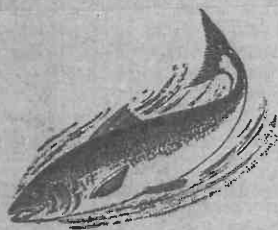


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# Will Serve Fresh Salmon Barbecue Sun. at Utsalady



By Grant B. Freer

Constructive enthusiasm and a keen desire to make their first project a success are the qualities that best describe the activities of the members of the newly organized Women's Auxiliary of Fire District No. 4 on Camano Island. All details have been completed for the big salmon barbecue dinner, sponsored by the group, to be held next Sunday, September 7th, at the Camp Grande resort picnic grounds.

Orville Mellum, of Utsalady, one of Camano Island's commercial fishermen, has agreed to provide three hundred pounds or more of prime fresh salmon, and Bert Carlson, of La Conner, a barbecue specialist of some renown, will oversee the job of broiling the salmon over outdoor fires. Mr. Carlson has the necessary metal frames for the work. Other items on the menu for the big dinner are escalloped potatoes, cabbage salad, hot rolls, apple pie and coffee. The cost of the dinner, to which the general public is cordially invited, is \$1.25 and the tickets are selling like the proverbial hot cake. Serving will begin at 12:30.

It has been some time since a salmon barbecue of such magnitude has been held on Camano Island and it is expected that a capacity crowd will be present. A special meeting of committee heads was held at the home of Mrs. Harriet Lynn, at Madrona Beach, Sunday afternoon. Present at the meeting were, President Vangie Murphy, Elsie Freer, chairman of ticket sales, Esther Hullum, secretary and treasurer of the Auxiliary, Nelda Sandberg, Mildred Phillips, Bess Katzenberger, Alice H. Grace Markell and Harriet Lynn, chairman of the foods committee.

President Vangie Murphy aptly expressed the purposes and aims of the new group when she said, "The policy of the newly organized Women's Auxiliary is to support the volunteer fire department in every possible way." With such worthwhile and completely unselfish motives, it is hoped by the members of the organization that they will have the wholehearted support of the entire district.

Following a suggestion made by Mrs. Elsie Freer that the women of the Auxiliary be called "The Fire Sirens" the idea received immediate and enthusiastic response. Now it has been decided the girls will wear red hats at the salmon barbecue as a symbol of their connection with a fire fighting group.

## CAMANO ISLAND GETS NATIONAL PUBLICITY

In the September 24th issue of the Twin City News there was a news story about the newly organized Women's Auxiliary to the Madrona District Volunteer Fire department, Camano Island Fire District No. 4, and a salmon barbecue as their first big project.

The last paragraph of the story contained a suggestion by one of the members that the women of the new auxiliary be called "The Fire Sirens." The idea was adopted with enthusiasm, and, at the very successful salmon barbecue that was held on the picnic grounds of the Camp Grande resort, many of the women wore miniature firemen's hats of a fiery red. The hats were either fixed in the hair or fastened to jacket lapels.

The story of the "Fire Sirens" went on the air over Radio station KRKO at Everett, as being a fitting name for a group of women attached to a volunteer fire department. They sent it to the Seattle office of the Associated Press, who got such a chuckle out of it that they sent the story out all over the country to newspapers who use the Associated Press service.

Here is the story that the A. P. sent out: "Camano Island, Wash. —When the wives of a group of Camano Island volunteer firemen formed an auxiliary to help the fire laddies raise funds, they did some heavy thinking over what they should call themselves. They hit it right on the nozzle. The name they chose was The Fire Sirens."

## Deluge of Diners at Fire Auxiliary Salmon Barbecue

By Grant B. Freer

With nearly three hundred and fifty dinners served, the



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From every point of view it was an unqualified success, and, from latest reports, the Auxiliary's treasury will be increased by a net profit of approximately \$375.00.

The project, of course, was the salmon barbecue dinner held last Sunday, Sept. 27th, from 12:30 to 3 o'clock at the picnic grounds of the Camp Grande resort. It was the type of an autumn dinner dear to the hearts and appetites of all confirmed Puget Sounders, and they did full justice to it.

On the menu were the famous hooknose silver salmon, barbecued to a golden brown, escaloped potatoes as only good cooks know how to prepare them, cabbage salad with a flavor par excellence, hot buttered rolls and

coffee and delicious apple pie. It was a dinner fit for a king, but for all less kingly appetites to enjoy.

The scene was also one of typical Puget Sound beauty with a natural woody setting. In a semi-cleared area on a shelf of ground back of the Camp Grande store stands a spacious roofed kitchen, with ample room to heat foods and serve them properly. Close by the kitchen, and at intervals in grassy glades, were picnic tables covered with white paper, and leafy trees for a canopy.

Near the rear of the kitchen, beneath some tall trees, was a barbecue pit, perhaps a foot deep, about sixteen feet long and nearly four feet wide. It was over a bed of hot coals, obtained from burning great chunks of dry alder wood, that five metal frames holding three to four slabs of salmon were placed. The frames, about thirty by thirty-six inches, were suspended from twenty-four to thirty inches above the red hot coals. They were barbecued for about thirty minutes on one side and then turned for another thirty minutes. At intervals during the cooking process the slabs of salmon were swabbed with melted butter and garlic, to enhance the natural flavor.

Bert Carlson, of LaConner, who back in 1936 invented the type of

metal frames used for barbecuing salmon, superintended the entire operation, ably assisted by Spud Murphy, Andy Dionne and Bud Lynn. Mr. Carlson is a volunteer fireman at LaConner and operates a machine shop, but he has had many years experience at fire fighting. Barbecuing salmon has also been a hobby of his for many years and he has become a veritable expert at the art. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson both rendered their services without cost to the new Women's Auxiliary, and they even provided the ingredients and made the sauce for the salmon, without cost. Because of their completely unselfish service and their naturally pleasing personalities, Bert and Sarah Carlson have endeared themselves to many Camano Island people and the Women's Auxiliary is deeply grateful to them.

If a dinner gong had been handy, President Vangie Murphy would have sounded it at exactly twelve-thirty, as everything was ready by that time, and the serving began immediately. From then on until three o'clock an almost continuous line of hungry diners were served, on a cafeteria style basis, which worked perfectly. A generous portion of barbecued salmon was served first, with a dash of the tangy sauce, followed quickly by the other delicious foods. The sauce was a fitting complement to the golden brown salmon and brought forth many comments of gastronomic pleasure. Although the formula for the sauce is a deep secret, it did contain melted butter, garlic and different spices.

The exact formula for the sauce was developed some fifteen or more years ago by George Dunlap, a banker at Burlington, who gave the recipe to Bert Carlson a number of years ago with the understanding that it would be kept secret. The secret has always been kept, and, perhaps therein lies some of the real flavor and charm of that sauce.

Although the weather last Sunday had veered a little to the left of the beautiful September days of the previous week, with threatening skies and a typical Puget Sound mist, it bothered the diners none at all. With complete good nature they took their heaped up plates and cups of coffee and ate at some of the tables or sought the comfort and protection of their automobiles, that, for the most part, were parked neatly around the perimeter of the picnic area.

The Ray Brayton family, however, introduced a new wrinkle in dining out under conditions of uncertain weather. The dinner was well along when Jack Brayton's big body truck arrived with Ray and Doris Brayton and their three sons, with their two mar-

bench seats along the sides. To add a further pioneer touch an old-fashioned kerosene lantern was burning brightly. It was a most novel idea, but highly practical, and the "big-little" house on wheels was used, not only by the Brayton families but by other friends as space was available.

As an interesting sidelight, while some people were enjoying their dinners and others were standing around, Wallace and Dean Ward, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wren Ward, operators of Camp Grande, demonstrated a most unique collapsible dog house that they had recently invented. They had observed the need for such a house from tourists who brought dogs with them when they came to Camp Grande. Much interest was shown in the demonstration of the new-type dog house, which was large enough for a good-sized dog, yet, when collapsed, could easily be packed in the back of a car. It was complete in every detail, even to a swinging door.

As another sidelight, the writer had the pleasure of introducing Miss Arvilla Marckmann to Mrs. Arvilla Ward. The name is a most unusual one and I have known but these two women with the first name of Arvilla. It is really a most pretty and intriguing name and I was most pleased to bring these two Arvillas together.

As the three o'clock deadline for serving arrived, the supply of food had almost reached the vanishing point. About thirty prime silver salmon, some of them weighing as much as sixteen pounds, with a total original weight of 330 pounds, was used, even to the last ounce. But everyone, including all the workers, was served. To have that barbecued salmon come out exactly even was good planning and good luck.

With the serving ended, and the tired workers able at last to relax and enjoy their plates of food, the weather, which had held off rather grudgingly, seemed to know that the barbecue dinner was over and decided to kick up a fuss. The gusts of wind became

stronger and over at the edge of the picnic area a large limb from a maple tree, crashed to the ground.

The dinner itself and the preceding days of planning were a wonderful demonstration of co-operative effort and gives encouraging promise for the future of the Women's Auxiliary of Camano Island Fire District No. 4. With such a spirit and such a united front they can do much to further the efforts and aims of the volunteer fire department, and they can plan for future projects and activities with every right to a full measure of success.

Elsie Freer and the members of their committees. Fire Chief Andy Dionne arranged with Bert Carlson to superintend the work of barbecuing the salmon and he drove to LaConner to get 246 pounds of the salmon used and worked tirelessly in cleaning and preparing the salmon, with the splendid assistance of Spud Murphy and Charlie Jarrett. Andy also sold a large number of tickets. Assistant Fire Chief Bud Lynn gave excellent help by placing the directional signs, helping at the barbecue pit and in other ways.

In the kitchen the corps of women worked like a well-drilled team in assembling and serving the food. The group included Harriet Lynn, Millie Campbell, Vangie Murphy, Mildred Phillips, Sarah Carlson, Helen Sandberg, Bess Katzenberger, Myrtle Stuller, Wanda Walters, Nelda Sandberg, Grace Markell, Alice Hill, Mary Pease, Esther Hullum, Carrie Collins and Elsie Freer.

Special thanks go to Orville Mellum, commercial fisherman, of the Camp Lagoon district, who

donated 84 pounds of the salmon used. And thanks too, to Mr. and Mrs. Ward at Camp Grande, for the use, without cost, of the kitchen and picnic grounds. And Mr. and Mrs. Ward, in turn, want to express their thanks to the women of the auxiliary and their helpers, who, as he phrased it, "left the picnic grounds and the kitchen in even better shape than they found it." In other words they did a mighty good job of cleaning up.

The women of the auxiliary and those who gave them such splendid help went home after the barbecue dinner was over, tired both in body and mind, but with a warm feeling of satisfaction for a wonderful work, well done.

## NOVEMBER 5, 1953

### ANNA DRAPER HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE

The home of Mrs. Anna Draper at New Utsalady, Camano island was extensively damaged by fire, smoke and soot early Wednesday morning when her oil heater suddenly exploded.

Chief Andy Dionne of the Madrona District Volunteer Fire Department was called at 5:45 and made a quick trip to the Draper home in his station wagon. With a fire extinguisher he quickly brought the flames under control.

Fire damage was confined mostly to the area around the stove, but walls, ceilings curtains and drapes were badly damaged by soot and smoke.

Chief Dionne wishes to caution householders about the dangers of carbon and soot in oil stoves and chimneys, and to have them cleaned and inspected before winter, when many oil stoves and oil furnaces are kept burning day and night. He says it is the accumulation of carbon from too much low burning that is the usual cause of oil stove explosions. With the sudden burning of carbon deposits, stoves and furnaces often become almost red hot

Department, which adopted the sobriquet of "The Fire Sirens," when it organized recently, has made a substantial contribution to the department fire truck by providing the necessary money for much-needed tires. Although not new, they are in excellent condition, and were secured by Chief Andy Dionne. They will replace tires that had been worn pretty thin, and will provide an added safety factor in the operation of the truck. Tax money for the operation of the fire district will not be available until next year, so the gift of the money was a timely one.

At the November business meeting the women of the Auxiliary to the Madrona District Volunteer Fire Department decided to buy some new tires for the fire truck and to suspend meeting for the next two months. They met at the Camano Island American Legion Hall with a good attendance. President Vangie Murphy was in charge of the meeting. An executive committee consisting of Harriet Lynn, Alice Hill and Alice Tedford was named by the president. They were empowered to act in the event of an emergency.

## JANUARY 14, 1954

### FIRE AUXILIARY DRAFTS BY-LAWS AT MEETING

An executive session of the women's Auxiliary to the Volunteer Fire Department of Camano Island Fire District No. 4 was held last Friday afternoon at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Esther Hullum at Madrona Beach.

The women got right down to work and drew up a set of by-laws to guide them in their future activities. They will be presented to the entire club membership at the next regular

meeting for ratification. The meeting will be held Tuesday evening, February 9, at the home of Mrs. Elsie Freer on Maple street.

The Fire Sirens, as they have dubbed themselves, are already laying the groundwork for another salmon barbecue which they plan to have in August. The success of the salmon barbecue that was held last September at the Camp Grande picnic ground has encouraged members to make the barbecue and annual affair.

Attending the meeting in addition to the secretary and hostess were President Vangie Murphy, Alice Tedford, Harriet Lynn and Elsie Freer.

## MEET WITH ELSIE

Members of the Women's Auxiliary to the Volunteer Fire Department of Camano Island Fire District No. 4, who have adopted the unique name of "Fire Sirens," will meet at the home of Elsie Freer, at Madrona Beach, Tuesday, February 9.

The meeting will be held in the afternoon, beginning at 1:30 with a dessert luncheon, with the business session to follow.

President Vangie Murphy states that the set of by-laws that were recently prepared by the executive committee will be presented to the membership for approval. Members having birthdays in February are especially requested to be present, but it is hoped by President Vangie that every member will be present.

## FEBRUARY 18, 1954

### MRS. ELSIE FREER IS HOSTESS TO FIRE SIRENS

By Grant B. Freer

Twenty-four members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Volunteer Fire Department, Camano Island District No. 4, gathered at the Madrona Beach home of Mrs. Elsie Freer last Tuesday afternoon, February 9th, for the first regular meeting of 1954.

A one-thirty dessert luncheon was served, followed by the business session, with President Vangie Murphy wielding the gavel. First order of business was the adoption of a set of by-laws that was drawn up in January by the executive committee.

The "Fire Sirens," as they rather proudly call themselves, lost no time in swinging into action by formulating a comprehensive program that will keep every

member active and interested.

First among the projects for the immediate future will be a joint meeting with the members of the Fire Department, which will be held at the Camano Island American Legion Hall the night of Thursday, February 25th. The program will include a speaker and special films.

On Saturday, February 27th, a baked sale will be held in East Stanwood, and a card party is being planned for Saturday evening, March 6th. The place for the card party will be announced later.

But the big project of the year will be the 2nd annual Salmon Barbecue which will again be held at the Camp Grande picnic grounds. The date has been set for Sunday, August 15th.

Looking into the future, with the hope of some day having a fine community hall at Madrona Beach, the Fire Sirens have decided that 60 per cent of the net proceeds of their various activities will go into a building fund, while 40 per cent will be held in the general fund, to be used as needed to give necessary aid to the Volunteer Fire Department.

FEBRUARY 25, 1954  
Bake Sale, Fire Sirens of  
Camano Fire District No. 4  
Tietjen's Electric, Saturday,  
February 27, 10:00 a. m. to  
5:00 p. m. 35c

MARCH 11, 1954

## Mrs. Phillips Hostess to Madrona Fire District Sirens

The Madrona Fire District Auxiliary, known as the Fire Sirens, was convened at a regular meeting on March 3 at the home of Mrs. Mildred Phillips. The members turned out in full force, we were informed by the chairman on publicity.

Before the meeting refreshments were served by the hostesses, Carrie Collins, Alice Hill, and Grace Dionne. During the refreshment hour, Grant Freer presented Vangie Murphy with a beautiful Philippine mahogany gavel which she is to keep as a souvenir when her term of office expires. Freer also promised to present each incoming president with a similar gavel as a special gift on her induction night as long as he continues to be an active member of the Madrona

district. That made the Sirens very happy.

The Fire Sirens have a huge job on their hands, being pledged to raise funds for a building in which to house the district's fire engine. At present it is stored in temporary quarters at the garage of the fire chief, Andy Dionne. Many money raising projects were discussed and committee chairman appointed for special events.

It was definitely decided to hold the annual Salmon Barbecue on Sunday, August 8 at Camp Grande's upper picnic grounds. It looks as if the Fire Sirens will be busy as bees for months to come with sewing in making articles for a booth which they will have in conjunction with the barbecue.

Proceeds from the last bake sale held February 27 at Tietjen's Furniture and Appliance store in East Stanwood went to pay insurance on volunteer firemen. And the president says, "Thanks to all who participated in this worthy cause."

The Auxiliary plans a bake sale in combination with a plant sale to be held at Tietjen's on April 17. They are planning fancy pastries, bread and rolls galore for the Easter weekend. There will be some rare plants for the home gardener. Mrs. Harriet Lynn was

appointed chairman for the bake sale and Mrs. Alice Hill chairman for the plant sale.

On March 6th the Auxiliary held a card party at President Vangie Murphy's new home. There was a big turnout thanks to Hostesses Mary Pease and Lillian Smith.

The next regular meeting of the Fire Sirens will be held at the home of Mildred Phillips April 7, at 1:30 p. m.

Will tell you more as weeks go by.

APRIL 15, 1954

The Madrona Fire Sirens will hold a bake sale and plant sale at Tietjen's Electric Service, East Stanwood, Saturday, April 17, from 10:00 to 5:00 p. m. 41-42c

MARCH 4, 1954

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Madrona District Volunteer Fire Department will have a card party on Saturday evening of this week, March 6th, at the home of the president, Mrs. Vangie Murphy, just a bit north of the Camp Lagoon district. Everybody is invited and such games as Canasta, Samba and Pinochle will be played, and refreshments will be served. The card party is one of a number of projects that the "Fire Sirens" have been planning for the coming months. The date for the annual salmon barbecue that was to have been on August 15th has been changed to Sunday, August 8th.

APRIL 15, 1954

### MADRONA FIRE SIRENS BUSY GROUP OF MATRONS

The Madrona Dist. No. 4 Fire Sirens convened a regular meeting on April 7, which was called to order by the president, Vange Murphy.

The Fire Sirens are going all out for the plant and bake sale April 17 at Tietjen's Appliance Store in East Stanwood. Plans are made for lovely decorated pastries for Easter and lots of homemade bread and rolls.

Harriet Lynn, chairman of the bake sale asked that all donations be brought to her home or the Madrona Beach store for quick pickup.

Alice Tedford is in charge of the plant sale due to the illness of the regular chairman, Alice Hill. Mrs. Tedford would like the members to either call her or bring their plants to her home if they are unable to take them to the sale center. Also please label them.

A request was made for volunteers at the gift bar at the salmon barbecue August 8, also for volunteers to make aprons. Millie Campbell offered to be in charge of buying the material. Mrs. Campbell said she and Mrs. Quennell have rick-rack they will donate for the apron trimming. Alice Brown, Clare Taylor, Mary Warner, offered to take charge of the gift bar at the barbecue.

Coffee band are requested to be turned in to Myrtle Stuller, also the coupons towards silverware. Nelda Sandberg said the Lutheran ladies aid offered to help us save coffee bands, as they have their coffee maker.

Mary Pease was placed in charge of getting another coffee maker for the auxiliary. She has ordered vanilla to sell to our members. The coffee maker is the premium.

It was suggested that each member furnish her own plate, cup, fork and spoon, as Mildred has already donated her cabin for the meetings. A motion was made and carried that the auxiliary buy four dozen glass trays and cups, so that they would all be alike. Each member to pay for one set. Mrs. Pease will look after ordering them.

APRIL 22, 1954

### ISLAND HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE THURSDAY

Shortly before noon Thursday April 15 the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Welch near Peabie Beach at the south end of Camano Island was completely destroyed by fire.

The home was the former Hamilton place and Mr. and Mrs. Welch had just recently purchased the property. Mr. Welch was in Seattle working at the time but Mrs. Welch and her three children were at home. It is reported that the fire may have started from an overheated chimney and it spread so rapidly that Mrs. Welch and her children were able to save only a change of clothing. City and Madrona District Volunteer Fire departments responded, but largely because of the long distance to the scene of the fire the house was burned to the ground by the time they reached there. Mrs. Welch, who drove up to a late in the afternoon of the fact that his house was destroyed by fire until Stanwood.

## HEINIE SANDBERG GIVES SITE FOR FIRE STATION IN MADRONA DISTRICT

President Vangie Murphy of the Fire Sirens, the Woman's auxiliary to the Madrona Fire District Fire Sparks, announced that Heinie Sandberg had offered a free site for a Madrona Beach fire station. The fire commissioners will inspect two sites from which to choose, the prexy reported. She also said it would have to have it surveyed, and approved by the Health Inspector, before the District could decide which lot to accept.

The Fire Sparks will call a joint meeting with the Sirens to discuss plans for the proposed building. Anyone who can draw plans is requested to do so as the commissioners will need all the ideas they can get, President Murphy asserted. In the construction of the fire station building, plans must include a small auditorium as a meeting place.

There is very noticeable enthusiasm throughout the district

and the Commissioners have announced that they want the slab poured this summer so that construction can be started by fall. "Looks like a cementing bee in the near future," comments Alice Tedford, as she reported the meeting. Notice of the next meeting will appear in this paper. Watch for date.

### Plant-Bake Sale Good

In reporting the results of the plant and bake sale on April 17 Mmes. Harriet Lynn and Alice Tedford stated that they had a "sell-out" of everything. Proceeds will be added to the building fund for the fire station. Both women express thanks for the help they received in promoting and holding the sale. Their committee was composed of Mmes. Elsie Freer, Ruth Jarrett, Grace Markell, and the president, Vangie Murphy, all of whom, individually and collectively, did a "wonderful job," the secretary reports.

Myrtle Stuller reported coffee bands and silverware coupons

of getting plates and cups, and vanilla for another coffee maker, told of losing all the cups and plates she had ordered in the Western Store fire. To add coals to the fire, Mrs. Pease said the vanilla arrived short, besides there was some breakage. But leave it to Mary to get things straightened out! The secretary, Esther Hollam, has written the company.

The members were presented with an exhibit of thread and tape for aprons. All are requested to get together on the 12th to cut out the aprons at the regular meeting place, and each member is to bring ideas, patterns, scissors and pins. Members on other projects are requested to attend also with their work. The Sirens are all busy sewing articles for the Gift Bar to be held at the salmon barbecue August 8.

New members to join the Fire Sirens are Pat Ward, Patty Ward, Clara Hundtermark, Helen Skinner, and Josephine Book.

Refreshments for the meeting were furnished by Mary Pease and Kathryn Bower in the form of apple pie and coffee. Sounds good!

Hostesses for the next regular meeting on June 2 will be Shirley Lynn, Mary Warner and Florence Overum.

**JUNE 10, 1954**

## SIRENS SOUND FORTH AT MONTHLY MEETING

The Madrona Dist. No. 4 Fire Sirens convened in regular meeting on June 2 at Mildred Phillips Cabin, which was called to order by the president, Vange Murphy.

A lovely luncheon was served before the meeting by hostesses Shirley Lynn, Mary Warner and Florence Overum.

Mary Pease reported on vanilla that the auxiliary is selling to receive a coffee maker. Secretary Esther Hollam was requested to send for it.

Harriet Lynn, chairman of the salmon barbecue asked that all who were on committees last year keep the same for this year so that it will make it that much

easier as everyone will know exactly what to do. All committees accepted.

Elsie Freer, chairman of tickets distributed tickets among the members and gave a pep talk. The auxiliary has a huge job ahead as fire commissioners want the project of the fire station under construction soon. They have already started clearing the property which is east of chief Andy Dionne's garage.

Elsie Freer asked the auxiliary to look the land over. Everyone is very happy with the location and also of how much has been accomplished.

Kathryn Bowers, chairman of the gift booth for salmon barbecue won't be here, so asked that some one else be appointed. Clara Taylor, one of the committee on this has moved from the district. President Vange asked for volunteers. Alice Tedford, chairman, with Mary Warner and Viora Anderson are the committee.

Several members brought their finished projects to the meeting. It will be a treat for all who come to the barbecue just to see all the lovely things that will be on display at the gift booth. The officers are very proud of the auxiliary members sewing ability and originality.

Hostesses for the next regular meeting July 7 will be Mildred Phillips, Millie Campbell and Grace Markell.

**JULY 1, 1954**

## ATTENTION FIRE SIRENS

The next regular meeting of Auxiliary of the Camano Fire District No. 4 will be held at the home of Mildred Phillips. President Vange Murphy asks that all members be in attendance. All committee chairmen will be expected to give their reports on the progress toward the Salmon Barbecue to be held August 8th at Camp Grande.

Report from Fire Commissioner Spud Murphy will make the

members of Madrona Fire District No. 4 very happy. Carl Olsen surveyed the plot of ground for the future fire station on June 27. Fire commissioners and Mr. Olsen spent a good three hours completing the survey.

Won't be long now before the district will be starting on the construction of the fire hall.

**JULY 15, 1954**

**MONTHLY REPORT OF THE  
CAMANO FIRE SIRENS**

Fire Sirens of Madrona Fire Dist. No. 4 regular meeting July 7 were served a lovely luncheon by hostesses Millie Campbell, Harriet Lynn and Grace Markel.

Pres. Vange Murphy called the meeting to order. She reported that Grant Freer and Joel Lynn have been working like beavers clearing the lot which Hiene Sandberg of Madrona Beach gave to the district for the fire station. Carl Olson who surveyed the property contributed his services for the good cause. Lawrence M. Koester has offered his services as an electrician for wiring the building. Tom Stradley will do the plumbing. Andy Anderson and Bob Garlock will help in the line of carpenters. We certainly want to thank them and everyone else who are lending the district a hand, at this rate the station will be built in the near future.

Nominating committee nominated Alice Tedford for Pres.; Elsie Freer for vice pres.; Millie Campbell for sec.-treas. Election will be Aug. 4th.

Harriet Lynn, chairman of Food for Salmon Barbecue, wants all the members to know who her committees are: Esther Hullum for potatoes; Millie Campbell, cabbage for salad; Nelda Sandberg, pies; Wanda Walters, rolls; Alice Tedford, dressing.

All the members would be helping these committees by contacting them and telling them what they will bake or cook. The salmon barbecue is a huge job so let's all pitch in. The proceeds from this barbecue goes towards the building of the fire station. Once it is built, the Auxiliary will have clear sailing.

Elsie Freer gave a short speech urging all members to get busy and sell tickets. If any member doesn't have any or needs more please contact Elsie.

Pres. Vange gave each member of the auxiliary who was present at this meeting the hats which were donated to the Fire Sirens

by Texas Oil Co. in Seattle. All members are expected to wear them at the Salmon Barbecue August 8th at Camp Grande.

Alice Tedford reported on Gift Booth for the barbecue. She asks all members who haven't turned in their finished projects to please do so before the next meeting so that she and her committee, Mary Warner and Viola Anderson can get everything priced and labeled. She also wants to say that she is very pleased with the articles that have already been turned over to her. The people that participate in the Salmon Barbecue will be surprised at the lovely assortment of gifts that the Fire Sirens will have for sale.

Next regular meeting of the Fire Sirens will be August 4th at 1:30 P.M. with the following hostesses: Myrtle Stulier, Ruth Jarrett and Rose Gerdes.

Esther Hullum, secretary, reported to the auxiliary that there

Jack and Bob Noel, the new owners of Camp Grande resort, are making necessary preparations for the salmon barbecue that will be held on the Camp Grande picnic grounds just three weeks from next Sunday, August 8th. This will be the second annual barbecue of the Fire Sirens, the Women's Auxiliary of the Madrona District Volunteer Fire department. The sale of tickets has already begun and the indications are, according to those in charge, that the attendance will be even greater than last year. In anticipation, the Sirens are preparing their salmon barbecue for at least five hundred persons.

**JULY 29, 1954**

**FIRE SIRENS ARE  
BUSY AS ALL-GET-OUT**

The Fire Sirens, Auxiliary to the Madrona Beach Fire District No. 4, are working harder than ever to make this, their second annual salmon barbecue, a big success. It will be held on Sunday, August 8 at Camp Grande on Camano island, and the proceeds will go toward the building fund.

The ladies are hopeful that the day will be warm and sunny and that a good crowd will turn out for the dinner which they promise will be delicious and satisfying.

The next meeting of the Sirens will be on August 4 at the regular meeting place. All committees are requested to attend.

**AUGUST 5, 1954**

**MADRONA SIRENS READY  
FOR SUNDAY BARBECUE**

The Madrona Sirens, women's auxiliary of the Madrona Fire District out on Camano Island are fast getting things in shape and the racks set up for the big annual barbecue this Sunday at Camp Grande. Service will be from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

This is the second annual barbecue sponsored by the Sirens. The 1953 event was such a big success that this year's feature is really by popular demand. Most anybody can fry or barbecue a salmon, but few, indeed, can do it with the finished and savory perfection of the Sirens. This is no hearsay: we were there last year.

It is for a good cause, too. All the net proceeds will be turned into the building fund for a new firehall in which to keep their fire fighting engine and other equipment. In case of fire a quick and rapid service is your best guarantee against loss.

Come early and plan to stay all afternoon. There will be a gift booth where you can purchase lay-away gifts for Christmas and other holidays, not to mention several amusement features for the younger set and others of mature years.

**Bulletin Board**

- This is to remind you of the Salmon Barbecue to be held Sunday afternoon, August 8, at Camp Grande from 12:30 to 4:00 p. m. Madrona Fire Sirens are the sponsors. Amusements and gift booth.

**ISLAND CAFE**

We will close our cafe **SUNDAY, AUGUST** from 12:00 o'clock noon until 4:00 p. m. allow our patrons the privilege of attending the

**SIRENS' SALMON BARBECUE  
AT CAMP GRANDE**

We will re-open at 4:00 for a la carte service

**AUGUST 12, 1954**

**VANGIE MURPHY**

**SAYS THANKS!**

Retiring President Vangie Murphy of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Camano Island District No. 4 Volunteer Fire Department, known to all as The Fire Sirens, wishes to express, through the Twin City News, her deep thanks and appreciation to all heads and members of her committees, and to the many others who also donated food and worked so faithfully at the Second Annual Salmon Barbecue dinner that was held last Sunday afternoon at the Camp Grande picnic grounds.

It is Vangie Murphy's feeling that to them must go the greatest share of the credit for the complete success of the dinner. The wholehearted cooperation of every person who had a part in the preparation and serving of the big dinner has touched Vangie deeply and so she says, Thanks a lot.

**AUGUST 19, 1954**

**SIREN'S SALMON BAKE  
SURELY ANSWER TO  
AN EPICUREAN'S DREAM**

**By Grant B. Freer**

With well over six hundred people from Camano Island, the Twin Cities and distant places, attending the second annual salmon barbecue dinner of the Camano Island Madrona District Fire Sirens at the Camp Grande picnic grounds last Sunday, August 8th, the big dinner has now become a veritable institution for the complete enjoyment of good food. And, as the years go by, the event may well become one of Camano Island's most cherished traditions, to be looked forward to by those

Thanks.

Shirley Bartholomew  
News Director, KRKO

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CAMANO ISLAND, WASH.--WHEN THE WIVES OF A GROUP OF CAMANO ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIREMEN FORMED AN AUXILIARY TO HELP THE FIRE LADDIES RAISE FUNDS, THEY DID SOME HEAVY THINKING OVER WHAT THEY SHOULD CALL THEMSELVES.

THE HIT IT RIGHT ON THE NOZZLE. THE NAME THEY CHOSE WAS "THE FIRE SIRENS."

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The big dinner, as it was prepared and served by the members of the Madrona Fire Department's Ladies' Auxiliary, now known far and wide as the Fire Sirens, was typical of the entire Camano Island locale, with its adjacent waters so often teaming with salmon, the splendid shoreline resorts for the accommodation of the steadily increasing numbers of sports fishermen, and the natural beauty and idyllic setting of the island itself.

Big, prime king salmon, over five hundred pounds of them, fresh from the deep cold waters of the Pacific Ocean, were barbecued on metal frames over deep pits of glowing fires of alder wood, seasoned with salt, butter and a dash of garlic, were cooked to a delicious golden brown and served piping hot. Served with the fish were scalloped potatoes, cabbage salad, home-made rolls and coffee, and home-made apple pie. It was a dinner fit for the most exacting epicure, but for all who came, to eat and enjoy.

Bert Carlson, volunteer fireman from LaConner, who is an expert on the proper way to barbecue salmon, directed the work, aided by Spud Murphy, Bill Tedford, and others. Mrs. Carlson was with her husband, and she brought with her a quantity of her famous salmon sauce, prepared from a secret formula, known only to a few people, which added so much to bring out and enhance the delicate flavor of the salmon.

The outdoor kitchen, close by the picnic area, was a beehive of activity and President Vangie Murphy and her group of wonderful workers did a splendid job of serving. As each person received his or her plate of food and cup of coffee, there were places at tables under the leafy trees or out in the open for them to fully enjoy the food.

For added entertainment and interest, there was a gift bar where many items of clothing and fancy work could be bought for birthday or Christmas gifts or any other occasion, and a bingo game provided zest to the scene as the people lingered to talk and fully enjoy the day.

The dinner was served from 12:30 to four o'clock, and as the last couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, came up to the counter to be served, they received the last of the salmon. Proceeds of the dinner will go far toward the construction of a building for housing the Madrona Fire Department's fire truck and other equipment and for a community hall.

Many splendid comments were made and heard about the dinner, but one of the most outstanding was, the excellent quality of the food, the generous quantities served, and the wonderful spirit of cooperation among all who helped to make the dinner such an outstanding success.

At a recent meeting of the Fire Sirens, Alice Tedford was elected president, succeeding Vangie Murphy; Elsie Freer was elected vice-president, succeeding Carrie Colline; and Millie Campbell was elected secretary-treasurer, succeeding Esther Kullum.

#### FIRE SIRENS TO MEET

Mrs. Mildred Phillips' cabin at Madrona Beach will be the meeting place for the Madrona Fire Sirens on Wednesday, September 1, at 1:30 p. m.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1954

#### FIRE SIRENS TO MEET

On Wednesday, October 6, the Camano Island Fire Sirens will meet at the cabin of Mrs. Phillips at Madrona Beach. A full attendance is requested.

OCTOBER 14, 1954

### MRS. ALICE TEDFORD IS NEW SIREN PRESIDENT

The Madrona Fire District Fire Sirens held their first regular fall meeting on the 6th with President Alice Tedford presiding. Hostesses were Mildred Phillips, Florence Overum, and Mary Warner. They served a very tasty luncheon before the meeting.

Madam President announced committee chairmen as follows: Ways and Means, Mary Pease; Sunshine Fund, Mildred Phillips; Membership, Elsie Freer; Publicity, Alice Tedford; Executives, Bess Katzenberger, Nelda Sandberg and Alice Hill.

The president read an invitation from the Smoke Eaters auxiliary of Everett inviting the members to the October 27th meeting. The president expressed herself as anxious to have as many of her members accept the invitation as can possibly get away in the belief that the Madrona members could probably pick up a lot of new ideas. She asks any member willing to attend to please contact Millie Campbell, secretary - treasurer, phone Camano 232.

"Auxiliary" male members of the sirens are invited to attend on the promise that special entertainment will be provided just for them.

Next regular meeting will be Nov. 3, with vice president Elsie Freer presiding. Hostesses for the meeting will be Ena Brunz, Mrs. Heinie Sandberg and Mrs. Otis Marckmann.

OCTOBER 28, 1954

### FIRE DISTRICT PARTY WAS POSTPONED

An evening party and visit that was to have been enjoyed Wednesday evening of this week between the members and their husbands of the Ladies Auxiliary of Snohomish County Fire District No. 6 and the Island County Fire District No. 4 on Camano Island, to be held at Pinehurst, was postponed for two weeks and will be held Wednesday evening, November 10th instead.

The death of a relative of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fisher of Pinehurst, necessitated the postponement. Mr. Fisher is chief of the Pinehurst fire fighting group. A goodly number of the group from Camano Island are planning to make the trip.

NOVEMBER 18, 1954

## Fire Sirens Visit At Pinehurst

By Elsie H. Freer

Last Wednesday night was the occasion of one of the most enjoyable and unusual evenings ever experienced by the Fire Sirens, Ladies Auxiliary of the Camano Fire District No. 4, and some of their husbands, when they paid a visit to the Smoke Eaters of the Pinehurst Fire Department, near Everett, and were most hospitably entertained by both the "boys and girls" of the department.

First off, we were taken on a tour of the building and were told of the function of the various pieces of equipment, the two beautiful and highly efficient fire trucks, the hose-drying tower, the gas masks, the resuscitators, the room equipped with three beds where two of the boys sleep every night, the basement play room with its television, billiard and pool tables, the furnace room, the second floor room which is used by the commissioners for their meetings, the very large entertainment hall, and last but not from least, the very modern and fully electric kitchen, which we all exclaimed over and hoped some day to have one equally fine in our own fire hall.

The Smoke Eater men then proceeded to demonstrate their two resuscitators and told of their value and shown how they can supply the needed oxygen in cases resulting from fire or accident. They even showed some of us how it feels to have a machine do your breathing for you, and it proved quite an experience. However, they told us that your own two hands are the most effective means of reviving a dying person, and the new simpler Nielsen method was explained and demonstrated.

The girls had prepared a bountiful smorgasbord lunch and while enjoying it Mrs. Ethel Fischer, wife of the fire chief, Joe Fischer, introduced members and officers of their organization, and those present from our Camano group. We tried to express our thanks and appreciation of their very gracious invitation and promised to reciprocate before too long.

The high point of the evening came when the Smoke Eater men started up one of the fire trucks and told the Fire Sirens to pile on the rear and the cab, and they would be taken for a ride. Madrona Fire Chief Andy Dionne and Assistant Chief Bud Lynn were at the rear end of the truck with arms extended to keep the ladies from falling off, and the girls had one of the thrills of their lives, some thing they can brag about to their children and grand children for years to come.

Another gracious gesture extended to the Fire Sirens was the presentation to each by Mrs. Fischer of a ceramic ash tray, made by her, with red fire hat

Those attending were: Harriet Lynn, Shirley Lynn, Grace Markell, Grace Dionne, Mary Warner, Florence Overum, Elsie Freer, Vangie Murphy, Mildred Phillips, Myrtle Stuller, Vyora Anderson, Chief Andy Dionne, Asst. Chief Bud Lynn, Don Lashbaugh, newly elected fire commissioner Ray Phillips, Andy Anderson and Roy Campbell.

At the November meeting of the Fire Sirens it was decided to dispense with the December dispense with the December meeting, but meetings will resume again in January, when we

will begin laying plans for the third annual salmon barbecue. A project they are engaged in at present is the placing of mailbox name markers on the island. The first order of 25 has been received and delivered and everyone is much pleased, not only with the improvement in the looks of the box but the appearance of neatness they create in the district. Members are assigned to the various areas of the island, to contact mailbox owners, and they hope that wherever possible residents will avail themselves of the opportunity to place a neat, luminous marker on their mail boxes. Of course, all profits go into the building fund for the new fire hall for the Madrona district.



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## Magic Show, Alexander, The Superb Magician

Alexander, The Magician, will put on a Magic show Sat., March 5th, at the Stanwood City Hall 8:00 p.m. sponsored by the Fire Sirens of the Madrona Fire District No. 4. All proceeds will go towards their building fund for a new fire station.

Alexander visited the Island on Sunday, Jan. 23, a guest of Mildred Phillips. He entertained a group of Fire Sirens and their husbands to show them what a wonderful performance he could put on. He amazed everyone, in fact they are still puzzled as to how he could do such magic. The public that takes in this magic show is in for a rare treat in entertainment.

Alexander's wife, daughter and a ventriloquist will assist him in his act, with Grant Freer as Master of Ceremonies. Look for further information in this paper in the near future.

MARCH 3, 1955

## Is The Hand Quicker Than The Eye?

By Grant B. Freer

The 'Magic Show' to be given at the Stanwood City Hall Saturday evening of this week will probably be one of the most unique and unusual entertainments that has been given in the Twin City-Camano Island area for many years.

It is hoped that every person, both young and old, who can possibly do so, will plan to see it.

The show will be presented by the Fire Sirens of Madrona Beach, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Volunteer Fire Department of Camano Island Fire Prevention District No. 4. The proceeds will be devoted to the building of a Fire and Community Hall at Madrona Beach, where the fire equipment will be housed.

The main feature of the show will be Alexander the Magician, well-known up and down the Pacific Coast for many years as a magician of great ability. When Mr. Alexander comes up to prepare for the show he will bring with him at least two thousand dollars worth of equipment.

Mr. Alexander will be assisted by his daughter, Pat, who is also well known as a Night Club entertainer. Robert L. Henderson, of Seattle, an accomplished ventriloquist, will entertain between acts. Both Mr. Alexander and his daughter, Pat, and Mr. Henderson are generously donating their services for the show.

The curtain will rise at 8 o'clock Saturday night, March 5th, at the Stanwood City Hall. Tickets are seventy-five cents for adults and thirty-five cents for children under twelve. Grant Freer will act as Master of Ceremonies.

Because of snow and the icy condition of the highways last Saturday the Fire Sirens of Madrona Beach cancelled the magic show which they had scheduled with Alexander the Magician.

The show will be put on this Saturday, March 12 at the Stanwood city hall at 8 p.m. The Fire Sirens are anxious for a good attendance as all proceeds go toward the building fund for the fire hall at Madrona Beach. Tickets are 75 cents for adults and 35 cents for children.

## ST. PATRICK'S FAVORS ARE FIRE SIRENS MOTIF

The Fire Sirens of Madrona Beach met on March 2 and in spite of the snow there was a goodly number of members present. Hostesses were Vange Murphy, Esther Hullum and Ruth Jarrett who served a lovely lunch with a St. Patrick motif.

Alice Tedford presided at the business meeting; Harriet Lynn, chairman of ways and means reported mailbox markers had been ordered. Mildred Phillips reported

a plant had been set to Bill Lenihan who is ill in a Mount Vernon hospital. The Fire Sirens need 75 more M.J.B. coffee bands to have the required number for the coffee maker.

Quilt blocks were donated to the club by Mary Pease and they will be used to make a quilt which will be given away at the annual salmon barbecue which the Fire Sirens sponsor and which will be held on Sunday, August 14 this year at Camp Grande. Alice Tedford, president, has appointed the committees for the barbecue and they are making plans for the affair, hoping to have it bigger and better than ever before.

The next meeting will be April 6 with Carrie Collins, Wanda Roberts and Mary Pease as hostesses.

MARCH 31, 1955

## SIRENS BARBECUE

Plans for the 1955 Salmon Barbecue to be held on August 14 will be discussed at a meeting of the Madrona Fire Sirens at the home of Mrs. Ray Phillips on Wednesday, April 6. A good attendance is hoped for.

## Insurance Rates

By Grant B. Freer

The Volunteer Fire Department of Camano Island Fire Prevention District No. 4, at Madrona Beach, with Chief Andy Dionne and Asst. Chief Bud Lynn, received a pat on the back recently when Arthur O. Anderson, Elmer Jensen and Irvin Kallock of the Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company of Enumclaw made an inspection of district fire equipment.

After visiting Camano Island, Mr. Anderson stated in a letter to Chief Dionne, "I wish to state that your Fire District is one of the best maintained and well kept, that I have seen and I wish to congratulate you and all your men on the excellent job you are doing."

Mr. Anderson gave some information that will be of considerable interest to property owners in the area served by the Madrona Department. Mr. Anderson further stated, "At this time I would like to advise you that because of your excellent record and well - equipped department, the Executive Committee of The Farmers' Mutual of Enumclaw has seen fit to allow the people inside your present fire district rate. In most instances this will save the people inside your fire district 20 per cent to 30 per cent on their Fire insurance premiums. The Farmers' Mutual of Enumclaw is ready to give credit where credit is due, and I am sure the people in your district will thank you and your men, many times over, for your efforts in securing for them a lower rate of Fire Insurance."

The writer, who lives but a stone's throw from Andy Dionne's auto-repair shop at Madrona Beach, where the fire equipment is kept, was very close to the Madrona Volunteer Fire Department when it was first conceived and organized, as well as through the years of its development, and the words of praise from Arthur Anderson are well deserved and they will be a source of inspiration to the officers and members of the department and to the entire district.

APRIL 28, 1955

## SIRENS PREPARING GIFT BAR FOR AUGUST DERBY

At the next meeting of the Madrona Fire Sirens, on Camano Island, Wednesday, May 4th, members are requested to bring hand work for their contribution to the gift bar in connection with the annual salmon barbecue to be held in August.

The luncheon committee will be Katherine Bower, Mildred Copp and Elsie Freer. The meeting will be held in the Ray Phillips cabin on Sunset Drive. Because such a wide variety of fancy work was on display at the booth when the salmon barbecue was held last summer, and created such favorable comment, it is planned to feature the gift bar even more so this year.

**JUNE 9, 1955**

### **FIRE SIRENS TO ELECT NEW STAFF IN AUGUST**

Hostesses for the June meeting for the Fire Sirens were: Clara Quinell, Harriet Lynn and Grace Markel and they served a lovely luncheon.

President Alice Tedford appointed the following nominating committee: Mary Pease, Mildred Phillips, and Clara Quinell. Election will be held in August.

Plans for the third annual salmon barbecue were made and the following members were appointed to work on committees with Alice Tedford and Vangie Murphy as general chairmen: Wanda Walters, Millie Campbell, Ruth Jarrett, Mildred Phillips, Elsie Christie, Carrie Collins, Helen Graybill, Esther Hullum, Mattie Myrs, Elsie and Grant Freer.

Ray Phillips, Charlie Jarrett, Ray Katzenberger, Andy Anderson, Spud Murphy, Bill Tedford, Don Graybill.

It was reported that the beautiful hand made quilt was almost finished and would be presented at the barbecue.

The building committee hopes to be able to announce that work will soon be started on the new fire hall.

Mabel Baker, Shirley Lynn and Nelda Sandberg will be hostesses for the July meeting which will be held on the 6th at 1:30.

**JUNE 30, 1955**

### **SPARKS FROM THE MADRONA FIRE SIRENS**

Had a phone call from Alice Tedford, one of the most active spark plugs of the Madrona Fire Sirens, to tell us that the Sirens will hold forth in regular meeting Wednesday, July 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Bess (Ray) Katzenberger. At this meeting all arrangements will be made for the annual barbecue on Sunday, August 14.

This is always a big occasion in the program of the Sirens and for scores of others who enjoy barbecued salmon and a pleasant afternoon. Hand work will also be available for those who are looking forward to holiday gifts. At least that is as we understand it. But, if you want to know for sure phone Alice, WC 2253.

**JULY 14, 1955**

### **VANGIE MURPHY NAMED CANDIDATE BY SIRENS**

**By Alice Tedford**

The Fire Sirens, Auxiliary to the Madrona Fire District No. 4 met at the home of Mrs. Bess Katzenberger with Shirley Lynn, Mabel Baker and Nelda Sandberg acting as hostesses.

The nominating committee presented the following names for the election to be held in August: Vangie Murphy, president; Helen Graybill, vice president; Ester Hullmun, secretary - treasurer.

Third Annual Salmon Barbecue is set for August 14 at Camp Grande from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Adult tickets are \$1.50 and chil-

**JULY 21, 1955**

### **PINEHURST FIREMEN PICNIC ON ISLAND**

**By Grant Freer**

Fourteen members of the Pinehurst Volunteer Fire Department and the Ladies' Auxiliary drove up to Camano island Sunday afternoon to be guests of the Madrona Fire Sirens for a picnic dinner. Forty members of the Fire Sirens and their husbands were on hand to welcome the visitors.

Tables were set on the beautiful spacious lawns under the cedar trees at the home of Joel and Harriet Lynn on Highland drive, and the lunch was served in true picnic style. Fortunately for an outdoor picnic, last Sunday was one of the most perfect summer days that our Puget Sound country has had so far this year.

The menu consisted of Swedish meat balls, potato salad, several kinds of molded salad, baked beans, French and party-rye bread, pickles and coffee, with generous servings of strawberry shortcake for dessert. Members of the Sirens waited on table while two young ladies, Mary Parker and Lynn Carson, poured

the coffee.

After the dinner many of the group, including the guests from Pinehurst, walked three blocks up Highland drive to inspect the site of the new Fire and Community hall for the Fire Sirens and the Volunteer Fire Department of Camano Island Fire Protection District No. 4. Work on the footings for the new building was started over a week ago. Construction of the new hall is under the direct supervision of Andy Anderson.

Attending the picnic from Pinehurst were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jagers and son Gary, Gene Geodert, Mr. and Mrs. Art Wik and daughter Linda and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Doyle and daughter Billie.



present at the barbecue. Members are requested to bring gifts for the gift bar to the next meeting.

Fire Siren and their families will entertain Pinehurst Smoke Easters and their husbands Sunday, July 17 at 1:30 with a picnic dinner on the lawn at the Joel Lynn home.

Next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, August 3 at the home of Mrs. Elsie Christie at Camp La-



JULY 28, 1955

## Fire Sirens Talk Of Barbecue

At a special meeting of the Fire Sirens, Auxiliary of the Madrona Fire District No. 1, held July 26, funds were allocated for the building materials for the new fire hall. It is hoped that the cement work can begin this week end.

There is a great need for volunteer help, and anyone who can donate a few hours of work will have the sincere thanks of the building committee.

The Fire Sirens are busy putting the finishing touches on the plans for the Third Annual Salmon barbecue to be held Sunday, August 14 at Camp Grande. Everyone who has attended these affairs and tasted the delicious barbecued salmon will want to go again this year, and take a friend.

In connection with the barbecued salmon dinner the Sirens will have a gift bar where they will offer for sale hundreds of homemade gift items, just the thing for early Christmas shopping.

All funds received from the barbecue and gift bar will go toward the fire hall building fund. A special vote of thanks was given by the Fire Sirens to Fred Tiffany of East Stanwood, who contributed \$25 to the building fund.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 3, at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Elsie Christie at Camp Lagoon with Sophie Burgdahl and Myrtle Stuller as hostesses. Members are asked to bring all articles for the gift bar to this meeting.

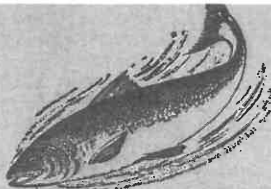


## Over Coming Barbecue

Mrs. William (Alice) Tedford, president of the Madrona Sirens, accompanied by her neighbor, Mrs. Andy Anderson, another friend, dropped in at the News office Monday morning to tell of some of the plans they are making for the big barbecue to be given under their auspices Sunday, August 14 at Camp Grande. It will be the third annual event sponsored by the Sirens and Madrona President says they are doing everything possible to make the equal of any if not better than either of the previous two. And believe the writer: they were pretty good. You will be sorry if you fail to set aside the 14th for anything else than the barbecue, except of course, attending church in the morning.

Besides the barbecued salmon and all the other table compliments of the menu will be a gift fair where the guests may purchase no end of things suitable or gifts of all kinds and suitable for any season. Games will be played for the awards that will add zest to every contest. Highlighting this feature will be a handmade quilt, light for summer and warm for winter, according to President Tedford.

Perhaps next week we will be able to tell you a lot more about this coming event, but you better get a ring around the 14th on our calendar just to make sure you will be there.



## THIRD ANNUAL SALMON BARBECUE PLANS SET

FOR SUNDAY, AUG. 14

Sunday, August 14, the Fire Sirens' Auxiliary of Madrona Fire District No. 4 will hold another barbecued salmon dinner at Camp Grande on Camano island. Dinner will be served from 12:00 noon to 3:30 p. m. Adults \$1.50, children .75¢. According to plans this one should be bigger and better than the last two.

The Fire Sirens Auxiliary was formed two years ago for the specific purpose of raising funds to build a fire station to house the district's fire equipment and engine, with a community hall adjoining, which the district needs badly. Plans are being made to hold card parties and dinners to finish paying for the building and furnishings.

The men of the district are working Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights, also Saturdays and Sundays, getting the walls and roof finished before winter sets in, so the Fire Sirens have to do their utmost to furnish enough money for the necessary material.

All proceeds from the barbecue are to be used for the building.

dinner with all the trimmings, there will be amusements for young and old. So let's all go, take a friend, and have an enjoyable afternoon.

The Gift Bar will have a large selection of homemade gifts for your Christmas shopping. Another booth will have mail box and house markers on display for anyone who wants to order one. Also the quilt that the Fire Sirens hand quilted will be on display and will be presented during the afternoon.

At the Fire Sirens' regular meeting Wednesday, August 3, Election of officers was held and Vange Murphy, president; Helen Graybill, vice-president, and Esther Hullum, secretary-treasurer were duly elected for the year starting September 1. Secretary Millie Campbell announced that the Sirens have three new members, Genevieve Duke, Mrs. Jack H. High of Seattle and Ila Sherman from the district.

While the hostesses: Sophia Bungdahl, Myrtle Stuller and Vange Murphy were preparing lunch before the meeting there were Oh's and Ah's as each member brought in her gifts for the Gift Bar and put them on display for the members to see.

The gift committee, Vyora Anderson, Mary Warner, Florence Overum and Alice Tedford, will meet at Vyora Anderson's home Wednesday, August 10 at 12:30 to label. All Sirens who haven't turned in their articles, please contact Vyora.

The Sirens would like to thank Pete Jensen, Cliff Fosse and the Koester Electric for their helping hand; also they wish to thank Mr. Timberlake of Utsalady for his \$25.00 donation, and Mr. and Mrs. Schnaitter of Dallas, Texas, who have been visiting the Freers, for their \$25 donation.

Next regular meeting will be September 7, with the outgoing officers: Millie Campbell, Elsie Freer and Alice Tedford as hosts.



SEPT. 1955

The beginning of the Community Hall and Fire Station

# Piscatorial Epicures and Other Ordinary Gourmets Present at Big Salmon Barbecue



Twin City News Photo by Cliff Olson

## LINED UP FOR SERVICE

By Grant B. Freer

Under sunny skies of a typical August day the Madrona Fire Sirens of Camano island, held their third annual salmon barbecue at the beautiful picnic grounds of the Camp Grande resort Sunday, August 14.

Although a complete check has not been made as of this writing, it is conservatively estimated that nearly seven hundred enjoyed the dinner that is typical of this wonderful Puget Sound country.

Six hundred and two pounds of prime king salmon were barbecued in open pits over a smoldering fire of green alder wood and served piping hot with generous servings of escalloped potatoes, cabbage salad, rolls and coffee and homemade apple pie.

The diners were served cafeteria style on paper plates which were carried to picnic tables under the spreading trees. The salmon was barbecued under the personal direction of Bert Carlson of LaConner, who officiated at the two previous dinners. Mrs. Carlson was present with her delicious salmon sauce, made according to a secret formula that brings out every delicate flavor

of the fish.

Profiting from the experience of the past two years, President Alice Tedford of the Fire Sirens and her able lieutenant, Vangie Murphy, did a wonderful job of organizing the dinner and carrying it through to such a fine success. They, and every member of the Fire Sirens are to be congratulated. The net receipts will add materially to the building fund for the fire and community hall that is now under construction at Madrona Beach.

During the dinner, which was served from 12 o'clock to 3:30, other attractions held the interest of the visitors.

The patch work quilt was presented to Mrs. Harry Richards of Seattle and Madrona Beach. The quilt was really a work of art and many hours of labor went into its making by a committee of the Fire Sirens.

And now for a word of praise and thanks from President Alice Tedford to the many people whose loyal and unstinting efforts made the barbecue dinner the most successful so far.

Assisting Bert Carlson in the preparation of the salmon at the barbecue pits were Tex Hullum,

## HAPPY AT THE BANQUET TABLE

Spud Murphy and Bill Tedford. Andy Anderson and Walt Foote served the salmon. Assisting Alice Tedford and Vangie Murphy in the kitchen were Mabel Baker, Ruth Jarrett, Mildred Phillips, Millie Campbell, Esther Hullum, Helen Sandberg, Helen Graybill, Nelda Sandberg, Elsie Christy, Carrie Collins, Mattie Myers, Kate Bowers, Clara Hundertmark and Mrs. Bert Carlson. Operating the gift bar were Mary Warner, Vyora Anderson and Florence Ovrum, while Grace Markell and Harriett Lynn had charge of the quilt and post box marker booth. Ray Katzenberger, Otis Marchmann and R. L. Myers had charge of the entertainment. Elsie Freer had charge of all ticket sales. On the picnic grounds she was assisted in that work by Joel Lynn and Grant Freer. Roy Campbell took up the tickets at the kitchen and he was relieved at times by Ray Phillips.

The parking problem was handled in a most admirable way by Don Graybill and Bud Lynn.

Additional donations for the new fire and community hall were announced. Helen Bates sent in a check for \$50.00, one-half of the amount to the memory of her late husband, Norman F. Bates, who was a long-time leader in community service work for Camano island. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Erickson gave a check for \$25.00 and Mrs. Jim Esary, \$5.00.

Members of the Fire Sirens and their husbands rendered many other services, but all combined in a splendid cooperative effort to make the dinner a success and President Alice Tedford is deeply grateful to them and wishes to express her thanks to everyone.

It was right at the stroke of nine o'clock Tuesday morning, August 30th when the first load of ready-mixed cement was delivered to the site of the new fire and community hall at Madrona Beach, by the Arlington Sand & Gravel Company. Within the next five hours, the forms for the new building were filled and ready to set. It was a momentous occasion for the Fire Sirens and the crew of men who have worked so faithfully to fulfill the hopes and dreams of many years.

Next will come the actual construction of the building itself and it is hoped that sufficient funds will be available through donations and the monies earned by the Fire Sirens through their annual salmon barbecue dinners and other projects to carry the work through to completion.

The Fire Sirens and those who did the work on the footing and cement work are deeply grateful to the Arlington Sand & Gravel Company for their splendid co-operation and the generous donation they made in the price given on the cement, because of its being a non-profit community enterprise.

Those who worked on the pouring of the cement were Andy Anderson, who is in charge of the work, Roy Campbell, Don Graybill, Charlie Bergdahl, Joel Lynn, Ray Phillips, Walt Foote, Ed. Stuller and Grant Freer.

Members of the Fire Sirens had a delightful surprise for the workers when they appeared during the morning with cooling drinks and at noon with sandwiches, coffee, cup cakes and a lovely birthday cake in honor of the birthday on Tuesday of Vyora Anderson. Furnishing the refreshments were Millie Campbell, Mildred Phillips, Harriet Lynn, Grace Markell and Elsie Freer. As the work progresses there will be ample opportunity for other groups of Fire Sirens to provide refreshments for workers.

## SEPTEMBER 29, 1955

### FIRE SIRENS TO MEET

The next meeting of the Madrona Beach Fire Sirens will be at 1:00 p. m. Wednesday, October 5, in the Phillips cabin. An issue of importance will come up and a large attendance is urged. Also the Sirens have several Christmas gift suggestions. New members are most welcome.

## OCTOBER 27, 1955

### SIRENS PLAN TO

#### MEET ON NOVEMBER 2

The next meeting of the Madrona Beach Fire Sirens will be held Wednesday, November 2, at 1:30 in the Phillips cabin. We are hoping for a large attendance as this will be the last meeting until February.

We welcomed three new members, Mrs. Alicia Forbes, Mrs. Doris Cloud and Mrs. Adeline Schaffler to our auxiliary. New members and guests are always welcome.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

Madrona Beach Fire Sirens will meet Wednesday, December 7 in the Phillips cabin. Instead of the usual meeting there will be a Christmas party for members and friends. A 12:00 o'clock luncheon is planned, and a gift exchange not to exceed 40¢. Reservations should be made by December 1, and not later than Dec. 3, by calling Vangie Murphy at WC 2252.

Happy Thanksgiving to each and every one who so generously contributed to the Fire Sirens' project of building a fire hall. A special thanks to the Twin City News for all the fine publicity received in the past year.

## MARCH 1, 1956

### FIRE SIRENS ISSUE

#### CALL FOR MARCH 7TH

The Madrona Beach Fire Sirens will meet Wednesday, March 7 at 1:30 in the Phillips cabin.

It is imperative for all members to attend as the agenda consists of important topics such as the salmon barbecue, quilting bee etc. We need ideas and suggestions from everyone interested in their community.

Mrs. Albertina Sandberg, Mrs. Mays and Nelda Sandberg will be the hostesses.

## MARCH 29, 1956

### FIRE SIRENS TO MEET

The Madrona Beach Fire Sirens will meet Tuesday, April 3, in the Phillips cabin. Dessert will be served at 1:30. Hostesses will be Rose Gerdes, Elsie Freer, and Shirley Lynn. General meeting at 2:00 o'clock.

## APRIL 26, 1956

### FIRE SIRENS ANNOUNCE DESSERT LUNCHEON

The Madrona Fire Sirens will meet Wednesday, May 2 in the Phillips cabin for a 1:30 dessert luncheon; hostesses are Carrie Collins, Ruth Jarrett and Mattie Meyers.

In the business meeting which will begin at 2 o'clock, plans for the annual Salmon Barbecue will be made. No definite date had been set, but members are working enthusiastically to make it a bigger and better dinner than ever before. Proceeds will be

used to complete the fire station. Anyone living in Fire District No. 4 is especially welcome as a member or guest, and an invitation is extended to all those interested.

Madrona Beach Fire Sirens will meet Wednesday, June 6, in the Phillips cabin for a 1:30 luncheon, a business meeting to follow at 2:00 o'clock.

At last month's meeting there was much excitement as each member brought in her gifts for the gift bar and put them on display for members to see and model some of the many styles of aprons. This month's meeting will be more interesting as the ladies come up with more clever ideas for the gift bar, to be sold at the salmon barbecue August 12.

A portable grill was donated for a bingo prize by Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Richardson, owners of Viewland Super Market and Lockers in Seattle, who have a summer home at Rockaway

## JUNE 28, 1956

### Maple Grove Now Part Of Fire District No. 4 By Grant B. Freer

Fire Commissioners Ray Phillips, M. J. Murphy and Charles Jarrett, of Island County Fire Protection District No. 4, the Madrona Beach area on Camano Island, have been officially notified that the Maple Grove district, whose property owners recently petitioned to become a part of District No. 4, is now a legal part of the district.

The petition for annexation filed with the Island County Commissioners several weeks ago by Auditor Joe Libbey, was duly examined and approved as of June 4th, and a copy of the annexation order was filed with the County Assessor Carl Mecklenberg.

Property owners in the annexed area will pay a four mill tax levy toward the operation of the volunteer fire department, now operated by District No. 4, the same as is now being paid by property owners in the original district. However, due to the fact that the tax rolls for 1957 are now being prepared, the four mill tax levy will not appear on the tax statements for property owners in the annexed area until 1958.

The annexed area includes the Maple Drive district, the community at Old Utsalady Point, and the area east of the present district as far south as Smith's corner, to meet the western boundary line of Fire Protection District No. 6, which extends down the center of the ridge of Camano Island.



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**JULY 26, 1956**

**FIRE SIRENS MEET TO DISCUSS BARBECUE PLANS**

Madrona Beach Fire Sirens will meet Wednesday, August 1 at 1:30 p. m. in the Phillips cabin. Hostesses will be Myrtle Stuller, Carrie Lockridge and Myrtle Van Cise.

This being the last meeting before the salmon barbecue on Sunday, August 12 and election of officers it is important that all members and friends interested in Fire District No. 4 attend, as there are a few last minute details to be discussed, also donations for the Bingo table, items for the gift booth and services offered will be greatly appreciated.

Individual bags of sugar for the barbecue were donated by the U. & I Sugar Co.

**JULY 5, 1956**

**MADRONA FIRE SIRENS TO HAVE DESSERT LUNCHEON**

The Madrona Beach Fire Sirens will meet Wednesday, July 11 in the Phillips cabin with a 1:30 dessert luncheon, business meeting to follow at 2 o'clock. Hostesses are Millie Campbell, Mildred Phillips and Eleanor Erickson.

Residents of the district that recently petitioned to become part of fire district No. 4 are especially welcome as guests or members. There will be a sign "Siren" in front of the Phillips cabin, or call Vangie Murphy, W.C. 2252 or Helen Graybill, Camano 316 for more information.

**AUGUST 9, 1956**

**FIRE SIRENS SALMON DERBY THIS SUNDAY, 12TH**

All arrangements have now been virtually completed for the 4th annual salmon barbecue dinner to be held Sunday, August 12, at the picnic grounds of the Camp Grande resort on Camano island. The dinner is being sponsored by the Fire Sirens, Women's Auxiliary to the Madrona Volunteer Fire Department, and the net proceeds will go toward the new fire and community hall at Madrona Beach, now under construction.

Over six hundred pounds of king salmon will be barbecued in open pits near the kitchen on special metal racks over hot alder wood coals, and served piping hot with escalloped potatoes, cabbage salad, home made rolls, with coffee, and home made apple pie. Barbecued salmon, properly done, is a delicacy fit for the most exacting epicure.

Spud Murphy will supervise the barbecuing process, assisted by Tex Hullum and other members of the fire department. Mr. and Mrs. Burt Carlson of LaConner, who have helped with former dinners are expected to be present.

Vangie Murphy is chairman of the dinner committee. She will be assisted by Harriet Lynn, Kate Bower, Bess Katzenberger, Millie Campbell and Elsie Freer. Doris Cloud and Jean Smith will have charge of the coffee urn, and additional workers in the kitchen will be drawn from the auxiliary membership.

The picnic grounds at Camp Grande provides plenty of parking space, ice cold pop will be available on the grounds and a gutt bar with all kinds of aprons and fancy work will be in charge of Vyora Anderson and Florence Ovrum.

The dinner will be served from

we want the scores of people who attended our annual Salmon Barbeque last Sunday at Camp Grande to know how deeply we appreciate their kind support of the venture; we also want to sincerely thank all those fine men and women who gave so generously of their time in looking after the many tasks necessary to succeed.

It was a great day — the weather, the salmon and the merriment which prevailed. Again with thanks  
Madrona Fire Sirens  
By Vangie Murphy, President

## Sirens Bar B Q Salmon Sunday Mecca For Many

More than six hundred enjoyed the fourth annual Salmon Barbecue dinner Sunday afternoon at the Camp Grande picnic grounds.

The dinner was prepared and served by the Fire Sirens, ladies auxiliary to the Volunteer Fire department of Camano island. The net proceeds of their many activities are largely providing the necessary funds for the new fire and community building at Madrona Beach, now under construction.

Six hundred and twenty-eight pounds of king salmon were barbecued in special metal frames over hot alder wood coals in an open pit near the community kitchen. This work was done by M. J. Murphy, Bert Wick, Tex Hullum, C. A. Smith and Kendon Smith, under the supervision of Bert Carlson of La Connor.

Mrs. Carlson sent a large quantity of her special barbecue sauce that brings out the tantalizingly delicate flavor of properly barbecued salmon.

The serving began at 12:00 o'clock under the direction of Vangie Murphy, president of the Fire Sirens. Assisting Mrs. Murphy were Helen Graybill, Harriet Lynn, Kate Bowers, Ruth Jarrett, Helen Sandberg, Millie Campbell, Elsie Freer, Arvilla and Harry Walker, Doris Cloud and her husband, Jean Smith, Adelaide Scheffler, Mattie Meyers, and Bess Katzenberger. Andy Anderson and Walt Foote cut the salmon.

Ray Katzenberger, Lawrence Rhodes and Ray Phillips, operated a bingo game and splendid music was given during the afternoon by Mrs. Zona McConnell and her accordion band.

The gift booth was under the direction of Vyora Anderson, Mary Warner and Florence Ovrum, while Mildred Phillips and Carrie Wang took care of the quilt and silver booth.

Last Sunday was one of the hottest days so far this summer, and the ice cold pop tent, operated by Joel Lynn, surely did a thriving business.

Parking of cars was handled by Don Graybill, Gene Lund, Bud Lynn and Andy Dionne. Ed Stuller and Grant Freer sold tickets.

The dinner was a complete success and the proceeds will practically assure that the walls and roof for the new building will be completed before winter. Work on the hall will be resumed next weekend.



Shown above are a few of the patrons of Ray Katzenberger's Bingo game at the recent Camano Island Fire Sirens' Annual Salmon Barbecue, held at the picnic grounds at Noel's Camp

Grande. Turning to face the camera, while seated at the table, is Mrs. Carrie Collins, in her first public appearance since her recent hospitalization.

## Fire Sirens to Barbecue Salmon At Camp Grande

The many people in the north Puget Sound country who will enjoy the now famous salmon barbecue dinner that will be given Sunday, Aug. 12, at the Camp Grande picnic grounds on Camano Island, will have a special musical treat, one that has not been given before.

Mrs. Zona McConnell of Madrona Beach, Camano Island's well-known music teacher, will have her accordion band on the grounds to provide music during the dinner. They will give a program of popular Scandinavian music as well as other pieces, and two young singers, Dianna and Susan Ballard, will entertain with the songs "He" and "Hot Diggety."

Playing in the accordion band will be Karen Anderson, Marie Laan, Mary Ellen Hegeberg, Audrey Hage, Vera Grove, Kathryn Klingenberg, Sandy Christenson and Sandra McMains. Mrs. McConnell will be the accompanist.

The dinner is being given by the members of the Fire Sirens, the hard working Ladies Auxiliary to the Madrona Volunteer Fire Department, together with the active support of their husbands. The net proceeds will go toward construction of a new fire and community hall. This money will go far toward completing the walls and roof of the building before winter.

## Annual Barbecue Draws Big Crowd

CAMANO ISLAND — More than 600 men, women and children from Camano Island, the Twin Cities and a number from far-away places participated in the fourth annual salmon barbecue dinner Sunday afternoon, Aug. 12, in Camp Grande picnic grounds on Camano Island.

The dinner was prepared and served by the Fire Sirens, Ladies Auxiliary to the Volunteer Fire Department of Camano Island Fire Protection District No. 4.

Six hundred twenty-eight pounds of prime king salmon were purchased at La Connor last Saturday morning, fresh from the water, and were barbecued in special metal frames over hot alderwood coals in an open pit near the community kitchen. This work was done by M. J. Murphy, Bert Wick, Tex Hullum, C. A. Smith and Kendon Smith, under the supervision of Bert Carlson of La Connor.

The serving was under the direction of Vangie Murphy, president of the Fire Sirens. Assisting were Helen Graybill, Harriet Lynn, Kate Bowers, Ruth Jarrett, Helen Sandberg, Millie Campbell, Elsie Freer, Arvilla and Harry Walker, Doris Cloud, Jean Smith,

Adelaide Scheffler, Mattie Meyer and Bess Katzenberger. Andy Anderson and Walt Foote cut the salmon.

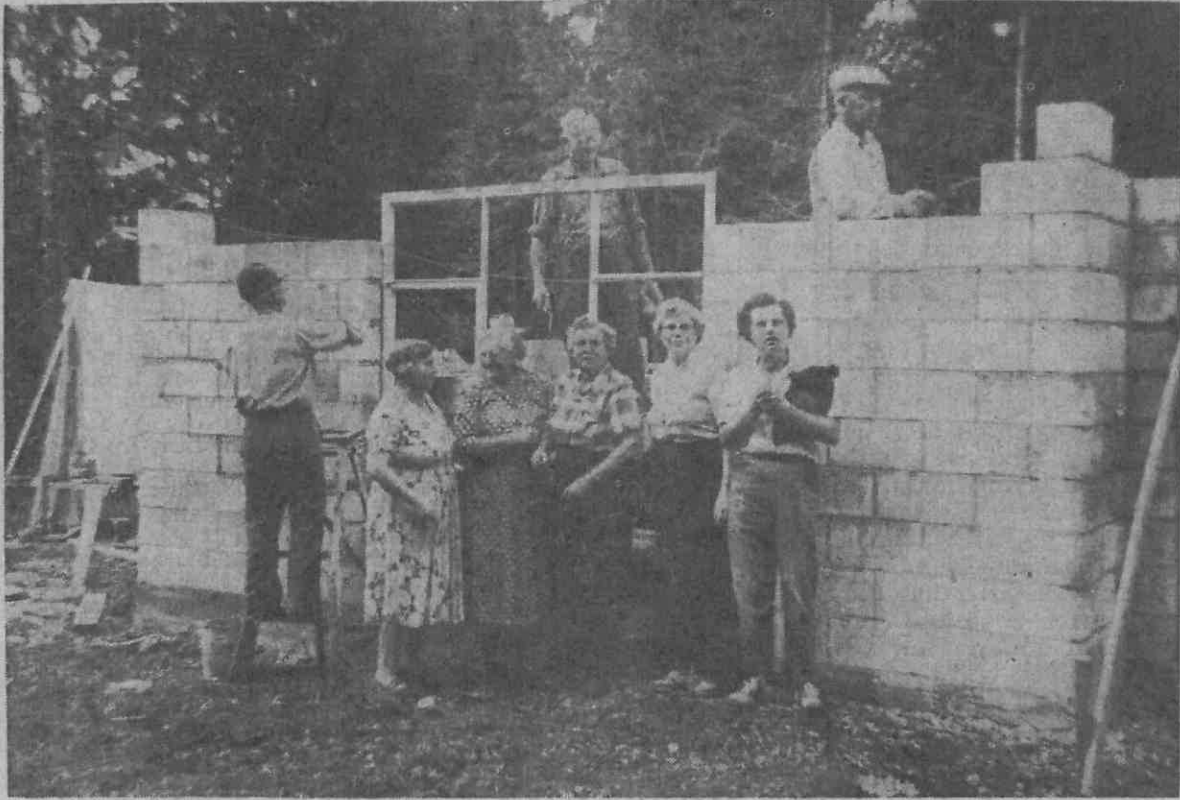
Near the kitchen, specially prepared booths displayed a wide variety of fancy work. For entertainment, Ray Katzenberger, assisted by Lawrence Rhodes, Albert Sarberg and Ray Phillips, operated games and music was furnished by Mrs. Zona McConnell and members of her accordion band.

The gift booth was under the direction of Vyora Anderson, Mary Warner and Florence Ovrum, while Mildred Phillips and Carrie Wang took care of the quilt and silver booth. Joel Lynn served pop.

Parking was handled by Don Graybill, Gene Lund, Bud Lynn and Andy Dionne. Ed Stuller and Grant Freer sold tickets and Ray Campbell took the tickets at the kitchen.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1956

## Madrona Residents Banded Together in the Building of a Fire Hall and Community Center



—Photo by Spud Murphy

One of the really great community projects in this part of the state is the new fire and community hall being built at Madrona Beach by the residents of the community and others from as far away as Seattle who have become enthused with the effort.

The hall is a project started by the Fire Sirens, an auxiliary to the Madrona Protective Fire District No. 4 and represents a group of women bound together with a dynamic purpose intent on bettering the cultural and protective features of the district. The project is a big one and requires a great deal of money and free labor, both of which have been received in generous proportions. The annual barbecue has been a chief source of revenue.

The building is being constructed of pumice stone blocks on a lot donated by Heinie Sandberg, contiguous to the garage operated by Fire Chief Andy Dionne. Adjoining property has also been made available for parking purposes and Clinton Parker, owner and operator of the Madrona Beach Resort has promised to bulldoze and level off the site as a part of his free contribution.

As you can see from the above picture taken by Spud Murphy the walls are rapidly taking form

with the many willing workers, several of whom are skilled artisans. The front of the building will be 34 feet wide and extend to a depth of 75 or more feet, Mr. Murphy said.

The plumbing has all been roughed in and the appointments will be completely modern from the kitchen to the rest rooms where every convenience will be provided, Mr. Murphy declared. The work is being done by Leland Anderson, plumber of East Stanwood.

The building will be electrically heated and the work will be done by the Koester Electric company, at a price which will save the department many hundreds of dollars. This kind of heating is a real convenience and will be an additional safeguard against accidental fires.

Aluminum sash will be used. The sash was furnished at a very special price by the Fenton Iron Works of Seattle due to the fact that the building is being erected as a community project, Mr. Murphy revealed.

When finished the building should represent an investment upwards of \$20,000. It will be large enough to house two fire trucks, besides providing a recreation hall or auditorium for

public gatherings. The roof will be of 2-inch tongue and groove.

Andrew Anderson, a well known contractor and builder, residing in the community, has had complete charge of the work and has "certainly been doing a wonderful job," Mr. Murphy said. Mr. Anderson knows just what should be done and everyone willingly follows his instructions, anxious for the time when the building will be completed and ready for the grand opening.

The workmen don't go hungry. Each noon when the work is going on a group of Sirens are present and serve a hot lunch. The ladies you see in front of the building were on hand for this purpose and are left to right, Mrs. Ole Ovrum, Mrs. Grant Freer, Mrs. Andrew Anderson, Mrs. Joel Lynn and Mrs. Spud Murphy, who just retired as president of the Sirens.

The men at work are (standing below), Joel Lynn, and above (1 to r) Ray Phillips and Mons Eichanger, a brick layer. Another bricklayer, active on the project at odd times is Lou Broten, a man 80 years old. Mr. Broten declares a man is only as old as he feels, and apparently he doesn't feel his 80 years.

# Fire Sirens Slate Salmon Barbecue For This Sunday

CAMANO ISLAND — Arrangements have now been virtually completed for the 4th annual Salmon Barbecue dinner to be held Sunday from noon until 3:30 p.m. at the picnic grounds of the Camp Grande resort on Camano Island.

The dinner is being sponsored by the Fire Sirens, the Women's Auxiliary to the Madrona Volunteer Fire Department, and the net proceeds will go toward the new fire and community hall at Madrona Beach, now under construction.

More than 600 pounds of prime king salmon will be barbecued in open pits near the kitchen on special metal racks over hot alderwood coals, and served piping hot with scalloped potatoes, cabbage salad, home-made rolls, with coffee, and home-made apple pie. Barbecued salmon, properly done, is a delicacy fit for the most exacting epicure, and the fame of the Fire Sirens dinners has spread far and wide.

Spud Murphy will supervise the barbecuing process, assisted by Tex Hullum and other members of the fire department. Mr. and Mrs. Burt Carlson of LaConnor, who have helped so much in former dinners, are expected to again be present and Mrs. Carlson will bring her delicious salmon barbecue sauce that is made according to a secret formula.

Vangle Murphy is chairman of the dinner committee, and she will be assisted by Harriet Lynn, Kate Bower, Bess Katzenberger, Millie Campbell and Elsie Freer. Doris Cloud and Jean Smith will have charge of the coffee urn, and additional workers in the kitchen will be drawn from the auxiliary membership.

City-Bred Farmer:

Fri., Sept. 21, 1956

## Building Bee

— BY CLARENCE DIRKS —

EL CAMANO. — When we arrived at the clearing back in the woods at near-by Madrona Beach where people of the community are banding together to build a combination fire and community hall nine or ten men already were on hand.

A cement mixer was rolling. The brick mason, Mons Eikanger, was fitting pumice stone blocks on a corner.

His co-worker, 80-year-old Bob Proton trowled mortar from a high stage.

The car ahead of me was driven by another experienced bricklayer by the name of George Gerring. After George parked and deposited a tool bag near the opening where the fire trucks will go, I became his "hod carrier," stage builder and general handy man.

The man in charge of the project is an island carpenter by the name of Andy Anderson. Like a number of others, Andy came to Camano to more or less retire — and never has been so active since. It is Andy's job to see that the two-section pumice-stone building is put together properly. That he is doing a magnificent job is confirmed by the fact more than one has said when completed the building will be the best of its kind in all Island County if not in the state.

### Publicity

Chief publicist for the project is a chap named Grant Freer. Grant writes for the Twin City News and also is

correspondent for the Everett Herald and Radio KBRC of Mount Vernon.

If the people of Madrona Beach get stuck for names for the two-part structure one side could be called "Freer Hall" and the other "Anderson Hall."

In the course of our stay the project swarmed with activity. Men who worked included Gene Lund, Charles Jarrett, Bill Edlund, Ole Ovrum, Don Graybill, Albert Sandburg, Joe Lynn, Pearl Sander, Otto Winner and Ray Phillips. But the two who carried most of the responsibility and worry were Anderson and Freer.

The last two courses of blocks were set around the community hall portion before it came time to eat.

"All through the summer," Freer said, "the ladies of the community have served food on tables under the trees. But now that cooler days are here we'll eat in a cabin donated for the purpose by Mr. Phillips."

The cabin was filled with the smell of barbecued salmon, spaghetti and meat balls, salads, hot biscuits and melted butter as the men trooped in and sat down. Each time you turned there was a lady at your elbow to refill your coffee cup or pass you a hot biscuit.

Actually, it was the biggest mid-day meal we've eaten since last Thanksgiving.

### It Lasted

The same quiet, good-natured, ready-to-pitch-in-and-help spirit prevailed all through the afternoon. When Freer saw all the work that was accomplished, he said that construction is progressing right on schedule and he expects to see the roof up before the heavy rains start.

We'll keep you informed about the dedication.

Eggs collected, 4.



FARMER.  
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SEPTEMBER 27, 1956

## FIRE HALL CONSTRUCTION ON THE WALLS COMPLETED

By Grant B. Freer

Another milestone in the construction of the new fire and community hall at Madrona Beach was passed last Saturday when the pumice block walls were completed. Now, workers and visitors can visualize just what the finished structure will be like. There was much rejoicing, with several pictures taken.

Work on the roof will be started just as soon as materials are on the grounds, and it is planned to complete the roof as quickly as possible, working every day rather than just weekends.

The campaign to raise \$3,000 from donations by residents of the fire district and others as well is now under way and it is hoped that the response will be quick and ample.

The new building, approximately forty by eight feet in size, will be more than a community hall and fire hall for the Fire Sirens and Camano Island Fire Protection District No. 4, but will be a decided asset to the entire Camano island community as a modern and well-equipped meeting place, as well as a proper housing for the splendid fire fighting equipment.

Much interest is being shown in the building by residents outside of the district and even in the Twin Cities, as several donations have already been received from these sources, and such donations will be welcomed. They will be received in the same friendly spirit in which they are given.

Checks for donations should be made out to the Fire Sirens, and mailed to Elsie Freer, secretary-treasurer, Stanwood, Wash., Rt. 1. A receipt and an expression of thanks will be sent to you.

The group of men who worked on the building last Saturday were Mons Eickanger, George Gerring, Johnnie Aalmo, Andy Anderson, Don Graybill, Harry Everett, Bert Wick, Charles Jarrett, M. J. Murphy, Ed Stuller, Ray Phillips, Joel Lynn, Gene Land and Grand Freer.

Preparing and serving the Saturday noon dinner for the workers were: Harriett Lynn, Rose Gerdes, Albertina Sandberg, Vyora Anderson, Tony Lynn, Mary Parker and Lynn Carlson.

OCTOBER 4, 1956

**MADRONA FIRE DISTRICT  
NEEDS \$3000 TO COMPLETE  
ITS NEW FIRE HALL  
By Grant B. Freer**

At the regular monthly meeting of the commissioners of Camano Island Fire Protection District No. 4, at the Ray Phillips home at Madrona Beach, Monday evening, routine business matters of importance to the district were discussed and a report was made by Secretary Grant Freer on the progress made in connection with the campaign to raise \$3,000 by donations to complete the new fire and community hall, now under construction.

The ground work for the campaign is being carefully prepared by the secretary, who was named recently by Chairman Phillips as a committee of one to do the job. The secretary told the commissioners that the indications were, from contacts already made and the whole-hearted response, that the campaign will be successful.

Although much of the \$3,000 required to complete the building, will be needed during the next few months, a considerable sum will not be needed until next spring so pledges for donations to be paid during the next six or eight months will be most acceptable. To underwrite the full sum by cash and pledges will assure that there will be no delays on the construction program. The men of the district who are doing the work, under the capable direction of Andy Anderson, are donating many hours of labor that the building may be completed but the many other residents of the district, who, for various reasons, are unable to do the actual work, can participate fully in the program by matching donated hours by donated dollars.

County Commissioner Art Moa

and Mrs. Moa visited the building during the past weekend and were most agreeably surprised at what has already been accomplished, and were warm in their praises for the excellence of the building. Residents of the district, and others as well, are invited and urged to visit the building site and see for themselves what can be done by the will to achieve through cooperative effort.

Let me repeat again that checks for donations should be made out to The Fire Sirens, and mailed to Elsie H. Freer, secretary-treasurer, Stanwood, Wash.; Route 1. It was the dream of those splendid women of the ladies auxiliary to the Madrona Volunteer Fire Department, known as The Fire Sirens, to have this fire and community hall as a place to properly house the fire fighting equipment of the district, and as a place to hold their monthly meetings and for social events for the whole community. It is the purpose of the men who are working on the building that this dream of the members of The Fire Sirens will be fully realized.

OCTOBER 11, 1956

**WORK GOING FORWARD  
ON MADRONA FIRE HALL**

According to a report by Grant Greer, secretary to the commissioners of Camano Island Fire Protection District No. 4, work on the new fire and community hall is progressing steadily, with necessary preliminary work to be done before work on the roof can be started. Freer also reported that the campaign to raise \$3,000 by donations from residents and property owners in the fire district is receiving an enthusiastic response, and an effort will be made to conclude the campaign successfully within the next six weeks.

Heading the honor roll of donors are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Erickson with a donation of \$100, Geo. Ellis \$20, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Leigh \$25, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Neale, Maple Grove resort \$100, Mrs. Ivy Esary \$25, and B. I. Bowen \$25. Mr. Freer is calling on residents as fast as he can and time permits. Donations may be sent to The Fire Sirens in care of Elsie H. Freer, secretary-treasurer,

Route 1, Stanwood.

A report on the progress of the campaign will be given each week by Secretary Freer, and a story will soon be given on the activities and training program of the men of the Madrona Volunteer Fire Department.

**Sirens Put On  
Annual Auction  
For Fire Dept.**

Invitations, both written and oral, were sent out last week to women in the Madrona Beach and Maple Grove districts to attend the annual Christmas party of the Madrona Fire Sirens at the Ray Phillips cabin on Sunset Drive on Wednesday, December 5th. The festivities began with a noon luncheon. The Fire Sirens is the Ladies' Auxiliary to the volunteer fire department for District No. 4.

There was a Christmas tree, well laden with decorations, and gifts for the gift exchange.

Other entertainment features were planned.

President Helen Graybill was general chairman for the gala event, and she was assisted by Kate Bower, Millie Campbell, Mildred Phillips and Elsie Freer. Other members were called on to help, as needed.

DECEMBER 27, 1956

**FIRE SIRENS HAVE BIG  
TIME AT YULETIDE PARTY  
By Grant B. Freer**

The annual Christmas party of the Madrona Fire Sirens, on Camano island, that was postponed two weeks ago because of a heavy snowfall and hazardous road conditions, was held yesterday afternoon at the Ray Phillips cabin on Sunset Drive.

The festivities began with a noon luncheon, followed by games and other entertainment features with a Christmas motif. The rooms and tables were gayly decorated with candles, Christmas trees and other ornaments.

At a brief business session, Otis Marckmann of Madrona Beach, gave the members detailed information about a proposed street lighting system for the Madrona Beach, Sunset Beach and Camp Lagoon area.

President Helen Graybill, who was in charge of the party, was assisted by Mildred Phillips, Millie Campbell, Elsie Freer, Alicia Forbes, and Kate Bower. Vyora Anderson acted as auctioneer in a highly entertaining novelty game where the nickel played a prominent part.

Attending the party from the Maple Grove district were Nettie Brokaw, Marguerite Leigh, Mrs. Frank Millican and a guest, Mrs. Helfer.

APRIL 11, 1957

## Fire Sirens Talk Salmon Barbecue

CAMANO ISLAND — A special luncheon meeting of the executive committee and the ways and means committee of the Madrona Fire Sirens, Camano Island, was held Thursday afternoon, Feb. 28, at the Madrona Beach home of Elsie Freer.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans and projects for the fifth annual salmon barbecue dinner and to make arrangements for the March meeting of the Fire Sirens that will be held next Wednesday afternoon, March 6, at the Ray Phillips cabin on Sunset Drive.

Because of adverse weather conditions, no meetings were held in January and February, so the members will have a full schedule of subjects to discuss. Although the exact date for the 1957 salmon barbecue has not been set, it will probably be early in August, at the Camp Grande picnic grounds, where all previous barbecue dinners have been held.

Attending the Thursday meeting were President Helen Graybill, Secretary-treasurer Elsie Freer, Kate Bower, Harriet Lynn, Mary Warner and Millie Campbell.

## Work on Community Hall at Madrona Beach Resumed on Saturdays

CAMANO Island — After a cessation of more than four months, due to winter weather, work was resumed Saturday, on the Fire and Community Hall at Madrona Beach on Camano Island.

Preparatory work was done for the setting of the metal columns in the community room, to form the supports for the construction of the roof. Except for interruptions because of rain or high winds, work on the roof will be continued each Saturday until the roofs on both sections of the building are completed. Workers in the Madrona Beach and Maple Grove districts, which comprise Fire Protection District No. 4, are urged to report for work accordingly.

Noon luncheons for the workers will also be resumed by committees of women from the Fire Si-

rens, who provide the food, which will be served near the building as weather permits. Working on the building last Saturday were Don Graybill, Albert Sandberg, Charlie Jarrett, Spud Murphy and Grant Freer, with Andy Anderson supervising the work.

## PROGRESS BEING MADE ON MADRONA HALL

Favorable week - end weather for the past three weeks have enabled the workers on the new fire and community hall at Madrona Beach, on Camano Island, to make excellent progress. Last Saturday more than half of the big rafters for the community part of the building were installed. These rafters are placed four feet apart and on them will go the two inch tongue and groove sheathing and lastly the roofing paper.

When completed, the Fire and Community Hall, about 40 by 80, with walls of pumice blocks, will be the finest public building on Camano Island, and will be a distinct credit to the workers who are donating many hours of labor to make it so.

Next week-end, work is being scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, a noon luncheon will be served at the Phillips cabin by a committee of women from The Fire Sirens. Because of the traditional Sunday dinner, usually in the afternoon, no luncheon will be served at noon, but the girls will have a coffee break with cookies between ten and ten-thirty in the morning.

Workers last Saturday included Andy Anderson, Otto Christenson, Ray Phillips, Roy Campbell, Dee Blackburn, Joel Lynn, Billy Sandberg, Don Graybill and Grant Freer. Providing the noon luncheon were Sophia Bergdahl, Millie Campbell, and Grace Dionne, with Vyora Anderson assisting with the serving.

## Madrona Fire Sirens Hold 1st '57 Meeting

CAMANO ISLAND — The first regular meeting of the Madrona Fire Sirens for 1957 was held Wednesday afternoon, in the Ray Phillips cabin on Sunset Drive, with President Helen Graybill presiding. The business session was preceded by a 1:30 luncheon, followed by a social period.

The group discussed and approved the actions taken by the officers and committee chairmen at a special meeting held at the home of Secretary Elsie Freer Feb. 28th. Additional plans were discussed for the 5th annual salmon barbecue dinner that will be held in August at the Camp Grande picnic grounds, on Camano Island.

It was also decided that the group have a rummage sale in Stanwood, probably in the Bailey Building, for Friday and Saturday, May 24th and 25th, as one of their several projects to raise money to help build the Madrona Fire Hall, which will house the Volunteer Fire Department's fire fighting equipment with an added community hall.

APRIL 25, 1957

## MADRONA FIRE HALL RAPIDLY TAKING SHAPE By Grant B. Freer

What may well be one of Camano Island's largest and most important community enterprises is the construction of the Fire and Community Hall at Madrona Beach. The building is roughly 40 by 80 feet in size, with the walls of pumice blocks, and the fire hall is large enough to accommodate two fire trucks as well as all necessary equipment and the community hall will provide an excellent and much-needed place for group meetings as well as a home for the Madrona Fire Sirens.

Work on the building has been going on now for two years and it is a remarkable fact that practically all of the labor has been donated. The money to buy materials is being provided by the Fire Sirens, through their annual salmon barbecue dinners and other activities, by fire district No. 4, and by donations.

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## Site for Picnics

After several rainy days last week, lasting right up to Saturday, the following day, Sunday, turned out favorably for the big St. Cecilia parish party that was held at the picnic grounds of the Camp Grande resort on Camano Island. Nearly 500 people, most of them from Seattle, enjoyed a great picnic lunch at noon, followed by an interesting program of entertainments and other features, including a carnival and pony rides for the children. The fishing boat and outboard motor, that was one of the outstanding attractions, were awarded Walter Standaert, Stanwood business man.

Next Sunday, August 7, Camp Grande will play host to a large group from the Moose Lodge, with the greatest number coming from Seattle. Then, the following Sunday, Aug. 14, the Madrona Fire Sirens will have their third annual salmon barbecue at the picnic grounds.

Dinner will be served from 12 o'clock until 3:30. Vangie Murphy is chairman of the dinner committee and she reports that 600 pounds of prime salmon will be barbecued in pits closely adjacent to the kitchen. As in past years, it is expected that many people will come early to see the process of barbecuing salmon, which is very similar to the method employed for hundreds of years by Puget Sound Indians.

In connection with the salmon dinner, members of the Fire Sirens will have a novelty and gift bar, with many useful articles, many of them home-made, that will make excellent birthday, wedding anniversary and Christmas gifts. The net proceeds of the dinner and gift bar will be added to the building fund for the fire and community hall at Madrona beach that is now under construction.

## Annual Barbecue Draws Big Crowd

CAMANO ISLAND — More than 1,000 people, including men, women and children from all over the island, the Twin Cities and other places, gathered in large numbers from far-away places to participate in the fourth annual salmon barbecue dinner at the picnic grounds on Camp Grande, Aug. 12, in the afternoon.

The dinner was prepared and served by the Fire Sirens, Ladies Aid and the Volunteer Fire Department of Camano Island Fire Protection District No. 4.

Over two hundred twenty-eight pounds of king salmon were purchased at La Conner last Saturday morning, fresh from the water, and were barbecued in special frames over hot alderwood fires in an open pit near the community kitchen. This work was done by M. J. Murphy, Bert Wick, Helen Hullum, C. A. Smith and Ken Smith, under the supervision of Carl Carlson of La Connor.

Serving was under the direction of Vangie Murphy, president of the Fire Sirens. Assisting were Helen Graybill, Harriet Kate Bowers, Ruth Jarrett, Sandberg, Millie Campbell, Grant Freer, Arvilla and Harry Doris Cloud, Jean Smith,

## On Camano Island

CAMANO ISLAND — Another important milestone in the construction of the new fire community hall at Madrona Beach, Camano Island, was reached Thursday of this week when the forms above the great doors in the fire hall were filled with steel and cement. It is this section of the front wall that will carry the weight of the two big doors and there was great satisfaction to the workers when this job was completed.

Nine thousand feet of two-by-six tongue and groove lumber for the roof has been delivered by the Hamilton Lumber Co. in Stanwood, and, as soon as the timbers and rafters arrive, which should be within the next few days, work on the roof will be started. The roof will be covered with strong roofing material and cemented down. The roof in both the fire hall and the community hall will be supported by strong columns. As soon as the work on the roof is started it will be pushed to completion as quickly as possible.

Workers who donated their labor last week and last Thursday include Andy Anderson, who is in charge of the work; Ray Phillips, Roy Campbell, Bill Edlund, George Thompson, "Red" Rhinésmith, Ole Ovrum, Joel Lynn, Art Sherman, Carl Smith, Charlie Parker and Grant Freer.

The campaign to raise \$3,000 from property owners of Fire Protection District No. 4 by donations, under the direction of Secretary Freer, is receiving general approval and the total amount required will eventually be donated.

## Work Party Stated For This Saturday

CAMANO ISLAND — With roofing and other necessary materials now on hand, the work on the fire and community hall at Madrona Beach, on Camano Island, is now progressing steadily, with volunteer workers on the job every day that weather conditions permit.

Much preliminary work that had to be done prior to the actual construction of the roof is being completed this week, and Andy Anderson who is directing the building operations, is calling for a big work party for Saturday, Nov. 3.

Workers who have donated their labor for Wednesday and Thursday of this week include Andy Anderson, Ray Phillips, Roy Campbell, Bill Edlund, Ed Stuller, Ole Ovrum, George Thompson and Grant Freer.

Members of The Fire Sirens, who furnished hot noon luncheons for the workers were Millie Campbell, Mildred Phillips and Elsie Freer. Harriet Lynn will have charge of the luncheon for Friday and Vangie Murphy for Saturday, when the work will be continued, weather permitting.

## Camano Fire Hall Work Progressing

CAMANO ISLAND — According to a report by Grant Freer, secretary to the commissioners of Camano Island Fire Protection District No. 4, work on the new fire and community hall is progressing steadily, with necessary preliminary work to be done before work on the roof can be started.

Freer also reported that the campaign to raise \$3,000 by donations from residents and property owners in the fire district is receiving an enthusiastic response, and an effort will be made to conclude the campaign successfully within the next six weeks.

Heading the honor roll of donors are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Erickson with a donation of \$100, with George Ellis, \$20, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Leigh, \$25, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Neale, Maple Grove resort, \$100, Mrs. Ivy Esary, \$25, and B. I. Bowen, \$25. Freer is calling on residents as fast as time permits. Donations may also be sent to Elsie H. Freer, secretary-treasurer of the Fire Sirens, Madrona Beach, Route 1 Stanwood. Checks should be made out to the Fire Sirens.

A report on the progress of the campaign will be given each week

## Party Next Tuesday

CAMANO ISLAND — The annual Christmas party of the Madrona Fire Sirens of Camano Island that was postponed last Wednesday because of the snowstorm will be held Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 12:30 p.m.

The party will be held in the Ray Phillips guest cabin on Sunset Drive at Madrona Beach. President Helen Graybill and members of her committee, Mildred Phillips, Kate Bower, Millie Campbell and Elsie Freer are urging everyone who originally planned to attend the party to be present.

Esther Hullum will have charge of the exchange of gifts at the Christmas tree, and Vyora Anderson will act as auctioneer for variety of useful and ornamental articles.

## Madrona Fire Sirens Hold Christmas Party

CAMANO ISLAND — The annual Christmas party of the Madrona Fire Sirens, postponed two weeks ago, was held Tuesday in the Ray Phillips cabin on Sunset Drive.

Festivities began with a noon luncheon, followed by games and other entertainment features with a Christmas motif. The rooms and tables were decorated with candles, Christmas trees and other ornaments.

At a brief business session Otis Marckmann, of Madrona Beach, gave the members data information about a proposed street lighting system for the Madrona Beach, Sunset Beach and Camp Lagoon area.

President Helen Graybill, who was in charge of the party, assisted by Mildred Phillips, Millie Campbell, Elsie Freer, Arvilla Forbes, and Kate Bower. Vyora Anderson acted as auctioneer for a high entertaining novelty game, where the nickel played a prominent part. Attending the party from the Maple Grove district were, Nettie Brokaw, Margus Leigh, Mrs. Frank Millican and guest, Mrs. Helfer.

Musical sands cover a bay near the small port of Oqali, the Persian Gulf coast of Saudi Arabia. The sands just at highwater mark make a whistling sound at every footstep.

MAY 9, 1957

The Fire Sirens had their meeting Wednesday afternoon. They had a fairly nice turnout. The major portion of the meeting was devoted to planning for the rummage sale being held May 23rd and 24th in the Teijen Building in East Stanwood. Mildred Phillips is chairman of the foods. Sandwiches and pie are going to be served. Any donations for the rummage sale can be dropped off at Millie Campbell's. And if anyone can't bring their things if they would call Camano 316 arrangements will be made to pick them up.

MAY 23, 1957

# **FIRE SIRENS PLANNING BIG FOR RUMMAGE SALE**

The rather depleted treasury of the Madrona Fire Sirens, on Camano Island, that has provided the greater part of the funds for the building of the new fire and community hall at Madrona Beach, will receive the proverbial shot in the arm next Thursday and Friday, May 23rd and 24th, when the Sirens hold their big rummage sale at the Tietjen Electric store in East Stanwood.

Plans for the sale are complete with a wide variety of dresses, blouses, coats and suits for women, and suits, coats, hats, shorts, shoes, etc., for men, and baby clothes in abundance. There will also be large selection of knick-knacks, dishes, and kitchen utensils. Sandwiches, pie, cake, potato salad and coffee will be served from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Many hours have been spent by members of the Fire Sirens to rehabilitate the various items of clothing to make them saleable and attractive, at very reasonable prices. The net proceeds of this sale will go far toward providing the necessary materials to complete the building.

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MAY 30, 1957

# **Madrona Fire Hall Fast Taking Form**

(Contributed)

The construction crew of the Madrona Fire District No. 4 is driving again on weekends to finish the community hall and fire station. The roof is on the hall, and about 70 per cent finished on the station.

The jovial proprietors of the Island "Stork Club," Carrie and Peanuts Collins, stepped into the breach (while the Sirens were busy with the rummage sale) and donated a seven course dinner to the crew, complete from caviar to pheasant under glass (southern style.)

Late in the afternoon as the crew was tiring one of our many backers sent a case of refreshments for the gang. After a break (not coffee) the gang found new vigor and certainly proved there is more life to Rainier.

The community is really backing the project and is showing as much enthusiasm now as when we started two years ago.

The construction crew consists of the following: superintendent, "Simon Legree" Anderson; Asst. Supt. "Silent" Freer; Shop Steward, Roy Campbell; Walking Boss, Cap Graybill; Lead Man, Otto Christensen; Crew: "Velvet Joe" Lynn and son, "Smoky Bud" Lynn; Moose Lund, Spud Murphy, Tex Hellum, Sailor Smith, Ray Phillips, Jo Jo Sheffler, Chas. Jarrett, Lonnie "Casey" Jones, Ed Stuller.

A short time after the crew finished work they played a return engagement at the restaurant and stopped a fire in the rest room; some dummy had used the facilities and dropped a cigarette in the waste basket, and started a hot blaze, but the fire crew made a nice stop and saved further damage.

JUNE 27, 1957

# **Madrona Fire Hall Across Another Lap To Its Finish**

By Grant B. Freer

Another milestone in the construction of the fire and community hall at Madrona Beach, on Camano island, was passed last Saturday when the work on the two big roofs was virtually completed.

The pumice block building, approximately 40 by 80 feet will house the community room for the Fire Sirens, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Volunteer Fire Department, and the room to house the fire truck and equipment for Island County Fire Protection District No. 4, which embraces the Madrona Beach and Maple Grove areas.

Work on the building is being done almost exclusively with donated labor by men in the district, and construction has been going on now for two years, with hopes that the building will be virtually completed by fall.

Next work to be done will be the leveling of the floors for the cement and the inside painting and initial electrical work before the cement is poured. This work will be started next Saturday, June 29th, and a crew of eight or ten men will be needed. Substantial lunches are served at noon each work day by members of the Fire Sirens. Workers during the past couple weeks have included Andy Anderson, Don Graybill, Spud Murphy, Lonnie Jones, Joel Lynn, Ray Phillips, Ray Campbell, Tex Hullum, Joe Schaeffler, Bud Lynn, Art and Elmer Sherman, and Grant Freer.

## Fire Sirens Talk Salmon Barbecue

CAMANO ISLAND — A special luncheon meeting of the executive committee and the ways and means committee of the Madrona Fire Sirens, Camano Island, was held Thursday afternoon, Feb. 28, at the Madrona Beach home of Elsie Freer.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans and projects for the fifth annual salmon barbecue dinner and to make arrangements for the March meeting of the Fire Sirens that will be held next Wednesday afternoon, March 6, at the Ray Phillips cabin on Sunset Drive.

Because of adverse weather conditions, no meetings were held in January and February, so the members will have a full schedule of subjects to discuss. Although the exact date for the 1957 salmon barbecue has not been set, it will probably be early in August, at the Camp Grande picnic grounds, where all previous barbecue dinners have been held.

Attending the Thursday meeting were President Helen Graybill, Secretary-treasurer Elsie Freer, Kate Wer, Harriet Lynn, Mary Warren and Millie Campbell.

## Madrona Fire Sirens Hold 1st '57 Meeting

CAMANO ISLAND — The first regular meeting of the Madrona Fire Sirens for 1957 was held Wednesday afternoon, in the Ray Phillips cabin on Sunset Drive, with President Helen Graybill presiding. The business session was preceded by a 1:30 luncheon, followed by a social period.

The group discussed and approved the actions taken by the officers and committee chairmen at a special meeting held at the home of Secretary Elsie Freer Feb. 28th. Additional plans were discussed for the 5th annual salmon barbecue dinner that will be held in August at the Camp Grande picnic grounds, on Camano Island.

It was also decided that the group have a rummage sale in the Baywood, probably in the Baywood building, for Friday and Saturday, May 24th and 25th, as one of their general projects to raise money to build the Madrona Fire Hall, which will house the Volunteer Department's fire fighting equipment with an added community hall.

## Work on Community Hall at Madrona Beach Resumed on Saturdays

CAMANO Island — After a cessation of more than four months, due to winter weather, work was resumed Saturday, on the Fire and Community Hall at Madrona Beach on Camano Island.

Preparatory work was done for the setting of the metal columns in the community room, to form the supports for the construction of the roof. Except for interruptions because of rain or high winds, work on the roof will be continued each Saturday until the roofs on both sections of the building are completed. Workers in the Madrona Beach and Maple Grove districts, which comprise Fire Protection District No. 4, are urged to report for work accordingly.

Noon luncheons for the workers will also be resumed by committees of women from the Fire Sirens, who provide the food, which will be served near the building as weather permits. Working on the building last Saturday were Don Graybill, Albert Sandberg, Charlie Jarrett, Spud Murphy and Grant Freer, with Andy Anderson supervising the work.

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APRIL 25, 1957

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APRIL 11, 1957

## PROGRESS BEING MADE ON MADRONA HALL

Favorable week-end weather for the past three weeks have enabled the workers on the new fire and community hall at Madrona Beach, on Camano Island, to make excellent progress. Last Saturday more than half of the big rafters for the community part of the building were installed. These rafters are placed four feet apart and on them will go the two inch tongue and groove sheathing and lastly the roofing paper.

When completed, the Fire and Community Hall, about 40 by 80, with walls of pumice blocks, will be the finest public building on Camano Island, and will be a distinct credit to the workers who are donating many hours of labor to make it so.

Next week-end, work is being scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, a noon luncheon will be served at the Phillips cabin by a committee of women from The Fire Sirens. Because of the traditional Sunday dinner, usually in the afternoon, no luncheon will be served at noon, but the girls will have a coffee break with cookies between ten and ten-thirty in the morning.

Workers last Saturday included Andy Anderson, Otto Christenson, Ray Phillips, Roy Campbell, Dee Blackburn, Joel Lynn, Billy Sandberg, Don Graybill and Grant Freer. Providing the noon luncheon were Sophia Bergdahl, Millie Campbell, and Grace Dionne, with Vyora Anderson assisting with the serving.

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## Madrona Hall Fast Taking Shape



### MANY WILLING WORKERS

The picture shown here of the Madrona Fire and Community hall depicts the building as nearing completion with the roof added last weekend. The picture was taken by Spud Murphy. Work is

continuing with many willing hands giving of their time in order to create a community center and modern fire station. It is surely a great project and one that will give the Madrona district additional prestige.

JULY 18, 1957

### Fire Sirens Discuss Their Salmon Barbecue

By Grant B. Freer

A full discussion of details of the forthcoming salmon barbecue dinner of the Madrona Fire Sirens of Camano island, was the theme of their July meeting, held Wednesday afternoon, July 10.

The big dinner will be held Sunday, August 18 at the Camp Grande picnic grounds.

President Helen Graybill is the chairman of dinner committee and will be assisted by the following sub-committees: Barbecuing the salmon, Spud and Vangie Murphy; escalloped potatoes, Millie Campbell; pies, Kate Bower; cabbage salad, Felicia Forbes, and coffee, Esther Hullum. Each sub-chairman will be assisted by a corps of helpers.

It was announced that the annual election of officers will be held at the August meeting, as the by-laws provide that the incoming officers are seated in September. The executive committee, consisting of Millie Campbell, Mary Warner and Harriet Lynn will act as the nominating committee.

The three fire commissioners, Ray Phillips, M. J. Murphy and Don Graybill attended the meeting to explain the type of lighting and heating that has been decided upon for both the community room and the fire hall. A modern type of electric heaters will be installed, with the most effective type of lighting fixtures.

The work on the new fire and community hall is progressing well and the job of leveling the ground in the community room and constructing the screed was started last Saturday. The screed is being made of two-by-fours and provides for pouring the cement floor in sections. According to Andy Anderson, in charge of the construction work, the work of pouring the cement may be started within the next week or ten days. The floor will be laid in the community room first, then the fire hall.

AUGUST 15, 1957

### Marie Ford New Siren President

By Grant B. Freer

At the regular August meeting of the Madrona Fire Sirens, on Camano island, held August 7th, Marie Ford was elected president, Ethel Goodwin, vice-president, and Jean Smith, secretary-treasurer.

The many details of the big annual salmon barbecue dinner next Sunday, August 18, at the Camp Grande picnic grounds, were discussed and everything will be in readiness. More than six hundred people are expected to attend.

Andy Dionne was named to buy more than 600 pounds of prime king salmon from commercial fishermen at LaConnor. Spud and Vangie Murphy will supervise the process of barbecuing the salmon over alder wood fires in pits near the community kitchen at the picnic grounds.

Attractive features that will be carried on during the dinner will be a bingo game with groceries as some of the prizes. The gift bar will be in charge of Vyora Anderson and Mary Warner, with Florence Ovrum in charge of the cards.

Ticket sales are in charge of Secretary Elsie Freer, assisted by Grant Freer and Roy Campbell.

AUGUST 8, 1957

## Sirens Complete Final Plans For The Barbecue

By Grant B. Freer

With the 5th annual salmon barbecue dinner of the Madrona Fire Sirens on Camano Island little more than two weeks away, preparations for the big gastronomic event are being stepped up daily, and, by next week, will be in high gear.

The date of the unusual dinner Sunday, August 18th, and will be held at the picnic grounds of the Camp Grande resort, and, if past years are any criterion, well over a hundred people will be present. Serving will begin at 12 o'clock and will continue until 3:30.

Barbecued prime king salmon, fresh from salt water, barbecued in pits near the picnic grounds, when, and served piping hot, will be the piece de resistance, with generous helpings with each serving. A special barbecue sauce, prepared from a secret recipe by Mrs. Bert Carlson, of LaConner, adds zest to the wonderful flavor of the barbecued salmon.

The art of properly barbecuing salmon has been handed down from the Puget Sound Indians of many years ago and has been developed and modernized by the white man. The great slabs of salmon are placed on metal frames over prepared pits over hot Alderwood fire and coals. Many people have an opportunity to watch the process before the dinner is served.

For the big dinner, members of the Fire Sirens, headed by President Helen Graybill, more than 50 pounds of salmon will be used, together with many quarts of the special barbecue sauce. Then there will be about 300 pounds of escalloped potatoes, 60 dozen rolls and 6 apple pies. And there will, of course, be plenty of butter and coffee.

The price of the dinner is \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children, and tickets are now being sold by members of the Fire Sirens. At the regular meeting of the Fire Sirens, which was held at the Ray Phillips cabin on Sunset Drive Wednesday, August 7th, final details of the dinner were completed.

together with escalloped potatoes, cabbage salad, hot rolls, coffee and apple pie.

Just before being served, each person signed a guest book prepared by Harriet Lynn for the occasion, with signature, residence and an occasional comment. The guest book revealed that Camano Island, the Twin Cities, Mt. Vernon, Everett, and other Puget Sound communities were well represented, with others from fifteen states of the Union, from Texas to Alaska, and from Michigan to California.

The dinner was the most successful one given by the Fire Sirens and the proceeds will help materially to further the work on the fire and community hall at Madrona Beach, now under construction.

To put on a dinner of such magnitude requires much preparation and work as well as the donation of great quantities of food from members of the Fire Sirens and their friends, but President Helen Graybill had the full cooperation of the committee members, their husbands, and members of the volunteer fire department.

The work of barbecuing the salmon, that was watched with interest by many guests, was done by Spud Murphy, Herlof Wick, Bert Wick, Mumbles McFarland and Jim Murphy. Working in the kitchen and serving the food with Mrs. Graybill were Ruth Jarrett, Alicia Forbes, Millie Campbell, Kate Bower, Edna Griffiths, Goldie Wick, Doris Cloud, Esther Hellum, Harriet Lynn, Janet Murphy, Lee McFarland, Harry and Arvilla Walker and Warren Cloud. Cutting the salmon, direct from the barbecue pit, were Andy Anderson and Kendon Smith.

Secretary Elsie Freer had charge of the tickets, with Grant Freer selling the tickets as the long line formed, and Roy Campbell taking the tickets at the kitchen.

As the people finished their dinners, many of them gathered at a bingo game that was conducted by Joe and Adelaide Scheffler

and their son, Joe, Jr., and Charlie Jarrett. Robert Scheffler and Ray Phillips also assisted. Others visited the gift bar where many novelty items, fancy needle work and feminine niceties were sold by Vyora Anderson and Mary Warner. At the booth for the Mystery Chest, the lace tablecloth and greeting cards were Carrie Wang, Mildred Phillips, Rose Gerdes and Florence Overum.

Joel Lynn, with his granddaughter, Lynn Carlson, had charge of a tent where ice cold pop was dispensed to the thirsty crowd. All during the afternoon,

Fire Chief Andy Dionne entertained the crowd with music from a fine selection of records that were greatly enjoyed. One of the most important and sometimes difficult jobs where so many automobiles are involved is the parking problem, but this was most efficiently handled by Don Graybill, Deputy Sheriff Jack Brayton, Bud Lynn and Gene Lund.

Adding greatly to the complete success of the event was the awarding of the lace tablecloth, that went to Norma Young, and the Mystery Chest that went to Mrs. Fred Strohmaier of Garfield, Wash.; also the fine cooperation of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bast, and Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, of the Camp Grande resort who made the facilities available that are so necessary for a big picnic dinner.

Because the Fire Sirens calendar year is from September 1st, the barbecue dinner is the final activity of the outgoing officers, President Helen Graybill, who was chairman of the general committee, wishes to thank all those who worked and cooperated so splendidly to make the 5th annual barbecue dinner such an outstanding success.

## Hundreds Enjoy Salmon Barbecue

By Grant B. Freer

Under warm sunny skies and in a typically beautiful Camano Island setting more than seven hundred men, women and children enjoyed the 5th annual salmon barbecue dinner of the Madrona Fire Sirens served last Sunday, August 18th, at the Camp Grande picnic grounds.

Even while the large halves of prime king salmon were being barbecued, the serving began shortly after twelve o'clock and continued until after 3:30 in the afternoon, when the last of the 600 pound of salmon was used. With the salmon went a generous serving of tangy barbecue sauce,

## ROSIE LOOMED BIG AT SALMON BARBECUE

Among the out-of-town people who were here for the annual salmon barbecue given by the Madrona Sirens August 18, was Rosie Erickson, wife and about ten or twelve other guests. According to Grant Freer the cost of tickets to Rosie ran up to better than \$19.00, or thereabouts.

Rosie packs a great fondness for fish and has made lute fish dinners in this neighborhood popular among his friends in his home city. All of which adds to the church and club projects in this part of the state. He owns considerable real estate in both towns and says he considers the Twin Cities also part of his home life and is always more than will-

## New Officers Assume Fire Sirens Duties

By Grant B. Freer

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The group made ambitious plans for future months, with a rummage sale, a plant and food sale, and a Christmas party already on the social agenda. The net proceeds of these activities will be added to the fund to help build a new fire and community hall, now under construction.

One of the members, Carrie Collins, announced that she and her husband, Wes Collins, who operate the Island Cafe at Madrona Beach, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 13th, with an open house at the Camano Island American Legion hall, from one to five in the afternoon. A special invitation was extended to the members of the Fire Sirens and their husbands to attend. Light refreshments will be served. She also announced that the Island Cafe would be closed that day.

After the business session, an enjoyed, with Marie Ford at the old-fashioned sing-song was great. The piano and Vi Anderson playing the banjo, a feature which was welcomed by the entire group.

With the next regular meeting, Wednesday, November 6th, the session will be held at the Ray Phillips cabin, on Sunset Drive. The Sirens are looking forward to the day when meetings can be held in the new community hall.

## SIRENS PLAN FIRST BUSINESS MEETING

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Volunteer Fire Department of Camano Island Fire Protection District No. 4, known as The Fire Sirens, will have their first business meeting for 1958 Tuesday, March 4th, at the Ray Phillips cabin.

Matters to be discussed will be a possible rummage sale, together with other group activities, including the annual salmon barbecue dinner.

A 1:30 luncheon will precede the business session, with Vyora Anderson, Carrie Collins and Hazel Warner on the committee. The women in the Maple Grove district are especially urged to attend and to take an active part in the group program.

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## FIRE SIRENS MEET APRIL 2

All members of the Fire Sirens, Women's Aux. of Fire District No. 4, are urged to attend the meeting on Wednesday, April 2, in Phillips' Cabin at Madrona Beach. 1:30 dessert luncheon will be served.

The final plans for the Plant and Bakery Sale will be discussed which will be in the Tietjen building in East Stanwood on Saturday, April 19th.

Plans for the rummage sale and the annual barbecue will also be taken up.

All women living in the Fire District No. 4 area are cordially invited: Utsalady Point, Maple Grove, south to Smith's corner and Woodland Beach.

Edith Spencer,  
Publicity Chairman

## CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE MADRONA FIREMEN By Grant B. Freer

All arrangements are now virtually complete for the third annual Christmas party of the Madrona Fire Sirens, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Volunteer Fire Department of Camano Island Fire Protection District No. 4, which will be Friday evening, December 13th, at the Camano Island American Legion Hall.

The party will be a potluck affair. Carrie Collins is chairman of the committee and is assisted by Marie Ford, president, Mary Pease, Mildred Phillips and Millie Campbell.

On Thursday, Fire Chief Andy Dionne will take a ten-foot Christmas tree to the hall, and the hall will be decorated in the Christmas motif.

In addition to the food for the seven o'clock dinner, the women are requested to bring a gift, not to exceed seventy-five cents in value, and the men will bring a similar gift. Gifts from the women should be suitable for men and gifts from the men suitable for women.

During the evening Christmas carols will be sung and Andy Dionne will present some interesting pictures. Members of the Fire Sirens with their husbands, from the Madrona Beach and Maple Grove districts, as well as friends of the group are cordially invited to attend.

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## PLANT AND BAKE SALE BY THE FIRE SIRENS

The Fire Sirens, women's auxiliary of the Fire District No. 4, Camano Island, will hold a bake and plant sale in the Tietjen building in East Stanwood on Saturday, April 19, it is announced by Mrs. Edith Spencer, publicity chairman.

Mrs. Helen Graybill is chairman for the bake sale and Mrs. Joe Scheffer is chairman for the plant sale.

Please call Mrs. Elsie Freer, Camano 204, for plant pick-up and Mrs. Graybill for bakery pickup.

The Fire Sirens wish to thank their many friends who stopped in for pie and coffee and bought all those fine rolls, cakes and pies as well as the petunias and mums last Saturday making their sale such a huge success.

April 19, 1958

## Madrona Fire Hall Work To Be Resumed

CAMANO ISLAND — Residents of the Madrona Beach, Camp Grande and Maple Grove districts on Camano Island, which comprise the area in the Island County Fire Protection District No. 4, will be interested to know that work on the new fire and community hall at Madrona, now under construction, may soon be resumed.

This was revealed at the March meeting of the Fire District commissioners that was held Monday evening in the home of Chairman Ray Phillips. Other commissioners present were M. J. Murphy and Don Graybill, with secretary Grant Freer.

Due to winter weather and other problems, no work has been done on the building since last August, when the roofing job was completed. The next items on the work program were those calling for the wiring of the building, to accommodate lighting and heating, and cooking in the community room, to be followed by the laying of the cement floors.

At the Monday night meeting, plans were discussed to accomplish the wiring job within the near future, and, because of the cost factor, every effort will be made, as in the past, to do as much of the work as possible with local volunteer labor.

Twenty-seven Fire Sirens were in attendance at their meeting on Tuesday May 8th. Everyone is working hard as plans for their rummage sale in June and the salmon barbecue in August progress. 5/5/58 by Alma Reynolds

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## Fire Commissioners Lay Plans for Work On Camano Fire Hall

CAMANO ISLAND — At the regular monthly meeting of the commissioners for Camano Island Fire Protection District No. 4, which was held Monday evening in the home of Ray Phillips, definite plans were discussed for the resumption of work on the new fire and community hall that has been under construction for the past two years.

## Elsa Freer Named New President Of Fire Sirens

CAMANO ISLAND — The first meeting for 1958 of the Madrona Fire Sirens of Camano Island was held at the home of Mildred Phillips, Tuesday afternoon. The business session was preceded by a luncheon, with Vyora Anderson, Hazel Warner and Carrie Collins as hostesses.

At the business session, president Marie Ford resigned because she is going away on an extended trip, and secretary-treasurer Jean Smith resigned because her work will prevent her from attending meetings for some time.

At an election of officers to fill the vacancies, Elsie Freer was elected president and Millie Campbell was selected as secretary-treasurer, to serve out the unexpired terms.

Future activities of the group came in for much discussion and it was decided to have a plant and food sale Saturday, April 19, in the Tietjen Building in East Stanwood. Committees will be named at the April meeting to handle the sale. Also, a rummage sale was discussed, with a tentative date for sometime in June. Other future activities included the annual salmon barbecue dinner that will be held sometime in August. Most of the funds thus raised by the Fire Sirens will go toward the completion of the fire and community hall.

## The Everett Daily Herald 11 Saturday, May 17, 1958 Work on Madrona Beach Fire Hall Will Be Hurried

CAMANO ISLAND — Although work on the new fire and community hall at Madrona Beach on Camano Island was recently resumed, a situation has now arisen that makes it imperative that the community section of the building be completed as soon as possible.

For several years the Fire Sirens, the Ladies Auxiliary to the volunteer fire department, have been holding their monthly meetings in the Ray Phillips guest cabin on Sunset Drive. The cabin is a fairly spacious one and was ideal for club meetings but a few days ago a buyer purchased the cabin, making it necessary for the Sirens to meet elsewhere. But the average home is not suited to a gathering of from 20 to 30 women, so the need for completing the community hall is now urgent.

However, it is expected the cement floor will be laid within the next two weeks, and it would only require the installation of windows and doors to make the big room usable. According to the commissioners every effort will be made to make the community room available to the Sirens by July.

## ISLAND FIRE SIRENS PLAN FUTURE PROGRAM

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of Camano Island Fire Protection District No. 4, was held Wednesday afternoon, May 7th, in the Phillips cabin.

The 6th Annual Salmon Barbecue dinner date was set for August 17, and will again be held at the Camp Grande picnic grounds.

They also discussed a three-day rummage sale which will be held in the Tietjen Building in East Stanwood, with the dates set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 19-21.

Sandwiches, pie and coffee will also be served along with the sale.

Net proceeds of the rummage sale and the salmon barbecue dinner will go toward the completion of the fire and community hall. It was announced that work on the building has been resumed, and that the cement floors may be laid by early June. 5/15/58

## FIRE SIRENS MEETING NOW AT CAMP GRANDE

Due to the fact that the Phillips cabin is no longer available for the Fire Sirens meetings, the folks at Camp Grande Resort very graciously offered the use of their Recreation Room. The next meeting, Wednesday, June 4th, will be held at Camp Grande, with desert lunch served at 1:30 p.m., hostesses are Albertina and Nelda Sandberg and Mabel Brawick.

After June 1st space will be available there also for storage of rummage, until it can be transferred to the Tietjen Building in East Stanwood, where the Fire Sirens will hold a Rummage Sale on June 19th, 20th and 21st. All persons having rummage for the sale are asked to either hold it for delivery to the Tietjen Building beginning June 16th, or call Elsie Freer (Cam 204) or Millie Campbell (Cam 232) for further information. May 29/58

Now in the fall—and on and on, until next June—begins once more the hectic activity in countless women's organizations that's known as a sure-fire money-raiser: the annual rummage sale. Three-line notices in the advertising columns, or brief stories on the women's page, remind sellers, givers and buyers that used clothing, shoes and a great variety of white elephants are about to change hands, to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

"And it isn't *exactly* like grabbing money out of the air," said one sales chairman, "because it's hard work, all of it. But how else could we make so much money so quickly!"

The word "rummage" I discovered by chance, has a nautical background. Originally it was "roomage," and it meant packing goods in the hold of a ship in an orderly way, so that there would be the greatest possible room. Sailors began to speak about "rummaging the hold," meaning removing and rearranging things. Then the word turned up when there was a sale of unclaimed goods at the dock. Customs house men called it a "rummage sale," and the name stuck. So now it's come to mean any sale of odds and ends; anything, in fact, that has lost its value for the original owners!

The old-time rummage sale, as most of us remember it, was usually put on by a church group. It was an institution of springtime, neatly coordinated with that busy period of house-cleaning, when discards were more willingly made because they went to a good cause. In those days the customers were the needy of the town, who were glad of the chance to buy their second-hand clothing, rather than accept it as charity. Goods were marked low, and toward the end of the day whatever was left went for less than a song. But no sale of that era ever began to pay off the church mortgage!

During the last decade, however, the rummage sale has not only acquired a new look of importance and respectability; it's become Big Business. Many groups have discovered that it's a real bonanza, raising amazingly large sums in double quick time. Price tags show more appreciation of the values offered; and buyers are no longer confined to the needy. The patterns are many, but they all add up to magic money.

One auxiliary in a large Minnesota church concentrates on one sale a year, but what a sale! The women take over a large vacant building and cram it to the eaves with contributions from several thousand church members: furniture, kitchenware, electrical equipment, as well as clothing, shoes, hats, linens, etc. The sale, week-long, opens with a one-day preview strictly for the workers and a few of their friends.



"I have picked up enough furniture, lamps and drapes to furnish several bedrooms," a friend confided. "I wouldn't miss going for anything! With most of us, it's really a year-round project. I have a place in my basement that I keep especially for collecting things to donate to the next year's sale."

The total take, she told me, has never been less than a thousand dollars, often near two thousand. And this group, untroubled by financial worries, can devote its remaining 51 weeks to carrying on its religious program.

Another group in the same city has a weekly sale in the church basement during all but the summer months. Called more elegantly a "wardrobe exchange," this project, now in its 12th year, is a business-like venture, with donors receiving three-fourths of the sale price of their articles. The women in charge examine and pass judgment on each garment before it is ticketed and hung on display. There are impressive labels in many of the suits and coats.

The prices asked are those suggested by the sellers.

Around ten thousand dollars comes into this office yearly, one quarter of which represents the churchwomen's profit. Checks mailed monthly to its patrons are a constant reminder that discarded clothes have a definite re-sale value. Most popular rack is that of evening gowns ranging in price from \$5 to \$30.

"We have school girls who come in often, bringing one gown for sale, and picking out another to take out," the exchange cashier told me. "It's really a grand way for them to have a variety of party clothes at small cost."

She stressed the fact that the turnover of clothing was steady. If things are slow to sell, their owners are asked to come and pick up the articles. But usually most of them are willing that unsold things go to the Salvation Army, Good Will, or foreign relief.

Groups other than church ones have found out that "thar's gold" in old clothes. Several thriving Girl Scout troops in a rural Minnesota district are supported, given camperships, provided uniforms and camping equipment, all with money raised at yearly spring rummage sales.

The girls' mothers started the idea during the war years, as an

excellent means of exchanging outgrown clothing, especially shoes, during rationing. They've kept it up as a community service as well as an excellent source of funds.

"Baby things, like sleepers, shoes, children's galoshes, and cotton dresses are the things most wanted," one Scout mother told me. All of us workers are especially busy during recess, because the children love to come into the auditorium to hunt for treasure on the penny table.

Women rug-makers are frequent customers at city sales, always on the hunt for precious woolen pieces to work into artistic rugs. Rubbers and tennis shoes are popular, and any baby article is swooped on by at least a dozen young mothers. One sale-made front page news recently when wives of students in the University village trailers lined up in droves for the chance to buy second-hand clothing. The cost of keeping a family clothed on a GI allowance makes such sales warmly welcome in the village.

Many odd items turn up at rummage sales. In a clubhouse being dismantled I came across an old-fashioned tin for making lady-fingers, a coffee grinder, schoolbooks of the nineties, a hand-painted china hair-receiver, a pair of jodhpurs, and box after box of unstrung beads.

I liked especially this incident: One woman, deciding to get rid once and for all of some ugly porch furniture she hated, sent the lot of it down to a local church sale. That night, her mother arrived with half of it tied on her car.

"I've had the most amazing good luck, dear!" she said. "Look—I picked up some porch furniture exactly like yours! Now you'll have a whole set!"

What happens to the inevitable "junk" that's left after the sale? Sometimes service organizations are notified to pick up next day, what they can use. But I found also that there are professional buyers who make a practice of turning up at the close of the sales and offering a flat price for everything that's left. Presumably they are able to make a profit even on the rummage left from rummage sales!

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## Rummage Sale To Help Raise Fire Hall Fund

The Fire Sirens of Madrona Fire District No. 4 will hold their 2nd annual rummage sale at the Tietjen building in East Stanwood June 19 through 21 when many articles of clothing in almost new condition will be sold at low prices.

During the whole week beginning Monday, June 16 as well as on Saturday, June 14, the Fire Sirens will be on hand to help in the Tietjen close-out sale, where furniture, bedding, lamps, and other household articles will be on sale at bargain prices.

The Rummage sale will start on Thursday, June 19, but anyone who wishes to give rummage may deliver same to the Tietjen Bldg. beginning June 16, or call Elsie Freer, Cam. 204, or Millie Campbell, Cam. 232.

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## Camano Prepares For Barbecue

**CAMANO ISLAND** — Although the sixth annual salmon barbecue of the Madrona Fire Sirens is still two months or more away — Aug. 17 — some of the preliminary preparations were made this week, as the serving of a dinner for from 600 to 700 people requires careful planning.

Early this week Fire Chief Andy Dionne drove to La Conner and ordered 600 pounds of prime king salmon from the Swinomish Indian Tribe, as has been the custom for several years.

Also this week, President Elsie Freer delegated Charlie Jarrett and M. J. (Spud) Murphy to arrange for the alder wood that will be needed to barbecue the salmon. Some of the alder is being cut this week to provide the necessary dry wood, while the rest of the alder needed must be green and will be cut just a few days before the barbecue date.

With the work on the fire and community hall at Madrona Beach again well under way, and much of the wiring and the laying of the concrete floor in the community room virtually completed, it is hoped that the net proceeds of the big dinner in August will go far toward completing the community room. The Ladies Auxiliary, known more familiarly as the Fire Sirens, has almost completely financed this part of the building through the barbecue dinners, rummage sales and other projects.

## Madrona Fire Sirens Meet at Camp Grande

By GRANT B. FREER

One of the best attended meetings of the Madrona Fire Sirens was held Wednesday of last week at the recreation room of the Camp Grande resort.

Final arrangements were made for the rummage sale that will be held at the Tietjen store in East Stanwood Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 19-21. Proceeds will go toward the completion of the fire and community hall. Indications now are that the building will be virtually completed by October or November. It is reported that the windows and doors for the community room will be installed within the next week or ten days.

The matter of a post office on Camano Island, with the rural route operating from it, to be known as Camano Island, Wash., Route 1, was discussed and received unanimous endorsement.

Plans were also discussed for the 6th annual salmon barbecue sponsored by the Fire Sirens, which will be held at the Camp Grande picnic grounds, Sunday, August 17.

The July meeting of the Sirens will be held at the home of Mrs. Edna Griffiths, with Mrs. Griffith, Betty Smith and Ruth Jarrett as hostesses.

## CLOSING OUT!

**Tietjen New and Used Furniture  
TO GO AT  
BARGAIN PRICES!**

**Sale Starts Saturday, June 14th  
and Continues Thru June 21st**

**Drastic Reductions!**

**Assisted by FIRE SIRENS, Madrona Fire Dist. No. 4**

The Fire Sirens wish to thank their many friends for helping in many different ways to make their rummage sale a success. The Fire Hall is a bit nearer completion because of your co-operation.

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## Madrona Fire Sirens Lay Plans for Summer

**CAMANO ISLAND** — One of the best attended meetings of the Madrona Fire Sirens, of Camano Island, was held on Wednesday at the recreation room of the Camp Grande resort. Former meetings of the group were held at the Ray Phillips cabin on Sunset Drive, but the house was sold recently, making it necessary for the Sirens to seek other quarters until the new community and fire hall, now under construction, is completed.

Final arrangements were made for the rummage sale, that will be held at the Tietjen Store in East Stanwood, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 19-21. Members who will assist in the sale have been selected by President Elsie Freer for each day. Sandwiches, pie and coffee will be served at all times during the sale. Net proceeds will go toward the completion of the fire and community hall. Indications now are that the building will be virtually completed by October or November.

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Thursday, June 26, 1958  
**Seen and Heard**  
BY THE  
**FIRE SIRENS**

By ALMA REYNOLDS

The Fire Sirens sponsored a lovely party for Mr. and Mrs. Andy Dionne on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary, at the American Legion Hall on June 18.

About seventy of their friends and neighbors came to honor them and show their appreciation for the many things Andy and Grace have done for this community through the years.

Otis Marckmann was spokesman for the group and presented them with a monetary gift, also very ably expressing our thanks to them for starting the Volunteer Fire District No. 4, building the fire truck and housing it, acting as Fire Chief without pay, never sparing himself in emergencies and to both of them for always being available to answer the phone for fire calls.

The Sirens wish to thank Millie Campbell and Myrtle Stuller for making the arrangements, Elsie Freer for cutting the cake, Myrtle Stuller for taking care of the guest book, Hazel Wanner, Arvilla Walker, Mildred Phillips for serving and Millie Campbell, Carrie Collins, Vangie Murph, Arvilla Walker, Florence Marckmann and Myrtle Stuller for decorating.

**Fire Sirens Meet  
July 2 for Lunch**

Wednesday, July 2nd will be the next monthly meeting of the Fire Sirens, Women's Auxiliary of Island County Fire District No. 4, Camano Island.

A potluck picnic luncheon will precede the meeting. The luncheon time will be 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Thomas Griffiths.

Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Charles Jarrett and Mrs. Kendon Smith will be the hostesses. If any member wants to know more about the luncheon menu, please phone Mildred Phillips, Camano 211 or Helen Graybill, Camano 316. Please bring your own silverware, plate and cup.

first place. He organized the residents of the community into committees who met at his place and solicited funds by popular subscription to buy equipment for the department. He used his own time and talents, his own car and gasoline, and paid his own expenses in traveling over the state to purchase and bring back to the Island such apparatus as seemed necessary, and if this equipment was not in shape for use he made it over in his own shop with his own labor and at his own expense, making only such charges as were necessary to the purchase of parts and accessories to make the equipment useable. The fire apparatus has always been stored in Andy's shop and has had his continuous attention to keep it in condition for immediate use in an emergency. While the storage of this equipment has been detrimental to his business through the occupation of space which would otherwise have been devoted to shop use he has made either no charge at all or has received a very nominal fee for storage. No one on this volunteer fire department draws any salary, but Andy has been very faithful in either staying close to home or providing that someone be in constant attendance to take care of any calls that might indicate an emergency, and this has many times militated against his going on trips to visit his family at other spots in the state. He has, of necessity, answered calls in the middle of cold winter nights when frost, snow, and ice have made the roads extremely hazardous, and in this way has risked life and limb in the service of his community. All this has been taken as a matter of course, and is only what is to be expected of the chief of our fire department.

to take some of her wonderful pics for me.

first place. He organized the residents of the community into I have reason to believe that many others have had committees who met at his place and solicited funds by popular their lives brightened by similar friendly gestures which go subscription to buy equipment for the department. He used his own far to demonstrate the cementing of the residents of a community into a society of friends and neighbors in the true sense of the word.

We understand that these people are now celebrating their thirty fifth wedding anniversary, and we wish to take this opportunity to congratulate them. We know that their life together has been one of close companionship and mutual understanding, and we hope that they been happy in each other's company, and that they may enjoy many more years of happiness and prosperity, happiness through the respect and esteem of their fellow men, and prosperity from the same source as well as an accumulation of worldly goods.

The celebration of this anniversary is a very close and personal one, however, which more nearly concerns themselves and their family, and we do not wish to intrude upon them at a time which they will want to devote to a contemplation of the past years together, and the laying of plans for the future. The time seems appropriate, however, to invite them to a little gathering of friends and neighbors who may thereby have an opportunity to drop in and pay their respects and express their appreciation for services rendered through the years.

We believe that the more recent services rendered by Grace and Andy are uppermost in our minds at this time, and they have to do with the organization and operation of Fire District #4 here on the Island. It must be remembered that Andy was largely responsible for getting this organization started in the

We of Camano Island have come here this evening to pay our respects to a couple of people who have, without thought of gain or personal glory, dedicated and devoted their lives, their time, and their energies to the service of their fellow men in their community. This they have done naturally, as a matter of course, and they have always been ready and willing to help a friend or neighbor in time of need, whether the need be for physical assistance or for some relief in times of loneliness or mental depression.

I well remember in the many years gone by when Grace and Andy Dionne kept a watchful eye on our summer cabin and our boat house when we were not there to see that all was well, to pick up and take care of articles we had forgotten to take care of before leaving, and to keep us informed of any untoward conditions around our place. I also remember that Andy did what he could during terrific storm to save our boat and boat house from destruction, and this at some personal risk to himself, and without thought of pay or reward, and I am sometimes ashamed to think that he did not get any either. I am sure that other folks in the neighborhood also profited by similar watchful care by this man.

I also remember that, when we were building our home here in 1948 and I was alone and batching in the garage on my place, Grace and Andy opened their home to me and did much to relieve the tedium of long evenings which otherwise would have been lonely indeed. Grace's cooking was also very acceptable at that time, and she went to considerable pains to bake some of her wonderful pies for me.

In addition to his service in the fire department he has made it a point to maintain emergency first aid equipment, and has educated himself in that direction, to the end that he has been able on many occasions to render invaluable service to his neighbors in time of need, and I am sure that there are many who are indebted to him on that score.

In further addition to actual services rendered it must be borne in mind that many of us rest more easy through our knowledge of his presence over there, and our confidence that he will be available to take care of us if we are accidentally injured.

Grace and Andy-we cannot pay you for the things you have done for us, but we want to give you a small and inadequate token in recognition of our appreciation of your constant and continuing attention to the needs of this community, and of your unselfish devotion to them. Rest assured that we are fully appreciative and that we will continue to remember the things you both have done for us.

## Madrona Fire Sirens Plan for Barbecue

CAMANO ISLAND— The July meeting of the Madrona Fire Sirens was held Wednesday afternoon at the Camano Island home of Edna Griffith in the Palisades area north of Camp Lagoon, with President Elsie Freer and Secretary-Treasurer Millie Campbell presiding.

Following luncheon held on the patio, much of the business was in connection with the 6th Annual Salmon Barbecue dinner, to be held Sunday, August 17, at the Camp Grande picnic grounds. Tickets will soon be made available to the public. The attendance at the dinner last year was 692, and it is expected that this year's attendance will exceed that figure.

Helen Graybill, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, made a detailed report of the recent rummage sale. Treasurer Millie Campbell reported that the net proceeds exceeded \$250, which will be used to help finish the Madrona Fire and Community Hall.

It was also reported that several donations have been made recently to help furnish the community room. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Copp donated a used electric stove, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Christie donated a davenport, a chair and floor lamp. Now that all doors and windows have been installed in the community room it was announced that the next meeting will be held there Wednesday, August 6. Ruth Jarrett and Edna Griffiths were hostesses for the potluck luncheon.

**Thursday, July 24, 1958**  
Several Fire Sirens had a work party at Millie Campbell's last Friday, making things for the sale at the salmon barbecue to be held on Aug. 17.  
Have you bought your ticket to the Fire Sirens' barbecue yet? Hurry, it's August 17th.

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Stanwood, Wash.  
Thursday, August 7, 1958

Our hats are off to the men who have been working so faithfully putting in the wiring and working at the new fire hall. Ray Phillips, Gene Reynolds, Don Graybill, Roy Campbell, Ed Stuller and Grant Freer. Our thanks also to Millie Campbell and Elsie Freer for cleaning and getting ready for the Fire Sirens meeting, the first to be held in their new hall on Wednesday of this week. Tom Connelly is doing a wonderful job of building the cabinets. The Fire Sirens can be justly proud of their new building as they have all worked hard for years to accomplish it. They need chairs now to use for the hall and if anyone has some that they would care to donate they would be very much appreciated.

## 4 TWIN CITY NEWS

Stanwood, Wash.  
Thursday, July 31, 1958

## Fire Sirens Meet At New Fire Hall

The Fire Sirens will have their first meeting in the new fire hall Wednesday, Aug. 6th at 1:30 p.m. at Madrona Beach.

All members are urged to attend this meeting as it will be the last meeting before the Annual Barbecue, which will be Sunday, Aug. 17th at the Camp Grande picnic grounds.

Members are asked to bring their sewing and donations for the booths to this meeting.

Mrs. Carrie Lochridge, Mrs. E. G. Stuller and Mrs. Edith Spencer are the hostesses for the dessert luncheon and will be assisted by Mrs. Helen Graybill and Mrs. Harriett Lynn...



Aug. 6, 58

*First meeting in the Madrona Community Hall, Aug. 1958*

## 4 TWIN CITY NEWS Stanwood, Wash. Thursday, August 14, 1958 Seen and Heard BY THE FIRE SIRENS

By ALMA REYNOLDS

The Fire Sirens met in their new hall for the first time this last week with twenty-eight members and three visitors present. They welcomed Mrs. Edna Houck as a new member. All were busy sewing things to sell at the salmon barbecue next Sunday the 17th. Ticket sales have been going fine and they are prepared to feed one thousand hungry people. The proceeds will buy furniture and equipment for the new hall. We hope to see the smiling faces of everyone who lives in fire district No. 4 and all their friends, at the barbecue. The new officers for the Fire Sirens elected last meeting are Elsie Freer, president; Inga East, vice-president; and Millie Campbell, secretary-treasurer. Work is progressing nicely. The men are giving a lot of time for which we are all finished on this week. To you who haven't seen it, it's just back of at Madrona.

FIRE SIRENS Salmon Barbecue Sunday, August 17 at Camp Grande picnic grounds.

## Island Cafes to Close For Annual Barbecue

CAMANO ISLAND—As a friendly courtesy to the Madrona Fire Sirens who will have their sixth annual salmon barbecue dinner next Sunday at the Camp Grande picnic grounds, Martha and Roy Pollock announce that Pollock's Cafe at Utsallady will not be open next Sunday until 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The hours for the dinner are from 12 o'clock noon until 3:30. Wes Collins of the Island Cafe at Madrona Beach states that the Island Cafe will be closed from 12 o'clock until 3:30.

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Stanwood, Wash.  
Thursday, August 14, 1958

## Madrona's Fire Sirens to Hold Barbecue Sunday

Arrangements are complete for the 6th annual salmon barbecue dinner to be held Sunday by the Madrona Fire Sirens, at the Camp Grande picnic grounds.

More than six hundred pounds of fresh prime king salmon will be barbecued in pits near the picnic grounds kitchen, over alderwood coals and served piping hot. And with the salmon will be served a special sauce, made from a secret recipe by Mrs. Bert Carlson, of LaConner. Also on the menu will be escalloped potatoes, cabbage salad, hot rolls, pickles, homemade apple pie and coffee.

Because real barbecued salmon is a delicacy not often on anyone's menu, long lines of those waiting to be served will form well before 12 noon.

Added features at the barbecue will be a bingo game and a gift booth.

Price for the dinner is \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12. As in previous years, proceeds will go toward the completion of the Madrona Fire and Community hall.

## Record Number

The sixth annual salmon barbecue dinner held at the Camp Grande picnic grounds last Sunday rates as the most successful so far, with 712 persons being served during the event.

More than 600 pounds of

prime king salmon were barbecued during the day, while the menu also included scalloped potatoes, cabbage salad, hot rolls, pickles, homemade pie and coffee.

Gift and novelty booths also attracted visitors, and during the afternoon a prize electric blanket was won by Mrs. Eleanor McDougall of East Stanwood while doll prizes went to Mrs. Jean Hill of Astoria, Oregon.

The Madrona Fire Sirens, sponsors of the annual barbecue, extended their thanks to all who cooperated to make the event a success. The project was directed by Elsie Freer, Inga Bast and Millie Campbell.

## Seen and Heard BY THE FIRE SIRENS

By ELSIE FREER

May I, first of all, express my most sincere thanks to each and everyone who helped to make the Fire Sirens 6th Annual Salmon Barbecue such an outstanding success—the Fire Sirens themselves who worked so long and untiringly, the men of Fire District No. 4 without whose help we could not have had a Barbecue, the friends outside the district who generously gave us their aid, and the folks who came to the dinner and patronized the different booths. To all of you a real "Thank you" from my heart.

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Stanwood, Wash.  
Thursday, August 21, 1958

## Seen and Heard BY THE FIRE SIRENS

By ALMA REYNOLDS

The Fire Sirens' salmon barbecue is now history and the Fire Sirens can be very proud of a job well done. They served dinner to about 750 people and the booths all reported a good business. Our thanks to all the loyal workers and to those who participated in any way. The Fire Hall is assured of furniture and in short order will become the meeting place for all the community gatherings.

## At Camp Grande

CAMANO ISLAND — According to the many flattering comments and expressions of pleasure, the sixth annual salmon barbecue dinner held Sunday at the Camp Grande picnic grounds on Camano Island, was the most successful held so far. The Madrona Fire Sirens, who prepared and served the dinner, have been the recipients of sincere words of praise.

Seven hundred and twelve men, women and children enjoyed plates heaped high with barbecued king salmon, right hot from the fire pits, with scalloped potatoes, cabbage salad, hot rolls, pickles, homemade apple pie and coffee. And there was plenty of milk for the children.

More than 600 pounds of prime king salmon were barbecued on metal frames over hot, smoky alder wood and coals, that gives salmon such a wonderful flavor, and which was enhanced by a sauce made by Mrs. Bert Carlson of LaConner.

Other attractions that conspired to intrigue the interest of the guests included a gift bar booth where many items of needlework, knitting, and handiwork were on display, a novelty booth where a variety of items was on sale, including many odd-shaped and attractive pieces of driftwood. A loud speaker system that was operated by Fire Chief Andy Dionne, made frequent announcements of importance and also provided music.

Credit for the success of the big dinner goes to all members of the Fire Sirens and to the members of the volunteer fire department and other friends of the district, with special praise to president Elsie Freer, vice president Inga Bast, and secretary-treasurer Millie Campbell for directing the work.

## Madrona Community Room Now Is Ready For Club Meetings

CAMANO ISLAND — With the virtual completion of the community room in the Madrona Fire Hall on Camano Island, the quarters may now be used for other meetings than those of the Fire Sirens and the Fire Commissioners.

The first group to use the new room will be the Camano Islanders Club, who will meet there next Monday evening, Nov. 24. The business session and program will be preceded, as usual, with a 7 o'clock potluck dinner, which has become such an important feature of Camano Islander meetings.

Members are reminded to bring their own dishes, as it has become the custom to follow that plan, as it facilitates the smooth transition to the business session and program. Mrs. Billie Theisen is in charge of hostesses, and she will be assisted by Mrs. Frank Guest and others as needed.

For those who do not yet know the exact location of the new fire hall, just turn east on 5th Street from Sunset Drive in Madrona Beach, and the fire hall is just beyond Andy Dionne's Auto repair shop. The area will be well lighted, and provision is being made for ample parking space on Highland Drive, just south of the hall.

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## Concrete Poured For Fire Hall

CAMANO ISLAND — with the pouring of concrete on the fire hall section of the Madrona Fire and Community Building Monday, the floors and entrance areas are now done. The big doors for the fire hall will be installed within the next two weeks, which will virtually complete the building.

The cement was supplied by Arlington Sand and Gravel Company and the work was done under the direction of Kenneth Christoferson, with Rudy Holm and Donald Sycks doing the finishing. Assisting in the work from the Madrona Volunteer Fire Department were Don Graybill, Ray Phillips, Sherman Bast, John Thompson, Andy Anderson and Grant Freer. Elsie Freer, Millie Campbell and Vyora Anderson from the Fire Sirens provided coffee and refreshments for the workers.

A second work day on Sunday on the project to clear the roadway on Highland Drive for one block south of the fire hall to provide adequate parking space made considerable headway in spite of unfavorable weather and the widened road may be ready for use within the next two or three weeks. Again, a dinner for the workers was provided by the Fire Sirens.

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Thursday, October 9, 1958

Stanwood, Wash.

## Madrona Fire Chief Resigns

The resignation of Andy Dionne, chief of the Madrona volunteer fire department, was presented by letter at the Monday night meeting of commissioners of Island County Fire Protection District No. 4.

The resignation will be effective as soon as the fire department section of the new fire and community building is completed, it was indicated. Dionne has headed the department since the district was formed in 1952, and for several years before that when efforts at maintaining a fire-fighting group were made.

Those in attendance at Monday's meeting held at the Ray Phillips home were M. J. Murphy, Don Graybill, Secretary Grant Freer and Assistant Chief Bud Lynn.

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Stanwood, Wash.

Thursday, October 23, 1958

## Madrona Chief to Quit December 1

According to a statement made Monday of this week by Fire Chief Andy Dionne of the Madrona volunteer fire department, his resignation is to take effect as of December. This action was taken because of personal plans for future activities.

Accordingly, it will be necessary that the fire truck and equipment be moved to the new fire hall, not yet fully completed, by December 1. The fire commissioners are making plans to have the fire hall, an integral part of the new community building, in readiness by the stipulated date. In addition, it will also be necessary to provide for a new 'phoning service and a different and more far-reaching alarm system devised.

Fire Commissioners Ray Phillips, Don Graybill and M. J. Murphy will appoint a new chief before the effective resignation date of Andy Dionne, who has been the fire chief since the Madrona Volunteer Fire Department was organized some ten years ago.

The Everett Daily Herald 3  
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1958

## Work Done At Madrona Beach Site

CAMANO ISLAND — Another community project, reminiscent of the day nearly ten years ago, when more than 500 persons from Camano Island and Twin Cities, working together, made local history by creating a usable park in one day, was completed Sunday. Work was done at Madrona Beach.

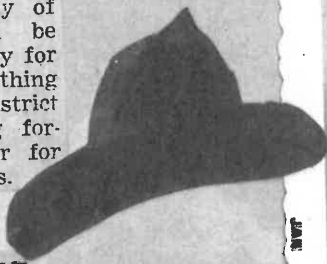
Fifteen men, many of them members of the Madrona Volunteer Fire Department, combined their efforts to widen Highland Drive, between 4th Street and 5th Street, from a narrow road to a 40-foot street. Firs, cedar, alders and maples were felled first, followed by many brush fires. An excellent start was made on the project, and the work will be continued until completed.

Purpose of the road widening project is to provide adequate parking space for meetings at the new fire hall. The community room now is virtually completed and work on the firehall section is continuing with indications that it will be ready for the fire truck and equipment within the next few weeks.

The big work day was initiated by members of the Fire Sirens, who provided a noon dinner for the workers in the newly completed community room. The work of providing the dinner was carried through by President Elsie Freer, Secretary Millie Campbell, Harriet Lynn, Vyora Anderson, Mary Warner, Adeline Scheffler, Mildred Phillips and Alma Reynolds.



the Madrona Fire Community Hall, where for three Sundays a goodly group of men have been clearing and felling trees and burning brush, to widen the road and provide for additional parking space. Ten men put in several hours and succeeded in completing the job, with the exception of pulling stumps, which will no doubt require the use of a tractor. Mildred Phillips, with her committee of Carrie Collins, Mary Warner and Vyora Anderson, provided a wonderful dinner to Andy Anderson, Don Graybill, Ray Phillips, Sherman Bast, John Thompson, Ervin Ludwick, Eddie Kitchin, and Grant Freer. Charlie Bergdahl and George Gerring also helped on the clearing but were unable to have dinner with the boys. With the cement floor now completed in the Fire Hall, and the installation of doors to be completed by Saturday of this week, the Hall will be virtually finished and ready for use by the firemen, something that all folks in Fire District No. 4 have been looking forward to and working for for the last five or six years.



## TWIN CITY NEWS

Stanwood, Wash.  
Thursday, November 20, 1958

### Camano Islanders Club to Use New Community Room

By Grant B. Freer

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An interesting colored film will be presented as a part of the program.

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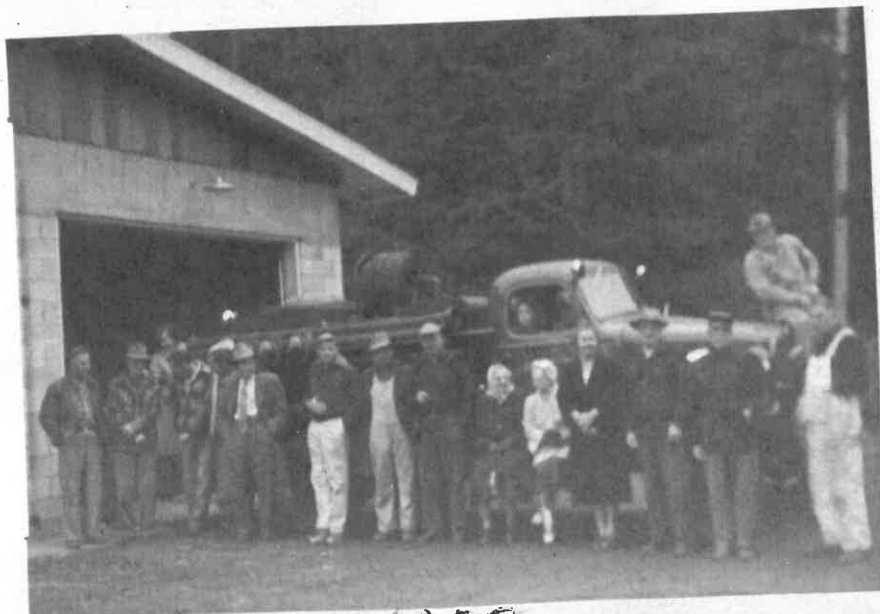


*Fire Station Completed. Truck on Nov. 30, 1958*

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*The day the truck was put into Fire Station  
Nov. 30, 1958*

## Camano Island Party Draws Many People

CAMANO ISLAND — Eighty-five members of the Madrona Fire Sirens and the Volunteer Fire Department of Island County Fire Protection District No. 4, on Camano Island, together with children of the members and invited guests attended the Christmas party and 4 o'clock potluck dinner in Madrona Fire and Community Hall Sunday afternoon.

At the business session following the dinner and preceding the Christmas program, Elsie Freer, president of the Sirens, paid tribute to the many men and women who had done so much to make the new building a reality. Andy Anderson, who had charge of the building operations and Ray Phillips, chairman of the board of fire commissioners, were singled out for special honors. The program required nearly four years to complete.

For the Christmas program, Andrena Bast gave several accordion selections, followed by community singing, with Miss Sharon Sandberg accompanying on the accordion. In the auctions, prizes went to Mrs. Clint Parker, her husband and Mrs. Fritz Weiss.

Special guests included Mr. and Mrs. James Hansen of East Stanwood and Harry Dence of Stanwood. Mrs. Hansen spoke briefly of her early life on Camano. Other special guests included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Christianson and D. Fischer of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 6.



**COMMUNITY PROJECT**—Close to 100 Camano residents and their guests attended the gathering Sunday at the recently completed fire and community hall at Madrona Beach (see story). At upper left are Mrs. Sherman Bast, Mrs. Grant Freer, in charge of the event for the Fire Sirens, and Sherman Bast, president of the Camano Islanders club. At right are Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson. He was in charge of the three-year building project. At bottom left are Mrs. Joe Scheffler and Mrs. L. L. Forbes who helped serve potluck dinner. —Photos by Harry Dence

*Christmas Party. Dec. 7th, 1958*



*Christmas Party*

Mr. & Mrs. Lars Torvik  
230 N. Grandview Ave.  
Camano Island, WA 98292



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809 W. Rocky Point Dr.  
Camano Is.  
Wash. 98292

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Thank you for all your help at the "Octoberfest"

Next year it should be easier. Were going to hire a dishwasher & use some "cookers" the neighbors have for the sausage & have purple cole slaw instead of cooked cabbage. Then maybe we can use the large food server for the potatoes.

We made 1319.70 so we bettered last year!

Thank you again for all your hard work.

Sincerely  
Rachy

### Fire Sirens to hear about orchids

A meeting of the Fire Sirens is Wednesday, May 6, with a 12 p.m. lunch. Hostess is Irene Lawseth; board meeting at 11 a.m.

Sandy Faulkner, will talk about orchid growing. She says "contrary to what people think, they don't cost a lot. Anyone can grow them."

"This meeting will also finalize plans for the salad luncheon and style show, May 20. Shirley Mayko will present "Around the World" fashions. There will be a raffle and door prizes. All this for \$5, reservations will be by ticket. Contact any Siren or call 387-4353 or 387-9241.

Members are to bring items for door prizes and the raffle.