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Y'ALL COME

Sunday, November 6 is open house at the Civic Center. From noon until 4 there will be tours of the building, cookies and coffee, of course, and booths set up by some of the organizations which use Civic Center. Anyone who reads the calendar on the back of each Newsletter is aware of the variety of activities at the center each month, but reading about it and seeing it first hand are two different things. The Civic Center Board hopes to introduce its program to those who have never taken part, or those who attend only one or two things, as well as welcoming all its old friends. And, to be perfectly honest, it is hoped that by showing the community what we do and what we hope to do, we can encourage a Yes vote on the M & O Levy on November 8.

CHRISTMAS SO SOON? YES!

An eagerly awaited annual event is the Arts & Crafts Fair at the Civic Center on Saturday, November 19 from 10:00 to 5:00. It will be a wonderful place to find home made Christmas gifts in all price ranges.

There will be exotic candles, ceramics, stitchery, art work, jewelry, agates, baked goods, miniature Christmas trees, decorations and many handcrafted items available. Organizations, as well as individuals, are sponsoring booths. The Civic Center plans to sell its newly published cook book, featuring recipes gathered from area residents.

A pancake, nam & egg breakfast will be served in the Gold Room from 10 until 2. Santa will visit in person to lend to a holiday atmosphere.

Booths rent for \$4 and \$8. For booth reservations, call Jane Van Slyke, 884-3738.



Happy Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER DAYS

Reprinted from Ideals

How much we love the witchery of November,  
Blue days with white clouds pinned to their lapels;  
Crisp nights when fires burn slowly to an ember,  
When frost-clear stars exert their magic spells.

How much we love the day of true THANKSGIVING,  
When families bow their heads in humble prayer  
And offer thanks to God for life and living...  
For food and love and his unceasing care.

**VOTE YES**

**NOV. 8**

**FOR**

**Key Peninsula Civic Center  
and  
Key Peninsula Community  
Sports and Recreation Center**

**Special M & O Tax Levy** to supplement  
volunteer support of both community centers

**SUM: \$55,000**

**COST: 57¢**

per \$1,000 assessed valuation

- Proceeds: (1) Basic energy saving materials for Civic Center,
- (2) Maintain and operate Civic Center safely,
- (3) Modernization of some areas at the Civic Center and
- (4) Maintain and operate the Community Sports and Recreation Center.

Pd. Pol. Adv.

Key Peninsula Boosters, Rhys Wood, Chairman





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**NEWSLETTER**

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The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child's home.

Wm. Temple

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OPEN LETTER TO TAXPAYERS

On November 8, 1977, the voters of the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District will be asked to approve a Special Maintenance and operation Tax Levy which will appear on the ballot in the following manner:

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

Shall the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District of Pierce County levy a general tax upon the taxable property within the said district in the sum of approximately \$55,000 (an estimated 57¢ per one thousand dollars assessed valuation). Such levy to be made in 1977 for collection in 1978.

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

LEVY YES

LEVY NO

A YES vote on this measure will insure the communities of Minter, Glen Cove, Key Center, Vaughn, Rocky Bay, Lakebay, Home and Longbranch a community center and a recreation facility for everyone, ages 4 to 94.

Funds from this Special M & O Levy will provide those services which are beyond the capabilities of the volunteers and include: (1) Short and long range programs for the modernization of the Civic Center, (2) Basic energy saving materials and practices, (such as better insulation, thermal pane windows, weatherstripping, etc.) to reduce operating costs at the Civic Center, (3) Maintain and operate the Civic Center according to Fire Marshal Code standards, (4) Provide maintenance and operating funds for the Key Peninsula Community Sports and Recreation Center.

We feel that the work already accomplished by over three hundred volunteers at the Community Sports and Recreation Center has shown the enthusiasm of "Peninsula People" to provide adequate recreational facilities for the future. Residents have also looked upon their Civic Center for the past 25 years with pride, fond memories, and a sense of social and community togetherness. It has and will continue to serve in its multi-dimensional purposes for young and senior citizen alike.

Respectfully submitted,

Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District Commissioners and the Key Peninsula Boosters




**Lutheran Mission Services**  
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Vaughn

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# Keynotes

Happy 30th anniversary at the end of October to Bob and Betty Beal of Carney Lake.



If you haven't been in to get your hair done at Marcia Smith's new shop in Key Center, it's worth the trip just to see the Victorian decor, complete with a pull chain fixture in the restroom.



Congratulations to Lynn Graham and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Graham of Lakebay. Lynn was chosen Homecoming Queen at Peninsula High School.



Nancy and Jim Ewing have just returned from a two week trip to their cabin at Deka Lake, B.C. This being a "roofing" trip, they did not have time to hunt, but did see lots of game, and managed to close in the cabin before the snows come.

## KEY CENTER ELECTRONICS

With thirty years experience in electronics, and recently three years working at Hemphill's T.V. in Purdy, Dave Payne has bought the T.V. repair business that Gene Brown had in Key Center and Glen Cove, and has opened his new service in Doug Fabre's new shopping center.

Dave, his wife Pat, who works at Shorewood Realty, and children Darrell and Melanie, moved to Glen Cove just over a year ago, though Dave had lived in the Herron area in the 50's. The new shop, called Key Center Electronics, will be open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 to 5:30. Dave specializes in color and in solid state, also makes service calls and does antenna work.

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## LITTLE THEATRE

The Little Theatre Group will present the play, "The Importance of Being Ernest" at 8 p.m. on November 18 and 19 at the Longbranch Improvement Center. Principals in the cast include:

Dave McDonald as	John Worthing
Tom Edwards as	Algernon Moncrieff
David Till as	Reverend Chasuble
Sally Kappahan as	Lady Bracknell
Stephanie Davies as	Gwendolen Fairfax
Stephanie Salscheider as	Cecily Cardew
Lee Stiles as	Miss Prism
Debbie Britt as	Marion
Keith Stiles as	Lane

The classic Victorian-era comedy, written by Oscar Wilde, will be presented in two scenes on the Longbranch stage. The play is directed by Dave McDonald. Other members of the cast are in charge of lights, scenery and costumes and will also be in charge of serving refreshments between scenes.

"Ernest" is a fun play, suitable for the entire family and all peninsula residents and their friends are cordially invited. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Proceeds will be used to encourage Little Theatre activities in the peninsula area.

We wish to thank our friends for the many cards and lovely floral offerings.

The Family of Helen Huff

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## ADULT EDUCATION

Gary Andersen, Director of Adult Education for the Peninsula School District, is planning on offering classes this spring at both Vaughn and Evergreen schools. The big problem, according to Mr. Anderson, is knowing what courses to offer and finding teachers to teach them.

"We can offer any class requested, as long as we can find a teacher and get enough people enrolled to break even," said Andersen. "I would like to be able to offer three or four classes at each school, but need some suggestions for courses and teachers." Anyone who has an idea for a class, or knows someone in the area who would like to teach one, please contact Gary W. Andersen at the Peninsula School Dist. 857-2148.

## EXPRESSION OF THANKS

A special thank you to our friends and neighbors. At this time words and thoughts are very hard for me to express, but from the bottom of my heart I say, "Thank you" for all the love and kindness you have given to me and my family during our great loss.

The loving thoughts and gifts you have shared with us will never be forgotten and will be cherished for many years.

I have never known such a fine community, and it makes me very proud to be a part of it.

Vicki Henschel

## SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

As your school board representative, I feel you are entitled to know my thoughts and be kept abreast of the upcoming issues in our district.

I want to establish an open line of communication as well as keep you informed in advance. I have talked to Mrs. Joyce Tovey, President of the Evergreen P.T.A. and Mrs. Betty Beal, President of the Vaughn P.T.A. They have both agreed to voice any warranted concerns directly to me or Dr. Gene Peters, Supt. of our district. Dr. Peters has instaged a monthly meeting with all the P.T.A. representatives.

I will also be happy to receive your comments and submit those items on the school board agenda that warrant district wide consideration. As parents and interested citizens, I feel it is important that each of us become involved in our district educational process. Furthermore, it is important that each of us clearly recognize the issues of our district and intelligently set forth the goals and policies to direct our district.

There are two items I wish to inform you about at this time.

First, our district is in the process of reevaluating its entire curriculum. This involves defining our basic educational program with major emphasis on language arts. The district will be setting up testing guidelines for various learning objectives.

Secondly, I am sure it's no great surprize to anyone that our district is expanding rapidly. All our schools are at peak capacity, with little or no room for expansion. Yet, our entire community continues to expand at an unprecedented rate. Thus, we are faced with the critical and immediate need for additional classroom space.

The next two months the school board will be addressing this issue. The need for additional classroom space will be considered along with various alternatives, such as year round schooling, double shifting, busing children to vacant schools and others.

The solution to these and other problems is not easy, but with your help and guidance, I believe reasonable solutions can be reached.

Thank you,

Walt Smith



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Ed. &amp; Pol. Adv.



**ACTIVE CITIZEN**

Walt Smith of Key Center is our candidate for the School Board. Many people are well acquainted with Walt because he has been active in several community efforts since he came to the Gig Harbor area in 1961. But since he just moved to the Key Peninsula in 1975, we'll introduce him to those who don't know him.

Walt graduated in Business Administration from the University of Washington, and has been in business for himself ever since. He started with a partnership in a Gig Harbor Marina. Now he has his own construction company, Active Construction.

Aside from business hours, he leads a life very involved in community concerns. It started with spearheading the renovation of the Artondale Golf Course. He was vice-president and president of the golf club for three years. He later joined the Helmsmen, where he was vice-president and president for three years. Through this group he pursued his interest in improved peninsula roads on the United Roads committee. They joined forces with both state and county highway departments to push through the building of the overpasses on Highway 16.

His first work with the schools came with the formation of the Believers, as he, Doug Baldwin and Perry Culp set out to organize and distribute school information in a business-like way, with the help of people who were vitally interested in the schools. The information was then passed on to the community so the residents could knowledgeably vote on the issues. This was the most successful school election ever held. This all led to his being named the Kiwanis Man of the Year for 1972.

Walt was also a member of the Task Force '76 research group to present updated material on school expansion, curriculum, facilities, etc.

He relaxes with sports. His company sponsors an adult volleyball team, "Walt's Faults", on which he and his wife, Norma, play. He also coaches the PAA

soccer and baseball teams that his son, Curt, has played on over the years.

Norma Smith has helped her husband with many of his projects - the golf club, the Believers, the Helmsmen - as she took calls and helped gather and distribute information, as well as giving liberal doses of moral support. Their son Curt is a student at Vaughn, daughter Sandy at Goodman.

In June, 1977, Walt was appointed to fill a vacancy on the school board. His six months there have stimulated his interest in seeing our district run efficiently and to present quality education, so he is running for this position in November.



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DISTRICT #2**

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Peninsula can't afford another passive board that ignores and discourages citizen participation in its policy decisions.

It must emphasize cost effectiveness and accountability to all taxpayers. Examples of waste, \$31,000 for cushion turf for Purdy elementary playfield; the infamous high school counseling program.

Let's get back to basic education by electing a board that will face up to its responsibilities as director Bill Johnson has done.

ELECT RON LOPP Pol. Adv.

**LONGBRANCH CHURCH BAZAAR**

Saturday, November 12 there will be a bazaar-luncheon at the Longbranch Community Church from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The luncheon will begin at noon. There will be booths of hand-made items for Christmas suggestions, and home baked goods.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

Once again 'friends' are asked to donate handicrafts or home made food items, soaps, etc., for sale at the Civic Center Arts & Crafts Fair, Sat., Nov. 19. This is our only money raising event of the year, so let's make it a big one.

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# The Good Old Days - Logging

## THE BOOM IS GOING OUT!

A stranger would see a mass of logs slowly moving out of a protected bay or cove. He would notice the tugboat, its taut towline, the flock of sea gulls mooching a free ride. Local people would see more. They would count the sections in the 'raft'. They would guess at the thousands of scale feet of lumber in each section, and the percent of fir, cedar or hemlock. Cedar floated high, fir lower, and sometimes the hemlock sank.

The logger would see a mountain of problems going out on the high tide. Hopefully, he would be able to pay his most pressing debtors, patch some equipment, make a down payment on more stumpage and get going on another 'show'.

The grocer would see payment at last from the families he had been carrying on 'tick' for months. He would remember those who had so desperately needed help, and hope they would not forget him now.

The crewmen would see a mass of sweat, hard work, deer flies, skeeters and no-see-ums. Many individual logs would be remembered. The fallers and buckers would see pitch, swell butts and timber bind. The rigging crew would see hangups, broken rigging, rain and mud. The truckers would remember bone shaking chuckholes, over loads, hair raising experiences with brakes and gears.

The women and children would see a bit of something special, after the bills were paid. There was a lot to see in a raft of logs.

Cecil Paul - Lakebay

## NOW IN NOVEMBER

### Excerpts From THE WEED EATER'S COOKBOOK

The woods are lovely now even on a somber day, the colors of deciduous trees substituting for an absent sun. The willows have dropped yellow leaves, brake ferns have turned light greenish yellow. Some salal leaves have turned a pale yellow, just the color of the Chantrelle mushrooms, making for many disappointing mistakes.

This is the month of these delectable mushrooms, which came on late because of the dry summer and fall. One must look closely among fallen leaves for their emergence from linnea and moss. If the freezing holds off, they may be found up into December.

Evergreen huckleberries that began ripening in September are now at their peak of production, and can sometimes be found as late as Christmas. Even a few black salal berries survive, and these lend a new flavor touch to applesauce or even to huckleberry pie or pudding. Huckleberries are good in weed salad, and of course in pancakes and waffles.

Wild greens, such as daisy, dock, plantain, dandelion and sorrel have made new growth and along with chickweed and pepper grass make excellent salad greens. Some winters in Puget Sound country are so mild that these plants can be gathered the year around.

The woods of this area also abound in wild apples, growing along old roads or in abandoned homesteads. These make excellent apple butter, pies and sauce, being richer in pectin and, perhaps, vitamins than the cultivated varieties. Mixed with Oregon grapes,

a few of which may still be found in wooded areas, these apples make a thick jam, or if strained through cheesecloth, a bright red jelly.

Another note about chickweed, that ubiquitous plant found in every northwest garden year around. Just now it is particularly lush, and budding to bloom, or even in bloom. At this time it is very tender, and with scissors, one can fill a basket with it in a few moments. It makes an excellent soup when combined with some onion or chives, some milk, and if one wishes it thicker, add finely diced potatoes.

Mushrooms other than the chanterelles now in the woods are: collybia, lactarius, lacaria, and lepiotas, which look like little umbrellas with fringe around the edges.

An omelette made with mushrooms and a few onions makes a delicious entree for a gloomy November day.

Cora G. Chase  
Vaughn

### PLANTS WANTED

THE RECC COMMITTEE IS TAKING ON THE TASK OF PLANTING THE ENTRANCE TO THE SPORTS CENTER. RHODODENDRON, AZALEAS AND JUNIPERS WILL BE USED. IF YOU HAVE ANY PLANTS YOU'RE WILLING TO GIVE TO THE PROJECT PLEASE CALL JUDY MILLS AT 884-2511, OR LYNN RADCLIFFE AT 884-2271

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Upper Sound Grange

Pd. Pol. Adv.



# Little by LITTLE

Lately I've had several friends mention how beautiful our fall leaves are this year and why should anyone take a tour east for the fall coloring. Our woods are beautiful this year; the dogwood has turned a lovely red and the maples are all shades of yellow with sometimes a tinge of red, especially the vine maples, which can be glorious in large masses such as seen on the sides of Mt. Rainier.

But as I drove from Tacoma recently, past the planting of oaks and other eastern trees lining the street just before the bridge, I was reminded of how beautiful the oaks, sumac, sassafras, tulip and other deciduous trees are in Indiana. The many shades of red found where oak trees twined with bittersweet vine cover acres is hard to describe. Turkey Run State Park in Indiana is a fantastic fairyland of brilliant color for all of October, November and sometimes December.

As I write this, the Bakke case, considered by many as the single most important case since the Brown case in 1954 outlawed segregation in schools, is being heard by the United States Supreme Court. Regardless of what their decision is, you should get the facts before taking sides.

Before I gave the question serious thought, I was on Bakke's side, having been led to believe he was a victim of 'reverse discrimination'. But a little investigation and thought changed my ideas. Admission to California medical schools depends on applicant's college grades and results of Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), a standard entrance exam. Result: the medical

school remained lily white because Mexican Americans, Native Americans or Asian Americans could not compete with white students. Since there is a compelling need for doctors in the minority communities, and white doctors don't flock to those places to practice, the university decided for more emphasis on subjective evaluations. In simple language, since it's been learned that MCAT scores do not accurately show which students will turn into the best physicians, and that minority applicants are better qualified to work with minorities, they decided that they would consider all of these phases of the question instead of the cut and dried examinations. Considering all of these things, perhaps Bakke was not 'better qualified' than some of the minority applicants.

And, as a final thought, I'd like to mention that in the past, white children of politically well-connected university supporters, or substantial financial contributors have been admitted in spite of being less qualified than other applicants.

Does background music (noise) with movies, T.V. commercials, in fact almost everything, bother anyone else the way it does me?

Ruth Little Vaughn

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### Playing safe

Never ever leave children alone. When they are alone, they have accidents with matches, gasoline, the stove, deep water, poisons, falls.

**Strike Zone**  
Keep matches above the 'strike' zone where children can't reach them.



**Safe Toys**  
Trade sharp or electrical objects for something safe to play with.



**Heaters**  
Move portable heaters away from play areas. Keep the heater away from curtains and furniture, too.



**Tent Safety**  
Use flashlights, never candles, matches, heaters, or stoves in a tent.



**Don't Smoke**  
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Some people can turn a hobby into a profession, and thereby get paid for doing something they love to do. Such a person is Don Mastro, beekeeper. He became interested in bees as a teenager, but not until years later did he invest in them. His first batch died. He was so disappointed that he didn't try again for a while. Even later when he bought more bees, it took three tries before they really flourished. This was about twelve years ago in the Seattle area. He said it takes about ten years to become an expert beekeeper, by the trial and error method; three or four if you work with a professional.

Mastro now has about 800 hives placed throughout the state - Columbia Basin, Elma, Cedar River, Grays Harbor and the Key Peninsula are some locations. Having just finished a very successful season, he now feeds the bees to sustain them for winter and loads them for transportation to the California almond orchards where they winter better. When bees are transported they are in open hives to keep them healthier. Peaceful while in motion, they become stirred up when stopped. After a few buzzing experiences, the California weigh station does not insist he stop anymore. In January and February he will go down to work the bees, then in March will pack them up for transporting back to begin his pollination service to the apple orchards and cranberry bogs, as well as to the specialized areas such as huckleberries out here.

It has been proven that sprays have killed off many natural pollinating bees, so his pollination service is more in demand all the time. Bigger and better fruit results from this service. He circulates the bees five times a year for different crops. In Grays Harbor, they had an increased yield of 130 barrels per acre of cranberries after his pollinating program.

All during the summer the honey is drawn off and kept separate according to flavor;

huckleberry, cranberry, clover, alfalfa, fireweed, valley, etc. It is sent to Mastro's processing plant in Seattle, where it is heated to 105 so it will flow easier, strained and bottled under sanitary conditions. It is not pasteurized, since they try to retain as natural a product as possible.

This has been a family project. Don's wife, Cherie, has traveled with him to sell, to collect bees, to conventions. Their children, over the years, have bottled and labeled honey. The Mastro's are active in the Washington State Beekeepers' Association. It all boils down to a disease known as beekeeping.

Cherie has developed some interesting recipes using honey. Some will appear in the Civic Center Cookbook. Others are below. The Mastro's sell their honey, all flavors, all sizes, at their home, located one block off the Gig Harbor-Longbranch Highway on the Camp Seymour road. Light, shining through a jar of honey is a beautiful sight to behold - liquid gold representing many months of work.

HONEY CRACKLE

- 3 QUARTS FRESHLY POPPED CORN
- 1 CUP BLANCHED SLIVERED ALMONDS
- 1/2 CUP BUTTER
- 1 CUP FIRMLY PACKED BROWN SUGAR
- 1/4 CUP HONEY
- 1 TEASPOON VANILLA

Into a large, shallow pan, put the popped corn, add almonds. In a quart saucepan over low heat, melt the butter. Stir in the honey and brown sugar, bring to a boil. Boil for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, stir in vanilla. Pour this mixture over the popped corn and almonds, mix well and bake in a 250 oven for one hour. Stir every 15 minutes.

CASHEW COCONUT CHEWS

- 1/2 CUP OIL
- 1/4 CUP BROWN SUGAR
- 1 CUP UNSWEETENED COCONUT
- 1/2 CUP CASHEWS, CUT
- 1/2 CUP SOY MILK
- 2 TEASPOONS VANILLA
- 1/2 CUP WHEAT FLOUR
- 1/2 CUP HONEY
- 1 & 1/2 CUPS OATMEAL
- 1/2 TEASPOON SALT



Mix all ingredients together. Bake in 350 oven for 15 min. Makes 4 dozen candy-like cookies.

Vaughn Garden Club

Several cars of Garden Club members made the trip to Olympia for the October meeting, and all were delighted that club president Opal Donovan was able to go along. After browsing through the lovely Christmas Shop full of ideas and items for making decorations and ornaments, as well as already made up decorations, baskets and hand made fireplace brooms, and spending lots of money, they met at the Terrace Restaurant overlooking Tumwater Falls for a wonderful lunch.

In the afternoon, some of the members toured the Capitol grounds to view the beautiful dahlia gardens, then took in an antique show.

Plans are still being discussed for the November meeting. Members will be contacted regarding location and program before the third Thursday.

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## WAY BACK WHEN...

There were two outstanding bridges on the Territorial Road (Hammell-Deal Road). One, on Rocky Creek, was an estimated 250' long by 35' high and was close to the Squires property (see August column). The other, 100' long by 50' high, was near the Graben homestead on Peck Creek, only a short distance from Nita Akins' home. Mrs. Graben, or one of the Graben daughters, was a school teacher at Vaughn School #35 in the 1890's, and used the Vaughn-Sidney Road (Wright-Bliss Road) plus paths through the woods to make her way from home to school and back, usually on foot.

The Territorial Road seems to have terminated at the Mason County line, just east of Russ Schillinger's property at Victor, in the Hammell-Deal swamp; so called because both these families settled here in the 1890's. Mr. Hammell had been a tailor in Tacoma. A daughter of the Deal's married Mr. Sisson, who was one of the early postmasters of Victor, with descendants still there. Logging of the area had been done prior to this time by a Mr. Cline, who cut only the choicest trees. These were taken from the swamp during the rainy season when three yolk of oxen were used to

pull the logs down trenches into North Bay at Victor. Remains of these trenches, which were 8' to 10' wide, were visible for many years. The Don Foote property is in this area.

Graben Hill, on the Vaughn-Sidney Road, was a challenge for the automobiles of the early 1920's. Many of these cars were unable to climb the hill in low gear and some, when the carburetor ran dry, had to be turned around so they could back up to the top. Only the most expensive cars had vacuum tanks for reserve gas....all others had to depend on gravity flow. Gail Armstrong lives at the foot of this hill.

A school, #48, was built on the east corner of the Elgin-Clifton and Pole Line Road intersection in the mid 1890's. The Nelson Family homesteaded property south of this school, and newspapers of that date, used on the walls of their log cabin were readable in 1918. This was the area where many trees were cut in 1924 for use as timbers in the Mexican silver mines. Charles Donahue lives a short distance east of this area.

Approximately one mile east of #48 school on the pole line lived Nels Holmes, a very powerful man. He would take a phonograph in a wheelbarrow to Victor to serenade the school teacher. He would play only waltzes. In fact he so disliked the inevitable fox-trot

on the reverse side, he would scar it with his knife so it couldn't possibly be played. His house was made of trees, roots and all, piled tepee fashion, but it was cozy inside, with stumps and slabs of wood for furniture. The path from the road to his house was lined with rocks, meticulously matched as to size and color, and his firewood was cut to exact length and piled shoulder high, as a fence. He lived on this property until 1940.


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Assistant Chief Fred Ramsdell  
showed visitors the station, new  
trucks and ambulance, which was  
attended by Lawrence Curl and  
Dee Dee Kerkes.

Blood pressures were taken  
as a public service. The Ashes  
served coffee and cookies on a  
table set with red and white  
carnations and a silver service.

The next Ashes meeting will  
be Thursday, November 3 at Fire  
Station #2 at 10:00 a.m. We  
will be getting material for  
making jackets for the ladies.  
There will be a pot luck lunch  
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6 OPEN HOUSE 10-5 OPEN SKATING 2-4 LUTHERAN MISSION 10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30	7 SQUARE DANCE LESSONS (G.R.) 7:30 CUB SCOUTS 3:15 WEBELOS 7-8	8 <b>ELECTION</b> BRIDGE (GYM) 7:30	9 ADULT SKATING 8-10 CUB SCOUTS 3:15	10 KPCC MEETING (G.R.) 7:30 BOY SCOUTS	11 L-H (G.R.) 7:30 <u>NO SKATING</u> OLD RIVER BAND CONCERT (GYM) 8 PM.	12 SWAP MEET 10-5 (INSIDE IF BAD WEATHER)
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