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Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.



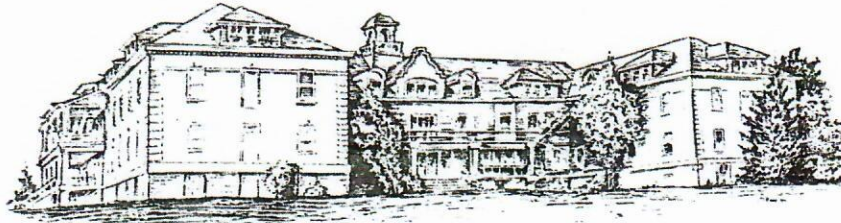
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REMEMBERING THE POOR FARM...

Verne Jones, the last administrator of Edgefield Manor, and Mike McMenammin, the new owner of the manor, will be featured at our first meeting of the new year, at 2 p.m., Jan. 13, in Troutdale City Hall.

Continuing our New Year's tradition of presenting a plaque to a Troutdale historical site, we will give McMenammin a marker telling the story of the former poor farm, which began in Troutdale in 1911.



Edgefield Gardens Village

DRAWING OF EDGEFIELD ON MCMENAMINS PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

Edgefield was the subject of a four-year fight by our historical society to prevent Multnomah County from tearing it down. The complex of buildings begins a new life next year as one of the McMenammin Pubs and Breweries. The first Edgefield wine has been made there, some work is underway in the building and the grounds are being restored.

In a video taped interview, we plan to talk to Verne Jones about the past and Mike McMenammin about the present. This meeting is a good opportunity for former employees of the farm to come and tell their part of the Edgefield story.

Following the meeting, we will gather for coffee and cookies provided by Clover and June Nasmyth.

A NOTE ABOUT THE WEATHER: In accepting our invitation to the Jan. 13 meeting Verne Jones writes: "I remember on the 13th of January 1950 you would not be holding a meeting in Troutdale because of a blinding snow storm which started on the 13th and lasted several weeks."

Should history repeat itself, the meeting will be postponed to February 17. Our meetings are automatically cancelled when hazardous driving conditions exist.

AND IN OTHER BUSINESS...

* The January meeting will be the first nomination of officers for our February 17 election. If you know of a candidate for office or if you are interested in serving, telephone Vera Strebin, 665-2756.

* Also, we will discuss a proposal to move our regular meeting date to Sunday afternoon, a practice we now do only in the winter months.

CHANGE OF DATE... Please note in your 1991 calendar that the ice cream social has been moved to Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16, and expanded to two days, to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

BUYING INTO THE BARN...

Our barn-builder Dick Jones has divided some future projects into smaller pieces.

As a result, BILL AND FLORENCE BAKER have made a gift to pay for the cost of the inside panels on the barn doors. If you would like to buy a piece of the action by buying a piece of the barn, here are some projects that need doing and their costs:

1. Trim (casings) for 9 windows - \$75.
2. Trim (casings) around 4 exterior doors - \$50.
3. Trim boards around eaves - \$85.
4. Trim for hay door - \$75.
5. Corner boards on barn - \$40.
6. Miscellaneous nails and doodads to do the work - \$100.
7. Cement for door pads - \$200.
8. Panels for the inside of the front doors - BAKER GIFT.
9. Exterior front sliding barn door - \$500.
10. R19 insulation - \$2,000.
11. Workshop sink and fittings - \$100.
12. Two bathroom doors with hardware and closures - \$400.
13. Three storage room doors with hardware - \$300.

In addition, BILL AND MARIE STONE and JOHN AND KAY POWERS made Christmas gifts to the barn fund to be used where needed.

ABOUT THAT ASTORIA TRIP...

For those who also are calendar-deficient, the date was incorrect in last month's newsletter on the planned day-long trip to Astoria. That event will take place on SATURDAY, APRIL 6, when Sharon Nesbit will lead a small group of Troutdale Trekkers on an all-day jaunt to the Maritime museum, the Flavel mansion, possibly the city's new fire museum and whatever else time allows.

For flexibility, we plan to keep this group to about 16 people, so let Sharon know if you want to be part of this trek. Bob and Joan Rittel have already signed on. The price will be announced in our February newsletter.

NEW GROUP TO MEET JAN. 12...

A concept for two major fund-raising events a year has been suggested by Janet Renfro, who organized our fall Harvest Faire.

Renfro, who is a professional events organizer and now head of the jazz events preceding the Mt. Hood Festival of Jazz, has advised that we focus most of our fund-raising efforts on two events a year, our June Ice Cream Social and our fall Harvest Faire.

While we will do other things (we are, for instance, still hunting for a date for our famous Kerlake brunch) most emphasis will be centered on these events. Judy Jones has said that Tad's will be happy to return for another Harvest Faire. Marge Schmunk and Mona Mitchoff have offered to run the plant sale at an ice cream social. Gene Bui has agreed to arrange music for both days of the social. Renfro will act as a consultant.

To make these things happen, we are organizing a steering committee to work year-around on both events. That group meets for the first time for a sack-lunch at the Harlow House at noon, Jan. 12. If you have skills to offer or would like to be on the steering committee please call Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423, or Lynda Harvey, 284-4224.

THE GREEN THUMB CLUB...JEFF and CONNIE VAN CLEAVE, LAUREN STOECKEL and ALEX JONES have all adopted Harlow House flower beds to care for next summer. A herb bed, a wildflower garden, native plant bed, rhododendron bed and others still need "parents"

MEMBER OF THE MONTH - TED SCHULTE

No one will ever forget the contributions Ted Schulte has made to this historical society. He was instrumental in adding on to our first museum in Troutdale City Park, he personally did most of the early restoration in the Harlow House and he still serves as vice president of the society.

But some people may not know that Schulte represents us as chairman of Troutdale Bingo, a game run by our society and three other groups in Troutdale. In addition to seeing that the game goes on each Thursday beginning at 6:45 p.m., he orders the supplies and works several nights a month as a cashier. Bingo proceeds boost our treasury by more than \$2,500 last year.

Ted and his wife, Lois, lived in Sandy for several years, but they have recently moved back to Troutdale where he is near the Sandy River and can keep an eye out for spring smelt runs.

IN MEMORY...

HOMER LUMSDEN, who spoke to our society not long ago about the history of the SunDial Ranch, died last month on the golf course at Boring. Homer and his wonderful recollections of local history will be much missed.

Donations in his memory have come from: ETHEL PETERSON, BOB and LOUISE DIX, JOHN and JUNE NASMYTH, HAROLD and FLORENCE FRY, ROBERT and EVELYN PAINTER, PAULA RYAN and VERNE and MARION SUTTON.

We also have learned of the death at age 102 last summer of CORRA STARKS of Sioux Falls, S.D. Born Corra Symes, she, too, had connections with the SunDial ranch, where her father worked.

Her daughter and son-in-law, MYRTA and HAROLD WEATHERHEAD, made a donation to the endowment fund in her memory.

We are indebted to both Corra and Herman for their wonderful recollections of early life in Troutdale.

A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER...

It was a happy Christmas at the Harlow House this year and there are people to thank for special efforts. The lace angels on our Christmas tree were donated anonymously by a craftswoman who wrote, "Each year I try to make a different angel to raise money for my charity giving and am pleased to share with your group. I truly do this with a sincere heart so no recognition or thanks are needed."

But we can thank MALCOM BOSLAR who sends a box a juniper from Bend each year. And DONNA KLUEHE who organized and decorated the lace Christmas tree and THE COURTURIERS on Foster Road, who donated the tree. MIKE and PAULINE MORROW loaned us a sound system. Our decorators were: JEAN HOLMAN, DOROTHY STURGES, BARBARA WELSH, LYNDA HARVEY, FRANK DRIVER, DICK JONES, SAM COX and SADIE RILEY. HEIDI WILSON arranged the evening bag display. Our outside decorations and candlelit windows earned us an award for Christmas lighting from the Troutdale Area Business Association, soon the Troutdale Area Chamber of Commerce.

ALEX JONES cooked the pot of soup that fed the workers. BILL NESBIT bought the provisions. TED SCHULTE was Santa Claus. The TROUTDALE LIONS donated Santa's candy. Hosting the house during its special Christmas hours were: SAM COX, DICK JONES, GENE BUI and SHARON NESBIT as well as our regular hosts, LYNDA HARVEY and JACK and ROBERTA BURNS.

FROM WASHINGTON...

Marj Kasch and Jim Baird have moved to Quincy, Wash., where, before Christmas, they reported 12 degree weather. "With this cold, clear air, sound carries so that a train three miles away sounds out in front," Marj writes. They send their best to all their friends and add "Our roots are deeply rooted on that green wooded hillside."

WELCOME...DEBBIE CURTIS, Troutdale, is a new member of our society.

ABOUT YOUR DUES...

If your February newsletter comes with one of our new donation/membership envelopes attached, that means payment is due.

Membership fees have been changed. Dues are: \$5 for an individual membership; \$8 for a couple; \$15 for a family; \$100 for a lifetime membership and \$125 for a business (with a monthly listing in our newsletter.)

Any questions? Call Joyce Stoeckel, 665-0026.

NAME DROPPERS...Donations to our general fund have come from CHARLES BISHOP, who also is a new barn volunteer, and from ROY MEGER and ELSIE SIMNITT, who keep a jar for spare change on the counter of the Troutdale General Store. That little jar generates a surprising amount of donations. Roy and Elsie also sell our Troutdale T-shirts... Congratulations to our friends at the GRESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY who got their new carpeting installed in the old library just 45 minutes before their pre-Christmas open house. The building has new paint and a new ceiling and looks wonderful...Thanks to KAZ and HELEN TAMURA for the donation of winter pansies for the Harlow House...Thanks to DONNA KLUEHE for the gift of glue gun to help with decorating...and to HERB and CLOVER NASMYTH for donation of a stainless steel coffee pot...JO and VADEN CALLISTER hosted a lunch and a dessert at their home last month. Both events were auctioned off in our Harvest Faire.

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