



# Key Peninsula NEWSLETTER

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## Merry Christmas



### ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Key Peninsula Civic Center's annual Arts and Crafts Fair will be on Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Loretta LaRue, chairman of this year's event, says many unusual items will be offered for sale, including T-Shirts with air brush designs, ceramics, needlework, macrame, wooden toys, holiday decorations, paintings, baked goods and other food items.

Cora Chase, local author, will autograph copies of her three latest books, "The Weedeaters' Cookbook" and two volumes of poetry, which will be for sale at the Friends of the Library booth. The Civic Center booth will sell fresh frozen huckleberries in two cup packages, cookbooks, and fireplace starters.

A special feature of the Fair is the Wine and Cheese tasting festival and a Beer and Sausage tasting party to be held from noon till 4 p.m. in the Gold Room. A charge of \$1 will provide each taster with four samples of wine, four samples of cheese, and crackers to clean the palate. Also for \$1 you may have 6 oz. of beer and four different varieties of sausages with accompanying munchies. Sandwiches, milk, pop and coffee will be available from the kitchen also.

### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Virginia Blanck Moore

When the Christmas spirit springs  
to life

In the human heart each year,  
The world becomes, for a little  
time,  
A haven of love and cheer.

The poor in body are clothed and  
fed,  
And the lonely know once more  
The warmth of hearing a welcome  
knock  
On a too long silent door.

For these few days we remember well  
That all mankind is kin,  
Bound by the love of the Babe who  
found  
No room in that long-ago inn.

But the day goes by, and the spirit  
dies,  
So busy with living are we,  
And the poor and the lonely are  
left once more  
In hunger and apathy.

I have been guilty too, God knows,  
Too busy to lend a hand,  
Too busy to stop for a friendly chat,  
Too busy to understand.

"No more, no more let this happen  
to me,  
Dear Lord," I earnestly pray.  
"Let me keep the Spirit the whole  
year through  
As bright as it is today."

### NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

Key Peninsulans and their guests are looking forward to attending the New Year's Eve Ball at the Civic Center on December 31. Reservations for the dress affair are necessary this year, as tickets are limited to 300. Call Shirley Olson at 884-2481.

A champagne breakfast featuring Eggs Benedict, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, hash browns, fresh fruit, two fruit juices, mini Danish coffee cake and coffee will be served just after midnight. This is a change from the original plan of a prime rib dinner, which most people thought would be too much for a post-midnight supper.

Hours are 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., cost is \$25 per couple, \$12.50 single, with "The Chaparrals" providing the music. It promises to be a gala affair, so get your reservations in early.

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## Our Pres Sez..

By Bob Schottland

As we approach the end of 1978, there are several people who must be given special recognition for their outstanding contributions to the Civic Center.

Starting off our "Showcase of Stars" is RAY DURWARD, vice president and chairman of the Fireworks stand, a Work Party and handler of all the contracts for organizations, private events and special activities and who will still be active on next years Board. A big 4 Star Award for Ray.

PAT CUMMINS, treasurer for the past 2½ years, was co-chairman with her husband Jim and Leon and Marcia Smith of the Salmon Derby, for serving as a dealer at Reno Night, for the special reports not only to the Civic Center Board but to the Park & Recreation Board and for keeping all the important records for the Center, we make an extra special award for the "Most Dedicated Board Member."

To MARIAN WAGNER, our Secretary, who has kept the minutes of the Board meetings and the Executive Committee minutes, who has represented the Civic Center on the Advisory committee for the Health Clinic and who took on a special personal project for the Arts & Crafts Fair to aid the Civic Center financially, we award the "Most Reliable Board Member."

ELEANOR and HENRY STOCK, Board members, advertising manager for the Newsletter, layout artist for the Newsletter, chairman of a Work Party, interior decorators for the Gold Room, salesman supreme of ticket sales for Pioneer Days, host and hostess for Reno Night, Town Hall Forum and


special lecture and such a variety of other events and activities, we award the "Most Valuable Board Members" to both of them.

SALLY CORNMAN, is always on the list of Civic Center doers. What would we do without her help at skating, Bingo, brunches, lunches, dinners, helping with the Newsletter, opening and closing the Center when no one else is available. For her constant interest and comments on what is best for the Civic Center and for her 24 years of service, we should award her the title of "Mrs. Civic Center of 1978."

"The Mightiest Might" on the Board, LORETTA LARUE, has served as chairman of Pioneer Days, the Halloween Party, the Arts and Crafts Fair, the Ways and Means Committee and is a co-host of the New Years' Eve Ball. Her enthusiasm and loyalty have earned her the respect of every Board member and she surely deserves the award of "Best Board Member of 1978."

Other members who need special mention include Ed Haines, Don Davis, Jim Penfield, Shirley Olson, Elsie Olson, Rhys Wood and Duane Fleming, who put on the fantastic Reno Night program and to all the other Board members who spent so many hours at meetings and other events, may I extend my personal thanks and appreciation for a job "well done."





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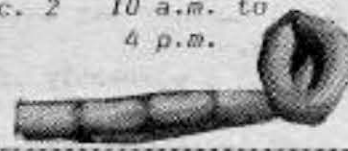
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**CIVIC CENTER WORKERS**

Thanks to all who have helped at the Civic Center, either in the kitchen or at special events, such as Reno Night.

Sally Cornman wishes to thank the following people for help in the kitchen and/or food donations:

- Mary Seidelman
- Shirley Froelich
- Betty Beal
- Fran Durward
- Jane Van Slyke
- Alice Van Slyke
- Irma Kelly
- Helen Lawson
- Joyce Burk
- John Ripdahl
- Ricole Schottland
- Sharon Brook
- Marge Mc Ginnis
- Pat Greetham
- Billy Matheson
- Barbara Richards
- Don Davis
- Louise Miller

Special thanks go to Duane Fleming, who did such a great job as general chairman of Reno Night, and to all the tireless souls who worked to make it such a successful event:

- Bud Arledge
- Gayle Armstrong
- Joyce Burk
- Jim Cummins
- Pat Cummins
- Don Davis
- Ray Durward
- Dick Dvorak
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- Margot Fleming
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# Keynotes

Attending the Oregon State Fire Commissioners' Conference in Salem turned out to be quite a trip for Duane and Margot Fleming. Starting for home the Sunday morning after our blizzard, they heard on the CB of the tangled traffic from the storm. They soon approached the snowed in area in a small town outside of Portland, where they made an unplanned stop for the night. Coming home was no easy trip, and they were greeted by an impassable driveway on their return, but with neighbor Allen Nichols clearing trees away and Margot and Hiromi Machida shoveling the snow, the way was cleared in time for their family to come for Thanksgiving.



Hiromi Machida, exchange student at Tacoma Community College and house guest of Duane and Margot Fleming, will leave on December 16 to fly to her home in Japan for the holidays, returning to resume classes on January 3.



Mrs. Ann Barbee and her children, Brad, Lorri and "Jo Jo" have returned to the Key Peninsula after a two year residence in California. They will make their home at Lake Minterwood, where they lived before moving to the Sacramento area.



A postcard to the Newsletter states that two more people in Alaska know where Lakebay is! Randy and Sissy Babich write to say they now run a purse-seiner in S.E. Alaska, having moved up there from Home where they lived for five years.



## CHILD HEALTH CARE-DECEMBER 12

Child health assessments and immunizations are scheduled for Tuesday, December 12 when PNP Nancy Rose will be at the Key Peninsula Health Clinic. This arrangement will replace the Well Child Clinic which the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department discontinued beginning November 1. Services to be included are counseling, health histories, physical assessments, screening lab tests, information and help with referrals.

Fees for these services on the second Tuesday each month may be modified according to the family's ability to pay so that all children in our area have access to health care. Medical welfare coupons will be accepted.

### OPEN HOUSE ON DECEMBER 9

The Board of Directors of the Key Peninsula Health Clinic announces the seventh annual OPEN HOUSE to be held at your community clinic on Saturday, December 9 between 10 A.M. and 3 P.M. Materials about the clinic and its programs will be available. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Board members, clinic staff, and clinic volunteers will be present to greet you. Flu vaccine, tetanus and diphtheria boosters (for adults), and blood pressure screening will be done in a separate screened area of the clinic. No charge, donation optional.

### MEASLES VACCINATION

Please call the clinic for information. 884-2757

## DR. PENROSE GUILD

The Christmas Luncheon and Auction for members and their guests will be held in the Key Center Home of Mrs. Ken Brones on December 14 at 11 a.m. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Stuart Arns, Mrs. Russell Tritle, Mrs. Mert Merchant and Mrs. Carlos Keasler.

All past presidents and associate members are especially invited to this last meeting in 1978, to help celebrate the twenty years Dr. Penrose Guild has been organized and supporting Mary Bridge Children's Health Center.

Dorothy Collins, publicity chairman, reminds members of the earlier meeting hour, and to bring an item for auction.

## THE QUESTION?

"What does Christmas mean to you?" This is the question that will be answered by the Vaughn Community Church Sunday School as they present their annual Christmas program this year. The program will be held at the church on Wednesday December 20th at 7:00 p.m. All parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments and a time of fellowship will follow.



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**BRITISH CATERER**

Holiday time is a great time for parties, banquets and family gatherings. Ken Robinson, Master Chef, is able to make these events pleasant and work-free for you. He has opened a new service, "British Caterers" because he felt there was a need in the Peninsula area for a complete hospitality business, one that would cover food service as well as party details.

He was trained in Europe, getting his initial apprenticeship in the Royal Air Force where he served officers and dignitaries on the aircraft. He also had one opportunity to serve the queen. He was born in Liverpool but spent his later years in and around London.

In this country he worked in Albuquerque before coming to the Gig Harbor area. He was well-known as the Chef at the Lancer restaurant. He recently decided to go into business for himself. The hours of the restaurant are very demanding and he decided that since he had long hard hours he would put them to use with his own special touch. As a caterer he can create dishes in all degrees from very simple to elegant gourmet. He can serve a small dinner party or cater to a group up to 2000 as he has on past occasions. He has a wide menu to choose from and can cook anything specified by the customer. He specializes in "everything tasty"! A good man to call when you are hungry.



Dr. Myrna Carag and Dr. Lowell Finkleman prepare to see new patients at their office in Purdy Professional Center.

**CLOSER MEDICAL CARE**

An important addition to our community is the opening of the professional office of Drs. Myrna Carag and Lowell Finkleman at Purdy. Their building is located two blocks left of the 144th signal (as you go north on #16) on the Burley Lagoon.

Dr. Carag, a graduate of the Far East School of Medicine in the Philippines is a chest disease specialist and internist. She completed a three year residency in internal medicine, and two years in chest diseases in New York before entering a group practice in California.

Dr. Finkleman attended the University of Manitoba where he received his medical degree. He interned in Toronto, and practiced in Minneapolis before coming to Gig Harbor. He has a general practice for all ages and especially enjoys children and sports medicine.

Their new building includes an office and two examining rooms for each doctor, plus a treatment room for emergencies and minor surgery. There is a small lab and a pleasant, spacious waiting room. Additional space allows for future expansion where visiting specialists can examine patients, if called in.

Both doctors chose this area for its need of medical service as well as the beauty of the Peninsula. We welcome them to our community and appreciate the close proximity of professional medical help.

**TOP AA TEAM IN WESTERN WASHINGTON**

The Peninsula Seahawks will meet the Pullman High School football team in the Kingdome, Saturday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m. Gene Thompson, of the Minter area, plays defense on the team.

The Peninsula High School Band will play throughout the game. The tickets are \$4, \$5, \$6 (\$3 for students) at the Kingdome ticket office.

*If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.*

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**WOODEN BIRD SHOP OPENS**

The "Wooden Bird" is a new gift shop recently opened in Olympic Village inside Daniel's Sleep Shop. Owner Mary Kay Byrd specializes in wooden decoys, some already painted in authentic designs, others in natural wood, ready to be painted by you. She also carries a variety of baskets, pictures, clocks, Lenox candles, novel stationery, mugs and decor items.

Mrs. Byrd's own interest in "house-dressing" and wall decor led her into the professional field of retailing these items. This is a good season to investigate the shop, which is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**EVERGREEN PARENT GROUP NEWS**

The Evergreen Parent Group has been off to a good start. It is almost Thanksgiving and we are pleased to be sending a second newsletter to you all.

Here is a list of what is to come:

1. November 30 (Tuesday) 10:00 A.M. - FASHION SHOW - Mrs. Jackson (a parent from Evergreen School) will demonstrate Minnesota Woolen Mill fashions. The commission will go to the Parent Group for the 6th graders to go to Camp Cispus. This Fashion Show will be held in the Gold Room at the Key Center Civic Center. Fashions in time for Christmas!! Free Admission!!
2. Used games are being collected at the school for use by Teachers on rainy days.
3. Roller Skating at the school on December 8. 25¢
4. Eye Screening Clinic will be held at the school on December 9. Four parent helpers are needed--please contact Diane Eaton at 884-3876.
5. Iron-on Patches are still on sale at the school office--25¢ each.
6. Post Cereal coupons are being collected for athletic equipment for school. Bring your coupons!!

Your continued support is really appreciated. Thanks for all your help so far!

Diane Eaton, President  
Joyce Tovey, V-President  
Mid Duchnowski, Sec-Tres.

**COOTIETTE CLUB #609**

Cootiettes will be busy for the month of December.

December 14 - Work party at Marie Schwenka's at 10:00 a.m. to wrap gifts for the Rest Homes.

December 16 - Christmas Party at Rocky Bay Health Care Facility, 1:00 p.m.

December 21 - Navy Hospital in Bremerton at 1:00 p.m. Connie Fenton and her Debutantes from Goodman School will sing Christmas carols.

December 21 - Our Christmas Party will be in the Gold Room in the Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. There will be a pot-luck, secret pal revealed, exchange gifts. Members to bring food for our two needy baskets.

December 22 - Christmas Party at Cottasmore Nursing Home at 2:00 p.m. The Debutantes will sing carols that afternoon.

The Cootiettes will have the refreshments for game night at the Civic Center for the month of January.

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**GIG HARBOR RENO NIGHT**


The Gig Harbor Eagles Auxiliary is having a Reno Night on Sunday, December 10 at the Eagles' Hall, located next to the KOA in Gig Harbor. It will be from 12 noon to 12 midnight and is open to the public, according to chairman Martha Swanson.

Practice sessions for dealers has been set for Friday, December 8 at 7:30 for anyone who is interested in attending and working.

**Key Peninsula Lutheran Church**

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# Little by LITTLE

All of you who have enjoyed Cora Chase's articles on edible native weeds, which have appeared from time to time in this Newsletter, will want to get a copy of her latest book, "The Weedeater's Cookbook". Cora is a very good cook and the book is a treasure-trove of original and delicious ways to serve many plants growing in your yard or along the roads. It is illustrated by Margaret Jamieson, whom many of you know well, as she has lived in this area for most of her life. Margaret is a talented and sensitive artist and her drawings are charming and add a subtle touch to the book.

In addition to the cookbook, Cora has two other books fresh off the press. They are very small books of poems titled "Each Man a King" and "There is a World of Beauty Waiting". These books, as their titles suggest, are happy, hopeful poems that stress the bright side of our lives. Some of you thought her last book, titled "Poems", was too much on the dark side; I didn't agree with you on that.

All of Cora's books have beautiful designs on the covers, all done by her husband, Corwin, who needs no introduction, since he is a well known artist. So let me remind you to take a good look at the covers.

Recently, as my sister, Fay, was driving along a street near a school, a group of teen-agers was crossing the street. As her car passed, one boy shouted an obscenity. Not being accustomed to having such foul language aimed at her, she was infuriated and immediately stopped her car and demanded that the boy come over to her. At first he hesitated, but her no-fooling tone of voice and expression when she repeated the command, "Come here, I'm not going to eat you," persuaded him to come over to her car. When she asked, "Why did you say that to me? You don't know me, do you? I'm just a

human being like you. Why in the world did you call me such a hateful name?", the boy shrugged his shoulders and didn't answer. She drove off and he went back to his friends, who had observed the whole affair from a short distance. Their attitude had seemed belligerent and, I suspect, puzzled. I should like to have heard what they said, but regardless of what it was, I'm sure they will all remember the episode.

Eleanor Stock has told me about a Blue Heron rookery that she found in the woods near Key Center when Henry was doing some logging there. I haven't been able to see the huge nests she describes, but want to when she can take me there. I'm wondering if any of you have had Blue Herons in your yards, or have seen any around here lately. For years I had a pair that came to my dock each afternoon - sometimes several of them, but for the past year or so I haven't seen them.

Ruth Little  
Vaughn

## NEW INTERIORS

"R & H" Interior Home Center, new at Key Center Corral, stands for Ray and Helen Pond. They have opened a very versatile shop which sells and installs several interior finishings:

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David Eriksen is a Senior at Peninsula High School. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Eriksen of Lakebay. He is the editor of the Peninsula High bi-monthly newspaper, and has agreed to be a contributing reporter for our newsletter.

### PARENT GROUP NEEDS BACKING

Obviously, there are many parents on the Key Peninsula, as well as the numerous residents of our Peninsula Country who feel they hold their children's welfare and education foremost. However, there is a tarnishing smudge which mars the surface of this opinion.

Once a month there is a parents' meeting at the high school in the lower auditorium of the Milton Boyd Performing arts Center. There, parents of students discuss with teachers and administrators department problems and developments and they try to resolve complaints put forth from the audience. Usually, a representative teacher comes to explain the situation of his department.

The unfortunate thing about all this is the lack of parents attending. I'm not saying no one is coming, but rather there aren't as many parents as there should be. There are more than 1500 students in the high school alone (though the meetings' issues sometimes cover the junior high and elementary curricula also). A larger variety of people is needed to have a variety in opinion. Such is needed to have more open-minded ideas and decisions and to keep ourselves from falling into the grips of a minority.

Often, when asked why they don't attend these meetings, parents have responded that the distance is too much to cover for something like this. Unfortunately, it seems parents who would rather not go to these functions fail to see that a child's mind is more important than a few extra gallons of gas or some idle hours watching a TV instead of coming to the aid of the students attending the Peninsula schools. Besides, the meetings are really very interesting.

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## Ponderings by Cecil Paul

### EROSION

Driving across the Purdy sandspit we can observe a good example of the damage that mankind can do to his environment. Another example is the sandy shoal at the northwest end of Von Geldern cove, or Home bay. Both were formerly stable and secure against erosion because of natural protection provided by driftwood. Because it carries highway 302, the Purdy spit is being protected by rock riprap. It will cost the public a great deal to do a job that nature had done naturally. The rock will never provide the cover for birds, small animals, and vegetation that the driftwood did.

The shoal at Home was originally a large nearly circular breakwater, enclosing a protected lagoon that was a safe haven for small boats, and a natural swimming pool. Because of its height and extension into the bay, it sheltered the western side of Von Geldern cove from northerly winds, at all tide levels. Once a good anchorage, this area now gets pretty rough. There must be other sandspits around the Sound that have been destroyed similarly, by fire and the removal of driftwood.

Logs, stumps and trash, left alone, settle into these sandspits and build a beaver dam like barrier that is better than a man-made bulkhead. Saltwater protects the wood, almost permanently, while every storm builds up and strengthens the natural dam. Plants and grasses reinforce the surface. It becomes a beautiful place. Why must we burn it, pack it away, and destroy it?

Cecil Paul  
Lakebay

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### BROWNIES

V.F.W. Post #4990 Auxiliary has presented an American Flag to Brownie Troop #783. Those making the presentation were: Irma Kelly, Sally Cornman, Helen Helm, Marguerite Bussard, and Vesta Schroedel. The Troop is led by Mrs. Sandra Diedrich and it meets every Thursday in the V.F.W. room at the Civic Center at 3:15.





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**OPIE INTRODUCES.....**

Another member of the Opie staff we want you to know is Stewart Bland. Stew and his wife, Marjorie own a home in the Rosemount area of Gig Harbor. Their son, Jeff, is a professor at UPS and lives on Fox Island. Stew obtained his bachelor's degree from Bradley University in his home state of Illinois. He has done graduate work in business administration at the University of Southern California. He is a veteran of World War II during which he served as a lead bombardier for the 8th Air Force operating out of the British Isles. Prior to coming to our area, Stew spent over 17 years with a subsidiary of Ford Motor Company in the management of defense oriented research and development programs. Stew's guiding philosophy for conducting his career in real estate is: Be a Professional. This to him means knowing the intimate details of the real estate business, maintaining the highest ethical standards, and establishing warm, lasting friendships with his prospects and customers.

**OPIE'S THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

Thanksgiving means giving thanks - for all the goodness that is ours and for the guidance of God.





## PENINSULA GARDENING

by VALDA

Last month's freeze finally blackened the dahlias, but did not freeze the soil, so the tubers are still safe. Many seasons they can survive the entire winter, but we are past due for one of those really cold spells we have every few years. Dig them now, cut off the stems, leaving a "handle" of 6 - 8 inches. Clean the clump, dry them and divide, if you can find the eyes. If you can't see them, wait till spring when the shoots appear. The eyes are where the tuber joins the old stem. Those tubers are merely food storage areas. Eyes, or buds, are necessary to produce new plants. The professional growers store their tubers in coarse, construction grade vermiculite. It will insulate and prevents drying and shriveling.

Dividing your tubers is important because dahlias multiply so rapidly that a clump may send up a dozen shoots and none can get enough nourishment to produce a plant with strong stems and healthy blooms.

Gladiolas and tuberous begonias must also be brought in. Place your dug glads in a dry place for a week or two. By then the stem and old tuber will detach easily from the new bulb. Store in old mesh onion bags and hang where they have good air circulation.

Let tuberous begonia plants dry till the leaves drop, then store the tubers in vermiculite. It is wise to dust your bulbs with soil dust to eliminate insects and fungi.

Chrysanthemums are hardy perennials. Only a few of the large exhibition varieties are too tender for this climate. After the blooms die, or frost gets them, cut off the tops leaving 8 - 10 inches of old stem. If your soil is well drained they need no protection other than slug bait. Some years we get a freeze-thaw routine that can push the plants up and break off roots. A light covering with evergreen boughs will prevent this. A good use for your old Christmas greens. If your soil is wet and sticky, dig your clumps and stack them closely in a protected place that drains well. Do not cover them.

Terri Radcliffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Radcliffe of Key Center, tells of her journey to Japan in October.

## TRIP TO JAPAN

On Friday, October 6th, my Grandma (Mrs. Robert) Radcliffe and I boarded Northwest Orient Flight 007 bound for Tokyo. Via an unscheduled stop in Anchorage, we arrived at Narita Airport twelve hours later, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Japan time.

We were met by a family friend, Mr. Yano, and were immediately treated to a light dinner at a small restaurant on the Ginza, the main shopping area in Tokyo. After being awake for 30 hours, our beds at the Imperial Hotel looked very inviting that night.

At 9:00 the next morning began the first of many interesting events planned especially for me by our Japanese hosts. After touring the Ginza, where I purchased a pair of shoes, size 25, we were taken to the Asakusa Temple, which was the first of many interesting and beautiful temples on our itinerary. Our second evening in Tokyo was spent at Mr. Yano's apartment, where we visited with his wife and daughter, and were treated to Sukiyaki, cooked at the table.

The first three days were spent in and around Tokyo. The shops were very small, however, some were several stories high. The department stores were very large, and each had one complete floor filled with every sort of food imaginable, being cooked for the Japanese to take home for breakfast, lunch or dinner, as many live in apartments too small to keep much food on hand.

I was astonished to discover that a light meal for two in a nice, but not fancy restaurant easily costs \$50.00. A dish of ice cream was \$3.00, and a slice of melon was priced at \$6.00. A whole melon was selling for about \$40.00. It sure was lucky I'm not crazy about melon!

While in Tokyo we visited Ueno Zoo which is the home of the Pandas that were given to Japan by China. We saw many rare and exotic birds and animals in very natural looking habitats.

My Grandmother took me by subway to the School of Japanese Language in Shibuya, where she was enrolled last year to study extensively the language of Japan. I was introduced to the Dean of the school and I also met her teachers. Also, I was allowed to sit in on several of the classes and was very interested in the bits of knowledge I picked up.



TERRI RADCLIFF gets ready to fly to Japan

Next we traveled by train to Nikko, which is about two hours out of Tokyo in a mountainous area. This was one of my favorite cities as it was not heavily populated and the air was clean and fresh. We saw many extremely beautiful waterfalls, which were surrounded by trees adorned with leaves of bright red and orange. The entire area was covered with fall colors so brilliant I had a hard time believing it was real.

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**CUB SCOUTS PACK 213**

With the theme of "High Country, U.S.A." for the month of November, the Cubs have been learning about our mountains. They were able to learn more about the animals of our region from a very interesting field trip to the Museum of Natural History at the University of Puget Sound. Some of the boys will be making different kinds of bird feeders at their Den meetings, while others will learn more about mountains by making clay models.

The Pack meeting, scheduled for Thursday, November 30, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center in the Gold Room, will feature Roy Okomoto, a Vaughn Elementary School teacher, speaking on mountain climbing. He will be bringing some of his equipment for the children to see.

The boys will be participating in a community service by bringing canned goods to their Den and Pack meetings for distribution to the needy by the Peninsula Health Clinic.

The Webelos Den has been learning first aid, a requirement for the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting, with the help of Earl Lique. Most of the boys have been working on their Sportsman award.

The Scouts would like to start a Scouting uniform exchange. This will include all phases of Scouting, including Brownies and Girl Scouts. If you have any old or outgrown parts of Scout uniforms, please call Diane Barnett at 857-6226. There are many children in our area who would benefit from your generosity.

The December Pack meeting has been cancelled.

Sandra Johnson  
Den Leader



Ashes president Marguerite Bussard, left, presents a check for \$150 to Dee Dee Kerkles, Dist. 16 firefighter. Marylou Moore gives an electric blanket for use in the ambulance, a gift from the Vaughn Garden Club, to Ass't. Fire Chief Fred Ramsdell.

**ASHES**

The December 7th Ashes meeting will be at 10:00 at the firehall. A potluck will follow. Each member is asked to bring part of a dried arrangement to make a large one for the firehall.

Preparations are being made for the Firemen's Christmas Party at the Civic Center on Saturday, December 23 for all firemen, Ashes and their families.



**Vaughn Garden Club**

Last month, the members of the Vaughn Garden Club presented an electric blanket to Fire District #16 for use in the ambulance.

A small group of the members made a trip in to Tacoma in November, meeting at the Wright Park Conservatory, where the curator took them on a guided tour of the plantings. Especially enjoyable were the chrysanthemums and orchids.

After a brief business meeting and lunch at the Royal Fork, the group split up, with some going to a Christmas Shop in the north end, the others to the museum to view the antique doll and toy collection.

A few members were able to accept the invitation from the Bayshore Garden Club to attend their Christmas Arrangement display at the Longbranch Hall, and proclaimed it to be a very enjoyable, informative and well done demonstration.

Grace Hanson and her committee will be hostesses for the Christmas party at the Dr. Christofferson home in Vaughn. Enter the gate at the top of Olman Point Road off South Vaughn Road. Members will gather at 12:30 for luncheon.

Barbara Richards, our President, is doing well following surgery in November. We wish her speedy recovery.

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Christmas season at Lakebay Community Church begins on Saturday morning, December 2nd, when the Men's Fellowship will hold their Christmas breakfast at 7:30 a.m. A delicious meal will be prepared by the men and a program will follow. Devotional will be presented by Mr. Don Greetham.

The ladies of the church invite all ladies of the community to their Ladies' Fellowship Luncheon to be held at the church on Tuesday, December 5th. The luncheon begins at 12:00 noon and a special program follows which all will enjoy. The theme of the afternoon is, "I Remember Christmas . . ." Several ladies will share a special Christmas in their lives.

On Saturday evening, December 9th, the annual adult Christmas social will be held in the church social hall. A roast beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served at \$2.00 per person and begins at 6:30. The program will include music and singing, games, and the usual "white elephant gift exchange" which has been so much fun in years past. Devotional message will be brought by Pastor Dick Stewart of Hope Chapel in Tacoma. Reservations are needed for this event. The number to call is 884-2352.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 17th, during the 11:00 Worship Service, the church choir will present John W. Peterson's beautiful Christmas cantata, "Night of Miracles".

Members of the Youth Group will enjoy a progressive dinner and caroling party on the evening of December 19th. A party and gift exchange at the church, with dessert, will conclude the evening's activities.

A reminder is issued to all ladies of the Christian Women's Club luncheon to be held on Dec. 20th, 12:00 noon, at the Fishermen's Club in Gig Harbor.

The members of the Sunday School will present a lovely Christmas program entitled "The Gates of Christmas" on Sunday morning, December 24th during the 11:00 Worship Service. Children of the Sunday School will share God's purpose in sending

**LONGBRANCH CHURCH NEWS**

Thanks, everyone, for coming to our lunch and Baazar. Pat Robinson won the red calico wreath created by Mrs. Sherman from Shermans Crafts. The community church is now planning a musical and special Christmas program for the eve of Thursday, December 21st. The community is invited to join us in potluck, beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by the program prepared by Mrs. Pearl Huff, Marjorie Anderson and Dr. James King. On Sunday morning, Dec. 24th, the service will be at 11:00 a.m.

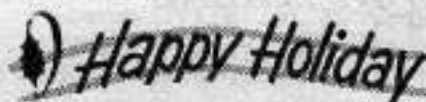
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**KEY PENINSULA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Key Peninsula Lutheran Church will have its childrens' Christmas program and party during the Sunday School hour, at 9:30 a.m., December 24th. All parents and friends are invited.

We will have a Christmas Eve "candlelight" service at 7:30 p.m. on December 24th, with special songs and the singing of our favorite Christmas carols.

On Christmas Day we will have our Festival Christmas Service at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited!



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His Son to Earth from the Gates of Heaven. Music will be presented by the junior choir.

A candlelight Christmas Eve service will begin at 7:00 on the 24th.

On New Year's Eve, the Watch-night Service will begin at 8:00 p.m. Among the features of the evening's activities will be a "slide presentation". Each family who takes 35mm slides are asked to bring approximately 10 interesting slides of their family to be shown during the evening. A luncheon will be served later in the evening, and the New Year will be greeted with a worship service and prayer.

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I well remember the 4th of July when 14 of us went to a picnic in Allyn. It was a long trip, since the only road in existence was through Port Orchard. While at the picnic, we met some friends who had company and they had a Cole Arrow Eight with a hood that looked ten feet long and had brass trim on the side...but it couldn't compare with our Cadillac. These people had been three weeks on the road from Wisconsin.

Dad contracted to supply mining props to 10% Johnson in 1927, and we needed a truck, so bought a 3/4 ton REO Speed Wagon with a trailer. This had a gas tank mounted just above the steering wheel, so we never got stuck on any of the hills, even Vaughn Hill or Graben Hill, the way most cars with gravity flow tanks would. (I'll tell about 10% Johnson later.)

During the huckleberry era of the 1920's we owned a Ford that had a Worford transmission and Ruxell axle

to give it more speed. It was a good car for our berry picking trips, and one of our favorite spots was on Webb Hill near Union. By this time the road, 302, had been built, and we could get to the Canal through Allyn. I remember one day we got \$119 for 1500 pounds of berries.

One of my first personal cars was a red sport Chevy 490. This had a plate clutch, and two round windows in the back. Was it flashy! Then there was my brand new two-tone Studebaker Champion with overdrive. In fact, the salesman I bought it from was called "Overdrive" Butler because he pushed the car so hard by promising it would make 32 miles to the gallon. He was right.

William Stock

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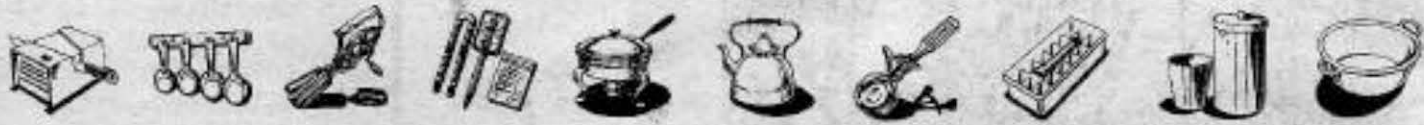
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Please join us and help us celebrate the holiday season.



### SIGNATURE QUILT

I am sorry that the quilt will not be ready in time for Christmas. There are still a number of spaces available at \$1.00 per name...and each name is entitled to one chance in the drawing for the quilt.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY:** The Halloween Party was a big success and we had a much larger turnout than we anticipated. There were so many great costumes the judges had a hard time deciding on the winners in the various categories. It was great to see so many kids there enjoying a safe, fun Halloween. There were some who fell prey to the temptation to be pranksters but most enjoyed the holiday without the tricks.

I would like to thank all those people who helped make it a success and a special thanks goes to the Bridge Club for not complaining about the noise while they were meeting in the Gold Room.

Loretta LaRue

### LOST AND FOUND

Margaret Werner reports that she has a stocking cap and a small child's tennis or running shoe at the library where the owners may pick them up. The shoe was found outside the building and is in very good condition.

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In most forests and wildland areas of Oregon and Washington, there are three types of fire protection agencies. The first is the city fire department, either paid or volunteer. These departments are funded by taxes paid by property owners inside the city limits. They have no obligation to provide fire protection to property outside their jurisdiction. In the absence of a mutual aid pact with another agency, they may be prohibited from responding to fire calls outside the city limits.

Other fire protection agencies are the forestry departments. These wildland fire protection agencies are not charged with the responsibility for structure fires and are not equipped to control them. Their primary function is to prevent and extinguish forest and other wildland fires. They are financed only to offer wildland fire protection.

Standards of attack time and pumping capabilities of these agencies are much different than those of the city fire department. It may take them a half hour or more to respond to a fire call. Their equipment is adequate to deal with a forest fire, but is nearly useless in fighting a house fire. All too often these agencies arrive only in time to cool down the coals of a lost home and to prevent the fire from spreading to surrounding wildlands. The home is lost.

This low level of structure protection is present only during summer fire season. Even less protection is available the rest of the year. Forest agencies provide an adequate level of protection for the wildlands, but do not offer any dependable protection for homes located there.

Between these two protection systems are rural fire protection districts. Those close to cities are nearly identical to neighboring city fire departments where there is sufficient improved property and an adequate tax base.

Rural fire districts away from population centers, however, have response times much faster than forest fire protection agencies. Here many of the ruralist fires are occurring. The main difference is that rural districts protect the year around and can prevent fires from spreading from house to house. They also are better equipped and trained for controlling structural fires than are the forestry agencies.

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Generally, fire protection improves as population density increases. Early in the development of an area, the only protection available will likely be provided by a forestry agency during the summer. As development increases and as people settle into their residences for year around living, they will seek year around fire protection. Local residents will form volunteer rural fire protection districts.

At this point, there is a dual responsibility. The forestry agency is responsible for protection to the forests and other wildlands. The volunteer fire department is responsible for protection to homes and other buildings.

Eventually, more year around residences are established. Land and property values increase. Rural fire protection districts increase their resources, upgrade their equipment and occasionally add paid firemen.

During this time, the forestry agencies usually provide protection only for intermingled patches of brush and forest lands and the rural fire protection districts provide most fire protection for the areas. Finally, as development continues, the forestry departments may contract with the rural fire protection district to do the total protection job, so only one agency is providing all fire protection within the area.

Before buying any wildland property, second home, or permanent residence in forested areas, know the stage of development of fire protection. While none of the previous examples are bad by themselves, it is important that you, the potential purchaser, recognize the status of protection you will receive.

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3 Lutheran Church 9:30-11:30
Basketball Practice - 3:30

4 Sq. Dance Lessons Gym - 7:30 p.m.
PAA Basketball 3-7
Cub Den 2 -3:15-4:15

5 Bridge Club GR. 7:30 p.m.
Brownies - 3:15-4:15
PAA Basketball 3-6:30
Cub Scouts - 3:15-4:15
Volleyball - 7:00

6 Cub Scouts-3:15-4:15
Boy Scouts - 7p.m.
PAA Basketball 3-5
GAME NIGHT -GYM-7:30

7 Brownies-3:14-4:15
P & R MEETING
Office - 7:30 p.m.
Vaughn School-7:30

8 Lake Minterwood GR - 6:30 p.m.
PAA Basketball 3-6
Skating - 7-9 p.m.
9-11:30 p.m.

9 Pomona Grange
PAA Basketball Practice - 8-3
DANCE CLUB - GYM 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

10 Lutheran Church 9:30-11:30
Basketball Practice - 3:30

11 Sq. Dance Lessons Gym - 7:30 p.m.
V.F.W. & Aux.-7:30pm
PAA Basketball 3-7

12 Bridge Club -GR-7:30
Brownies- 3:15-4:15
Cub Scouts-3:15-4:15
PAA Basketball 3-6:30
Volleyball - 7:00

13 Cub Scouts-3:15-4:15
Boy Scouts- 7 p.m.
PAA Basketball 3-5
GAME NIGHT-GYM-7:30pm

14 K.P.C.C. BD. MEET. GR - 7:30 p.m.
Brownies - 3:15
PAA Basketball 3-10

15 Grange Christmas Party GR. - 6:30 p.m.
PAA Basketball 3-6
Skating - 7-9 p.m.
9-11:30 p.m.

16 PAA Basketball Practice - 8-3
4-H Club VFW-10:30
Sq. DANCE -GYM 8:30 p.m.

19 Lutheran Church 9:30-11:30
Basketball Practice - 3:30

18 Sq. Dance Lessons Gym - 7:30 p.m.
PAA Basketball 3-7

19 Brdige Club -GR-7:30
Brownies -3:15-4:15
Cub Scouts - 3:15-4:15
Vaughn Church - 7:30
Volleyball-7:00

20 Cub Scouts-3:15-4:15
Boy Scouts- 7 p.m.
PAA Basketball 3-5
GAME NIGHT-GYM-7:30pm

21 Vaughn Church Christmas Program 7:30 p.m. Refresh.
Brownies - 3:15
Cootiettes-GR-7:30

22 K.P.C.C. BD. Christmas Party (New & Old Board Members) 7:30 p.m.
PAA Basketball 3-6

23 PAA Basketball Practice - 8-3
Firefighters Xmas Party -GR. 7:30 p.m.

24/31 Lutheran Church 9:30-11:30
NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL - Champagne Breakfast 9:30-2

25 CHRISTMAS Church Service 10:00 a.m.
Sq. Dance Lessons Gym- 7:30 p.m.

26 Bridge Club -Gr-7:30
Brownies-3:15-4:15
Cub Scouts-3:15-4:15
PAA Basketball 3-6:30

27 Cub Schouts-3:15-4:15
Boy Scouts - 7p.m.
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GAME NIGHT-GYM-7:30pm

28 PACK Meeting GR. - 7:30 p.m.
Brownies- 3:15
PAA Basketball Gym - 3-10

29 PAA Basketball 3-6
Skating - 7-9 p.m.
9-11:30 p.m.

30 PAA Basketball Practice - 8-3