

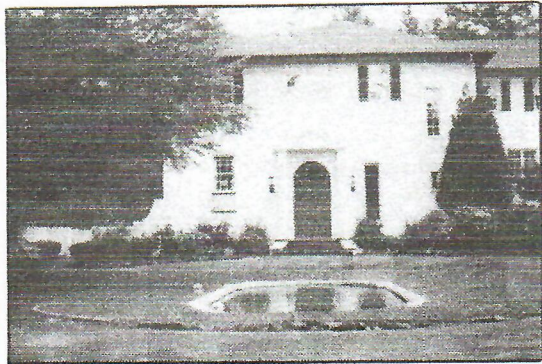
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A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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THE HOUSE AT BRIDAL VEIL--THE BOOK AND THE REAL THING...



As guests of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, we meet at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 17, at the home of the sisters at Coopey Falls just east of Bridal Veil.

Our speaker will be Anita Birt, author of "The House and Bridal Veil," which tells the story of the order and their remarkable restoration of an Italian villa in the Columbia River Gorge.

The villa was designed in 1916 by architect Morris Whitehouse for Portland residents Dorothy and Clarence Jacobson. When William and Louise Lawrence

purchased it in 1926, she landscaped the grounds. The nuns bought it in 1975, completing a skillful restoration and bringing new life and vitality to the crumbling structure.

Our program is arranged by Maude Winning. Clover Nasmyth has volunteered to bring cookies. If you can help her, please call Ellen Brothers at 661-2164.

To get to the home, leave Interstate 84 at the Bridal Veil exit (note that there is no west-bound exit to Bridal Veil from I-84) continue east 1/2 miles on the old highway to 48100 E. Historic Columbia River Highway.

AND ALSO IN APRIL...A TREK TO CAMAS

There is a bit of time to sign up for our April 16 trek to Camas. The cost is \$25 a person. We'll be leaving Troutdale City Hall at 9:15 a.m. and hope to be home about 4 or so.

Plans call for a tour of historic homes, then to the 1920 log club house of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society will serve lunch of homemade soups, salads, muffin, a visit to the group's museum, then a stop at the Peabody mill seconds store and, finally, a scenic ride home upriver on Highway 14. All transportation, admissions and lunch included in the \$25 fee. Reserve your seat by calling Ellen Brothers at 661-2164 or 695-2382.

Sorry, Trek Sold Out.

MORE APRIL STUFF: A work day at our barn and Harlow House museum beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 23. Help get the house ready for summer museum hours and share in doughnuts and coffee.

AND...join us May 1 for our annual brunch benefiting the barn. Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Place: Troutdale City Park. To Do: Put up the poster inside this newsletter and call Ellen Brothers or Sharon Nesbit if you wish to donate a salad or dessert.

HISTORICAL SCOUTS...

While it's popular to think of historians as people who doddle around in the past, it is more true that they look to the future. They do that in order to leave landmarks to guide future generations.

Last month our historical society scouts issued all sorts of alerts. When remodeling exposed the Federspiel's Blue Ribbon Sauer Kraut Mfg. Co. sign on the old Wigton apartments in downtown Troutdale, we had calls from Lois Mitchell, Sam Cox, Ike Handy, David Ripma and Troutdale Police Officer Leon Berg. Thanks to them, we have pictures of the sign when it was exposed. (See Page 3)

In the same way, Florence Baker and Dave Ripma are alert to the needs of the Copper Beech Tree at the intersection of Stark Street and Troutdale Road as the county prepares to widen those roads. They made calls to the county to assure that no harm will come to the tree. And thanks, by the way, to Mt. Hood Community College for giving the land to widen the road. Their gift spares the line of black walnut trees on the east side of Troutdale Road.

THE HARD TIMES OF CEDAR SCHOOL PTA...

Homer Townsend's new compilation of the minutes of the Cedar School PTA in the 1930s, is an interesting account of how the women of the group managed during The Depression.

At one point, the PTA had no money in the treasury and had an outstanding bill of \$1.75. They passed the hat and rounded up \$2 to pay the bill.

If you would like a copy, contact Homer Townsend, 119 W. Burgen St., Goldendale, Wash., 98620.

AND A BOOK OF OREGON FIRSTS...

Member Nancy Bui has helped to edit a new book of Oregon Firsts, Past and Present. It lists first-time occurrences and top rankings of all sorts of Oregon enterprises. Nancy has made a gift of the book.

Some of the Oregon firsts in the book: Celilo Falls, the first large center of commerce; Oregon the first state to reforest a major area, Tillamook Burn; the most endangered river system in the United States, the Columbia; the first auto in Oregon, Henry Wemme's 1898 Locomobile; and the first woman to sign up for flying lessons in the Northwest, Faye "Tiny" Carter.

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



Thanks to Larry Rea, our computer systems wizard, our records have been transferred from our old Apple computer to our IBM compatible system donated last year by Nancy Holland. We appreciate all of Larry's efforts to accomplish this formidable job.

I must also thank my patient husband, Pat, for his efforts in the process and for teaching me how to operate the new system. We now have a letter-quality printer, more memory and more options.

During the last few months I have been learning to spin. The historical society would like to make a request for a donation of a spinning wheel in working condition (or with only minor repair needed.) The wheel would be on display at the Harlow House so I could give spinning demonstrations as part of our museum tour. Due to space constraints, we cannot house a large walking wheel. If you are storing a small wheel and would like to donate it, call me at 661-2164 or 695-2382.

PLEASE POST OUR MAY 1 BRUNCH POSTER...AND PLAN TO ATTEND.
PRICE: \$5 FOR ADULTS, \$2.50 FOR CHILDREN

REMODELING REVEALS
OLD SAUERKRAUT
FACTORY SIGN

The picture at right shows how the Federspiel Sauer Kraut Factory looked in the 1920s. The one below shows it as revealed during a remodeling last month.

The building, at the west end of downtown Troutdale, is now used for apartments.

A 1929 Gresham Outlook indicated it was in use as a sauerkraut plant for the previous 15 years and stated that "Blue Ribbon sauer kraut is much in demand in the Portland market and elsewhere."

The business was then owned by M.C. Federspiel and his son, C.J. Federspiel. The plant shipped about 100 tons of sauerkraut annually.



THANKS TO THESE FOLKS:

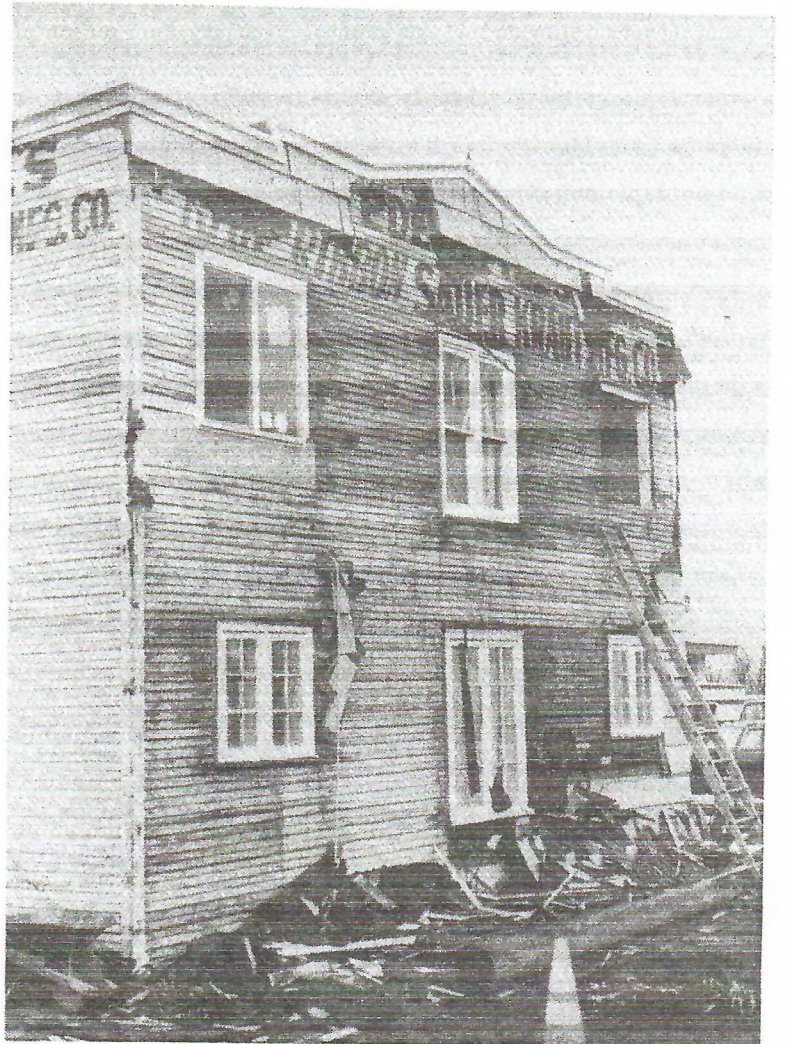
Thank you Steve Kenney for loan of a photo of the Multnomah County Farm under construction, to be used by McMenamin's on the upper floor of the lodge.

And thanks to Ted Binn and George and Peggy Thoeny for the fine program in March on Troutdale Vegetable Growers as well as donation of considerable artifacts from the company.

Binn also donated six lilac bushes to plant along the south side of our barn.

More thanks to Roy Fall Jr. for a Union Pacific map of military camps during World War II as well as a note from a Union Pacific worker.

And kudos to Roy Hoover, Bill Stone, Dick Jones, Jean Holman, Sharon Nesbit and Frank Driver for Saturday work in the barn.



NAMEDROPPERS...

Members who paid dues to the Director's Club, which helps support the position of Director Ellen Brothers, are: SAM & NANCY COX, PATRICIA O'BRIEN, LOLA FELLMAN, BOB & DOROTHY STURGES, BILL & SHARON NESBIT and JOHN & JUNE NASMYTH.

Welcome to new members: DAVID & PAT STAGGS, ARLINE SILFBERG (a gift from Lola Fellman), WILLIAM & NANCY WRIGHT, JAMES LONG (a gift of Nancy Bui), TIMOTHY FIER, JANET RHODES, ARLIE HARRIS, ROBERT & HARRIET JANE KING, PATRIC MCNURNEY and GEORGE & VIRGINIA PERRY.

Thank you to WAYNE & JANET VANDIVER, RAYMOND & BARBARA DECAMP, ELINOR LEVIN, BONNIE BRUNKOW, BYRON & EVELYN DEYOUNG, ALICE HARTJE and CHARLOTTE WHITE for gifts to the endowment fund.

For donations to the general fund, we owe thanks to PATRICK MCNURNEY and TAMARA CAMPBELL.

And to the barn fund came gifts from EDWIN & MARIE ARNOLD, MARY HUGHES (in memory of Bob Hughes), and from JOHN & JUNE NASMYTH. The latter is a substantial donation from two of our most dedicated barnbuilders. "Time marches on--we gotta get going!" they write.

TREASURER'S REPORT---FEB. 28, 1994---FROM LYNDA HARVEY

OPERATING FUND.....	\$ 2,833.77
ENDOWMENT FUND.....	14,737.91
DIRECTOR FUND.....	6,024.51
DEDICATED BARN FUND.....	616.53
BARN BUILDING FUND.....	23,214.74
TOTAL.....	47,427.46

CHECK OUT THE NEW SIGN ON THE HARLOW HOUSE...MADE BY DICK JONES.

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