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NEWSLETTER

March 1992

Annual Membership Meeting

The Lacey Historical Society's Annual Membership Meeting was held Sunday January 19, 1992, at 2:00 p.m. Reports of the Society were heard and an election of new Board of Trustee members was held.

The new Board of Trustees are: Thomas W. Huntamer, President; Dr. William Ehlers, Vice President; Dick Webb, Secretary; Richard Husk, Treasurer; other members: Denise Keegan, Shirley Dziedzic, Harold Yates, Harrison Travis, John Puckett, Emeline Ruddell Kilber, Nora Brown.

Honored

The Society honored Gwin and Juanita Hicks at a reception held February 16, 1992 at the Lacey Museum. Their contribution to the continued



success of programs sponsored by the Society and recognition of their 82nd birthdays were celebrated by a gathering of many friends, colleagues

and fellow historians. President Tom Huntamer and Denise Keegan presented plaques in recognition of their service.

A video tape recording was made of the entire affair which featured interviews and wonderful stories about early Lacey and Hicks Lake life told by family members and friends. Speakers included Gene Liddell, Mayor of Lacey, Father

John Scott representing St. Martin's and the Lacey Historical Commission, Neil Shannon and Winifred Olsen representing the Thurston County Historical Commission, Harold Yates, Bill Naismith, Florence Hager, Phyllis Johnson Lathrop, Dick, Corky, Bill, and Jeff Hicks, and Nora Brown, (cousin to Gwin) newly elected Trustee.

Emiline Ruddell (newly elected Trustee and an important pioneer family member) was also interviewed with Gwin. She recalled the relationship between the Hicks and Ruddell families.

Tom Zahn, curator of the Lacey Museum, arranged a beautiful display of pictures meaningful to the life of Gwin and Juanita.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the video tape for personal use should contact Denise Keegan at 459-1870

Ruddell—Himes Reunion

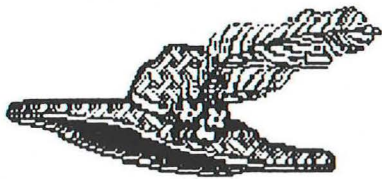
A reunion of the Ruddell-Himes Families will be held June 27 and 28, 1992, near their original homesteads at 9101 Steilacoom Road, Lacey. All descendants and related families are cordially invited.

Annual Tree Planting

Sun. March 22, 1992 2:00—4:00 p.m. the Annual Tree Planting Ceremony will be held. There are a few spaces left. To participate, contact Denise Keegan, 459-1870. The estimated cost per tree or shrub will be \$30.00.

Women's History Month

Lacey Museum is sponsoring workshops and an exhibit celebrating Women's History Month. During March the Museum will exhibit photographs of women from Lacey's past who have contributed toward Lacey's future. Examples of women's fashions coming from



the collection of Denise Keegan will be featured on March 8th. Also featured will be work-

shops conducted by Dody Green and Karen Mauer. Workshops will provide participants with hands on experience of some of the "womanly arts" practiced by our pioneer women including quilting, tatting, patch working, and crocheting. In addition, there will be a demonstration of artifacts made and used by Native American women.

The event will begin Sunday March 8, at 1:00 p.m., with the workshops scheduled to be at 2:00 p.m. at the Lacey Historical Museum 829 1/2 Lacey Street, behind the Lacey Fire Department and Lacey Women's Club.

Museum Exhibits

Fleetwood, Huntamer, St. Martin's College, KGY. . . These and other familiar names of people and institutions having their historical roots in Lacey are the subjects of Lacey Museum's extensive photographic collection.

The collection has been accumulated over the past then years but until late has not been effectively organized for research. That situation has been on the mend over the last two years with the Lacey Historical Commission's enthusiastic support.

Professional support for the Museum's programs is now provided by a team of part time employees, Randolph Stilson, Archivist of The Evergreen State College who is also the

Lacey Museum's "Consulting" Director and Tom Zahn, the museum's Curator.

Some indicators of the Museum's renewed activities are now evident in temporary exhibits at the State Centennial celebration (at South Sound Center in 1939), the annual Thurston County birthday party and Lacey Fun Fair (for the past three years), and regular exhibits at the Lacey Library and Post Office. This year's County's birthday celebration exhibit was of the county's railway system circa 1900. This exhibit is now available for viewing at the Lacey Museum.

Other exhibits under preparation are:

*1 - 21 March - Lacey Library; March 22 - 31 Lacey Museum: Exhibit honoring Lacey women during "Women's History Month." The Women's exhibit opening at the Museum will be in conjunction with the Lacey Historical Society's Arbor day tree planting ceremony and reception at the Museum. An exhibit of women's attire from the past provided by Denise Keegan from her collection of antique clothing will also be on display.

*April - Exhibit celebrating KGY Radio's 70th anniversary.

*May - Lacey Fun Fair at St. Martin's Pavilion. Historical photo exhibit.

*June - Lacey Library and Lacey Museum: Lacey History Month exhibit including a celebration on the Museum grounds.

For further information about these events please call the Museum at 438-0209. The Lacey Museum invites all those interested in the history of Lacey to come to 827 Lacey St. SE (first street past the fire hall on Pacific Avenue) to examine the exhibits research historical subjects in the photographic collection. Hours are: Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in working as a volunteer at the Museum is also encouraged to call.