



*Grove Furniture Store (see story p. 2)*

## Mark Your Calendars for National Preservation Week Activities

The 1997 National Preservation Week will be observed from Sunday, May 11 through Saturday, May 17. Forest Grove will celebrate the occasion using the joint efforts of the City Administration, the Historic Landmarks Board, Pacific University, and Friends of Historic Forest Grove. Other community organizations also will be invited to participate. In addition, the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, the Historic Preservation League of Oregon, and the Washington County Historical Society will be invited to send representatives.

Some specific events during the week will include:

May 12 – The Eric G. Stewart Award will be presented at the City Council meeting in recognition of outstanding contributions towards historic preservation

May 16 - 18 – “Rehab Oregon Right” Preservation Workshop. Friday night, reception and slide presentation on historic Forest Grove. Saturday, workshop concerning treatment of historic properties. This will include a variety of concerns including windows, insulation, and financing for restoration projects. A guided tour of Old College Hall on the campus of Pacific University will also be provided. This structure, now a museum, is of National Register status and is well worth seeing. To conclude the workshop, on Sunday an on-site rehabilitation evaluation will be conducted by the Rehab Oregon Right experts.

As National Preservation Week approaches watch for more details on these events in your local media.

# Preserving Forest Grove

Newsletter of the Historic Landmarks Board

## FG Marks 10 Years of Preservation

In the fall of 1986, the Forest Grove City Council passed ordinances adopting the Inventory of Historic and Cultural Resources and amending the Zoning Ordinance to implement protection measures for specific resources. These ordinances were six years in the making.

On September 8, 1980, the City Council voted and passed City Ordinance 80-15 establishing the Forest Grove Historic Landmarks Board (HLB). City Council members then serving were James Hills, Mayor; Roger Pellow; Thomas Stearns; Allen Stephens; Calvin Clayton, Sr.; Kathleen Morris; and Ora Faye Thogerson.

Citizen volunteers appointed by the City Council to the HLB were Carolyn Buan, Sander Cakebread, Mary Cowan, Barbara Wedell, Doris Burlingham, Gladys Haynes, and Susan Thompkins-Larrance. We are fortunate that one member of the original board, Gladys Haynes, is still an active board member, achieving a length of service that will not soon be equaled.

On September 27, 1982, the City Council requested that the board undertake a four-part program to correct deficiencies that the State of Oregon had noted in the Goal 5 portion of the City’s Comprehensive Plan. The Council had acknowledged as early as 1980 that an inventory of historic and cultural resources needed to be developed.

September 30, 1985, the HLB presented its draft Inventory containing 132 buildings and 21 non-structural resources, plus a draft preservation ordinance to the City Council. During the summer of 1986, the Planning Commission considered the draft Inventory and ordinance at a public hearing and a series of work sessions. After some revisions to the draft ordinance and Inventory, they were passed on October 27, 1986.

Since its inception, the HLB has been fortunate in having other citizen volunteers who also took seriously the tasks outlined in the ordinance and subsequent City Council action. The current board, now functioning under Zoning Ordinance 9.790, still retains responsibility for the maintenance of the inventory and register.

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## Grove Furniture Store: "The Most Elegant Store in Forest Grove"

"Collections in the Attic," owned by Cathy Rowley and Dana Gore, resides in the newly renovated Grove Furniture Building at 2020 Main Street. Gore was glad for their store to be at street level – business is better than when they were on the second floor of a building on Pacific Avenue. Rowley added, "I think it's the premiere building in Forest Grove. It lends itself to what we have in there."

"Collections in the Attic" opened in the building in October and now houses 23 antique vendors. The building had been vacant since 1992 after Forest Grove Furniture closed.

We call the historic building the "Grove Furniture Building," but originally it was the Woods and Caples General Merchandising and Dry Goods Store. The building was built in 1893, and owned by J.W. Caples and his partner J.C. Wood. In 1895 it became known as Caples and Thomas General Merchandising and Dry Goods. A local newspaper described it as the most elegant store in Forest Grove. That could be said today as well, especially since the recent face lift the building received from local contractor Jerry Kramer and Rowley's husband Jim.

By 1905 the building housed the Hoffman and Allen Company, a general merchandise store. In 1913, Hoffman bought the entire interest and changed the name to A.G. Hoffman Co. As of 1991, when the last inventory assessment occurred, this building retained its original wood decoration. It has preserved its integrity as an example of 1890s commercial style architecture.

The building is nearly square in design. The most impressive elements are the three square bays with one over one double hung sash windows on the second floor of the front facade. The first floor recessed entry has seven plate glass, fixed windows. Wood panels have replaced the mezzanine level windows. This is the last building on Main Street that still has its original wood floor elevated slightly above sidewalk level.

Local remodeler Jerry Kramer did much of the remodeling which did little to alter the looks, but still met code guidelines. The Historic Landmarks Board members are appreciative as well as those of Forest Grove who value the local heritage.

## 100 Years Ago

### December

- Geo. Naylor sold a saddle horse to Wm. Frazier of Portland this week for \$100, a pretty fair price for these times but it was a good animal.
- Hon. Sam Stott, political orator of the Yamhill line, was held up in Portland last week and freed of his silver to the tune of \$2 as he was returning from an evening call.

### January

- Mr. F.S. Barnes returned Wednesday from Salem where he has been observing the inactivity of the legislature.
- The new graded road near the Bert Stewart farm is almost passable.
- **To Loan** - Some money. Edward L. Naylor
- Taffy pull at Vert's Hall tonight.
- Doctor C.L. Large reports a son weighing 11.5 lbs, born to the wife of Mr. Walter Bernards on the nineteenth instant.

### February

- There is talk of a company being organized to build a plank road from Glencoe to Portland, probably using the timber along the road and sawing on the spot with a portable sawmill.
- Rev. Mr. Walker was in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday attending the meeting of those interested in securing a monument to properly mark the burial place of Dr. Whitman, "the man who saved Oregon."

### March

- If you want your lamps to give good light, call A.T. Boos' and get one of the indestructible lamp wicks. It only has to be trimmed once. It never burns out or smokes.
- Shaving 10 cents, haircutting 25 cents at the Eagle parlor, next door to Hughes and Sons hardware store. Good work and courteous attention. Drop in and see us. Johnny Liles, proprietor.

*From the Washington County Hatchet-Forest Grove Times.*

## Events Calendar

### Thursday, February 13: Lecture "Technology and the American Home"

Presented by Pacific Northwest preservation architect Susan Boyle, this lecture is a kick-off for the HPLO series (see following item). The lecture will be at the OMSI auditorium. There is no charge for the lecture. Contact Mary Jo Morelli, 357-0223, for carpooling information.

### Thursday Evenings, February 20-March 13: HPLO Lecture Series "On the Street Where You Live"

This annual lecture series will look at preservation of historic residential neighborhoods. The cost for HPLO members is \$35 for the series. FHFG is a member and will purchase tickets for its members at the member price. Non-member price is \$50 for the series. Prices include a Portland home tour on Saturday, March 15. Tickets for individual lectures are available on a space-available basis. Lectures will begin at 7:30 at the Aladdin Theatre in Portland. Contact Mary Jo Morelli at 357-0223 for tickets and carpooling information.

### Thursday, February 20: Video Presentation "Building on the Past: Oregon's Preservation Spirit"

Presented by Friends of Historic Forest Grove, the program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Rogers Room of the Forest Grove Public Library. The video is approximately half an hour long.

### Beginning Saturday, March 22: A History of the West Tualatin Plain (Forest Grove)

This four-session class is offered by Friends of Historic Forest Grove through Pacific University. The first meeting will be a Saturday tour of Forest Grove. The class will continue Monday evenings, March 24, 31, and April 7. For more information, contact Mary Jo Morelli at 357-0223.

### Saturday, April 5: Dating Old Photographs and Photography in the Willamette Valley

Another FHFG program, held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Senior Center. Robert Brown will speak on the development of the photography industry in the Willamette Valley. Bring your original family photos for dating and learn what to look for if collecting is your interest. Tom Meyer will be set up to make photo duplications of your old pictures at cost.

### May 11-17: National Preservation Week (see page 1)



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### Of Note:

*Frank Manly Warren, a Pacific University trustee, died on the Titanic April 14, 1912.*



*This "Logo for Forest Grove" (above) was designed and executed by Damon Morelli for an illustration class at Pacific University. You may recognize the building as Old College Hall on the Pacific campus. Trolley cars*

## **10 Years** (continued from page 1)

This past fall, 10 years after the first ordinances were passed, the HLB was instrumental in passage of revisions to the ordinance. Changes included clarification of certain language, making it easier to get properties listed on the local register, and the addition of about 35 buildings to the local register.

Through the years, HLB members have been aware of the great public educational, economic, environmental, and cultural value of the heritage and character of our city to the welfare of its citizens. We take pride in the contributions of our original members and all those who have served since 1980.

*ran in Forest Grove from 1906 to 1911. The man was copied from a photo of an unidentified pioneer farmer, representing Forest Grove's agricultural roots. And the tree was inspired by a News Times photo of the historic Watts house property.*

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