

**A FISH STORY...**

Chuck Pulliam, fisherman and school teacher, will tell us about the ones that didn't get away at the Troutdale Historical Society meeting, Monday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. in the recreation building in the city park.

Pulliam, chairman of the Troutdale planning commission, will talk about early day pursuit of the salmon with seines, fish wheels and other types of equipment. All possible, he says, because of the immense numbers of fish that were once in the river. This topic is particularly relevant in today's concern about dwindling salmon runs.

As always, we will invite a fish story or two from the audience.

And, just a reminder, our last meeting of the year will be May 21 when we will hold our spring potluck dinner.

**BOND ISSUE SUCCESSFUL...**

A parks bond issue which includes purchase of the Harlow-Evans house and lot was approved by Troutdale voters, April 3. City officials have said they would begin steps to purchase the home as soon as the bond issue was passed.

Society officers have already begun the process of deciding just what to do first. That will include a plan to restore the home, find a caretaker and begin the process of moving the museum into it.

Naturally, one of the primary concerns is money. A number of members have already made generous donations to the cause. We will compile a list of them and print it in next month's newsletter.

Special thanks must go to Sam Cox who devoted a great deal of time and energy to publicizing the bond issue.

**AND ABOUT THE HOUSE...**

A conflict still exists in our records over the history of the Harlow-Evans house and John Harlow's original home. We are fairly certain that Fred, John Harlow's son, built the present home in 1899. However, one account says that John Harlow's home (which was located nearby) burned the same year. But in our Society files is a picture showing John Harlow's house still standing in about 1920. Just where was John Harlow's home in relation to the existing house? And when did it burn down? Such information can help us in locating the original fish ponds on the property.

**NEW ITEMS...**

Among gifts to the museum last month are a cream whipper from Mr. and Mrs. Verden Worthington, some newspaper clippings of the 1921 ice storm from Dorothy Klock, two books by Ralph Friedman ("Oregon for the Curious" and "Tracking Down Oregon") from Lloyd and Edna Alexander, a bread knife from Hazel and Berlie Sallee, a pair of women's shoes from Leonard and Kathy Otto and a set of plaques from Reynolds Metals Company.

In addition, Malcolm Boslar gave a 1911 copy of The Columbian magazine and Nathalie Wilson has donated a picture of the Emanuel May family. May was one of the founders of Troutdale's Union Meat Company.

**ON GINGERBREAD HOUSES...**

Watch the April 10 edition of The Gresham Outlook for a story on gingerbread houses and see the April 17 edition for a story about the restoration of Cedar School which has become the studio of stained glass artists Tim and Gail O'Neil.

**TIDBITS...**

Last month's meeting produced tantalizing stories. Did you know that Joe Latourell once lived on a barge in the Sandy River? That there was a British tea room on the Scenic Highway? That Fay Davis wanted to wave at the naughty ladies housed in The Cedars?