

OUR FIRST FALL MEETING.....

The first fall meeting of the Troutdale Historical Society will be held on Monday evening, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city hall.

The program, in addition to rounding up the summer activities, will include Allan Otto, Jr., who has spent much of his free time during the summer researching Troutdale history. Allan has obtained photostatic copies of early maps of this area and has researched the back files of the Gresham Outlook.

THE BOARD IS THINKING ABOUT BOARDS.....

A special emergency meeting of the Society's board of directors was held August 25, 1971, at the Troutdale city park.

Purpose of the meeting was to inspect the concrete block building donated by the city council for our use.

Because of the presence of a work crew from the Neighborhood Youth Corps in the city we had a chance to get some of the heavy work done at no cost.

The board agreed to the removal of a partition and the construction of doorways to connect the five rooms of the building.

The building will also need a sealer applied to the exterior, some minor roof repair and installation of electric heat. When the work is completed it will provide more than adequate storage, room for displays and room to hold our meetings.

We would like, eventually, to install a small pullman kitchen next to the lavatory. Naturally we need money, donation of equipment or kitchen appliances and free labor.

A SYMPATHY.....

Harriet Moore, the wife of our vice-president Ray Moore passed away this summer.

A HISTORICAL MARKER FOR TROUTDALE....

A June letter from L.E. George, State Highway Department, informed us that a historical marker for downtown Troutdale was to be sent to the state workshop sometime in July.

We expect to hear of completion of the marker soon so we can begin plans for its installation on Columbia Street.

ABOUT THOSE STARK STREET MILE MARKERS.....

Historical Secretary Sharon Nesbit set out this summer to learn more about those mysterious mile markers on Stark Street. With the help of the Oregon Historical Society it was learned that the markers were installed in the 1850's when the first Baseline Road was constructed from the Sandy River to the courthouse in Portland.

Markers P-13 and P-14 still stand on Stark Street. Mrs. Lenore Althaus recalls that P-15 was in front of the Sweet Briar farm on Troutdale road. Number 16, if it still exists, may be on Sweet Briar Road.

Has anybody spotted it?

Robert Nordlander, director of public works for the county, says the markers will be saved when Stark Street is widened. He also noted that he has been trying to interest some historical group in protecting the markers and, perhaps, erecting a plaque to note what they were used for.

THE FIRST POST OFFICE.....

Early maps show that the first post office in this area was located on the east bank of the Sandy River, probably near the Viking Park bridge. The post office designation coincides with the date that the first Base Line Road was built. Emsley R. Scott, Fairview, was the first postmaster.

Does anyone have any more information about it?