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TROLLEY CARS AND SUCH ...

Our guest speaker on Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. in the city hall will be E.F. Mencer, a retired Tri Met employe, who has collected pictures of Portland area transportation dating from 1872 to 1921.

Mr. Mencer and his traveling show has become such a popular speaker we were able to get him only because of a cancellation in his schedule. He's still on the look out for old pictures. Those who have photos of the Interurban line are invited to bring them.

TELL US ABOUT TAD'S ...

Tad's Chicken and Dumplings restaurant on the Sandy River is interesting in printing a short history of their restaurant on their menus. When did Tad Johnson start the restaurant? Is there a picture of Johnson they could borrow? A picture of the first restaurant? When did Johnson sell to the Mumpowers? When were the chicken and dumplings introduced to the menu? When did the restaurant move to its present location? Please jot down your answers to these questions and give them to Truly Wright at the meeting as Sharon Nesbit will be vacationing on that date.

ABOUT A HOUSE ...

Linda and David Berger, 324 Kibling, want to learn the history of their home. The house, white with gray trim, is on the high bank above Third Street and has lovely rosegardens in front. Information may be given at the March meeting or you can write the Bargers.

Incidentally, Mrs. Berger has offered her help in conducting historical research

for the Society.

IN MEMORY ...

Members Erick Enquist and Wiley Wilson, both avid historians, died recently. We also wish to extend our sympathy to Vice President Alex Jones on the death of his brother, Frank.

SICK ...

Ray Moore, who was our vice president for so many years, is in The Village Extended Care Center, 3955 S.E. 182nd, Gresham, 97030. Because of the flu, visitors are not encouraged but Ray would appreciate a card or letter.

FOUR SISTERS AND A DEPOT ...

The daughters of long time station agent A.D. Kendall, Marjorie Matches, Evelyn Lampert, Dorothy Lucas and Amy Dering, were all present recently when Troutdale received the old depot from Union Pacific Railroad.

By the time of our March meeting the depot should be moved to the site opposite the city hall. We believe this depot was built in 1907, however we do not know when the other depot burned. We know it was standing in 1906 when there was a major fire in Troutdale.

Further, railroad officials believe there was an earlier depot in 1882, a much smaller building built by the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company. They think the two story depot, with housing for the station agent on the top floor was built later. Any answers?

THE MUSEUM ...

Sixteen women from the Russellville extension visited the museum March 9... A group of Cub Scouts toured it Feb. 24 and another pack will visit next month as part of earning a Bicentennial badge...Marian Abegg has given the museum a horse drawn plow...Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schneider, the park caretakers, and a Multnomah County patrolman doing community service work have started the restoration and painting of our chemical fire extinguisher and hose cart...Historian Sharon Nesbit will help in a program of local history in Troutdale school next

month which will include a walking tour of the city and a visit to the museum... Bob Kerslake has given a framed picture of one of the early Corbett pioneer picnics.