WHO BUILT WHAT WHEN?.....

The Monday, November 20, meeting of the Troutdale Historical Society will include a study of some of Troutdale’s business buildings and older homes. Colored slides of the downtown business district and other structures will be shown. Audience participation, particularly from Troutdale’s long-time residents, will be needed to provide information on the buildings, when they were constructed, by whom, how they were used and how they fared in the town’s various fires.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall.

ON OUR BUILDING.....

President Alex Jones will have a report at the Nov. 20 meeting on the progress of our building. The doors have been installed. Alex followed on the heels of the contractor and applied a protective coat of paint. The board of directors met last week to discuss further construction.

WE OWN A CANNONBALL....

The Society accepted a Civil War cannonball in impressive ceremonies, Oct. 22, in the city park. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and a drum and fife brigade presided. The presentation was made by John Erickson, son of Peter Erickson, who recovered the cannonball from Vicksburg, Miss., while building a Civil War monument there.

Present at the dedication was Wiley Wilson who recalled that his father trained for the Civil War in a camp near Blue Lake.

A special thanks to President Alex Jones who worked several days cleaning up the building and installing the plaster board ceiling.

NEW COMMITTEES....

Elda Alexander has been named chairman of this year’s refreshment committee. She will be assisted by Nancy Cox and Sue Davis. Those wishing to prepare refreshments for any coming meetings may notify them.

Dorothy Sturges and Bob Crichton have been named to the program committee with Sharon Nesbit as consultant. Suggestions for program ideas will be welcomed by them.

DO YOU HAVE ANY YARN?....

Mrs. Harold Weatherhead has offered to make another afghan for the drawing at this year’s ice cream social. Ladies with extra yarn to donate to the cause may bring it to the meetings.

THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY.....

Records of the census conducted at the Mountain View Cemetery on Stark Street have been typed and copies will be available at the Nov. 20 meeting. The oldest grave in the cemetery is that of Rev. James Lynn Wilson, 1814-1853. Rev. Wilson was the grandfather of our own Wiley Wilson and a relative of Mrs. Dorothy Klock.

According to information received from Mrs. Klock the Rev. Wilson was a pioneer Methodist minister who came to Oregon in 1852 from Fulton County, Ill. over the Barlow Trail. He was the father of James Harvey Wilson, Sept. 30, 1840 to Mar. 30, 1920.

Wiley Wilson recalls that his grandfather died of consumption. He remembers stories of his grandfather who was called to Fort Vancouver to perform a service. Finding no boat on the river bank Rev. Wilson floated across the Columbia on a log in order to meet his appointment.