

LAUNCHING A NEW YEAR...

Come to our next meeting Monday, Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall and hear a Troutdale tale or two from Donald "Chim" and Tillie Howell. Tillie's father founded what is now Handy's 76 Station and Chim acquired a certain amount of fame by building an airplane in the church. Both have been around Troutdale many years. Their interview will be taped to add to our collection of oral histories.

Tillie will be especially busy because she is also scheduled to bring refreshments along with Clover Nasmyth.

Because this newsletter is being typed by lantern light in the middle of an ice storm, we will set aside some time at our meeting to talk about past icestorms. So come prepared with your recollections of the best ice storm ever.

ABOUT BAD WEATHER...

Remember, in the event of bad weather and hazardous driving conditions, our meetings are automatically cancelled.

SECRETARY WANTED...

Nominations will be open at our January meeting for officers. Vera Strebin, who heads the nominating committee, is looking for a secretarial candidate to replace Helen Otto. Since naming Lois Schulte membership secretary, the duties of a secretary are much easier. All that is required is attendance at the meetings, taking the minutes and a small amount of correspondence.

CHRISTMAS AT THE HARLOW HOUSE...

An estimated 85 to 100 people attended the Christmas open house at the Harlow House, Dec. 17, despite cold, blustery weather. Inside it was warm, the decorations were all new this year and the wassail was hot. Santa Claus (Ted Schulte) sat by the fireplace. Ron Burgin's antique camera collection was on display. Many of the people were first-time visitors from Portland. One lady was so impressed she took snapshots to send to Sunset Magazine.

Many thanks to Bill and Edna Ellis who sent juniper from Hermiston and to the many members who gave evergreens for decorating.

A GIFT FOR THE BARN...

Nathalie Wilson has given \$1,000 for our barn-raising fund. Jean Driver has given \$50. With past contributions that makes \$2,350 for a museum barn.

NEW NOTECARDS...

Bob Sturges has not only re-printed our Harlow House note cards but he also printed another set featuring the depot museum. Many thanks to him and to Bill Nesbit who folded and packaged them all. They sell for \$3 apiece. We'll have them available at the January meeting.

CONCERN FOR OTHERS...

Sam Cox is worried about the folks who are having a hard time of it this winter and has installed a collection barrel for canned goods in city hall. Drop by with a donation.

KEEPING OUR FEET DRY...

Several members have expressed concern about possible damage to the depot museum because of roof repairs. The protective plastic was blown off during the storm but damage was kept to a minimum thanks to Alex Jones who had previously seen to it that things under the leak were covered with plastic. Just in case, Steve and Kim Kenney made a trip to the depot Christmas Eve morning and removed all the photo albums and negative files.

The Harlow House weathered very well except for damage to small trees near the ponds. Some obnoxious person, however, stole the Christmas lights off our little tree in the gazebo.