

THE THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM...

After being snowed and iced out for two of our meetings, Cliff Crawford, president of the Skamania County Historical Society, is still determined to make it to Troutdale. Weather permitting, naturally, he will appear Monday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale City Hall to show his early-day slides of the Columbia Gorge.

(Please note that the meeting is in the city hall.)

Though this is not one of their regularly scheduled meetings, members of the Gresham Historical Society plan on joining us for the evening.

After the meeting, which includes our annual election of officers, we will adjourn to celebrate the Society's eleventh birthday. Five of our members are preparing birthday cakes for the occasion.

SPEAKING OF FEBRUARY...

This is the time to pay our dues of \$2 per person for the year. Secretary Helen Otto has asked each member to include a slip of paper with name and address along with the dues payment so she can double check our address list. If you have had trouble receiving your newsletter, please make sure Helen has your correct address.

And how about encouraging a friend to join the Society?

THE HARLOW-EVANS HOME...

Mabel Evans, long time resident of the Harlow house, died Feb. 3. Only the week before her death, the Troutdale Parks Task Force approved a plan to include purchase of the home and grounds in a city-wide parks bond issue proposal which will go to the voters on April 3.

At this writing, plans call for purchase of the home and adjacent land by the city with resale of the home back to the Historical Society for use as a museum. This method will considerably reduce the amount of money necessary for this Society to buy the house and puts the project within the realm of possibility.

Despite cancellation of last month's meeting, several members have seen to it that their pledges were turned over to Alex Jones. At this time, estimates of giving total about \$1600.

In addition, several members were kind enough to call to provide more information about the home. Thanks to Nathalie Wilson we know that it was Fred and Lucille Harlow who first lived in the house. Their young daughter died of typhoid there in the early 1900s and Nathalie remembers going to the home for the funeral.

Thanks to the recollections of Faye Harlow, widow of Sam Harlow, son of Lou and Laura Harlow, we have learned even more about the family and their years in the house.

The hammered piece of copper over the fireplace, said Mrs. Harlow, says "Salve" and is a German word for greeting. It was made by Laura Harlow and her three sons.

ANOTHER ROADHOUSE?...

A recent newsletter enquiry about a restaurant called Cherrie Place which burned in 1938 brought a response from Jack Malcom. It was, he believes, a roadhouse located at the intersection of the Scenic Highway and Woodard Road. Jack promises more information about that and an English tea room which also flourished in the area.

A GIFT...

Glenn and Helen Otto have donated the new book, "Oregon Cemetery Survey" published by the State Department of Transportation, to the library. They have also provided for our files signed copies of Governor Victor Atiyeh's inauguration address and inaugural program.