

IT'S GONNA BE A GAS...

There is something for everyone at the Jan. 21 meeting of the Troutdale Historical Society at 7:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall.

If you ever gassed up a car, then you will want to participate in our study of local gas stations. What was Troutdale's first gas station? Morris McGinnis thinks it was Logan's store. When did they open? What kind of gas did they sell? Glenn Otto believes Elliott Staten first sold Texaco. We'll show you pictures of Troutdale's gas stations. You bring your if you have them.

(We have an ulterior motive. The city has purchased the old Staten station at the Troutdale bridge and hopes to restore it. Any information we can give them will be a lot of help.)

Next, if you ever attended Cedar School, you'll want to help identify classmates in photos sent by Homer Townsend who is preparing a history of the school.

And, you may want to witness our society's television debut. Be there for a video-tape showing of last September's cable television coverage of our pie social and walking history tour.

And, if you ever lived through an ice storm or blizzard out here, bring your pictures for display. We'll show the ones we have in our files.

Finally, if you like cookies, be there for refreshments provided by Tillie Howell and Cathy Hamme.

AND REMEMBER, if roads are hazardous because of ice and snow, the meeting is automatically cancelled.

A STITCH IN TIME...

The next exhibit at the Harlow House, opening Feb. 3, will be a show of needlework, crocheting, knitting or handwork of any kind called "A Stitch in Time." Thanks to gracious donors like Arline Seidl and the late Gladys McGinnis we have some nice examples and we are looking for others to show. If you have any family needlework heirlooms, please press them, wrap them in tissue and bring them to the January meeting or get them to Sharon Nesbit. We promise to take good care of them.

FROM OUR FRIENDS...

One of our nicest Christmas traditions is the juniper that we use to decorate the Harlow House for our December meeting. That comes from Charles and Edna Ellis of Hermiston who box it up each year and send it to us...Lloyd and Edna Alexander have given us a 1932 copy of Bradstreet's credit ratings (now Dun and Bradstreet). If you want to see whose word was good as gold in those days, come to the January meeting...Mrs. Ed Benner, Corbett, has given us some early clippings of Troutdale history as well as a Troutdale school photo showing her father Herbert Bradley, principal...Morris McGinnis and June Sherman have given us a box of Troutdale PTA minutes, a very valuable history...Orlin and Barbara Huston, Arizona residents, have sent an abstract of property dealings in downtown Troutdale...and another abstract has come from John and Jane Kiser who live in the old Thompson house east of the Sandy River...and many thanks to those who brought cookies for our Harlow House Christmas and to our Santas, Ted Schulte and Bob Mitchoff. We estimate that 100 people came to the open house. Donations that day amounted to nearly \$50.

COMING IN FEBRUARY...

At our February 18 meeting we will celebrate the society's 17th birthday as well as dedicate our long-awaited mayor's photo exhibit in city hall. We hope to have as many former mayors and members of mayor's families there as possible to tell us what it was like in Troutdale in their day.