

GREAT ECLIPSES WE HAVE KNOWN...

Where was Steve Kenney during the Feb. 26 eclipse? Up at Crown Point taking movies of it, of course.

The show only lasts a few minutes and the sun was reluctant to peep from the clouds, but Kenney was successful in capturing sound-narrated film of darkness falling over the Columbia Gorge.

See his film at the Troutdale Historical Society meeting, Monday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. when we return to the city park building, our usual meeting place.

The rest of our program will be one of our famous free-for-alls. Have a story you've been wanting to tell? Remember some bit of local history? Or some well-known character? In the event of any long silences, we have two book reviews from Lambert Florin's "Victorian West" featuring the Zimmerman house and Ralph Friedman's "Tracking Down Oregon" with a romantic tale of Latourell.

COMING UP...

It is not too soon to plan for the April 3 Troutdale bond issue on parks. That \$200,000 bond issue includes, in addition to purchase and development of city park land, the acquisition of the Harlow-Evans house and its 1.4 acre lot. If approved, the tax cost per household would be between \$11 and \$12 a year.

Naturally, historical society members who live within the city limits are urged to vote for the measure. If you need transportation to the polls make arrangements with Sam Cox, Alex Jones or Sharon Nesbit.

However, those outside the city can participate too. Even though you can't vote on the issue contact friends who live in Troutdale and urge them to do so.

The successful passage of this bond issue is the only way we can assure preservation of the home. Once the bond issue passes, the city is prepared to purchase the house. The land around it will be kept for the city park system and the house only will be sold to the historical society for use as a museum.

REMEMBER: VOTE YES FOR THE HARLOW-EVANS HOUSE.....APRIL 3!

ABOUT OUR BIRTHDAY...

About 80 people, including 15 friends from the Gresham Historical Society, packed the city hall council chambers last month for our eleventh birthday party and a program given by Cliff Crawford of the Skamania County Historical Society.

Officers elected were: Sam Cox, president; Alex Jones, vice-president; Helen Otto, secretary; Ted Schulte, treasurer and Bob Kerlake, Bob Sturges and Dorothy Klock, members of the board of directors.

IN MEMORY...

Laura Imthurn, charter member, pianist for the Gresham Hot Shots and native of Troutdale, died February 15. The Society has received a number of memorial donations in memory of her and Mabel Evans who died earlier in February. Both will be remembered as accomplished pianists in the community.

FLAV-R-PAK TIME...

March is the time to turn in the Flav-R-Pak and Santiam food labels you have been saving all year. They are worth two cents each to the Historical Society if they are redeemed this month. Please bring them to the March 19 meeting or take them to Laura Vorpahl.