THIS IS NOT A RE-RUN...

A live interview with Ig and Alice Wanda, originally scheduled for January, will be conducted this month at the Troutdale Historical Society meeting, Monday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall.

The Wandas missed the original appointment because of the flu. Both of them are long-time residents of this area. Ig was born on Cabbage Hill and they have lived there, raising cabbages and kids, for the last 46 years. This interview will be tape recorded for our oral history collection.

NEW, OLD OFFICERS...

Officers, elected at our February meeting, are: Sam Cox, president; Alex Jones, vice president; Ted Schulte, treasurer; Helen Otto, secretary, and Bob Sturges, Bob Keralake and Chuck Blanchard, members of the board of directors.

Speaking of official business, dues of $5 per person for the year are due. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you can mail your money and address to Ted Schulte, Rt. 2, Box 4, Troutdale, 97060.

GIFTS...

Last month Sam and Nancy Cox gave the society a flag which flew over the United States Capitol on President Reagan’s inauguration day. Jo Hewlett gave a rug rug for the Harlow House bathroom. Bob Keralake donated three ballots from the years 1932 and 1924. John Nasmyth gave a Japanese military sword. In addition, Ginger Allen loaned the society photos of Lou and Fred Harlow, both one-time occupants of the Harlow House. Those photos have been copied and framed and are now hanging in the dining room of the museum. Also there is a photo of Lee Evans. Except for a picture of Fred Harlow’s wife, Lucille, our gallery of owners of the Harlow House is complete.

Speaking of pictures, Benjamin Davies, Gresham, loaned a photo of the Besley Military Academy cadets from Troutdale appearing in a parade in Gresham. We have had it copied for our files.

AT THE HARLOW HOUSE...

The officers this week decided to order gravel for the front walkway and driveway. Caretaker Ken Grasmann has started work on a new medicine cabinet in the bathroom. Sam Cox is ordering lumber to rebuild the gazebo. And just to put the seal of approval on the place—ducks have discovered our new pond.

There are several other projects that need doing at the Harlow House if you have the skills. We have some very nice old brass gas lights which we would like to convert to electricity and hang on the walls. We could use someone to find, install and ready creosoted posts to mount our museum sign on the front lawn. An angel capable of begging, borrowing or stealing 18 foot treated poles to make our rose arbor would be deeply appreciated. There are individual pieces of furniture to refinish for people in a sanding mood. And for the mechanic who would like a real puzzle on his hands, we have an old, wooden and metal railroad side-car which needs restoration from the ground up.

Also, the Harlow House (and to a lesser extent, the Depot Museum) are both in need of adequate vacuum cleaners. We would like a garage vacuum for the Harlow House and a cannister-type vacuum to chase cobwebs in the depot.

NOW A FEW DATES...

Jim Cook, son of the Cook of Cook’s garage, was here last month to identify some pictures for us. He pointed out that we had the incorrect date on the building of the first part of the present Troutdale School. That structure was erected in 1926. We are still looking for someone who can remember the approximate time in the 1920s that the original Harlow House either burned or was torn down.