

BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

November, 1995

Vegetables to antiques, new life for the old shed

A vegetable shed that played a part in World War II when kerchiefed women and too few men worked to sort and ship Troutdale vegetables to the armed forces, has taken on a second life as a Troutdale antique and craft market. At 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19, our historical society gets a first-hand look at Troutdale Station, a converted vegetable warehouse just west of the historic Troutdale rail depot.

Owners Judy and George Lengelbach and Margaret and Jim Ferris have invited us to see the transformation of the shed and to hold our meeting in the building. Alice Wand, who did such superb research for last year's meeting on the origins of Caswell Gallery as a potato warehouse, will discuss this building's historic past. And we will hear from the owners about some of their difficulties in making the rehabilitation of the building a fact. They noted that when they started their work, they could see through the roof.

Bring your pin money, because there will be an opportunity to shop. Think Christmas.

The Lingelbachs and Ferrises will provide coffee afterward and Rita Giancone, Loretta Rice and Lois Schulte will bring cookies.

A list of Good News Items...

1. Stewart and Lynda Harvey donated a used photocopy machine to the Harlow House for our use. The time it will save in running after copies will be a blessing.
2. George Zifcaq has been hired to do two long-needed jobs that, the board agreed, should be done professionally. One is repair of the gazebo floor, the other is the finishing of the front of the barn.
3. Knowing that a transcript of our oral history interviews will be treasured for years, Connie Purvis, our transcriber, makes a copy for the family of the interview subject. She recently gave a copy an interview with the late Homer Lumsden to his family. Nice touch, Connie.
4. Don Curtis, ways and means chairman, is the fellow who came up with the nicely designed free passes to the Harlow House which we gave away at Harvest Faire. We'll have them at the November meeting. Plan on sending some out in your Christmas cards.



Sharon Nesbit, Editor, 665-0423

CALENDAR

Nov. 9, Thursday,
7 p.m.

Bingo, Glenn Otto
Community Park,
Earlybirds 6:30



Nov. 13, Monday,
7 p.m.

Steering Committee, barn

Nov. 16, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Bingo, Glenn Otto Community Park, Earlybirds 6:30

Nov. 19, Sunday, 2 p.m.

Vegetables to Antiques, the history of Troutdale
Station, 411 Historic Columbia River Highway

Nov. 29, Wednesday, 9 a.m.

Decorating the Harlow House for the holidays, Call
665-0423 for information

Nov. 30, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Bingo, Glenn Otto Community Park, Earlybirds 6:30

Dec. 7, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Bingo, Glenn Otto Community Park, Earlybirds 6:30

Dec. 9, Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

Christmas at the Harlow House

Community park to bear name of Mayor Glenn Otto

Troutdale City Council voted last month to honor Glenn Otto by renaming Troutdale Community Park the Glenn Otto Community Park.

The suggestion was made by our historical society and accepted by the city. Official naming ceremonies will be next July at the city picnic.

Otto, who died April 15, 1994, came to Troutdale to live on the Sandy River at the Troutdale Bridge. A former city planning commissioner, he was elected to the council in 1964 and was mayor from 1966 to 1972. He negotiated a bargain price for Troutdale's first park, a piece of Sandy River property that was formerly a church camp and with the help of a federal grant, bought the acreage for \$5,000. Two more grants built restrooms. The first city picnic was held there at his suggestion in 1972. Glenn Otto concluded his political career with 20 years in the state legislature, retiring in 1993.

In our letter we said, "Just as the Sam K. Cox Building was largely the dream and creation of former Mayor Cox, the riverside park and the savvy to buy and develop it was the work of Glenn Otto."

The Director

Ellen Brothers Says:

Ellen Brothers is taking some time off to deal with family matters in California. In her absence, Kathleen Kenny is filling in on director's duties. You may leave a message for her at the Harlow House, 661-2164.

A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Is there someone there who enjoys secretarial work, such as typing, mailing, sending notices and such. We could use such a volunteer one day a week or at your pleasure, to help out in the museum office.

HONOR ROLL OF HARLOW HOUSE HOSTS

These folks are winter hosts, October through June at the Harlow House. Take a moment to thank them when you see them, for giving a weekend afternoon to greet our guests.

- Mary Hughes**
- June Nasmyth**
- Cathy Hamme**
- Ellen Brothers**
- Jack & Roberta Burns**
- Dione Pugh**
- Florence Baker**
- Gina Giesbrecht**
- Sharon Nesbit**

- And substitutes:
- Kathleen Kenny**
 - Herb & Cover Nasmyth**
 - Lorraine Mackey**
 - Mario Ayala**
 - Lynda Harvey**
 - T.J. Kimzey**
 - Barbara Mabry**

The Harlow House is open Sat. and Sun. 1 to 4 p.m.

In this newsletter a gift of memory

The memory page inserted in this newsletter (pause here and thank Joyce Stoeckel for the extra work to put it in 550 copies) is to be a gift of memory honoring the retirement of Roy Meger and Elsie Simnitt from the Troutdale General Store. They closed the store for the last time in September.

The idea of a memory page comes from Board Member Len Otto and works this way. All of us remember stories about Roy and Elsie and the store. Take a moment to write yours down on the page enclosed.

One of my favorites is the day I had such a raspberry hunger that I made two futile trips to the store, only to find out that Kaz Fujii had not been there yet with the first berries of the season. Elsie stopped by my house to personally deliver them on the way home, as well as the cream to eat with them.

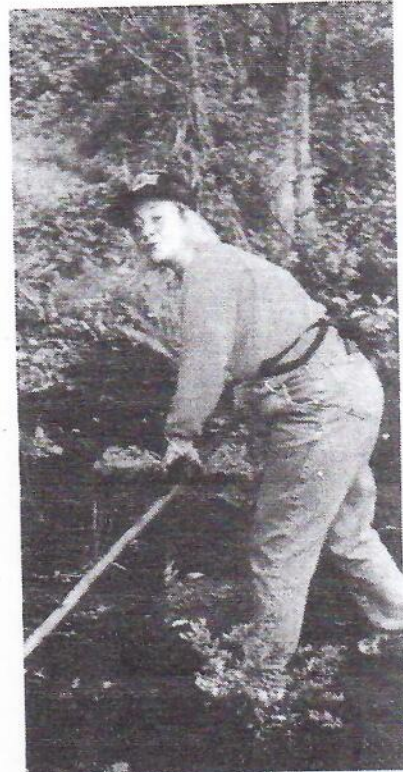
If you simply have good wishes to extend to Roy and Elsie, write that. Maybe you have a photo they'd enjoy. Whatever, fill out your page and mail it to us. We will photo copy them for history's sake, then mount the originals in a book to be presented to them at our Harlow House Christmas party, Dec. 9.

Please don't dilly-dally and get it lost in all your Christmas mail. The ones that come in late make it hard on the volunteers who will be putting the book together and late submissions may not make it into the book.

One More Time

That little fruit jar that sat on the counter of the Troutdale General Store for years, yielded several hundred dollars for our society. The last donation from Roy and Elsie and their patrons goes to the Endowment Fund.

Got any old Green Stamp books lying around? Shirley Lambert gave us a bunch more stamps. We're working on getting a new coffee pot.



Patti Polly Digs In

The transformation of the area around the gazebo at the Harlow House into a native plant garden, complete with a boardwalk that links it to the trail up the canyon to the former Dix strawberry farm, is largely the work of Patti Polly and our parks workers.

She conceived the idea, obtained a city parks department budget to get it done and last week rallied children and volunteers to do the planting and rounding up press coverage to make sure that other folks know about it. You may have seen the story on television or in The Outlook or Oregonian.

Polly is one of those folks who can do it all, she organizes, she makes the pitch, and when it comes down to it, she puts on her waders and climbs down in the muck to plant reeds and other swamp stuff. Good woman.

Gifts to the Barn

C.E. "Ed" & Verita Finegan
J. Frank Schmidt Charitable Trust

TROUTDALE GOES TO WAR GATHERING INCLUDES THESE VETERANS AND THE ONES AT HOME, IN THE SHIPYARDS, ON THE FARMS



From Left: Ed Happold, Dick Jones, Peter Giancone, Sam Cox, Jim Workman, Scott Cunningham, Ray Estabrook, Herb Nasmyth, Clover Nasmyth, Walter Nasmyth, Bob Dix. Not shown is Virgil Carmichael and Ernie Cerehingo who somehow escaped the drag-net at photo time.

On the day after the death of Maxine Andrews (she and two other Andrews sisters sang Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy) on Oct. 22, we met in Sam K. Cox Hall (named for a World War II vet, incidentally) to honor those who served in armed forces and at home during World War II and to savor the music.



Almost to a person, the people who served in the war told us they felt lucky to have got a chance to come home. And among those at home Maxine Carmichael, Lois Schulte and Lois Mitchell worked in the shipyards. June Sherman was at Bremerton hiding in a dark basement when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and people feared attack on the West Coast. Lois Mitchell joined her husband, Mike, at Fort Lewis, paying \$25 a month to live in a chicken coop with a dirt floor.

One young man's claim to fame was that he was a war baby. We had Spam sandwiches and other Spam treats, and war cake, made without eggs or milk or much fat. Some was better than others. Nancy Cox can't cook anything bad. Sharon Nesbit's tasted like lava with raisins in it. Maxine Carmichael, shown in 40's get-up at right, played music of the era accompanied by Tim Halseth (war baby) on the drums. Cathy Hamme prepared an exhibit of some of our society's artifacts from the period. About 70 people attended. Thanks to Connie Purvis, Jean Holman and Maude and Bob Winning for their work in setting up and cleaning up.

Depression or War Cake
 1 1/2 cup raisins
 2 cups water
 1 teaspoon soda
 1 cup sugar, brown or white
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 2 cups flour
 chopped nuts, if desired

Boil raisins and water together. While still hot add soda. Cool mixture. Then mix the remaining ingredients in the same pan with the raisins and water. Bake at 325 degrees in an 8-by-8 inch pan until done.

From Clover Nasmyth

We are continuing to collect photos of members who served in the Armed forces in World War II. Please send us a picture we can copy (portraits with the studio label on the back cannot be copied according to law). We will return your photo to you when we are finished. A donation to help pay costs would be appreciated, but is not necessary.

**WELCOME
NEW
MEMBER:
Bill Troxel**



Maxine Carmichael, 1940s piano player.

FROM KATHLEEN, THE BINGO QUEEN

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have consistently helped each Thursday with our bingo game. The reward for their efforts is \$3,902 in the Troutdale Historical Society bank account.

Our volunteers have worked hard and deserve a big round of applause. Hurray for: Sadie Riley, Cindy Hammond, Pat Ehr, Dione Pugh, Ed & Florence Happold, Doris Wooley, Dick & Valora Jones, Pam Christian, Linda Murphy, Cathy Hamme, Bud & Marilyn Neubarth, Marge Schmunk, Penny & Leona Balch, Beverly Welker, Adrienne Clausen, Carole Klinger, Agnes Stiles and Donnie & Janice Moline.

Special thanks to Sam Cox, Carolyn & Harvey Taylor, Bill & Sharon Nesbit, Bill Jackson, Jessica Kenny and Paul Smiley for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty.

From Kathleen Kenny, Bingo Manager

Henry Kellogg got a chance to visit the type of plane he flew in the Pacific on our Trek to the blimp hangar at Tillamook, Oct. 14. Mario Ayala grinning in the cockpit is a host at the Harlow House but doesn't know diddly about flying planes.



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