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## QUALITY ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

What will you find at the Civic Center Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, December 1st? Not only the usual craft items, but a candy kitchen, a broomery, Christmas macrame, special tree ornaments, wreaths, handmade quilts, a bakery, unique candles, holiday ceramics, knitted goods, inexpensive plants, quality tole painting, toys, stained glass decorations--all this in a festive setting.

Don't miss Santa, with pictures from 1:00-3:00 pm. The Key Pen Lutheran Church ladies will be selling homemade soup, potato salad and pies, plus quarter pounders, cheeseburgers and hotdogs. What more could you ask for in holiday shopping so close to home? This beats a day at the Mall! The Fair runs from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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UP, UP AND UP!

This headline seems to be the way all things are going now. Our Newsletter is no exception!

Printing and mailing costs have increased more than \$100.00 per issue since last summer for the same number of copies.

This problem was discussed by the Civic Center Board and Newsletter staff. It was decided that we not charge a subscription rate, (we only have a volunteer staff to handle the bookkeeping) but to ask our readers to help defray the added costs.

If this is something you would like to do--please clip the coupon below and 1) Send your contribution to: Civic Center Newsletter, P.O. Box 82, Vaughn, WA. 98394, 2) Drop it off and have them put it in our envelope at Walt's Store or 3) Drop it off at the Key Peninsula Library.

## SANTA IS COMING TO KEY PENINSULA

Christmas will soon be here and Santa is visiting the Key Peninsula area again this year. He enjoyed the old and young alike last year very much. Firefighters from Fire District #16 will escort Santa around the District and we hope no one is missed. To help make it easier for everyone, we have a schedule of the route we will be taking this year. We will leave headquarters station at 6:00 PM each evening and plan on ending each night at 9:00 PM. We can't guarantee what time we will be at each place, but you'll be able to tell from the schedule when we'll be in your area. The schedule is as follows:

- Dec. 10-Butterfield Rd., Lake Holiday
- Dec. 11-Goodrich Dr., 82nd Ave, 94th Ave, Horseshoe Est.
- Dec. 12-Greentree Hill, Wauna Acres, Wauna Shores
- Dec. 13-Creviston Dr., Woodside Homes, Minterbrook Homes, S. Elgin, Minterbrook, Minter Beach
- Dec. 14-Lake of Woods, 134th, 118th & County Line Rd, Lake Minterwood.
- Dec. 17-Longbranch, Devils Head Area
- Dec. 18-Herron Rd, Foss Rd, Palmer Lake
- Dec. 19-Lackey Rd, Reynolds Bay, Jackson Lake, Home
- Dec. 20-To Mason Co. Line, Wright-Bliss Rd, Bliss Cochrane, So. Vaughn
- Dec. 21-Henderson Park, Key Center Area.

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**Our Pres Jey**

As we approach the holiday season and everyone begins to summarize the events of 1979 and start to think of their resolutions for 1980, so too is your outgoing president looking over the accomplishments at the Civic Center.

It's time to thank all of the officers, Board members and the community for their continued help and support of the Civic Center.

Over the past two years we have been able to re-wire the major portions of the Center, bring the boilers up to State code, put on new gutters, add new restrooms and a storage area, put down new vinyl tile in the Gold Room and kitchen, hand new drapes in the Gold room, add a new P.A. system, purchase a new refrigerator-freezer, continue all the payments on the bond redemption fund, pay for fire and skating insurance, increase the caretakers salary, build a concession stand and purchase new tables and chairs, to mention only a few things.

We have also been able to continue roller skating, Pioneer Day, Reno Night, Bingo, Swap Meets, Arts and Crafts Fairs and have added some new activities such as the New Year's Eve Ball (with Champagne breakfast), a Fashion-Show Luncheon and a Halloween Spook House for the kids.

As I have said so many times to many people, "no one is indispensable," and as the new officers and Board members take hold of the reins, I know they will continue to hold the Center together. I can only add that it has been "a unique experience."

Bob Schottland

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**OPEN LETTER TO THE LONGBRANCH COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Dear Friends,

I've wanted to write to you and I've started many times. Each time so far it seems like my pen gets stuck in my throat. I'd like to talk about the Key Peninsula Health Clinic and the Longbranch Community Church congregation.

First of all, you are to be commended for your enterprise, trust and faith in the Clinic venture. Your desire to serve your fellow man and your generous Christian spirit provided a stable foundation upon which a viable and innovative community service was built. You demonstrated courage, foresight, and imagination in this pioneer effort to provide health related services in your community.

The story of community contributors, those of you who gave time, thought, and energy, would be truly amazing if all could be told in this letter. If I mention any names and yours is not there please forgive me, you are not forgotten. Somewhere in the Clinic archives you are mentioned. Your giving in making the building available inspired others to also give. All of this support, from the very beginning, included the broader Key Peninsula community. You should feel proud that wherever the clinic is located on the Key Peninsula, that its mission to serve is the same one which inspired you to share the risk of the Clinic beginning.

When the Clinic moves to Key Center in December the neighborhood will seem different and somehow empty. Rather than grieving this loss, it is now time to think of other

ways to use your talents and your facilities to serve the Longbranch people. Affection for what is past, continuing support for the present, and hope for the future seem practical.

With fondness I remember the times before the Clinic opened. Colleen Coburn, from your Church Board, introduced the infant Clinic organization to your congregation. Those two reliable supporters, Ruth and Rolland Ferguson will recall that their cat was unofficially the first Clinic patient during the time that the building was being prepared for Clinic use. The Longbranch Improvement Club provided carpeting. The Garden Club purchased materials for the ramp which Frank and Lydia Eilers built. Darlene Kaelin with her characteristic valor and venturesome energy became the first president of the Clinic Board. Community groups, among them the Key Center Civic Center, the Pen-Ant Cootiettes, the Peninsula Neighbors, contributed people and money. Two mysterious ex-Navy nurses (later known as Nat and Judy) deposited the first \$20.00 in the Clinic bank account - a memorial for a treasured friend and neighbor.

I can still see Helen Lawson, Dorothy Fink, Tony Kezele, Marie Schwenka and Doris Kezele slapping on paint furnished by the Gordon interior decorating family.

Irene McVicker painted furniture. Roger Hill and a Mr. Peterson from Home were two octogenarians who performed basic carpentry. Little Nora Ames knelt as she helped lay carpet. Darlene Kaslin

found resources to repair plumbing, was a whiz at stapling ceiling tile, and fashioned old peices of linoleum into a washable floor for the exam room.

Summer residents and folks in Tacoma helped too. Standouts in memory are Donna and George Gilman, Jim and Mary Jo Healy and Rick Carr. Twenty-five public health nurses held a pre-opening party at the Clinic in support of the nurse practitioners practice idea.

Open house was held on October 30, 1972. On that day a Mast helicopter sat down on the Todhunter field across from your church. The guestbook showed 250 plus visitors. Lydia Eilers and Cora Hill poured coffee and Jan Eggleston coordinated refreshments. Among the many Longbranch delicacies, raw apple cake was outstanding. Arue to herself in being wh the action is, Jean Hi y was there, too, and m: chers.

o, on to the present and a beginning when the Clinic holds Open house in Key Center across from the Fire Station on December 15. I plan to be there and I would enjoy so much seeing those of you who were the early stalwarts from the Longbranch community. In dealing with the present it is important to remember that you are still the most significant part of the Clinic community. The Clinic still needs your loyalty, your friendship, and your ideas. Did you know that the Angel Guild, which is devoted to helping the Clinic, was named for one of your church members? That is another story.

What about the future? I hope and believe that a community clinic, managed by a community board with the assistance of enlightened professionals will contribute meaningfully and responsively to the community it serves. The Clinic cannot do it without you. I look forward to seeing you on December 15th which is still part of the immediate future. Perhaps on that occasion the present Clinic Board and staff will be able to add their thanks to mine. I know they join me in the thoughts I have expressed.

Jeanne Brodsack



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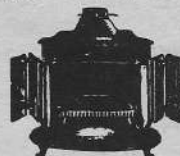
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Look carefully at the listed shops. You are sure to find appropriate gifts for your family and friends and relatives. We appreciate having this selection of stores to shop at within a 10 mile radius of our homes.



### CHRISTMAS NIGHT

After I'd coaxed him from his  
toys at night  
And tucked him in and dimmed  
his bedroom light,  
I heard his sleepy prayer  
against my cheek:  
"Dear God, make Christmas come  
again next week."  
I wondered if I ought to tell  
him then  
Some laws of nature and some  
rules of men,  
And yet how often older people  
pray  
Deep in their hearts for  
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by Eleanor Graham

### PURDY-BURLEY-MINTER AREAS

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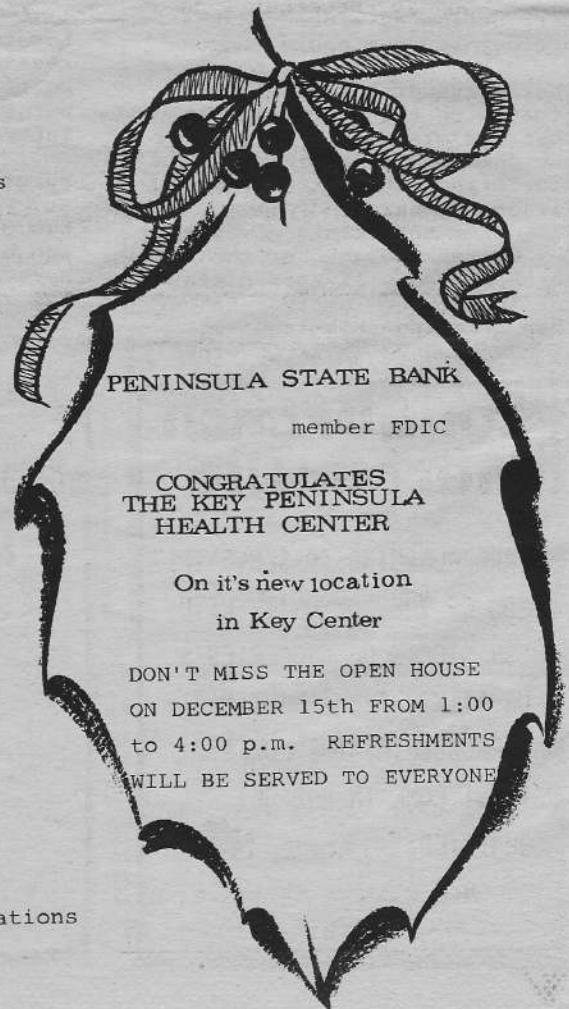
Nancy's Nic-Nacs - Glassware and antiques  
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### BELFAIR AREA

GiGi's Collectibles - Varied gifts  
Crow's Nest - Antiques and glassware  
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### LAKEBAY - LONGBRANCH AREA

Sherman's Arts & Crafts - Christmas kits and gifts  
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The Second Look - Collectibles, antique Christmas decorations  
The Gray Gull - Crafts and antiques





# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

*Celebrate Christmas at the Church of Your Choice*

**VAUGHN CHURCH**

The music ministries of Vaughn Community Church extends a welcome to the community to our annual musical Christmas Gift.

We will be presenting songs of the season, both old and new, by our adult choir, The Freedom Singers and the Kids of the Kingdom. Included in the program will be our brass choir, and even a song or two done in sign language.

The presentation times are Saturday evening at 7:00pm, and Sunday morning at 9:30 am and 11:00 am. December 15th and 16th. Come prepared for a unique Christmas experience for you and your family as we together celebrate the birth of God's Gift of the Lord Jesus.

**BURLEY BIBLE CHURCH**

The Burley Bible Church will be celebrating Christmas with three services as follows:

Sunday School Program

Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Church School Program

Thursday, December 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service

Monday, December 24th at 6:30 p.m.

**"The True Meaning of Christmas"**

What does Christmas mean to you? I mean honestly! Often this time of the year described as the most joyful time of the year, is in reality the most frustrating time of the year. Let me illustrate this from some of the statements I have heard concerning Christmas: "I wish the whole month of December could just be gone;" "I wish I could wake up tomorrow and Christmas would be over;" "Christmas really doesn't mean much to me anymore." I fear that even the best intentioned Christian easily gets "wrapped up" in the commercialism of Christmas and forgets the true meaning of this sacred day.

Let's pause in the midst of this frantic pace that our society dictates and consider what is the true meaning of Christmas.

First, to God the Father Christmas meant giving his Son. In the book of the prophet Isaiah the prophet writes, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is give, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." In this verse God reveals to us something of the person of the promised Messiah. We can see his humanity, the fact that he would be born; we can see his deity reflected in his name "The Mighty God"; we can see his mission-- "The Prince of Peace". Yes, to God the Father Christmas meant the giving of His Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Second, to God the Son Christmas meant leaving heaven's glory to become a servant, obedient unto death. Jesus, co-creator with the Father left heaven's glory, laid aside the use of his divine attributes, and became one among the creation.

Third, Christmas means that God has provided a Savior to the world. Paul, the apostle, writing to his co-laborer Timothy, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, records for us the heart of God in this matter. He says that God is not willing that any should perish, but that

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**LAKEBAY CHURCH**

There will be an International Christmas Banquet on December 7th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 - for reservations contact Andrea Frye - 884-2352. The community is welcome.

The Children's Christmas Program will be December 23rd at 6:30 p.m., "The Message of the Bells". The Christmas morning service will be December 23rd at 11:00 a.m. with special music. Reverend Vernon Wiggers, newly installed pastor will bring the message.

**LONGBRANCH CHURCH**

Longbranch Church will celebrate Christmas with a potluck dinner for all at 5:30 p.m. followed by a special candlelight service with Christmas music. The morning worship will be at 11:00 a.m. of that day.


**LUTHERAN KEY PENINSULA CHURCH**

The Children's program on December 23rd at 10:30 a.m.. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Ceremony will be at 7:30 p.m. on December 24th. The Christmas Day Services will be at 10:00 a.m.

Reverend Ed Wagner will officiate at these services.



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**PLEASE MAIL EARLY** - Suggested dates are December 10 for packages, and December 15 for letters to be delivered in the U.S. For International mailing dates, please call the Post Office.

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all should come to repentance. (1 Tim. 2:4) In the great announcement of the angel of the Lord to the shepherds we hear, "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tid-

ings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Matt. 2:10,11) In his dream, Joseph too, received revelation as to the purpose of the coming Christ child; "and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matt 1:21) Obviously our strife stricken world today needs the Savior. The instability of our economy the instability of the Middle East, and the instability of mankind all reflect the need of Jesus who is called the "rock" the "cornerstone" and the "foundation". Christmas hails the birth of Him who was born to die. To die on the cross, freeing those who believe, from the enslavement of sin.

And lastly, Christmas means that God offers you and I eternal life as a gift. Romans 6:23 tells us, "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's gift to you and me at Christmas is forgiveness of sin, peace with God (and with ourselves), and eternal life that begins now with purpose and fulfillment.

This Christmas my prayer for all of us, regardless of church denomination, is that we may receive God's great gift to us. "Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare Him room."

Dick Bauer, Pastor  
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## CHRISTMAS AT HOME

by Stella Edmonds Retherford

The following memoir is written by Stella Edmonds Retherford who grew up in Home, Washington until the age of 14 when she left to attend Stadium High in Tacoma and the University of Washington.

She taught for many years in Indianapolis, Indiana and just this year has returned to build on her family property in Home, following her husband Ken's retirement.

She comments that in spite of the depression that was a part of life for ten years following this account of one of her childhood Christmases, her family managed to provide their two children with emotional security, an appreciation of nature, literature, art and drama, and to pass on to them some of their English-Irish-Canadian heritage.

"It is approaching Christmas, 1928 and in the square brick elementary school building of Pierce County, District 315; Miss Ruth Berg is planning the Christmas pageant with the students. The angels have been chosen and will alert mothers that wings and white dresses are needed. The wise men and the three Kings are discussing robes and head gear. The shepherds will need dark bathrobes and each a staff. The stars of the show, Mary and Infant Jesus, have not been chosen and each little girl not yet assigned, sees herself as Mary gazing rapturously at her baby doll lying in the hay filled manger.

The chorus of all-students practices the traditional Christmas songs each afternoon for a half an hour before dismissal time.

At home, gifts for family members are under construction and plans are being laid for spending the money which has been saved nearly a year for this event. The household buzzes with happy secrets. There will be two embroidered pot holders for Grandma, a small fruit cake baked in a tin can for Grandpa, a hand-printed and decorated poem entitled "Daddy" for father and an apron being stitched for Mother at Grandma's house on her sewing machine.

The annual Christmas shopping trip with Mother to Tacoma is planned for the first Monday of the school holiday. We are up before 6:00 AM. Mother is preparing breakfast and we are dressing in clothes



## WAY BACK WHEN...

which had been carefully laid out the night before. The coal oil lamps give a dim but dependable light. Excitement runs high as Father with his coal oil lantern walks us down through the dark fog along the waterfront to "catch the boat" at 7:15. We can hear the complaining of the Sentinel's fog horn as Captain Bert Bertson steers his craft around the point from Lakebay; he is listening carefully for the echo of the horn to indicate his margin of safety from Rocky Point.

A happy discovery is made in the waiting room at the end of Home dock; our friends, Evelyn and Chester Dadisman and their mother, Lottie, are also "going to town" today. We sit on the narrow benches and compare shopping plans for the day. There is a one-hole toilet in the corner and we recall with giggles, the boys fishing for, and catching perch last summer through that hole. This float of place

The Sentinel noses gently up to the wharf with its engines cut; Jim Ulsh expertly tosses the hawser loop over the piling and jumps lightly onto the dock to double and secure the loop. He swings back onto the boat to slide the gangplank down to bridge the gap from cargo deck to the dock. The tide is very high this morning so the passengers board by walking up the gangplank to the lowest deck and then up the stairs to the passenger deck. During a very low tide, passengers board by walking down the sloping gangplank onto the top or hurricane deck. Moderate tides allow boarding directly onto the passenger deck. Jim gives us each a hand as we cross the black water on the railingless, cleated board. With his ready smile and good-natured banter, Jim was often referred to as "Cowboy" by his admiring passengers as he expertly lassoed pilings. With docking completed he released the rope with an experienced flip. Now he gave that flip, waved to Captain Bertson and with a brief whistle, we are off to Arletta.

A few passengers board at Arletta and settle themselves on the slick varnished benches (life vests stored below) and converse softly in Norwegian. We children ran aft along the

deck, across the square stern and forward again to the wheelhouse to greet our friend, Captain Bert, as he steers his ship toward Anchorage on Fox Island. On such a foggy morning as this, he maneuvers his craft back and forth across the channel between Fox Island and the mainland with his head and elbow out of the window listening for the reassuring echo of the fog horn.

Thoughts of shopping in Tacoma occupy our minds today and Captain Bert is busy, but on other trips he has invited us into the wheelhouse for a short visit.

Now we are headed back across the channel to Warren on the mainland. We rush to watch the drama of docking at each small wharf. Daylight has come and Sylvan, in the mist on Fox Island with its graceful white church and waterfront homes, looks like a Christmas card scene. Another ten minute crossing to Sunny Bay on the mainland followed by Cromwell and Wollachet on the same side of the water. Our last stop on Fox Island will be Cedrona Beach and then across the Narrows to Day Island.

Passengers with more money and less time, get off at Day Island to take the 6th Avenue bus into Tacoma, thus saving the time it will take for the boat to steam around Point Defiance and into Commencement Bay. If this trip included a stop on Vashon Island, it would be another hour before we reached downtown Tacoma.

Jim Ulsh is now down in the engine room so we stand in the narrow open doorway to feel the warm oily breath of the engines rise in our faces and to listen to the deep-throated throb of the steam engine. The behemoth gray engine pumped its shiny connecting rods up and down in an orderly and reassuring manner. The engineer is busy with his oil can and wiping cloth; the polished cleanliness of the engine and the engine room reflect tender loving care.

Jim invites us down the narrow slatted metal steps for a closer look at the great gray giant that turned the brass propeller, which churns the water to a green and white frothy wake behind. The Sentinel speeds along at about 9-12 knots per hour and is a wood-burning steamship. She was built in Tacoma in 1898.

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LOCAL AUTHOR PRESENTS GLIMPSSES

Cora Chase of Vaughn has written a charming book of poems, *Glimpses of Gleams & Gloom*s. This new volume is her seventh to be published. Besides other poetic works, her books include *The Oyster was Our World*, a tale of life in the early days on Puget Sound on an oyster boat, and the *Weed Eaters Cookbook*, parts of which have been printed in the Newsletter.

The small volume of 21 verses is very nicely done in calligraphy by Gail Baker. Some of the poems reflect a feeling for the land and the seasons, which makes the reader want to go back over them again and again. One short verse is:

Puget Sound Snow

Let us feast our eyes  
On wintry snow-drest trees  
Solemn under the leaden skies.  
Rising temperatures  
Will soon end the freeze  
With a snow-effacing  
Chinook breeze.

Other verses indicate a keen awareness of present problems in our nation and the world—oil shortages, wasting of energy and animal lives, and over development of the land. Mrs. Chase's sense of humor lets us see some of the inanities of life.

When you visit the Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, December 1, look for the library table, where Mrs. Chase will have copies of her book for sale.

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- 1956-57-Jan. 10 to 31, cold and snowy, but no records set.
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- 1962-63-Columbus Day storm. Winds to 100 M.P.H. No power for 8 days.
- 1968-69-Most snow to date. 65 inches at Sea-Tac. 16 days subfreezing to 4°.
- 1974-End 4 year period, Horse-shoe Lake froze solid each winter. One blizzard, 12 inches snow, 18°, 30 mile winds, 10 days subfreezing, 6° to 32°.

1974-78-Four years, little snow, no lake ice.  
 1978-79-Nov. 18, rain turned to snow, 28° to 29° temp., 11 inches snow, near blizz-conditions, 8 inches snow on ground 5 days later. Snowy Thanksgiving. A cold winter, with frozen pipes, skating, not much snow. Reported 100 mile winds blew the Hood Canal floating bridge out Feb. 13.  
 C. Paul  
 (Mostly recorded by my brother, Stanley)

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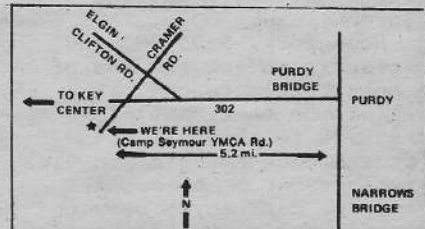
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At about 10:00 AM we dock at the foot of 11th Street. The charm of each stop along the way is missing in Tacoma. The water is oily with unidentifiable pieces of flotsam and the dock is dirty. The fifteen or so passengers walk up the wide, dusty ramp-like corridor past long-closed shops with dirty blank show windows. There is a long flight of unkempt stairs and an abrupt turn to the left and you emerge from this dismal tunnel on to A Street. The era of fine boats carrying affluent passengers, has come and gone.

By contrast, Tacoma's streets are lined with brightly lit shops, hung with tinsel and display glossy treasures in their windows. Our money has been saved for nearly a year to spend on this most important of shopping trips. A butterfly pin for Grandma, a wind-up car for brother, Herb, some smelly after-shave for Grandpa, a small package of cigars for Daddy and then came my privilege of shopping alone for Mama's gift. Would it be a pink slip? A pendant necklace? or a powder-compact with a puff and mirror?

Lunch is in a paper sack from home. We go to eat it at a favored ice-cream shop that is on the alley behind Rhodes Brothers Department Store. There are the familiar round marble-topped tables and looped wire chairs. After home-made bread sandwiches and apples are eaten the nickle that has been saved, is spent for ice cream.

Shortly after 2:00 PM, we head back to the docks so we will not "miss the boat". If you should miss the boat

departure downtown, you could take a bus out 6th Avenue to catch the Sentinel at it's Day Island stop.

By the time we reach Sunny Bay, the passenger cabin lights have come on (sunrise, 7:41 AM; sunset 4:07 PM). We children are admiring each other's purchases and comparing prices while our mothers converse about whatever mothers talk about after a day "in town" with two excited children.

Home dock, 5:00 PM, and the tide is so low the top of the boat barely reaches the level of the dock. We climb the stairs to the boat or hurricane deck and Jim steadies each passenger as he crosses that deep, dark abyss between boat and wharf with precicous bundles. The Sentinel, with a short, goodbye whistleblast, steams for it's home port of Lakebay to spend the night.

We are met by Daddy with

his coal-oil lantern to help light our way along the water-front through the dark drizzle. The coal-oil lamp in the window of our house represents a return to the security of home. Good morning! This is the day to choose our Christmas tree. We are now old enough to take the small saw to cut the tree and bring it home ourselves. Lunch is placed securely in a pocket and we set off on this most important mission. Weeks before, several candidate trees had been spotted in a recently logged-over area along the Lackey Road. With much discussion of size and symmetry, a choice is finally made and the little tree is triumphantly carried home.

Fresh paper chains and pop-corn strings have been prepared and along with carefully saved tinsel from previous years, the little tree is dressed for it's part. The gold star on top and a tinsel angel graced Christmas trees in my Mother's childhood in Home. There are no lights on the tree (as electricity was yet three years away for us) and no candles are allowed to be lit on the tree. Mantles and buffet are decorated with holly sprigs from the trees in front of the house.

On Christmas Eve, grandparents, George and Sylvia Allen, come for dinner and the great present exchanging time. We children have the privilege of distributing the treasures which have been secreted within the thick boughs of our Douglas Fir.

Christmas day is celebrated with an especially fine dinner

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### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FILMS

There will be Christmas films for children at the Key Peninsula Library at Vaughn on Tuesday December 18th. The films, "Night Before Christmas," "Pluto's Christmas Tree," "Twelve Days of Christmas" and "Cosmic Christmas" will be shown from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. for children kindergarten age through grade 4.

"The Hobbit" will be shown on January 15.

of food mostly from our own place. We raised geese but the goose we eat will not be one of our dear friends. Mother Goose or Gander, but one of the many unnamed young offspring. Aunts, uncles and cousins come from Tacoma and Seattle for dinner. The best white linen comes out of it's white wrapping paper. The table is set with care. Everyone sits at the same table at places indicated by decorated placecards that we had made. A ruby glass of homemade Island Belle wine is set at each place.

The children are never seated next to one another and never at a separate children's table. We are expected to practice our best company manners and participate in grown-up conversation during dinner. We help Mother to serve and clear the dishes. After dessert, with an "excuse me, please", we are released to enjoy playing with the cousins while the adults lingered long over their coffee!



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by VALDA YOUNG

Your garden is, hopefully, put to bed for the winter so you can direct your energies to Christmas plans. There is one last chore, a nuisance, but very necessary. The first of three dormant sprays should be applied in December. Lime-Sulphur or one of the copper sprays checks the fungi and virus that ruin so many trees and shrubs in this damp area. The rose family, and that includes fruits, apple, pear, plum, cherry, raspberry, strawberry and many deciduous shrubs are especially vulnerable. Mix according to directions, cover the plant well. Try to do it on a dry, windless day with the temperature well above freezing. Do be careful if you have any viburnum plants, they can not survive a sulphur spray. A little will damage the shrub, a lot can kill it.

Now to Christmas, a real gardener in your family or among your friends makes shopping simple. Plants come to mind first but do be careful in choosing one. Many gardeners are not especially interested in house plants or do not have suitable places to properly care for them. Some are beautiful but very exacting in their temperature or light requirements, others thrive on neglect, so ask questions when you buy. Outdoor shrubs and trees are wonderful for owners of new gardens. Small tools are always

welcome. Clippers get lost or rusty and various sizes are handy. Do not buy the cheap ones, quality pays off by holding a sharp edge for years.. Fertilizers and insecticides are not glamorous but are getting expensive and are always needed. The lovely amaryllis bulbs are safe for anyone. They come planted and produce huge blooms of red, white, or pink. Paper-white narcissus, which bloom in a bowl of water, make a fool-proof gift too. Garden carts, a sturdy child's wagon, a tub of wood or ceramic for a patio planting, a set of casters on a base to move large tubs, a handsome container for a house-plant (get the type that have an attached saucer or a matching one to protect your furniture) all these make welcome gifts. It is not too late to plant tulips, so a good assortment of these bulbs could give pleasure all spring.

Have fun doing your Christmas shopping.

Capitol District of Garden Clubs will hold it's annual Christmas show December 2nd and 3rd at the South Park Community Center, 4851 So. Tacoma Way. Admission is \$1.25 at the door or \$1.00 from a member before the show begins. Holiday designs and decorations will be on display, horticulture that is beautiful this time of year and bonsai will be shown. A sales square will have greens, ribbons, and many useful items and holiday foods for sale.

Bayshore Garden Club is taking orders for wreathes and swags to augment it's treasury. Call a member if you want one. We make them from our own shrubery.

VAUGHN GARDEN CLUB

For the November meeting, the members of the Garden Club visited the Rain Forest Greenhouses near Minter, owned by Michael and Dee Jackson. The tour, which will be described by Ruth Little in a later issue, was greatly enjoyed by all who went, and discussed at length at the meeting later.

We were pleased to have several guests join us on the trip: Mary Perry, Tina Perry, Sally Hyde, Jean Bartley and Elsie Olson, a Charter member who has worked in the Garden Club for many years, although lately she hasn't been so active. We also welcomed seldom seen members Helen Drake, Ruth Guthrie and Muriel Burhans and new member Bea Emil.

Following the tour we went to Marylou Moore's home for lunch and a business meeting. Co-hostesses were Margaret Keasler and Ruth Little.

Next month Bea Emil will welcome the club to her home at Lake Holiday for the Christmas party - a luncheon and gift exchange. As is customary each member will bring a gift and a dozen cookies. Meet at the Civic Center at 12:00 to pool rides.

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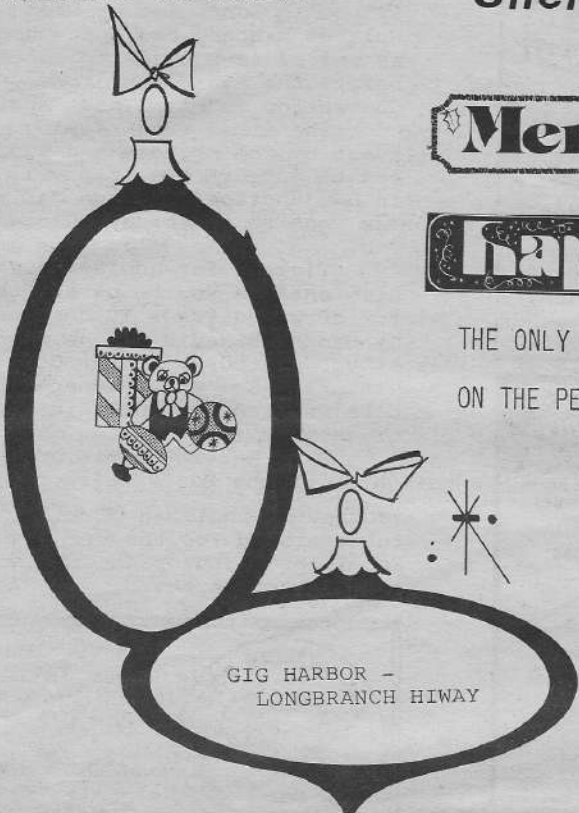
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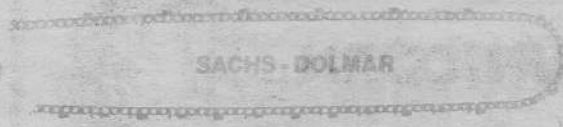
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The first fund-raising event by the members and Boosters to support the trip will be in conjunction with the Christmas Concert on Friday, December 7th.

Tickets for admission will also entitle you to be eligible for drawings for a TV donated by Hemphill Radio Co., a wood stove donated by Hunter Construction Co. and a 10 speed bike donated by Radcliffe Grader Service.

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The Cootiettes will be visiting the Bremerton Naval Hospital December 19th at 1:30 p.m. Connie Fenton and her singing group will be singing Christmas Carols. The patients and the staff enjoy this and the Penn-Ants will serve fruit and punch.

At Cottesmore Nursing Home, December 21st at 1:30 p.m. we will be spreading Christmas Cheer with many dozens of cookies and fruit for the 108 patients.

As a climax the Penn-Ants will have their Christmas party and pot luck dinner December 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. No business, just fun! Guests are welcome. Bring a \$2 exchange gift and food for the needy baskets. Secret Pals will be revealed. (I am anxious to know who mine is!)

We are happy to welcome Mary Cole, Ellen Rambeck, Martha Taylor and Ann Sutton as new members to the cootiette club.

We wish the Civic Center Newsletter staff a Merry Christmas.

-Thelma Cadle

## SQUARE DANCE NEWS

The Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club is growing by leaps and bounds. We now have 32 people taking lessons on Monday nights.

Our club would like to invite all square dancers and those in classes to our Christmas dance, Saturday, December 15th at 8:30 PM at the Civic Center. It will be held at the 10 lesson class level so if you are in class now or haven't danced in a while this would be your opportunity to come out and try again. There will be an optional \$1.00 gift exchange to be marked either man or woman.

## CPR CLASS

The Key Peninsula Fire Department will be conducting a class in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation the 27th of December at 7:00 PM. The class will be held at the Fire station in Key Center and will last three hours.

This is open to all residents of Fire District #16. Please call 884-2222 or 857-2291 and leave your name and telephone number.

## CLUB NEWS

## DR. PENROSE GUILD

Members and their guests are looking forward to December 13, the date of their annual Christmas Auction for the benefit of Mary Bridge Children's Health Center. Mrs. Ken Brones is opening her Key Center home to the Guild for this Christmas meeting.

President Mrs. Stuart Arns wishes to remind members the luncheon meeting will be beginning at 11:30 this month, and also to bring an item for the auction. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Carlos Keasler, Mrs. Ned Richards, Mrs. Stuart Arns and Mrs. George Nayer.

## V.F.W.

The Lakebay Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #4990 will hold their regular meeting on December 10th in the Gold Room at the Civic Center in Vaughn at 8:00 PM. At that time the final plans for their Christmas party will be made. All Veterans who served overseas during war are welcome. Please bring your wife or friends. This will be a potluck dinner with the Post furnishing the meat. There will also be an exchange of gifts. Please mark it MAN or LADY. Each gift to be for \$1.00. It will start at 6:00 PM in the Gold Room on December 22nd at the Civic Center. Hope to see you then. All members of Lakebay Post and Auxiliary 4990 wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season..

## SPORTSMEN'S

The card party scheduled for December 1st has been cancelled. The next card party will be January 5th at 7:30 PM.

We will have a workparty to decorate the Christmas tree and clubhouse December 11th at 10:00 AM.

Our regular meeting, dinner and Christmas party will be December 13th at 6:30 PM. There will be a gift exchange.

Due to the Christmas holidays, the potluck dinner and game night scheduled for December 28th has been cancelled.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

The Key Peninsula Senior Citizens group had a SUCCESSFUL booth at the recent Flea Mart.

They regularly meet every Thursday at the Civic Center at 2:00 p.m.

## BAYSHORE GARDEN CLUB

Members of the Bayshore Garden Club are taking orders for choice Holiday swags that sell for \$5.00 regular size, \$7.50 extra large and \$3.00 suitable for the cemetery.

Contact a member now or call Edith Pinder, 884-3716, Jean Humphreys 884-3716 or Valda Young 884-2503.

The Club and their guests enjoyed a most interesting program by the Designers Guild of the Capitol District who demonstrated Holiday Arrangements. At the December 10th workshop, decorative arrangements will be made for the Rocky Bay Nursing Home. The December meeting will be pot luck and each member brings a holiday arrangement.

LONGBRANCH CHURCH  
BAZAAR

Saturday, December 8th from 10 am to 3 pm baked goods and holiday items will be sold at the Longbranch Church Bazaar. The lunch will be homemade Chicken a la king, cranberry salad and homemade pie and coffee. Or dessert and coffee. Their Christmas Program will be on December 23rd, following a pot luck at 5:30. There will be a music and candlelight service.

## NUTRITION CLASS

The nutrition class is having a pot luck and cookie exchange on December 11th. All seniors are invited. Please call 884-3716 if you are interested in joining us at the Longbranch Community Church at noon.

## GRANGE NEWS

At our November business meeting the election of offices was held. Robert G. Fields was re-elected Master for the coming year.

The next business meeting will be at 8:00 p. m. on December 7th in the Gold Room proceeded by a 6:30 potluck.

Our annual Christmas party will be held at 6:30 p. m. in the Gold Room on December 21st. There will be a gift exchange.

Helen Moore entertained the last Ladies Auxiliary meeting with a lovely luncheon and a tour of their new mobile home at Horse Shoe Lake Estates.

**KEY PENINSULA HEALTH CLINIC  
MOVES TO DOWNTOWN KEY CENTER**

The public is cordially invited to an open house to mark our new location. This open house will be held Saturday, December 15, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Refreshments will be served, and free blood pressure checks and flu shots will be offered. In addition, visitors will have an opportunity to make appointments for free electrocardiograms, to be conducted later in December and in January. Take time off from your Christmas shopping to drop in and visit us.

The old adage: "many hands make light work" was again proven true last week as a multitude of volunteers descended upon the new site of the Key Peninsula Health Center to complete remodeling in time for a December 3rd opening. The new center building, formerly a residence, has experienced the sounds of hammering, sawing, and painting as scores of volunteers have labored to complete its transformation into a modern clinic. These efforts will bear fruit on December 3rd, when the clinic will open its doors for the first time in Kely Center.

The reader may have noticed our reference to the name "center" instead of "clinic". This new designation, the purpose of which is to reflect our desire to offer a broader range of services to our clients, becomes official on December 1st. These new services, which will become evident during the next few months, include, hopefully, Parenting Classes, Home visits, Health classes, Nutrition information, among other services.

Beginning December 17th, the Center will feature new office hours. The new schedule will be from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Mondays and Thursdays. The Center will be closed weekends.

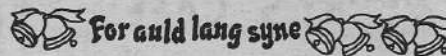
We have a visiting physician who serves the Center on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. He is Dr. Rodney Vought, M.D. from Allenmore Medical Center in Tacoma. Persons interested in making an appointment with Dr. Vought may call the receptionist.

An important service offered by the center is the Well Child Clinic, on Tuesday afternoons. You are invited to bring your child (ages 0-18) in for a checkup during these clinics.

Planned PARENTHOOD advice and services are offered at the Center. IUD placement is accomplished by Dr. Vought on Tuesdays by appointment.

Prospective mothers planning to have their child at Tacoma General may obtain natal care at the Center during clinic hours.

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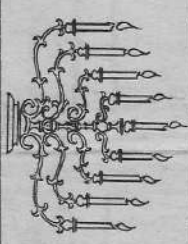
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