

EARLY PORTLAND PICTURES PLANNED

Lary Ann Amacker, education director of the Oregon Historical Society, will be the guest speaker at the Troutdale Historical Society meeting, Monday evening, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city hall.

Mrs. Amacker will show slides of early day Portland.

Following the program Nancy and Ada Cox will provide refreshments.

ABOUT OUR POSTMARK....

Mrs. Iona Barclay, Troutdale postmistress, has kindly offered to attend the April meeting and explain the loss of the Troutdale postmark. A Society letter protesting the loss of the postmark to Postmaster General Winton Blount was reprinted in the Gresham Outlook and drew comment in the March 19 column of Doug Baker in the Oregon Journal.

DID OUR DISPLAY OF SMELT PICTURES BRING THE SMELT?

Maybe it's only coincidence but last month Society members brought pictures of past smelt runs including some real "oldies" with ladies in hobble skirts and high boots.

Exactly a week later the smelt returned to the Sandy River for the first time in 14 years.

As a public service perhaps we should show smelt pictures every March hereafter.

STRAWBERRY TIME

As the first action for the June, 1971 Strawberry Icecream Social, President Alex Jones named Robert Sturges chairman of the event. Now is the time when doing spring closet cleaning to find, repair or make old-fashioned clothing to wear to the Social.

WE GET TWO CENTS FOR FLAV-R-PAK LABELS

April is the month when North Pacific Cannery and Packers redeem labels on all Flav-R-Pak canned and frozen foods for two cents each. Don and Laura Vorpahl are in charge and labels should be given to them before the end of the month.

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Iona Barclay and Mr. George Simpson have joined the Society. They were recruited by President Alex Jones who practiced what he preached when he asked every one to bring a friend to the meetings.

Dues of \$2 each for the year, Feb. 71 to Feb. 72, are payable to Mrs. Helen Otto, secretary.

A SEQUEL TO THE GREAT POOL HALL ROBBERY

Bill Wright attended the April meeting and admitted he was one of the victims in Troutdale's great pool hall robbery. "Curious thing," said Bill, "but after the man was shot and apprehended he didn't have enough money on him, including his own, to cover the amount the victims said they lost."

PUZZLING QUESTION DEPARTMENT

Since the recent Outlook article about the wagon road in the canyon behind the Troutdale school word of another old road has come to light. Milo Coons, John Seidl and Frank Simons recall one that followed Beaver Creek canyon through the Strebin farm descending to the river near the present location of the Tippy Canoe.

Anyone able to mark the route on a map or establish the age of the road please get in touch with Sharon Nesbit at the April meeting.

Also, early maps show a dot called Sandy on the east bank of the Sandy somewhere between Viking Park and the river's mouth. It was probably the location of the 1854 post office called Sandy with E.R. Scott serving as postmaster. Does anyone have any idea of where it was located? The post office may have been located on a trail that led up to Corbett.