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HAPPY NEW YEAR

LOCAL SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Walt Smith of Key Center, School Board President, announces actions important to Vaughn-Evergreen Schools. 1) Larry Hawkins and John Robinson have been appointed to set up a local community committee to set up the new Jr. High to be built next year next to the Sports Center.

They will be working with parents and interested citizens to advise on curriculum, architectural plans, etc. after the first of the year. The site is being surveyed now with construction starting the summer of 1979.

2) Because of the tremendous population bulge in Vaughn School, a boundary change will send some of these students to Evergreen next year, after a gym is built there and the old gym is converted to classrooms exactly as has been done at Vaughn this year. It is far cheaper to use this method than to construct new classrooms.

This was voted on at the December Board meeting. Community input will be accepted before deciding on the boundary change.

3) The School Board voted to place a Maintenance and Operation Levy on the ballot on February 6, 1979. It will ask for less than last year \$5.71 per \$1,000 voted in then, \$3.80 asked for in 1979.

4) A positive community attitude toward schools has developed because visible improvements have been made in our schools on the Key Peninsula; we have quality teaching staff and concrete efforts are being made to improve problem areas. A positive philosophy permeates all phases of the district from maintenance to budget to curriculum of quality performance.

5) Test results show that peninsula students are above the national average. Detached figures can be obtained at the administration office.

Officers elected at the December meeting were: Walt Smith, Pres., Diane Olson, Vice Pres., Gene Peters, Secretary. The next regular Board meeting will be January 9, and Key Peninsula residents are urged to attend, when possible.



MMM-GOOD!

If you smell fresh bread baking around Key Center, it's wafting from the Calico Kitchen in the KC corral. The restaurant is under new management now with Loretta Jaggi as owner and chief cook. Helping her whip up the delectables are Linda Dalton, Nona Jaggi, Judy Jaggi, and Vickie Hale.

The house specialty is baked goods veggie pocket sandwiches (with lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, sprouts, cheese and dressing) and sausage grinder sandwiches. They have delicious home-made soup and cinnamon rolls to compliment the menu.

A new added service is baked goods "TO GO". Loretta can also make up any orders of hors d'oeuvres and decorated cakes when called in advance at 884-2029 or 884-2303.

Loretta and Fred Jaggi live near Lake Holiday. Their pre-Christmas season used to be very busy when they were harvesting Christmas trees from their farm. They gave that up in recent years, but still keep busy. Loretta was active in Campfire Girls for many years.

The community already knows Loretta by her quick smile and her delicious baked goods donated to so many events over the years.

NEW PRACTICE

Dr. Jerry Torrence has opened a Chiropractic office in Key Center K-C Corral this month. His hours are 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Dr. Torrence has a clinic on Bridgeport Way where he has practiced for the last five years. He is a member of the United Chiropractors of Washington, WCA and ICA, as well as a member of the Honorary Chiropractic Society for Scholastic Achievement.

He was 3rd in his class at Palmer College of Chiropractic at Davenport, Iowa. He also attended Bethesda Physical Therapy School and the University of Florida with a B.A. in English and Psychology.

He and his wife Charlene bought the Roy Madsen home in Lakebay and moved there with their children in March, 1978. They have James 9, Cynthia 8, and Anthony who attend Annie Wright School.

Dr. Torrence has a 24 hour answering service at 565-0476.

BUTTONS & BOWS

The fabric shop in the KC Corral is opening under new ownership on Monday, January 15. Margo Fleming of Vaughn and Joanna Ramsell of Lakebay, both experienced seamstresses, will be partners in their new business.

They will have a new line of materials and notions and patterns for sewers of all levels of skills. They also plan to have sewing classes in the future.

You will want to think spring as you see the variety of fabrics and patterns for the coming season. They want to extend a personalized service to the community by ordering whatever their customers need or want. They will also do hemming, although this will be the extent of the alterations they will do.

The shop will be open from 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and you are cordially invited to come see their displays.

See The Buttons and Bows full-page ad on page 17.



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Our Pres Sez..

By Bob Schottland

As the sun sinks slowly in the West and 1978, is just as sure to slip into 1979, many residents have asked me to present a "State of the Civic Center" financial report.

Perhaps some of you will remember in the July issue of the Newsletter, I indicated that the \$25,000 Bond Redemption loan which the Park and Recreation District obtained, was used in the following manner:

Outstanding loans	\$3,341.04
Skate loan	5,363.62
Newsletter, advertising and postage	1,979.36
Fuel oil	2,822.48
Insurance	2,257.00
Maintenance & repairs	3,561.31
Legal fees	500.00
Inventory supplies	1,775.19
	\$21,600.00
Kept in reserve	3,400.00
Total	\$25,000.00

In November, 1977, the residents of the Park District voted a Maintenance and Operation (M & O) Levy in the amount of \$55,000. This was to be used by the Civic Center and the Sports Center.

A Priorities Committee composed of Civic Center Board members and interested citizens budgeted the following items:

Electrical wiring	\$13,650.00
Chairs & tables	3,502.20
Vinyl flooring	3,260.95
Newsletter printing, supplies and postage	2,803.13
Maintenance and inventory supplies	1,878.47
Repairs to Gold Room	782.96
Skate replacement	316.95
Under contract:	
Roof	13,505.35
New well	5,442.84
Total	\$47,711.36

It is apparent from these figures that we have done our best

OPEN LETTER TO TAXPAYERS

On February 6, 1979, the voters of the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District will be asked to approve a Special Maintenance and Operation Levy which will appear on the ballot in the following manner:

"SPECIAL M & O TAX LEVY - Supplement volunteer development of the Key Peninsula Civic Center and the Key Peninsula Sports Center.

Shall the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District of Pierce County levy a general tax upon the taxable property within the said district in the sum of approximately \$55,000 (an estimated 50¢ per one thousand dollars assessed valuation). Such levy to be made in 1979 for collection in 1980.

Proceeds thereof will be used by said district to maintain and operate the Key Peninsula Civic Center and the Key Peninsula Sports Center. The majority of the tax levy money shall be allocated to the Civic Center."

LEVY YES
LEVY NO

A YES vote on this measure will insure the communities of Minter, Glen Cove, Key Center, Vaughn, Rocky Bay, Lakebay, Home and Longbranch, a community sports center and a recreation facility for everyone, ages 6 to 96.

Funds from this Special M & O Levy will provide those services which are beyond the capabilities of the volunteers and include: (1) Operation, maintenance and completion of current construction and remodeling projects, (2) Continuous short and long term programs for modernization of the Civic Center which comply with current building codes, and (3) To improve basic energy saving materials and practices and reduce operating costs at the Civic Center.

We feel that the work already accomplished by over three hundred volunteers at the Sports Center, has shown the enthusiasm and dedication of "Peninsula People" to provide adequate and safe recreational facilities for the future. Residents have also looked upon their Civic Center for the past 30 years with pride, fond memories and a sense of community and social togetherness. It has and will continue to serve in its new role as a multi-dimensional purpose center for young and senior citizens alike.

Respectfully submitted,

Key Peninsula Park and Recreation
District Commissioners and
Key Peninsula Civic Center Board
of Trustees

to use the funds available to us in the best manner possible.

There are some critical areas which must be completed such as: (1) Insulation in the attics of both buildings, (2) Repairs to both boilers, (3) Plumbing replacement, (4) Modernization of the kitchen and (5) Replacement of the public address system.

If the voters of this peninsula will support just one more M & O Levy, we can get the remodeling of the center completed.

Please help us get the job done by voting at the next election on February 6.

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Keynotes

Winners of the prizes at the November 30th drawings at the K C Corral in Key Center were:

Country Health Foods: a peanut-butter machine to Linda Owens

Lucy's Hanging Basket: a dried flower arrangement to Lou Dalton

Buttons & Bows: a stuffed animal to an unknown Gig Harbor woman



The Vaughn "Country Club" adult PAA volleyball team came in 1st in the Thursday night league that played in Gig Harbor every week. In a hard-fought season, the team members earned their honors. They were: Don and Judy Leaf, Phil and Lynn Radcliffe, Rich and Linda Rimbach, and Don Greetham, captain. Their close competitors, the Co-Spiritors did well, too. All look forward to next year.



Two families move into new homes built next door. The James Blundells at Key Center moved last month into a new house built rapidly on their farm after long years of planning.

The Bud Moores South Vaughn, have moved into their log home on the Bay after three years of building it themselves. It was a special way in which to celebrate the holidays.



Istari, a mixed choral group at Peninsula Hi under the direction of Dean Neal has been chosen, by audition as one of the few Northwest groups to sing for the Music Educators Convention in Butte, Montana next spring. The members from the Key Peninsula are: Diane Harrison, Laura Hoey, Alan Aplin and Kurt Anthony.



SUBSCRIPTION CORRECTION NOTICE!

Last month, we announced that subscriptions will be \$3.00 starting January, 1979. This referred to "Newsletters" mailed to people outside the Peninsula area to cover the cost of postage.

The paper is still mailed "FREE" to all Key Peninsula residents from Wauna to Longbranch.

For mail subscriptions, send \$3.00 each to: Civic Center Newsletter, P.O. Box 12, Vaughn, WA 98394

Key Peninsula Newsletter

SUPERINTENDENT PETERS REVIEWS PRIORITIES, GOALS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Gene Peters, Superintendent of Schools, consented to give the Newsletter, details of his previous "State of the School District" message which he delivered on March 28, 1978. He also will give his latest progress report so that a contrast can be made between the two.

"I have been Superintendent of your School District for the past 10 months; 10 months is a short period in which to make assumptions about a process and organization as complicated and intricately involved as a school system which serves 5,000 students and is spread over a geographical area of 100 square miles."

The District's personnel includes: 201 classroom teachers, 34 teachers working in support areas, 16 administrators, clerical staff of 64 persons, 11 maintenance staff, transportation 5, 33 bus drivers and 26 custodians.

Annually, the Gallup Poll and the Charles Kettering Foundation conduct a poll of public attitudes toward public education. The most recent poll completed, listed the nation's top problems in order: (1) Lack of discipline, (2) Integration, segregation and bussing, (3) Lack of proper financial support, (4) Difficulty of getting "good" teachers, (5) Poor curriculum, (6) Use of drugs, (7) Parents' lack of interest, (8) sizes of schools or classes, (9) Teachers' lack of interest and (10) Mismanagement of funds or programs.

I have identified my own list of top problems and they are not the problems that confront the nation's public schools but the problems that confront the public schools of Peninsula.

These include: (1) Curriculum, (2) Counseling and guidance, (3) Inservice training, (4) Lack of science instruction at the elementary level, (5) the two year middle school grouping and (6) Lack of local control. All of these areas need further consideration.

If you can bear with me for just a few more minutes, I believe that I can summarize what has taken a whole evening to discuss: A) The District's greatest asset is the quality and uniqueness of its employees and a community which has a high priority for education. B) The District's curriculum is quite satisfactory; but requires structure, coordination and ar-

ticipation throughout all grade levels. C) What is happening in the classroom is academically sound; children are getting a good education and the District's scores are above the State and National averages. D) There are many good examples of outstanding academic programs and extra-curricular offerings.

To continue: E) The District must initiate a strong program that meets the remedial needs of children who are two grade levels below the norm in survival skills. F) The Counseling and guidance program is large and needs reorganization. G) The District must initiate an elementary school science program. H) The middle school should include grades 6 through 8. I) The District has a high priority for the so called "Basics in Education."

The District has succeeded in holding the line on the cost of education and has a sound financial prognosis for the coming year. It is up to the community to continue its support of quality education in the years ahead.

On December 19, Superintendent Peters presented his second "State of the District" message to the Board of Director and the citizens.

Dr. Peters indicated several problems facing the district in the next few years. These included: (1) A 12 per cent increase in enrollment, (2) Skyrocketing inflation and (3) Increased interest and expectations on the part of the community for quality education.

He also pointed out the need for physical improvements in the library services, replacement of buses and for a district wide testing program.

Dr. Peters concluded his report by indicating his concerns for additional teacher training, providing more materials to aid conscientious teachers do a better job with youngsters with learning problems and warned of a "crisis" dealing with the funding of special education.

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WAS CHRISTMAS A DISASTER?

January is National Alcohol Awareness Month. Because of this, Al-Anon would like to take this opportunity to make its story known. It is a group of men and women, relatives and friends of alcoholics whether still drinking or not.

Christmas is often a time of crises for the alcoholic and the family because so much celebrating takes place. The often disastrous results could be a turning point and the new year can inspire change.

This is where Al-Anon comes in. It does not deal with the alcoholic as does AA (an entirely separate organization) but gives guidelines to the family for living with the alcoholic. Alcoholism is proven to be a disease with a strong physical aspect, comparable to diabetes. A person can be an alcoholic from the very first drink he or she takes or it can take years of heavy drinking before control is lost and compulsion rather than willpower takes over in their lives.

The alcoholic rationalizes away his behavior and takes his problems out on the family. Al-Anon helps to recognize this fact and deal with it. It has been proven that families can learn to lead normal lives within this framework. The group helps to restore the often shattered self-esteem of the family members and suggests not to take any responsibility for the actions of the drinker, but to let him or herself take care of the consequences.

The family learns to distinguish between the real person and the one whose mind is poisoned by alcohol and to dwell on the good points in the personality of the drinker. With a change in the attitude of the family very often the alcoholic will seek sobriety, as he sees their positive acceptance of him but not his deeds.

Anonymity is an important part of the program. Members know each other by first name only. There are no dues; any contribution is voluntary. There are four Al-Anon Groups meeting on the peninsula:

- Mon. 7:30 pm Lake Holiday Club House
- Tues. 1:30 pm King of Glory Lutheran Church-154th St. at Highway #16
- Wed. 8:00 pm St. John Episcopal Church, Gig Harbor
- Fri. 8:00 p. Longbranch Clinic

Al-Anon is sponsoring an open meeting to which the general public is invited on January 15th at 7:30 pm at the King of Glory Lutheran Church.

The McChord Group will combine with the Longbranch Group of AA to have an open meeting on Saturday January 20th at the Longbranch Improvement Club where guest speakers will tell of their experiences and answer questions. A potluck dinner will start at 6:30 there that evening to be followed by the meeting at 8:00.



BRIDGE CLUB

The American Congress of Bridge Leagues awarded a grant of approximately \$125,000.00 to the Mental Health Association—the ACBL charity for 1978.

A portion of these monies has been used to prepare a film "Learning to Cope". It is narrated by Cliff Robertson and is designed to help all of us learn to deal with the tensions and stress which exist in our everyday lives.

With the stress and tensions which can develop at the bridge table during an exciting game, it seems most fitting that these thousands of dollars raised by all the bridge players of the ACBL should go toward funding this film.

It can prove beneficial to the entire population in every community. Watch for it on TV: "Learning to Cope".



LONGBRANCH CHURCH

Members of the Longbranch Church and Dr. James King and his family invite you to a potluck and travelogue program on January 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the church. On that Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ferguson will show slides and tell about their motor trip to Alaska.

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Little by LITTLE

Happy New Year! I hope you have made some good resolutions for 1979. One resolution I wish every responsible adult would make is to study and learn the facts about nuclear power plants. How will they affect the price of energy? What safeguards are provided for possibilities of human error or deliberate sabotage? What will we do with tons of waste, good for 250,000 years, that has been accumulating and will continue to accumulate? (We have one of the world's largest dumps buried at Hanford - known to be leaking already.) Scientists all over the world have been working on these problems for years and their unanimous decision is to stop building nuclear plants until we solve the problem of waste disposal.

From the response I got about Blue Herons, our peninsula should be called Heron Haven or how about Heron Heaven? It seems we have several colonies of Blue Herons, some having twenty to thirty members. These herons are the Northwestern Coast Heron and next to the Sandhill Crane are the largest wading birds in the Western States. When in sustained flight their heads are drawn back to their shoulders. Cranes which are quite Heron-like fly with neck out-stretched. Herons build their huge nests in thick forests of firs - usually at least 100 feet from the ground. One tree may hold as many as 15 or 20 nests. I'm looking forward to visiting some of these spots and seeing the nests very soon.

Now to answer the questions I've had about "Crazy Quilters". Yes, we are still making quilts, meeting every two weeks for a pleasant day of visiting and sewing.

continued next column

We have finished five quilts, tied one and are now quilting Harriet Rogers lovely log cabin quilt, done in shades of yellow, gold, and brown. When it is finished we shall begin doing Margaret Olson's, an unusual pattern done in unusual shades of blue and muted pinks and wine colors.

At the December meeting we had a delicious pot luck luncheon and an extra treat brought by Kathy Smith. When she was in California last summer going through some of her mother's things she discovered a box of partially made quilts - really fabulous old, old quilts made by her grandmother and some even by her great grandmother. Such interesting old patterns and the materials and color combinations were very original and artistic. The old quilts often have quite bold colors and combinations; those old girls weren't shy about what colors they put together!

Ruth Little

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Ponderings by Cecil Paul

UNSUPER MARKETS

Grocery stores have changed. Roaming the aisles of modern markets, we price and choose from a huge assortment of foods, unheard of in the old days. You entered the old time store with a prepared list. The grocer copied this, then cut, poured, weighed and packaged your order. Self service was unheard of. There was considerable exchange of farm produce for store goods. Items not stocked would be ordered. Huckleberries and Cascara bark were sometimes purchased for cash. Some stores housed the local post office. There would be a wood burning heater somewhere in the gloom, with a neighborhood character or two sitting nearby on a beatup chair or nail keg. Yes, a brass spittoon too.

Bread was unsliced. There were no electric freezers. Some ice, wrapped in burlap, would come in on the freight boat. Country stores might have cool pop and ice cream. Milk was mostly home delivered, daily, because of keeping problems. The grocer cut wedges off a huge cheese wheel, with a guillotine on a lazy susan. Coffee was ground by hand in a big red machine with two heavy flywheels that kept spinning for a long time after the coffee was ground. Sugar came in 100 pound sacks, flour in 50's. Smaller amounts were weighed out in brown bags, including eggs and peanut butter. Rice, beans, peas, dried fruits, crackers, tea and coffee were sold in bulk. The store cat really did sleep in the cracker barrel sometimes. Canned foods at least seemed clean. Soups, baked beans, and condensed milk were staple bachelor foods. Remember that delicious chipped beef in a glass, and canned corned beef that was not full of salt and chemicals? Salmon and sardines were canned. There were stacks of dried lute-fisk and kegs of pickled herring.

The meat market had sawdust on the floor to absorb flood and trimmings. Screens, flypaper, mouse traps, and a cat, were part of the furnishings. Meat was cut to order, weighed, wrapped and tied. The butcher might throw in a soup-bone or piece of liver, free. When you paid your bill, the kids got a bag of hard candy. I saw a butcher crank a ladies car one time. It kicked back and broke his wrist. Wonderful service, those days.

Cecil Paul
Lakebay

THRIFT SHOP CLOSING... CAN YOU HELP?

Diane Thompson, treasurer of the Angel Guild which runs the Thrift Shop to benefit the Key Peninsula Health Clinic, announces that the Shop is closing its doors at the end of 1978.

During this year the Shop was located in Home but the location will no longer be available, so they must move. There is actually a new site that they may use, but as of now, they have no building for it. They are asking the public's help in locating a portable cabin or building that can be moved to their site or some building in another location that would be within their limited means.

If you have any ideas or possibilities to help them relocate, please call 884-2087 or 884-2481.



NEW SKETCHES

Don Snowden, of the Minter Area, is now one of our staff artists. He is the produce manager at the Point Fosdick Safeway Store but his hobby is art work.

He had high school art classes but has gone on to develop his own style of portraits, caricatures, sketches and paintings.

Don, Arlene and their 4 1/2 year old son, Brent, moved to Minter Bay from Tacoma two years ago and are thoroughly enjoying the seclusion of the "salt water suburbs".

In this age of so much "ready-made" print, we welcome Don's carefully done, hand-sketched drawings which add a personal touch to our articles.



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CORINTHIAN

This article was submitted by Margaret Harrison Jamieson of Gig Harbor. We know our readers will enjoy her account of her childhood in Vaughn--in a peaceful, pastoral environment". It will be continued next month.

I've enjoyed your Key Peninsula Civic Center newspaper so much, sent to me courtesy of Mrs. Corwin Chase - it has ever so many good articles and columns, and I particularly like commentaries on Peninsula history by Cecil Paul, and Eleanor Stock, and up-to-date articles by Cora Chase and Ruth Little, as well as others. My particular interest in history lies in the fact that I was raised at Vaughn, as was my Mother before me, Esther Austin Harriman. My father, Glenn Harriman, spent part of his early days there too, and my maternal grandparents, the Harry M. Austins, lived next door to my paternal grandparents, the Louis Harriman's. The Austin farm is now owned by Jean Christoffersen, and the Harriman farm by the "Olmans" and the people who have bought the Olsen-Tiedeman tracts there next to the beginning of Vaughn sandspit.

It was surely a different world then, when I was a child, a peaceful pastoral environment, and one to be envied by today's children. There were miles of wooded country and beaches then, free for my brothers and I and the other neighborhood children to roam on. We could walk for many miles in the forest without coming across an inhabited house, or any "no trespassing" signs. We were shown the old deserted farms, now going back to nature, so that we wouldn't fall into any deep, vinecovered wells, which might have otherwise proved a hazard. The beachcombing was endless and wonderful, providing material for our own beach "cottages", for rafts for summer swimming, and fuel for our home woodstove. Logging, and lumber hauling by boats provided beach residents with wood and bark; all one needed was "gunny" sacks (burlap) and a rowable boat.

Lumber accidentally dropped off ships in port while loading was not picked up and drifted to the little coves and onto the sandspit. One could almost build a house with lumber found along Case Inlet and North and Vaughn Bay beaches.

Remembered, too, is the neighborly spirit which prevailed in our village. We depended upon one another for friendships and fun and help in time of need, and this help was always given whole heartedly and lovingly, for we needed each other as neighbors and cherished those bonds of companionship. Our little communities in the twenties and thirties, when I was young, were still fairly isolated, and much of our travel and freight depended on boats.

This was how my father made his living, with a freight and passenger boat, the "Loren" named after my younger brother. The Loren called first at Vaughn dock, then traveled to Rocky Bay, Victor, Allyn, Grapeview, Harstine and Squaxin Islands, and picked up produce. It would be fruit-apples, pears, plums, grapes, loganberries, cherries, enroute to the cannery at Olympia, or oysters and clams, or we picked up occasional passengers, some of whom met us in their rowboats, dropping the anchor, so we could leave them off at these anchored and waiting boats on the return trip. Olympia was a place to buy all sorts of needed items, or to see doctors or a dentist. It was the best way for many farmers to get to a city. The Squaxin Island Indians were fine people, and my father enjoyed visiting with them, he had many good friends among them. They were bright, colorful souls, and totally dependable to pay the small fare, even tho it might be in hand knit sox instead of money. My father's winter sox were heavy and durable, knit by the Indian women in natural wool colors. They wore like iron. Many of the Indians lacked a formal schooling but had taught themselves to read with books brought home by younger generation Indians, and they possessed a wisdom sharpened by many decades of having to be logical and practical to survive.

Occasionally, my father towed logs with his boat but these were long, tedious hours, battling the current, and sometimes, in heavy fog, we barely crept along. Our whistle sounded, to echo off the shore, and we listened for roosters crowing or dogs barking to help pinpoint exact locations.

My father took eighth grade graduation classes to the Washington State Capitol City, Olympia, where the teachers arranged to have them meet the Governor. Our 1934 class met Governor Clarence D. Martin, after a tour of the Capitol and grounds. This was a good experience for those of us who otherwise had little opportunity to see our State government in action, as television, of course didn't exist then, and only a few families had radios.

The "Loren" helped provide us with winter wood, gathered in gunny sacks off driftwood beaches. We anchored the Loren out in a little deeper water, then rowed the skiff - 16' long - to shore, and picked up wood and bark in the sacks. Each child was given a sack to be filled plumply. Dad shook them down, hard, so if they weren't really full, we had to add more! We filled a certain quota before we were allowed to go swimming. The swim was always fun to look forward to, a little different beach and area from our home beach. The skiff was filled with loaded sacks and rowed to the big boat, to be unloaded. The skiff made many trips before we had enough. At home, the sacks were wheelbarrowed up to the house and emptied in our woodbox. Our large house was warmed by a kitchen wood range - an ancient "Majestic", and by a Swedish - styled fireplace.

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by VALDA YOUNG

There are few things to do outside this time of year but if the big snow storm broke branches on your trees and shrubs try to remove splintered wood. A clean smooth wound will heal fast and prevent disease and insect damage. There is some doubt now about the use of those creosote "Tree Heal" compounds so widely advocated. Experiments have shown that a clean cut heals faster when uncoated.

If evergreen shrubs, especially the needled and scaled types, need pruning either to improve the shape or to keep them within bounds, now is the time to do it.

Indoor plants can thrive if you obey a few basic rules. DO NOT OVERWATER. Very few things can survive in wet soggy soil. The roots rot and the plant dies. Let a plant get dry enough so the tip of your finger must push down a little to feel any moisture, then water thoroughly and let it dry again. That way air gets to the roots, then is pushed out by the watering. This alternation is essential to growth. Keep plants away from direct sunlight through a window pane. That can burn tender leaves. Avoid the blast of hot air from registers, give as much light as possible, plants vary in their light needs but enjoy as much as possible.

Provide as much moisture in the air as possible. A pan of water nearby or under the pots will evaporate enough to assist the plants but be sure you use rocks or something to keep the bottoms of the pots dry and well above the water.

Valda Young is our contributing writer for local gardening and we'd like to share her competent background with you.

She grew up in Illinois and graduated from the University of Illinois with a major in dietetics and a minor in Chemistry. She taught Chemistry at Oregon State for 2½ years, then at Oregon Agricultural College.

She married a young Army captain on duty there; now 57 years later, he is a retired Colonel of Infantry who helps her with gardening chores she can't manage and who insists that she should stop the "extensive" growing she enjoys so much. But so far, she has not taken his advice!

Mrs. Young's mother was a fine gardener. Money was scarce in her family so she grew, canned and preserved a very large portion of their food. So Mrs. Young knew the basics of gardening by the time she was ten.

As an Army officer's wife, she moved often, and where possible, she planted things. Sometimes she could enjoy her vegetables and flowers, but often had to leave them too soon. They spent two years in Japan just prior to her husband's retirement. It was there that she started to learn Japanese flower arranging. When they were retired and moved into their present home at Lakebay, she first planted to provide interesting line and bloom material to apply this art of oriental arrangement.

Often she had a good supply of basic plants, but found that there were a lot of new, different and unusual things that had both beauty and interest.

She joined the Bayshore Garden Club and worked with the old Peninsula League of Garden Clubs. She was a chairman on the District Board and took a long series of courses to become a Flower Show judge. A Master Judge spends about fifteen years of study, reading, courses, examinations and experience before the National Council finally gives her the coveted "gold card".

She also belongs to the Judges Council, Tacoma Chrysanthemum Society, Capitol District Designers Guild, Landscape Critics, Ikebana International and is on the District and State Boards.

She started growing iris but found her soil was not too well suited for them so turned to chrysanthemums and now has about 200 varieties.

Mrs. Young admired the bonsai of Japan and started a couple of them. About six years ago she realized that she did not know the junipers, cyprus, pines and related evergreens as well as she should and had run out of space to plant them all, so she turned to bonsai again.

Now she can collect everything that looks interesting, put it in a bonsai pot, shape it interestingly and watch it grow. She can identify a very substantial number of that vast field of plants.

Instead of gifts of perfume, jewels and lingerie, her family gives her plants, pots and books on horticulture. She grows her own jewels and perfume and who can pull weeds in a lacy negligee?!

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This is a continuation of the article started last month by Terri Radcliffe, a Peninsula Hi sophomore, telling of her trip to Japan last October with her grandmother, Mrs. Robert Radcliffe of Key Center.

In Nikko, we visited the Toshogu Shrine which had been the home of an Emperor. It was probably the most impressive shrine we saw as it contained numerous carvings out of solid gold.

After two days of sightseeing in Nikko we returned to Tokyo to prepare for our next trip to visit the cities of Kobe, Hiroshima, Iwakuni, Hakata, Imari, and Nagasaki. We traveled across Japan on the Bullet Train on the New Tokaido Line. It is the world's fastest train, going 200 km/hr.

The highlight of Nagoya was the Nagoyo Castle, built in the 16th century, and used for residences as well as for protection during the wars. It is enclosed within two moats, the outer one filled with water, the inner one empty except for deer which inhabit it. Many structures, including the main castle, were demolished during World War II, but were reconstructed and opened to the public in 1959.

A few miles out of Nagoyo, we were taken on a river boat ride on the Kisugawa River. The boat was made of wood and crudely built, and held about fifty people. The scenery was outstanding and very interesting this time of year. Riding the rapids was, to me, the highlight of the ride, although my Grandma preferred the calmer waters.

Kyoto is a city of beautiful Japanese gardens that are landscaped with bridges, ponds and small waterfalls. Everything was so neatly kept, and very peaceful to look at.

A friend of my Grandparents was our host in Kobe where we were guests at his lovely home. We were served a traditional Japanese meal prepared by his wife, his nieces, and his sister who were all there to meet us. They were kind enough to show me how to prepare some of the dishes myself, and I'm anxious to try them out here at home. A special surprise for me at their place was receiving a custom made pure silk kimono for myself and one to take home to my sister, Traci. Mine is of mint green silk and Traci's is royal blue. Both are complete with obis, shoes, underneath kimonos and small purse-like bags. Most Japanese women never own such elaborate kimonos as these.

In Hiroshima we visited the Museum of World War II History. There we viewed numerous pictures, and actual items recovered from the sight of the atomic bomb attack. The museum was on the grounds of the Peace Park where stands the only building left standing after the bombing.

In the mountains about three hours from Swakuni we explored a gigantic cavern, Akiyoshidai, which we walked through for at least an hour. Inside was an unbelievable sight! There were waterfalls and ponds, with water-carved rock surrounding it all. At the end of the tour we emerged from the cavern to find ourselves looking out over a huge plateau. The whole cavern was so big it was hard to believe that anything like that could be under the earth.

A Japanese Inn was our place to stay in Nagasaki. We stayed and slept in the same room which had tatami mats on the floor. For our meals a table was brought in

and our food served to us. Of course we sat on the floor, Japanese style, and my legs immediately fell asleep as I'm


built a little longer than they are. After dinner our table and dishes were removed while we were bathing in our own private ofuro. Our beds were laid out on the floor and ready for us when we were finished bathing.

On the 22nd of October we flew back to Tokyo and rested for a couple of days before setting out for Hakone by train. In Hakone we saw hot springs, viewed the magnificent Mt. Fuji, and rode a tram-way up to a place where we looked down on a crystal clear lake. After the mountain trip we boarded a ferry boat and toured the lake.

We went back to Tokyo on October 26th, where I started getting ready to leave for home on the 28th, on Northwest Orient Flight 008.

My Grandma and Mr. Yano took me to the airport as I was making the trip home by myself. I was a little nervous about going through customs alone so I was given an assistant to guide me. After a delay of two hours we were told we could board the plane. After an hour and a half in the air I had just started to relax when over the loud speaker I heard, "This is your Captain speaking. We are returning to Narita Airport because engine #4 has gone out." So back to Japan we went. Finally, after two more hours of waiting at the airport, we boarded another plane which brought us safely home.

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Mrs. Ora Afdem of Key Center went to Arlington/Virginia on November 5 for the National Board Meeting of the Auxiliary of the Veterans of WWI. She is the national chairman of the Budget Committee.

The highlight of the trip was on November 11 when President Carter came to the Capitol Rotunda to present the wreath to the Unknown Soldier and he unveiled a plaque to honor the Vietnam veterans for which there is no Unknown Soldiers Grave. The Rotunda was filled with 10,000 people, all having small American flags which they waved during the playing of the national anthem. It was a stirring moment.

Shw was also one of 4000 people who attended the national dedication of General Pershing's grave while the Pershing Band played for the occasion.

From 1956 to 1976 Mrs. Afdem made 35 trips to Washington D.C. representing The local Auxiliary, Post #4990. She was national president in 1961 and 1962. She often visited Emily Walker there, a Tacoma reporter in the capitol for many years.

Many times she went to attend the Women's Forum, made up of representatives of 27 Veterans' organizations. This group is a liason between the veterans and the Congress. It was created to give both sides better understanding of issues. The delegates invited their congressmen to the annual dinners there.

The main issues discussed at this years' Board meetings were 1) pensions for veterans and their widows, 2) return Armistice Day to the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of each year, 3) the President's presentation.

Following the meeting Mrs. Afdem sent to Ft. Lauderdale to confer about the rights of veterans and widows. Then she went to West Palm Beach and Atlanta, Georgia for visits before flying home November 17. There to pick her up was Vesta Schroedel, her friend who shares her home since the death of Ralph Afdem last June.

Mr. Afdem was active in VFW Post #4990 and American Legion Barracks #138 in Tacoma. Both Mr. and Mrs. Afdem were natives of Tacoma and Lincoln graduates. He was the class of 1916, the second class to graduate from Lincoln. She was made honorary member of that class.

She is also an honorary member of the Kentucky Colonels (the only one this side of the Mississippi) a charity group to benefit needy children. This was bestowed upon her when she visited the group as national president of her auxiliary. Mrs. Afdem is a valuable senior citizen in our community.



THE REAL ESTATE REALIST

TO CONDO OR NOT TO CONDO: CONSIDER THE QUESTION

Security, amenities, and prestige: These are the three qualities that by some estimates will have one-half of us living in condominiums within twenty years.

Life styles are changing. More of us are staying single longer. More of us when we do marry are staying childless longer. More of us seek to spend our leisure time more profitably than maintaining yards and buildings. All of us are living longer after our children have gone on to lives of their own.

For these groups a condominium is a sensible and often exciting prospect.

There are economic considerations as well. New-home prices on the West Coast now average \$100,000 with pre-sale homes not far behind. Condos are selling for about half that amount. As important is a low monthly maintenance cost averaging \$65.00 - compare that to what it costs you to maintain your home.

As convincing as the economic reasons are, security, amenities and prestige remain the main attractions. Simply put, you can afford more, much more, when you buy a condo.

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KIM SCHOCK RELATES EXPERIENCES IN GERMANY

Kim Schock is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Oskar Schock of Longbranch. She had been to Germany before as a young child but was able to absorb the events and surroundings more fully now in a way which she expresses in this article. Her father teaches German at Peninsula High School and since Kim knows the language she had a great advantage over most tourists. She was also seeing the country with relatives who could give her an inside view.

"It has been about 5 months since I was awaiting one of the most exciting days of my life...June 22, 1978. A plane would take two of my cousins from Olympia, Christina and Margaret Muench and myself to spend our summer vacation in Germany.

When June 22 arrived and we had finished saying our goodbyes. We were on our way at last!! We took a Boeing 727 over the Rockies, Canada, Greenland, Iceland and the Atlantic Ocean and after 9 hours of flying we reached our destination safely, which was a big relief!

During the summer, we stayed at my grandmother's house, in a small town called Bevern, which is along the Weser River and about 60 kilometers away from Hanover.

During our vacation we went on quite a few little trips with our uncles and aunts to see the country of Germany. On the first of these trips, we went to an island in the North Sea, 50 kilometers off the shore of Cuxhaven, called Helgoland.

Helgoland, is about 2 x 1 miles big and has a population of about 150 people living on the island. They seem to survive very well even though it takes 2 hours by ship to get to the mainland. The people of Helgoland have built themselves a school, a church and many stores, which make a lot of money from all the tourists. One thing very different is they do not allow any motor vehicles on their island, although some of the people do own vehicles that run on batteries. The people there live very simple lives. They had about 10 sheep which roamed the grassy part of the island freely. Helgoland was one of the many interesting places we saw.

To be continued next month

HALLMARK SHOP AT POINT FOSDICK

The conveniences of the city are moving toward us, simplifying our transportation patterns. Jo Ann and Brian Morford opened a Hallmark Shop in the Point Fosdick Shopping Square last March.

Although they were newcomers at the time; moving here from Des Moines, Wash., they have become an integral part of the community.

Their children, Curt, 16 and Julie, 15 attend Peninsula High. Julie works part time at the store.

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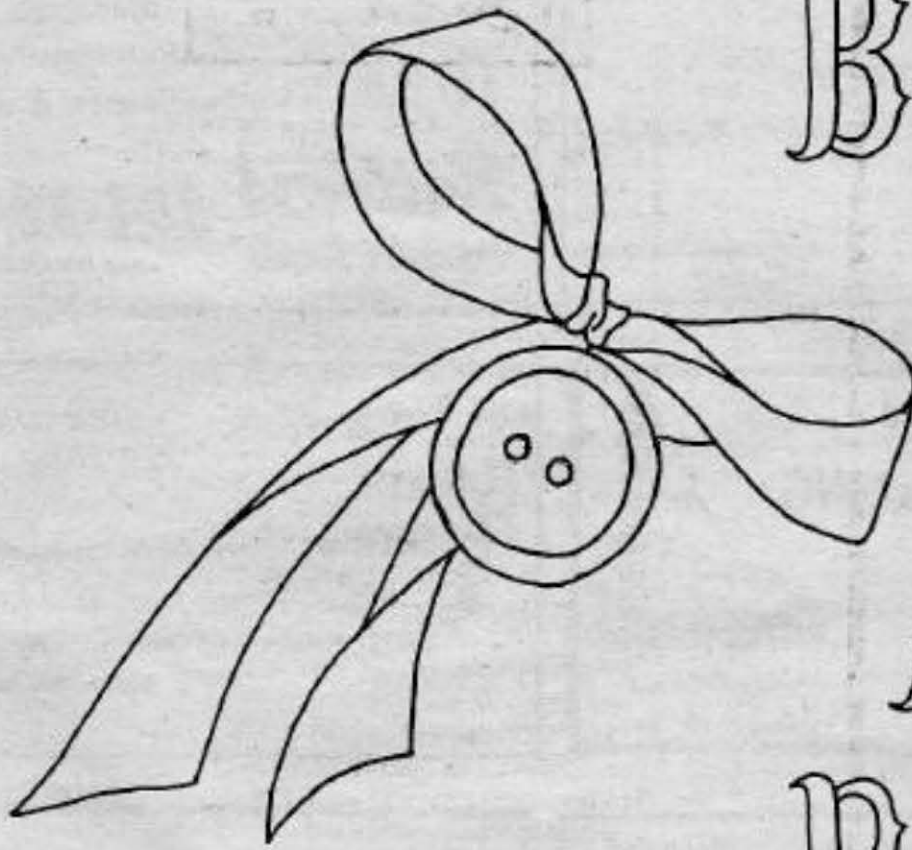
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My father contracted to get out 200,000 lineal feet of timber to be used in the silver mines in Mexico. They had to be cut in specific lengths from 12' to 24' in 2' increments. The diameter could not be smaller than 3" at the top which had to be sawed, and the butts couldn't be larger than 10"—this also had to be sawed making a flush butt.

My brothers (three of them) and I worked on the seven man crew. I either drove truck or loaded the logs on our truck—a tough job since all loading was done by hand. Our truck was the RED Speed Wagon and gave good service.

Some of the other trucks were Fords which had only three speeds—high, low and reverse and could only go 17 or 18 miles per hour at top speed! By adding a Worford transmission there would be three more speeds and the Rukel axle added another two, making a possible 8 and a much more versatile truck.

Work on these logs could only be done in the spring from mid-april to mid June because this is when the bark of the fir trees can be peeled easily when the sap is running. A spud was the tool used for the peeling. This is a square-nosed 3" x 6" knife on a 5' handle. One man in his 70's who weighed at least 250 lbs. applied to be a peeler on Dad's crew. We didn't think he would be able to get around in the woods because of his size but he surprised us all and would peel as much as 1000 lineal feet in one day. His name was Mr. Watkins.

Dad got \$1.00/1000' lineal feet as boss of the job, the rest of the crew was paid as follows:
 \$800/1000' for falling, bucking and peeling
 \$3.00/1000' for yarding—with horses
 \$3.00/1000' for loading and hauling on horse drawn wagon or truck

Most of our cutting was done in the area of the Hammel Deal and Rocky Cr. roads. We used the landings and log dumps on the North West shore of Rocky Bay.

I also worked for Fred Creviston at Joe Emma (near what is now Kennedy Park). Fred was one of the first children born at Longbranch. My cousin and I rented a colony house from the Crevistons neighbors, Joe and Emma Smith for \$5.00 a month. This was a 2-room cabin with one room used for sleeping and the other for cooking and eating. The village of Joe Emma had been founded and named by the Smiths. They had built several of the colony houses, planning to have a settlement for older people (an early senior citizen center). Joe Emma was recognized by the U.S. Postal Service and had their own post office. The Smiths were interesting people who gathered and sold wild seeds such as scotch broom, salal, fir, etc. Most of the seeds of wild plants need to be stratified in order to be viable. This is done, in nature, by several means—with fire, by freezing, or by passing through the digestive system of a bird. Thus the protective oils and outer coverings of the seeds make it possible for seeds to sprout (as they become viable).

I had my radio with me while there (in 1924) and one day we hooked it up to a high wire the Smiths had, using my car battery. We suddenly tuned into station KSL in Salt Lake City and heard Harry Lauder singing. What a big thrill! The Smiths wouldn't let me take my radio but paid me \$25.00 on the spot!

One of the main buyers for the Mexican mining companies lived at Purdy and had the nickname of 10% Johnson. He got this "handle" because of the way he would dole money out to the contractors—he would check with these men and get their estimate of the total lineal feet of logs they had in the woods, on the landing, and in the water. He would then loan them up to 10% of this total so they could meet their expenses. If a contractor needed more than this 10%, Mr. Johnson charge 10% interest on the extra amount!

By William Stock as told to Eleanor Stock



This installment of "I REMEMBER WHEN" will be the last remembrance from Mr. Stock. He died early Thursday morning, December 28, 1978.

Bill was born in Essen, Germany in 1903 and has lived in the Rocky Bay area since 1909 when his parents emigrated from Michigan.

Since 1928 Bill has been self-employed as a logger, operator of a small saw mill and assisted in the Stock Winery. Bill retired in 1962.

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28 Lutheran Church - 9:30 11:30	29 Sq. Dance Lessons Gym - 7:30 P.M.	30 P.A.A. Basketball 6-9:30 p.m. Bridge Club - GR 7:30 p.m.	31 GAME NIGHT-CYM-7:30pm	 <p>FOLLOW the CROWD → to GAME NIGHT at the Civic Center - Vaughn</p> <p>REOPENS ON JANUARY 10, 1979 - 7:30 P. M.</p> <p>4 BIG BONUS PRIZES WORTH \$50 EACH - COME HAVE FUN!</p>		