

**POTLUCK...**

Only one word, POTLUCK, is needed to describe our last meeting of the year, Monday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. (Please note earlier time) in the city park building. (Also note change in location.)

Bring a potluck dinner dish and a place-setting and silverware, if you wish. Silver and paper plates will be provided in addition to a beverage and a meat course.

No program has been planned in order to leave time to tour the Harlow House following the meeting.

**AND THEN, THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL...**

Our ice cream social will be held Sunday, June 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the city park building. At our May 18 meeting we will have a sign-up sheet for duties. Especially needed are hosts to serve hour-long shifts in the Harlow House during the social.

For our country store, we will need plants--either house plants or the nursery variety and home-made cakes and other baked goods for the balm sale.

Our special display at the ice cream social will be dolls and toys. If you have a doll or a special old toy, please bring it for display. We recommend you bring only large dolls or toys since it's easier to keep an eye on them. We will have someone keeping watch over the display table.

Ethel Peterson has already made the afghan that will be given away in the drawing. We'll have it at our May meeting in case you would like to risk a quarter on it.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, the day before the social, we are asking volunteers to meet at the city park where we will parcel out the strawberries to be hulled and readied for the next day.

We will also need flowers to decorate the tables. If you have some to spare, bring them on Sunday morning, anytime after 9:30 a.m.

**BE A SMELT EXPERT...**

From time to time you receive an extra sheet of historical material with your newsletter. This month we are offering a list of the opening days of smelt runs 1913 through 1981. We believe it is the most accurate list ever offered. It is compiled from fish commission resources, stories in The Gresham Outlook and from Ted Schulte's records. Now you, too, can be a smelt expert.

**LAST MONTH...**

We learned a lot about ourselves and how all of us immigrated to Troutdale at our April meeting. Some is certainly material for another program. Gifts given to us at that meeting are: an early day Troutdale Lions Club brochure and Bonneville Dam postal cover from Tillie Howell; a 25-cent Canadian currency from Alice Worthington; a history of Camas, Wash. from Edna Alexander; and the donation of his father's Elgin watch from John Nasmyth.

Later in the month, Morrie McGinnis gave us a beautiful rock daphne which has been planted by the front step of the Harlow House. Dalton Williams once again mowed the lawn for us. Sam Cox, Alex Jones and Ted Schulte planted 40 azaleas around the driveway circle. And caretakers Ken and Linda Grassman have seeded new lawn in areas that were just weed patches at the Harlow House.

Now we are in need of an angel who can come up with a treated pair of poles, or one telephone pole which we can cut in two to use to mount our Troutdale Historical Society sign in front of the Harlow House. If you know where we can get such poles, please contact one of the officers.

**LAST MEETING...**

This will be our last regular newsletter and meeting of the year, though you will get one more mailing as a reminder of the ice cream social. In addition, we will be in touch about the city picnic and any other events we have this summer. Remember, The Harlow House will be open each Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. in the summer. Our first meeting of the fall will be Oct. 19.

RECORD OF SMELT RUNS IN THE SANDY RIVER  
Compiled by the Troutdale Historical Society

1913 - April 8  
1914 - March 24  
1916 - April 4  
1917 - April 21  
1918 - April 2  
1919 - March 15  
1921 - March 29  
1922 - April 11  
1924 - April 28  
1925 - March 26  
1926 - April 1  
1928 - March 12  
1929 - April 9  
1930 - March 18  
1932 - March 26  
1934 - March 4  
1936 - March 27  
1940 - March 6 - March 18  
1941 - March 14 - March 24  
1942 - March 19 - April 1  
1943 - March 25 - April 1  
1945 - April 1 - April 15  
1946 - March 28 - April 8  
1948 - March 27 - April 11  
1949 - March 24 - April 9  
1951 - April 5 - April 10  
1952 - April 8  
1953 - April 20 - April 29  
1954 - April 1 - April 7  
1956 - March 29 - April 10  
1957 - March 26 - April 1  
1971 - March 23 (just a few)  
1974 - Feb. 26 - March 26  
1975 - March 27 - April 5  
1976 - March 23 - April 4  
1977 - March 12 - March 26  
1978 - March 23 - March 25 (few smelt)  
1979 - March 13  
1980 - March 8 - March 15  
1981 - March 7