

Bygone Times

Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.



JUNE 1987

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OUR 19TH ICE CREAM SOCIAL...

It is time once again for fresh flowers, fiddle music and fattening treats. Our 19th annual old-fashioned ice cream social will be Sunday, June 7 from noon to 5 p.m. in Troutdale City Park.

Please place the attached poster someplace in your neighborhood. And here are the other things you can do to take part:

1. Bring plants for the plant sale, or call Cathy Hamme, 667-7760, and she will come get them.

2. Bring baked goods to sell in our country store. Dorothy Sturges, 665-4896, is in charge.

3. Give an hour of time serving. Call Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423, to sign up.

4. Clean berries, arrange flowers and help set up. We will be at the park building at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6, to clean berries. Bring knives, colanders and any big bowls you have.

5. Bring flowers to the park at 1 p.m. Saturday. They add so much to our social.

6. If you have a craft or know someone who wants to sell handcrafts, have them get in touch with Jean Holman, 665-7678, to reserve table space.

7. About parking. If you plan to be at the social to work or spend most of the afternoon, please park across the street at the old Glenn Otto place so we have plenty of space for our customers.

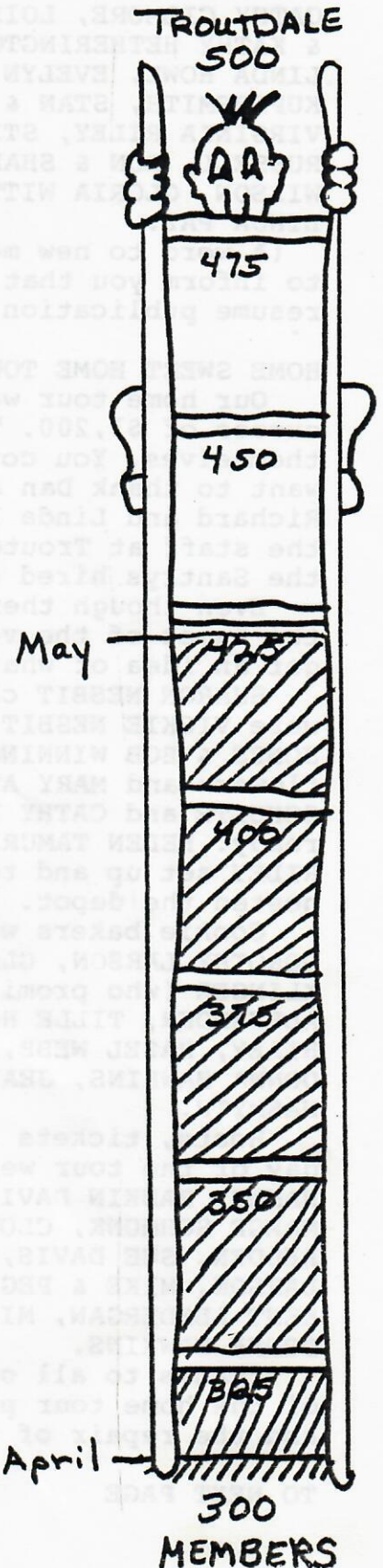
8. Finally, bring yourself. Dance a little. Eat a little. Celebrate summer and strawberries. Prices are \$1 for sundaes, \$1.75 for banana splits so bring all your kinfolk and kissin' cousins, too.

LOOK AT US...

Thanks to the addition of 66 new members at our May 17 home tour, our membership is now hovering right around the 420 mark. Only 80 to go to make our goal of 500 members.

Membership secretary Lois Schulte says we could make it if all those who have not paid their dues would do so. If you forgot, send \$3 for each person to her at 17655 S.E. Bluff Road, #1, Sandy, Ore. 97055.

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MORE MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS...

Lois Schulte says that if you are planning a move you must notify us of change of address because newsletters are not forwarded.

Welcome to our new members: ED & JODY BALSIGER, CINDY BANKSTON, BETTE BOYD, ENID BRANCH, DORIS BROCKELL, CLARA BURNS, JACK & ROBERTA BURNS, KEN & LEE CALHOUN, VIRGINIA CATE, FRANK & BEV CAUTHORN, ERIC & JUDY COX, ROCKY & MONA DENTON, JOAN DURREN, NORTON & BETTY FERGUSON, CATHY GILMORE, LOIS GLENN, DAVID & LOISFAYE GRIFFTH, TOM HANNON, GARY & KATHY HETHERINGTON, FAYE HOGENSON, FRANK & JANICE HOLE, BRUCE & LINDA HOWE, EVELYN IRVINE, ARDEN & JOYCE KNEPPER, LILLIAN KOENIG, NOEL KUPERSMITH, STAN & SHERRY MILLER, MARIE MOCKFORD, ROSALIE NEWMAN, VIRGINIA RILEY, STEPHANIE ROSS, GARY & LINDA RULIFSON, JACK & ANNETTE RUSSELL, RON & SHARON SMART, DIANE STIEF, STEVE & PEGGY WEBER, NANCY WILSON, GLORIA WITTER, EVELYN CROUSER, LUCILE CROUSER and RICHARD & LINDA PAZ.

(A word to new members. Now that we have you all signed up we have to inform you that our newsletter is taking a summer vacation and will resume publication in September.)

HOME SWEET HOME TOUR...

Our home tour was a success. We had about 300 people and made in excess of \$1,200. The best part is that people truly enjoyed themselves. You couldn't have a home tour without homeowners and we want to thank Dan and Florence Santry, Tom Tate and Terri Barker-Tate, Richard and Linda Paz, James and Karen Kimber and Pam Christian and the staff at Troutdale City Hall. In a particularly gracious gesture, the Santrys hired a piano player to entertain at their home.

Even though there is a risk of forgetting someone, we want to print the names of the volunteers who worked on the tour so that we can all get an idea of what an undertaking it was.

SHARON NESBIT chaired the event. Helping to prepare the brochure were VICKIE NESBIT and CAROLYN STRONG. BILL NESBIT, SAM COX, ALEX JONES & BOB WINNINGS bought supplies. JACK MALCOM provided all the flowers and MARY ALLEN delivered them. DICK JONES, KIM BREWER, TED SCHULTE and CATHY HAMME spent many hours getting the Harlow House ready. HELEN TAMURA donated bedding plants for the grounds. SADIE RILEY set up and took down all the signs. PETER and RITA GIANCONE hosted the depot.

Cookie bakers were: FLORENCE BAKER, VERA STREBIN, LINDA MURPHY, DOROTHY LARSON, GLADYS NORMENT, MARY PEARSALL, MARTY RATHMAN, CAROLE KLINGER (who promises to share her recipe for cheese cookies), EDNA ALEXANDER, TILLE HOWELL, NANCY COX, LOIS SCHULTE, HELEN REDDEN, SADIE RILEY, HAZEL WEBB, PEGGY RICE, SUE DAVIS, MARIE STONE, ALICE WAND, DONNA HAWKINS, JEAN HOLMAN, DOROTHY STURGES, PAT PARKHURST and CLOVER NASMYTH.

Hosts, tickets sellers, tea servers and parking attendants on the day of the tour were: JEAN HOLMAN, DOROTHY STURGES, PAT GRAHAM, CATHY HAMME, RANKIN DAVIS, SADIE RILEY, TED & LOIS SCHULTE, BILL NESBIT, MARGE SCHMUNK, CLOVER NASMYTH, DOUG DORSEY, GLENN & HELEN OTTO, HELEN REDDEN, SUE DAVIS, NANCY & SAM COX, FRANK DRIVER, ELSE LARSON, DOROTHY LARSON, MIKE & PEGGY RICE, HEINI ZEIGLER, CHAD RILEY, BOB STURGES, KENT LUNDERGAN, MIKE & ELAIN DUBESA, PAT & ELLEN BROTHERS and BOB & DONNA HAWKINS.

Thanks to all of you. The board of directors decided to spend part of the home tour profits on a power edger for the Harlow House grounds and the repair of the pump organ.

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IN MEMORY...

Evelyn Lampert died in May. She and her husband, Julius, farmed many years on "Cabbage Hill." Evelyn was the daughter of Troutdale railroad station agent A.D. Kendall. She lived in the home on Columbia Street between the Plaid Pantry and Handy's 76 station.

Another member who died recently was Corbett resident Le Roy Hannon.

CATHY HAMME MEMBER OF THE YEAR...

At our May 18 potluck, Cathy Hamme, groundskeeper of the Harlow House, was named the historical society's member of the year for 1987. She received a plaque and, even better, got to be first in line for dinner.

In addition, the board of directors voted two other awards to members. Bill Nesbit, the fellow who traps those pesky moles at the Harlow House, won a trophy as chief mole hunter for 1987. And Sadie Riley, who is often the last person out of the kitchen at any historical society event, received our dish pan hands award for 1987.

A GIFT FROM ALEX...

The society received an amazing gift May 18 when Alex Jones presented us with a piano to replace the rickety monster that has been in the city park building so long. At his request, we will donate the piano to the City of Troutdale.

The piano is Alex's way of paying a debt. Many years ago in Wisconsin when he was studying to be a teacher a woman gave him free music lessons to help him get his teaching degree. After he got a job and earned some money, Alex attempted to pay her but she told him, instead, to help someone else out some day.

As a result Alex repaid that long-ago debt by giving a gift to his community, though there are many who think that the community owes a great deal to Alex.

During the presentation Alex was taken ill and could not complete his talk. For all of you who were so concerned, he recovered quickly and was back at work at city hall by 6:30 a.m. the next day.

ARTIFACTS RECEIVED...

Phyllis and Dominick Balesteri have donated a treasure trove of old Troutdale photos and an antique chair from the estate of Josephine Helming Jackson. The chair, which belonged to Louis Helming, is said to be covered in buffalo hide. Best of all, Josephine took the trouble to identify the pictures by writing on the back of them.

And Herb Nasmyth donated three of the toys he played with in the 1930s.

SUMMER PLANS...

Though the newsletter goes on summer vacation for a couple months, the historical society does not.

Our museums do their best work in the summer and the Harlow House is open every Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. The depot museum is open every Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. That museum is manned (and womanned) entirely by volunteers. You can help by calling Doris Caramella, 253-7010, and volunteering a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

Make sure you get to the Harlow House to see the vaseline glass collection of Mike and Elaine Dubesa. It is the most eye-catching exhibit we have ever had.

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CLIP AND SAVE LIST OF OFFICERS...

Sam Cox, president: 1703 SE Woodard Road, Troutdale, 97060, telephone 665-9087.

Alex Jones, vice president: PO Box 173, Troutdale, 97060, telephone 666-6718.

Clover Nasmyth, secretary: 6605 SE 97th, Portland, 97266, telephone, 774-7525.

Ted Schulte, treasurer: 17655 SE Bluff Road, #1, Sandy, 97055, telephone 668-9620.

Sharon Nesbit, historian: 623 Buxton, Troutdale, 97060, telephone 665-0423.

Kim Brewer, caretaker: 726 SE Columbia St., Troutdale, 97060, telephone 661-2164.

WHAT WE'LL DO ON OUR SUMMER VACATION....

Watch your newspaper for word of our July events. We will cook the best hamburgers and onions in Troutdale at the Troutdale City Picnic. If you have a good idea for a parade entry, give us a call.

And in late July we will participate in the Troutdale Windjam event with walking history tours of downtown Troutdale and afternoon teas at the Harlow House.

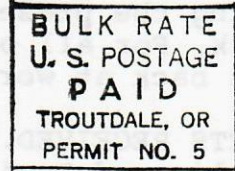
Our annual front porch pie sale will be September 21 and you can mark your calendars for our first fall meeting on Oct. 17 when we host the annual Troutdale School Reunion.

NEWS NOTES...

Orlin and Barbara Huston write that they are spending the summer working in Yellowstone Park. Their address is General Delivery, West Yellowstone, Mont. 59758.

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AT OUR ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY JUNE 7

NOON TO 5 P.M.

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