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"Every subject known to man can be found on a post card" - Club Motto

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Next Meeting – November 15, 2008

At Russellville Grange – 12105 NE Prescott Street

10:00 am to 4:00 pm – Card sales to begin after the business meeting

Annual Meeting – 2009 Election of Officers

1:00 pm – View Jerry Kelly's new and expanded slideshow of

The History of Post Cards and Post Card Collecting

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President's Corner

Several Webfooters worked very hard on a historical display at Palmer Wirf's Antique & Collectibles Show on October 24-25. With two days for setup, the display was a four day project. Steve Kenney and your editor worked on displays to commemorate 60 years since Vanport was destroyed by a flood and 90 years of shows and exhibitions at the Expo Center. Irene Adams took pictures of the display and several can be seen on pages 4 and 5.

With help from the Northwest Vintage Radio Society, which he joined in 1975, Mark also coordinated a display with 5 large showcases of old radios, postcards, photos and related ephemera depicting Portland's early radio days. There were radios, microphones, horn speakers and memorabilia from the 1920s and 30s as well as an early "Suitcase" TV from 1948 with a 7 inch screen. There was also a sign which hung at the bandstand at Blue Lake Park in the 1950s.



We want to thank Kenn Lantz and Irene Adams for all of their help with setup, takedown and staffing the booth. Beginning in 2009, Palmer Wirfs will fill only two halls and not three, so there may not be room for a display. This may be our last display.

Well, it is election time and the current slate of officers has agreed to continue giving their time to direct The Club and to keep The Webfooters growing and vibrant. Alas, we are still in need of someone to step forward to track our Membership and renewals. In times past, we have always had someone step forward when we had openings on the board. Some of us can't continue giving so much forever, so where is the new generation to help guide us into the future? Start your own write-in campaign or just share your ideas with us.

SHOW DEALERS – It is time to sign up for tables for our show in April to get in on the early bird discount. The deadline: all contracts must be in the hand of the show chair by 12-31-08. You can print the [Show Contract from a PDF file](#) on our Web site at: www.thewebfooters.com.



Members In The News

Some of you may have seen Tony Roberts, member number 1635, on the news turning in a batch of ballots at Election Headquarters on election night.

Those of you who read the Yamhill Valley News-Register from McMinnville know that Bob Fulham, member number 932 (shown at right), was featured on October 11 for his post card collection, which includes many historical views of Yamhill County and early Oregon as well as many other topics.

Photo courtesy of Marcus Larson/News-Register.





November 15th is shaping up to be a very important day for Webfooters. We invite everyone to attend our Annual Meeting and to give us your ideas and suggestions. As we celebrate the beginning of our 43rd year, we need your input to guide us and to make our meetings more worthy of your participation.

We will hold our election of officers for 2009. The Club has been holding onto our members very well. It is so amazing that we have lifelong members from 40 years ago that attend our meetings and participate in our activities: we salute Sara Jean Lyon, member number 31; Al Powers, no. 58; Don Swearingen, no. 68; Lois Powers, no. 75; and Jocelyn Howells, no. 138.

Join us for lunch on Saturday, Nov. 15, then, at 1:00 pm, stay for Jerry Kelly's new and expanded History of Post Cards and Post Card Collecting. Jerry's slideshow gives a fairly complete overview of what to look for when collecting postcards. Just in case you were getting board with collecting the same cards all the time, you'll want to see the postcards Jerry has been scanning and capturing over the last year. He was able to scan hundreds of cards from dealers and members at our Show in April. Jerry has also gone to several members' homes to scan cards.

Jerry says he has presented the program to 15 – 20 groups including: retired teachers; Lions Clubs; Rotary Clubs; and Kiwanis Clubs; retirement centers; nursing homes; historical societies; and Veterans groups. All gave rave reviews.

The word on the street is that there will be about 15,000 unseen postcards at our November meeting that are from newly acquired collections. We expect to see members and dealers from near and far at the meeting.



Historical Display at Palmer Wirfs Antique & Collectibles Show



Steve Kenney filled this showcase with photos, postcards and memorabilia of the largest military housing community in the United States at Vanport, the second largest city in Oregon. It opened in 1943 and washed away in the flood of 1948. There were very rare views of Vanport before the flood and many views after the flood.



Steve and Mark displayed items in the 90-year history of shows and exhibitions at The Expo Center as well as the surrounding Stockyards. Included was a large display of postcards and memorabilia from Oregon's Centennial which was held there in 1959. Mark filled the case on the right with postcards, photos and memorabilia from Portland's TV stations.



Included in the display were 9 studio microphones, postcards, photos and memorabilia from Portland's radio stations.

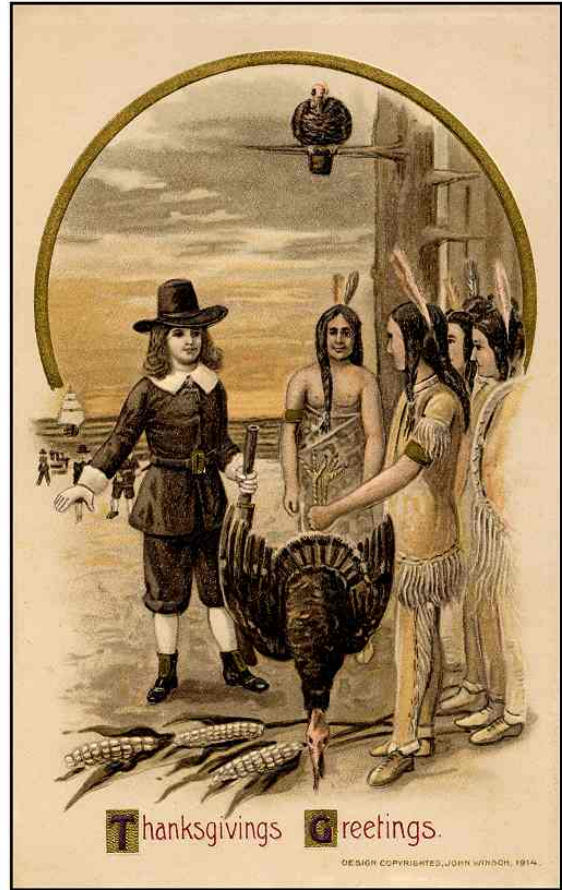


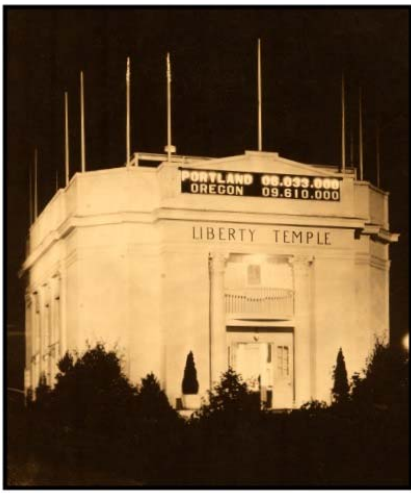
Some highlights of the display were several locally made radios, including a 1924 Halowat Home Radio Receiver and a Hallock & Watson Police Station transmitter (Portland's first) also made in Portland. There were horn speakers and a set of three "Nipper" dogs that RCA Victor made for "His Master's Voice."

On the right, are 5 beautiful "Cathedral" style radios and several art deco table models made in the 1930s, including the classic "Pontiac" Philco table radio, as well as postcards, photos and more memorabilia.

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Thanksgiving Greetings





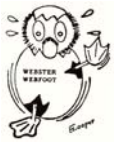
Glimpses of Portland's Past Portland's Liberty Temple



During World War I, patriotic Portland volunteers used donated materials and funding to build Liberty Temple as a place for patriotic rallies and the state headquarters for the Third Liberty Loan Drive. In March 1918, workers finished the bulk of the construction in three days and completed the entire job within several weeks. Julius Meier, the son of Meier & Frank founder Aaron Meier (who later became Oregon's governor), led the building committee. The classically styled building, flanked by two miniature replicas of the Statue of Liberty, was located in the middle of Sixth Avenue between Southwest Morrison and Southwest Yamhill.

The national Third Liberty Loan Drive encouraged Americans to purchase loans to fund the nation's World War I campaign. Meier and others urged all Portland workers to participate in the drive by investing in national war bonds. Oregon was the first state in the nation to reach its drive quota, which was \$18,495. Many Portland residents, members of the press, and drive leaders considered people who did not buy bonds to be dangerously un-American. Librarian M. Louise Hunt, for example, was pressured to resign her city job after she steadfastly refused to purchase Third Liberty Loan bonds. Hunt, a pacifist and conscientious objector, was vilified in the local newspapers.

Liberty Temple, which was also used as an employment bureau, did not last long after the war ended. In 1919, storeowners and others complained that the building blocked traffic, and it was relocated to the intersection of Park Avenue and Salmon Street. The temple was torn down in 1920.



Club Officers

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Calendar

November 12 – Webfooters Board Meeting at Elmer’s Restaurant (no host)
 10001 NE Sandy Blvd – 6:30 pm (Board Meetings held every other month)

November 15 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange
 12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

December 20 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange
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