

## WELCOME 1980...

Naturally, our first meeting of the '80s, will be a look back. But we are trying something new--a live interview with Morris and Gladys McGinnis, pioneer residents of Troutdale.

Plan on being at the Troutdale City Hall, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. to hear of the days when celery was king in Troutdale, when Lou and Laura Harlow lived in the Harlow house, when Clara Larrison ran the city and gave piano lessons on the side. Morris (who will be 87) and Gladys were the subjects of an "Oregon Profiles" article written by Ralph Friedman for the June, 1979, edition of Senior Profile. They will tell their story in a question and answer session at the January meeting. This live interview will be taped for inclusion in the Society's oral history collection.

The special display Monday evening will be early Troutdale and Portland postcards from the collection of Steve Kenney. Figure on concluding the meeting with refreshments provided by Lois Schulte and viewing the display.

## ABOUT THE WEATHER...

Since this letter is being written in the midst of a blizzard, it's a good idea to remind Historical Society members that bad weather which makes travel hazardous will automatically result in cancellation of the Society's meetings.

## IN THE NEWS...

Members may have read of the burglary early Christmas day in the depot museum. A young man from Beaverton has been arrested. The few small items taken were recovered. The only permanent loss is three dining car dishes and a broken window. The museum has been badly stirred up and it should take several days' work to clean it up.

In good news, Steve Kenney, who is a roofer in addition to a historical buff, took over the task of fixing the leak in the roof of the Harlow House, a job he accomplished on New Year's day with the help of Ted Schulte and caretaker Ken Grassman.

## AND SPEAKING OF TED...

There is no way to adequately thank Ted Schulte who is supervising maintenance at the Harlow House and doing much of the work himself. Nothing, including strict orders from his wife, could keep him off the roof of the Harlow House one New Year's Day. His next project is installation of a furnace duct upstairs to the caretaker's rooms. If you have special skills and could lend a hand in any of these projects, Ted would appreciate help. ~~Especially~~ Especially important is the installation of storm windows on the house to help save on heating oil bills. Niles Harding has offered to provide glass for the storm windows.

## INSIDE THE HOUSE...

Caretaker Ken Grassman has completed painting the kitchen of the house and curtain material, donated by Sharon Nesbit, will be made up by Linda Grassman. Curtains and materials for other windows have been donated by Florence and Bill Baker, Laura Vorpahl and Mary Kaiser.

## OTHER NEW GOODIES...

On display at the January meeting will be copies of pictures loaned by John Nasmyth. Nasmyth also donated a number of other items which will be on display. Bob Kerslake presented the Society with a copy of an 1897 fire insurance policy. Lois Schulte gave a business card from the ~~Paine~~ Paine City Plume Shop which once cleaned, dyed and repaired plumes for ladies' hats. And Edith Wiggs gave a metal pancake cooker used on the top of woodstoves.

## A SPECIAL GIFT...

The Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, led by President Helen Althaus, has donated \$100 to the Society. Other donors are reminded that the Internal Revenue Service has approved a federal income tax exemption for donations to the Society.