

WAY DOWN UPON THE SANDY RIVER...

Colored slides and a talk on the history, botany and geology of the Sandy River will be given by Mrs. Irma Greisel, Gresham chemistry teacher and amateur geologist, at our next meeting, Monday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city hall.

Mrs. Greisel's program is the result of several year's study of the river for class research and will reveal little known facts about the Sandy from its source to Dabney Park. She is expanding her program to include the section from Dabney to the mouth and will be interested in learning about it from local residents.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TIME...

Our Feb. 18 meeting will mark the sixth anniversary of the Society. In addition to celebration of the date, we will elect officers and collect dues (\$2 per person, \$.50 for junior members.) Dues may also be mailed to Helen Otto, 1225 E. Columbia, Troutdale, 97060.

A GIFT FROM REYNOLDS METALS...

Reynolds Metals and plant manager, Harry Helton, recently presented the Society with two beautifully crafted plaques for display in our museum. They bear the seals of the State of Oregon and the United States and were made of recycled aluminum cast in sand molds with a pewter-like finish.

SMALL MYSTERIES DEPARTMENT...

What did Troutdale use for a cemetery in the early years prior to the turn of the century? Research on a number of early residents shows they were not buried at either Deuglass cemetery or Mountain View near Stark Street.

While remodeling the city hall recently workers found two old whiskey bottles under the stage in the auditorium. One was sitting upright with a very dead, petrified mouse lying on the side of the bottle. What with gravity and all, he should have been on the bottom of the flask. City hall workers say he really is a "dead soldier."

What became of the rooming house, called the Missouri House, which once sat just east of the present city hall site?

Missing from our library is "First Settlers on the Oregon" by Alexander Ross. The book is valuable because it contains very early references to camping at the mouth of the Sandy River.

THE HEWITT MEMORIAL LIBRARY...

As a memorial to our late treasurer, Justa Hewitt, the Society voted last month to build book shelves to house our library in the museum. Donations from friends of Mrs. Hewitt totalled more than \$75 and work is expected to begin soon.

COOKIE BAKER STEPS FORWARD...

Camille Crumb volunteered the recipe for cookies that were so well-liked at our Christmas party--we call them "Crumb Cookies." The recipe: Melt 1/2 package almond bark (that is bark and not bar, it can be found in candy stores and large markets) in a double boiler over low heat, stirring just until melted. Add 1 cup each Captain Crunch cereal, Rice Krispies, colored, miniature marshmallows and slightly chopped salted nuts. Mix and place by teaspoonfuls on a Pam-sprayed cookie sheet. Refrigerate to harden and keep in sealed container.

AMONG FRIENDS...

Don Vorpahl returned from the hospital last week but is not allowed visitors at the moment...Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirwan donated a typewriter for our office and Jim Oliver, son of Laura Vorpahl reconditioned it for us...As the result of a Gresham Outlook story about Dick Knarr, Mrs. Wm. Simon, Gresham, sent Dick several items including an 1896 page from the newspaper "Troutdale Champion" only the second edition of the paper which has ever come to light...Mr. and Mrs. Morris McGinnis presented a number of items to the Society last month including a unique hand-made pillow trim which needs a round, velvet pillow to set it off for display...Bob Kerslake gave and demonstrated the use of a grain cradle and Jess Tatum kindly reproduced several old pictures for us.