



NEWSLETTER

P. O. Box 3324, Lacey, WA 98503

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PIONEER CEMETERY

Lacey's Pioneer Cemetery is a cemetery within a cemetery and is unique in our local history. It is located in Woodlawn Cemetery at Ruddell and Mullen Roads.

"The Lacey Historical Society and the Ruddell Pioneer Assoc. are jointly reviewing the prospects of preparing a printed history booklet", explained Gwin Hicks, Board Member. "Tim and Ann Burgman, owners of Woodlawn Cemetery have agreed to make records pertaining to the Pioneer Section available to our committees."

He further stated that to assist the officers, trustees and committee members with this 1990-'91 post centennial project, he hopes this NEWSLETTER will serve as a poll of member interest and assistance in information gathering. Many members have relatives buried there.

"We are also discussing a project of cleaning some headstones," said Gwin J. Hicks. "If family members are willing to participate, we may let out a contract for cleaning."

The Cemetery Committee will report results and keep Society members informed on the consolidation of efforts of the Cemetery Associations and the Lacey Museum to preserve family histories.

SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISER

The Lacey Historical Society has realized an average return of \$40.00 a month as a result of participating in Stormans' cash register receipt one % rebate offer.

"The beauty of this kind of fund raising," said Tom Huntamer, Society President, "is that it requires no great effort from members. All we have to do is save our register receipts (and those of our neighbors and friends) from Hawks Prairie Market Place, Food Pavilion, Ralph's Thriftway, Bay View Market, and/or Crown Seafoods. Stormans will refund one percent of the total net of those receipts."

The receipts can be given to any of the Society board members or mailed to: P.O. Box 3324, Lacey, WA 98503

SOMETHING NEW !!

In each of our newsletters, we will be highlighting one of our outstanding members. This time we are honoring LIZ THOMAS, a lifetime resident of Western Washington and a leader in our Historical Society.

LIZ THOMAS

Liz Taylor Thomas was born April 29, 1927 in Morton, Washington; her parents were Lillie and Kenneth Taylor. Liz was three years old when the Taylor family moved to Cedar Flats west of Olympia, where Mr. Taylor pursued a booming logging industry.

Liz attended the Old McLane School and later, when the family moved to South Bay, Liz attended South Bay School. In 1944 she graduated from Olympia High School and went to Seattle to attend the University of Washington where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics and Education.

In 1947 Liz married Thad Thomas; they raised their four children, Kenneth, Stephen, Janet, and Laurie, in their home in South Bay. Liz now has five grandchildren most of whom live in Thurston County.

Liz Thomas' accomplishments are many: She served at South Bay School from 1966-1982 first as a teacher and then as a librarian, retiring in 1982. Liz helped co-found a local women's hiking group; she was co-author (with Susan Goff) of a book on the history of South Bay. She is very interested in local history, and that interest led her to serve as President of the *Lacey Historical Society* in the late 1980's.

"Spare time" activities include: spending time with her grandchildren, working on genealogy, reading, spinning, hiking, sewing, and traveling with her husband. When we contacted Liz about this story she had just returned from four weeks in Britain, and two weeks in Switzerland!

Liz and her husband, Thad, moved to Hartstein Island near Shelton in 1988. Their daughter, Laurie, currently lives at their previous home in South Bay. [Cont. page 2]

Many thanks go to Liz for her active interest in Lacey history, for her leadership in the *Lacey Historical Society*, and for her financial donations to the Society.

BY POPULAR DEMAND

The next OLD LACEY SCHOOL REUNION will be held during the summer of 1991. Although a definite date has not yet been confirmed, it will be announced soon.

Because the success of last year's Reunion has brought so many inquiries of, "When can we do it again?", the Board of Trustees has agreed to sponsor another one next year. Anybody who is interested in a successful reunion and in helping to make it the best ever—please contact the Society at the heading address, as soon as possible.

LACEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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DO YOU HAVE A KNACK FOR FIXING THINGS?

The *Lacey Historical Society* is in need of persons who can volunteer one or more hours to help fix a number of small things at the two houses owned on Lacey Street. Such as: some carpentry projects, some painting projects, etc., that may have your name on them! Please call Denise Keegan, 459-1177 for further information. With fall upon us, your help will be deeply appreciated!

FOR SALE

The *Lacey Historical Society* has some used refrigerators, and a washer and dryer for sale. They need some work but we'll make you a very good deal! Call Denise Keegan at 459-1177 for further information.



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