

HISTORY NOTES, April, 1985
Newsletter of the Troutdale Historical Society
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ARMCHAIR TRAVELS...

Bowing to popular demand, we will show travel pictures at our next meeting, Monday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall. Sharon Nesbit will show pictures of the (mostly) historical attractions she encountered in a tour of England and Germany.

Afterward, we'll serve up a pleasant hash of historical tidbits--including some highlights from Homer Townsend's new book, a wild tale of a 1924 auto trip to the Oregon Coast and an unvarnished account of a Damascus farmer who did himself in with dynamite.

BARN IS CLOSER...

John Nasmyth has given \$1,000 for our barn fund. It is the third such gift we have received from our members since we first conceived the idea of building a museum barn back of the Harlow House.

According to Gene Bui who is looking for grant money to build the barn, most foundations will give us money only if we can show pledges for matching funds. All of us need to be thinking about how much we can pledge.

LUNCHEON WOWS 'EM...

We heard lots of good words about our March 30 luncheon and fashion show chaired by Nancy Cox. Treasurer Ted Schulte is still counting the money at this writing.

It will be very hard to lose money, however. To get us off to a good start, Sadie Riley gave us \$121 and Nathalie Wilson gave \$100. That will buy a lot of light bulbs for the new lighting system in the Harlow House and may even be a start toward wallpapering the upstairs hall.

IN MEMORY...

Since the last newsletter was written, we have lost two members, Winnie Nasmyth and Anne (Sammy) Espenel, and a former member, Berlie Sallee.

DATES YOU NEED TO REMEMBER...

Mark your calendar. The Columbia Gorge Historic Home Tour is Sunday, May 19. You will receive a brochure with your next newsletter. Our joint potluck dinner meeting with Gresham is Monday, May 20. The ice cream social is coming June 9.

NAMES YOU NEED TO KNOW...

Cathy Hamme, 667-7760, is hard at work on the June 9 plant sale. Got any plants for her?...Hazel Webb is in charge of the strawberry exhibits for the Harlow House and ice cream social. Do you have a piece of strawberry art that you can bring?...Next time you're at the Harlow House, step out back and look at Gerhard von Kohlbeck's rose trellises. Our roses are tamed at last...We have Bob Winnings of the Troutdale Deli-Mart to thank for the popcorn we ate during last month's movie program...Jo Hewlett brought us some beautiful examples of Dutch needlework for our collection last month...Harold Beldin brought photocopies of sheet music about the sternwheeler Bailey Gatzert as well as copies of a smelt article.

MUSEUMS OPEN...

Our museums, the depot and Harlow House, will be open every Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. from May through the end of September. While the caretakers normally host the Harlow House, we rely on volunteers to greet visitors in the depot. We'll be asking you to sign up at our April meeting.