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Bygone Times

Newsletter of the
Troutdale Historical Society

April 2009

Mark your Calendar

April 19, 2009 Oral History

Sharon Nesbit will do an oral history interviewing Marguerite Wright Campbell formerly of Troutdale/Springdale area.

THS has an extensive collection of pictures donated by the Wright family. Sharon will be asking questions of Marguerite about growing up in the Troutdale area

The program will be at Troutdale City Hall starting at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Cemetery Tour May 16

Stan Clarke will be leading a tour including Eagle Creek and surrounding area. It will probably involve another stop at the Philip Foster Farm and the hard-to-get-into Eagle Creek Cemetery. The bus will be leaving the Barn Museum at 9 a.m. Bring a sack lunch. Cost for the day is \$10 per person. Call the office at 503-661-2164 to register for the trip.

August 15

Join us for a Salmon Bake on the Sandy River with authentic Native American cooked Salmon and fry bread. Bob & Jean Ice will be hosting the event which includes tribal dancing after dinner. Tickets will be \$50 per person with 50% of the price tax deductible as a donation. There will only be 150 tickets sold, so save the date. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Checks may be mailed to THS office. Call for more info 503-661-2164

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Wright Family Oral History in April

The Troutdale Historical Society will feature the lives of the Bill and Mary Wright family in a photo show and interview program at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 19 in Troutdale City Hall. The photos, prepared by Len Otto, are those of Mary Wright and the story comes from the surviving daughter of the family, Marguerite Wright Campbell, 85, of Corvallis, who will be interviewed by Troutdale historian Sharon Nesbit.

Living on the Sandy River (where Dabney Park now is) gardening, taking pictures, raising three pretty girls – life was pretty darned good for Bill and Mary (Bourgeois) Wright.

He was a longtime mail carrier, working out of the Troutdale post office and delivering mail, even on Christmas Day, because his customers wanted to get their packages. He was a hunter

and a fisherman and shot a bear at age 83.

His wife, Mary Bourgeois Wright, was smart and beautiful and a gifted photographer, having taught herself photography and photo developing when she was in her teens. She learned much of it from her older sister, Leah. Two of 11 children of the Henry and Emma

Bourgeois family, they lived in a big 10-room house at the end of Northway Road in Springdale.

Mary's photos, some from the original glass negatives, are part of the Troutdale Historical Society photo collection. They are rare images of small town life, making sauerkraut, pets drowsing on the porch and of "big doings," the first car in Springdale, the construction of the Columbia River High-



Mary Bourgeois taking photos from her horse.

way and smelt runs on the Sandy. The program is free and open to the public. It will be digitally recorded for the society's oral history library. Copies of the program will be for sale at the Troutdale Historical Society Rail Depot Museum office in late April. For more information telephone 503-661-2164.

Life Story

Gresham resident Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Baldwin, 86, died on March 25.

Private interment with military honors was held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Betty was born Nov. 10, 1922, in Waukesha, Wis. Betty graduated from high school and attended Carroll College in Waukesha until she was old enough to enter

the Milwaukee County General Hospital School of Nursing. She received her diploma as a registered nurse and was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps.

During World War II, Betty served on Saipan and Tinian in the Northern Mariana Islands. She met her future husband, Capt. Dale M. Baldwin and they were married May 4, 1946.

Betty was a homemaker for several years but returned to nursing and worked in Montana and Nevada.

She continued her studies at the University of Nevada. After moving to Gresham in 1966, she received her bachelor's degree in nursing and her master's degree in

nursing education from Oregon Health & Science University.

Betty taught nursing for a number of years at Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing and at Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing. She finished her career as head of the nursing department at Mt. Hood Community College.

Betty and Dale lived in Corbett for several years before returning to Gresham.

They both went on many treks with THS and always added to the fun of the trip. She will be missed.

Memorial contributions can be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1700 N.E. 132nd Ave., Portland, 97230

Hampton Inn Save-A-Landmark Gives THS \$8000



Scott Cunningham, THS Board President, accepting the BIG check.



Sharon & Chris.
Historian to historian.



Sharon sharin' with the volunteers over lunch at Troutdale House.

Hampton Inn Save-A-Landmark volunteers have come and gone, but will not soon be forgotten. It was a GREAT day! The sun was shining, the flowers got planted, the new sign was put up, the bark dust was spread and the painting in the museum got started. (Due to a mix-up with the paint, it didn't get finished. Home Depot will be sending down a volunteer group to get the job done).

Thank you to **Jean Hybskmann** for coming down to help and for taking all the pictures. Thank you to **Sharon** for being here and entertaining the volunteers with her history of the area.

The Hampton volunteers came from three area hotels and volunteered a combined 50 hours. Thanks to all of them.

A special thank you to **Mayor Jim Kight** for attending the check presentation ceremony and to Troutdale City Council members **Matt Wand and Barbara Kyle** for working with the Hampton Volunteers. Also thank you to County Commissioner **Diane McKeel** for taking time out of her busy schedule.

An added bonus was to have author and historian **Chris Epting** on site for the day. He told amazing stories and has written several books on American pop culture. Chris is shipping some of his books to be donated to the Troutdale and Sweetbriar Elementary Schools.

And, speaking of schools. The Reynolds Reunion Committee held an auction on March 28 at

McMenamins Edgefield and raised \$3000 for the scholarship fund for Reynolds graduates to attend Mt. Hood Community College.

Thanks to **Sharon Nesbit** for all her help on this newsletter.

I have added a picture of my oldest grandson Casey. He is 21 and has just finished basic training in South Carolina and is now doing AIT in Georgia. Where he goes after that is the scary part.



Prayers accepted and greatly appreciated.
"HAPPY SPRING"

Terry

In Honor

Jack Malcom, long-time Gresham florist, celebrated his 85th birthday in March. Jack was born in a Gresham maternity home on March 2, 1924, he was raised in Troutdale and was launched in the family flower business 80 years ago when his parents, Roy and Lytha

Malcom began raising gladiolas in Troutdale. Malcom bouquets were used to christen Liberty ships at Kaiser's Vancouver shipyards during World War II.

Malcom graduated from Troutdale Grade School in 1938 and Gresham High in 1942. He was in college when he was called into the U.S.

Navy during World War II. "I became one of those 90-day-wonders," he says.

"They needed junior officers, mostly to carry stuff around." Commissioned through Northwestern University, he was sent to Okinawa as a staff member planning the invasion of Japan. He graduated from the University of Or-

egon in 1947 and went to work for American President Lines, a job that satisfied his wanderlust.

When his father became ill, Malcom returned to Gresham to help establish Flowers by Malcom in 1953. "Anything but working in the fields," he says now. He sold his flower shop in 2000.

Life Story

Shio Uyetake, lifelong Corbett resident, died on March 16, his 94th birthday.

The Uyetake farm is featured on the cover of Clarence Mershon's historical book, "Along the Sandy: Our Nikkei Neighbors." Mershon dedicated the book to Shio, his "lifelong friend," writing, "All the members of

the Uyetake family worked in the fields. They knew the hard work required to bring a crop to harvest; their produce was clean and their berries, large."

In 2006 Uyetake received the East Multnomah Pioneer Association's community service award and served on the board of the Crown Point Country Historical Society.

He was born March 16, 1915, in Corbett to Juichi

"Harry" and Chise (Nakahara) Uyetake, the oldest of five children.

He was raised in Corbett and started grade school at Pleasant View School on Wand Road, later transferring to Corbett Grade School. He also attended a Japanese school on the land the Uyetakes owned on Mershon Road, where he learned to read, speak and write the Japanese language.

He graduated from Columbian (now Corbett) High School in 1933. He graduated with a degree in business administration from University of Washington in 1937. He married Nobuko Mukai in 1950.

They lived in Shio's family home in Corbett, where they farmed strawberries and raspberries, and vegetable crops, including cauliflower, cabbage, lettuce and broccoli.

Do you know your summer berries???

Loganberry - is a cross between a blackberry and a red raspberry.

Tayberry - is a cross between wild Oregon blackberries and English or Scottish red raspberries.

Boysenberry - is a crossing of loganberry, raspberry and three kinds of blackberry.

Raspberry - can be red, black, white or yellow.

Marionberry - hybridized at OSU and is a cross between Chehalem and Ollieberry blackberry.

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Thank you to Laura at Troutdale House by the Sandy River, next door to the Depot, for opening up her doors to us during the Hampton work-day!

1919 – Jess Coons and Herman Blaser hosted a bachelor dinner party 90 years ago in Troutdale. The dish they chose to serve was chicken mulligan.

The guests found their seats at the table thanks to a little smoked smelt perched at each plate. The smelt had red ribbons tied around them and place cards in their mouths were printed with the name of the dinner guest.



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To stimulate interest in, and knowledge of, the locality's past.

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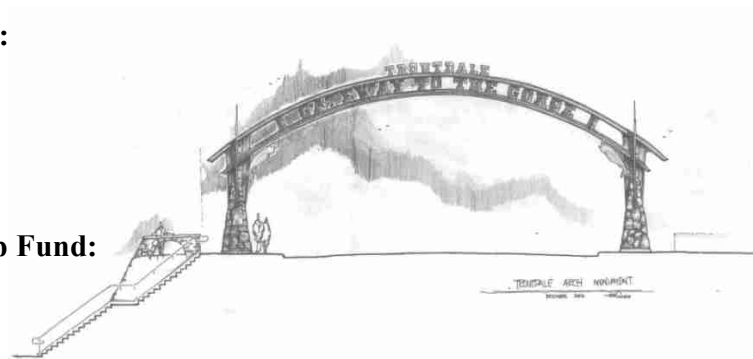
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We can add your name here!

It is not too late to get your name on the Arch at the \$1,000 level or higher. The deadline has been extended to at least May 1st. You can mail your check to the Troutdale Historical Society, 104 SE Kibling St., Troutdale, OR 97060. All contributions under \$1000 will be listed on a scroll to be put into a time capsule that will be placed in the base of the Arch. Contributions are tax deductible.