

#### DID WE EVER HAVE A SCHOOL BELL?

A study of the history of the Troutdale school will be on the program of the Troutdale Historical Society, Monday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall.

The 1893 newspaper mentions the lack of a bell in the belfry. Did Troutdale school ever get one?

A brief history of the school, the result of research by Sharon Nesbit and Gladys McGinnis, will be given. The earliest records located to date show that our school is at least 100 years old since a Multnomah county superintendent reported it as inadequate in 1873.

Al Martin, principal of Troutdale elementary, will loan us records and pictures from the school vault for the meeting.

We are asking members to bring pictures and to recall memories of their school days. This is sure to develop some good stories about the school.

#### STANDING ON OUR SOAPBOX...

Historical Society speakers were in demand last month. President Alex Jones spoke to the Troutdale Lions club, explaining our work and aims.

Sharon Nesbit presented two programs on local history to fifth and sixth graders at the school. A number of students volunteered to write history papers which will be displayed at the March meeting.

Finally, Mrs. Nesbit spoke on the history of Troutdale school at a gathering of teachers and staff members who work or have worked at the school.

#### NEW MEMBERS...

Georgia Yaw, Ginger Allen, Faye Harlow and Wm. Nesbit are all new members of the Society. Collection of dues at \$2 per person began last month. Dues may be paid to Mrs. Helen Otto, secretary, or Mrs. Justa Hewitt, treasurer.

#### DATE ON CHURCH RECEIVED...

Thanks to help from Earl Churchill, pastor of the Troutdale Presbyterian church, we have been able to determine the date of the beginning of the little, white frame church at Third and Harlow. Mr. Churchill loaned the Society an old abstract which shows that the land was purchased in 1895 in the name of Troutdale Methodist Episcopal Church by Thomas Keller, Joseph Cone and John Roberts, trustees.

#### A BOOK OF FAMILY HISTORIES...

As announced at the last meeting the Society will publish a book of pioneer family histories. Those families who have lived in the area 20 years or more are eligible to submit histories. General information should include: date of arrival in the area; members of the family and their descendants; schooling, occupations; homes and memories of early life in the community.

#### CONTRACTORS AT WORK...

Except for minor touches, one room of our historical building is complete. President Alex Jones picked up a hammer and paneled one of the front rooms last month. Completion of the second room is underway with help from Fay Davis and A.R. Kerlake. The board is considering the purchase of protective screens for the windows to prevent vandalism.

#### NEW-OLD OFFICERS ARE SEATED...

In a unanimous ballot cast last month the slate of officers from the previous year were elected. Receiving honors were Alex Jones, who begins his third term as president, and Ray Moore who has been vice-president for five years. Surprise gifts were presented to both.

IT'S TIME TO PREPARE ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL BAZAAR.