



Lacey Historical Society NEWSLETTER

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"OLD LACEY SCHOOL" ON DEMOLITION LIST

The North Thurston School District has given notice that they intend to demolish the OLD LACEY SCHOOL building. Their tentative schedule states "complete destruction by June 1994". David Steele, Superintendent of North Thurston School District, and the Lacey City Council had this business on the agenda of their joint meeting on October 25, 1993.

At that public meeting both the Lacey Historical Society and the Lacey Historical Commission presented their ideas for preserving the history that is represented by the old building. Superintendent Steele promised to include Lacey's advocates for historical preservation in future discussions of the site.

1993 "OLS" REUNION



"Third time is the charm" proved true on August 15, 1993 for the former students, teachers and friends of the OLD LACEY SCHOOL. Over one hundred and twenty-five people gathered at Heratage Hall on the Thurston County Fairgrounds to renew friendships.

Honored were Ollie Foy and Agnes Button (both close to their hundredth birthdays)—each was presented a bouquet of flowers for their important contributions to early Lacey. The staff of the Lacey Museum traced the history of THE OLD LACEY SCHOOL and made it available to all.

FOUNDING MEMBER OF SOCIETYPASSES

Juanita Hicks, founding member of the LACEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY and generous contributor and supporter of the organization's programs and activities, passed away October 17, 1993.

Juanita will be remembered especially for her willing participation and support of husband, Gwin Hicks, in development and promotion of the Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery History and Improvement Project. We will all miss her smiling face, friendly supportive attitude and the home-made cookies she always supplied for our community activities.

We will also be reminded of her when we enjoy the living plants dedicated in her honor at the Lacey Museum and the SOCIETY'S property.

PIONEER CEMETERY MEMORIAL FUND

The Cemetery Committee for THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY has been active in working with The Pioneer Cemetery Association to promote the perpetuation of The Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery.

A Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery Memorial Fund has been set up which will be used to improve it's facilities. Donations to this fund will be gratefully accepted. Contact any of the committee members listed on page 2 in the Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery Families story for more information.

ARE YOU REMEMBERING?

Save and send to the SOCIETY all register receipts from Food Pavilion and all Thriftway stores!!

1994 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday January 23, 1994 has been set for the Annual Membership Meeting of the LACEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. This is a most important meeting as an election for at least six out of the eleven members of the board of trustees will be held. It is also important for all members to be in attendance to help make changes or adjustments to the way the organization is run

Input from members is valued and any questions or suggestions will be gratefully listened to and discussed.

DEDICATION CEREMONY NEW DATE SET

May 15, 1994 has been set as the date for the 1994 Plant Dedication Ceremony.

The people who will be remembered at this 1994 set occasion are:

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| | 2:00 pm | |
| 1. Selma Popkes | 2:15 pm | by Les Pokes |
| 2. Victor Zahn | 2:30 pm | by Tom Zahn |
| 3. Betty Newby | 2:45 pm | by Denise Keegan |
| 4. John "J.R." Witte | 3:00 pm | by Peggy McNugo |
| 5. Coletta Crawley | 3:15 pm | by Ed and Rita Davis |
| 6. Dean Pritchard | 3:30 pm | by Louise Ensign |
| 7. Berry McJunkin | 3:30 pm | by Margaret Ayers |
| 8. Ken Balsley | | by Ken Balsley |



Please join us on May 15th, 1994 and share in a rich, warm expression of love and respect for our historical families.

JANUARY FIRST IS TIME FOR 1994 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The Lacey Historical Society is a non-profit organization, but it does require funds for operation. A large part of these funds come from our yearly membership dues and donations. Dues are payable by the calendar year, and due January 1.

Regular membership	\$10.00
Family membership	15.00
Students and Senior	5.00

RUDELL PIONEER CEMETERY FAMILIES

If you are a relative of, or know someone who is related to the following pioneer families, we need your help. The Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery Committee of the Lacey Historical Society is gathering data; such as family histories, pictures, newsclippings, copies of obituaries, of families buried in Ruddell Pioneer Section of Woodland Cemetery in Lacey. We are preparing a history book of this unique and hallowed plot titled "A Cemetery Within A Cemetery."

During the Christmas Season when the families will be gathering is an excellent time for a chosen historian to jot down the family history. Who came here first? When? Where did they settle? How many children? Who married who? How many remained here? What are the names? These stories will be included in our booklet. Get a tape recorder and let your whole family contribute—give the tape to us and we will type it up.

Please send (to address on masthead) or bring copies of your information to the Lacey Historical Museum 829 1/2 Lacey Street S.E., Lacey, WA.. If there is any question or need of assistance please call the following committee members: Denise Keegan, 459-1177; Shanna Stevenson 943-4212; Ken Balsley 456-8964; Zelma Bernd 459-4342; Robert Kagy 459-1178; Judy Hildebrand, 456-6924.

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| Beatty | Boerner | Bowker | Christoffersen | Clady |
| Cohrs | Craney | Devoe | Easton | Eayers |
| Fall | Fleetwood | Fink | Fitzsimmons | Foreman |
| Frase | Funkhauser | Granger | Grover | Haller |
| Hartman | Hartsuck | Havens | Hawson | Hicks |
| Hoffman | Homann | Huntamer | Huston | Horton |
| Jensen | Jones | Kagy | Kiplinger | Kilber |
| Kover | Krogstad | Larsen | Lambert | LeRoy |
| Lotz | Loucks | Loveland | Manier | Mason |
| Mayes | Mell | Mielke | Milford | Miller |
| Moody | Montgomery | Nason | Neat | Nystrom |
| Oehlerich | O'Keefe | Palmer | Parker | Parsons |
| Patterson | Porteous | Rawlings | Rice | Robison |
| Romig | Rounsley | Ruddell | Russel | Sauerwein |
| Shaser | Skillman | Smith | Southwick | Steadman |
| Stedman | Tanksley | Thompson | Tresgar | Tuttle |
| Watson | Williams | Wiseman | Wolfenberger | Wood |

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