

**THE OLD, GRAY MAYORS...**

It will be Meet-the-Mayors night at our next meeting Monday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall.

That is the night we dedicate our mayor's photo exhibit, 22 portraits of men and women who served as Troutdale's mayors since 1907.

To mark this special evening we have invited all of Troutdale's former mayors: Morris McGinnis, our oldest mayor; Joe Lucas; Vernon Rathman; Jack Lloyd; Sid Britton; Glenn Otto; Robert Sturges; and, of course, our present mayor and historical society president, Sam Cox. We are also inviting friends and family of all our deceased mayors.

This exhibit has been more than a year in the planning and execution, has cost in excess of \$200 and is our gift to the city. If you would care to help, there will be a donation box at the meeting. Many thanks, incidentally, to Vera Strebin who first set out to track down all our mayors. It was a tough job because many never sat still long enough to have their pictures taken.

Just to add frosting on the cake, we'll be having cake and ice cream at our Feb. 18 meeting in celebration of the 17th anniversary of the society's founding. Cake bakers are Clover Nasmyth, Florence Baker, Alice Wand, Edna Alexander and Nancy Cox.

**NEW BUSINESS, DUES BUSINESS...**

To start our new year, how about paying your dues? If you have not paid your dues for 1985, you will find a handy-dandy envelope attached to this newsletter. Dues are \$3 a person. If someone you know would like to keep in touch with Troutdale, how about a gift membership? Just send along a name and address with your check. For example, Orlin and Barbara Huston recently joined to keep in touch from Yuma, Ariz.

If you are an affiliate member of the Oregon Historical Society, you may have received a notice to pay your \$10 affiliate dues. This year, you pay them directly. Never fear, we still get credit for an affiliate member and you still get to join the state society at a bargain rate. Want to join? See Lois Schulte.

**ABOUT OFFICERS...**

If the current nominations are any clue, look for the same old faces at our February elections: Sam Cox, president; Alex Jones, vice president; Mary Allen, secretary; Ted Schulte, treasurer; and Bob Sturges, Bob Kerlake and Gene Bui, board of directors. Gene Bui is a recent appointment to the board and stands for election for the first time.

**A REAL GAS...**

It really was a gas last month when nearly 60 people turned up for our discussion on Troutdale's old gas stations. Ever hear of Gilmore gas? Or using potatoes to close the spout on the kerosene can? Or how Ike and June Handy lived in their service station and ran out the front door and around to the end to use the restrooms?

**NOTES...**Our needlework display, 42 items in all, can be seen at the Harlow House on our first-Sunday openings, Mar. 3 and April 7, or by appointment...The board of directors has agreed to meet each month on the fourth Wednesday at noon at the Harlow House. Members are always invited. The next meeting is Feb. 27... We will have a luncheon and fashion show of vintage clothing on Saturday, March 30 in the park building to help rebuild our depleted treasury. Please mark your calendar...The Wildwood garden club and the David Douglas Historical Society will visit the Harlow House this month...Steve Kenney brought some excellent ice storm pictures last month. So did Florence Baker...Save your Sandy's photo en-