo. Looking for the location of a picture in our files she went to Foster Boulevard the other day and wound up wandering into a tavern there to talk to "old guys" in the interests of research.

AND JO CALLISTER'S RECIPE...

Every brunch sets up a call for one of those good salad recipes. Here is Coleslaw.

3/4 cup salad oil
1/4 cup white vinegar
6 tablespoons sugar
2 packets ramen seasoning
2 1/2 cups shredded green cabbage
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 cup toasted slivered almonds
2 tablespoons sesame seeds
2 packages uncooked ramen noodles, crumbled



Make dressing by mixing oil, vinegar, sugar and ramen seasoning. Be sure sugar is dissolved. In a separate bowl, mix cabbage, green onions, almonds and sesame seeds. Add dressing and toss lightly. Add ramen noodles and toss again to mix well. Chill. Serves 12.

NOTICE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR NEWSLETTER...

This is not a happy time in the life of your newsletter editor. Her 9-year-old computer has bit the dust and this edition of Bygone Times is a laborious process on a typewriter.

The Board of Directors is searching now for a computer with desktop publishing capabilities to replace Sharon's spent machine.

If you know of a business upgrading a computer system that would like to make a donation to a non-profit organization, let Sharon or Ellen Brothers know.



ORAL HISTORIES ARE DOWN IN BLACK AND WHITE...

One of those quiet volunteers piling up treasures for our society is Connie Purvis who is transcribing our oral history tapes into manuscripts. And enjoying it. Connie turned over a half-dozen beautifully typed manuscripts the other day and commented how she laughed at some of the gems that Troutdale residents come up with.

GETTING READY FOR NEXT YEAR...

Our historical society meeting committee, Sharon Nesbit, Connie Purvis, Alice Wand and Maude Winning met in May to plot our meetings for the 1994-95 season beginning in October. Thanks, incidentally, to that committee. We had a wonderful series of meetings last fall, winter and spring. We will take the summer off to run our museums and resume our gatherings in October beginning with a school reunion on Oct. 17 at McMenamins. Our focus will be the war years. Other ideas offered for next year by our committee: a program on folk medicine; an interview with Ruth Evans Sundling; a historic look at Columbia Gorge weather and an exciting author. More later.

NEW PRODUCTS...

Look for a new historical society pin and new T-shirts at the ice cream social. Len Otto is at work producing a new shirt.

BYGONE TIMES TAKES A SHORT VACATION...

Regard this newsletter as your June and July editions. ByGone Times will return in early August with word about Harvest Faire.

This will give us time to hunt up a new computer and give Joyce Stoeckel some time off from her mailing chores.

BECOME A CHARTER MEMBER OF FRIENDS OF THE ZIMMERMAN HOUSE...

A small group of historians representing the Fairview Rockwood Wilkes and Troutdale historical societies as well as several preservation-minded individuals and members of Isobel Zimmerman's family have been meeting for more than a year to consider the future of the gingerbread-trimmed Zimmerman House on Sandy Boulevard.

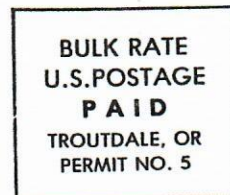
When Isobel Zimmerman died she left the lavishly decorated house to the Fairview group with the understanding that it will be a museum of her family and its history in the area. As a result the Fairview society is organizing a subsidiary group called Friends of the Zimmerman house, and is calling on the talents of all local historians to join in the project. Though the house is still in probate, it will soon be in the hands of historians. Then the real work begins. The home, which is presently occupied by caretakers, has been described as a 100-year time capsule of one family. Its contents must be cataloged. The house must be restored. And a plan should be made for its future.

Friends of the Zimmerman House is now accepting charter members at \$25 a person. The check should be made out to the Fairview Rockwood Wilkes Historical Society and designated "FOZH". The address is Post Office Box 946 Fairview, OR 97024. All money received by the society and designated for the Zimmerman House will be used for that purpose.

THINK HARVEST FAIRE...

Cleaning closets this summer. Save collectible items for Harvest Faire on Sept. 24 and 25. To reserve tables for antique and collectible sales, call Ellen Brothers, 661-2164.

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Hummm. Strawberries
and ice cream.

June 11 and 12

City Park

