

A PRICKLY SUBJECT.....

One of the newest hobbies in recent years is the collection of different varieties of barbed wire. Many different types of barbed wire were developed over the years and have become collector's items.

Mr. Wallace Marriage, an East Multnomah county resident, will be present at our next meeting, health and weather permitting, to show his collection of wire and a book on the subject.

The meeting will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall. We will follow our usual policy in regard to weather: if road conditions are considered hazardous the meeting is automatically cancelled.

A number of hearings on water and sewer improvements will be held at the same time on the lower floor of the city hall necessitating the absence of our members who serve on the city council. Other citizens are welcome to attend the hearings and drop in to our meeting any time they are free.

ANOTHER YEAR....

Next month, February 19, this Society will celebrate its fifth birthday. In addition to election of officers the time has come for collection of annual dues of \$2 per person.

We have come a long way since that first February meeting 5 years ago. We can now look forward to the time when we open our museum, the Society has a substantial collection of historical material, a fine library and many loyal members.

President Alex Jones would like to see next year devoted to adding more members to our group. Bring a friend to our meetings.

CONSTRUCTION....

The final touches were completed this week on the installation of a gas furnace in the museum building. President Jones outlined the progress of the building at the December meeting. To date we have spent about \$840 on remodeling costs. Of that amount half was raised in special fund raising projects.

Best of all, the Society received an anonymous donation of \$100 to the building fund. Thank you for the Christmas present, whoever you are.

HELP WANTED.....

Dorothy Sturges reminds members that these cold winter days can be used for craft projects to be sold at our ice cream social bazaar.

Edna Alexander, refreshment committee chairman, would appreciate help from members for the monthly meetings. Those who can't or don't wish to bake, may contribute money to Mrs. Alexander for the purchase of refreshments.

Program committee chairmen remind all members that good speakers are always needed for our meetings. If you know anyone with an interesting history or a hobby relating to antiques please call Dorothy Sturges or Bob Crichton.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK.....

The Society has been instrumental this past month in providing information about Troutdale to freshman students in the Parkrose district who are writing reports on small towns. Six students wrote for and received information about the city's history. The Society has received a special thanks from students and teachers for our help in their class project. Many small towns, they say, did not respond to their requests for information.

QUESTIONS WE'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK.....

When was the diversion dam placed in the Sandy River? Does Fairview's early name of Cleone have historical meaning? When was the first bridge built across the Sandy river? What is the origin of the street name Kings Byway?