

A DOUBLE FEATURE

The Monday, April 16 meeting of the Troutdale Historical Society will feature State Senator Norman R. Howard, a former resident of Troutdale. Senator Howard will recall his early memories of Troutdale.

Following the program which will begin at 7:30 p.m., the city hall, the group will adjourn to the museum building in the park for refreshments and a preview of the interior work presently under way.

Two rooms in the building have been completed and the third is making good progress thanks to efforts of volunteer workers, especially President Alex Jones who has worked so many hours. City Marshal George Phoenix donated several hours to fix the attic stairway leading to the storage area.

Serving refreshments will be Mary Allen and Lytha Malcom. For many this will be the first chance to see our building.

WE FOUND THE BELL...

At last month's meeting on the history of the Troutdale school Dick Knarr recalled that the old school, torn down in 1926, did have a bell. Most are convinced the bell went to the county farm where it still hangs in the belfry. It was used for many years to call farm workers to and from work. The Society has asked Multnomah county to consider returning the bell to us.

Another badly needed item is a picture of the first school house, once located at the extreme western boundary of the Buxton donation land claim on Sandy Boulevard. Earliest records show the first school was standing (and considered inadequate) in 1873. We have yet to learn when Troutdale's school district 20 was formed but there is reason to believe it extended into the Corbett area.

FLAV-R-PAK LABELS...

This is the last month to turn in Flav-R-Pak labels for redemption at two cents each. All labels should be brought to the next meeting or taken to the home of Laura Vorpahl.

IN MEMORY...

An active member of the Society, Orval Klock, died recently. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy.

A NEW PUBLICATION...

Erick Enquist has written a book of "Reflections", a series of essays on his early life in Sweden, his career on the Columbia River and his recent years in a nursing home. In one story Mr. Enquist describes how he taught himself English by first reading a verse in his Swedish Bible and then finding the same verse in an English Bible.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL TIME...

It must be time for the annual ice cream social. Mrs. Harold Weatherhead has completed the Granny Afghan to be given in a drawing at the Social. Tickets on the afghan will be available at the next meeting.

Officers have set June 10 as the day of the Social. Now all we need is a chairman, some committee members, some strawberries, items for historical display and handmade items for the Country Store bazaar.

OUR LAST MEETING...

Next month, May 21, will be our last regular meeting of the season. Many thanks must go to those people who have helped organize our meetings and programs. A special mention is due Edna Alexander who has been such an efficient chairman of the refreshment committee.