



Lacey Historical Society

Lacey Community Museum - Dedicated 1980

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150 Years of Lacey Schools History To Be Honored

September 7, 2003

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

on the 1892 Lacey School site
(Safeway Store at Pacific Ave. and Carpenter Road)

**You are Invited
to the**

**Dedication of the
Bell Tower
1913 School Bell Sound
and
Three Arches**

Followed by

**Lacey School Reunion and
Potluck Dinner 4:00 - 6 p.m.**

**St. Benedict's Church Hall on
Bowker St.**

**Please bring your own dinner service
Cold and Hot drinks provided
Activities - Visiting and Potluck**

**2003 Society Annual Meeting
October 26th 2-4 PM
St. Benedict's Church Hall**

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The Bell Tower Project

To remember the 1913 Lacey School Bell Tower. . . The Bell Tower will electronically ring that historic bell sound at 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

There will be a replicated bell shape placed in the lighted Safeway tower.

Lacey School History

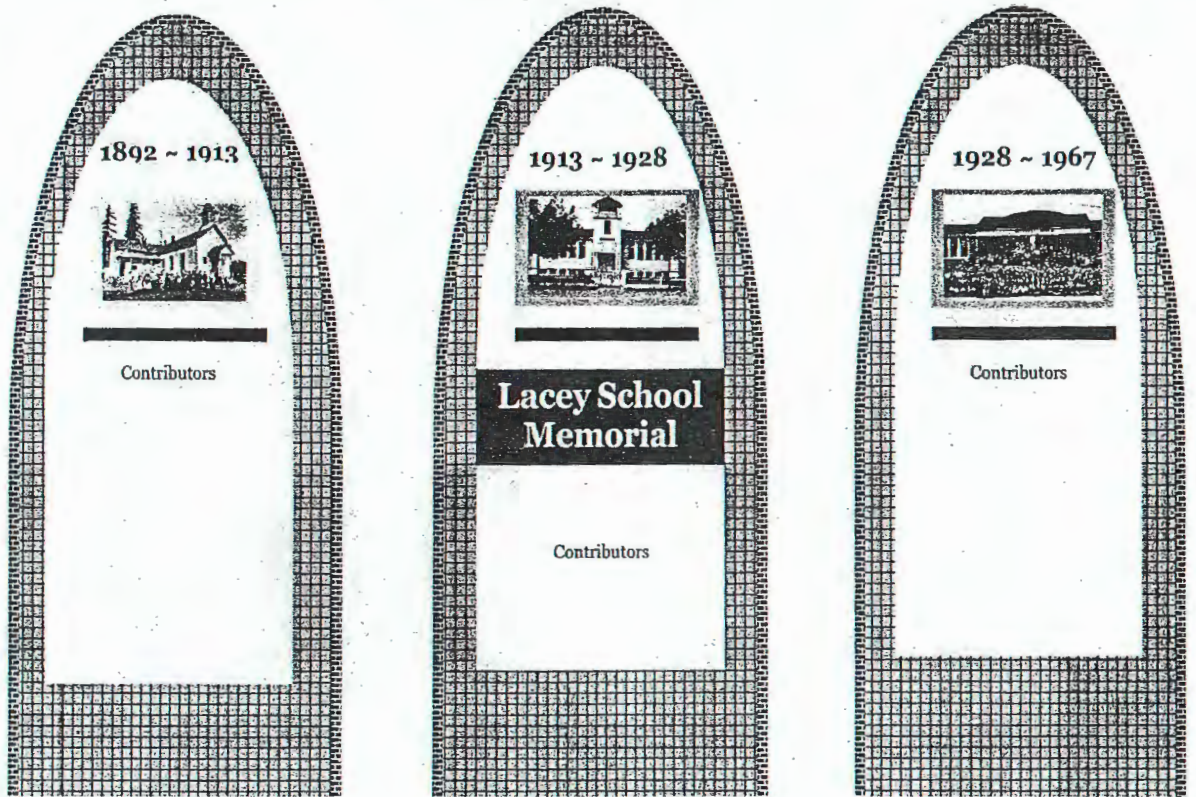
1892 - Woodland School District #10 purchased an acre of land from David Fleetwood for the purpose of erecting a new one-room schoolhouse.

1913 - The growing community decided to build a new school. The school district purchased another three acres and completed construction of a new building at a cost of \$8,000.

1928 - *The Daily Olympian* on September 1, 1927 proudly announced that Lacey was going to build a modern school. *"The new building which will be at the west of the present school will be a brick and frame structure. The cost will be \$35,000"*.

1949 - In the spring the school was extensively remolded and a new auditorium was added during the summer of 1950. School enrollment was at 500 students.

1967 - North Thurston School Board decided to close the historic Lacey School building as a school and to move administrative and operational staff into the facility.



The Three Arches Project

To remember all the Lacey Schools that once stood on this site from 1892 ~ 1967 . . . Three arches located on the Safeway building along Carpenter Road will have a photograph and history depicting each building.

The names of all supporters making donations *by June 6, 2003* to the Lacey School Memorial will be recorded on the three porcelain panels.

Donations may be mailed to: Lacey Historical Society, PO Box 3324, Lacey, WA 98509-3324

President's Report — Lacey's school history began 150 years ago in 1853 . . . Today, a replicated 1913 Lacey School Bell tower graces the front of the Safeway Store on Pacific Avenue and Carpenter Road. It stands as a strong testimony to these school districts that have served the Lacey Community: *1853 ~ Liberty School District followed by the Woodland and Lacey School Districts. 1953 ~ North Thurston School District. 2003 ~ North Thurston Public Schools.*

At one time, students were called "Lacey Lions" - Today, the Lamplighter and Mid-Day Lions with the Lacey Historical Society have joined together to create a Lacey School Memorial.

The citizens of Lacey who arrived in the 19th and 20th centuries gave us a rich heritage. As stewards of our "living history", we present this Lacey School Memorial to the Lacey Community.

Lamplighter Lions

Ed Sorger
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