

BIGGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR...

Monday evening, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city hall, the Society celebrates its ninth birthday. Lots of things are in store. The Gresham Senior Adult Hot Shots with our own Laura Imthurn at the piano will entertain. Bring dancing shoes.

President Sam Cox has ordered a birthday cake big enough to feed a lot of new members. Last month Sam asked every Society member to make a real effort to bring a new member to our Founder's Day meeting. Tell them it only costs \$2 a year and remember to pay your own dues while you're at it.

Vice President Alex Jones will be at the door to pass out a copy of an antique Valentine to the first 75 people to arrive. These Valentines were used in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

And speaking of officers, Monday is our annual election. Nominating committee Dorothy Klock, Bob Sturges and Alex Jones are having a tough time filling a slate of candidates. There is still time to contact one of them and offer your services. Duties of officers are divided in such a way that no one individual has to do too much work, so please consider what you might do.

Finally, Josephine Jackson Helming, daughter of long-time Troutdale saloon keeper Louis Helming plans to be here and participate in our program. Mrs. Jackson, born in 1896, remembers many Troutdale stories in vivid detail. Her fine recollections of the first fire in 1907 or 1908 when her family was burned out of her home will do much to complete our history of that period.

She is looking forward to meeting many old friends.

BITS AND PIECES...

Helen Otto has obtained a copy of "Capitol Names" by Phil Cogswell, a book telling about the names inscribed in the Capitol at Salem...It's time for our annual Flavr-Pak label drive. Labels from Santiam or Flavr-Pak foods can be redeemed for two cents apiece in March. Please bring labels Monday or to the March 21 meeting. The proceeds usually amount to enough money to pay for one mailing of our newsletter.

THE BUILDING FUND...

Many thanks to Evelyn Lampert who presented a \$31 donation to the building fund in memory of her late husband, Jack. In addition Glenn and Helen Otto have donated \$10 as a memorial to the late Russ Albin and Mr. Lampert.

NEW MEMBERS...

Ed and Dana Murphy have joined the Society. Ed is city planner for Troutdale. Part of his job is recording historical sites for Troutdale's new comprehensive plan. Both are interested in antiques.

BITS OF HISTORY...

The Jan. 17 train wreck in Troutdale prompted Don Seyler to donate a book on train wrecks to the Society. Included within its pages will be an "update"-- pictures of the Troutdale wreck.

Viola Brander remembers that someone told her that the Cedars (a home for naughty ladies during World War I) was once an old roadhouse. The Cedars was located just west of the county dog pound on the Columbia River Highway. It was later dismantled and moved to county farm property where it still serves as a residence. Does anyone recall its use as a roadhouse?

The Port of Portland is interested in compiling a history of the Troutdale airport. So far, they know the Port purchased the site in 1942. It became an alternate airfield for the Civil Aeronautics Administration in 1924 when it was just a grass strip carved out of the Sun Dial Ranch. Does anyone know any other stories about the airport? Once the history is compiled the Port promises to send us a copy for our files.