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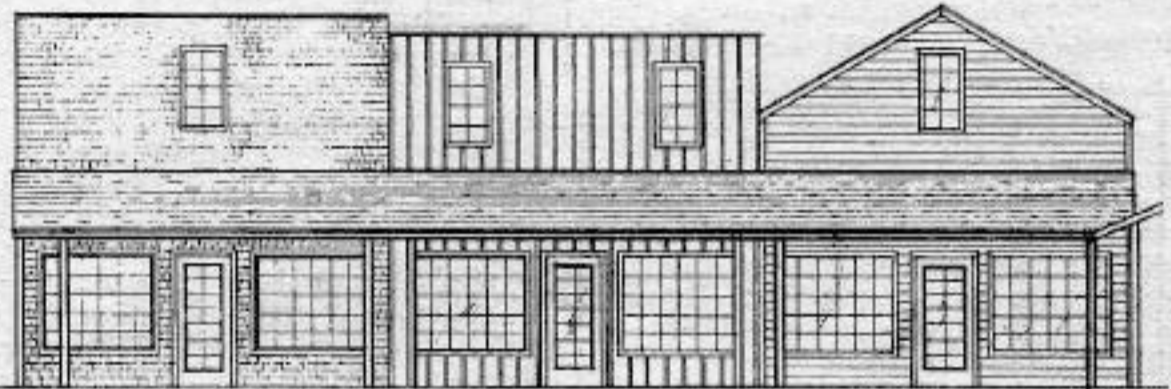
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BI-CENTENNIAL PLUS ONE

The Key Peninsula Bicentennial Committee put on one humdinger of a celebration last year. When it was over, as with all good things, people asked, "Can't we do it again?" Obviously, there's only one bicentennial to a country but that doesn't mean we can't continue to enjoy our heritage, so plans are underway at the Key Peninsula Civic Center for something called Pioneer Days, due to be held September 10 and 11. The program bears a strong resemblance to the bicentennial celebration. There will be exhibits of weaving, spinning, soap and candle making, folk and square dance demonstrations, a Pioneer Dance and a Buffalo-Beef Dinner.

Our nation's birthday was a somewhat solemn occasion. Pioneer Days will be more informal with a stronger emphasis on country-style fun. There will be a hog calling contest and some consideration is being given to a greased pig contest. Sack and three-legged races and such for the kids, and a horse-shoe tournament for the adults will offer some exercise. A baked goods contest and bake sale should bring out the best from the best cooks in the area. In these days of women's lib it may be comforting for the gentlemen to know there is one contest at which they will not be bested; a beard growing contest is already underway, but it is not too late for anyone who wishes to compete to present his clean-shaven face (no head starts allowed) at Walt's Fine Foods, Key Western Building Center or Terry's Chevron and fill out an entry form.

Be sure to reserve the night of September 10 and the day of September 11 to come and join us for a lot of good old fashioned fun. Watch the Gateway and the Newsletter for further details.



Above is a sketch showing the frontier style of the buildings in the new retail development going up in Key Center. Doug Fabre, builder, enthusiastically describing the project, says he wants to create a pioneer atmosphere and plans to erect a glassed in display case on the site, with pictures of the area in the past years, and of some of the old timers who settled the area. He would appreciate the loan of any memorabilia that he can copy.

Mr. Fabre encourages everyone to visit the site and watch construction going on. He will have a box near the highway for the collection of suggestions for an appropriate name for the shopping center, with the winner receiving a prize, so drop off your ideas.

There are still three spaces left to lease, so anyone wanting office or store space in Key Center, call Doug at 884-2619.

YOU GRADUATED FROM WHERE?

(This is the first in a series of articles to help acquaint Peninsula residents with the story of the Key Peninsula Civic Center: its history, its present uses and the plans for its future.)

When Key Peninsula Civic Center rings with the laughter of young voices - Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls, basketball players and skaters - the old building may settle itself more comfortably on its foundation, like a broody hen with a clutch of eggs. This is why it was built; it has always been a place for children. Newer peninsula residents have sometimes been startled to hear someone remark, "I went to high school in this building." The Civic Center has served the community for forty years under another name: Vaughn High School.

The first school in the Vaughn area started in 1885 when the Critchfield, Wright and Alverson families numbered enough children to qualify as a school district. School was held in the Wright home and the term lasted only two months before the funds ran out. The following year, the Wright family donated logs and the men and boys built the first school house on the Alverson property, now belonging to the George Elliotts. There were several such small school districts in the area and by 1903 there were enough students to form a high school district. The first high school classes were held in the Vaughn Church Rectory until the new school was built in 1907.

Vaughn High School began as one large room with one end partitioned off to form a small lab and a cloakroom; later students knew this section of the continued on page 3...



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Dear Neighbor:

The Key Peninsula Civic Center is preparing a Cookbook of unusual value and content. It will contain 200 or more favorite recipes from women in our community. We would like you to be one of the women whose name and recipe would be in the book. Your name would be printed in the book, with your recipe below.

We think our cookbook is going to be one of the finest one could wish for. It will lay flat when in use, the cover will show the Civic Center and it will be bound in plastic so it may be wiped clean with a damp cloth.

In addition to the more than 200 recipes, the book will contain a complete section of up-to-date basic cooking information, additional pages of "Kitchen Handbook" material, a thumb index and much more. As added features there will be historical facts about our peninsula, excerpts from Pat's "Greenhorn Journal" and other tidbits.

We want our book to be representative and successful, and we would like to include your recipes. Please write or type one or more recipes, your favorites, in different food categories, and send to:

Recipes
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or drop them into the boxes

THANKS FOR THE MEMORY

Fond memories abounded in the Civic Center at Vaughn the evening of July 16 as about 400 nostalgic alumni of Vaughn High School filled the venerable building which had served as the school for over 40 years. School songs and yells were led by former cheerleaders Shirley Rickert Olson, Marge Rickert Radonich and Joyce Olson Niemann, who got most of the crowd to their feet with the singing of the school song, "We're Loyal to You, Vaughn High". To help jog memories, a display had been set up of old school mementos, pictures and yellowed copies of the school paper, the "Tattler".

Awards were given in special categories. Coming the farthest was Marget (Stone) McSpadden, from South Carolina. The oldest alum attending was Bob Davidson, age 87. The couple married the longest, Elsie and Elmer Olson, 55 years; the couple with the most children, Joe Beal with 7; the couple with the most grandchildren, Ellen (Godon) Asplund, with 25; the youngest grandparent, Sally Hyde, 43.

The profits from the reunion, donated to the Civic Center, amounted to \$1,027.00, a sum that will help in the Center's long fight to preserve the much loved buildings.

The committee would like to publicly thank those who made the reunion the grand success that it was. Co-chairmen Margot and Duane Fleming and their helpers did a tremendous job on the dinner - there have been nothing but compliments. Many thanks, also, to Betty and Emery Flewelling for arranging for the music and to Andy Williams, Darin Gilman and Matt Schroeder, who helped in the parking lot.



provided at local grocery stores. When submitting your recipes, be sure to include your name, address and telephone number, in case we want to contact you about your recipe. We would not want to print it wrong or have to leave out your name. Please list the ingredients in a double column, as they will be printed this way.

The price of the completed book will be \$3.95. We are anticipating a great demand for these cookbooks and it may be that you will want to order one or more copies for yourself as well as for gifts. It will help us decide how many books to have printed if we have as many advance orders as possible. Please make a notation on your recipe to reserve the number of

The program ended with all standing, holding hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne". The following letter and poem were later received by one of the former classmates, who felt they expressed the sentiments of all present.

Dear Marge,

I was so impressed and happy the other night I just had to put it in words, so here is a poem I wrote when I returned home. The whole evening was truly beautiful! You all certainly did a fantastic job, and the food was delicious.

Dedicated to all Vaughn High Alumni.

SCHOOL REUNION

Last night I had a happiness
I'd never known before
As I walked up that old sidewalk
Through that old familiar door.
There were hundreds of faces
All smiling and bright,
Returning once more
For this memorable night.
Memories of the old familiar yell
of fight, team, fight!
If never before, Vaughn High
Would really win tonight.
Oh, look! There's Bob, Dick
and Joe
And what do you know, there's
Flo,
On and on, for hours on end,
Meeting, enjoying friend
after friend.
Too soon the night was over,
We all went out the door.
Yes, last night I had a
happiness
I'd never had before.

Aileen Rickert Froehlich
1946



copies you wish, to avoid disappointment later.

The proceeds from the Cook Book will go to help support and maintain the Civic Center. By participating in this project, you will not only have a book that will add to your enjoyment but you will be helping to support your Civic Center, which desperately needs your help. Our deadline is August 23, since we must have the material to the printer by September 1 in order to have the books in time for Christmas.

If you have any questions, feel free to call any one of the committee.

Doris Blunt 884-3498
Lillian Roberts 884-2293
Marilyn Nichols 884-2783
Loretta LaRue 884-2495

Keynotes

The annual Stock family picnic was held this year at the home of Eleanor and Henry Stock on July 17. All ten brothers and sisters were able to attend. With spouses, offspring and friends, there were 55 present.



Sylvia and Orville Kearney, caretakers at the Civic Center, moved at the end of July, giving up their caretaking duties for the quieter life. They plan to travel around the country from their new home in Tacoma, but will come back sometimes for Civic Center doings and to see old friends here.

Moving in to take over the care of the Center are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Westner, from Parkland.



Among new businesses in Key Center is the T.V. Repair Shop which opened in mid-July. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lewis of Bay Lake, who enjoy living on the peninsula year 'round, have closed their Tacoma store and relocated in the old barber shop. Soon to be added is a stock of some 5000 used paper back books which will be for sale or trade, so if your T.V. is not working, you can pick up some reading while Bud works on your set.



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building as the assembly room. By 1913, the building had acquired a porch and the "old gym". The gym was not an elegant building; it was built "just like a chicken house"; it had no floor - they played on the dirt - but it gave them shelter from the weather. A lean-to was added later to provide bleachers and a domestic science classroom.

The little country school offered an impressive curriculum. Elsie Olson, who graduated in 1915, recalled that she was required to take three years of History, Civics, 4 years of English, 2 of Domestic Science, 4 years of math and a year of Latin. Virginia Tillman, class of '27, found it a little easier. She only had to have three years of math to graduate.

The small communities that dotted the Key Peninsula were made up largely of farmers and loggers. There were a few Post Offices, often as not in someone's home or in the stores that served each area along with the docks for the steamers that worked the sound. When things needed doing, then as now, civic groups were formed to apply political pressure, raise funds for improvements and, when necessary, supply volunteer labor to get the job done. The Mothers' Congress, the P.T.A. of its day, raised the funds and volunteered their husbands' labor to build a doubles tennis court at the high school.

In the twenties the Good Roads Club was formed; its name stated its purpose. It was social as well as civic. They held meetings and dances in the Library Hall at Vaughn (now the Van Slyke home) and the Glen Cove Grange Hall. "They were mad because the roads weren't being fixed," explained Mrs. Olson, "I think Mr. Nichols and Mr. Buntz were probably the instigators." According to Mrs. Tillman, "Everybody who could get there" belonged to the club. When the federal Farm to Market Road Act was passed, the peninsula did get several 1 mile sections of new road; 2 in Gig Harbor, 1 at Wauna and another at Key Center. And good road it was, too, the stretch of concrete north of Key Center is still one of the smoothest sections of Highway 302.

The Good Roads Club did more than lobby for roads. They bought five acres of land where Vaughn Elementary School is now located and made it into a play ground to serve the children of the area. It was there that Vaughn High School teams played their games. The land was later donated to the school district

THE LETTERBOX

Dear Editor...

Cora Chase's article on wild blackberry picking was very interesting and brought back so many pleasant memories of warm, sunny summer days growing up in Seattle between the "Two Great Wars", and picking those berries in our own woods. When we moved to Rocky Bay it seemed like my childhood days of yore, with all the natural growth of the woods. It was interesting to note that all those beautiful wild blackberry blossoms that appear every spring so abundantly on the big log at the bottom of the garden are the male flower and do not produce berries. I thought I wasn't talking to them as nicely as I should have as I walked by to pick up my mail. Now I know. I am also wondering if Mrs. Chase has any comment on why we have no hazel nuts on our trees. Is it the squirrels?

Muriel Burhans



and the Good Roads Club disbanded.

The last major addition to Vaughn High School was the new gymnasium, built in 1936. Once again, the communities were deeply involved. There was little money in those years, only \$1500 was available. Logs were donated by the county and sawed at the Austin Mill in Vaughn for cost; downed cedar from the Minter area was split into shakes for the roof. PWA funds were used and volunteers from the communities and WPA workers put up the structure which still hosts dances, flea markets, public meetings, skating and basketball games.

Better roads made it possible for peninsula residents to obtain work outside the area and the war brought more changes. The little schools scattered all over the peninsula no longer seemed practical and in 1947 the Peninsula School District 401 was formed. The unified district could offer a more diversified program than the smaller schools, and operate more efficiently. Elementary classes were held in the old high school building for several years. When it was needed no more, the building was offered for sale, and again through community effort, it began a new life as the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

Little by LITTLE



In a recent column written by Harriet Van Horne she told of an Englishman of superior airs who was told that America had 21 million illiterates. "Is that all?" he replied. "Listening to them you feel there must be more." Sometimes I feel that television has ruined for all time our appreciation of the niceties of correct grammar. Have the TV commercials, written to conform and appeal to the most ignorant and undiscriminating of the consumers, lowered our standards so that anyone who insists upon using "like" as a preposition and not as a conjunction is considered a crank?

I am not going to blame the schools entirely for this; that's been done too much lately. Usually after reading an article criticizing the schools, blaming them for pupils who cannot read or write, I want to shout, "But they are attempting to teach all the children - not just the top 50%!" Is there any other country in the world so idealistic (or naive) as to attempt this tremendous task? Maybe it is doomed to fail.

I could write for hours on what schools should do or not do, but I'm going to make just one suggestion for now. We must try to show children the beauty of language: they love poetry for its vivid and noble language. Let's check high school reading lists and see that they include plenty of really good literature with style and elegance. Today's language has the debasing bitter taste of drugs, poverty and violence.

The Crazy Quilters have finished Britta's quilt, all except putting our initials on the back. It is beautiful and will be on display at the library in Vaughn. For a break before going on to the next quilt, we spent a delightful day at the Historical Museum in Tacoma. The quilt exhibit is small but interesting; the roof garden is a perfect place to eat lunch, which you provide, and the many intriguing displays made it a day to remember. I could spend hours (and have) looking at the Indian things, especially the baskets, one of the finest collections to be seen anywhere.

The following week was a pot-luck picnic at the Brones' home overlooking Vaughn Bay. We have invited Dora May Coy to become a member and we hope to see her often in the future as she does such lovely hand work besides having a store of marvelous ideas in our line of work.

And so for this month I'd like to finish with the old Hebrew legend which says that after God created the world He called the angels to Him and asked what they thought of it. One of them said, "There is something lacking; the sound of praise to the creator. So God created music and it was heard in the whisper of the winds and in the song of the birds, and to man also was given the gift of song. And all down the ages this gift of song has proved a blessing to mankind.

Ruth Little
Vaughn

FISHING DERBY WINNERS

Bob Salatino and his wife Margaret won first and second places, and the \$500 and \$200 prize money, in the Key Peninsula Civic Center Fishing Derby. Salatino, from Tacoma, has won the derby four times in the past five years. His first place salmon weighed 14 pounds, 8½ ounces, second place weighed 13 pounds, 3 ounces. Jim Ewing of Rocky Bay won the third place prize of \$100 with a 10 pound, 12 ounce salmon.

Prizes of \$15 were awarded to Steve Naylor and Alan Bauer for the largest fish caught by 12 years old and under, for their dogfish, weighing 12 pounds, 3 ounces and 12 pounds, 6 ounces respectively.

Local merchants donated many prizes and gift certificates, which were awarded by ticket drawing. Approximately 236 fishermen entered the derby according to Mel Manley, this year's chairman for the annual event. Profits from the derby go to the Civic Center.



NOW VOYAGER

If you have noticed how spiffy the corner shop in 'Stu Phelps' building in Key Center looks lately, you'll want to know that it is due to Betty Blaine, who has recently opened a new business, Voyager Realty. Betty, who owns and operates The Bath Locker in Gig Harbor, lives on Fox Island. She has enjoyed doing business on the peninsulas as a real estate agent for several years, so decided to start her own venture. Voyager is not a branch of any other company, but is a Key Peninsula based operation. Ms. Blaine is a Registered Certified Real Estate Appraiser and a Notary Public, both valuable additions to our local business scene.

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MORE WILDLIFE

Our most special visitors this summer have been the seals. The same day we put out the raft, the seals found it a perfect home - low in the water and space for all. "All" has included up to fifteen, with two babies. Although their outlines can be seen as they assemble at dark, the early risers (like 5 or 6 a.m.) get the best view. Sometimes in the night their barks and growls make such a racket that it keeps the outdoor sleepers awake. One morning we saw them really fuss vocally and snap at a newcomer trying to get on. I don't know whether he was a stranger, or just a latecomer, but they would not let him on as he swam round and round.

Usually they disappear by 7:00. Sometimes the Grandpa, (we wonder) of the clan lolls till 9:00 or later. He seems very secure unless a boat comes within 20 or 30 feet. Nothing else disturbs him. But the morning our Texas company was to depart, six of them stayed till 8:00 a.m. to put on a special show for an appreciative audience. The first question of the morning around here is "How many seals did you see when you got up?"

Pat Greetham



WAY BACK WHEN...

This column always welcomes corrections, additions or comments. Call 884-3739. The column in the June issue inferred that Nick and Agnes Peterson were hired by Harry Winchester. This would be incorrect, since Nick invested money in the Balch's Cove (Glen Cove) Blacksmith Shop and Brickyard. When the business failed, Mr. Winchester deeded property to the Petersons, on which they built the hotel.

ROCKY BAY: 1880-1930

In 1919 Mr. Wolcott moved his floats from Sunrise Beach, north of Gig Harbor, into the head of Rocky Bay. On the largest float was the house, very comfortable, approximately 30' by 45', in which Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott raised six children and fed the crew. Prior to moving this float in place, a team of horses was used at low tide to prepare the site so the house would be level at all times, whether the tide was in or out. A second float brought in the engine, which was taken by skid road to the logging area in Rocky Creek, where it was used to drive the winch pulling the logs to the landing. The fly wheel was six feet in diameter and the twelve horse economy single cylinder gas engine could be heard for five miles. The logs were dumped on both the east and west shores - on the west there was a wagon road and horses were used, while on the east ran the skid road. A bridge was built across the small cove on the north end of the bay. The loggers were paid only when the log boom was sold, once or twice a year, at most. Mr. Wolcott would often row to Tacoma, and always rowed standing up, with any passenger in the bow. The trip would take six to eight hours, depending on the tide. Mrs. Wolcott's sister is Hazel Conboy, a Long-branch resident.

A steam donkey was moved into the Rocky Creek area in 1907. This company went bankrupt and left logs down everywhere. The donkey was one of the very earliest the residents had seen, and it was a great curiosity.

From 1919 to 1924 the Upper Sound Logging Company was very active. The main camp employed 150 men and was located in the

area of the county gravel pit just west of the Lake Holiday entrance. A railroad ran from this camp to the main office on Vaughn Bay, which has been converted into the yellow house belonging to J. Gottwig. The logs were hauled by rail from the camp to the bay where they were dumped and rafted. In 1925, Sherm and Bob Davidson converted Mr. Wolcott's skid road to a tramway, with the tram being pushed by a cat. The road was extended a great distance toward Carney Lake as the brothers logged the area.

Individual contractors in the entire region were very active from 1921 to 1928, supplying timber which was used as props in Mexican silver mines. All of Rocky Bay, Vaughn Bay, and the Burley Lagoon were plugged with logs, and it was quite a sight to see these logs being loaded on the decks of ocean liners by cranes. The logs were towed into North Bay and Henderson Bay for loading. Remains of the landings can still be seen on the Purdy sand-spit, as they were filled in and built up for this purpose, especially the abutment on the north side of the spit.

In 1921, Tacoma City Light brought in a crew of 35 - 40 men who camped on an acre of ground on Rocky Creek. They cleared the right-of-way from North Bay (Victor) to the Horse-shoe Lake Road. This was the time of the Lake Cushman development.


Standing timber had little value, and was often cut and burned to clear land for farming. In 1902 the smoke from fires was so dense that people thought the sun had forgotten to shine. Timber thievery was common, as logs could be floated to the mill on Vaughn Bay and made into lumber which was easily sold to the settlers. Loggers denuded the land in the upper area of Rocky Creek's branches. The swamps were drained and the natural seepage was lost, causing the East Fork to go dry in the summer. It is now called Dry Rocky. All this resulted in heavy spring freshets which depleted the fish run of Rocky Creek.

Eleanor Stock

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SPECIAL LIBRARY SERVICES

Lethene Parks of Wauna has a most interesting job. She is Coordinator of the Special Services Department of Pierce County Library. She is responsible for library service to state institutions, nursing homes, homebound individuals and other branches of Pierce County Library. Service is provided to both residents and staff of the institutions. Also included are two group homes for juveniles, Child Study and Treatment Center, Work Release Center and Geriatric Day Care Center, located at Western State Hospital, and Department of Social and Health Services. Much of the funding for this service comes from the Washington State Library.

Fifteen Nursing Homes throughout the county are served. Rena Rueben or Virginia Munt come to Rocky Bay every month with movies, stories and records. Between 50 and 75 homebound individuals are visited monthly and Pierce County Jail is visited twice a month. Those in jail are voracious readers. All these are funded with Pierce County Library funds.

Mrs. Parks defines the program and trains the staff. Her staff is experienced in serving the needs of people with special problems. They also act as resource persons for the institution staff members, getting them medical or other technical data.

She is also the liaison between Pierce County Library and special interest groups in the community, such as the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Seattle, as well as many others.

Mrs. Parks speaks with groups throughout the community about other services that are offered by the Department and Pierce County Library. She demonstrates equipment and visits the institutions when it is necessary to fill in for staff, but even her job as coordinator brings her in contact with an interesting segment of the population.

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LITTLE THEATRE

The Little Theatre group will be holding auditions August 6 and 7 at the Longbranch Improvement Club. Readings from the play "Harvey" will be held between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. on both dates. Six male and six female roles are required.

If you are interested but cannot attend, or need further information, please call Paul-ette McDonald, 884-2925 or Lee Stiles, 884-3379.

JUNIOR FISHING DERBY

Lakebay Marina sponsored a junior fishing derby in July with Heidi Hostetler taking first prize, a rod and reel, with her 2½ pound flounder. April Longacres won second prize, a tackle box, with a 2 pound perch, and Shannon Baker won a \$3 gift certificate with his third prize fish. Other winners were Brian Balkenende and Danny Baker, who won banana splits. All entrants received a free mini-sundae, so there were really no losers.

BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

Item of general interest:

In his introduction to Easley's "Blackwood on Slams", Richard L. Frey says, "The name 'Blackwood' is more often used than any other, in the game of contract bridge and the slam bidding convention he invented is more often invoked in vain. Many players seem to feel that there is something sinful in getting to slam without using Easley's Blackwood's 4-5 NT convention on the way; the fact is that he introduced it in order to help players avoid bidding slams that wouldn't make. Of course, there is no such thing as patenting a bid and collecting a royalty on it, but if Blackwood had a nickel for every time his bid was properly used he'd be a rich man indeed; if he had a nickel for every time it was misused, he'd be a multi-millionaire."

The Vaughn Duplicate Bridge Club has many interesting games scheduled. All interested parties are welcomed. Any questions regarding the club should be made by calling Henry Stock, President, at 884-3739.

DOG NAPPERS?

Muriel Clark of Lake of the Woods believes there are dog snatchers at work in the area. Her dog is missing, and she has heard of several other cases. Anyone interested in persuing the subject can contact her at 884-2875.

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PARK BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioners of the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District heard a progress report on the monies spent from last year's special tax levy at their recent meeting.

Walt Smith, President of the Board, read the report, highlights of which included the 5 areas developed with proceeds obtained from the \$55,000 special tax levy passed last November. The areas included (1) Water system - \$10,396.55, (2) Fencing - \$7,581.29, (3) Electrical system (to date) \$856.31, (4) Hardtop parking area (Put out for bid), (5) Sanitary facilities (to date) \$55.00, (6) Baseball - soccer fields, \$5,915.30.

There is approximately \$20,000 remaining of this special tax levy money and it will be spent to complete the storage building, septic tank and drain field, paving the parking area and additional gravel area and for some playground equipment.

Dedication ceremonies are planned for September 10, with special guests from State, County and local dignitaries planning to attend. Don Davis, member of the REC committee, has obtained a color guard and the entire 90 member Ft. Lewis Army Band, who will play an important role in the program.

LAKE HOLIDAY NEWS

It has come to my attention that we had two very close incidents concerning children being hit by cars. Your association is very proud of the large play area and equipment provided for your children. Would you please, for their own safety, see that your children play either in your own yard or in the play area, NOT on the roads. Even though Lake Holiday is a private development, the roads are not designed as a play area, and can be very dangerous. A reminder to motorists, the speed limit is 20 miles per hour.

Due to many residents' hard work, we have some beautiful cul-de-sacs. We are most proud of these people for their interest in keeping these areas looking so nice. If any of you care to clean out the underbrush in your area's cul-de-sac, please do so, and the association will haul away the clippings. The young people have done a wonderful job clearing around the baseball field. We appreciate everything you do to help. Thank you!

Bob Steele
President

LIBRARY SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE

FILL IN & TAKE OR MAIL TO ANY LOCAL LIBRARY

Please help us to serve you better by answering the following as frankly as possible. Do not sign your name.

Date _____

- 1. a) Sex: Male () Female ()
b) Age: 12-21 () 22-40 () 41-60 () 61 or older ()
c) Education: Elementary () Junior High () High School ()
Jr. College () College () Graduate School ()
2. Name of community or area you live in _____
3. Name of library you use most often _____
4. About how often do you use this library? (Check only one)
Twice a week or more () Once a month ()
Once a week () Infrequently ()
Every two weeks ()
5. How far do you travel to get to the library?
0-1 mile () 2-3 miles () 5 or more miles ()
1-2 miles () 3-4 miles ()
6. How do you travel?
Walk all the way () Drive own vehicle ()
Ride bicycle () Ride with someone else ()
7. Is this library conveniently located for your use?
a. YES () NO ()
b. Why? (can check more than one)
For YES: Close to shopping () Close to school () Close to home () Pass right by it () Other (specify) _____
For NO: Too far from shopping () Too far from school () Too far from home () Out of my way () Other (specify) _____
8. The open hours of the library are now convenient () inconvenient ().
I use the library most often on: Day _____ Time _____
I wish the library were open (give days or times) _____
9. In addition to the above, do you use other libraries? YES () NO ().
If yes, please name them. _____
How often? _____

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NEW OWNERS FOR LONGBRANCH STORE

Del and Mave Mikelson have bought Longbranch Mercantile and will operate the store themselves, with the help of daughter Tanya Helgeson.

The Mikelsons have just come down from Ketchikan, Alaska where Del managed the Bon Marche, but they are not newcomers to the area as Del lived in Gig Harbor and Mave is a native Key Peninsulan, having graduated from Vaughn High School. Prior to their sojourn in Alaska, they lived in Hawaii for nine years where Del was also in retail merchandising. They are planning several new lines for the store, including baby items and fresh produce. They carry aged, tender beef, cut fresh daily. Drop in at the store and get acquainted, or reacquainted with the Mikelsons. They're open from 9 to 7, seven days a week.

Please answer the following for the library you named as being the one you use most often.

1. For what do you use the library? (can check more than one)

- Information for personal use ()
- Information for school use ()
- Information for job use ()
- Reading for pleasure ()
- Other (specify) _____

2. Do you usually: (can check more than one)

- Check out materials ()
- Request materials ()
- Read in the library ()
- Use reference materials ()
- Other (specify) _____

3. In what materials are you usually interested? (can check more than one)

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Non-fiction books () | Cassette tapes () |
| Fiction books () | Pamphlets () |
| Magazines () | 8mm films () |
| Paperbacks () | Art prints () |
| Records () | |

4. How do you rate the local materials collection?

- | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Adult materials: | Excellent () | Good () | Fair () | Poor () |
| Children's: | Excellent () | Good () | Fair () | Poor () |
| Non-print: | Excellent () | Good () | Fair () | Poor () |

5. On what subjects would you like to see more materials? _____

6. The service at this library is: Excellent() Good() Fair() Poor()

The service could be improved by: _____

7. Do you have other suggestions about the location, operation, or services of this library? _____

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS BEGIN

How would you like to have the most fun you have ever had in your life?

Starting September 19th at 7:30 PM at the Civic Center, John Beck and his wife, Kay, will be giving Square Dance lessons sponsored by the Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club.

Unlike any other form of dancing, the only requirements to learn Square Dancing are knowing your left and right hands apart, have a partner, and a desire to have a good time.

The class will be open for new members for the first three Mondays, then will close. Your first lesson is free so why not come out and try it under no obligation. Just have a good, old fashioned night of fun. This is good recreation the whole family will enjoy!


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GRANGE NEWS

The summer schedule is under way for Upper Sound Grange 705. Members met July 15 for the business meeting. Reports were given on the State Convention by Master Ray Durward. The Grange received blue ribbons 10% gain in membership and 100% paid membership for 1977. Frances Durward reported on Women's Activities and Lecturer contest at State. Ribbons won in sewing and needlework; Lynn Seelock, red for a dress; Della Green, red for a dress, also a red for a crocheted pillow; Homa Lovegren, red for bread; Jennifer Landree, red ribbon for cookies in the five to nine year age group. Homa Lovegren received a blue for her driftwood turtle; Frances Durward, white ribbon for a jewelry box, red for ceramic overalls, red for tennis shoe turtle planter and blue for a macrame plant hanger; Elsie Olson, white ribbon for a photograph.

Chaplin Edith Brown reported absent members Homa Lovegren and Ralph Foster were ill. We wish them a speedy recovery and back with us soon.

A literary program was presented by Lecturer Dorothy Phillips. The annual picnic has been scheduled for August

7, 1 p.m. at the Elmer Olson home on Vaughn Bay. Everyone is asked to bring chicken and salad or dessert. Table service, coffee, lemonade and ice cream will be provided by the Grange.

In September, due to the Labor Day weekend, only one meeting will be held, the third Friday, Sept. 16, 6:30. A pot-luck dinner will precede the meeting. Also in September Upper Sound Grange will host Peninsula Pamona meeting, the second Saturday, September 10, 8 p.m.

ASHES

The Ashes meeting will be August 4 at 10 a.m. at the Key Center Fire Station with a pot-luck following. Our auxiliary was saddened with the loss of our loved one, Cheri Dalton.

We are making plans for another rummage sale on Aug. 13 at the Key Center Station #2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. If anyone has rummage to donate, please leave it at the station. It is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



BOOKS FOUND

Two religious books found on the Vaughn-Glen Cove Rd. in July have been left with Postmistress Jeanette Petersen for the owner to claim them. One is "Selected Novenas and Prayers" and the other is a St. Joseph Daily Missal.

SQUARE DANCERS

Our new Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club has been busy with many summer activities.

We built a float and rode on it for the Gig Harbor Harbor Holidays parade, and danced at the Peninsula Players booth in the afternoon. Several people in the audience joined us and learned a few simple basics taught by our caller, John Beck.

We had visitors from Curley Q's, Square Steppers and Hawaii at our June 18 dance at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. We have made summer visitations to Square Steppers and Shuffles and Ruffles.

July 16 we had a pot-luck picnic and dance the home of our president, Steve and Jan Swinney, then went to KSDC for their "Floor Dance".

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CITIZEN SURVEY

BY
Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District Board
and the
Recreation-Education-Community Committee for 1977-78

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Help us determine the IMPORTANCE of the following facilities. Rank YOUR top five choices (Value: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) in the spaces provided at the right of each activity.

ACTIVITY	RANK
A. Esquistrian trails	_____
B. Horseshoe pits	_____
C. Lawn bowling	_____
D. Playground equipment	_____
E. Archery range	_____
F. Picnic tables	_____
G. Volleyball court/or badminton court	_____
H. Basketball court	_____
I. Basketball backboards	_____
J. Ping pong tables	_____
K. Swimming pool	_____
L. Another soccer field with two baseball fields	_____
M. Outdoor cooking facilities	_____
N. County summer recreation programs	_____
O. Handicapped programs	_____
P. Shuffleboard	_____
Q. Model airplane flying	_____
R. Jogging field	_____
S. Senior citizen activities	_____
T. Walking trails	_____
U. Putting green	_____
V. Handball court	_____
W. Drinking fountains	_____
X. Wading pool	_____
Y. Other (please specify) _____	_____



CITIZEN SURVEY

Due to the small number of replies to the Citizen Survey in the July issue of the Newsletter, the members of the REC Committee would like to ask those who have not voted to take a moment to mark the ballot on this page and return it within one week after the Newsletter is received to one of the places indicated in the survey.

This is the only means we have of trying to involve members of all communities on the Key Peninsula. We need your thinking and your support in order to make wise decisions regarding the Sports Center in the future. Please take a few minutes to complete the easy form and drop it in one of the boxes near you. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

CANADA TRIP LATER

The chartered Trailways bus trip for the Canadian Pacific Rim tour has been postponed until the first part of October, as we need 33 travelers for the charter. The tour includes boat and bus transportation, 4 nights lodging and baggage handling. We would park and leave from Gig Harbor fire station, go to Vancouver Island, tour and beach-comb there, go via the Malahat Highway, beautiful then in fall color, to Victoria for two nights, returning via the San Juan Islands. The Peninsula Travelers is for everyone, so if you are interested in a lovely fall trip, please call, as we need to know to reserve the bus and accommodations. As the bus makes frequent stops, we request smokers to smoke at that time. Call Jean Humphreys, 884-3716 or Doris Kezele, 884-3366.

Please drop this survey in the boxes provided at the following locations:

- Longbranch Mercantile
- Home Feed and Grocery
- Walt's Fine Foods
- Key Peninsula Civic Center
- Collins Service and Grocery

THANKS!

COME TO THE FIREMEN'S BALL

A big evening is ahead as the Fire District #16 Association puts on its annual ball at the Civic Center in Vaughn, on Saturday, August 27, 10 til 2 a.m. The donation is \$4 per person, with tickets available at the Fire Station in Key Center, or outside the door.



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SERVICES FOR WOMEN

A special clinic for women started on July 28 at the Key Peninsula Health Clinic in Longbranch. Services available are cancer screening, laboratory work and individual counseling. Kathy Wunderlich, nurse practitioner and Vickie Craft, lab technician, plus a team of RN's and other concerned women will staff the new clinic.

Although fees for services will be accepted from those who can afford them, all low income and poverty level women are eligible to have a free pap test and breast examination.

The American Cancer Society goal is to have every woman educated to the importance of a yearly pap test. Pap tests are advised for all women 20 years old or over and for those women under 20 who are sexually active or have special reasons for this exam.

The women's clinic is scheduled for the fourth Thursday each month, and the hours are 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Appointments will be made for each clinic with any overflow of requests scheduled either on regular clinic days or at a subsequent women's clinic. There will be no weight loss classes in August, but a new

session will start in September for behavior modification re: eating. Those who participated in the recent class can weigh in at the clinic to continue their record on any clinic day. It was an enthusiastic class who enjoyed the previous sessions.

The Health Clinic is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The telephone number is 884-2757.

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7 1 p.m. GRANGE PICNIC ELMER OLSON HOME SKATE LESSONS 1:30 - 2 SKATING 2 to 4	8 V.F.W. & AUX. G.R. 8 p.m.	9 BRIDGE G.R. 7:30	10 SKATING 2 to 4 p.m.	11 K.P.C.C. BOARD MEETING G.R. 7:30	12 SKATING 7 to 9 9 to 11:30	13 SWAP MEET 10 to 5
14 SKATE LESSONS 1:30 - 2 SKATING 2 to 4	15	16 BRIDGE G.R. 7:30	17 SKATING 2 to 4 p.m. PARK & REC. COMM. G.R. 7:30	18 COOTIETTES G.R. 7:30	19 GRANGE 6:30 SKATING 7 to 9 9 to 11:30	20 SQUARE DANCE CLUB GYM 8:30
21 SKATE LESSONS 1:30 - 2 SKATING 2 to 4	22	23 BRIDGE G.R. 7:30	24 SKATING 2 to 4 p.m.	25	26 SKATING 7 to 9 9 to 11:30	27 BEEF RAFFLE TICKETS GO ON SALE FIREMEN'S BALL 10 til 2
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