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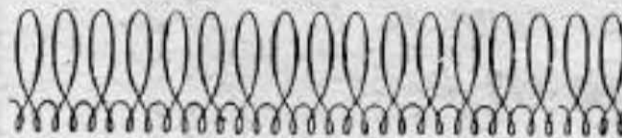
The work that went in to the Bicentennial Celebration was nothing short of outstanding. All those who were involved should be extremely pleased and proud of the outcome. I hope each of you have heard the many splendid comments.

Thanks to Pat Greetham, who was Chairman, and to those who supported and worked to help put this event on. It was a job well done! May you all have beautiful memories.

Thank you from the
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Nita Akins, Pres

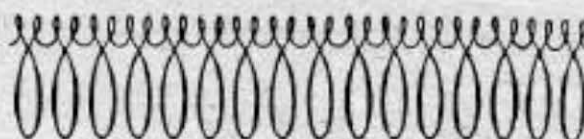
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO US

This week the Bicentennial Committee received a special message from the President of the United States thanking the Key Peninsula community for participating in the National Bicentennial Program with our Festival. It was hand signed by Gerald Ford. It will be on display at the Civic Center.



COMING EVENTS

- July 1 P. & R. Comm.
- July 2 Grange
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 8 K.P.C.C. Ass'n.
- July 9 P.R.O.O.F. Organization Meeting
- July 12 V.F.W. & Aux.
- July 15 Cootiettes
- July 17 Great Pretenders Dance
- July 31 Dance Club



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*** FIREWORKS ***

The Civic Center will have the fireworks stand at the Key Center corner again this year. We hope that you will buy your fireworks here and support your community instead of another.

We need helpers at the stand, so anyone 18 years and older who wants to help, it will be greatly appreciated. Please call Nita Akins at 884-2405.

We have a large assortment so stop by and see what we have. Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

LOCAL BUSINESS EXPANDS

Walter and Bertha Schmidt, owners of Walt's Fine Foods in Key Center now have a second store to serve the residents of the Rocky Bay, North Case Inlet area as well as the lower Key Peninsula.

Located in Allyn, the fine, large store is managed by Marc Moellendorf, former Key Peninsula resident. The new store has the same wide selection, good specials and friendly "hometown" service that is characteristic of the Key Center location, so drive on over and see what's new in Allyn.



SALMON DERBY

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Annual Salmon Derby is coming up soon. Plans are in the making, so watch the paper for further details.

BICENTENNIAL GRANT

Yes, we are using the money from the grant that was given to the Civic Center. It was designated for use on something special that we could not ordinarily do ourselves. This is a \$1500. grant but we must match it with \$1500. which was made possible by the Bicentennial celebration. We have bought material for stage curtains and paint for the gym walls. The hidden stage has been fixed and we will put up accoustical tile in the gym. This work is to be done with mostly volunteer labor.

"I LOVE AMERICA"

The Peninsula Bicentennial Singers did a wonderful job of presenting "I Love America" at the Lakebay Church June 5 under the competent direction of Dotty Pierce. It was a thrilling quality performance of patriotic and religious music compiled by John Peterson and meant for the inspiration of the audience. It was a fine Bicentennial tribute to our community.

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**THE GREAT PRETENDERS
(ARE BACK)**

If you came to the '50s dance you can come back and enjoy this very popular band and if you didn't get to hear them before you can this time. July 17, 9:30 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Admission is \$5.00 for couples, \$2.50 for singles

This is a top name band from Tacoma. If you want music like this you will have to come out and support it or we can't have them back. They are good. Please tell your friends as we cannot advertise that much. Come out and enjoy.

Remember, The Great Pretenders. July 17, 9:30 to 2:00 A.M., Key Peninsula Civic Center. Call 884-2479 for information. See you there!

Nita

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Our club director, Jack Crocker, is in Asia, so we welcomed Bob and Eileen James as directors for our game on June 22. This was a Club Olympiad Championship, which means half the funds collected go to the national office of A.C.B.L. (American Congress of Bridge Leagues) to help pay the expenses of the North American A.C.B.L. Team in the Bermuda Bowl competitions. This international championship tournament was held May 2 - 8 in Bermuda. Six teams; Italy, Israel, Brazil, Hong Kong, the A.C.B.L. and Australia competed for the honor of playing with the world champion team of Italy. The A.C.B.L. team was the winner and continued their excellent play to defeat the famous Blue Team of Italy, bringing the Bermuda Bowl to these shores. We can all be proud.

June 22 Winners

1. Eleanor and Henry Stock
2. Margaret and Al Coe
3. Margaret and Joe Werner

On July 27 we will have a Club Championship game. Everyone is welcome.



FLOAT AWARD

Well gang, you did it again. Yes, the Civic Center float won the Captain's Award for the most original float in the Harbor Holidays Parade in Gig Harbor June 5th. Thanks to Marge Radonich, chairman, and her crew, Dick Radonich, Claude and Marita Lee, Emory and Betty Flewelling, Duane and Margot Fleming, Don and Shirley Olson, Pat Blundell & Judy Mills. The theme was "Bicentennial Leftovers" and featured some of the costumes from our festival and the bicycle built for two. Riding on the float, driven by Max Marlowe, were musicians Larry Olsen, accordion, James Braun, drums and singers Becky Olsen and Robin Radonich. Banner carriers were Nita Akins, Pat Greetham and Randy Calhoun, all in Bicentennial costume. It was a fun filled day!

Since we now have several awards we plan to display them at the Civic Center.

LOOP TRIP FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens of Gig Harbor and the Peninsula are planning a Loop trip around the Olympic Peninsula, staying overnight at the Quinault Lodge July 19 & 20. If you would be interested contact Jean Humphreys at 884-3716. We need to fill a chartered Trailways bus for a rate of \$26.70 each, which includes the overnight stay at the lovely Quinault Lodge. So bring a friend, plan a stroll on the beach, have lunch at Forks, a visit to the Rain Forest up the Hoh River and a tour of the Olympia Brewery if desired.

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Bells will be ringing "from sea to shining sea" on July 4 this year. The Congress of the United States has established 2:00 EDST, July 4 as a period of national bell ringing.

It is hoped that communities throughout the country will coordinate their plans for ringing the bells with the 2:00 p.m. schedule so that there may be simultaneous ringing of freedom throughout the land.

The time span would range from 3:00 p.m. in Puerto Rico to 8:00 a.m. in American Samoa, thus making it possible for all Americans to participate in ringing the bells at the same moment.

We hope you, and everyone you talk to, will ring a bell, honk a horn, blow a siren or give a cheer and clap your hands at exactly 11:00 a.m. Sunday, July 4, 1976. Put your heart into it as we all celebrate being Americans.

The Longbranch Community Church services are at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday and they welcome anyone who enjoys freedom of worship, as this church has no creed except the search for truth. Their pastor, Mr. John W. Tyler, always has a stimulating thought to share.

On July 4, Pamela Co-burn, the church organist, will ring the church bell for five minutes at 11:00, which is the time church bells will be chiming across the entire United States. What an appropriate way to celebrate our 200th birthday!



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VAUGHN GARDEN CLUB

The June meeting of the Vaughn Garden Club was at Eleanor Stock's home where we enjoyed a delicious pot luck lunch.

We were treated to a tour of the woods by Henry Stock to see his discovery of an enormous, ancient grape vine. It was growing wild, spreading high into the surrounding trees, and quite a sight.

A short business meeting was held. It was announced that the Vaughn Garden Club is listed on the official plaque of donors for "Contribution to the Landscape". This was in regard to the bronze sculpture entitled "The Family" by Clare Shaver that was dedicated at Point Defiance Park on June 27.

Our next project is a plan for beautifying the corner at Key Center. We hope to plant an attractive grouping of shrubs there.

The next meeting will be the annual tea in September. It will be at the home of Vivian Crow on the 16th between 2:00 and 4:00. Guests are most welcome. Every one come.

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FIRE MARSHALL

Yes, he is still around! And he will be back in one month, by which time he expects to see some work done to meet his requirements. We have been a little lazy. There are a few things that could be done if we could find some volunteer help. One of the big projects to be finished is to hang the solid core doors. We have the doors and have five left to hang. If you can help with this and can hang even one door, please call me at 884-2405. This is important!

There is still sheet rock to be put up, the scout closet must be finished, electrical work to be done, door closers to be installed, a vent to be put in the kitchen and a fire wall in the attic. There may be a few things I have left out, but this gives you an idea of what is expected of us as a community. Please help any way you can. I will be glad to answer any questions.

Nita Akins, President
Civic Center Association



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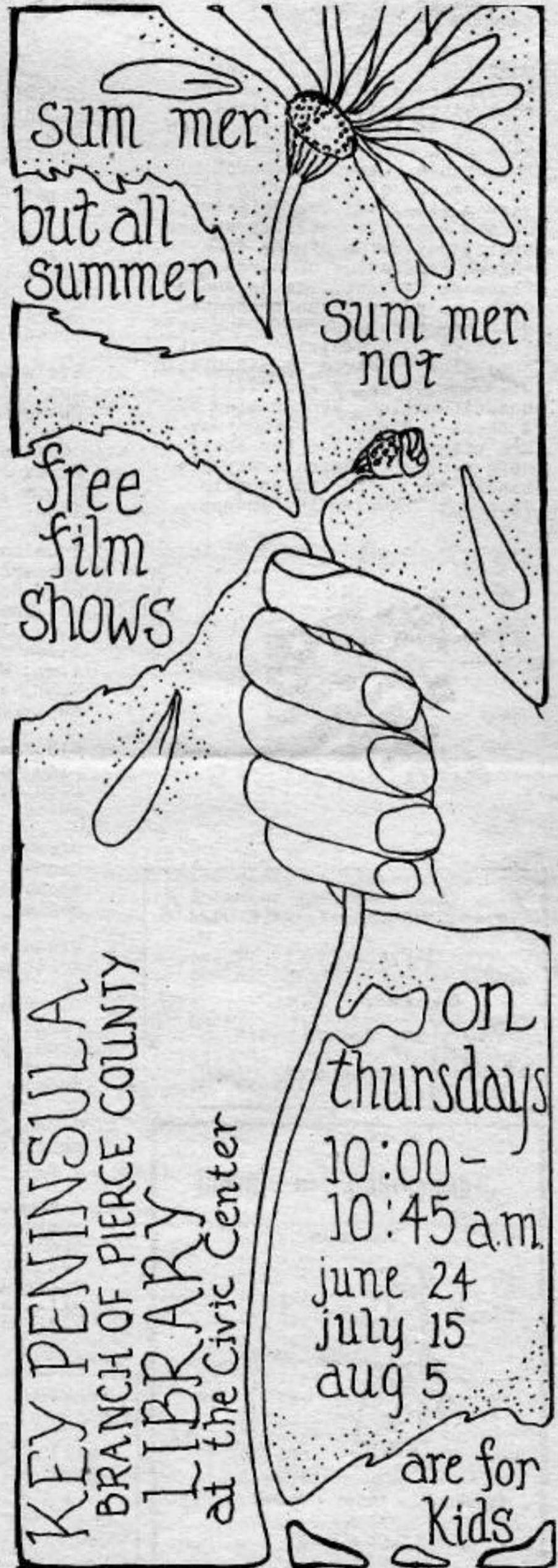
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CHILDREN'S CRAFT CLASSES
AGES 6-8



Last year the Bayshore Garden Club, which is a very active group, chose as their community project the landscaping of the strip along each side of the back door of the Longbranch Community Church. The members of the church were very pleased and appreciative of the result. Recently at the state convention of the Washington Federation of Garden Clubs at Everett, the Bayshore Club was proud to be presented with the first award for beautification. In addition to that they also received the Richfield Oil Company award for civic beautification, accompanied by a check for \$50.00 which they are planning to use for their next project. Helen Tracy attended the award luncheon in Tacoma to receive the awards.



July 4th Events

PIERCE COUNTY

- 2 Official Dedication, Tacoma Bicentennial Pavilion & Ball, 8 p.m., Bicentennial Pavilion. Sponsor: Tacoma-Pierce County Bicentennial Commission.
- 3 Lakewood Summer Festival Grand Parade, Opening Ceremony, 9 a.m., McChord AFB, parade, 11 a.m., Gravelly Lake Drive, fireworks, 10 p.m.
- 3 Bicentennial Program, Tacoma Twins baseball game, Cheney Stadium, fireworks.
- 3/4 God and Country concert, First Assembly of God Church 7 p.m., Bicentennial Pavilion.
- 3 Reunion, all former Duponters, 6 p.m. DuPont High School, banquet, entertainment.
- 3 Bicentennial parade, 10 a.m., Wilkeson; bake sale, U.S. Handcar Championship semi-finals, street dance.
- 4 Old Fashioned Fourth, Fife High School, 12-6 p.m., picnic, games, contests, music, fireworks.
- 4 Bicentennial parade, barbeque, music, sports, speeches, Eatonville and Eagles Park 2-6 p.m.
- 4 Bicentennial parade, DuPont, noon, picnic.
- 4 Old Fashioned Fourth, Roy Parade, 10 a.m. Picnic, noon, Variety show, 1:30, games, arts & crafts, dance.
- 4 Bicentennial picnic, contests, games, Wilkeson 3 p.m. Handcar finals.
- 4 A mammoth display of fireworks at Old Town area, sponsored by Tacoma Athletic Commission, with entertainment preceding, will cap the day's celebration.

COUNT THE CHICKS

The Longbranch Co-operative Nursery School had its executive board meeting May 22 at the home of Lynn Summers. The new officers, President - Judy Mills, Vice President - Donna Rabbage, Secretary - Paula Hinzman, & Treasurer - Helen Hogan took their offices.

Applications for nursery school are being accepted. We need three to five year olds to make our venture successful as well as a learning experience for all.

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Have you heard a rumor? Well it is a true one. We might have roller skating at the Civic Center. If everything goes as expected and we can secure the money, we will start soon.

"Why roller skating?" we have been asked. First, it would give the young people of the peninsula area something to do close to home. Next, it would be a way for the Center to be self-supporting. Wouldn't that be nice? It will not interfere with other things, so we can have our old favorite activities plus something new. It will not damage the gym floor. We will have to put a plastic finish on the floor which will make it better for all our functions.

The Civic Center is for all lower peninsula residents and we hope you all can enjoy it.

You will be hearing more about the skating as our plans progress.



CUB SCOUT NEWS

Summer has come and the cubs have already had their first summer activity, a family pack picnic on Saturday, June 19 at Kopachuck State Park.

Awards given during the advancement ceremony went to:
Webelos - Crawford Shirley - Citizen

Cubs - Timothy Shirley - Wolf

Evan Burk - 2 silver arrows

Other summer activities for the cubs will include swim parties at Camp Seymour, a Cub-Dad overnight at Camp Hahobas and a "Fun Day" on August 28 at the Marvin Fryes.

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Celebrations

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The concert will be the first event in the Bicentennial Pavilion following the official dedication July 2.

Rev. Fulton Buntain said the performance will be accompanied by a multi-media presentation. "All the songs will center around the theme of the Bicentennial, saluting the nation's 200th birthday", Rev. Buntain said.

Curtain time is 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

Following closely on the heels of the Fourth of July celebrations all around Pierce County is the Meeker Days celebration - a Puyallup tradition.

Most of the events will take place on July 10 and 11. They include a circus at Sparks Field, an Air Show at Thun Field, a chicken and ice cream social at Meeker Mansion, mansion tours, a street dance and historical displays at Meeker Mansion.

A parade at 10:30 a.m. on July 10 will be the kickoff event. Mansion tours will run from noon to 6 p.m. July 10 and 11. The Meeker mansion was built in the 1890's by Ezra Meeker, valley pioneer.



SPECIAL TEA

Rocky Bay residents participated in a Bicentennial program of music called "America, 200 Years in Song - Dance". It was the culmination of months of work by staff and students at the Handicapped Center at the First Christian Church of Tacoma at 6th and Orchard.

They did the minuet, spirituals, square dance, Charleston and rock & roll, ending with patriotic songs. It was sponsored by W.A.R.C. and Washington State Department of Developmental Disabilities, who also sponsor the daily classes there for handicapped people older than public school age.

All you newspaper savers can help us. We need back issues of the Key Peninsula Newsletter to keep for the Civic Center files. Any extra copies you have that you would be willing to part with will be most appreciated. You may bring them to the Civic Center or mail them to Marylou Moore, South Vaughn Road, Vaughn, 98394.

Also, the Bicentennial Committee would like to have any articles and pictures from other newspapers about our festival in order to complete a scrapbook for the Civic Center. These may be sent to the above address or to Pat Greetham, Rt. 1, Lakebay, 98349.


The Square Steppers graduated their largest class of beginners in their 21 years of existence. The candle lighting ceremony was presided over by Chuck Wiler, the club's caller, assisted by the club's officers.

Special recognition went to Wayne and Hazel Cornwell, who presented diplomas to seven members of their family which encompasses three generations.

The Vice Presidency, which had been vacated recently, was accepted by Milo Haugen of Port Orchard. Our next meeting will be held on July 18 at the residence of Chuck and Vi Wilkinson.

Our summer visitations have slowed down, with only one a month until the September schedule is completed.

The club is still dancing on each Thursday night from 8 til 10 p.m. The next club dance on July 10 will be called by Jerry Vaughn from the Round Squares club.




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The Penn Ants enjoyed very much the weekend of the Bicentennial Festival at the Civic Center. Their bake sale went over in great "style", along with the dresses they enjoyed wearing to celebrate the occasion. The program was outstanding!
The next meeting will be held on July 15. This will be a pot luck dinner at Horseshoe Lake at 6:30 p.m. Let's all come and have a good time.


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NEWS ITEMS

Any news articles you would like to have printed in the Newsletter should be submitted on or before the 20th of each month. If you can, please type your news on plain typing paper in a column 2 & 3/4 to 3" wide. If not, please write as legibly as possible and print all names so we will get them right.

News items may be left at Walt's store in Key Center or mailed to Marylou Moor, South Vaughn Road, Vaughn, 98394.

LIBRARY QUIZ OR CHILDREN'S BOOK FINDER

Can you find these books in the children's section of our library? Here are some clues:

1. This book concerns two small boys, the seashore, a boat, clamming and shrimping, stormy seas and a rescue. The most important clue of all is "poof".
2. A turtle gets turned over and all of his friends, the squirrel, the rabbit, the woodchuck, the possum and the muskrat can not turn him back over. Be sure to find this book and you will find out how the poor turtle gets turned over. You'll be surprised to find out which little animal is able to do it.
3. What birthday present did the rich vampire give his son who was a racing car nut? Why didn't the monster go to college? Do werewolves make good football players? The answers to these riddles can be found in a tiny book.

4. Everyone will want to read about the silliest animal in animaltown. Can you imagine anyone planning a big party and forgetting to invite all her friends? Or forgetting to put water in the tub to take a bath, or eating her brand new Easter hat? Look in the children's section at the library for this book, and find out about all the other silly things this animal does.

5. The beginning reader will really enjoy this book as he will be able to read it all by himself. Look for a book written in rhyme and with lots of number names. It is a green book.



LIBRARY NEWS

Friends of the Key Peninsula Library Association are urged to be thinking of fund raising events we could sponsor in August or September. We still need added monies to purchase a book-drop.

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LIBRARIES FEW IN COLONIAL ERA

By Clarence M. Dial
Mesa Public Library Director
Mesa, Arizona

In reflecting upon the past 200 years since the birth of the United States of America, I want to share with you a small portion of the history recorded in our libraries. We take so many things for granted, and perhaps the public library is one service provided by our cities and towns that too few of our citizens use to the fullest advantage.

In colonial times, books and libraries were not available to everyone. Private collections consisting basically of religious, trade and professional books were held by those who could afford them. These collections were generally under a thousand volumes.

The first attempt at a public library in the colonies was in 1656 when Captain Robert Keayne, a Boston merchant, willed his collection to the town for a public library on condition that the town would build a suitable building to house it. The collection met its end in a fire in 1747. Churches also provided small libraries of religious works for public use in the early 1700's.

Probably the most successful means of making books available for general reading came in the 18th century with the establishment of subscription libraries. Benjamin Franklin has been given credit for the first American subscription library in Philadelphia. It was established in 1731 after the pattern popular in England and Scotland.

Franklin and a small group of friends formed the Philadelphia Library Company and some 50 members paid two pounds each for membership with ten shillings yearly for dues. Subscription libraries were formed in a number of other colonial towns and were the closest thing to public library service that was available at that time.

Private libraries became more common in the 18th century, particularly among professional people, government officials and large plantation owners of the South.

Rental or circulating libraries became available in some towns after 1760. These provided a way to get reading material without buying it. Printshops or bookstores maintained these libraries and made books available for a small rental fee.

The average colonial American was not a literary person. Political and social leaders usually owned small, but well selected libraries. The leaders of the colonial era not only owned books, but read them. That they made effective use of their libraries is evidenced by the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and numerous journals, diaries and books that have come to us from this period.

After the American Revolution, little in the way of public library service was available in the United States. Materials were available at a low cost through social, proprietary and subscription libraries after 1800. Many of these provided reading matter for the average reader until about 1875.

Using a definition of the public library as being a book collection that is publicly supported, publicly controlled, and for general free public use, there were very few public libraries in the United States before 1850. One of the first was in Salisbury, Conn., consisting of a collection of books donated by Caleb Bingham in 1803 and made available by the town as the Bingham Library for Youth. Occasionally private collections were donated to the towns and then supported and maintained for public use.

It wasn't until the 1840's that there came a definite movement toward public libraries. In Orange, Mass., the people voted \$100 in 1846 to establish a free town library. New Hampshire took the lead in 1849 with a law authorizing towns to appropriate money for the establishment and maintenance of pub-

lic libraries. This law helped start the modern public library movement in the United States. It was in the establishment of the Boston Public Library that the movement gained a solid foundation. A library tax was proposed, legislative action was obtained for such a tax in the city of Boston, and by 1852 plans for a public library were underway.

The greatest progress in American public libraries has come since 1900 with the impetus of the Carnegie building funds and the effect of increased public education. Many other benefactors besides Carnegie have aided libraries and have helped to establish libraries in all of the nation's larger cities and towns as well as in smaller ones.

As public libraries became more firmly established, they began offering new services and innovations such as children's rooms, open stacks and public catalogs. By 1900, seventeen states had established State Library Commissions for the aid and support of public libraries.

The depressing years that started in 1929 brought difficulties for public libraries along with other institutions. Budgets were reduced, but new demands for service came from the unemployed who desired to improve their chances for jobs or wanted materials to read during their enforced leisure.

After World War II there was a rapid surge ahead for libraries with new buildings, branches and services. We are familiar with the technological advances that have taken place during the past thirty years. Many libraries have been able to utilize these new concepts in their operations, yet, despite these advances, many Americans are still without access to public library services. Others have inadequate service available - book collections are too small or too old, necessary services are not provided because of insufficient funds, and library staffs are too small or inadequately trained.

Looking back over the past 200 years, Americans have seen tremendous changes in their way of life. Libraries have been, and still are, vital to that way of life. In order to survive in our changing world and society, we must keep informed and we must find ways to profitably use our leisure. Will our libraries enable us to keep pace with these changes?

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EXCHANGE STUDENT

Kathy Aplin of Vaughn has gone to Mexico City as a member of the Foreign Student Exchange Program through Peninsula High School. She will return on July 30.

Kathy has taken three years of Spanish, which is a prerequisite for the trip. She went with several other students, each going to a different home.

School is in session at this time so she will see students in action as well as Mexican family life and the scenes of a foreign city.

HEALTH CLINIC PROGRESS NOTES

Have you seen your clinic lately? Located behind the Longbranch Community Church, the Clinic is now sporting petunia baskets and new paint on the front door. Did you know that the Church provided the building for the Clinic's use, the only fee being the cost of fuel and additional insurance?

Rolland Ferguson represents the Church on the Clinic Board. Other Board members, new and old include John Brandle, Chuck Britt, Randy Carr, Bud Curl, Harvey Ennis, Vida Kinzner, Nat Knox, Jane Lashua, Shirlee Marietta, Shirley Olson, James Penfield, Marge Radonich, Pat Robinson, Barbara Russell, Medric Schwenka, Keith Seavey, Lynn Summers, Judy Tauscher, Laura Ward and Judy Wilson.

At its June meeting the Board of Directors voted to purchase the Stripchart Recorder which allows the clinician and the patient to see the electrocardiogram which is being received at Phone-a-gram in San Francisco. This purchase, amortized over 8 months, will lessen the cost to the Clinic of a necessary service, freeing up funds for other needed purposes.

The billing statement you receive represents the fee schedule adopted by the Clinic Board of Directors. The fees are approximately the same as your physician charges. You may make the determination about whether you are able to pay the full fee. The Board is reluctant to approve a sliding fee scale which would require financial screening. Also, please remember, if you are able to pay and elect not to do so, someone else is paying for you, in some way. An economic fact of life!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. P. & R. Comm. 7:30 G.R.	2. Grange 6:30	3.
4. 4 th of July	5.	6. Bridge 7:30	7. Boy Scouts 7 pm. Game Night	8. K.P.C.C. Assn. 7:30 G.R.	9. P.R.O.C.F. Organization Meeting G.R. 8 pm.	10.
11.	12. V.F.W. & Aux. 7:30	13. Bridge 7:30	14. Boy Scouts 7 pm. Game Night	15. Cootiettes 7:30 G.R.	16. Grange 6:30	17. "GREAT PRETENDERS" Dance 9:30 - 2 am.
18.	19. Senior Citizens Loop Trip overnight (see article)	20. Bridge 7:30	21. Boy Scouts 7 pm. Game Night	22.	23.	24.
25.	26.	27. Bridge 7:30	28. Boy Scouts 7 pm. Game Night	29.	30.	31. Dance Club 10 - 2