

TEA ROOMS AND REMINISCENCE...

Paul Overstad, a longtime Troutdale resident whose mother was city recorder, will be interviewed Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall.

Want to know a bit about the old tea room his family operated on the Columbia River Highway? These recollections and more are planned for this live interview which will be taped and added to our oral history collection.

Refreshments will be provided by Alice Wand and Hazel Webb.

A BARN-RAISING?...

Ever seen the old doctor's buggy given to the society last summer by the Santee estate? It's in hiding in Gerry Lambert's garage because we have no place for it.

That's why a long-cherished dream was launched this month. The drafting class from Mt. Hood Community College is preparing plans for a barn to be built near the Harlow House for the display of farm implements, tools, buggies and our old fire equipment.

An actual barn raising is a long way and many dollars off, but like President Sam Cox says, "You have to start somewhere." If we delay, Sam fears we will lose many of the old farm implements that have been promised to us.

The dream calls for a two-story barn, about 30 by 40 feet, on the grassy knoll south of the house. The second floor loft would be additional museum space and a future caretaker's quarters.

Once the plans are completed in June, we'll go looking for ways to build it.

DUES...

If you have not paid your dues of \$3 a person (\$13 for membership in both ours and the Oregon Historical societies) you can mail a check to Ted Schulte, 17655 SE Bluff Rd., #1, Sandy, 97055. Just as important, send us your change of address. Bulk mail, which we now use, is not forwarded or returned.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Our exhibit at the June 12 ice cream social will be old-fashioned roses, so start grooming your vintage bushes now. (If you have extra bud vases to donate for the show we'd appreciate it.) There is a hidden motive. Sam Cox plans to look the roses over to select the ones he will plant in the Harlow House rose garden.

While you're at it, now's the time to prepare cuttings of house plants for the plant sale at the ice cream social. And we also plan to rent tables for our craft fair.

SPEAKING OF GREEN THINGS...

Sharon Nesbit recently won an award of appreciation from local garden clubs for historic preservation work including the encouraging of old-fashioned plantings at the Harlow House...Barbara Grahm, Harlow House caretaker, has started an herb garden. If you have herbs to give, leave them on the front porch, properly marked...Work is underway on landscaping the gazebo. It may be done in time for Historic Preservation week activities beginning May 8.

AND THANKS...

Special thanks to all our loyal members who "sold out" last month's products dinner...and to the Naismith families for last month's refreshments...to Dolly Graham for the donation of books and tools...to Troutdale's branch of the Oregon Bank for a donation of \$25...to Sam Cox, Alex Jones and Ted Schulte who worked so hard setting up the dinner March 29...to Gerhard von Kohlbeck who is going to prune our flowering quince bushes.