

## WEATHER PERMITTING...

A snow storm threw a hitch into plans for our November meeting so we are skipping right on to the annual Christmas party Monday evening, December 18, 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city park building.

Bring your favorite Christmas treat and afterward we'll swap any leftover treats to take home.

Cliff Crawford who was to be the speaker at our cancelled November meeting has agreed to come on January 15 when the Gresham Historical Society will join us for a joint meeting.

Once again, if the weather is forbidding enough to make travel difficult, the meeting is automatically cancelled.

## TRAVELING ON THE STOMACH...

A historical society, like an Army, travels on its stomach. And since thoughts of Christmas goodies are in the air, we were reminded of a promise to print the cookie recipe for the chewy coconut things Sue Davis brought to the October pot-luck. They are called: "Rose Marie's Dream Cake."

1/2 cup soft shortening	4 eggs
1/2 cup soft butter	1 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar	1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups flour	2 cups chopped walnuts
1/4 tsp. salt	2 2/3 cups or 7oz. coconut

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine first five ingredients, press into an ungreased 9 x 13 inch ~~pan~~ and bake 15 minutes. Meanwhile, beat the eggs until light gradually adding sugar and beating until thick and lemon-colored. Add vanilla, fold in nuts and coconut and spread over baked mixture. Bake 20 to 25 minutes until golden brown.

## TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY...

The exhibit of Harlow and Kibling grave pictures will be on the display in the museum Monday evening...There will be a short business meeting to nominate officers and discuss the Mabel Evans home...The Society is still in need of volunteers who can arrange to conduct open houses in both museums. Contact Sharon Nesbit at the meeting.

## OLD STUFF IN THE NEW HALL...

Our newest historical display can be seen Sunday, Dec. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. when the newly remodeled Troutdale city hall will conduct an open house and dedication. One of the display cases donated to us by Glenn Otto will hold a permanent display of artifacts representative of Troutdale. In addition five of the Society's historic photos have been enlarged and mounted for display.

## RING A BELL?...

The June 3, 1938, Gresham Outlook mentions a fire which destroyed Cherrie Place, a "dine and dance tavern" located one mile East of Troutdale. Does anyone remember it and precisely where it was located?

## A NEW GIFT...

Mrs. John (Arline) Seidl has given the Society a souvenir booklet, "A Song of the Columbia River Highway," published in 1925 and written by C. Louis Barzee, a history instructor at Benson Polytechnic School in Portland. The book first belonged to Cele Brown of Gresham. It is a valuable addition to our collection of Columbia River Highway material.

WISHING ALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS A BLESSED HOLIDAY.