



BYGONE TIMES

The Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

33rd Ice Cream Social Made Possible By Many Hands

July 2001

Chilly weather did not deter more than 800 from enjoying ice cream and local strawberries. The historical society raised about \$3,100.00 from this year's ice cream social. A two day events takes a large amount of work, as well as muscle for scooping ice cream and we would like to thank the following folks for contributing to the success of this event:

Our Generous Sponsors: Handy Brothers Service Station, Inc. Waste Management Inc., Troutdale Area Chamber of Commerce. **Providers of Strawberries:** Townsend Farms and Jim Fujii Farms. **Pick-up and delivery of various items:** Dennis Bryson, Jerry Hybskmann, Dave Ripma, Mary Bryson, Jean Hybskmann. **Shoppers of bargains and deals:** Mary Bryson, Jean Hybskmann, Mona Mitchoff and Jean Holman. **Set-up:** Mary Bryson, Jean Hybskmann, Jean Holman, Dorothy Sturges. **Putting out and taking down signs:** Dave Ripma, Dan DeGraw, Bob Mitchoff. **Running the plant sale:** Mona Mitchoff, Heather Mitchoff, Kris Fappas. **Donating plants for the plant sale:** Margaret Rice, Helen Wand, Lorena Hanson. **Decorating Sam Cox Hall and setting up:** Frieda Ryland, Jean Hybskmann, Jean Holman, **Flowers for Sam Cox Hall:** Bob Strebin. **Flowers for the Barn and Harlow House:** Mary Bryson and Jean Hybskmann. **Counting Cash:** Penny Balch. **Ticket Takers:** Mary Jean Mohn, Doneva Shepard, June Nasmyth, Doris Woolley, Evelyn Jacobsen, Harvey and Betty Wieprecht, Penny Balch. **Kitchen Help, Servers, Greeters, Table Bussers:** Scott Cunningham, Linda Newton, Jean Hybskmann, Dorothy Sturges, Vivian Boelke, Marie Stone, Shirley Anderson, Betty Cook, Leona Balch, Mary Bryson, Mona Mitchoff, Barb Welsh, Martha Booheister, Dave Roberts, Herb Mohn Judy Norby, Sharon Petri, Tom Arbuckle, Ed and Phyllis Thiemann, Ray and Karen Davenport. **Berry washers:** Mary Bryson, Sharon Nesbit, Barb Welsh, Mario Ayala, Dorothy Sturges, Jean Holman, Marie Stone. **Depot Hosts:** Bill Payne and Jim Cook. **Barn Hosts:** Adrienne Clausen, Pat Smith and Florence Baker. Thank you Sharon Nesbit for hosting the Harlow House and the Local History Authors Fair. Thank you Wink Chilton, Clarence Mershon, Tom Cowling, Janice Healy and Stan Clarke for participating in the Fair. Thank you to our musicians, Justin Franzino who entertained us most wonderfully with his accordion, and to Norm Domreis, pianist. Thank you Ryan Meyers for watching the park overnight to keep everything safe! Thank you to Jean Hybskmann's granddaughters, Shannon and Nicole, for being cheerful helpers the entire weekend! Special thanks to Mountain View Pack 174 and Assistant Den Leader Ralph Lorenzen for putting up chairs and tables, sweeping and picking up trash and deflated balloons. Congratulations to our raffle prize winner: Bill Call, from Happy Valley, who stopped by with the Cascade Plymouth Car Club after the Corbett Fire Department Breakfast. Thanks to Rawley Burns and Burns Feed Store for the donating the workbench for the raffle. Thanks to Dennis Bryson and the Corbett Fire Department for promoting our event at their breakfast. Thanks to all the folks who let us put signs in their yards. Thank you Sue Leigh at Corbett Country Market, for letting us store left over ice cream. Thank you to Troutdale Thirtway for

storing berries and ice cream in their new freezers before our event. Thank you to City of Troutdale employees Michelle Rosenberger and Val Lantz. Thank you to our vendors and to all of you that came out and supported us—some of you for the 33rd time!!



Calendar of Events

*Summer is just beginning,
but don't forget these Fall dates:*

Troutdale SummerFest

Saturday, July 21, 2001

Visit the THS Booth at Glenn Otto Park and take advantage of the SummerFest Sale at the End of the Line Museum Store

12th Annual Harvest Faire

September 15 and 16, 2001

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Glenn Otto Park

Pies, chili and more....mmmmmm!

Troutdale School Reunion

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001

2 p.m. at Cedar School

Join us for a round of "Remember When..."

3rd Sunday Program

Sunday, November 18, 2001

2 p.m. at Troutdale City Hall

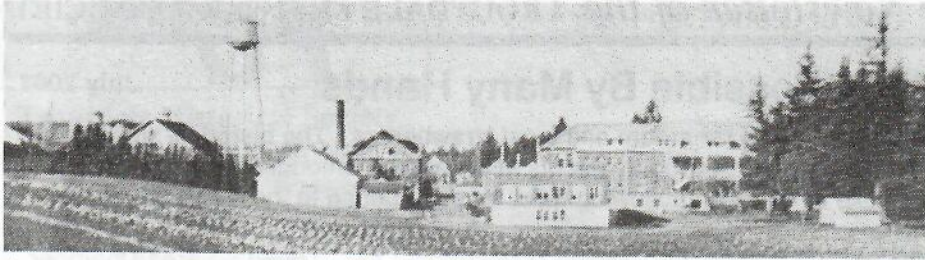
Rick Rubin, Chinook Indians of the Columbia

We begin a Lewis & Clark series in preparation for the Bicentennial in 2003-2006 by beginning this season's 3rd Sunday series with a talk by the author of "Naked Against the Rain," the story of the Chinookan speaking people who lived along the Columbia River. This book is available for purchase at the End of the Line Museum Store.

Edgefield Manor Revisited

The halls of McMenamins Edgefield are empty now, except for the occasional hotel guest and wedding party. But as I wander through the sunlit corridors studying the faded photos and freshly-painted murals, the familiar smells still linger and I am taken back to a different time when people spilled out of their rooms in wheelchairs and walkers, congregating in the hallways to visit among friends.

My dad was an accountant for Multnomah County and served 25 years of



that position at Edgefield Manor. So many memories of my childhood are filled with wonderful times spent there. My favorite place to visit was the occupational therapy room. It was a great gathering place full of laughter. I watched as the residents wove colorful rugs and baskets. The residents would always invite me to join in. They taught me to knit and helped me make ceramic sculptures while sharing stories of their own childhoods.

Years later, I got to work in the canteen—Edgefield's coffee shop. "Billy the Kid" would tie his imaginary horse outside the door and come in to buy his daily cup of coffee and a powdered sugar donut. He would always arrive with a smile on his face, discuss the weather and who he was to call on that afternoon. All the while, he kept a watchful eye on his horse. He then finished his donut, drank his coffee, purchased another donut for his horse and waved good-bye.

Soon thereafter, Gretchan would wheel herself in and sit in front of the rows of candy bars. She would take her time deciding on her purchase -- just waiting for me to be distracted by a customer. She would then grab just one KitKat bar and quickly hide it under her pink crocheted shawl. As she attempted escape, I would stop her at the door with outstretched palm. She would smile, drop the quarter in my hand and continue on her way. She enjoyed the challenge of this act so much that she attempted to shoplift every day that I worked the counter. I was later informed by another resident that she was actually taking two candy bars a day—no wonder she happily handed over the price of one!

The county closed the nursing home in 1982, my dad was relocated and the remaining residents were reluctantly placed elsewhere. The manor stood empty for many years, housing only vandals and vagrants until the McMenamin brothers purchased it. The new owners researched the history and memories of the property and restored it to its former beauty with hotel, restaurants and brewery for all to enjoy.

My family still meets there to celebrate special occasions and as we walk off our meals through the long corridors, our hearts are once more filled with the smells and visions of the crowded halls, old friends and memories that will always be part of us and Edgefield Manor.

—Kristi Workman, November 14, 1999 (*Kristi Workman is the daughter of Jim and Oie Workman of Fairview. Jim's stories, as well, have added to our store of Edgefield lore. For more history on Edgefield, see Sharon Nesbit's book, Vintage Edgefield, which is for sale at McMenamins Edgefield and at the End of the Line Museum Store.*)

Historical Happenings in East Multnomah County

Our friends at Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes are having a Victorian Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, June 30 from 11 to 4 at the Zimmerman Heritage Farm on 171st and Sandy. They will also be having a garage sale at the Heslin House (Third and Main in Fairview) on Saturday, June 23rd. The Crown Point Country Historical Society will be opening their new museum in the Springdale Grade School over the fourth of July holiday with an exhibit honoring local veterans. We will be loaning them some of our military items.

Two Watercolors of Museums Donated to THS

THS has been given two beautiful works of art. Birdell Eliason, a family friend of the Strebins, painted a gorgeous watercolor of the Harlow House. She captured the beauty of the house in sketches she made while visiting here in 1996, and when she got home to Illinois, she began work on the Harlow House and is now working a watercolor of the barn.. New members Jill and Jeff Smith, have donated a watercolor of the Depot Rail Museum painted by Jill's uncle. Both works are on display at the Harlow House.

GIFTS TO THS

Thank you for your support!

Director's Club

Max and Sheryl Maydew

Ron and Linda Newton

Ice Cream Social Sponsors

Troutdale Area Chamber

of Commerce

Waste Management, Inc.

Handy Brothers Service, Inc.

Connie, the Indians & the Camas

Reading an excellent Oregonian article about the plants that Lewis and Clark found on their expedition, Connie Purvis reminisced about camas and the Weippe Prairie where her parents had a ranch: "All the neighbors said Lewis and Clark camped on our place. As a kid I was more impressed that Sacajawea might have slept there," she writes. "In the spring the Indians would arrive and set up their teepees in our pasture. They'd stay about 10 days and dig camas. My bedroom was in the upstairs and I'd sit in the window and watch the adults dig while the little people and dogs ran around and played. Never knew when they were going to leave. Just get up one morning and they'd be gone. I was a little frightened of them, but my aunt said they'd been digging in this spot for years and never hurt a white child yet. Least-wise, so far as she'd heard."

The 2000 Cedar School

Reunion video is

finally complete! Available for purchase at the End of the Line Museum Store for \$15. (To have a copy mailed to you, call 503-667-8268. Please add \$5 for shipping.)

Namedroppers

Val Lantz stoked up on ice cream at the ice cream social June 3, then came to the barn to tend our saddles. Lantz, a horse woman of considerable talents, also knows her way around saddle soap. She is the person who keeps our leather artifacts and tack in good shape. One of our saddles so inspired her, that she had one made like it for her personal use. **June Nasmyth** was interviewed in the June 7 Oregonian about her naming as Member of the Year. "I like to see our history kept and let people know who we are, what we've done and who we have been," she told the reporter. "We have so many lovely people." Another of our members, **Nancy Hoover**, was named Member of the Year by the Fairview Rockwood Wilkes Historical Society. Nancy's good works at our neighbor organization include taking care of membership records and helping out steadily and often at the Zimmerman House. **Helen Otto**, founder and trustee of our society, has moved to 15727 NE Russell, Apt. 24, in Portland. Her phone number is 503-408-8929. **Vi Nasmyth** is recovering from double bypass surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery! **Jack and Roberta Burns** were at the Harlow House recently for a retraining session as Harlow House hosts. No one can remember just how long they have been hosting at our museum, but it is more than 10 years. Many thanks to **Sharon Petri**, collector of head vases, for helping out with our cemetery tour this year. **Elaine Dawson** wrote to our director that she enjoyed her copy of the interview with Ruth Evans Sunderling. Elaine and Ruth were good friends and Elaine admits they often double dated! Last year we were con-

tacted by people involved with publication of the Oregon Blue Book and asked to submit photos of Oregon people at work for this year's edition. The 2001 edition has one of our photos, **Tad Johnson** working at his hot dog stand on the Sandy River, within its pages. Tad, of course, was the fellow for whom Tad's Chicken N' Dumplings is named. **Nadine Jordan**, granddaughter of Aaron Fox, came to Troutdale with her husband, Earl, for ice cream social. Jordan, who lives in Albany, got in touch as the result of seeing a brief television appearance by historian Sharon Nesbit. **Ken Honda** of Omaha, Neb., contacted us by e-mail in May searching for his grandmother's family who lived in the Troutdale area in 1922. Honda's great-grandfather, Jentara Hata and his wife, Etsu, were Wapato, WA, farmers who lost their land because of alien land laws of the time. They came to Troutdale where his grandmother, Kazuko Hata was born and farmed six acres in the area. We hunted up **Jim Fujii**, who put Honda in touch with Mas Migaka of Dallesport, WA. Honda wrote back, delighted to have tracked down members of his family and thankful for our help.

JOIN THS FOR TROUTDALE SUMMERFEST

Saturday, July 21, 2001
Activities from 9 a.m.
to 4:30 p.m. on Main Street
and at Glenn Otto Park.
The parade is at 11 a.m.,
come and wave at
June Nasmyth, THS
member of the year for 2001.
Visit our director at the THS
booth in the park from 12 to
4:30. **SummerFest Sale** of
merchandise at the depot
with discounts on trains and
trout. While you're out, stop
by the Harlow House and see
the newest addition of hand
painted china, including all
new dinnerware in the dining
room!

Have You Been Using Your Albertson's Card?

By using your Albertson's Community Partners Card when you make a purchase, you are sending 2 percent of your purchase to THS. Each quarter Albertson's send THS a check and for this quarter, we received a check for \$250.00. This means that THS members and friends spent over \$12,000 at Albertson stores in the past 3 months!!! (That's a lot of ice cream and baked beans.) Keep up the good work!! If you don't have an Albertson's card, call our office at (503) 661-2164 right away.

THANK YOU TO MORE RENEWING MEMBERS!!!

Jan and Wayne Vandiver,
Adrienne Clausen, Steve Yost,
Robin and Cindy Lehman,
Max and Sheryl Maydew,
Caroll and Ellie Hermanson,
Larry and Jean Torland,
Bette Cummings Boyd
Bob Douglass

(If we have inadvertently left you off of the renewing member list, please call Laura at the Harlow House and let her know. It is important to us that all of our members are recognized.)

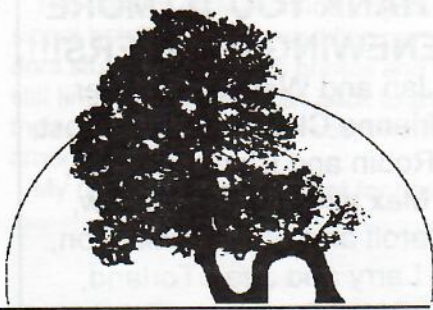
Ed Happold Writes Best Seller

Ed Happold—you might remember him and his wife as the Florence and Ed Show in the kitchen crew at Harvest Faire and Ice Cream Social—gave us a copy of his life story recently. Ed and Florence, a British war bride, live at Cottrell. He is retired from the Gresham post office and she from a job at the Gresham Outlook.

His autobiography is entitled "The Kid from Klondike," but don't get the wrong idea. The Klondike where Ed was raised is in Sherman County near the John Day River and Ed worked in wheat ranching when horses and mules were still in use.

He and his family moved to Gresham when he was 15. "We were on hand to see the Bull Run pipeline laid up Powell. Pipe big enough for a kid to run through without stooping. That was in the days of the fountain at the intersection of Main and Powell in Gresham."

In 1933 he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and lived in cabins at Bull Run Lake. Ed was drafted prior to Pearl Harbor in 1941 and fetched up in England fixing holes in airplanes, playing and winning at poker, marrying Florence and living in the yard of a pub in a travel trailer, and succeeding at Officers Candidate School so that he emerged from the war with rank. His good memory, his storytelling abilities and his links to this area make this a treasure for our society library along with the stories written by Walter Nasmyth.



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Welcome New Members

Tom Cowling
Earl and Betty Anderson
Steve and Betty Kaufman
Ron and Linda Newton

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Harlow House and Barn: Sharon
Nesbit, Mario Ayala, Adrienne
Clausen, Dale and Betty Baldwin,
Florence Baker, Jan Vandiver, Pat
Smith, Florence Baker.

Depot Rail Museum: Jim Cook
and Bill Payne.

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NEW HOURS BEGINNING FRIDAY, JUNE 1:

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday and Thursday-Saturday.
1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays

CLOSED TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Rail Depot Museum

473 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Phone: (503) 667-8268

NEW HOURS BEGINNING FRIDAY, JUNE 1:

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Monday & Thursday
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

CLOSED TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

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