

A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE...

Bring a friend to enjoy the open house and reception at our museum building, Monday December 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the city park.

Each member is asked to bring a sample of their favorite Christmas confection. Any leftovers will be sold following the meeting in a bake sale for people who want to cheat a little on their Christmas baking projects.

Our program will include early school recitations such as the one Dick Knarr recalled at a recent meeting. We will also have space available for the display of old Christmas cards.

There will be a small tree with tiny lights (acceptable for the energy crisis) for those who would like to display antique Christmas ornaments.

Our Christmas meeting has always been a special time with good food, good cheer and good friends.

IN MEMORY...

The Society suffered a great loss recently in the death of Justa Hewitt who has served for several years as treasurer. Memorial donations in the amount of \$15 have been given by friends who knew of her deep interest in the preservation of Troutdale's history.

LOOKING AHEAD...

At a recent meeting of the board of directors Rankin Davis, Bob Kerslake, Ethel Peterson and Sam Cox were named to the nominating committee to prepare a slate of candidates for February's officer elections. The group has already met for preliminary work and will appreciate any suggestions from the membership.

Mrs. Truly Wright, Troutdale city recorder, has offered to serve as interim treasurer of the Society, replacing the late Mrs. Hewitt, until the February election.

WHAT DO WE WANT FOR CHRISTMAS...

One of the Society's most urgent needs is equipment and materials to set up an office in our museum. Last month the purchase of a fire-proof file cabinet was approved. Still needed are shelves for our library and reference materials, a typewriter and a desk.

FAMILY HISTORIES...

As a result of last month's request we have received a family history from Dr. Frank Packard who first came to Troutdale in 1939 when he alternated office hours here with Raymond Mangels. The Packards now reside at Sandy Dell.

RESEARCH...

A gentleman from San Francisco is seeking information on one of his ancestors, David Parks who located between Troutdale and Fairview in about 1867 and died here in 1875. Mr. Parks had five daughters, Ida, Rosa, Etta, Lilly and Amanda and was married to Etta, who later married a Samuel Dickerson. He was apparently buried on the route of the Union Pacific right-of-way and his grave was moved in the 1880's. Mr. Parks made his fortune mining gold in the California gold rush, fathered 15 children by two different wives and originally came from Pennsylvania. Apparently he was not related to the Parkes family that lived in Troutdale.

Any information would be appreciated.

THE O'NEAL HOME...

We have learned that the home of John and Perrie O'Neal, now occupied by a new member Wade Brown, was first assessed in 1900. The O'Neals purchased the home in 1946 from Andrea Cunningham. We have not been able to learn who built the home prior to its ownership by Jake Haynes.

OLD PICTURES...

Now is the time to bring old pictures of Troutdale to be copied.