

WRITING THE RAILS...

Ed Culp, author of "Stations West", a history of Oregon railroads, will be our guest speaker, Monday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. in the city hall.

Mr. Culp, a traveling freight and passenger agent for Southern Pacific, worked 40 years for that railroad. His appearance has been arranged by Glenn and Helen Otto.

Don't forget, this is the last meeting to bring Flav-R-Pak labels to Laura Vorpahl.

A COOPERATIVE EFFORT...

Nice things happen to the Society. Last month Laura Vorpahl donated a rocking chair. Alex Jones picked it up. Bob Kerslake fixed it up. And Millie Schneider reupholstered the seat cushion. Just like that--a rocker in perfect condition!

SPEAKING OF NICE PEOPLE...

New member Niles Harding, a retired railroad man has volunteered to be curator of the depot museum. Now's the time to get him started by producing any items you may have for the depot...A special welcome to another new member, Sandi Albin... and thanks to Junior Member Vickie Nesbit for a full-page article on Troutdale history in the Reynolds high school paper, Royal Lancer...Then there's Vera Strebin and Laura Vorpahl who donated money for our refreshment fund and Mary Hollenbeck who sent a \$10 check to the building fund.

FOR THE MUSEUM...

Last month Nora Lewis gave the Society a 1920's miner's cap with headlamp and the jar of carbide to fuel it. They were used by her late husband, Bill...Nathalie Wilson gave several wonderful pictures, a 1910 commencement program for the Troutdale school and an early-day cookbook...Viola Brander donated two books, "Tales Out of Oregon" and "Voices of Portland" and Ada Cox made a gift of McArthur's "Oregon Geographic Names", an excellent reference source...Bob Kerslake gave a center bit for a drill which first came into use in 1794 and Alice Kerslake produced an electric curling iron...Helen Otto gave the new book, "Capitol Names."

THEN DON BOGH CALLED...

Two months ago we offered a limited supply of the Bicentennial book, "What's Happened since 1776" which gives a year-by-year account of events including history, hit tunes and other firsts. Don has purchased the last 50 books available in this area and will make them available for \$2 apiece giving profits to the Historical Society. You may call him at 256-0542 or go to his real estate office at 1027 NE 122nd. It's the log cabin between Glisan and Halsey.

WHAT A PARTY...

If you missed last month's Founder's Day celebration, you missed a party. There was a large crowd present to enjoy the memories of Josephine Helming Jackson who told a few stories about her friend and chum, Laura Imthurn. Mrs. Jackson has loaned the Society a wonderful collection of pictures for copying.

Laura, joined by the Gresham Hot Shots band, went to the piano to give us even more entertainment and finally--we cut our birthday cake.

The new officers aren't new--the same slate was elected for another term including secretary Truly Wright who reminds those who haven't paid dues of \$2 each to please do so.

THINGS WE WONDER ABOUT...

At a recent council meeting it was mentioned that a wet spot on the former Jim Fujii Farm just east of Troutdale Road was once the site of an old logging pond. Are there any pictures or information about that?

IN MEMORY...Theresa Doolittle died on March 9. She had lived here since 1936.