

A 16TH BIRTHDAY SURPRISE...

The program is a surprise at the next meeting of the Troutdale Historical Society, Monday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall. So we can't tell you what will happen but we urge you to be there for our 16th birthday celebration. And you might bring your flash camera.

Birthday cake will be on the menu. Our cake bakers are Nancy Cox, Sharon Nesbit, Marie Stone, Mary Allen and either Helen Otto or Helen Althaus (we don't know for sure which Helen because Sam forgot to write down the last name. We hope they know.)

BIRTHDAY BUSINESS...

Our anniversary is also the time to elect officers and pay dues.

Our slate of candidates is as follows: President, Sam Cox; Vice President, Alex Jones; Secretary, Nancy Cox; Treasurer, Ted Schulte; and on the board of directors, Bob Sturges, Chuck Blanchard and Bob Kerlake. Nominations will be open at the meeting.

About dues -- they are \$3 a year per person and, unless you have paid yours in the last two or three months, they are due now. If you would like to have an affiliate membership with the Oregon Historical Society the cost is \$13 which is \$2 cheaper than for an Oregon Historical Society membership alone. OHS membership includes a subscription to the Oregon Historical Quarterly.

If you can't attend the meeting, dues may be sent to Ted and Lois Schulte, 17655 SE Bluff Rd, #1, Sandy, Ore. 97055. This is a good time to make certain your address is correct also. And it's a wonderful time to sign up a new member.

HANG ON TO YOUR LIDS...

Remember those Maxwell House coffee lids we asked you to save for a new 50-cup percolator? Ted Schulte has done some further checking and it's the plastic lid we want, so keep those lids comin' in, folks.

OUR NEW SOUND TECHNICIAN...

Due to technical problems we don't fully comprehend, the official society tape of last month's interview with Chim and Tillie Howell was ruined. But John Nazmyth saved the day. He borrowed Steve Kenney's tape, assembled a whole batch of wires and gadgets and retaped it for us. Bless his heart.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS...

Faye Harlow was feted with a 75th birthday reception in Tigard Feb. 4...We are sad to report the death of Ken Cone who provided our society with fine copies of historical photos taken by his father...and former Harlow House caretakers Ken and Linda Grassman, now living in Salem, are the parents of a baby girl, Kimberly Jean, born Dec. 9...Jack Malcolm suggested we call Josephine Helming Jackson in our search for a photo of missing mayor John Hudson. Sure enough, Josie knew where to track the picture down and we may have one soon...Nathalie Wilson has been voted a lifetime honorary member of the society in recognition of her \$1,000 donation to our barn fund.

ABOUT BAD WEATHER...

Though Feb. 20 is a bit late for a bad storm, remember that our meeting is automatically cancelled if driving conditions are hazardous.

Last month's meeting resulted in some great recollections of "big storms I have known." Members recalled the 1921 ice storm which resulted in a buildup of ice 8 to 10 inches in diameter. One witness actually saw a cow blown off her feet. Others recalled an 18-foot snow drift in the storm of 1949 or 1950. Other remembered storms occurred in 1937, 1936 and 1941-42. Sam Cox recalled a hysterical story about the time the east wind caught his heavy coat and kited him straight down Columbia Street and under Edna Alexander's car.