

FLOWER POWER...

The speaker at the Troutdale Historical Society meeting, Monday, May 17, 7:30 p.m., at the Troutdale city hall will be Mrs. Ed (Weltha) Wilson, a longtime Corbett resident.

At the request of some of our members Mrs. Wilson has offered to talk about wild plants and flowers, especially those that are native to this area and were here when the first settlers came.

Another feature of the meeting will be the reading of a letter, written in 1851, by an ancestor of Mrs. A.C. and Helen Althaus describing the journey west in a covered wagon.

The May meeting will be the last regular meeting of the year. The next official meeting will be October 18.

AT THE BOARD MEETING...

The board of directors of the Society were all stricken with the same mysterious illness and (excepting Helen Otto and Justa Lewitt) forgot to attend the board meeting Monday, April 26.

The red-faced directors tried again and met successfully the following Wednesday. Plans were made for the ice cream social to be held in June. The exact date is dependent on the ripening of the strawberry crop.

Recommendations were made for committee appointments for the social. (Any volunteers?) Robert Sturges is general chairman of the event.

ELBOW GREASE TIME!

This summer history buffs may end up on their hands and knees cleaning up a building in the city park for storage of the Society's history collection.

The building is concrete block structure with a number of small rooms. It may be available to the Society upon approval of the City Council. With proper heating and sealing of the walls it should provide dry storage and perhaps some display room for our growing collection of historic items.

For members who would like to look it over turn south off Columbia Street just east of the Beaver Creek bridge. The building is the first on the left as you enter the park.

NEW MEMBERS...

Joining the Society at the April meeting were Mrs. A.C. Althaus and Helen Althaus.

One of last month's new members, Iona Barclay was put to work right away and spoke at the last meeting on the loss of Troutdale's postmark. As Troutdale postmistress she explained there will be a special box for mail to be processed with a Troutdale postmark. Other mail, however, will go to Portland for processing in the automated machines there.

LIBRARY ADDITION...

A new book, "The Poor Man's Guide to Antique Collecting," has been purchased for the Society library. It and other books are available from Sue Davis, librarian.

Ada Cox is keeping the history of the Society. Anyone with pictures of ice cream socials or newspaper clippings may give them to Ada for the scrapbook.

ROADS EVERYWHERE...

Following last month's request for information about old roads in the area Jean Allegre called to say she was once shown old wagon ruts coming out of the Sandy River canyon. As soon as good weather is certain some exploratory expeditions will be planned.

PUZZLING QUESTION DEPARTMENT...

Does anyone know the story behind the stone mile markers along Stark Street? One is near the corner of 257th and Stark on Mt. Hood Community College property.