

Lacey Historical Society

P.O. Box 3324, Lacey, WA 98503

Quarterly Newsletter

October 21, 1988

THE LACEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS ALIVE AND WELL

On November 20, 1988, the Lacey Historical Society will be holding its annual membership meeting at the Lacey Community Museum. The meeting and program will occur between 2 pm and 4 pm.; refreshments will be served. All members are encouraged to attend as there will be elections of officers for the coming year and there will be discussions concerning the activities of the LACEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY in 1989.

NOVEMBER 11, 1988 IS THE CENTENNIAL KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

The Centennial '89 Committee of Thurston County have planned a series of activities for November 11th. (It was on that day in 1889 that the State of Washington received notice of their statehood). Events for the day include a very large "birthday card" which will be available for all residents in Thurston County to sign. The card will be available in the lobby of the Hotel Olympian on the afternoon of November 11th. Also planned is a celebration on the steps of the state capital as the card is presented to the Governor. For further information concerning this and other activities scheduled for November 11th, please call: 754-7017.

Lacey residents should plan to be a part of the celebration of the century!

LACEY MUST PLAN TO CELEBRATE THE WASHINGTON STATE CENTENNIAL

The Lacey Historical Commission (the city organization) is currently planning for some Centennial activities. We encourage the members of the LACEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY to become aware of the plans for our city's commemoration of this important celebration. For further information, please call 491-0857. The next Lacey Historical Commission meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm at Lacey City Hall on Monday, November 7th. Commission Chairman, Chan Sogge, or Director of Lacey Parks, Jim Sheler, are available to answer questions.

RECOVERING

Pete Finnegan, a former Lacey Historical Society Trustee, recently spent 10 days in St. Peters Hospital recovering from a heart attack. We all extend our best wishes to Pete during his recuperation! Stay healthy, Petel

MEMBERSHIP FEES TO THE LACEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARE DUE

The fees are:

\$5.00.....	Seniors and Children
10.00.....	Business and Organizations
15.00.....	Family Membership

Please make your checks payable to the Lacey Historical Society and mail to: The LACEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 3324, Lacey, WA 98503.

We shall see you on November 20th--please be sure to be there!

THE LAKES ASSOCIATION

The Lakes Association in Lacey is looking for some knowledgeable people who can give them names of the lakes, creeks, marshes, coves, trails, roads, and other natural areas in Thurston County. Their special focus at the present are the lakes surrounding the Lacey area. Do you have some time to help them with the names of these areas? Were you born and raised here? If so, we are sure can help! Yvonne Conway, Chairperson of this special effort, has called upon Lacey Historical Society members to help out. Gwin Hicks, Jack Mullen, and Fred Daly met for two hours last week to give information. More meetings are needed! All you need to do is bring your memories. Yvonne Conway can be reached at: 491-3344. Please help her out. (She has maps!)

LETTER FROM GENEVIVE OKEEFE MASON

The following is from a letter received from Genevive Okeefe Mason:

"Recently, a schoolchum and neighbor became my houseguest after an absence of several years. Nostalgia has become a favorite pasttime for us as we reminisce about the "good old days" of the 30's and 40's when we were growing up on Hicks Lake. We spent many happy hours on, in, and around the shores of this beautiful lake. There were seven resorts around the lake and very few houses. The bonfires in the evenings were the source of social activities for the youngsters and teenagers alike. We did not need autos as long as we had our boats, canoes, and our swimming ability. One of the pleasures was saving our pennies and walking through the woods and around the Lacey Racetrack (where Lacey Elementary School now stands) to Foy's General Store located in the 'heart' of Lacey. We could buy a nickel candy bar and we could walk home past the Lacey Children's Home. We would also pick and eat the little wild stawberries that grew profusely along the paths. My friend is constantly amazed at the changes and the hustle and bustle of Lacey! Years ago, the biggest excitement of the day was the train going through!

My friends and I began to think of the fun involved in organizing a reunion of all who attended the Old Lacey School. Through a reunion of all the Lacey School students, we could bring together many of the memories of those days of the past. We could celebrate the Washington State Centennial in this very special way next summer and, at the same time, take ourselves back to those special days of our youth!

We need the help of the people of Lacey who are interested in our rich heritage and are interested in preserving a little piece of our past still living in our memories. We must do this before the memories are lost!

WHAT FUN WE COULD HAVE! PLEASE CALL ME; GENEVIVE MASON: -352-7770 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD HAVE IDEAS FOR PLANNING THIS REUNION. WE CAN HAVE AN OLD FASHIONED PICNIC, WE CAN SHARE OLD PHOTOS, MEET OLD FRIENDS, AND CELEBRATE THE STATE CENTENNIAL WITH OUR FRIENDS. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!!

THE ANNUAL TREE/PLANT DEDICATION CEREMONY IS IN FEBRUARY!

Do you know of someone who should be remembered (be they living or deceased) in a special way because they have contributed to our community? We are now seeking donations for the third annual Lacey Historical Society tree planting and plant dedication ceremony. Donations must be reported to the LACEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY at: 459-1777 or 491-0167 by December 15, 1988. In the years past, we have honored such fine citizens as Elizabeth Fleetwood, Cecil O'Neill, Anna Homann, A.G. Homann, Pete Finnegan, Dick Webb, Vicki Maxin, Frank Bower. Please give us your ideas and your help to make this third annual event a big success! (The date has been tentatively set for February 19th, 1989). Please plan to attend.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON NOVEMBER 20TH! BE THERE!!

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