

Bygone Times

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WHAT'S IN STORE...

YOU are the program when we talk about Troutdale grocery stores at our next meeting at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 16, in Troutdale City Hall. We will show pictures of buildings that were used for grocery stores and ask you to tell us what you know about them. Who owned them? What sort of merchandise did they carry? Who worked there? We'll record this program for our oral history collection.

Just for fun, bring along any old items relating to stores. An old cracker tin. A sales slip. A photo or two.

Alice Wand and Dorothy Larson are in charge of the refreshments.

ARE YOU IN THE TROUTDALE 500?..

According to membership secretary Lois Schulte we have 36 new members since we started our membership drive to sign up 500 members. If all our present members pay their dues, that means we have about 360 members and need 140 more to top 500.

If you haven't yet paid your dues of \$3 a person, send them to Lois Schulte, 17655 SE Bluff Rd. #1, Sandy, Ore. 97055. And try to sign up a new member while you are at it.

Among the new members: Bill Troxel, Weir and Marie Owens, Else Larson, Mildred Levin, Betty Leavenworth, Thelma Clements, Carolyn Strong, Summer Avlonittis, Bonnie Brunkow, Jack Poff, Al Stoeckel, Isobel Zimmerman, Jeff Van Cleave, Debbie Reed, Grace Shelley, Pauline Ruggles, Hazel Costello, Chet and Tooty DeBois and Leila and Allen House.

The last word is that Joyce Stoeckel and Harold and Ellen Beldin are just about neck and neck in a contest to sign up new members.

ON EDGEFIELD MANOR...

A movement is starting among the Multnomah County Commissioners and the Troutdale City Council to encourage the sale of the Multnomah County Farm with Edgefield Manor and its historic buildings intact. If this comes to pass, it could mean that a buyer can be found for the Edgefield complex who will be willing to preserve and restore it.

Due to concern over the costs the society has withdrawn its request for historic zoning on Edgefield. The board of directors made the decision last month because they feared that the society might be billed for the costs that have developed as a result of the application. The historic zoning process will continue, however, and we still favor a historic zone for Edgefield.

IN MEMORY...Nora Lewis, one of our charter members, died in February. Also dead is Frank Windust Sr. whose films of Corbett flower farms we enjoyed last year.

WE'RE FAMOUS...The Fred Meyer fashion ad that was photographed in the Harlow House appeared in the Feb. 22 edition of Northwest Magazine. And the Harlow House was listed as an opportunity for bargain entertainment in the Oregonian on March 1. Thanks to Gene and Nancy Bui for helping host the museum that day.

HISTORY TALK...

Historian Sharon Nesbit has set a history talk for 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 30, in Troutdale City Hall. This is for all our new members who sometimes feel they have come in in the middle of a movie and would like to know more about Troutdale's beginnings. Or, if you just want to brush up on Troutdale history, please join us.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

We have signed up the former Eaton home, now owned by Richard and Linda Paz, and the Hope Gardens or former Anderson House, now owned by Karen and Jim Kimber for our May 17 home tour. For those who look ahead even farther, the annual ice cream social will be on June 7.

NAME DROPPERS...

CHET LUCAS gave us a fine collection of carpenter tools last month as well as a metal scale which he says is a dead ringer for the one he used at Fox's store...DICK JONES took that lovely little church pew that sits on the Harlow House front porch and restored it better than new...Stop by and see it and Groundskeeper CATHY HAMME's flowers bulbs...GERHARDT VON KOHLBECK is pruning our roses and helping replant some antique cabbage roses from the park to the Harlow House...MARJORIE MATCHES has moved. Her new address is 7615 238th NE, Redmond, Wash. 98053...HELEN ALTHAUS, who lives in Ashland, has a part as a bag lady in a play there...CAMILLE CRUMB has donated a jar of Lydia Pinkhams Vegetable Tonic, which, she allows, did have a lot of alcohol in it...Four cakes saying "Happy Birthday Troutdale Society" were at our meeting last month. The fifth one--the one that should have said "Historical"--was not there. Our historian forgot to bake it.

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