

### A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION...

The December meeting of the Troutdale Historical Society will feature our traditional Christmas party.

It will begin at 7:30 p.m., Monday evening, December 18, in the Troutdale city hall. All members have been asked to bring a sampling of their favorite Christmas goodie and homemade or old-fashioned decorations to trim our tree.

The young folk singers from St. Henry church in Gresham have volunteered to sing for us again and we will follow that with a little singing of our own.

Members will be asked to share early Christmas memories so start thinking of Christmas past.

Any leftovers from our dessert will be saved for presentation to the young men of the Neighborhood Youth Corps who have done so much of the construction work on our building.

Special guests will be our new mayor Bob Sturges, to be sworn in in January and members of the city council.

Member Sam Cox has provided us with a Christmas tree.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** In accordance with our past policy, the party will automatically be cancelled if driving is hazardous because of snow or ice conditions. Anyone with questions about the possible cancellation of the meeting may call the Troutdale city hall, 665-5175; Helen Otto, 665-6291 or Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423.

### THE CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES...

President Alex Jones reported at last month's meeting that doors and weather-striping have been installed at our museum building in the park. The membership voted unanimously to approve a contract with Northwest Natural Gas company for installation of a furnace at a cost of \$2.50 per month plus the gas rate. Work began last week on the furnace installation.

The gutters authorized last fall have been installed by Youth Corps workers and interior work, painting, etc., should begin soon.

The membership awarded a very special standing ovation to Alex Jones who has lavished so much, work, care and concern on the building construction.

**FROM ALL OF US TO OUR HARD-WORKING PRESIDENT: A VERY GRATEFUL THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR THE COMING YEAR!**

### A LITTLE BONUS...

The Sandy River chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders donated the remains of their rummage sale to the Society last month. To date the Society has collected an estimated \$15 from sales of various items. In addition a collection of out-door and sportsmens magazines was donated to the mens infirmary at Edgefield Center in our name.

### OUR BUILDING STUDY...

From information gathered at last month's meeting we have some very valuable data on Troutdale's buildings, their approximate age, various uses and fates during the town's two major fires. Two of the oldest appear to be the home of Mrs. Mabel Evans and the frame church on the hill, formerly owned by the Presbyterians. Later information, acquired from Bill Wright, shows that the church was constructed by his father before the turn of the century. It was originally used for the Methodist congregation.

### WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES JUNE ISN'T FAR BEHIND...

Dorothy Sturges has asked members to begin preparing items for sale in "The Old Country Store" bazaar at the June ice cream social. Donating of yarn for an afghan to be made by Mrs. Harold Weatherhead will be appreciated. Last year's bazaar netted nearly \$290 for the Society.