

FROM TRADING POST TO SUPERMARKET...

Chet Tompkins, manager of the Big C supermarket in Gresham and collector of old grocery store items, will be our guest Monday evening, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city hall.

Mr. Tompkins will display part of his collection of old containers and packages used in early day stores. Much of his collection is on display at the Big C store, 21810 SE Burnside, Gresham.

Join us and browse through the past.

Providing refreshments for the evening will be Nora Lewis and Mildred Moffet.

DOING OUR HOUSEWORK...

Wade Brown, an instructor at Mt. Hood Community college, is residing in the former Perry O'Neal home at 346 Fourth Street and is very interested in learning the age and the history of the home.

The home, once occupied by the Dix family, is located at Fourth and Harlow. Mr. Brown, a new member of the Historical Society, reports the interior walls are redwood.

Preliminary study indicates the house was probably built at about the turn of the century. Dick Knarr recalls that it was once occupied by a man from the Corbett area named Haynes or Haines and his son, Newell. Any further information would be appreciated.

IN MEMORY...

Lenore W. Althaus, 90, who lived for more than 50 years on Sweet Briar farm died last week. Plans for memorial services will be announced later. Mrs. Althaus who lived much of the history of this area is survived by her daughter, Helen, a city of Troutdale councilwoman.

THE BIG SCHOOL GAP...

Our history of the Troutdale school is at a standstill because no one seems to know where the minutes of the school board of District 20 are located. The records will be valuable in completing the school history.

With the help of Natalie Wilson we have learned that the first school property on West Columbia Street was donated by the Buxton family in March, 1868. It is believed, however, that the school district was formed earlier with classes conducted in a private home.

PAINTING THE TOWN...

Mayor Robert Sturges has announced plans to refurbish downtown Troutdale, possibly with a Gay 90's theme or an Early American motif. A good example is the recently redecorated home of the barber shop and the M & E discount store with it's bright red coat of paint, white trim and signs with old-fashioned lettering.

Should other businesses carry through with the project they will do a great deal to show off the historic aspect of the community. A possible project for the Historical Society could be the placement of signs on each building giving the history.

ABOUT YOUR FAMILY TREE...

Progress is very slow on collection of family histories for a book similar to that printed by the Eastern Multnomah Pioneer Association at Corbett.

Anyone residing 20 years or more in this area is asked to provide a history of their family with the following details: time of arrival in the area, homestead or homes where lived, family's approximate birth and death dates, occupations, memories of local government, schools, recreation, early roads or other events in the community.

Don't worry about the writing style. Help in editing or re-writing the histories will be provided by Sharon Nesbit once the basic facts are on paper.

Many have asked when this Society can publish a history of Troutdale. This book of family histories will be the first step.

VISIT YOUR LOCAL MUSEUM...

Visits to our museum can be arranged by appointment with either Alex Jones or Sharon Nesbit.