

TO ENGLAND WITH THE MAYOR...

Bob and Dorothy Sturges will show slides of their summer trip to England, Norway and Scotland at the Troutdale Historical Society meeting, Monday, January 20, 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city hall.

This is probably the first time a Troutdale mayor has exchanged formal greetings with an English counterpart and Mayor Sturges will describe his meeting with the mayor of Bury St. Edmunds.

Also planned is the report of the nominating committee.

In the event of bad weather and hazardous driving conditions the meeting will be automatically cancelled.

AND THE BAD NEWS...

As most of you know, our museum was burglarized, Dec. 20, with the loss of four quilts, our mannequin, Dolly, her wardrobe and an antique piano stool.

We have posted a reward for the return of the items on a no-questions-asked basis and friends of the Society will be watching antique and second-hand stores to see if any of the items turn up, though it appears that most of the things taken were meant for personal use by the thief or thieves.

Also missing on first investigation was the hand-carved shoulder yoke made and used by David Buxton. However, it and some other small items were recovered on the park grounds.

The park was without a caretaker at the time. Another caretaker has since been hired by the city. At our January meeting we will discuss other additional security measures including the possible installation of a burglar alarm.

Please watch for the following missing items: a log cabin pattern quilt; the red and white cotton quilt with embroidered signatures of Troutdale residents; a fancy work random patchwork quilt with herringbone embroidery; the mannequin (missing a hand and the stand); a brown plaid 1872 dress; tan, kid-skin opera gloves and the piano stool, a swivel type in oak with green velvet top.

OUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION...

The February 17 meeting will be our seventh birthday celebration with election of officers, a birthday cake and collection of dues (\$2 per person.) We are planning some special entertainment.

We are also thinking of the Society's contribution to the nation's 200th birthday and will appreciate any suggestions for a Bicentennial project. Several ideas have been suggested. Certainly, major emphasis should be placed on having the museum open as much as possible during 1976.

THE SANDY RIVER FERRY...

A new book, "Ferryboats on the Columbia River" by Brown and Ruby, tells of George Griswold's Sandy River Ferry, used to bring emigrants from the north bank of the Columbia in 1852. According to reviews, the book also mentions ferry operators, Lewis Van Fleet and E.C. Hardy, who ran a ferry in this area in the 1860s. This is all new information to our history and we are attempting to obtain a copy of the book. It should provide us with important clues on the route emigrants took after arriving at the Sandy River.

POEM AVAILABLE...

A copy of the poem, "Our Island Home", discovered in the possessions of Bill North and read at our Christmas meeting will be available at the January meeting. The poem was written for the Reed family who first lived on Reed Island and were flooded out in 1894. A small donation, to pay for costs of printing and paper, will be charged for copies of the poem.

We will also make sure that copies are sent to the Crown Point Historical Society and The East Multnomah County Pioneer Association.