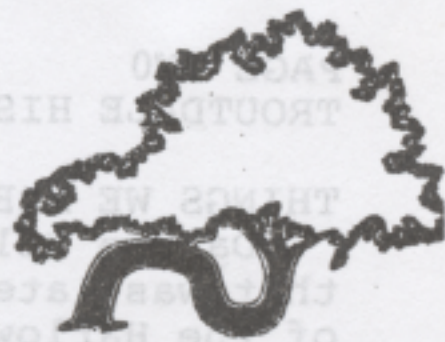


Bygone Times

A Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.



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REMEMBERING IRENE DOUGLASS WALDO...

She wore trousers when other women wouldn't have dared. She traveled around the world three times and never ate in a restaurant. She would shake horsetail fern under your nose, tell you to make a tea of it and announce that it was good for your kidneys.

We will remember Irene Douglass Waldo, born in 1893 in Troutdale, died in Portland Feb. 24, at Troutdale Historical Society, Monday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall.

We have preserved Dr. Waldo's history in tape recordings and written histories since she first spoke to our society back in 1972. Typically, she requested her remains be sent to the medical school so there was no funeral. Instead we remember her and her part in Troutdale's history. Her daughter-in-law, Lydia Waldo of Linthicum, Maryland, has donated a number of items from the estate. We will have those on display.

Nancy Cox and Sue Davis will provide refreshments.

AND MORE HISTORY...

Because we have so many new members and because you sometimes feel you came in in the middle of the movie, we will bring you up to speed on Troutdale history with a history talk at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 25, in Troutdale City Hall.

Historian Sharon Nesbit will tell about Troutdale history from Lewis and Clark to the rootin'-tootin' saloon days and up to the 1940s. No charge. Just turn up at city hall.

GOOD, OLD STUFF -- THE KIND YOU'D KILL FOR...

We will not be able to have our home tour this year because the houses we want to show you are not quite ready for guests. Instead, we are planning an event for May 22 called "Collector's Fair and Bring-a-thing."

We are asking 18 people with antiques or other collectibles to bring their collections and display them from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Troutdale City Park building. We, of course, will sell admissions -- \$2 a person -- to see the collections and will invite our guests to bring some old or collectible item to be identified and evaluated by local antique dealers.

The collections will include such good stuff as Steve and Judy Lehl's Columbia Gorge photos and postcards, Karl Hayes' tobacco paraphenalia, Margaret Moir's blue granite ware, George Perry's toy trains, George Klinger's teddy bears, Larry and Bobby Armstrong's salt dish collection, Mike and Elaine Dubesa's vaseline glass, Bette Hayes' childrens plates, Margaret Okrasinski's sheet music, Marie Davis' button collection and a collection from The Questers.

So what part can you play in this event? Plan to come, of course. And we need about 25 very special desserts baked by some of our expert cooks to serve on our dessert tray. If you would like to volunteer a dessert please call Nancy Cox, 665-9086.

We still need some exhibitors. Carpenter tools would be nice. Or a Coca Cola collection. If you know someone with an interesting

THINGS WE ARE LOOKING FOR...

Dalton Williams, who lived in the house that Lee Evans built and that was later occupied by Dr. Tomlinson -- the white house just north of the Harlow House -- would like to see old pictures of his home. If you have any please bring them to the April meeting or mail them to the historical society and we will have them copied.

The same thing goes for the old channel light that Herb Nasmyth remembers at Sun Dial Beach. As he recalls, there once was a floating channel marker in the river there. He remembers it well and wonders if anyone has a photo of it.

Finally, we have a letter from the people who are organizing a military museum at Fort Stevens State Park, which is the only military installation in the Continental U.S. to be fired upon by an enemy naval vessel of a foreign power since the War of 1812. They are looking for items and armament that might be significant to the fort and the people who served there through World War II. If you have such things, write Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond, Ore. 97121.

THINGS WE DON'T HAVE TO LOOK FOR ANYMORE...

Some new treasures have come into our possession. JACK EVANS has given us two abstracts, which detail the land transactions on the Harlow property...NANCY HOOVER, who used to work at Edgefield Manor, has given us a lovely mirror and three pieces of art work done by Edgefield residents...JO CALLISTER has donated a box of records from George Perkins, the attorney who once lived on Beaver Creek near Jackson Park Road...LYDIA WALDO has given items from the estate of Irene Douglass Waldo, including 64 fine post cards...CAROLYN STRONG has given us a batch of Sandy's Camera envelopes. Each envelope can be redeemed to make a copy from our photo collection...DALTON WILLIAMS has given a flag pole to be erected at the Harlow House. The money we have collected toward the Alex Jones Flagpole Fund will go to help pay the costs of installation.

WANT AD...

Needed, to work for absolutely no pay...A Troutdale Historical Society telephone chair person who could do telephoning for us when we need to notify folks of meetings or are looking for volunteers. Benefits are large buckets of gratitude. Apply to Sam Cox, 665-9086.

JOBS WELL DONE...

ARMAN and DONNA KLUEHE sorted and turned in all our Flav-R-Pak labels for us and a check should come anyday for \$39...DICK JONES and TED SCHULTE installed the historical marker on the front of the Troutdale General Store...New members JACK and ROBERTA BURNS have volunteered to host the Depot Museum six times this summer. If you can help out, call DORIS CARAMELLA, 253-7010...MARY EATON is the person who prints our newsletter every month...HAZEL WEBB has offered to put a strawberry display together for our June 12 ice cream social...TERESA KASNER will make us the calligraphy signs we need for our collector's fair...CATHY HAMME is preparing painstaking landscaping plans for the Harlow House grounds, work that must be done in preparation for building our barn.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

The David Douglas Historical Society has invited Oregonian columnist Jonathan Nicholas to talk to them about writing histories at 7:30 p.m., April 19, at Floyd Light Middle School, 108th and S.E. Washington Streets. All of us are invited to attend.

AND A DINNER DATE...

We have set back our May potluck one week, to May 23, in order to accommodate our friends from the new Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society who are going to join us for dinner that night. Our entertainment will be Bill Elliott, the professional baritone who is descended from a Gresham pioneer family.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS...

PAUL COOPER, LUCY CHASE COLEMAN, CATERA GILMORE, DANIEL STEVENS, RICHARD VON ALLMEN, FRANCES SEITZ, SHARON STREBIN, CECELIA PAVLIK, JUNE BURKE. If you have not paid your dues and enjoy getting this newsletter, please send your \$3 to Troutdale Historical Society, 104 S.E. Kibling St., Troutdale, Ore. 97060. We will be cleaning out our mailing list in a few months.

HISTORY WRITERS...

History keeps best if it is written down or tape recorded. Words exchanged at our historical society meetings are fun, but they are written on the wind. Two of our members have sat down and written some "tidbits of history" for our files. We will make them part of our permanent records, but we print them for all to enjoy.

MEDICAL PRACTICE IN TROUTDALE by Dr. Frank Packard

Dr. Raymond Mangels lived and practiced in Troutdale from 1932 to 1936 on a full-time basis, and part-time until 1940. In 1936 he formed a partnership with Dr. Robert Greene and established a clinic in the Hollywood district of Portland. Dr. Frank Packard joined the clinic in July 1939 and alternated afternoon hours with Dr. Mangels at the Troutdale office until it closed in 1940.

The office was located next to the beauty parlor in a building that was subsequently replaced by an extension of Handy's service station. The office was simple: a consulting room and examining room, a desk and a few chairs, a table, stethoscope and sphygmomanometer. There was no laboratory, no dispensary. But it was headquarters for a far-ranging general medical practice. The doctors made housecalls all the way from Blue Lake to Crown Point. Simple cases were handled in the office or in the home and serious ones were hospitalized in Portland.

The clientele of the practice was very faithful, and even after the office was closed, many patients followed the doctors to the medical clinic in Portland and contributed much to its growth and development.

One of the fringe benefits of the Troutdale practice was that the medical fees were sometimes partly paid with crates of strawberries and raspberries, or fresh milk and cream.

The Packards acquired a cabin in Sandy Dell on the river in 1955, an ideal place for recreation, vacations and quick retreats from civilization for the whole family while their three girls were in high school and going on to college. And when retirement time was approaching, they built their dream house in 1969 where they have lived contentedly in what is now jocularly called, "Packard's Last Resort."

Thank you to Frank Packard for writing his tidbit for us. Next month we will have a reminiscence by ROSE JONES CUMMINS about her grandfather, James Austin Jones, a local pioneer.

If you have a tidbit of Troutdale history you would like us to

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