

AT LAST...

Ferocious weather postponed the appearance of Cliff Crawford, Skamania County Historical Society President, at a planned joint meeting of the Troutdale and Gresham Historical Societies in November. We're going to try again on Monday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall.

PLEASE NOTE the change of location. In order to show Mr. Crawford's early-day slides of the Columbia Gorge to best advantage, we are going to meet in the newly refurbished city council chambers with the comfortable theater seats. This will also offer our members and our friends from Gresham a chance to see the re-modeled building and the historical society's newest display in the gallery.

As before, Gresham will bring their share of the refreshments.

P.S. If cold weather continues, it will also be much warmer in the city hall so don't miss this excellent program.

THE HARLOW-EVANS HOME...

The attached letter to our members will explain the status of the Harlow-Evans home. Part of our Jan. 15 meeting will be a slide showing of interior and exterior pictures of the home.

SOME NEW GIFTS...

Christmas presents to the Society in December included a gift of stationmaster A.D. Kendall's cap which will be placed on display in the city hall show case. The cap, in beautiful condition, is a gift of Evelyn Lampert.

Alex Jones donated an odd device made by his father which allowed his mother to braid rag rugs without sewing. He also gave a long-handled set of hand-made wooden pliers used to pull nettles from the ginseng patches his father had at Alex's family home.

Berlie and Hazel Sallee donated a 100-year-old cream pitcher and Bill and Florence Baker brought a 1919 copy of The Gresham Outlook.

We also received a cigar box from Verden Worthington and Steve Kenney has prepared a print and negative of an early picture showing the dedication of the Stark Street bridge.

WE NEED HELP...

Help, in the form of pictures and information, is needed on the Harlow-Evans home. We know the house was built at about the turn of the century by Lou and Laura Harlow. However, we don't know exactly when. We also know it was built near the original John Harlow home but we do not know exactly where Harlow's house was located or how long it stood. We have pictures in our files which show a house reputed to be John Harlow's in about 1920. However, other accounts say the Harlow home burned years before that.

If you have pictures or information on either house, please contact Sharon Nesbit.

COMING ATTRACTIONS...

New displays being prepared to exhibit in the park museum will include a sewing display featuring the treadle sewing machine given by Lloyd and Edna Alexander and a military display. Recently the Society was given both a World War I and a Spanish-American war uniform (more about the donor's later) which will be featured in an exhibit of military equipment.

We also have five silk-screen reproductions of early Troutdale pictures which need to have glass and simple frames. If anyone is willing to take on the project of framing these, please let us know.