

OF POTS AND PANS AND COOKING THINGS.....

The Troutdale Historical Society will meet on Monday evening, January 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale City Hall.

We've planned two events for the evening.

This meeting will be the last opportunity to turn in old recipes for our cook-book of pioneer cookery. We are also asking members to bring old-fashioned cooking utensils for display.

We also intend to study the history of the Douglass family in Troutdale. A special guest will be Dr. Irene Douglass Waldo, located for us by members Mike Coons and Nat Wilson.

IN MEMORY OF.....

Bill Lewis, charter member of the Historical Society, died recently. His funeral was held Monday, January 10, in the Douglass Cemetery.

ON THE BARLOW TRAIL.....

Mrs. Clare Belsher, the "Oregon Trail lady", has been very excited lately with discoveries at Summit Meadow on Mt. Hood where Barlow Road travelers camped.

Still in evidence at the meadow are fire pits, wagon ruts, a corduroy road and a number of pioneer graves. The meadow, while privately owned, is endangered now because of a snowmobile trail which comes very near the site.

Mr. Charles Hogan, owner of Summit Meadow, is concerned that the snowmobiles will damage the historic site when the snow level drops in the spring.

ABOUT OUR BUILDING.....

The young men of the Neighborhood Youth Corps have roofed half of the Historical Society building in the city park. The roofing, bought in quantity with a city purchase, has cost us less than we expected.

Once the roof and gutters are complete we can begin to work and think on the interior of the building.

The living Christmas tree used at our December meeting will be planted nearby.

ALL THOSE CHRISTMAS COOKIES.....

As reported in last month's newsletter we asked members to bring a little extra Christmas baking to pack as gifts for the boys of the Youth Corps.

Wow, did we get cookies! There was enough to pack a heaping plate for each one and a box left over which they devoured at a city-sponsored Christmas party two days later.

The Society also provided punch for the party and our living Christmas tree was left in the hall to provide decoration.

The boys were amazed at the cookies and other gifts given to them by the city council. One commented, "Nothing like this happened to us last year when we were working in Portland."

READING MATERIAL.....

Mr. E.L. Meyers, who spoke on the Barlow Trail at a recent meeting, has written a number of feature articles on Oregon history for the Gresham Outlook. They will be appearing from time to time and will include such topics as early postal service, the first school district and the racy reading material offered in the 1850's.

ANOTHER BIRTHDAY COMING UP.....

In February the Society will celebrate its fourth birthday. That meeting will also include the election of officers and collection of dues for the period from February 1972 to February 1973.

The nominating committee will announce a slate of candidates at the January meeting and nominations will be accepted from the floor.