

Lacey Historical Society

P.O. Box 3324, Lacey, WA 98503

Quarterly Newsletter
November 1989

To Patrons of the Lacey Historical Society:

There are a great many things to report in this Newsletter--we hope none will be overlooked. We'll do our best with the highlights.

General Membership Meeting:

Our next GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held Sunday Nov. 19th, 1989 at the Lacey Museum at 2:00 p.m. The election of officers for the coming year will take place at this important meeting; also a small change in our bylaws will be presented. The change will be in the provision for the starting of the fiscal year--that it be changed from October to the first of January.

Washington Centennial:

There will be a celebration of the Washington State Centennial at South Sound Mall on November 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Lacey Historical Society and the Historical Commission are co-sponsoring butter making, candle making, soap making, and apple cider pressing. (Samples of butter and cider will be distributed.)

Saturday evening, Nov. 11, 1989 beginning at 8:00 p.m., the closing ceremonies of the Washington State Centennial will take place at South Sound Center Mall in Lacey.

The mall will be decorated with a variety of historical displays from throughout Thurston County. A pictorial display of Lacey's history will be completed and will also be exhibited at the event. There will be a variety of food booths, a Centennial stroll of historical outfits, and a style show entitled, "The Way We Wore". The style show was produced by Denise Keegan with the assistance of many Lacey Historical Society members and volunteers. The style show is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m.

Another significant event for this area is the opening of the new Fred Meyer Complex on Nov. 1, 1989. There, too, these same lost arts of butter making, etc. will be demonstrated by people from the Lacey Historical Society, through Nov. 5th.

Committee Report on the Old Lacey School Reunion:

The Reunion for all of the people who attended the Old Lacey Grade School from its beginning to when it ceased to be a school in 1967 turned out to be a great success. The estimated attendance was about 300 people.

The committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night 8-18-89 at the Thurston County Fair Grounds Heritage Hall to set up the tables and chairs. It took about one and a half hours with the help of: Gwin and Nita Hicks, Margaret (Dent) Ayers, Dorothy (Bagley) Tuggle, Tom Huntamer, Bessie (Huntamer) Porteous, Lyle Smith, Pat (Willis) Tubbs, Gen (O'Keefe) Mason, and Marge and Dick Hicks.

On Saturday the committee arrived early to put fresh flowers on all the tables. White table cloths with red and blue napkins were used on the tables. Harrison Travis and Myrtle O'Neill sat at a table for people to sign in. Gwin Hicks, Dorothy Tuggle, Gen Mason, and Pat Tubbs sat at the receiving table so everyone could sign their name and receive a name tag.

The kitchen people received the food as it arrived and cut it (if necessary), and put it in ovens or refrigerators. Kitchen people were: Margaret Ayers, Yvonne (Larson) Weatherbie, Nita Hicks, Clara Aufang, and Evelynne (Booker) Burdick. By 2:00 p.m. about 200 people had arrived and after visiting and looking at all the pictures that Denise Keegan had arranged on a big table at the front of the room, everyone

wanted to eat. The main food table went down the middle of the floor. There was a separate table for desserts, coffee, ice tea and lemondade.

Following the potluck dinner, Tom Huntamer took over the introduction for the program. Bessie Porteous spoke representing the older group and Mike Pastore representing the younger. One of the guests of honor was former teacher, Elizabeth Fleetwood now 93 and Ollie (Foy) Van Slyke, 95. Beth Fleetwood brought her old hand held school bell that was used to draw the crowds attention.

By 5:00 p.m. nearly everyone was gone and the place was put back in order. "Frank" the caretaker was very helpful, he took care of the left over food, the garbage, and also swept the floor for us.

We do owe a vote of thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make the event a success. We also want to express out appreciation to the press and radio who gave us time and space to help spread the word.

There were photos taken at the Reunion . These photos are available for purchase. Some of the photos will be on display at the South Sound Center Mall during the day on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Progress Made

The Lacey Historical Society has been in existance for quite a number of years now and has been making steady progress. There has been some ups and downs financially and at times we have incurred some indebtedness. However, in the past two years we have progressed from a current expense debt deficit of about \$1500.00 to our present balance in the black.

The Society has been offered a new means for obtaining funds. Stormans Inc., the operators of Ralph's Thriftway; Food Pavillion; Hawks Prairie MarketPlace; BayView MarketPlace; and Crown Seafoods have offered generously to pay, to our organization, one percent of all regester receipts we can collect from any of the above mentioned stores. Please save your receipts and all you can collect from your friends and relatives and turn them in to the Historical Society, P.O. Box 3324, Lacey, WA 98503--or to any member of the board of trustees. During the months of October and November only, Stormans Inc. have offered to make the contribution 2% instead of 1%.

The Lacey Historical Society is facing the next decade of the 1990's with a need to raise over \$2,000.00 to meet the bills of taxes, insurance, and postage. Please think of the Lacey Historical Society as you consider donations to your favorite charities. We appreciate your support and your membership!

The Lacey Historical Society Needs You!

The Lacey Historical Society depends on your donations and membership dues to survive. We count on you as interested and committed citizens to help meet the needs of our local Historical program. Dues for the year are: senior citizens and students, \$5.00; regular membership \$10:00; families \$15.00.

Membership application:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Membership Category: Regular _____ Student _____ Senior Citizen _____ Family _____

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