

## AARON FOX, FIRST MAYOR...

Bill North of the Royal Chinook Inn at Corbett Landing (Taylor's Landing to the old-timers) will be speaker at the Troutdale Historical Society meeting, Monday evening, November 18, 7:30 p.m. in the city hall.

Mr. North is the grandson of Aaron Fox, early day storeowner and Troutdale's first mayor. He will recall his memories of his grandfather and we, in turn, will tell him about Fox's contribution to Troutdale and its history.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting by Marie Britton, Mildred Mofatt and Nora Lewis.

## ABOUT OUR GOODIE LIST...

Even with the price of sugar sky-high, we'd like to continue the tradition of serving refreshments following our meetings. Volunteers who would like to bake items for one of our meetings may sign up on the "goodie list" at the November meeting.

Many thanks must go to Edna Alexander who has served so faithfully as our refreshment chairman and to the many who have provided food or donations for our after-meeting coffee break.

## DISPLAY ROOM INCREASED...

A donation of old barn boards by Sam Cox and some hard labor by Alex Jones has resulted in our long-awaited tool wall in the museum. We have displayed all of our tool collection on the background of weathered boards resulting in more room in our display cases.

## KNOW ANY HISTORIC TREES?...

Mrs. Jo Matsler, representative of area garden clubs, plans to attend our November meeting in search of historic trees that should be marked and preserved. This is just part of an area-wide garden club project. She would appreciate any information on trees that are remarkable because of their history, type or any other unusual factor.

## SAM COX CERTIFIED ANTIQUE...

In case anyone missed it, Sam Cox's 50th birthday was subject to a lot of publicity this month by devoted friends who plastered posters all over Troutdale that Sam was "over the hill." A story in the Oregonian was placed on the national wire service and Sam received calls from all over the U.S. and Canada.

As vice president of the Historical Society Sam can take heart--we're not interested in anything less than 50 years old. There will always be a place for Sam in the museum.

## JULY FOURTH STORY RECALLED...

A special visitor last month was Dr. Irene Douglass Waldo, great-granddaughter of John Douglass, founder of the Douglass cemetery.

Dr. Waldo recalled an early day Fourth of July picnic held at the ball field (now Lewis and Clark State Park) where her father and a friend dressed as Uncle Sam and The Goddess of Liberty wearing six and four foot stilts.

The two donned their costumes in "Dr. Locke's building" (anyone know where that was?) only to find that once dressed with their stilts they were too tall to clear the door.

Mrs. Douglass solved the problem by backing a team and wagon into the building allowing each in turn to sit on the wagon bed and then driving them out dragging their stilts behind them.

## INFORMATION NEEDED...

Dr. Waldo's conversation also dealt with the first wooden bridge across the Sandy and the mining operations on Jackson Park Road. More information is needed on both.

When was the Sandy first bridged for wagon traffic? We know that the present bridge was erected in 1926.

Dick Knarr has described the clay mining operations once conducted in the cliff on Jackson Park Road. There have been repeated statements that a type of soft coal was also mined at that site.

Are there any pictures existing of either type of mining?

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#### WE'RE LONG ON NEWS...

Our unusually long newsletters must be credited to Glenn and Helen Otto who gave the Society a package of legal size mimeograph paper. Since paper, like everything else, is getting more expensive, the donation is much appreciated.

#### A NEW HISTORICAL GROUP...

Residents in the Wilkes, Parkrose, Fairview and Rockwood areas are trying to raise interest in forming a historical group for that area. Anyone interested may call 254-4082.