

THE PIONEERS...

All of us are pioneers, of sorts. Beginning with the Indians who passed by the mouth of the Sandy River enroute to their fishing grounds at the cascades of the Columbia, to Lewis and Clark who camped here on their way east to St. Louis, to the covered wagon and railroad immigrants to came west to find new land, right down to the modern-day subdivision dweller who "homesteads" 10,000 square feet with a split-level planted in the middle. We are all pioneers--and that is what we want to discover at our next meeting of the Troutdale Historical Society, Monday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale City Hall.

Last month during our live interview with Ig and Alice Wand we touched on the immigration to Oregon of their parents. Our next meeting will be a discussion of how all of us managed to migrate to Troutdale. We would like to trace Troutdale's development through the people who came here in covered wagons, Model Ts and 1960 Buicks.

Did you or your family come during the Dust Bowl years? Who came to work in the aluminum plant? How many were lured here to grow vegetables and flowers? Come to our April 20 meeting prepared to tell us about your pioneer days in Troutdale, what the town was like and why you came. This program will be taped for our history files.

ABOUT THE GOOSE...

People who missed our March meeting, missed hearing the final chapter of the story about Bob, the goose who rode on the hood of the Model T. Steve Kenney found a picture of the famous goose, which was owned by Eunice Douglass, Dr. Irene Douglass Waldo's mother. The goose actually rode to Seattle and Astoria on the hood of Mrs. Douglass car and we now have a picture in our files proving it.

AND MORE GIFTS...

Sam Cox has donated azaleas for the front of the Harlow House. Alex Jones gave a large camellia bush and a lace hydrangea which have been planted on the grounds. Caretakers Ken and Linda Grassman, in addition to planting daffodils along the front porch, have seeded annuals which they will plant in the yard. Gerhard von Kohlbeck is our chief blackberry killer and last week, Dalton Williams sneaked over a mowed the yard.

Inside the house, our resident glass man Niles Harding has provided a mirror for a new medicine cabinet in the bathroom and glass for the doors of a bathroom display case. Both items were built by Ken Grassman. Except for installing new light fixtures, the restoration of the bathroom is nearly complete.

The one item that inspired the decor of the bathroom, incidentally, is the shaving mug that once belonged to Nathalie Wilson's father. White and trimmed with pink and blue, the mug prompted the selection of matching curtain fabric. Everything since has fallen nicely into the same color scheme.

Other donations in the last month include a rag rug from Laura Vorpahl, a Life magazine pictorial history from Ada Cox, a history of Joseph Latourell from Bob Kerslake, a folding coat and hat rack from Alice Worthington and the original minutes books of the Troutdale Ladies Aid and Red Cross from Peg Parsons.

COMING EVENTS...

Our last regular meeting of the year will be a potluck dinner in the city park building, May 18. Our next event following that will be our June 14 ice cream social. It has been decided to have a plant sale in conjunction with the ice cream social, so all green-thumbed members are invited to take cuttings and sort out plants they might donate to the sale.