

A VERY SPECIAL GIFT.....

A Civil War cannonball, fired from a Mississippi River gunboat in the Battle of Vicksburg, will be presented to the Troutdale Historical Society in a ceremony at the first fall meeting, Monday evening, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city hall,

The 50-pound cannonball will be accepted by Mayor Glenn Otto and Society President Alex Jones with members of the Grand Army of the Republic presiding. It is a memorial to Civil War soldiers who trained near Blue Lake and the late Peter C. Erickson who erected a number of Civil War monuments.

It is presented in the names of his children John, Albert and the late George Erickson and Grace Matley and Hazel Haslebacher

The best way of showing our appreciation to the Erickson family is to provide a large turnout. The public is invited to attend.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL STATISTICS.....

The ice cream social, June 11, was the biggest ever. About 529 portions were served at an estimated profit of \$100. The Country Store, directed by Dorothy Sturges, cleared about \$185. The afghan, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weatherhead, earned \$38 in a drawing. Many thanks to people who donated so much time, energy and handwork to make it a success.

Best of all----it was a wonderful party and everyone had fun.

OUR BUILDING.....

Alex Jones and Sam Cox gave many hours of their time this summer painting our building in the city park with small assists from Glenn Otto, Sharon and Vickie Nesbit and Tori Cox. A contract has been let with George Armstrong for installation of doors with locks and we're looking ahead to wiring and heating.

IN MEMORY.....

A charter member, Arthur Matches, died in early summer. His wife, Marjorie, now resides at 890 NW Division, Apt. 17, Gresham. Five dollars for the building fund was donated to the Society in his memory.

ANOTHER GIFT.....

Two holly trees for landscaping around our building have been received from the Brownell Holly Farms, Milwaukie. One is a cutting of the tree in front of the Pioneer Post Office, Portland. Sam Cox also donated shrubbery.

AARON FOX HOME TO BE RESTORED.....

The historic Aaron Fox home, built by Troutdale's first mayor, has been purchased by a family and will be restored. Information on the home's history will be appreciated and may be submitted to Sharon Nesbit.

PICTURE NEEDED.....

In 1970 the Gresham Outlook printed a picture and story on Merrill's Twelve-Mile House. The picture was submitted by an unidentified gentleman and Outlook writers have been unable to locate him. It is needed for a special project. Anyone with information or a picture may leave a message at the Outlook.

A NEW FRIEND.....

George Abdill, director of the Douglas County museum, Roseburg, has proved a valuable friend to the Society. In addition to donating a picture of the first wooden trestle across the Sandy he has offered to reproduce our historic pictures at cost. A number of Troutdale members visited him this summer. The beautiful museum is well worth the trip.