

AT OUR MARCH MEETING...

Two items are planned for the program of our next meeting, Monday evening, March 17, 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city hall.

We have discovered published excerpts from the 1853 pioneer diary of the Wilson family, ancestors of Dorothy Klock and Wiley Wilson, who came to Oregon by covered wagon. In addition we plan to show slides of Troutdale's buildings, displayed at a meeting some time ago, to gather more information on their history.

On display will be several new items given to the Society: an early picture of Crown Point from Dorothy Sturges; some printed material on the 1948 flood from Ada Cox; an ax donated by Andy Anderson and Troutdale's original fire alarm, recently located by Emil Carow.

OUR NEW OFFICERS...

Elected by unanimous ballot at our February anniversary meeting were the following officers: Sam Cox, president; Alex Jones, vice president; Truly Wright, secretary; Ted Schulte, treasurer and Dick Knarr, Bob Kerslake and Bob Sturges, board of directors.

Committee appointments are expected soon from President Sam Cox. If there is some small job you can do to help the Society, please let Sam know.

A special thanks must go to the extra special people who contributed to our program last month. Earl Smead of Lower Corbett proved to be a fascinating speaker on the history of the Columbia river boats and the appearance of the Gresham Senior Hot Shots, featuring our own Laura Imthurn, made it a very festive evening.

Many commented that it was one of the best meetings ever.

ARE YOUR DUES DUE?...

Dues are payable as of February at the rate of \$2 per person. Those wishing to pay by mail may send them to Secretary Truly Wright, 117 Birch, Troutdale, 97060.

IN OUR MAIL...

We received a letter recently from a lady in Kansas tracking down Chamberlain relatives in this area. Using the East Multnomah Pioneer Association book we were able to send her information on Elijah and Sarah Chamberlain, early settlers in the Corbett area. Still needed is data on George Washington and Mary Chamberlain and Daniel and Charlotte Chamberlain.

ON THE COUNTY FARM...

The Property Management Section of Multnomah County has sent us copies of the various land acquisitions that created the county farm.

Member Natalie Wilson also called to say that it was Emanuel May, owner of May Land Co., who sold the first and major portion of the farm to Multnomah County in August, 1909, for \$25,000. May was Mrs. Wilson's uncle by marriage.

Eight other purchases expanded the farm to its present boundaries.

PICTURE NEEDED...

A special July publication of the Gresham Outlook will include history of the area. Needed to illustrate some of the articles planned are pictures of Laura Harlow, second lady mayor of Troutdale, and early pictures of Wood Village at the time the federal housing there was under construction.

LOOKING AHEAD...

The board of directors is considering a potluck dinner in the community park building for our April meeting.

June will be here before we know it and the time is near to begin planning our ice cream social. Dorothy Sturges reminds craftsmen to begin preparing items for the Country Store bazaar.

Plans are already under way for the Troutdale Community picnic in the park July 13. We will hold open house, a candy sale, and possibly a picture concession.