

DECK THE HALLS...

Rather, deck the Troutdale city hall for the Historical Society's annual Christmas party, Monday evening, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. in the city hall.

Special musical entertainment will be provided by Uncle Walt and His Boys. Walt Swirtz is owner of the gift shop in the old bank building on Columbia Street and is fond of old-time music. He has promised a number of old favorites in addition to Christmas music.

We will have a Christmas tree and members are urged to bring homemade or old-fashioned decorations. Is anybody up to stringing popcorn?

There will be time for remembrances of Christmas past and plenty of opportunity to taste the best Christmas baking of Society cooks. Each member is asked to bring his or her favorite Christmas goodie for the refreshment hour.

CONSIDER NEW OFFICERS...

This month is the time to name a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for our February election. This is particularly important since several of our present officers have said, after several years of service, that they will not stand for election another year.

They say that a healthy, viable organization should circulate leadership duties among the membership to avoid the trap of having the same people perform the same chores each year.

This is the time to consider other candidates for various posts. Take time out to consider what office or task you could perform for the Society.

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM...

Rankin Davis has donated a cross-cut saw and a corn knife for our tool collection. Dr. Irene Waldo contributed a rag doll and Laura Imthurn gave a lovely, handmade christening dress and petticoat once worn by Ray Moore. If anyone has a large sized doll it would be useful to display the christening dress.

IN THE NEWS...

Charter Member Truly Wright will resign this month after several years as Troutdale city recorder. Happy retirement, Truly. Mrs. Wright's retirement puts an end to a long-standing city joke. Until a few years ago she also served as municipal judge. Not too many towns could boast of having a Judge Truly Wright.

ANY PROGRAM IDEAS?...

Suggestions for future programs at the Society's monthly meetings will be appreciated. Do you know anyone with an unusual collection of antique items, pictures or memories of Troutdale who could provide a program?

FOX FAMILY PICTURES...

Following our meeting last month, Bill North, great-grandson of Aaron Fox, early-day Troutdale store owner, provided the Society with several pictures of the Fox family which we are having copied for our files.

A CHRISTMAS BOOK...

In the 1930's, Paul Keller, Oregon Journal artist, did a series of sketches of old buildings and scenes in the Portland metropolitan area. Many of his subjects have long since disappeared. Keller's sketches have been reproduced in a book, "Oregon Historical Vignettes", published by Binford & Mort which sells for \$10.

Of special interest to this area is a sketch of the old Twelve-Mile house. Despite two year's effort we have been unable to find a picture of the famous old roadhouse and we would like to add this new book to our library collection. The book would make a good gift choice for history buffs.