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#### AMERICAN CANCER CRUSADE

Lynn Radcliffe, Chairman for the 884 phone district announced the annual Cancer Drive for funds from April 10 to 16. Her area captains are: Lake Holiday, Marge Pascoe; Carney Lake, Betty Beal; Lake Minterwood, Mike Davis; North Vaughn & Rocky Bay, Margaret Werner; South Vaughn & Lackey Road, Darlene Butchcoe; Glen Cove & Key Center, Lynn Radcliffe; Home and Heron Road, Ruth Madsen; Palmer Lake & Whiteman Cove, Mike Andersen; Longbranch, Marge Radonich; Lakebay, Maurita Lee. Volunteers are needed. Having many helpers for the drive means each one has less to do.

This year the crusade will combine education and fund raising. The volunteers will distribute pamphlets which will give 7 key steps as safeguards against cancer and 7 warning signals of the onset of the disease. Thousands of lives are saved each year through these funds which are used for research and treatment.

#### 4-H CLUB

On April 9th the Peninsula Pioneers 4-H club will have a fund raising car wash. For \$1 donation, your auto can be sparkling clean for Easter. The money raised will be used for the annual Spring Junior Dairy Goat Show at the Kitsap County Fair Grounds on May 14th. All area junior goat owners are invited to participate in the show. Entry forms are available from the Cooperative Extension office at Port Orchard. We hope to see a lot of cars on April 9th at Terry's Lakebay Chevron - 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



#### EASTER EGG HUNT

It's time for bunnies, balloons and prizes at the Civic Center. All pre-school through sixth grade children on the Key Peninsula are invited to take part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9 - the morning before Easter - at 10 o'clock.

"Hunting" will be reserved for 4th grade and under, but there will be special games with prizes for the 5th and 6th graders too, according to chairman Don Davis.

The Cub Scouts will patrol the road and the creek for the safety of all, the Girl Scouts will color any undecorated eggs donated, and 4-H Club members will hide them.

Anyone willing to donate a dozen or more hard boiled eggs, either plain or decorated, may leave them at Collins Grocery, Walt's Fine Foods in Key Center or the Home Grocery. Prizes have been donated by local merchants and there will be three "big bunnies" there to help award them. Coffee and rolls will be available from the kitchen.



#### ONCE AGAIN

Once again the Eastertime  
Brings the lilies white;  
Once again the breezes blow  
And the sun is bright.

Gone the snows of yesterday,  
Brooks once more can sing.  
Bluebirds flit from tree to tree  
With their notes of spring.

Once again the churchbells chime,  
and we cast off gloom  
As we worship Him who once  
Came from out the tomb.

Once again it's Eastertime  
And our praises ring,  
As glad anthems we do raise  
To our Lord and King.

Marie Elmore Baxter  
Reprinted from  
Ideals Magazine

#### BENEFIT DANCE BIG SUCCESS

The Twilight Dance Club would like to thank all its members, guests and the people in Fire District #16 for making our annual Saint Patrick's Day Benefit Dance for the Civic Center the most successful one the club has ever sponsored. A check for \$900 has been presented to the Civic Center. To all of the members who worked so hard on this benefit, THANK YOU! You did a beautiful job.

We would like to thank the following merchants for contributing to our door prizes:

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We residents of the Key Peninsula should consider ourselves fortunate to have an organization such as our Parks and Recreation Commission working for the betterment of our community. This able group of local people has done an outstanding job in the few years it has been in existence. Through their efforts we have a great new recreation center for the use of all residents. It is centrally located, making it convenient for the whole peninsula. Even those who might not use the facilities will appreciate the fact that just to have the Sports Center, as well as the Civic Center, makes this a better place to live.

The fact that over 100 volunteers from all up and down the peninsula have given of their time, materials and the use of equipment is a fine example of community spirit.

A special committee has been set up by president Walt Smith to study ways to make the Sports Center an integral part of the community. Not only are the young people's organized sports being considered, but varying recreational needs for all ages will be met.

The Park Board has done a great deal toward drawing the community together. We applaud their efforts.

Due to the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter, the advertising no longer covers the expenses. We regret that we are forced to drop some of the Port Orchard and Gig Harbor areas from our mailing list. This will enable us to continue to supply our Key Peninsula readers. Some stores in Gig Harbor will have copies of the paper to be picked up.

Anyone in these areas who wishes to receive the Newsletter after this issue may subscribe at the rate of \$2 per year. This will pay the cost of mailing the paper directly to your address. Send order to the Newsletter at P.O. Box 12, Vaughn, 98394.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

The last week of March was Outdoor Education Week for the sixth grade students at Vaughn and Evergreen. The students were transported to the Cispus Environmental Learning Center located nine miles south of Randle, WA. There they were afforded an array of opportunities for studying weather activities, geological formations and plant/animal life in Washington.

In order for the children to get the maximum educational benefit from their five day experience at Cispus, the teachers make careful preparation before the Cispus experience, and a thorough follow-up afterwards. Before they go to Cispus, the children learn certain skills, facts and basic principles they need in order to pursue their studies. Some habits and attitudes are fostered which enrich their educational experience and at the same time tend to protect and preserve the environment of the Learning Center for future students of environmental education.

The entire cost of the project was undertaken by the parent groups and the students themselves.

**THE LETTERBOX**

Dear Editor,

I have been wanting to write you for many months about the excellence of your paper. It is so neatly done, well arranged and edited. You and your helpers deserve some kind of award for achievement.

The "Little by Little" column says much, in good style and organization. The "Wild Life Still Here" by Pat Greetham in the March number gives a complete account of the kinds of wild life in her area, as well as picturesque descriptions of dramatic actions of the creatures. So glad those whales escaped!

We are glad to hear that the paper is being recognized for its excellence far and near. Maybe we should all pay something toward its support.

Sincerely,


Cora G. Chase  
Vaughn

To the Editor...

We would like to thank the men of Key Center Station, Fire District #16, for responding so quickly to what could have been a very serious fire had they not been so prompt. We just thank God for that. I also urge each and every one of you to have the fire number and directions to your home by each phone, as I could not even think of my address.

Thanks again for your prompt service.

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# Keynotes

Ced Hotchkiss, son of Mr. & Mrs. Cedric Hotchkiss of Vaughn, has been appointed to the Air Force Academy by Congressmen Warren G. Magnusson and Norm Dicks. Mr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss are both teachers at Goodman Middle School in Gig Harbor.

Ced is a senior at Peninsula High School where he has excelled in athletics while maintaining a 3.93 grade point average. He has been class president for each of his three previous high school years, and is Student Body President in his senior year. He lettered in football and swimming.

"To maintain such a high academic level while excelling in sports, band, debate and leadership makes him a particularly deserving appointee", Dicks said. "Senator Magnusson and I are very proud to have recommended him."

Ced will report to the Academy in Colorado Springs on June 27.



Mike LaPaglia, administrator of Rocky Bay Health Care Facility, will present a piano concert at Puyallup High School on Wednesday, April 27 for the community.



Ralph Andersen of Vaughn celebrated his 60th birthday Sunday, March 20, with family and close friends, at the Sons of Norway Fireside Room in Bremerton, where the Andersens resided for many years. Of special interest was the cake decorated with the Norwegian flag. Greetings came from family members in Norway.

Together with his wife, Beverly, hosts were his three daughters and sons-in-law. From Tacoma, Mr. & Mrs. Don Bowman with children Paul and Michelle, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Gervais with B.J., Staci and Ryan. From California, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Oliver and son Adam.

## SPORTS CENTER

Under the leadership of construction supervisor John Steiner, building of a water storage reservoir, a drilled well and completion of the sprinkler system for the Key Peninsula Community Sports Center began this week.

High on the list of volunteers with an outstanding record of service to the project are Dale Boquist, Carl Breitsprecher, Butch Brooks, Jim Brooks, Kenny Brones, Mel Manley, Ralph Carlson, Oscar Schock, Dave Johnson, Rogner Johnson (deceased), Phil Johnson, Roy Madsen, Don Mills, Don Olson, Fred Ramsdell, Walt Smith and Doug Stencil.

Due to the increased business of the Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation Board, it has been decided to hold an additional meeting per month. Therefore, beginning this month, meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays for the next six months.

President Walt Smith gave his report regarding his contacts with Pierce County and state legal officials to issue revenue bonds for top priorities to be submitted by the Key Peninsula Civic Center Board for financial assistance to bring the Center up to fire code standards. Commissioner Janet Gormly also presented a complete chronology of the development of the sports center from 1972 to the present.

As additional projects begin, more help is needed to augment the over 100 volunteers who have given their time, materials and equipment to make the sports center a truly magnificent community improvement. Steiner indicated that among the greatest needs for volunteers at present are for brick layers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, cement finishers, general laborers and equipment owners of backhoes, small and large cats and trenchers. Anyone wishing to volunteer his help should call Steiner, who lives in Lakebay.

Park Board commissioners went on record to extend their grateful thanks and appreciation for the additional services of the volunteers.

## GUILD PLANS SMORGASBORD

An international theme will dominate at the annual spring smorgasbord sponsored by the Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild. On Saturday evening, April 23rd, the dining tables at the Key Peninsula Civic Center will be decorated with old-fashioned spring bouquets designed by Mrs. A.C. Young, with the assistance of Mrs. Clark Burkheimer and Mrs. Myron McColley. Mrs. Stuart Arns will be dining room hostess, assisted by other guild members.

Many of the traditional dishes will appear on the smorgasbord table, such as scalloped oysters, Swedish meatballs, turkey, ham, baked beans, spaghetti and assorted salads, plus dessert. The dinner will be served buffet style beginning at 5 p.m. til 8 p.m. Refreshments may be purchased in the Gold Room after the hour of 4 p.m. under the supervision of Mrs. Dominic Marietta.

Ways and Means chairperson Mrs. Stuart Arns has asked Mrs. Harvey Ennis to supervise the kitchen; Mrs. Glenn Collins is ticket chairperson; Mrs. George Nayer to arrange publicity.

The April meeting of the guild will be at noon on the 14th at the Minter Beach home of Mrs. Harry Middleton. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Sanderson Rice and Mrs. Harold Wiksten. Final plans will be formulated for the smorgasbord. All proceeds from this project will benefit the Mary Bridge Children's Health Center. Tickets must be purchased in advance from any member of the Dr. Penrose Guild. For reservations call Mrs. Glenn Collins at 884-3784.



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Excerpts Taken From  
Letters Written by A.R.  
Critchfield in 1954  
When He Was 81 Years Old

The Critchfield family, consisting of my father and mother, sisters Jessie, Alma and myself came to West Territory in 1882 from Iowa. The railroad was not finished to this territory then, so we came over the Union Pacific to San Francisco, and from there to Tacoma by steamship, the George W. Elder. Landed in Tacoma on June 16, 1882. Father bought property in Puyallup where we lived about two years, then moved to Vaughn, where father preempted 80 acres of land and built the first home to be built at Vaughn.

One of the reasons why father selected this place was the fine spring water. He heard water running, parted the bushes and discovered the spring. Father rowed a boat from Vaughn to Olympia, about 25 miles, I think. He chartered a small tug with a scow and brought lumber from a sawmill there for our new home at Vaughn. They pushed the scow load of lumber up to the bank at extreme high tide. This place was right in front of where the store and Post Office were afterward built. I think Dr. Collentz ran the store. The lumber was piled up on the bank. Father had selected a building spot near the spring. It seemed a long ways from where the lumber was piled to where we built, as every piece of lumber had to be carried.

As soon as we built, we immediately cleared some land and father set out a small orchard. During part of the time we lived at Vaughn, father was agent for a fruit tree nursery at Puyallup called the Ogle Nursery. The orchard on our place came from there, and many of the first orchards near Vaughn and on Henderson Bay. The trees were purchased as a result of father's agency.

Henderson Bay had many settlers before North Bay did, I suppose because it was more conveniently located to Tacoma.

A family named Cisco lived across Vaughn from where we settled, about where the Bassetts built their home. They were not permanent settlers and moved away before we did. They had a large family. I remember being in their house - there was no furniture except for home made articles. All I ever knew Cisco to do was just to hunt. Every week or two he would kill a deer and father would buy a quarter, and I remember what a feast we would have of this fine venison. This was our only way of obtaining fresh meat. During the last two years we lived at Vaughn, I had an old-fashioned double-barreled shot gun muzzle loader and shot many grouse and pheasants on the home place. I was only 12 or 13 years old, so did not hunt far from home.

Yes, we were the first settlers at Vaughn. Alversons next and then Sam Wright and Jacob Maxwell and wife. Their place adjoined ours. John Alverson and family moved on land just across Vaughn from us. The following year, Uncle Will Wright took up a homestead at the head of Vaughn Bay. Sammie Wright, my cousin who was just my age, was one of that family.

Father went to Tacoma and saw the commissioners about a school district, as the three families had the required number of children. We were granted a district and, as you know, our first school was held in Uncle Will's house. We could only have three month's term, as there were not sufficient funds for a longer term. May Wilson was the first teacher.

We all got together and built the log school house. Lawrence and I were only 11 or 12 years old, but we worked

with the men and helped carry material out of the woods. The first teacher in the new school was Angie Rice. I think she taught two terms.

Our only communication with the outside world was by water, as there were no roads, only trails. We got our supplies by boat. The old Bob Irwin, a flat bottom scow built boat, made weekly trips from Tacoma to Henderson Bay, and our supplies were landed at

what was then called Balch's Cove, now Glen Cove. Of course we had no Post Office. All our mail came to Tacoma and the Bob Irwin brought it to us. It was always quite an event when we got our mail and supplies. Everything had to be carried on our backs to Vaughn.

Our nearest neighbors, the Maxwells, whose land adjoined ours, were fine people. We soon had a trail cut to their home and there was hardly a day but what we visited one another. Maggie Bland did not come to live with them until after we moved away. Some years later I visited Vaughn and became acquainted with Maggie. We were about the same age. I kept company with her and corresponded with her for a while, then met Ella Reynolds. That was the lady I married July 25, 1897. I was more fortunate than many, as we had a happy married life for nearly 56 years.

We lived, I think, three years at Vaughn when we sold out to Mr. Van Slyke. This must have been about 1887. After we moved from Vaughn we settled in a rural country about twelve miles south of Olympia.



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**LIGHTS FOR THE LIBRARY**

The donations toward our project to purchase new lighting for the library are continuing to come in. A special thanks is extended to the members of our community who are not obligated to pay overdue fines, because of their senior citizen status, yet show their appreciation of the library services by making contributions to the lighting fund. Other generous users have also "found" our donation box at the library.

Progress has been made in that we now know the amount of lighting needed and an approximate cost of the fixtures. The next step will be to call for bids on labor, which will then enable us to know the total amount needed to complete the project.

Thank you all!

**WINE AND DINE FOR CHERIE**

Don Olson, President of the Volunteer Firemen's Association recently announced a "Wine and Dine for Cherie" benefit to be held Saturday, April 16, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Civic Center. An open donation will be rewarded with a meal of hot spaghetti, hot french bread, crisp green salad and coffee. Wine and beer will be available in the "Pizza Room", formerly known as the Gold Room.

Dance music will be provided by the best record albums that can be borrowed.

The benefit, to help pay medical expenses, is sponsored by the Volunteer Firemen's Association, the Ashes and other friends of Cherie Dalton.

**FROM THE LIBRARY**

Len Deighton, the English author of "The Ipcress File", "Funeral in Berlin", and other exciting books has done it again! "Catch a Falling Spy" is another tale of espionage, counterintelligence and intrigue that keeps the reader's interest all the way. The descriptive trip through the Algerian Sahara, not over the Trans-Sahara Highway, but via a lesser-known route, to pick up a Russian defector, is a "warming" story in itself. The humor of Colonel Mickey Mann, CIA, who helps with the defection of Andrei Bekuv, provides the light moments in this chilling novel of international politics. "Catch a Falling Spy" may be requested through our local library.

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In the February issue of this paper, mention was made of the many new paperbacks received by the library. One of these, "The Auctioneer", by Joan Samson is exceptional, not only for the plot, but for the excellent talent of the author in telling the story. It is a Book-of-the-Month selection, and will soon be made into a movie. John Moore, not the auctioneer, emerges as the main character in this tale of tensions and terror. The Moores, and other families, are stripped of all their possessions, courage, hopes, and finally their freedom. The surprise ending justifies the "midnight oil" spent reading this enthralling novel. Browse the paperback section at the library for this one and many of the other new editions that are well worth reading.

**FIREMEN'S ASHES**

The Board of the Firemen's Ashes wishes to thank its members for their effort and the community for its generous support and donations for a very successful rummage sale.

Marguerite Bussard, President, announced that the Ashes will meet April 6 at 10 a.m. at the Headquarters Station for a short business meeting. They will then adjourn promptly at 10:45 for a weaving demonstration given by Maxine Robbins at her home. Anyone interested in attending this fun session is welcome to come along with their own sack lunch.

Watch for advertising on the upcoming rabies clinic to be held in May.

**OLD VAUGHN HIGH REUNION**

Plans are being made for a Vaughn High School reunion that will be held July 16 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center (old Vaughn High).

The class of '47 was the last class to graduate before Vaughn and Gig Harbor consolidated at Peninsula High, so it has been thirty years since Vaughn was a high school.

Anyone attending, teaching or who worked at the high school is welcome to attend this big event that will include dinner, dancing and, we hope, entertainment.

Check the date on your calendar. If you can help or have any information, call Shirl Olson, Marge Radonich, Audrey Tritle or Elsie Olson.

Watch for more information in coming issues of the Newsletter.

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A prominent Vaughn pioneer, Bertha Davidson, set down some of her personal recollections of life on the peninsula since the mid 1800's in a small book called "Parade of the Pioneers". Her death in January, 1977 made us realize what a contribution she made to the community as she wrote down the rural portrait of life that she participated in and heard from others.

There are limited copies in the community but three of them are available at the Vaughn Library. As you read it, you'll find yourself transported to yesteryear as the first residents arrived by boat (with oars) and literally carved their homes and gardens out of the woods.

The first was William Vaughn, who stayed only a short time due to illness. Next was the Critchfield family, coming in 1882. Self sufficiency was necessary, but some supplies came by boat over the years, in fact, right up to the 1940's. At one point the supply boats came into Glen Cove. Can you imagine packing all your supplies from there to your home, through the woods?

Community spirit was felt early among this group. Families helped each other in many ways. A small school was built when only four families were here. A church group was formed and met in the school. The church was a vital part of Mrs. Davidson's life and she carefully records its history in the area down through the years until 1960, including the historic building of Vaughn church.

Bertha Gabrielson Davidson came to Vaughn with her parents in 1898 when she was six years old. She later married Robert Davidson who was born on the same farm where the two lived and raised their family for 65 years. Second only to her family was her church. Her christian faith guided her life and interest. This is reflected in her statement in the book, "As we think of the struggle for survival in the early days, the joy over each accomplished step forward and a nearer approach

to the ideals and purposes for which we came, the laying of a foundation with each passing year for the fulfillment of a good life for now and for the generations to follow."

She records the coming of several families whose descendants are still here; Rodman, Van Slyke, Kingsbury, Davidson and many more. The book is well written, most enjoyable, and you will find yourself appreciating the area more for having read it. In fact, if society goes full cycle and we revert to a more basic life in the future you might find vital clues to subsistence in it!

The sequel to the story is that Bob Davidson has generously turned over his lovely old historic home (at the crest of Lackey Road) to the Vaughn Church as the parsonage for the Rev. Bauer family. Dorothy Davidson Koger, who grew up there, lives next door with her family and has a continuing interest in the community history and church, as did her parents.

## Vaughn Garden Club



The March meeting of the Vaughn Garden Club was held at the Rocky Bay shore home of Opal Donovan, where we could enjoy the misty, island studded view of Case Inlet.

Muriel Burhans presented an interesting and informative program on container planting. The many ways that plants could be grown were discussed. Several club members described their favorite ways of gardening, including planting in tires, clay pots, wooden boxes built to stand above the ground, as well as hydroponic methods. We learned also that seeds could be started in folded newspaper containers, then simply put into the ground, paper and all, when ready to set out.

Beverages and assorted cookies were served. Florence Jones was co-hostess.

We will meet again at Evelyn Nederlee's home April 21. The program will be on composting, spraying and on pruning rhododendrons.

## Little by LITTLE



This morning as I looked out at the Olympics, I saw really white peaks for the first time this winter. They have had snow in the mountains while we were getting rain.

Nature has a way of caring for things if we can just be patient and let her do things in her own time. For several years I've been bothered by the many unsightly dead limbs high - very high - up in my huge cedar tree. There simply was no way to reach them. But after a recent wind storm I was pleasantly surprised one morning to find the ground under the tree covered with small dead cedar boughs. My tree is neat again, no dead limbs left up there.

Are you tired of hearing about Snowy Owls? This will be the last, I promise. It's amazing the responses I got about that Snowy Owl article. The one that interested me especially, since it's near where I live, was from Dorothy Koger, who told me of her experience last August. She had a mother hen with a brood of baby chicks and she just happened to look out one day as a Snowy Owl swooped down and carried off one of the chicks. In the days that followed there were nine more chicks missing and it's only reasonable to assume that the owl was the culprit.

Every Monday morning in January and most of February, the "Crazy Quilters" came to my house after 10 o'clock to work all day on the quilt which was on frames in my living room. At noon we moved to the other side of the room and sat by the fireplace while we ate lunch. Occasionally a friend would drop in to join us as we sipped hot tea and talked. Eleanor Stock came several times; Margot Fleming also came and decided to join our group.

The last of February we finished our quilt which we were quilting for a Seattle

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woman. We were very proud of the job we did on the quilt, so to celebrate we decided to go to Tacoma to the Needlework Guild display at Handforth Gallery. After enjoying all the beautiful needlework, we had lunch at the Old Firestation restaurant. A very enjoyable day!

Our next meeting was at Janet Gormley's home. Harriet Rogers and Maxine Robbins met with us that day, and our special guest was Kathy Smith's new daughter, Kimberly, who was just five weeks old. Kathy missed very few sessions of quilting, three I think, when she had the baby. At this meeting we elected Margaret Olsen president and Kathy Smith treasurer.

Names were drawn to determine who would make the first quilt with the help of the entire club. Britta Brones was the lucky winner. Next meeting at Janet Rogers' home we shall work on Britta's quilt.

My final thought for this month is: We may call a thing immoral, ugly, soul destroying or a peril to peace, but we never seriously question its right to exist until we have shown it to be uneconomic.

Ruth Little  
Vaughn

## Historical Society

The first meeting in the 1977 season of the Key Peninsula Historical Society was held in the social hall of the Longbranch Church last month. The extremely interesting program consisted of a travelog and slide show by Mr. George Snyder of visits to Israel, and tales of living in Home from 1910 to the early 1920's, told by Mrs. Snyder, the former Anita Rubenstein.

The next meeting will be April 28 at the Civic Center. The program will be stories of the Rickert and Wyatt families in early Longbranch, related by Aileen Rickert Froelich, as told to her by her folks, and Mr. Arthur Wyatt.

## EXCERPTS FROM THE WEED EATERS' COOKBOOK

by CORA CHASE

Weed eating is being considered by an increasing number of people even if not many are actually doing it. With cabbage at 59¢ per lb., carrots 69¢, celery 49¢, we have been eating weeds all fall and winter to avoid paying these outrageous prices. The prices are not the fault of the grocer but the result of several factors. Small farmers are being driven from the land by 'agrobiz', which, having a monopoly, is making the most of the situation. Another factor is the weather. With each freeze, drought or flood comes an increase in price of crops, usually much more than enough to cover the loss. This is part of the 'system'.

Being weed eaters, we have found that there is no need to plant spinach. Chard is much better and lasts all winter. Weed eaters need gardens as this is where weeds really flourish--ask any gardener. Besides, gardens need the wastes from kitchens, composted, or if you are bold, dig it directly into the soil. Our problem with this is that the racoons dig it up and make a mess.

Weeds that flourish in gardens and worth cherishing: dandelions, year round plants. Another dandelion is heavy leafed and less bitter. It blooms later, a single tall stem with a yellow flower. There is sour dock - don't eat too much of this as it contains oxalic acid - but a little lends piquancy to blander weeds: curly dock or horse dock. Pepper grass has been our mainstay for salads this winter. This weed grows everywhere in this area. In the garden it flourishes all winter, making heads with little green leaves with stems of tiny white flowers that go to seed early and start new plants. If cut close to the roots with shears, they will keep supplying greenery.

Another ubiquitous weed is chickweed, which also grows year around. In garden soil its leaves are rich green and are easily gathered with shears along with the pepper grass - they are buddy-buddy. Nettles come in early spring and can be kept coming by cutting only tips of branches. Lambs quarter comes later - is like spinach. Also purslane. See books in our library for more information.

All of our vegetables were once weeds. Man cultivated and selected to increase the good points such as size, color and the elimination of bitterness. In the process, there was a loss of vitality, and the cultivated ones needed defense against their wild brothers. Weeds being more nutritious than cultivated plants, on a weed diet there is less need of costly vitamins.

### RECIPES

**Nettle Casserole:** Gather nettles with gloves and shears. Wash and steam five minutes. Place in oiled baking dish with salt and pepper. Beat 2 eggs, add ½ cup milk, pour over the nettles, grate cheddar cheese (1 cup) and spread over top. Bake until cheese is melted.

Lambs quarter mixed with dandelion can be prepared the same way. A sauce made of egg, prepared mustard and cheese goes well with these dishes. This same sauce is also excellent as a dressing for any wild greens in a salad. Salad Elegance from the spice section of the grocery store is a good addition to any wild salad or dish of cooked greens.

### ADDENDUM:

Dwellers on Puget Sound have an excellent source of food on the beaches. Mussels grow on rocks and pilings. Oysters and clams abound, but often 'Private' and 'Keep Off' signs inhibit. Sea weeds are edible as well as some salt marsh plants.

More next issue.



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We will leave Gig Harbor at 8:30 a.m. and drive south on I-5 to Portland. After lunch, we'll head out to the Oregon coast and in the afternoon stop at the Oregon State University Marine Science Center to view some inhabitants of our Pacific ocean, staying the first night at the beautiful Inn at Spanish Head located at Lincoln City, Oregon. We will visit the Sea Lion Caves, using the elevator for closer observation. We then continue south past the dunes, passing through Brandon and Coos Bay, reaching our overnight stop at Gold Beach.

On the morning of the third day we will take a 64 mile ride on a jet boat up the Rogue River, which is both safe and scenic, seeing rugged scenery and some wild life. We will have lunch at Agnes, both lunch and boat ride included in the cost of the trip. In the afternoon we will return to Gold Beach, board the bus and drive to Crescent City, California, viewing the famous redwoods, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Cottage Grove and to Eugene, Oregon, spending the 4th night at the Eugene Hotel. The 5th day we head for home.

We charter a bus for a minimum of 35 passengers and a mixed group, so if you are interested in coming on this trip, please call Jean Humphreys at 884-3716, or Doris Kezele at 884-3366 for reservations or more information.



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**DOG CONTROL-ZONE**

A dog control zone requested by the residents of Lake Minterwood was unanimously approved by County commissioners at a public hearing January 18. There was no opposition to establishing the zone.

The resolution makes it a punishable misdemeanor for the owner of a dog to permit the dog to roam unleashed in the control area. It is also unlawful to keep a dog that frequently attacks or snaps at passers-by.

County commissioners will hold a public hearing on April 12 to consider establishing a dog control zone in the Lake Holiday area.



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At the annual meeting of the Lake Holiday Association February 19, Mr. Leonard Fox and Mr. Stan Boedeker were elected to the Board of Trustees for a two year term. Mr. Robert Steele was re-appointed as President and Mr. Fox was re-appointed as Treasurer.

On March 12, a pot-luck dinner was held in the Club House as a farewell to Harry, Ruth and Aundrea Strauss, who are moving to Lincoln City, Oregon. There they will manage the Chinook Bend Trailer Park. We wish them happiness in their new venture.

New equipment has been purchased by the Association, such as a professional weed eater, lawn mower, volley ball set and a ping pong table. A Big Boy gym set and sand box have been installed for the children. A miniature basketball court will be built soon.

Spring work has begun to keep Lake Holiday the nicest development in this area. Lake Holiday is a private community in the Key Center area with 67 residents.

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**CUB PACK 213**

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During the awards ceremony at the February Pack meeting and Blue & Gold Dinner, the following Cubs made their first rank, Bobcat: Michael Standish, Jonathan Barnett, Joshua Cline, Dennis McNabb and Kurt Smith. Receiving Wolf rank were: Derek McClintock, Jeff Johnson and Matt Mills. Receiving Bear badge was Scott Moore.

Ending the awards ceremony, Webelos Cecil Beal received his Aquanaut badge. Then, in a laughter-filled special ceremony, Scott Moore was inducted into the Evergreen Webelos den.

March began with the Cubs taking home their Goodwill bags to fill and return to earn their "Goodwill Goodturn" segment.

On Friday, March 18, the cub pack toured a special exhibit at the children's gallery of the Tacoma Art Museum.

Thursday, March 24, a Pack Meeting and the annual Pinewood Derby was held in the Civic Center gym. This is always an exciting meeting, as the Cubs have been busy making their cars during the past month and are eager to race to see whose cars will be the fastest. Results of this year's race will be reported in next month's news. March ended with a roller skating party for Cubs and Dads at the Civic Center.

**Coming Events:**

- Sat. April 2 - Scout-O-Rama ticket sales begin
- Sat. April 9 - Cubs help with Easter Egg Hunt, KPCC
- Sat. April 16- Picnic trip to Camp Hohobas
- Thu. April 21- Pack Committee meeting-Marvin Frye's
- Thu. April 28- Pack Meeting 7 pm Gold Rm. Uniform Insp.
- Tues. May 3 - Den Leader's meeting Betty Beal's
- Sat. May 7 - Scout-O-Rama

Come see nursery school in action! Thursday, April 14 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Longbranch Improvement Club, students and teacher Chris Ripley will be welcoming prospective students for next year. All children 3 to 5 years of age are urged to bring their Mommies and Daddies to see what fun can be had painting, singing, climbing, cooking and many other activities.

Registration is now open for the 1977-78 school year to begin in October, so to be sure of having a spot, visit and register your child early. It's not only fun for children but a wonderful experience for parents to be involved in their child's early learning.

For information, call Judy Mills at 884-2511.

The Pierce County Community Action Agency's Food and Nutrition Program has been funded by CSA for one year. The program will be staffed by one full time coordinator to research and advocate alternative food sources in outlying rural communities in Pierce County. The Food and Nutrition Program will place special emphasis on the following:

1. School lunch and breakfast programs.
2. Meals to homebound rural elderly persons.
3. Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Feeding Program.
4. Supplement available nutrition resources for disadvantaged infants in rural Pierce County through the Pierce County Food Bank System.
5. Administrative assistance in food cooperatives and buying clubs.

The Food and Nutrition Program will become an advocate for the removal of State sales tax on food items.

For more information about the Food and Nutrition Program, contact:

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# Grange News

February 18, Upper Sound Grange 705 had as guests from Minter Fish Hatchery Roy Pigott and Paul Peterson and their families. Roy showed slides on the complete life cycle of the salmon. Paul had slides on fish raising in the Philippines. Both were of interest to everyone.

March 4 the Grange met for the regular monthly meeting with Master Ray Durward in the chair. During the Lecturer's hour Ed Phillips spoke on the Liberty Amendment.

March 18 the Grange held open house to honor Golden Sheaf member Alan Nichols. He has held numerous offices in the Grange, from Gatekeeper to Master. At present he is active on the Executive Committee. Other honored guests were the Honorable "Red" Beck, Senator, Northwest District Director of Women's Activities Dorothy Brynt and friends from Tacoma, Gig Harbor and Olalla.

Following the presentations, Mr. Ernie Kriedler delighted the entire audience with his beautiful singing and special music. The fashion show followed. There are no words to describe what paraded before us. Marvelous, fantastic, hilarious, or maybe two words - TRUE GRIT. Check our male fashion models. Racine (Ray Durward) in "her" colorful muu-muu, stylish sandals and stockings; Ophelia (Orville Kearney) wearing the latest tube dress, ribbons and bows on her fashionable shoes, tennis racquet ready for a game; Charline (Chauncy Brown) in the layered look - at least seven layers - fancy chain beads and knit hat; Ramona (Roy Glass) in

a gorgeous long pleated skirt and tank top, indescribable footwear and stunning hairdo; Edwina (Ed Phillips) featuring "diamonds are a girl's best friend" in a stunning white chiffon street length dress and cowboy boots; Jessica (Jess Green) in a colorful spring pant suit ensemble, knitted cape for a chilly evening, topped off with a white Easter bonnet; Elmira (Elmer Olson) gorgeously attired as a dignified dowager in a black suit, touch of red lace slipping into view, with a stunning black bonnet completing the outfit. The fashion show was the creation of Lecturer Dorothy Phillips.

The Grange Auxiliary met March 15 in the home of Della Green. Homa Lovegren brought cut out fabric toy animals which were passed out to all present to embroider. They will be stuffed at the April 15 meeting at noon at Elsie Olson's house.

Remember grangers, the baking contest is on April 9 at Gig Harbor Grange. Butter cakes - layer or Bundt, icing or glaze; bread - sweet or tea rolls; cookies for children and grandchildren. Be sure to use sponsor's product. Sewing, needlework and crafts contest in full swing, ends April 30. Non-members are welcome and urged to enter.

At the April 1 meeting, CWA will present the lecturer hour. April 15, Gretchen Wilbert or another representative of the Helmsmen will be guest speaker. The community is invited to attend. Each meeting starts at 6:30 with a pot-luck dinner.



## VAUGHN PARENT GROUP NEWS

Field Day this year will be June 7th. Lyn Radcliffe will be Chairman and JoAnn Gilman, Co-chairman.

Volunteers for ice cream and hot dogs this month are:

Karoline Riebow Mike Davis  
Savanne Shirley Lucy Scott  
Darlene Butchcoo Betty Beal  
Martha Swanson Pat Medden  
Judy Wheeler Jan Russell  
Kathy Armstrong

Last months volunteers helped us add \$46.26 to our treasury through the sale of these two items.

Larry Hawkins, Principal, talked to us about the need for another classroom at both Vaughn and Evergreen. There are 145 new students in our district since Sept. 7th. That means 450 since a year ago last Sept.

The classrooms are being polled to see what they would like in the way of new playground equipment. It is our hope that we can purchase something special this year from our treasury.

Our next meeting will be April 13th (Wed.) at the school. "Chat-Time" 9:30, meeting 10:30. Two things we will be discussing are the 6th graders picnic and when to have our carnival next year. Have a nice Spring Vacation everyone.

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The Clinic personnel will include a health services outreach worker on April 15. Services provided by Mark Shifflette will include outreach services, specialized counseling and evaluation of clinic services. Mark is a young man who is returning to the country to do work for which he is specially trained. He will be a coordinator for events held on Thursdays, such as the Well Child Clinic, Geriatric Services and other health related events to be planned.

Board meeting April 6 at the Clinic.

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10  HAPPY EASTER  NO SKATING	11  Square Dancing 7:30  Adult Skating 8 to 10	12  Cubs 3:15  Bridge 7:30	13  Webelos 3:15  Volleyball 8:00	14  Cubs 3:15  KPCB Board 7:30	15  Skating 7 to 11	16  Work Party 10 to 2  Cherie Dalton Benefit Dinner 5 to 9
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