

HISTORIC NEWS...

Steve Kenney, intrepid collector, will present the program at our next meeting of the Troutdale Historical Society on Monday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city hall council chambers. Kenney has selected news reels, mainly of World War II vintage, to show in a special film presentation. The films hark back to the days before television when the filmed news reel was an important way of learning what was going on in the world.

As in all our film evenings, booing and hissing will be permitted.

Alice Wand and one of our new members, Harry Smith, co-owner of The Rusty Nail Antique store in the old Doolittle home, will provide the refreshments.

FROM HERMISTON...

Edna Bramhall Ellis, now a resident of Hermiston, stopped by the other day to reminisce about Troutdale. She recalls that it was her father, Harry Bramhall, who tore down one of the old Harlow houses north of the present Harlow House and salvaged materials from it to build the Lee Evans (now Dalton Williams) house. Jim Howell, she says, was always Harry Bramhall's "sidewalk superintendent."

She added that the upstairs flooring in the Williams house was salvaged from the original Harlow home. She said that when Dr. Tomlinson bought the house, he had the walls filled with sawdust. This caused Harry Bramhall much concern because he was afraid the house would rot.

In relation to the homes and out-buildings on the Harlow property, we have asked Jim Howell to draw a map of the site as he remembers it with all the related buildings and barns. We invite other members to do the same so we can get some idea of how the property developed.

OTHER HISTORICAL TIDBITS...

Josephine Helming Jackson has given us the obituary of Lucile Harlow, the daughter of Fred and Lucile Harlow, first occupants of the Harlow House. Little Lucile died of typhoid at the age of 11, "a child of rare beauty and much promise." Josephine recalls that the child's ashes were kept on the windowsill at the top of the stairs in the Harlow House.

Members recalled a former Troutdale resident, Lester Freeman, at the October meeting. A picture of Freeman's family has been given to the society by Mrs. George Schatz.

Bob Kerslake donated a picture of an old Kerslake Road Home. He, incidentally, was named Citizen of the Year by the Columbian Grange at Corbett.

Bill and Florence Baker believe the old Iliff Methodist Church mentioned in a Methodist history as being at Troutdale, may have been the one near their place on Troutdale Road.

Troutdale police chief George Haddock gave us color pictures of the moving of the freight car from the Union Pacific tracks to its new place behind the rail depot.

And Don Seyler gave an old car maintenance manual.

JUST PLAIN TIDBITS...

Someone made off with Helen Otto's slotted spoon at our October potluck and she would like to have it back. Sharon Nesbit spoke on the history of Troutdale to members of the Troutdale Association of Businesses last month. Most of the businesspeople are interested in developing the business district with a historic theme. Just in case you didn't notice - caretaker of the Harlow House Ken Grassman has installed a light in the parking lot at the end of the brick walkway. It is an old kerosene lantern, electrified and mounted on a post. (Ted Schulte's brainy idea.) And Linda Grassman has taken the somewhat drab kitchen curtains in the house and trimmed them with a new contrasting ruffle. She is also planting bulbs in the front flower bed. And Harry Smith and Ron Martinez, new members and owners of the antique shop mentioned above, have offered to help us with displays in the Harlow House.