

HAPPY EIGHTH BIRTHDAY...

Monday, February 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city hall, the Troutdale Historical Society will celebrate the eighth anniversary of its founding.

Bring a friend for a command performance of the Hot Shots from the Gresham Senior Adult Center with our own Laura Imthurn at the piano.

The business meeting will include election of officers and, of course, collection of annual dues--\$2 per person, \$.50 for junior members. This, the beginning of our new year, is a good time for new members to join.

PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM...

President Sam Cox, Alex Jones, Ted Schulte and others who have previously indulged in the back-breaking task of borrowing and moving a piano to the city hall for musical occasions will be delighted to know that a piano has been loaned to the city hall.

MONEY-MAKERS...

Continuing this month will be the sale of cloth Bicentennial calendars and donations for the afghan made by Truly Wright.

THE LOVER'S OAK...

Thanks to Holly and Helen McWilliams we have a fine picture of The Lover's Oak or Praying Tree, photographed by their son-in-law in April, 1949.

The few, twisted remains of the trunk were photographed this week by Historian Sharon Nesbit. The tree was located last month by Vern and Marty Rathman.

Near the same site is a long, straight line of old trees which may be the site of the old homestead road near the Lover's Oak that was mentioned in the history of the tree written by J.F. Menzies.

MUSEUM DONATIONS...

Morrie McGinnis has provided pictures of long-time Troutdale barber Bill Strausser. Following the barbershop theme, Alex and Frank Jones donated a straight razor. Troutdale's present barber, Bill Whisenant, gave us the razor strap and a brush and shaving mug to complete the set.

Additionally Morrie McGinnis donated a kraut cutter; Fay Davis gave a handsaw tooth joiner and a cherry stoner; Edna Alexander presented the Society with books and magazines, the oldest dated 1889; Emil Carow donated a handsome Bicentennial plate and stand for the museum and Frank and Alex Jones gave a cow bell for our dairy display.

RAILROAD MATERIAL...

On display at last month's meeting was a wide collection of railroad items, posters, whistles, signals and the like, loaned by the former owners of Vic's Hobby Shop, which will eventually be displayed in our restored railroad depot when it is moved to its new site opposite city hall.

It is expected that the moving and restoration of the depot will be this city's major Bicentennial project.

THE WOODSHOP...

Bob Kerslake, master woodworker, has made a solid oak frame for our charter member list. The wood came from the old Portland depot.

THE MUSEUM...

Some displays are being changed in the museum. We are planning to devote one bulletin board to the Troutdale school. Another will be set up to show lumbering activities and tools. The City of Wood Village has donated an enamel chamber pot to sit next to our trundle bed. This should be a real shocker for a troop of Gresham Cub Scouts who are scheduled to tour the museum Wednesday, Feb. 11.