

## POTPOURRI, ODDS AND ENDS, TIDBITS AND ETCETERAS...

Our program Monday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall will be a blend-- a biography of pioneer celery grower Russell Wilson, a new account of the record-making birth of Marie Stone's father who was delivered by Caesarean section in 1895 near Troutdale, a fascinating account of the opening day trip up the Columbia River Highway, a new book of Columbia Gorge pictures, an advance peek at our collection of Troutdale mayor's photos and (pause here to catch your breath) a round of refreshments from Sue Davis and Jo Hewlett. Join us.

## BIG NEWS FROM WASHINGTON...

On Feb. 16 the Harlow House was placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the Department of Interior. We will celebrate with a two-day open house May 12 and 13. Saturday will be the major day with a 1 p.m. walking history tour of Troutdale (meet at the Harlow House) followed by a reception at the house from 2 to 4 p.m. If you can bring cookies for the reception, please sign up on a sheet we will have at our April meeting.

## OLD CHURCH...

Mary Gardner is pursuing plans to turn the old church at Third and Harlow Streets into a Christian dinner theater. She needs information about the interior of the church in order to restore it correctly. Please check your albums and dredge your memories. She will be at our April meeting.

## BARN FUND RAISING...

Our fund to build a museum barn back of the Harlow House is growing all the time and reached \$2,720 last month with the addition of a \$320 donation from Sam Cox and Chuck Blanchard. Chuck adds that he will give a substantial cash donation to the fund if any historical society member produces a buyer for his home at 641 W. Columbia St. His number is 667-9326.

## NAMES YOU KNOW...

Norm Howard came to last month's meeting with a wild tale about sledding under at train in Troutdale...A shower of blessings on Marie Britton, Gina Held, Bill Nesbit, Florence Baker, Vera Strebin (and a few un-named accomplices) for gathering and tying all 1500 of our new recipe cards...and to Clover Nasmyth who has offered to make more white aprons for Harlow House hostesses...to Chuck Blanchard who says he will upholster our antique couch...to Edna Alexander and Vera Strebin who gave a whole wardrobe of wigs for our mannequin and to Karen Sturges who is fixing them in old-fashioned styles...to Jack Malcom and Mary Allen for their excellent recollections in last month's program including a history of gladioli growing in Troutdale...to John Nasmyth who is still trying to solve our interminable problems with the official tape recorder...and to membership secretary Lois Schulte who went to a lot of extra trouble to send out dues envelopes and reaped the reward of totaling up 172 paid members...and especially, thanks to you who have joined our society. Let us know what we can do for you and what you can do for us.

## NOW; THE BAD NEWS...

Sadly, there has been a theft from the display case in Troutdale City Hall. Missing is a fancy cocktail glass from Larsson's saloon and the clump of partially melted coins from the Troutdale post office fire. We have offered a reward for their return.

## LID SAVERS...

Remember save the plastic lids from all sizes Maxwell House coffee as well as Flav-R-Pak and Santiam labels. We made \$20 from our collection of labels this month.