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A few photos about Marylhurst Campus History



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PRESIDENT NANCY TONGUE'S CORNER

I am honored to be president of OHC this year. Under George Benson's outstanding leadership we refocused and revitalized our mission. We are here "To assure and promote the preservation of our history and culture." It is exciting to work with our wonderful executive director, Jude, and dedicated board members.

Many of our strong annual events are just around the corner. The Historic Home Tour is coming up in May; the Collector Car and Classic Boat Show is in August; and the Art Show is in November. Our First Wednesday presentations and changing exhibits continue to be inspiring, informative, and fun! Many citizens have donated historic items for our collection; stop by and take a look.

We also have new creative plans and activities in the works. For example, we are looking into ways to add more educational programs for our entire community with a strong emphasis on reaching out to children. Historic roses now grace our gardens, and we hope future landscaping will entice more visitors to stroll through. A volunteer group is being formed to help with all of our projects and to keep our doors open longer.

We want everyone in our community to know who we are, what we do and to join us! Please tell your friends and neighbors about their historic society and encourage them to become members. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Historic Home Tour on May 14th!

Photos from the vault:



FROM LEFT - GREAT AUNT ESTHER PRATT, AUNT ETHEL ADKINS (MCCOBBERT)
 JOSHUA JEREMIAH ADKINS, GRANDFATHER
 CORA BLANCH PRATT ADKINS, GRANDMOTHER
 HAROLD CLAY ADKINS, UNCLE
 GOODIN QUARRY - LAKE OSWEGO, - 1910 OR 1911



GOODIN QUARRY - LAKE OSWEGO - 1910 OR 1911
 FIFTH FROM LEFT - WILLIAM JOSHUA PRATT
 ON RIGHT TWO MEN STANDING: JOSHUA JEREMIAH ADKINS
 JOHN WILLIAM HENRY ADKINS

The comments on the photos were written by the Pratt family.

A Special thank you to many special people:
 St Honore of Lake Oswego for supplying wonderful pastries for our Annual Meeting
 Bernard C for the fantastic chocolates for First Wednesdays
 HPSO- for the grant for our rose garden
 Brian DeTar for tuning our new Baby Grand Piano, it sounds wonderful!

Memberships are due January 1st each year. You can renew by mailing a check to us, or you can now renew your dues online at www.oswegoheritage.org. then click membership (scroll to bottom to donate online).

Friends	\$25	We value your membership and participation, and we are looking forward to your 2011 membership renewal.
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Business	\$100	Remember the Car/Boat Show is August 21st, register your car/boat online now.

A Little Bit About Oswego History By Nancy Dunis

Maybelle Clark Macdonald's philosophy of giving began at age 9 when her father – timber baron William Clark of Willamette Industries – started teaching Maybelle the value of a dollar and how to spend it. That lesson seems to have stuck. Macdonald started the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund in 1970 with the mission to “relieve the misfortune and promote the well-being of mankind.” The Fund is one of Oregon’s largest foundations. Beneficiaries have included Clark Commons at Marylhurst. ChristieCare, formerly the Christie School for Girls) the library at Jesuit High School, and many others. Macdonald founded the Albertina Kerr Guild and Meals on Heels which became the Loaves and Fishes Meals on Wheels program and the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Center and Residence. The Macdonald Fund also acquired state-of-the-art medical equipment for the Maybelle Clark Radiation Oncology Center at Providence Cancer Center.

Nick-named “Middy,” Maybelle Clark was born in 1916. The family first lived in Linton, Oregon; then in 1925 moved to Portland. The family home was located at the intersection of NW Lovejoy and Cornell roads. Middy attended Ainsworth Elementary School and Catlin Gable High School. After graduating from Catlin she attended Mills College and later graduated from the Cordon Bleu Culinary Institute in Paris. Middy Clark Macdonald and husband Fred lived in Lake Oswego from 1970 until 1990.

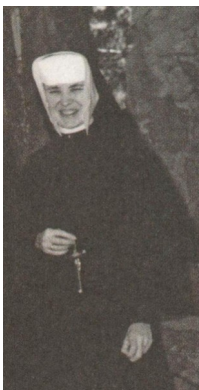
Hallinan Elementary School was named in honor of one of Oswego’s pioneer families – William and Kate Hallinan. William Hallinan, at the age of 21, emigrated from County Clare, Ireland to the eastern United States. Poverty-stricken he was lured west to California in search of gold. Hallinan got as far as Nebraska where his journey was interrupted by a stint in the Union Army. By the time he was discharged, the gold rush had fizzed out so he plodded on to Oregon, land of opportunity. William settled first in Oregon City and then in Oswego. He met his wife Katherine (Kate) De Lashmutt in Oregon – possibly in Oswego. They had six children: Elizabeth, Herbert, a daughter who died in infancy, Leonard, Margaret, Ethal.

The family settled on the F. A. Collard donation land claim on the south side of Oswego Lake. The original farmhouse, built in the 1870’s, still stands at 1335 Bickner Street. The property where Hallinan School stands is also on the original land grant acreage. This land was mostly used for farming hay, onions and potatoes. After William died in 1913, his son Leonard continued to farm the acreage. In the early 1900’s Leonard served on the school board. In 1967 a bond issue was passed authorizing funding for the purchase of the 9-acre site and construction of a new school. Ground-breaking took place in August 1979; the school opened September 2, 1980. Original architectural drawings for the new school showed no classroom doors. Was this a mistake or a stroke of genius? We’ll never know.

Dona Marie Bryson was only four when she joined her older sister Wanda at The Christie Home for Girls, an orphanage run by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Dona remained at the orphanage until she was nine when she was adopted by the Jordan family.

A gifted singer, Dona was often asked to share her vocal talent by singing to the Sisters who were in the infirmary. Because the Sisters were cloistered Dona would sing to them from behind the door. Dona earned vocal scholarships to St. Mary’s Academy and Marylhurst University. Dona Marie Jordan entered the novitiate of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary In 1953. She took the name *Sister Wanda* in honor of her own sister. As a novitiate, Sister Wanda was part of the crew who worked in the laundry building at Marylhurst doing the washing and ironing for all the Sisters, the Christie school, and the students.

Sister Wanda completed her student teaching at Christie School. She taught in several Holy Names elementary schools in Oregon. Later in her career she served as principal in many of these schools and she became Dean of Students at Marylhurst University. Now Sister Wanda supervises student teachers at University of Portland. A life-long educator, Sister Wanda currently is on the board of ChristieCare (formerly The Christie School) and the board of Marylhurst University. She says “I felt like I was coming home.”



Sister Wanda Circa 1960



Sister Wanda today, she is as lovely as her smile.

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