

A DOZEN YEARS...

We will celebrate our twelfth anniversary on Monday evening, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall.

Our guest speaker is Cecil Edwards, Salem, who has worked in the capitol for 47 years. He retired in 1976 as chief clerk of the Oregon Senate but has been at work ever since writing a history of the Senate. In a recent article, he discussed a 1919 legislator who died enroute to Salem, yet was duly seated and called at every roll call. And Edwards may have a thing or two to say about the \$1.5 million he insists the federal government owes Oregon for holding the fort during the Civil War.

During his career Edwards worked for Douglas McKay and Charles Spragus.

Afterward, we will adjourn to the important business of eating birthday cake-- five different kinds whipped up by Society cooks.

THE BUSINESS END...

Our February meeting is also the time to elect officers. Candidates are: Sam Cox, president; Alex Jones, vice president; Helen Otto, secretary; Ted Schulte, treasurer and Bob Sturges, Bob Kerslake and Chuck Blanchard, board of directors. Nominations will be open at the meeting.

Also due at this time are annual dues. Last month Society members voted to ask for a contribution of an extra dollar to meet rising costs. That would bring the amount to \$3 per year per person. Those who wish to pay by mail may send dues and name and address to Helen Otto, 1225 E. Columbia, Troutdale, 97060. If you have any questions, call Helen at 665-6291, or Sam Cox, 665-9086.

FOR SAM BARLOW...

Last month Society members voted to support an effort by the Clackamas County Historical Society to change the name of Truman Road on Mt. Hood to Barlow Road, in honor of the historic pioneer trail. At this printing, county authorities have indicated they will probably approve the change.

DID U KNOWTICE A FEU MISTEAKS...

Our January newsletter, the one written in the middle of a blizzard, was shot through with mistakes and typographical errors but the snow had nothing to do with it. Editor Sharon Nesbit simply sent the wrong copy off to be printed. The copy you received was the rough draft.

We must also extend our thanks to Mary Eaton who mimeographs the letter each month, even when she's sent the wrong copy.

DONATIONS...

Nathalie Wilson has given a blanket from the Spanish-American War to add to our military collection. The wool blanket is in such excellent shape, Nathalie had to take it off the bed to give it to us.

And a special thanks to Iona Barclay and Morris and Gladys McGinnis who gave gifts of money this month.

TIME MARCHES ON...

Morris McGinnis turned 87 on Jan. 31. He and Gladys were the subjects of our live interview last month. And word is out that Nora Lewis celebrated her 80th birthday.

ABOUT SMELT...

Ken Simmitt, son of Elsie and Ken Simmitt, has written an article about Sandy River smelt runs which he hopes to have published. He borrowed photos from Society files to illustrate the article. And while he was at it, became one of our newest members.