

REFLECTIONS

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Newsletter of the Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society



FRWHS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY *Wednesday December 12th 6:00 pm*

*Fairview Community Center, bottom level
3rd & Harrison, Historic Fairview, Oregon*



*It's Potluck!!
Hot dish, Salad or
Dessert*

*Bring a gift \$5.00
Or less...*



FRWHS
P. O. Box 946
Fairview, Oregon 97024
503-261-8078
www.frwhs.org

Important Dates

*1874 Zimmerman
Heritage Farm
17111 NE Sandy Blvd
Gresham, Oregon*

House Tour
3rd Saturday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Volunteer in the Garden
2nd Saturday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Volunteer in the House
Every Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

*1893 Heslin House
60 Main Street
Fairview, Oregon*

Volunteer in the Garden
2nd & 4th Saturday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Volunteer in the House
Every Tuesday
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

FRW Society

Monthly Board Meeting
2nd Wednesday
6:30 pm
Heslin House
(open to everyone)

Jessie May's Corner - by Kim Kirk



Jessie Zimmerman Millar never had children, never went to college and was not a teacher. She did however, start a scholarship fund that is still assisting children with their education today. In amongst her papers I have found many documents regarding the proper upbringing and education of children. One artifact keeps tantalizing me to read it over and over; it is a small piece of paper with tiny print entitled, State of Oregon-Questions for Eighth Grade Diploma-January 1915, and in reading the list of questions I think back to the things that I was taught in eighth grade where we were supposed to have reached a stage where we were able to learn how to be a good citizen and to value what citizenship stands for.

We were taught American history; we learned about the War of 1812 and the Civil War. The thing I remember most was memorizing the Gettysburg Address and having to stand in front of the class and recite it from start to finish without any assistance if I faltered or forgot a word. We learned about the branches of government and what they do. I remember being very interested and wanted to do well, but was not very adept at remembering the dates that matched with names and events.

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GIFTS

FRW Board of Directors
Dodi Davies, President
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Zimmerman Collections Curator
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Zimmerman Fund
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George McDade

Thank You

Donations to the Heslin House in Memory of Jim Raze

*Clifford & Patricia Dorr
Jason Schuler Investments
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Zimmerman Garden Shed – A New Roof!

The garden shed at the Zimmerman Heritage Farm was donated to us by the City of Gresham several years ago. The roof was beginning to leak and show its age, so a small group of volunteers stripped the old roof, replaced some of the plywood, laid new felt/composition, and replaced all of the fascia boards. We want to thank Dodi Davies, David Peters, and Dave and Twila Mysinger for tackling this project and Wade Phillips for hauling away all of the debris! If you're sorry to have missed out on this fun – we'll be replacing the trim and painting/staining the exterior next spring:

Call Twila at 503-695-2597 to volunteer!

2007-2008 New and Renewing Members!

NEW MEMBERS

Fred Aegerter
Linda Forest
Catherine Fritts
Joseph Gall
Janet Hall
George & Joyce Lingelbach
Fern Patrick
Twelve-Mile Disposal Services
Anne Wheeler

RENEWING MEMBERS

Linda Adams
Rita Aegerter
Lila Jean Allen
John Andersen
Shirley Mae Anderson
John Andrew
Dolores Backus
James & Margaret Billings
Marilou Bohmann
Rosemary Bottaro
Larry Callister
Vaden & Jo Callister
Marguerite Campbell
Joanne Carrato
Marjeanne Cartisser
Mavis Case
Ric Catron
Beverly Christman
Elise Coiteux
Alice Cornwell
Dodi Davies
Jack & Bernice Davies (Thanks Pop,
Thanks Mom)
Evelyn DeYoung
Rosemarie Dick
Robert & Louise Dix
Art Dodd & Diane Plumridge

Dorothy Duddington
Alice Duff
Elsie Edwards
Quinten & Dorothy Fadness
Fairview Elementary School
Dorothy Felker
Richard Ferguson
Daryl & Darlene Gabriel
Betty Gallagher
Stephanie Graves
Gresham Antique Glass Club
Barbara Ham
Vinnie Hammond
Dorothy Hancock
Ivan & June Handy
Gladys Harlow
Peggy Hart
Donna Hawkins
Ted & Janette Hockaday
Roy & Nancy Hoover
Mae Vasey Huston
Orlin & Barbara Huston
Wm. & Louise Jackson
Evelyn Jacobson
Kathleen Jensen
Leland & Mary Lou Johnson
Karen Jordan
George & Carole Klinger
Helen Knudsen
Arthur & Ann Kracke
Paul & Lee Ann Labby, Evan & Alex
Betty Larsen
Lael Larger
David & Judith Lenhart
Brian & Sharon Little, Amber & Eric
Susan Livingston
Wm. & Rose Loitz
Margaret Maggy
Lee Matthews
Gregg Meck
Carolyn Meerzo
Gwen Mitchell

Gary Moller
Wm. & Lois Moller
Marilyn Morrison
David & Jennifer Munson
David & Twila Mysinger
George McDade
Jeanette McDermid
Doris Nelson
Wm. & Sharon Nesbit
Ron Orstad
Terry Ozbun
Jeanne Pulliam
David & Pat Reardon
Charles & Paula Rees
Helen Rees
George Riley
Lewis & Cynthia Rink
Anna Bell Rosene
Mureen Rutherford
Robert Salter
Janice Sedlacek
John Skoglund
Lois T. Smith
James, Lorine & Theresa Snyder
Phyllis Sowers
Betty Jean Spence
Margaret Splawn
Marie Stone
Glenn & Betty Storms
Donald Surface
Harriet Tegart
Richard Tracy
Leon Vasey
June Walker
Margaret Warren
Norman & Louella Webb
Nick & Barbara Welsh
Wm. & Gloria Wetmore
Wilkes Elementary School
Dean & Vicki Wright
Maureen Zehendner

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PAY YOUR DUES!!

Dues were due on 6/1/2007.

If your name is not listed above, you will find a Dues/Donation form in this newsletter for your convenience. Just fill it out, enclose your check, slip it in the mail and you're all done! If you have any questions concerning your membership status, call Nancy Hoover at 503-665-3253.

**Need a 2007 tax deduction?
 Donate to:
 Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society
 P. O. Box 946
 Fairview, Oregon 97024**



<u>Donations</u>		<u>Dues</u>	
General Fund	_____	Individual	\$15.00
Heslin House	_____	Family	\$25.00
Zimmerman House	_____		
Endowment Fund	_____		
Total Enclosed		_____	

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

WILKES NATURAL AREA AND BRIDGE ARE DEDICATED

By Nancy Hoover

On September 22nd, Roy and I attended the dedication of the new and improved Wilkes Natural Area & Bridge, which was hosted by the Wilkes Community Group. This Natural Area is across the street from Wilkes Park, 3655 NE 154th at Beech Street, and is a 2.2-acre conservation easement. The Wilkes Community Group is to be commended for receiving a grant from Metro's "Nature In The Neighborhoods" program.

In partnership with SOLV, volunteers contributed 645 hours removing non-native vegetation (blackberries!!), planting native specimens and hauling away a large amount of garbage, due to many years of illegal dumping.

The new pedestrian bridge, which replaces some logs, crosses one of the few remaining fresh-water creeks that flows into the Columbia Slough. This bridge and a well-maintained pathway provide easy access to all of the Natural Area.

Roy & I were unaware of the Wilkes Park and this Natural Area until we noticed a small article in the Outlook newspaper regarding this dedication. The Wilkes Community Group has done a tremendous job of "care-taking" with this small natural area in the middle of a residential community. It took a lot of work to rescue this special place so that people can now enjoy the serenity and the educational value that can be experienced there.

Jessie May's Corner, *continued...*

The test I found tantalizes me with places I do not remember learning about and topics I do not remember discussing. I know that today, if I had to take this test, without doing some research and a lot of studying, I would not pass the eighth grade in 1915, would you?

State Of Oregon
QUESTIONS FOR THE EIGHTH GRADE
January 1915

TO THE APPLICANT: Select any ten of the following questions.

TO THE EXAMINER: Grade the first ten answers only.

GEOGRAPHY

1. (a) Locate and briefly describe the Tumalo Project in Oregon.
(b) What county in Oregon was divided recently into two parts?
2. Locate Marshfield, Ashland, Newport, Burns, and Dallas.
3. Give the three principal resources that have contributed to the growth of each of the following: Oregon City, Baker, Astoria, North Bend, Medford, and Lakeview.
4. Name the eight nations classed as World Powers, and give the form of government of each.
5. How will the completion of the Panama Canal help the growth of Oregon?
6. (a) What two products of Alaska add to the wealth of the United States?
(b) What great wealth has Alaska that has not yet been developed?
7. Why is commerce especially important in the northeastern States?
8. (a) Name five exports sent from New Orleans to other countries.
(b) Name five exports sent from Boston to other countries.
9. Name the chief product and locate the capital of each of the following countries: Argentina, Venezuela, Peru, New Zealand, and Egypt.
10. Locate Antwerp, Lille, Warsaw, Liege, and Lodz.
11. Name the six leading pig-iron producing states of the United States.
12. In which state and on what river is each of the following: St. Louis, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Kansas City, St. Paul, and Omaha?

Fairview Memories Wanted!



Now it's Fairview's turn to have a 100th birthday party. The Gresham Outlook is working with the city's centennial committee to publish a Fairview centennial publication similar to the one created for Gresham's centennial in 2005.

In this case, **The Outlook** will seek stories submitted by Fairview's citizens about life in the city. We already have wonderful tales from Helen Rees, and a store of stories from Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society (most recently the great piece of Baker's Beanery). We have students who will be writing on the topic "If I lived 100 years ago" which we hope to include.

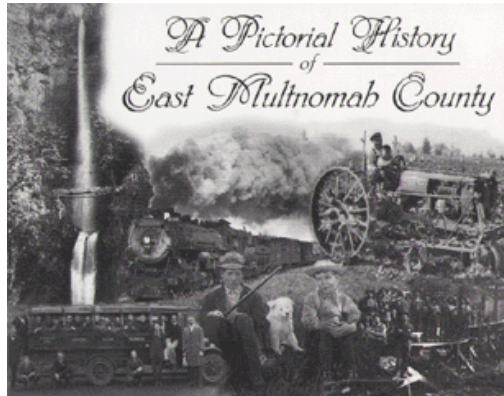
Got a picture of yourself and your family on the front porch? Or at Blue Lake? Got a little story to go with that? It doesn't matter if the stories are short, in fact that's nice because we can fit a lot more in if you have a story about your life in Fairview and want to make it part of the city's centennial history, then the Fairview centennial publication (to be published sometime in the summer of 2008) is a place to mark that momentous date.

Can't write, who cares? It's the memory that counts and Outlook reporter **Sharon Nesbit** will edit the pieces and help you out.

Send your stories by e-mail if you can, by regular mail otherwise, to snesebit@theoutlookonline.com, or at **P.O. Box 747, Gresham OR 97030**. Please think about what pictures you'd like to include, but don't send them at this time. We don't like losing precious photos so we'll get back to you on that. You will, of course, give us your name, address, phone number, etc., so we can keep in touch.

A Great "Holiday Gift" Idea!

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Four local historical societies joined forces with the Gresham Outlook to showcase their historical photos in this publication.
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