

### AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU...

Our traditional Christmas party will be held Monday, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city hall.

There will be a tree so those who have old-fashioned ornaments or lights are invited to bring them for the evening. Since everyone loves to play with old toys bring those also.

This year we are asking members if they can recall a particularly memorable Christmas--if you have such a story please be prepared to tell us about it.

And best of all--this is the time when each member contributes to the refreshment table by bringing a favorite Christmas treat. Consider bringing the recipe along also. If we get enough of them it might be possible to publish a mini-cookbook of Christmas specialties to help provide funds for our building program.

### ABOUT THE BUILDING...

In November the members voted to approve expansion of our museum building. Work has not commenced because there are a number of details which need ironing out before we begin. The building expansion is intended to house large items of equipment including our old pieces of fire equipment which are once again forced to winter outside.

We are asking members who can contribute building materials or labor to please let us know.

### MORE GIFTS...

Last month Milo Coons presented the Society with a beautifully preserved umbrella which he purchased for his wedding more than 50 years ago. It will fit very nicely in the umbrella rest given us some time ago by Arline Seidl.

Laura Vorpahl had donated a sturdy oak rocker and Morrie and Gladys McGinnis gave a shirtwaist for our mannequin.

Dorothy Klock has taken charge of a partially completed postage stamp quilt started by the late wife of Milo Coons.

### A NEW FRIEND IN GRESHAM...

Guests at our November meeting were members of the new Gresham Historical Society. Sharon Nesbit, historian, visited their meeting on Dec. 13 to discuss how the Troutdale Society was started.

Gresham historians are negotiating for the use of a large room in the Gresham Neighborhood Center and are already in the process of purchasing office equipment with Bicentennial funds earmarked for that purpose.

### BITS AND PIECES...

Dorothy Klock has sent us a business card from the Mizpah Inn which was located on the Columbia River Highway, three miles east of Troutdale. It was in operation in 1927. An accompanying bus ticket shows that it was operated at that time by a family named Pierce. Anyone know anything more about it?

Morrie McGinnis has found a meal ticket, good for 21 meals, at Hotel Troutdale, operated by Harlow, Blaser and Harlow. The hotel was apparently operated in the Weinhard building.

Additionally we have discussed the date of Troutdale's first major fire. Most members agree that it must have occurred in 1906. Firm information on this will help us date the age of buildings which were constructed after the fire.

### ALL WE WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS A CURATOR...

Is there someone with a love for old things and a penchant for good order who would like to be curator of our museum building? We need to keep better track of the items there by setting up a catalogue system. A curator should be able to accept and acknowledge gifts to the museum and rearrange and prepare new displays.

Such a position would relieve the historian of most museum duties and make it possible for her to concentrate on research.