



# Bygone Times

Newsletter of the

*Troutdale Historical Society*

March 2008

## Please Mark Your Calendar

### March 16

1940s Radio Show by Dennis Crow. Come remember what it was like to "imagine."

### March 22

Troutdale/Fairview Elementary School Reunion at the Barn Musuem 5 p.m. to ???  
Call the Depot for more info  
503-661-2164

### April 19

Museum Round Robin  
All Day Event

### April 20

**Program Meeting 2 p.m.**  
Sharon Nesbit will interview  
Elsie Simnitt at City Hall

### We need your help!

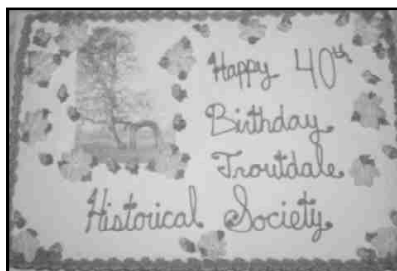
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## Annual Membership Meeting Celebrates THS 40th Anniversary

### Munson's Announced As Members of the Year



Helen Wand presents member of the Year Award to Dave and Jennifer Munson at February's Annual Meeting



Cake with a picture of Lover's Oak Tree was served at the meeting



Mike Carrick gave a presentaion on guns. As always, his programs are a real hit.

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## 2 From the Director's Chair

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by Terry Huston

Please accept my apology for the shortened newsletter this month.

There have been some sad events here at THS that have required our time and efforts elsewhere. My Dad passed away on Feb. 28. While he had not been well for a long time, one is never ready for the passing of a family member, especially a parent who you have looked up to your whole life. It leaves a really big hole in your world as you have always known it.

The other tragedy was the accident that involved Sheryl's niece and nephew. Her nephew is physically

o.k., but deals daily with the fact that his sister is still fighting the fight of her life.

Yesterday, Aimee made some monumental achievements. She ate three solid meals, and because of her eating solid foods she was able to get rid of her feeding tube. She obviously is more relaxed and less agitated. Her walking ability is getting stronger and her vocabulary seems to be improving. Here is the link to Aimee's update.

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/aimee10>

### This one's for you Dad!



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#### Homer John Echert Townsend

May 27, 1917-Feb. 25, 2008  
Gresham resident Homer John Echert Townsend, 90, died Monday, Feb. 25.

Homer was born May 27, 1917, in Bakersfield, Calif., to Edward Pecos and Louise Green Townsend. He was raised in Troutdale and graduated from Gresham Union

High School. In 1949, he earned his master's degree in educational administration from the University of Oregon, and he completed advanced graduate study at George Peabody College.

He served in the Navy during World War II, rising to the rank of lieutenant commander and earning five service medals and two Bronze Battle Stars.

In 1980, he married Alice Rice. Homer worked as a missionary and educator with the Presbyterian Church. He retired in 1977. Homer was also a member of the Cherry Park Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by his wife in 2005. BGA Memorial is handling arrangements.

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Please call Adrienne Clausen at 503-665-5288 to Volunteer

### Upcoming Events

#### March 22

Troutdale/Fairview Elementary Reunion ~ at the Barn Museum  
5p.m. - ???

#### April 19

Round Robin Museum Tour  
Phillip Foster Farm  
McLoughlin House  
Barclay House

#### April 20

Oral History  
Sharon Nesbit will interview Elsie Simmitt

#### May 3

Tea & Tour at Troutdale House by the Sandy River  
next to the Depot

#### May 17

Cemetery Tour  
Fort Vancouver & Beyond

#### June

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social  
**More info later!**

## March 16th Program Meeting at City Hall

**Bring your old Radio to the 1940's Radio Show. There will be a contest for the most unique and the oldest! This will be a fun show, so be sure to attend!**

## The Bulbs are in!

If you ordered gladiolus bulbs at the Troutdale Birthday Celebration last October, they are here at the Depot.


If you did not order and would like to have some, they come in a cloth bag with a Trout print (hand sewn by our Tuesday Ladies) and there are ten bulbs per bag and the cost

is \$10.

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A. D. Kendall and Clarence Parsons were among the pioneers in the flower industry in Troutdale. The Malcom family was also known for their gladiolus. Jack Malcom never got over his love of flowers and owned a flower shop in Gresham for many years.

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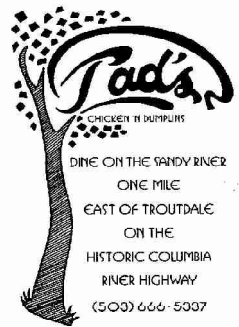
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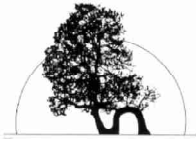
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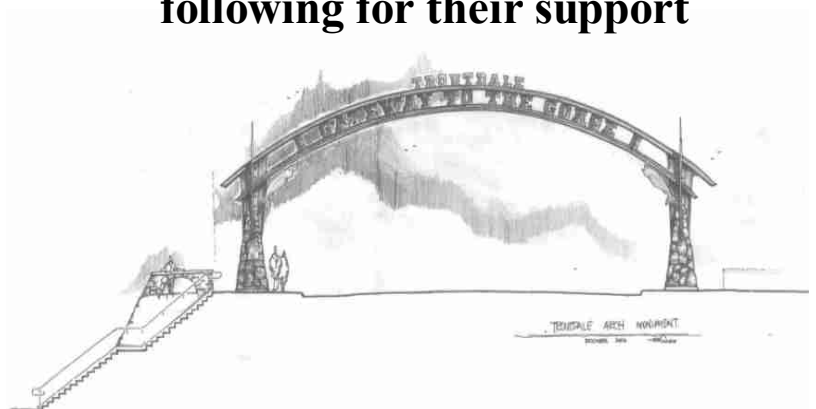
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