

JULY, 1977

GRESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Gresham Historical Society will meet Monday, July 11, 1977, in the Court Room above the Senior Adult Center at 7:30 p.m. The Directors' Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Frank Quinlan will be our guest speaker. As Oregon's Bicentennial director for 2 years, he has covered the entire State of Oregon. He, his son, and a group of people traveled the entire length of the Barlow Trail on foot last year. A staff member of the Oregonian joined them, kept a journal of the trip, and wrote a ten-day story for the paper. Mr. Quinlan will be speaking on the Barlow Trail.

We will be discussing final plans for our own Barlow Trail hike on Monday evening. A date will be set, we need to find out how many cars will be available (transportation will be furnished for anyone needing it), and plans for a picnic lunch or pot-luck must be made.

Good news! The Percy Giese homestead cabin (over 100 years old), one of the few remaining homestead cabins in the area, has been saved from destruction. Located on Filbert Hill, the cabin was in the path of a proposed road serving a new subdivision. With the help of Jim Chase, the Historical Society, Marx and Chase Surveyors, the Gresham Optimist Club, the developer and contractor, and Hazel and Harold Wogsberg, the owners of Filbert Hill, the cabin was moved to safe acreage where the Wogsberg's will store it until it can be moved to a permanent location.

The Society would like the cabin as an annex to the museum. We hope to be able to refurbish it to its original condition and try to make it as authentic, inside and out, as possible. Pictures and more story appear on the front page of the July 4th Gresham Outlook.

From the July 4th Gresham Outlook newspaper, 1911:

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CELEBRATE AT GRESHAM

- \*Excursions on Mt. Hood Railway from Montavilla to Gresham. Hourly Trains on O.W.P.
- \*Monster Parade at 9:30.
- \*Patriotic Music and Recitations at 11.
- \*Ball game at 11.
- \*Dancing in Pavilion. Begins at 11.
- \*Grand Old-Time Picnic in Grove.
- \*Opening of New Hotel.
- \*RACES! RACES! RACES! New ½ mile race track on Fair grounds. 1 p.m. sharp.
- \*Grand Ball - Metzger's Hall at night.

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The roads are in such prime condition that Sunday hundreds of autos were out speeding on our dustless, well oiled roads.