



Lacey Historical Society NEWSLETTER

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April 1994

A LAST GOOD-BY

Time to say "Farewell" to 102 years of Old Lacey School history! June 1, 1994 targets the scheduled demolition date set by the North Thurston School District to turn the building over to the contractor being awarded the bid at their May School Board Meeting. Deadline for completion of the destruction is September 1, 1994.

The building served the Lacey community well for 75 years from 1892 - 1967. For 27 years the building was the Administration Headquarters and lately it has been the North Thurston Service Center. Many memories and stories concerning school experiences, various community activities and events circulate at the Old Lacey School Reunions among former students and staff.

There are plans to salvage the hollow bricks from the facade that faces Pacific Avenue, as well as the half-moon windows located over the front door. There are hopes for the reconstruction of the arched porch entry as a memorial on the site. A few other salvage items also have been acquired.

"Ancestral" identification of the land was approved by the School Board Directors, thereby recognizing David Fleetwood's 1892 sale of the Land Grant property for the purpose of building a Lacey School.

The North Thurston School District Administration will be hosting a "Farewell" gathering on the school grounds prior to that June 1st demolition date. They also are creating a video comparing early Lacey School life with school life today.

Watch for the date!

1994 PLANT DEDICATION

An historic school building and a community leader are among the nine dedications to be honored on May 15th at the Lacey Museum between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the 9th annual Plant Dedication celebration.

To help preserve the memory of the 75 year old Lacey School, a Queen Nefertiti Rhododendron will be dedicated by the Lacey Historical Society. The first Lacey Historical Commission President and also Lacey Historical Society treasurer, Ken Balsley, will be honored with a white dogwood tree. Six other remembrances of fathers, mothers, and a sister: Dean Pritchard, John Witte, Victor Zahn, Colletta Crawley, Selma Popkes, and Betty McJunkin. Completing the ceremony will be a Girl Scout Troop of 1st - 3rd graders from the Olympic View Elementary School who will be fulfilling a service project.

Inside the museum there will be a video viewing of our previous years plant dedication programs—this includes about 100 plantings. Also on display will be the photo albums depicting the years 1986 - 1993.



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

Get With It!

Get with it—do the "in" thing! Save register receipts from Food Pavilion and all Ralph's Thriftway stores. Turn them in to any Society Trustee or send them to the address at the top of this page. The Society is realizing a healthy monthly sum by turning these receipts in to the owner of these stores.

FUN FAIR

May 7th and 8th 1994

Spotlighting the Old Lacey School with early pictures, artifacts and "history", the Lacey Historical Society will recognize the importance this school has been for 102 years in our community. Keeping with the School theme there will be apples for sale, scheduled apple cider pressing demonstrations by Dody Green, and "Chinook Jargon" face painting by Karen Mauer.

Remember the Fun Fair dates, May 7th and 8th, at the Capitol Pavilion. Come by and reminisce with us about the Old Lacey School before it is demolished.

"Surprise" Board Meeting

The Historical Society Trustees truly surprised former curator, Tom Zahn, at their March 16, 1994 Board Meeting. Tom and his bride, Marie, were totally unaware that a Wedding Reception was planned for them by Andrea Hein, the present Curator with Lanny Weaver, Historical Researcher, and the Society Trustees. The Zahn's recent wedding had taken place in Czechoslovakia..

Introductions were made, the cake served, toasts offered, gifts presented and congratulations given to the newly married couple.

Be A Member

The Lacey Historical Society, a non-profit organization, derives a large part of its operational funds from yearly membership dues and donations. Dues are payable by the calendar year, but we are still accepting dues for 1994.

Regular membership. . . . \$10.00
Family membership. 15.00
Students and Seniors. 5.00

Pioneer Cemeteries Committee Report

In past Newsletters the Pioneer Cemeteries Committee has requested information concerning families who have members buried in the Lacey Pioneer Cemetery. Information has not been coming in as the committee had hoped. The following letter was received and it is being printed so others can see how easy getting information in to the committee can be.

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Sorry to be so negligent—I just came across your Newsletter in my backlog of correspondence.

We came on a train from Aberdeen to Lacey when I was about three. We stayed at Huggins Hotel a few days then moved into the house across the street from Foys old store. Snap was barely walking as I remember. We moved soon to the old Scott place on Chambers Prairie where the Yelm highway meets the Ruddell Road. I started to school at Lacey. Mr. Shupe was our driver, then Bill Southwick. My whole family went through Lacey; Irma, Jack, Archie, Me, Edith, and Evelyn.

Mother and father are both buried in the Pioneer Cemetery, also Edith's husband, Donald Eayrs.

Jack, Archie and Edith live there so I'm sure they could probably give you many more details of our background.

I don't get up there often but surely do enjoy your Newsletter.

Enclosed check for membership.

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The Society Needs Your Feedback

Below is a list of the projects and purposes in use to serve you and the community at large in preserving the traditions and history of the Lacey area. We would like to learn from you if the Society is going in the right direction.

Information and contacts

- Newsletters—three times a year
- Phone Committee—to organize volunteering for projects

Activities

- Participation in Fun Fair—1st weekend in May
- Plant Dedication Ceremony—each May
- Old Lacey School Reunion—every 2 years
- Founders Day—end of June
- "Farewell" to Old Lacey School—June this year only

What is your opinion of the Society's goal to create a Children's Museum?

- Would this help the community?
- Do we need a Children's Museum?
- Should the money be spent in other ways?

Efforts to preserve a history

- Antique Collections
- Picture Collections
- Oral Histories
- Written Memories

Do you have suggestions for additions or changes that would help us better serve you? Please write—the Society needs your feedback.



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