

OUR SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY...

We will celebrate seven years of historical work at the next meeting of the Troutdale Historical Society, Monday, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city hall.

In addition to festive refreshments and entertainment by the Hot Shots of the Gresham Senior Adult Center we will have Earl Smead as guest speaker. Mr. Smead, manager of Frontier Grocery at Lower Corbett, will tell of his life on the Columbia River at the turn of the century. Mr. Smead moved to Mt. Pleasant on the Washington side of the river in 1898 and has pictures of the famous riverboats of the period.

Election of officers will be held during the business meeting. Annual dues of \$2 per person are payable at this time to either the secretary or treasurer.

OUR MUSEUM SECURITY...

Alex Jones and Ted Schulte completed work last week on a project to bolt the museum shutters so they can't be pried open. Another attempt was made to enter the building quite recently. Though three shutters were pried open the burglars did not gain entry to the museum.

At a board of directors meeting following our January meeting the board voted to discuss the matter of the museum with the Troutdale City Council at the suggestion of Mayor Robert Sturges. A report of the council discussion will be given Feb. 17.

REYNOLDS RE-PRESENTS PLATES...

Among those items taken in the December burglary were commemorative plates bearing the seals of Oregon and the United States, a gift of Reynolds Metals Co. Recently Reynolds representatives kindly gave us another set of the plates.

NEW ITEMS DONATED...

Mrs. Arline Seidl has given a wide variety of items to the museum including an old telegraphers typewriter and a cast metal statue said to have belonged to the John Harlow family. These and many other smaller items have been stored in a safe place until they can be displayed in the museum. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Seidl.

LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL...

The Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation now has an official publication, "We Proceeded On...", detailing the work of the organization in states along the explorer's trail.

The first issue mentions the disappointment of the foundation in a Bureau of Outdoor Recreation study which eliminates from consideration in the National Historic Trail System any portion of the Lewis and Clark Trail on the lower Columbia from Bonneville Dam downriver. The article points out that many of the lower Columbia campsites of Lewis and Clark are in their natural state and should be included.

A general membership in the foundation costs \$10 per year. A membership form will be available at the February meeting for those interested in joining.

SOME HISTORY RESEARCH...

A news story last week concerning the closure of Edgefield Manor and the effect of a purported will left by Angelo Arata who once lived in the Wood Village area prompted some research on the area.

In the process of talking to pioneer residents of the area, Florence Towle Townsend and Eva Townsend Stone, we learned of W.A. Townsend who was the first section foreman at Troutdale when the railroad came through.

Still needed is further information on Arata. He apparently bought the Wood Village property, once the Shaw farm, in the 1920's and died sometime in the 1930's. No evidence has been found that he willed any property to the Multnomah County Farm.

County officials are researching farm land acquisitions and have promised copies of the material to this Society. The first land for the farm was purchased in 1909 from May Land Co. Is this the same May who was part owner of Union Meat Company?

In recalling the county farm Mrs. Stone remembered that she used to attend picture shows there since it was the only place in this area for that type of entertainment.