

"Christmas Day will always be, just as long as we have we."--Dr. Seuss

A MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY.....

An old-fashioned Christmas party will be held by the Troutdale Historical Society on Monday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall.

Entertainment is planned and we are asking members to recall stories of Christmas past.

Emil Carow will provide us with a live Christmas tree to be planted in the city park and we'll trim our tree with old toys, greeting cards and ornaments to be brought by members so start searching in Grandpa's old trunk. Cranberry and popcorn garlands will be welcome.

We are asking each lady to bring a sample of her Christmas baking for refreshments. This year we are asking for a little bit more. The leftovers will be packaged in gift-wrapped boxes and given to the Neighborhood Youth Corps workers who are doing so much free labor on our building in the park.

In fact, bring a lot of goodies. All the boys (many come from disadvantaged homes) are lean and hungry looking and we would like to fatten them up in appreciation for their hard work.

A special effort will be made to provide transportation for elderly members who normally cannot attend our meetings. If you need transportation please call Helen Otto, 665-6291, or Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423.

HOW ABOUT THE WEATHER?

In the event of ice or snow creating dangerous road conditions the Christmas party and all other winter meetings will be cancelled.

ABOUT OUR BUILDING.....

A railing has been erected by the Youth Corps around our building in the park. In addition the board has determined that the entire roof must be replaced and President Alex Jones has made arrangements to order the roofing in quantity through the city.

We had one good break. The experts say a coat of paint, not an expensive sealer, should serve to keep the building dry. At a recent board meeting the directors also discussed the installation of protective iron grills over the windows and the installation of a fire alarm system.

GOT YOUR OLD RECIPES?

Ada Cox reports she is submitting an old gingerbread recipe that calls for two "glugs" of liquor. Other recipes are trickling in. Please search your family cookbooks and turn them in at the next meeting.

THE DOUGLASS FAMILY....

A recent Oregonian Story mentioning the historical society brought a call from Carlyle Smith, Portland, who has provided us with a very complete history of the John Douglass family.

Douglass, who donated the land for the Douglass cemetery, came to Oregon in 1852. His son, John H. Douglass, had a son, Harlow, born in Troutdale in the 1890's. Mr. Smith also has information that John H. built the Troutdale livery stable in 1890. He would be interested in knowing what became of Harlow Douglass and his eleven brothers and sisters.

The history of the Douglass family, including their perilous trip to Oregon, will be read at a future meeting.

A VERY, MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY