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CAULIFLOWER, CELERY, POTATOES, BROCCOLI...WE GREW THEM ALL



The folks in the picture above are two early-day vegetable growers, Joe McGinnis and A.D. Kendall, posing with prize celery.

Our program at 7:30 p.m. Monday evening, March 21, in Troutdale City Hall will be one of our popular live interviews.

That night we feature Ted Binn of Woodland, Wash., whose father, Peter, helped found the Troutdale Vegetable Growers. Ted, his wife Alvera, and possibly his sister, will be our guests for an interview, to be taped for our oral history collection, about the industry that sustained Troutdale from about 1915 through the 1950s.

We all know how Troutdale came to be known as the Celery Capital of the World, but others were just as busy raising vegetables shipped from the Troutdale depot to markets all over the nation.

Join us for this program as well as refreshments afterward and a visit with the Binns. Ted Binn says he is supposed to be retired, but he raises lilacs at Woodland. He was recommended by Jeannie Driver as a program subject.

NEXT MEETING: Ted Binn, talking about the Troutdale Vegetable Growers, 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 21, in Troutdale City Hall.

AND AN EVENING OF HISTORY AT HARLOW HOUSE...

Ruth Evans Sundling, whose parents Lee and Mabel Evans, were the last residents of the Harlow House, will come home for a visit at 7 p.m. Monday, March 14.

She and Sharon Nesbit will sit down for a chat about the Evans family and their life in the Harlow House. We will video tape the interview for our oral history files. You are invited to sit in on this evening of history.

GIFTS FROM OUR FRIENDS...

As our annual dues come in, many of you added extra dollars to help our various funds.

Gifts to the endowment fund, which finance our society in the future, came from KAY POWERS, LUCY COLEMAN, ROBIN & CINDY LEHMAN, HAROLD & MYRTA WEATHERHEAD, HARVEY & BETTY WIEPRECHT, CLARK & BESSIE CARNEY, MALCOLM BOSLAR, COLLYN BALDWIN & BONNY BOWKER, VADEN & JO CALLISTER, LEW & FLORENCE CARROLL, MERLE & ROSEMARIE CUMMINS, RICHARD & JUANITA ESPENEL, GERRY & MADELINE GRIMM, VERENA HAGE, ED & FLORENCE HAPPOLD, ANNELIESE HAZEN, MIKE & PAULINE MORROW, SARAH & THOMAS THOMPSON, NICK & BARBARA WELSH, ROBERT & MAUDE WINNING and TRULY WRIGHT.

Gifts to our general fund, which finances day-to-day operations of our organization, came from VAL RATHMAN, LUCY TOLBERT, ADRIENNE CLAUSEN, ROBIN & CINDY LEHMAN, LORRAINE SCOTT, ROCKY & MONA DENTON, DONALD & BETTYLOU HILLYARD, GALE UNDERHILL, HERB & CLOVER NASMYTH and CLAUD & JOYCE FORQUER.

Joining the Director's Club, which helps pay the salary of director Ellen Brothers, were EVELYN JACOBSON, GLENN & HELEN OTTO, FLORENCE BAKER, LORRAINE MACKEY, BEVERLY WELKER, BEVERLY JONES (also a new member of our society), DAVID RIPMA, MIKE & ELAINE DUBESA, DONNA HAWKINS, LOIS MOLLER and JEANNE PULLIAM.

Sending contributions to the barn building fund were: DOLLY GRAHAM, in memory of Samuel Graham Sr. and Jim Graham; BOB & VERA STREBIN, in memory of Harriet Payne; FRANK & JEANNIE DRIVER; ROBIN & CINDY LEHMAN; DEBBIE SCHOEPPER; and CONNIE VAN CLEAVE.

On behalf of the officers and board of directors of the society, thanks to all. The generosity of our members and the enthusiasm of this entire society keeps us all going.

AND ABOUT OUR NEW MEMBERS...

The mail also generates a list of new members, as well as gift memberships. Greeting to newcomers CLAIRE (CARSON) FINKEL, CHARLOTTE CURRAN, JIM & CAROL DAVIS, ALVIN & MARILYN NEUBARTH and BEVERLY JONES.

Gift memberships were also purchased: LOIS MOLLER for CLARA HOWK; JUNE SHERMAN NASMYTH for JOHN SHERMAN, KATHY DOMBROWSKI & LOUISE BLOHM; DICK & VALORA JONES for SHANNON L. SHANNON; EVELYN JACOBSON for DEANNA WEINBAUM & THEORA DAVIS; EDNA ALEXANDER for JOE & AUDREY BARNETT.

A gift membership is a great way to provide a new experience for a friend.

NAMEDROPPERS...How about the Valentines Day spread in the Oregonian featuring the 50-year marriage of those two sweethearts, KAZ & HELEN TAMURA? In addition to being good to each other, the Tamuras are loyal friends of our historical society...

...And a special thank you to CLOVER NASMYTH, who, for one last time, updated our historical society scrapbook for our February anniversary meeting. Clover is retiring from that job, so we are looking for someone who wouldn't mind spending a few days each January bringing our personal society history up to date. If that kind of job suits you, call Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423...

...Just wait until you see the splendid restoration of a Victorian hair wreath and frame done for us by TERRY & CINDY HAMMOND. The pair, who are great fans of Victorian artifacts, took a wrecked octagonal frame and wreath and put it back in mint condition, even matching the exotic colors of paint. It is on display in the Harlow House.

SAVE SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 9 A.M., FOR A HOUSE & BARN WORKDAY
FREE DOUGHNUTS & COFFEE!



TREASURER'S REPORT--JAN. 31, 1994--LYNDA HARVEY

Substantial changes in totals reflect the transfer of 1993 earnings to the various funds.

ENDOWMENT FUND.....	\$ 12,538.81
OPERATING FUND.....	2,281.14
DIRECTOR FUND.....	6,023.51
DEDICATED BARN FUNDS.....	616.53
BARN BUILDING FUND.....	23,115.48
TOTAL.....	\$ 46,760.57

JOIN US FOR A TRIP ACROSS THE RIVER...

It would be shorter if we could row across the Columbia to Camas-Washougal, just as Troutdale residents did years ago when the Camas folks put on a night of dancing. But these are modern times, so we will take the bus to Washington for our Spring Troutdale Trek to the cities across the river. The day is Saturday, April 16. The cost is \$25 a person. We'll be leaving Troutdale City Hall at 9:15 a.m. and hope to be home about 5 p.m. or so.

The agenda? First a tour of the city's historic homes built by Camas builder John Roffler with a special guide. Then to the 1920 log club house of the Business and Professional Women where the Camas-Washougal Historical Society will serve us a lunch of homemade soups, salads, muffins and dessert. After lunch, a visit to the group's museum, then a stop at the Pendleton Woolen mill seconds store and, finally, a scenic ride home upriver on Highway 14. If time allows, we'll stop at Fort Cascades, returning home via the Bridge of the Gods and Interstate 84. All transportation, admissions and lunch included in the \$25 fee.

We have 25 people signed up so far, which means we'll be taking the larger bus, so there is room for all. Reserve your seat by sending a check for \$25 to the Troutdale Historical Society, addressed to Spring Trek, Troutdale Historical Society, 104 Kibling Street, Troutdale, OR 97060.

GOOD GRIEF, TIME TO THINK OF ICE CREAM SOCIAL...

The infamous steering committee, which travels on its stomach, met March 1 over no fewer than four desserts to begin planning this year's ice cream social and Harvest Faire.

Mona Mitchoff, chair of our ice cream social led a riotous meeting--fueled by all that sugar--that came up with the following ideas. We hope to have a vintage clothing show at the Harlow House. Our present plans are to invite the Swipsey Cakewalk Ragtime band and the mandolin orchestra to appear. We are looking for corporate sponsors to help underwrite the costs of entertainment. And, as a children's activity this year, we will let the kids hand-crank homemade ice cream, giving free samples to all kids and big kids.

These things we need help on: We need to borrow two hand-cranked freezers--not electric. We would like to contact someone with a portable expresso cart to serve coffee. Plan now on contributing plants to the plant sale.

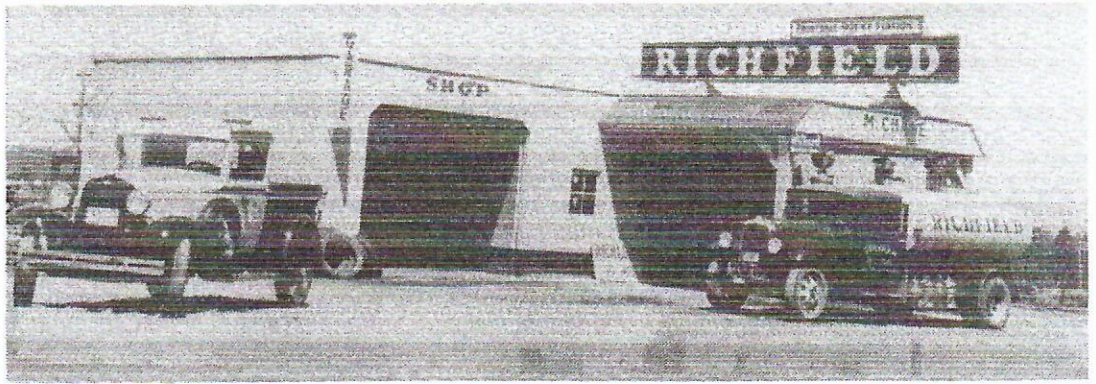
Florence Baker will be rounding up volunteers. If you can lend a hand on either June 11 or 12, give her a call at 665-9656. Especially needed are strong ice cream scoopers.

Know someone who wants to rent space for a craft booth? Call Jean Holman, 665-7678.



THE GAS STATION OF MARTIN CHASE, ABOUT 1932, TROUTDALE...

Lucy Coleman sent this photo of her father's gas station, now Phil's 4WD, as it appeared in 1932. She and her family are working on a history of the business and their life in Troutdale.



PLAN NOW FOR OUR FAMOUS KERSLAKE/BARN BRUNCH...

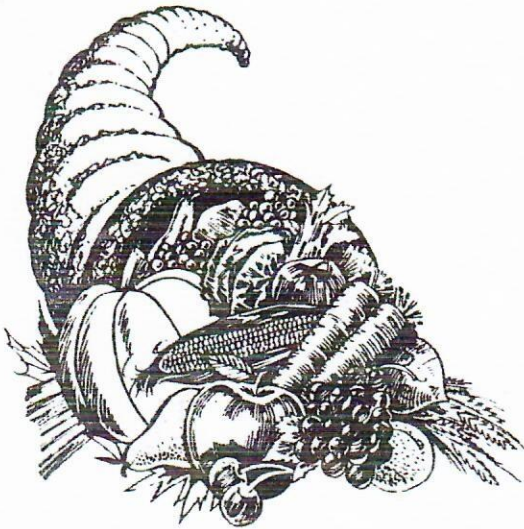
On Sunday May 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rich and Dorothy Kerslake and family will cook their famous brunch as a benefit for our barn. You may order tickets, \$5 for adults or \$2.50 for children, by phoning the museum office and leaving a message, 661-2164. If you are willing to prepare a large salad or dessert for the event, we'll offer you a free ticket. Please call Ellen Brothers at the number above. Naturally, we can always use people who would like to help serve.

THANKS to Homer Townsend for his latest compilation--the minutes of the Cedar School PTA. Want a copy? Write him at 119 W. Burgen St., Goldendale, WA 98620.

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