

ANOTHER LIVE INTERVIEW...

The subjects of our live interview at the Troutdale Historical Society Meeting, Monday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale City Hall will be Bob and Alice Kerlake, longtime residents of Corbett. Bob's parents moved to the area in 1896. They have lived in the same home since 1925. And Bob, as always, will have a few tall tales to tell.

Sue Davis will provide the refreshments after the meeting.

AND MORE COMING UP...

At our final meeting before our summer vacation on Monday, May 19, we will move back to our old stomping grounds in the city park building for a potluck in the newly refurbished annex. Don't forget that the weekend prior to this, May 17 and 18, will be our giant rummage sale. Alex Jones is still collecting rummage for this event and we are still searching for items, 40 years old or so, which we can offer for sale as antiques and collectibles.

Our ice cream social is scheduled for June 8 and coming up even sooner is the April 27 Lions Club pancake breakfast. The Harlow House will be open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. so breakfasters can take a tour. We also plan to have the Harlow House open after our meeting on May 19 so guests from the Gresham Historical Society can tour the home.

THE OLD HOUSE HEATS UP...

Thanks to Ted Schulte, Bill Whisenant, Ken Grassman and some nice local folks who donated insulation, the kitchen ceiling of the Harlow House has a 10-inch layer of insulation in the attic and plans are underway to do the attic of the two-story portion of the home. The City of Troutdale loaned two CETA workers for the project which required a lot of crawling around in dark corners.

On April 3, Society officers played host to city council members, their wives, city staff members and their wives at the Harlow House for dessert and a tour of the home.

Thanks to Dorothy Sturges, Jean Holman, Edna Alexander, Sharon Nesbit and Ethel Peterson, all of whom gave sets of cups and saucers, the guests in the Harlow House won't have to drink out of plastic cups. We hope to have many more such events in the home. If you belong to a group who would be willing to pay a fee for having a meeting and attending a tea or dessert party in the home contact Sharon Nesbit. History lectures will be thrown in for free.

GIFTS...

Donations this month include a collection of toys from Mr. and Mrs. Herb Nasmyth; a scrapbook of the Vanport Flood and a sample of Battenberg lace from Nathalie Wilson; a small table and a lamp from Ted and Lois Schulte; a loom and an envelope from the Troutdale Drug Store from Mary Kaiser and priscilla curtains from Edna Alexander.

Speaking of gifts, someone gave the society in January or December a World War I gas mask in a large, brown grocery bag. There is no name on it and the gift can't be properly cataloged. For the sake of the poor, absent-minded historian, please put your name on your donations with a piece of masking tape. And will the person who gave the gas mask please stand up?

ANOTHER KIND OF GIFT...

A piece of history came in regarding Linn Richardson, a fisherman who was frequently part of Ben Hur Lampman's books. Thanks to the efforts of Morrie McGinnis, Richardson's sister, Ella, of Otis, Oregon, wrote a history of her brother who died in 1938 and it was forwarded to us.

This is an excellent way to preserve your family history and we encourage it for all our members.