

## NEWSLETTER PLANNED.....

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Troutdale Historical Society it was agreed to send a monthly newsletter in lieu of the usual postcard meeting notice. This is the first edition edited by Mrs. Glenn Otto, recording secretary, and Mrs. William Nesbit, historical secretary.

## HYSTERICAL HISTORY.....

The great robbery in the 1920's of Bud Tiller's pool hall was recalled at the February meeting by Dick Knarr and Laura Imthurn.

An armed gunman entered the pool hall, a popular male hangout, and lined the customers against the wall with their hands up. "Little Buck" Buxton was forced to search each victim and take his valuables which took some time.

Eventually the victims complained of aching arms and the robber obligingly led them in calisthenics raising and lowering the arms to a "one, two" count.

It was this cadence that Laura heard from the adjacent room. Peeping through the window and seeing the victims at their gunpoint exercises she sought help in the person of Jim Davis who armed himself with a shotgun.

His robbery successfully completed with the exception of one late arrival who simply told him to "Go to Hell", the gunman backed toward the door. In true wild west tradition he tried to shoot out the lights but missed everytime.

Davis let the unfortunate soul have it with a load of buckshot. Even with his extra weight of lead the robber made it several blocks before collapsing. His victims, in hot pursuit, hauled him back to the pool hall, laid him out on the pool table, retrieved their belongings and summoned a doctor.

No one knows if he, ever again, pursued a life of crime.

## THE MARCH MEETING.....

Bob Crichton will speak March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale City Hall about Fairview's first school teacher.

Members are asked to alert all Fairview residents to attend.

Mrs. Dick Knarr and Mrs. Art Matches have volunteered to bring refreshments for the second month in a row.

In order to increase membership over the 100 mark President Alex Jones has asked everyone to bring a friend.

## BRING SMELT PICTURES.....

In an attempt to complete a history of Troutdale's smelt runs (and perhaps encourage a run this spring) everyone is asked to bring pictures of smelt runs.

## QUILT GIVEN.....

An old quilt, made in about 1860, has been donated to the Society by the Gresham Senior Citizens Drop-in Center. It will be displayed at the meeting.

## DUES DUE.....

Dues of \$2.00 apiece are due for the year 1971 to 1972. They may be paid to Mrs. Justa Hewitt, treasurer.

## THE OREGON TRAIL.....

At the request of the Society Mrs. Milton Belsher will present her slides of the Oregon Trail at a special assembly for the upper grades of the Troutdale school Thursday, March 11, at 1 p.m. in the auditorium. Members who missed her appearance at the meeting last year may attend the school program.

Mrs. Belsher is interested in the history of an old road that went from the river up the canyon in back of the Troutdale school. Anyone with an abstract that might show the road's right-of-way could help in her study.