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Tom Kelly has always been on a boat as a cabin boy, in the U.S. Navy, up in Alaska and in his dreams. Story on page 12.

Here comes May Fair

The Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce Activities Committee announces that plans are now underway for a new community event this spring. Committee chairpersons Carole Amtmann and Katie Zimmerman report this new activity will be called May Fair and is scheduled for May 7 in Coupeville.

Tentative plans call for Maypole dancing, a May Day queen chosen from candidates from Coupeville High

School, a bridal style show-possibly coordinated with the Historical Society, a special rite to honor the spring planting of the Hubbard squash, a smorgasboard dinner with Mother Hubbard, the Squash King and Queen and Captain Coupe as special guests, and MORE—

Persons interested in participating may call Carole or Katie at the Tartans and Tweeds (678-6244).

New officers tackle Chamber goals

Al Bartlett, Puget Power Local Manager was installed as the new President of the Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce at its annual installation dinner at Papillon's Restaurant last month. Other new officers are: Dean LeTourneau, Vice President; Doris Ward, Secretary and Gloria Christiansen, Treasurer.

When asked about his goals for the Chamber in the coming year, President Bartlett stated he would like to see "a continuity of the existing purpose of 'promoting and protecting' the business and commercial interests in the area." Beyond that, he stressed the need to "design today's programs to coincide with our perception of the future of Central Whidbey."

Bartlett's first order of business has been to review and assess the Chamber's committee structure, which was devised and put in place during the previous year. The purpose of the committee structure was to mobilize the body of talent available in the Central Whidbey area.

Currently there are ten Chamber

committees: small business, commercial development, publications, political action, public affairs, budget, marine activities, membership, activities and advisory.

Under President Bartlett's new leadership, the committees have been asked to define their individual goals and project their operating budgets for presentation to the Executive Board's next meeting in March. He notes that the committees themselves will be self-defining and will therefore provide a "basis for evaluating our success during the coming year."

All persons interested in joining the Chamber should call the Chamber office (678-5305) for details. Interested persons are of course welcome at all Chamber meetings. (See Area Events Section).

Cam-Bey ahead of schedule

Construction of the 50-unit Cam-Bey Senior Apartments in Coupeville is ahead of schedule according to Leonard Knutson, Project superintendent for the Bellewood Corporation, the major contractors for the \$1.676 million project. Knutson reports that construction will be completed by May 1 of this year.

The name Cam-Bey is an acronym that combines the first three letters of Camano and the last three letters of Whidbey to indicate the general area served in Island County.

Application information forms for residency at Cam-Bey will be available in the near future says Jay Moser, Executive Director of Senior Services of Island County, sponsors of Cam-Bey.

Persons interested in being placed on the list to receive application information forms may call

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Leonard Knutson, project superintendent, stands in front of one of the units nearing completion.

Parents/teachers met to support second levy

A number of concerned parents met to discuss the recent failure of the Coupeville levy and its impact on district school programs, staffing, and support services. The meeting was held at the Coupeville Elementary School Conference Room on Thursday, February 24th and was sponsored by an ad hoc education committee of the Coupeville PTA. Norma Campbell, PTA President, chaired the sometimes emotionally charged meeting.

One thing came through loud and clear. There was strong support from this mixed group of teachers, parents, school administrators, school board members

and interested persons for passage of the upcoming levy on its second effort.

Comments, commonly heard in the course of any second effort levy attempt, were sometimes bitterly expressed concerning the amounts of money expended on the second try. Board member Kathy Anderson stated the cost to be around \$2,000 to the community to put the levy on the ballot a second time. Campbell noted that about \$400 of PTA funds were expended in the first campaign.

It will be recalled that 72% voted 'yes' at the February 8 special levy election. In spite of that overwhelming yes

vote, the levy failed to validate.

Voter apathy was cited as the culprit in the wake of the recent failure. Though figures were not available for this year's levy vote, Campbell noted that in the 1982 levy election only 30% of the parents of children in the Coupeville School were registered to vote. Levy Chairman, Don Sorenson confirmed that startling figure.

Although there was agreement with regard to passage of a second levy effort, there was by no means agreement about the second major item on the agenda.

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Rose Brosseau in her kitchen where she teaches Chinese cuisine including Mandarin, Szechuan and Mongolian hot pot. Rose will leave her kitchen this summer to travel to China and Tibet.

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You'll never wok alone

Looking for an inexpensive evening out — an occasion to dine on specially prepared and authentic Chinese foods — the chance to learn how to prepare them all yourself? Rose Brosseau offers you the opportunity to do all three in her cooking class at the Six Persimmons.

For more than 12 years Rose has been offering classes in Chinese cuisine. She reckons she has had well over a thousand students in that time.

Her classes range from Mandarin to Szechuan to Mongolian hot pot — for beginners and advanced students. Several classes start the first week in March. Each class runs for three weeks

(3 sessions total) and costs \$39.00 per person. You may call 678-5444 or 321-6365.

You get a lot for your money! At the first class each student receives a recipe book to be covered in class. At each session Rose prepares, as demonstrations, three recipes which make up a meal. At the end of the session students eat what she has prepared. Her friendly advice to her students is, "Don't eat before you come to class."

Rose, who grew up in China, plans to visit there with a side trip to Tibet this summer. She asks, "Is there anyone out there interested in coming along?"

2nd levy go-around

The Coupeville School District has set April 26th as the date for a second try at passing this year's special levy election. Superintendent Carl Ulrich states the amount proposed will be \$210,000, the same amount placed before voters on February 8th this year. The first special election levy failed despite a 72 percent favorable vote because the number of voters (679) voting fell short of the number required (942) to validate according to election law requirements.

In the second election, as before, 942 votes will be required to validate, with

566 'yes' votes required to carry. However, in the second effort to pass, only 566 favorable votes are required to carry, regardless of whether or not the 942 vote requirement is met.

The second levy proposal would cost property owners 80 cents, or less, per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, depending on amounts of state support to the district.

Ulrich says no decisions have been made as yet concerning where, or what, cuts will be necessary should the second levy fail, but indicated the effects would be severe.

Library expands with friends

Librarian Carol Dyer reports that the Friends of the Coupeville Library are moving ahead to attain their targeted goal of \$50,000 for expansion of the Coupeville Library. She indicates the group still has need for funds and for persons to help raise funds.

The Library Board and the Friends group will meet at the Library in Town Hall on March 17th, with the Board meeting at 6:30 PM; the Friends at 7:30 PM. Plans are underway to raise funds through a book sale this summer, a bake sale and through participation at this summer's Coupeville Farmer's Market.

Festival Association

On February 15th, the Coupeville Festival Association (CFA) began preparations for Coupeville's 20th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair.

Dates of the 2-day event will be the weekend of August 13th and 14th, with the traditional Art Preview & Wine Tasting on the evening of August 12. Between 40,000 and 50,000 people will travel Whidbey Island and converge in Coupeville on this weekend.

New comers will be welcomed to the CFA meetings which are held on March 15 and April 19 at Dean Manor in Coupeville at 7:30 PM. On May 31st, a Memorial Day breakfast meeting will be held (location to be announced). On September 20th, an Evening Potluck dinner at the Penn Cove Inn will be held. This will be the last meeting of the year for CFA.

Should you wish to help in the endeavor to expand the Library facility, call 678-4461 or write to the Coupeville Library, Town Hall, PO Box B, Coupeville, WA. 98239.

The Friends normally meet the third Thursday of each month at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Shires when skies clear

The Coupeville Trolley, and those magnificent shires, will be back on the streets of Coupeville again this spring. The Reubles report they will be back as soon as the ground at the farm dries from the winter rains. Louise Reuble explains "It's hard to clean the mud off those animals every day." So, when the ground dries—and the skies clear—Watch for 'em!

Early indications are that there may be as many as four new foals this year, with the first due sometime in June. Remember, the new foals "go everywhere with their mamas—even when the mamas are pulling the Trolley!

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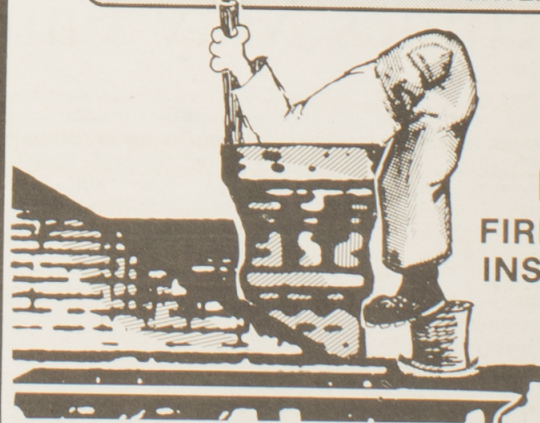
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The answer is not so simple. It depends on what and where you buy. If you really want to save, there are a number of questions you had better ask *before* you buy. Will your bargain phone work with our GTE system... on your party line? How good are the manufacturer's warranties. After all, Taiwan is a long way from home. Who is going to fix your phone when (not if) it malfunctions? Perhaps most important, how good is a \$15.00 phone from the discount store?

First decide if you are really going to save by purchasing your own phone. If you have a standard rotary-dial phone installed before Feb. 1, 1983 the rental cost is \$1.25 per month or \$15.00 per year. This is a regulated phone and if it malfunctions, GTE will come to your home and fix it at no extra charge. As long as you remain in your present exchange area you have the right to keep this service.

If you install the same phone after February 1 of this year, the monthly rental is \$2.50 per month or \$30.00 per year. If this phone malfunctions, you must take it to the GTE office where it will be repaired at no additional charge. House calls will cost you extra.

You can buy this same phone new from GTE for \$34.95 which is very close to \$35.00. This means that in 14 months you will have saved enough rental charges to pay for your proud possession. Make no mistake, it is yours. Although these "standard"

phones have an excellent reputation and are designed to last 15 to 20 years, after the first 90 days any malfunction is your problem. You must arrange to return it to the manufacturer for repairs, not the local GTE office. After the first 12 months you must pay for any repairs. There are no provisions for loaners, although you may rent one locally.

But wait, you say! What if I don't want a plain old dial phone, and what about those cute little numbers for \$15.00 from the discount store? There are a great many choices. Surprisingly, AT&T Phonecenter stores do not sell standard phones. They sell *Designline* phones whose plastic shells are shaped

Reliability is an important question where electronic phones are concerned. Unlike standard phones, whose reputation is excellent, electronic phones have a questionable history.

in many peculiar variations. *Designline* phones are expensive, ranging from \$89.00 to \$200.00. Large independent manufacturers, such as ITT, Stromberg-Carlson and GTE produce standard models that are almost identical to Bell system phones. These range in price, from \$35.00 to \$80.00 with discounts widely available. These and many other independent manufacturers make many other types of phones. The most popular of these are the so-called electronic models. This is the type you are most likely to see in your discount store. These electronic phones usually have buttons, but they are not *Touch-Tone* phones. They perform the same functions electronically that your dial phone accomplishes electro-mechanically. In most cases electronic phones will not send out calls any faster than a dial phone. Moreover, they won't send out tone signals recognizable by computers,

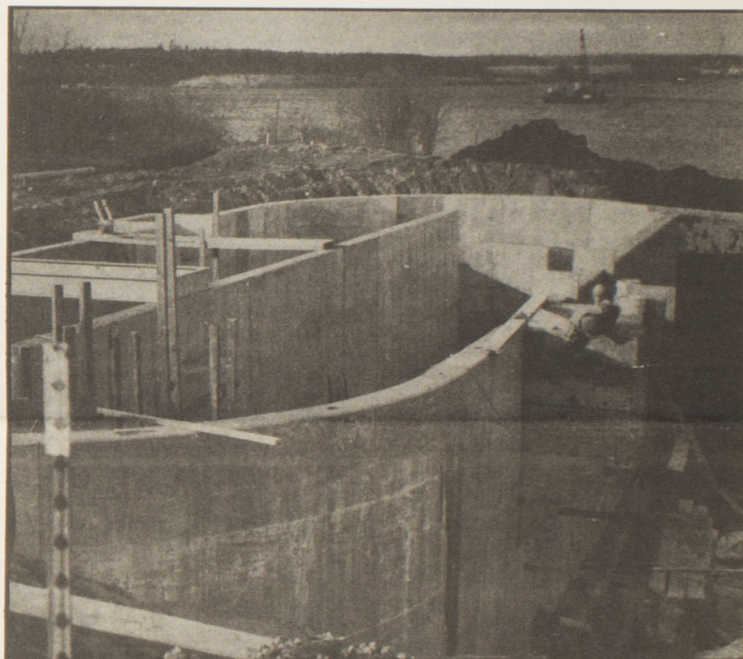
and therefore won't be usable for future computerized telephone functions, such as bill paying and banking transactions. On the plus side, many electronic phones are programmed for some desirable additional features, such as automatic re-dial of the last number called, and a "mute" switch that prevents the other party on the line from hearing you yell at the kids to keep quiet. Our favorite is a switch that allows you to turn off the ringer! Ringers also vary from obnoxious screeches to pleasant chirps.

Reliability is an important question where electronic phones are concerned. Unlike standard phones, whose reputation is excellent, electronic

phones from 15 manufacturers, calls these phones "throwaway phones." Ault says, "They're not really built to last like a standard phone; an electronic, my feeling is, they will last five years." Representatives from ITT and Tandy Corp., owner of Radio Shack, maintain however, that they have overcome earlier problems and that current models are very reliable.

So, before you 'reach out and touch someone' with an electronic phone, you might consider having a standard phone in addition, so that you are not totally dependent on the electronic phone. Pay especially close attention to warranty provisions and to problems involved with repairing your new phone. Find out also if your prospective phone is compatible with our local phone service. This is particularly important if you are on a party line. There may be additional installment requirements. An excellent source for answers to these and other questions is our local GTE customer service office. Ask for Cathy Williams, a very pleasant and knowledgeable lady. She can be reached at 336-6211.

phones have a questionable history. Phil Ault, owner of Stanwood Electronics, a chain that sells 3000 home phones a month and carries electronic



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Waste water treatment plant

Construction of the Town's Waste Water Treatment plant is reported by Mayor Naddy to be progressing well. The outfall line into Penn Cove is in place in a 1500 foot trench, three of the four main structures are in place and the

final one is underway. Equipment installation will occur in the plant over the next three months, with final completion of the project due next August.

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The apartment units, at 50 Main Street in Coupeville, across the street from Whidbey General Hospital, are financed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and are available to senior citizens, 62 years of age and older, who meet specific income guidelines. Handicapped persons 18 and older are also eligible for residency.

The apartments will be open for residence without regard to race, creed, color, religion, sex, or national origin, according to Moser. Current HUD-assisted tenants are not eligible in the first round of tenant selection.

The fifty-unit facility will provide individual apartments with kitchen, bedroom, living area and bath, with a total of 576 square feet each. Five units are especially designed for occupancy by handicapped persons. Parking for 30 vehicles is provided at the site.

Noon meals will be available to tenants from 3 to 5 days per week. This service may be expanded to include more days, according to Moser, depending on the amount of interest shown.

WELCOME New Business

The Legendomain Soft Sculpture is a new shop in Mariner's Court on Front Street in Coupeville. Run by Dorothy Park, it is the home of some completely lovable satyrs, gargoyles and many other mystical monsters. Dorothy makes 'em, and they are designed to work their way into your heart!

Sculpture or another sort will soon be available on Front Street at the Blue Flame Studio due to open about March 1st in the building located behind and to the side of Mitchell's Antiques. Jim Tribou and Bunny St. Clair are the new proprietors. Jim will do his metal sculpting on site, with a selection of stained glass also available for sale at the studio. Glass work, however, will be done elsewhere due to limited space in the studio.

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There is a maximum income that applicants may have to be eligible for a HUD funded apartment at Cam-Bey. In Island County the HUD guidelines state that 95% of the tenants cannot have adjusted annual income of more than \$7900 for one person, or \$9000 for two persons. Five per cent of the tenants cannot have an adjusted annual income of more than \$12,600 for one person, or \$14,000 for two persons. An adjusted annual income includes wages, Social Security, etc., plus 10% of assets over \$5000.

Only one spouse needs to be over 62 years of age (or handicapped or disabled) to live at Cam-Bey.

Interested applicants should be able to visit and inspect Cam-Bey soon after its completion date. However, no firm date has been set at this time. Eligible applicants are expected to be able to move in sometime in May.

P.S. Hair Design, formerly Karen's Hair Design, is now open at their new location across from the Coupeville High School at 407 SE Terry Road.

Phyllis Stutzman and Sandi Gaines are the new proprietors, they wish to introduce Debbie Ballard, previously of Command Performance in Everett.

P.S. Hair Design will be open Mondays through Fridays. Call 678-4417 for appointments. Drop-ins are welcome—men's styling and children too!

Penn Cove Seafarms announces that fresh mussels and oysters can now be purchased on the Coupeville dock. Seafarms partners, Gary Wutzke and Bruce MacDonald, state they will offer these seafood delicacies for sale to the public, on a seasonally available basis, at the dock on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 4 PM. For information, call 678-3103.



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Lions in Review Making tracks

In observance of Lions International World Service Day 90 Lions worked 270 man hours cleaning roadsides in the Coupeville area on October 9, 1982. This is a semi-annual club project carried out in the Spring and fall of each year.

Twenty Lions gathered to pick over 4,000 pounds of acorn squash from a donated field on November 18, 1982. The squash was loaded into trucks and delivered to senior citizen agencies and food banks in Langley, Coupeville, Oak Harbor, Anacortes, and Mount Vernon.

On November 20, 1982 the Lions completed their annual Shopping Spree fund raising campaign. More than 100 man hours were expended. The club netted \$1,365.00 for community

activities.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas time last year the Lions expended \$400.00 for food baskets for the needy of the Coupeville area.

In December, 1982 the Lions provided hams for the Christmas dinner held for the residents of Dean Manor, a Senior Citizen housing complex and provided transportation for a severely injured auto accident victim from Whidbey General Hospital to Sea-Tac Airport so he could be with his family on the East Coast.

On January 30, 1983, the Lions gathered to load approximately 28 tons of old newspaper collected during the past 5 months at the collection box located next to the Post Office. The paper was sold to a Seattle recycling firm for a profit of nearly \$1,100.00 to be used for community activities.

The Tennex van, used to transport physically handicapped individuals to sheltered workshops and other destinations, is now making it's rounds again thanks to Mike Regan. He donated a lot of time and the Coupeville Lions Club donated \$309.00 for parts. The van was loaned to Tennex by Washington State Social Services, but must be maintained by Tennex. Mike got the parts at a discount from Piston Service in Oak Harbor, and over the holiday season, put the van back on the road.

Fair Ground Spin-In

The Whidbey Weavers Guild will sponsor a Spin-In from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, March 26 at the 4H building on the Island County Fair Grounds in Langley. Between 75 to 100 weavers from different guilds in the Northwest will display examples of their craft, including spinning demonstrations. Interested persons are welcome. Donations of \$2.00 may be made at the door.

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Filling the Winter hours

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DANCERCISE Exercise and dance at the same time. Six 1 hour sessions twice a week, \$1.50 per class, starts Monday February 21 at the Sierra Club. New people can come in any time in the series. Call Rosie 678-5334.

FOLK DANCING International and regional dances, single and/or couples, ongoing every Wednesday. You're our guest the first night. Bring a \$1.00 donation, old gym at Coupeville High School (wear tennies or soft shoes). For info-call Jan 678-678-6509.

DOLL CLASSES Make a soft sculptured doll in one day, March 10th at the Pelican's Pocket, reserve your place with Judy 678-4462.

SPINNING CLASS Selection and preparation of fleece, teasing and carding wool, drop spindle and wheel spinning of wool. Three 3-hour classes once a week, starts February 24, 7-10 PM (this date is flexible if there are conflicts). The class fee is \$20.00. Items needed for class and times of other classes will be decided at the first meeting. Contact Lee at 678-4648 evenings.

INTERMEDIATE SPINNING CLASS Starts March 22, for info call Lee 678-4447, 678-4648 evenings.

WEAVING Can take five students for this one, 3 hour sessions once a week for six weeks, taught by Margo MacDorrald. For info call Lee: 678-4447, or 678-4648 evenings.

CHINESE COOKING Each session includes three recipes that make a whole meal for the evening class, starts the first week in March, once a week for three weeks \$39.00 at the Six Parsimmons, Coupeville. Call 678-5444, 321-6365 evenings for reservations.

EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATOR'S COURSE Learn to operate an emergency vehicle in emergency situations (part of ongoing David-I program for emergency first response) under the sponsorship of the Coupeville Fire Department, starting Monday, February 21, 7-10 P.M., at the Multipurpose room of the Coupeville Elementary School, contact Chuck Charleton 678-6555. There will be a riding rodeo at the end of the course. This course will convene once a month.

FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING This course will begin in April. The Coupeville Fire Department needs volunteers especially people who can respond during daylight hours. All those interested in this program please contact Chuck Charleton at 678-6555.

DAVID-I EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE PROGRAM Part of an ongoing program (see above) training in emergency rescue and first aid geared

for remote island living. Those interested please contact Chuck Charleton at 678-6555.

CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) class will be formed as soon as enough people interested call. For further info, call Chuck Charleton 678-6555.

KNITTING A new knitting class will start in mid-March. For info, call Lee 678-4447, 678-4648 evenings.

Most of the above groups have classes scheduled throughout the year. If you can't attend one of the above sessions, call them for other scheduled classes.

"New" shop for you

A new shop recently opened on Coupeville's Main Street across the street from the Courthouse called the New To You Thrift Shop. People may wonder at its origin. It is affiliated with the Senior Services of Island County.

Senior Services is a non-profit organization that provides such programs as Meals on Wheels and gives information and assistance to senior citizens on such things as post-hospital care and medicare forms.

The New To You is run totally by volunteers and all proceeds go to Senior Services.

But, unfortunately, as with most non-profit organizations, funds and saleable items are always needed. What are saleable items?? Anything larger than a match box and smaller than a desk -- just as long as it is in good condition.

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Restaurant Review

If you ever have driven past the Tye (across from Prairie Center Mercantile) when looking for a place to eat, and never thought to go inside because the building did not look fancy; you have missed out on a good meal! One cannot judge a book by the cover, and in this case one cannot judge the food inside by the age of the building! The building was once a haven for 'drummers' many years ago (see Chronicle Vol. 1 No. 1 for further information on the building). The Current owners, Glenn and Sue Brown runs a good place to eat, drink and stay overnight. The rooms upstairs are no longer used. There are newer one story units adjacent to the Tye parking.

The menu states 'Old Fashioned Cooking — Just Plain Good Food' and that is just what you get — good food at a reasonable price! In this day of rising prices, this is the kind of restaurant where you can take the family out, feed the brood a good dinner; and feel that even on a tight budget, you can afford this luxury.

The Tye opens at 6:30 AM and stays open until 9:00 PM. The breakfast menu varies from the traditional ham and eggs to several omelettes (where you can specify the ingredients inside) to chicken fried steak dinner is an old menu includes soups, salads, sandwiches (cold & hot), a variety of burgers, and complete dinners. The Chicken Fried Steak Dinner is an old time favorite. The Tye is also the only place in Central Whidbey where you can order a pizza to eat at the restaurant or take home! They feature specials on the blackboard which range from pancake or french toast (all you can eat!) to New York steak dinners (2 for the price of 1). The Tye also has a Seafood Night for all the seafood lovers! All the food is good, and I have never been disappointed there.

The Tye also has a Lounge, so you can enjoy your favorite highball before dinner, or beer or wine with dinner, or stay until closing time (2:00 AM).

You will not need a reservation to eat at the Tye; and you will have a choice of eating at either a booth, table, or the counter. It is not a fancy restaurant by any stretch of the imagination; but the food is good and it is reasonably priced; and that's a good reason to eat there!

Going up!

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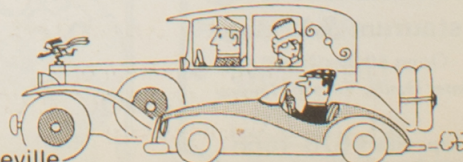
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Special Events & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Events

The American Association of Retired Persons Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program offers free assistance in preparation of personal income tax returns for persons aged 60 years and over, on March 29 and April 12 from 9:30 AM to Noon at Dean Manor.

Energy Savings Programs offer a series of energy related programs free to the public as listed here. Each program is held in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Island County Courthouse from 7:30 to 9:30 PM on the dates given.

March 24, 1983, Insulated Window Covers: Jo Yount—Warm Windows and Sunshine

April 21, 1983, Residential Wind Energy Systems: Lynn Wilcox—Clean Energy Products

May 19, 1983, Energy Efficient Home Designs: John Raabe—Cooperative Design

June 16, 1983, The Passive Solar Remodel: Dan Morris—Sunergy

Saturday Night Dances sponsored by Extended Services of Island County will be held at the Coupeville Recreation Hall on April 2, May 7 and June 4 beginning at 7:30 PM each night. The Road Runners band will provide music. Admission is \$3.50 at the door.

May Fair is Central Whidbey's new spring celebration and will be held on Saturday, May 7, in Coupeville. Watch publications for full schedule of events.

Memorial Day Parade in Coupeville. Watch publications for full schedule of day's events.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Coupeville Town Council meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at Town Hall, at 1 PM. 678-4461

Coupeville Historical Advisory Committee meets the second and third Tuesdays of each month at 9 PM at Town Hall. 678-4461.

Friends of the Coupeville Library meet the third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at Town Hall.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM at Dean Manor.

Daughters of the Pioneers normally meet the fourth Friday of the month at 12:30 PM for dessert/luncheon at a different member's home each month. Call 678-4470 or 678-4089.

Coupeville Planning Commission meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at Town Hall. 678-4461.

Coupeville Port Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Port Office. 678-5020.

Coupeville School Board schedules fourth Monday of each month in Conference Room, with workshop on Monday of each month at 8 PM at Room. 678-4522.

Whidbey Island Mail Order Assn. luncheons every Wednesday at Restaurant. Interested persons always welcome.

Coupeville Chamber of Commerce breakfast at the Fellowship Hall of at 8 AM on the first Wednesday of executive board meets for breakfast on the third Wednesday of the month. Members always welcome at both 678-5305.

Island County Historical Society meets on alternate months at the Coupeville. Meetings are March 22 and May 24 at 5786.

Guilds of Central Whidbey Hospital own meeting schedule and place of in joining a guild should contact the each instance.

- Dr. Paul Bishop Guild meets at 8 PM month. Kay Stuurmans, 678-4915.
- San de Fuca Guild meets at 1:30 PM month. Alice Overman, 678-5990.
- Greenbank Guild meets at 1:30 PM month. Virginia Smith, 678-5407.
- West Beach Guild meets at 1 PM month. Nonie Brayton, 678-5659.

(Editors note: We have listed only guilds.)

Coupeville Festival Association has their regularly scheduled meetings on Tuesday at 7:30 PM at Dean Manor and April 19, with the annual Meeting on May 31 — location to be announced.

Coupeville Folk Dancing. Meets every PM at Coupeville Secondary School. 678-6216 or 678-6509.

Coupeville Lions Club meets every Church at 7 PM. (EXCEPT there will be through April. Beginning in May, twice a month on the second and fourth place, same time.

Whidbey Weavers Guild meets regularly each month at the Coupeville Union AM. New members welcome. Call 678-5305.

Coupeville Garden Club meets the second at 7:30 PM at Dean Manor.

HOURS

Coupeville Museum hours open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays through the year. Hours will be expanded to include more hours.



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educational tours for school children, as well as adult tours, are
available free of charge by advance reservation. Call 678-5786.

Coupeville Farmers Market will open for the new season on
April 23, and will be open thereafter every Saturday from 1 PM to
3 PM on the parking lot at the County Courthouse. Call 678-
4454.

Coupeville Library hours are Monday 2PM-9PM; Wednesday —
2PM-9PM; Friday 2PM-5PM and Saturday 10AM-3PM. Call 678-
4461.

CHURCHES

Coupeville Gospel Chapel. Workshop services are held at 11
AM and 7 PM, with Sunday School at 9:45 AM, at the Chapel at
809 - 6th St. in Coupeville. Regular bible study is 7:00 PM,
Wednesday evenings, at the Chapel. Telephone 678-4778 or
678-4879.

Living Way Christian Fellowship. Worship services are at 9:30
AM, followed by Sunday School at 10:15 AM at the Coupeville
High School Cafeteria. Youth meetings are at 6:00 PM
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St. Mary's Catholic Church. Sunday Mass is at 10:00 AM at the
Church in Coupeville. Noon Mass is held on Wednesdays and
Fridays at the Church. Any changes in schedule are published
in the parish bulletin. Telephone 678-6536.

United Methodist Church. Worship services are at 11:00 AM,
with Sunday School at 9:45 AM. The Church is located on Main
Street in Coupeville. Telephone 678-4256 or 678-4888.

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June	1	Baccalaureate, 7:30 PM
June	2	PTA meeting 7:30 PM
June	3	Graduation, 8 PM
June	7	Spring music concert, 7:30 PM
June	9	Last day of school
Mar	18	Softball at Oak Harbor
Mar	22	Softball and baseball at LaConner
Mar	25	Softball and baseball, South Whidbey at CHS
Mar	29	Softball and baseball at Sultan
Apr	1	Baseball at Oak Harbor
Apr	15	Softball and baseball, Pt Townsend at CHS
Apr	19	Softball and baseball at Lakewood
Apr	26	Softball and baseball, Granite Falls at CHS
Apr	29	Softball and baseball at Darrington
May	3	Softball and baseball, Tolt at CHS
May	6	Track, sub district
May	10	District baseball playoff
May	13	Track, sub district
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OPINION

Hale to hindsight

We like to fancy ourselves as shapers of our destiny, however great or humble it might be, until one of us is swept away by an untimely accident of fate. Our loss renders us impotent to accept such fate, or else we just get down right angry. It's human nature to want to remedy the situation, to do something about it. In the back of our minds is a naive and feeble hope to bring the fated persons back to life, even though we know they are gone forever. The mind seems to work this way in order to preserve sanity in the midst of personal tragedy.

So far in the past three months or so at least 5 people have left this Earth by way of State Road 20 here in Central Whidbey. How many more in the months and years before that?

Unfortunately, it is usually through someone's untimely demise that safety measures dedicated to the preservation of life come into existence

No one can go back and change the course of events. But aren't our own lives precious enough to keep us from following the deceased down Highway 20?

We should at least recognize the dangers of traveling the black top in a rural setting. Don't we care enough to post the roads where animals frequently cross? Most of the roads in Island County have incredibly narrow and soft shoulders that are not posted. Travelers are at the mercy of traffic for lack of turnouts. Lethal drop-offs at the side of the road, many and frequent, seldom have a guard rail much less afford the advantage of bright reflectors.

It may be that those of us who live on the Island have become geared to accepting these conditions. But, in the minds of visitors to the Island, 'country road' is synonymus with 'open road!'

Warnings are needed to alert us all to the dangers that exist on the country roads, especially along Highway 20. We *can* help to shape our own destiny!

What ever happened to simple majority?

We think voters in Washington state have been put upon in the extreme over the years when it comes to current election laws to 'validate' the results of a levy election. Somehow it seems to us asinine and dammed costly, to have a duly announced and publicized election, with a clear majority vote 'invalidated' specified proportion of the number of persons voting in a previous election

failed to vote. Whatever silly thing such a law was perceived to rectify has never been clear. What the hell ever happened to a simple majority rule? If individuals feel disenfranchised and don't vote in an election, so be it. Those who do vote carry the day!

The 'World' is us

In a Whidbey-News Times article dated February 23, 1983 we learn of the Navy's plans to increase its personnel by about 1300 by the year 1987, with an estimated growth of about 2000 dependents in the same time frame.



I didn't hear anyone say head lice!
I didn't see any lice!
I won't tell anyone about the lice!

Captain Steward Langdon reported these, and other statistics, to Oak Harbor city officials to alert them to the potential impact on "North Whidbey housing, traffic and schools."

We have to wonder what the impact will be on Central Whidbey? We are, after all, only a stone's throw away—about 10 to 15 minutes commuting time portal to portal. We'd like to see the Town of Coupeville become involved in more dialogue with the Navy concerning their plans for the future.

We should take the first step. Perhaps the Central Whidbey Chamber can invite Capt. Langdon to address the Chamber, or the Town Council.

We suspect, but can't document in any substantial way, that the fact only 30% of the parents of children in the

Coupeville Schools were registered to vote in last year's school levy election is related to the high incidence of Navy personnel who may reside here, but choose to vote elsewhere. We don't have the facts, but the Town should be concerned and prepare itself in whatever ways may be relevant to cope with the expected influx of personnel and dependents into the area.

LETTERS

Dear Editor

I would like to thank all those people in the Coupeville School District that didn't vote in the February 8th Levy Election. You proved my point!

I can't begin to count the number of people over the last 10 years who have sat down with me over a cup of coffee and said that the quality of education here in Coupeville was unacceptable. They tell me that the funds are not spent where they are needed. They tell me that the decisions are made in secret and that the community learns too late that changes are coming.

My advice to those people was, and still is, to attend board meetings, get involved with the P.T.A. Please, get involved with you child's education, period!

The name of the game here is Public Education, that's us, Mom and Dad, we are the public. We are 1/3 of the coalition that runs the school system. The other 2/3 are made up of the Wash. State Government and the United States Federal Government, guess what mom's and dad's, while the other 2/3 of the coalition are changing our school system our 1/3 is home watching the Monday night football game or the Monday night movie! Burt Reynolds and Howard Cosell don't have the answers I need to improve my child's education!

All these people who want the system

changed wouldn't even go out and vote no to let the school district know how they felt. The levy didn't fail because of a no vote, it failed because of a lack of interest on the part of the parents.

What's that you say, hog wash! No, stop and think about it for a minute. The old saying that "no vote is a vote no" doesn't fit here. The school district must see this as public attitude, not public opinion, there is a difference.

I know that there are teachers who care, the Board cares, the Superintendent cares, we must show that we care as much.

Voting down a school levy is a shotgun method of fixing the problem. We hurt a lot of programs a little bit but we don't eliminate any of them.

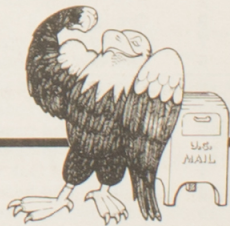
If I invest money in the schools, I'm going to be down there making sure they spend that money to my child's best advantage. If you aren't there I'm going to spend your share to my best advantage too.

Believe me the district does need the money. They also need you, the parents to help them spend it wisely. Our choice is very simple, get involved or accept what we have.

Chris Eliassen

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, Carol and I want to thank members of the community for their



help and support during 1982. We have been very pleased with the interest and reception of the new community activities—specifically the Memorial Day Parade, the Squash Festival and the Christmas with Captain Coupe Days.

We would like to invite everyone to

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place on their calendar the coming year's series of activities sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. These include a new event—Mayfair on the weekend of May 7th—the Memorial Day Parade on May 28, the Squash Festival on October 1 and 2, and Christmas Greening on December 3.

We invite all persons who have an interest in volunteering to help make 1983's activities a success to contact either of us at the Tartans and Tweeds (678-6244).

Remember, you don't have to be a member of the Chamber to volunteer your help—anyone who has a community interest is most welcome.

Sincerely,
Carole Amtmann
Katie Zimmerman

Co-Chairpersons of Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce Activities Committee

Dear Editor:

What a wonderful community we are privileged to live in! The out-pouring of love and concern for the needy peoples among us during the past holiday season has been overwhelming. You, as the Coupeville community, have expressed this love and concern through your donations and contributions to North Whidbey Help.

Thanks to your help, Mr. & Mrs. Coupeville and your churches, businesses, schools, clubs and organizations, North Whidbey Help was able to send out 193 Thanksgiving baskets and 208 Christmas baskets. We were also able to assist in coordinating over 125 more baskets sent out directly by generous individuals and organizations during these two holidays.

With the wonderful support from Coupeville, combined with the generous contributions from Oak Harbor and North Whidbey throughout the year of 1982, we were able to provide meals, usually for 7 days, to 2007 individuals, not including holiday baskets. We could also provide assistance to many more people with clothing needs, furniture and household items, and other emergency assistance.

The Board of Directors, staff and volunteers want to say a big, big thank you to all of you from the Coupeville area. We could not have given this help and assistance to the needy people in our areas without your help.

Margaret Bell
North Whidbey Help



Energy Saving Programs

A series of six 2-hour sessions on energy-related topics. Now under way in Coupeville, four of the original six sessions are yet to be held:

March 24, 1983

Insulated Window Covers

Jo Yount—Warm Windows and Sunshine

April 21, 1983

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June 16, 1983

The Passive Solar Remodel

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All sessions are free to the general public and will be held in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the County Courthouse in Coupeville at 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. on the dates given above.

The original organizational plans for the program were set by Al Bartlett, Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce President, Tom Shannon, North Whidbey Chamber of Commerce President and Dave Pinkham, News Editor of the Whidbey News Times. The purpose of the program is to bring to Whidbey Island a quality energy educational program to help people make timely decisions about their own energy uses.

The program plans were presented by their originators to interested organizations from whom support was sought for carrying them out. The programs are presented courtesy of: Whidbey Island Solar Energy Association, North Whidbey Chamber of Commerce, Whidbey News Times, South Whidbey Record, Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce, Skagit/Island Counties Builders Association, and Puget Power.

Nice people don't

Nice people don't get head lice. Don't you believe it! The old myth that head lice are an innocuous sort of 'social' problem caused by a lack of cleanliness is just not true. The little critters could care less about your social status or your personal habits of hygiene. The only thing they look for is the nice warm head of hair (short or long) in which to set up housekeeping.

Once they have established themselves, most commonly on your little child's head, what do you do? Well, first, you should forget all about the stigma that has been associated with head lice. Nice people can have head lice! And you are a nice person? Right! But you are definitely NOT a nice person if you do not seek a form of treatment, post haste. Head lice don't leap from one head to another. They spread through personal contact or through contact with articles of clothing, etc.

So, the message is don't let your kid be the sort of entomological 'freeway' to pass the obnoxious little bugs on to contaminate someone else. Act now! Get on with a treatment of the problem.

But how do you proceed if your child has head lice? Several courses of treatment are available. First you should notify school authorities that the problem exists with your child in order that they may take precautionary steps to prevent their spread through school contacts. Don't count on the school to catch the problem of head lice before you do, however, because there is no school nurse at the Coupeville Schools to conduct regular screenings.

As far as treatment is concerned, you may request information from your child's teacher, or from the Island County Health Department, or you may consult a physician, or you may simply ask your friendly pharmacist what to do. Any of those sources can provide you with information.

"What price, lice," you ask? Well, there are over-the-counter remedies that cost about \$6.00 and require no prescription. There are prescription remedies (the most common is Kwell) that cost about \$10.00. These costs are based on a family of four. (Yep,

everyone in the family gets the same treatment.)

If a visit to a physician is required to obtain a prescription (in some cases a telephone call to the physician may suffice) there is the added expense of the office call. By the time you tote up all the expenses—time, aggravation and money—the cost can smart.

So let's assume you're finally rid of the little pests. What's to prevent them from re-establishing residency again, perhaps even the next day? Remember, that your entomological 'freeway' is a two way street both into and out of your home. Your best insurance against re-infestation is to insure that your child is well informed about the hazards of swapping clothes, combs, and other articles with a buddy. Finally, you can help by urging the school to maintain an on-going policing of segregation of clothing, no "dress-up" boxes of shared clothes, etc.

Finally, lice are not nice at any price!

1st Class town

One should refer to the Town of Coupeville, NOT the City of Coupeville. So says Doris Ward, Town Clerk. In spite of the fact the sign over the entry to Town Hall says CITY Hall, and the sign beside the entry clearly says CITY Hall directory, we are a TOWN. Indeed, the TOWN'S stationary letterhead says so and the Whidbey News Times reports the news from Coupeville TOWN Hall on a regular basis.

So to settle the question of whether we are a TOWN or a CITY once and for all—at least insofar as the curiosity of some of our readers is concerned—we consulted the TOWN'S charter, issued 1910. It reads that on the date we were "... duly incorporated as a municipal corporation of the Fourth class, under the name and style of the Town of Coupeville.

While it is difficult to think of ourselves as Fourth class, we do like the notion implied that we have — style!

CORRECTION: In our last edition we inadvertently substituted Billie Nelson Smith's name for that of Betty Bowers in our picture caption relating to our story featuring the Nelson family at Fort Casey.



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Cooks Corner

MUSSELS A LA GEORGE

Makes 6 servings

Serve these bits as hors d'oeuvres when next you entertain. They go especially well with gimlets or other sharply tart cocktails.

- 3 dozen mussels
- 18 slices bacon
- 18 wooden toothpicks
- 1 cup water

1. Add water and mussels to covered kettle, bring to boil and steam 3 to 5 minutes, shaking kettle frequently to ensure mussels are steamed evenly.
2. Remove meats from shells and preheat oven to hot at about 400° F.
3. Slice bacon slices in half, crosswise. Cook in skillet until half done. Remove, drain and cool until slices can be handled.
4. Wrap one half-slice of bacon around each mussel and fasten with wooden toothpick.
5. Place on flat, shallow cookie pan and bake in oven for 5 to 7 minutes or until bacon is crisp. Drain on absorbent paper and serve immediately.

BILLI BI

Makes 4 servings

This is a truly elegant and delicious soup.

- 2 pounds mussels
- 2 shallots, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 sprigs parsley
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ teaspoon thyme
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 egg yoke beaten lightly
- Pinch ground black pepper
- Pinch cayenne pepper

1. Place mussels in large covered kettle with shallots, onions, parsley, wine, butter, bay leaf, thyme, black pepper and cayenne. Bring to boil and simmer three to five minutes until mussels have opened.
2. Strain liquid through double

thickness of damp cheesecloth. Reserve mussels for another use or use them later as a garnish.

3. Bring the liquid to boil in a sauce pan and add cream. Return to boil and remove from heat. Add beaten egg yolk and return to heat only long enough for soup to thicken. Do not boil. Serve hot or cold.

MUSSEL SAUCE FOR SPAGHETTI

Makes 4 to 6 servings

Next time you plan to serve spaghetti, try this sauce. It is a refreshing alternative to the common Italian tomato clam sauce.

- 1 quart mussels
- ½ cup white wine
- ½ cup olive oil

Tips for harvesting and preparing mussels

1. *Harvesting.* If you harvest your own mussels, you will need a container (bucket, burlap bag, etc.) to put them in and a tool (screwdriver) to pry them loose from their attachments. The best mussels come from the water's edge at low tide. Don't take more mussels than you have definite plans to use. Clumps of mussels, treated gently, may be kept alive for several days on a damp towel in the refrigerator. Do not cover with plastic as it shuts off their oxygen and they will die.

2. *Safety Precautions.* Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) is a condition that may result from eating shellfish exposed to 'red tide' conditions. If you plan to harvest mussels from local beaches, you should, as a safety precaution, call the Island County Health Department at 678-5111 to determine conditions on the beaches. Commercial mussel growers undergo strict testing of their products to ensure your safety with regard to PSP.

3. *Cleaning.* Mussels do not normally ingest sand as some clams do. It is not

2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup canned tomatoes, chopped
½ cup mussel broth saved from steaming
Salt and pepper to taste
Parmesan cheese

1. Place ½ cup white wine and mussels in covered kettle. Bring to boil and steam for 3 to 5 minutes, shaking kettle frequently until shells swing open.
2. Strain and reserve ½ cup mussel broth. Remove mussel meats (about 1 cup) from shells, chop and drain.
3. Heat oil in sauce pan, saute parsley and garlic until garlic is tender or about 2 to 3 minutes.
4. Add chopped tomatoes and ½ cup broth, cover and simmer until thickened, about 25 minutes.
5. Add chopped mussels, salt and pepper to taste. Spoon over hot spaghetti cooked according to your own good recipe. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Mussel favorites

The finest blue mussels in the world grow in the waters around Central Whidbey. Quite aside from recent controversy over the esthetic impact of commercial mussel farming in the area, the mussel has a long history as a delectable seafood. Indeed, Sarah Hurlburt in her recent publication, *The Mussel Cookbook*, cites a 1390 English recipe which was attributed to the Master of the Cooks of King Richard II. Titled, "A Cawdel of Muskels," the recipe begins "Take and seeth muskels, pyke hem clene and waishe hem clene in wyne..." The complete recipe is similar in detail to some of the more common mussel recipes of today.

Given below are some of our favorite recipes.

MUSSELS MARINIERE

Makes 6 generous servings.

Here is a quick, simple way to provide your guests a delicious treat. Mussels are steamed open (about 3-5 minutes) in a large covered pot, then skimmed out, shells and all, into shallow soup plates. Their cooking liquor is ladled over them, and each guest removes mussels from their shells, one by one, either with fingers or by using the jointed halves of a steamer shell as a pair of tongs. Shells are discarded on a side dish. Provide each guest a soup spoon for sipping the cooking juices, a finger bowl and a large napkin. Serve with a chilled white wine and lots of warm, crusty French bread.

- 6 quarts scrubbed mussels
- 2 cups dry white wine
- ½ cup minced shallots, or onion
- 1/3 cup finely chopped parsley
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ teaspoon thyme
- Pinch black pepper
- 6 tablespoons butter

1. Bring wine to boil with all ingredients except mussels in an 8 to 10 quart kettle. Boil for 2 to 3 minutes to evaporate alcohol.
2. Add mussels to pot, cover tightly and steam over high heat for 3 to 5 minutes. Shake and toss pot frequently to ensure mussels are steamed evenly. In about 5 minutes shells will swing open and are ready to be served immediately.



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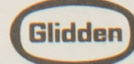
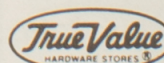
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Take a second look

There's a saying that goes, "Sometimes you can't see the forest for the trees." Here on Whidbey Island, Sometimes we think that all there is is trees, period. Well, you don't have to beat the bushes or the trees to come across some of the best values west of the Cascades. They call it *serendipity*: the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for. In other words, why go to Seattle when those *special* items are often right here in your own backyard?

This reporter has long since quit counting the times that people have asked where they can purchase fresh gourmet coffees and teas. They can be found at the Honey Bear, and alongside them on the shelves are special, special items such as decaffeinated Columbian coffee beans, decaffeinated Market Spice tea and chicory (Haven't seen chicory in years).

And, joy of joy, Honey Bear's pantry has a coffee substitute that doesn't taste like sawdust. If you really enjoy cooking and baking, you'll leap for joy again when you see the big assortment of herbs and spices at a fraction of the shelf prices in the super market.

Want to get away from it all without leaving home? Then visit the Pelican's Pocket and indulge yourself in the selection of fantasy, adventure and

strategy games and game magazines. D & D fans (Dungeons and Dragons) here are your copies of "Dragon" plus many back issues. "Dragon" magazine keeps you up on the latest game themes and scenarios for game boards and computers plus reviews on new games. For the aficionado there are books on advanced D&D. There are more mental mind benders in books to take within the Power House series: Aces of Aces (WWI bi-wing air combat), Bounty Hunter (shoot-outs in town and saloon), and a whole catalog of additional scenarios. And that's not where it ends. Pelican's Pocket will special order for you. Psst! You history buffs and travelers of the European continent, Pelican's Pocket has "Asterix"!

If you want to stay home and keep warm, roam the woods and beaches or dress in high fashion Northwest style, Tartans and Tweeds is the way to go. Seattleites venture up the island to do just that. Tartans and Tweeds has absolutely one of the best selections of quality wool and other natural fiber garments in the Pacific Northwest. This is not just a tourist shop. This is where you get serious about putting your clothing dollar where it counts. You'll find a broad selection from Scotland, Iceland, Ireland, Norway and the U.S.

Irish capes and jackets by top designer Jimmy Hourihan and dresses by Brian Tucker. The biggest selection of hand woven cloth hats and capes that always stay in style from the tireless cottage industries of Ireland. Oiled wool sweaters with a big choice of colors and style is an essential part of every Washingtonian's wardrobe. The surprise item is the all-year cotton pullover in six colors. People familiar with this sweater buy several at a time, then come back and ship out more for gifts to friends and relatives. If you value your time, your car and your dollar this is the place for you to shop.

Bet you thought that the Old Town Shop was a nifty-gifty shop. Well it is, but that's not all! They have done such a careful job of selecting and buying that visitors from Seattle come to the island once a year just to do the greeting card shopping for the whole year. Talk about building a better mouse trap. It sounds as though that is exactly what Mickey and Holace have done. This is a shop where you have to stay a while, wander around and chat a little, then the serendipity of the Old Town Shop starts to pop out at you. We could go crazy listing it all. The items that mesmerized this reporter were the choice of paper dolls, interesting posters, and the itty bitty miniatures. P.S., it's the only place in town that has paper doilies.

If you like to do things such as look at hardware and run your hands through the feed bins, you're going to love the Coupeville Spinning and Weaving Shop. They have just gotten new shipments of yarns that are a delight just to look at and squeeze. For you knitters there is a good broad selection of French, English and Irish wools and wool tweeds. If you want something special and a little exotic, there is chelsea silk, a blend of 65% silk and 35% wool. Ask for the Shetland type wool in a Finnish sport yarn or the Elite mohair. For up and coming summer items see Burger du Nord's cotton/linen blend. You'll be surprised by the neutrals and clear colors in the cotton yarns from Sweden. The dreamy soft Shadow Cotton will send you to the pattern books in a hurry. These are natural fibers with the best in quality and a variety to choose from. Only ask and you will get a special order shipped anywhere. Don't go off island for that spinning wheel. The best to choose from is right here—the French Louet, the Clemes (U.S.) and the Ashford from Australia.

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This van may purr like a kitten, but that's not why MEOW is painted on the side. Frank Steadman stands in front of his mystery van for a picture before finishing the day's chores.

MEOW mystery is a fluke

His name is Frank Steadman, he was a high climber and now he drives the MEOW van. If you have spent more than a few hours in Coupeville, you've likely seen the van and wondered — WHO?? WHAT?? WHY??

We can clear up the mystery! For 33 years Frank travelled about America working as a high climber, or an iron worker who hangs iron and steel high up on construction jobs. He worked about 12 years with American Bridge and then as a free lance iron worker for various construction outfits.

Seven years ago he retired, came to Coupeville with his wife and made his home on the spit by Crockett's Lake. Soon after, with time on his hands, Frank went to the Coupeville Thrift Shop, run by Faye Heppard, to look for a second hand lawn mower. The Shop didn't have one, but Faye suggested he go elsewhere, buy a new mower and go into business mowing lawns. He could start with hers, she said, and she could get him others to mow as well.

He bought the new mower and business grew. Then came a used pick-up truck. But mower, rain, wind, canvas tarp, pick-up and Frank did not mix well. He needed a covered van.

He found the one he was looking for

Parents/teachers

from front page

This item dealt with concerns presented by a six member ad hoc PTA Education Committee. These concerns which were stated to exist whether or not the levy is passed a second time, ranged from the perceived need for consistently and predictably offered courses necessary for student & parent planning to the fact current financial support is inadequate to solve all of the concerns listed by the Committee.

Stressing her position that the PTA group was not intending to be cast in an adversarial role with regard to the levy passage, Campbell, none-the-less, stated "we want to see the schools succeed, but right now they are not."

Several persons rose to rebut the latter part of her statement. Others felt that with the levy election pending, it was not timely to discuss curricular problems inasmuch as attention might be drawn from the levy campaign itself.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for March 22 at the Coupeville Elementary School.

Ordinance #8, dated June 14, 1910 provides for a "street poll tax in the Town of coupeville and a method for the payment and collection thereof." It was ordained by the Town Council that "Every male inhabitant of the Town of Coupeville between the ages of 21 and 50 years old be assessed, and shall annually pass to said Town a street poll tax in the sum of \$2.00, due and payable March 1 of each year. The Town Marshall is directed to collect said sum by verbally demanding it from each person liable. Refusal to pay said tax shall result in a fine of \$10.00."

and bought it from its former owner — Marine Electronics on Wheels, or MEOW.

Frank planned to have it painted, but before he could get to it, the engine went out and the repair bill was so high the paint job had to be put off. And now, well, we think he sort of likes being the MEOW man. Besides, he says the repaired engine purrs like a KITTEN.

Indeed, Frank says one lady who saw the lettering on the van commented, "I know you don't sell cat food, there wouldn't be enough money in it around here, but what DO you do?"

What Frank DOES is run a prosperous lawn mowing and landscaping business in Central Whidbey area.

KEYSTONE HARBOR BOAT LAUNCH REPAIR

The storm-damaged launching floats at Keystone Harbor at Fort Casey State Park are back in service after a short period for repairs.

It's Monday morning and Tom Kelly is wearing a blue wool watchcap, looking glum and drinking black coffee at the Burgers 'n More Restaurant. We thought he'd left the Port of Coupeville two days ago—that was his plan, and we said as much. He growled that "Mama Kelly didn't raise no fool!" Then it sank in. Heavy storm conditions for the past three days were keeping him from finally embarking on a lifetime dream—operating his own commercial fishing boat.

He fidgets with this coffee. Fishing season's been underway a couple of days already!

Damned weather!

We'd interviewed Kelly a month before. His dream started, he told me, when he was a child in Newfoundland and served as a cabin boy on boats fishing the Grand Banks. After that came a twenty year career in the U.S. Navy followed by several years as a contractor. It was during those later years that he was able to pick up experience—a couple of years in Alaska on a purse seiner and a couple more years on a Norwegian gill netter. Finally, it had to be. He had to have his own boat.

Late last Fall, thanks to local financial backing, he finally got the "Double Bluff", a boat he'd had his eye on for a couple of years. Built in 1946 in Canada as a troller, the boat is oak ribbed, with cedar planking and iron bark from the waterline down. Thirty-three by 8½ feet, she has a 4 foot draft. Kelly has dubbed her the SOO WAY PU YING, a Laotian name meaning "Beautiful Young Lady."

What, we asked him, will your first year's schedule be? From there on it was hard to take notes—just a long, enthusiastic rush. First, a ten week

Meet an original Teddy at the Historical Museum

Northwest Indian artifacts . . . one of the original Teddy Bears named for President Theodore Roosevelt . . . a set of scales accurate enough to weigh a pencil mark on a piece of paper . . . Cora Cook's doll collection . . . ??? The Museum in Coupeville has all of these items and many, many more says Don Scoby, President of the Island County Historical Society.

The museum is located in old Coupeville across the street from the Alexander Blockhouse. The museum's 1983 season will begin on April 1st with the museum open to the general public from 1 PM to 5 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. Starting June 1st the open hours will be extended into the week days, Wednesdays through Sundays from 1 PM to 5 PM. Admission is free.

In April and May the museum will also be available during week days for special tours by school children. These educational tours have become increasingly popular in recent years with children who come here from around the Northwest. Indeed, arrangements were made to accommodate nearly 200 children from one Seattle area school in one single three day period last year.

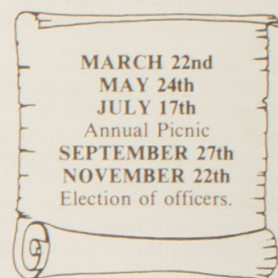
Reservations for school tours, as well as for adult groups, are necessary and must be made in advance by calling Mr. Scoby at 678-5786, or by writing to P.O. Box 305, Coupeville, WA. 98239. There is no charge for these tours.

The Historical Society maintains and operates the museum. The Society has approximately 125 members this year. Yearly dues are two dollars per person. The museum is supported entirely from private donations and fund raising events.

Two special fund raising events in the planning stages for this year will include a quilt raffle and a fashion show. The quilt, unique in its historical orientation, will be hand made by

society members and volunteers. The fashion show will feature authentic bridal gowns from the 1800's to the present. Watch for publicity about these events.

Visitors at Historical Society meetings are most welcome. The 1983 meeting dates are as follows, with all meetings held at the Museum at 8 PM.



Firefighters complete course

Four Coupeville and District Five Fire Department volunteers recently completed an intensive 32 hour Washington state fire service instructor training program. The class was on the principles of learning and teaching techniques for the state Fundamentals of Firefighting program. This program provides fire service training to fire departments throughout the state. Each certified instructor will train other fire service personnel in standard fire department functions and procedures, including basic techniques in the use of tools and equipment, and the more complex phases of firefighting theory, first aid and operations.

Receiving their instructor certificates from the Central Whidbey area were Harold Dill, Dave Haslam, Josephine Peoples and Chuck Charleton.

From cabin boy to skipper

cod fishing season starting in February. Then in April a complete overhaul of the boat—replacing any wood rot, caulking, etc. In May the spring and summer salmon season starts, but only one or two days salmon fishing per week are permitted. By taking off the salmon



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gear and re-rigging (and getting another license) it will be possible to fish rock cod and other bottom fish for 3 or 4 days each week during the 2 to 3 month season. Next will come long-lining for the halibut season (another license) until late August followed by four short openings of a few days each. From October into November there will be more salmon fishing (different net, same license). Finally another license and rig to fish for squid will finish out the year.

Between fishing stints, you can still find Tom at Toby's Tavern tending bar and cooking. He's a joy to watch at that job. With white hat, flowing red beard and snapping blue eyes he comes at ya, in the words of one his friends, like the hood ornament of a 1930's Dodge—full of pride and sure of himself. He is unpredictably humorous, utterly charming with the ladies, and courteously attentive to his customer's needs. But you just know "old Nick" is lurking somewhere behind his smile as he serves up your hamburger and favorite brew.

We weren't there the day he set off from the Coupeville dock on his new venture. But we've watched him from a distance as he's worked on the "Beautiful Young Lady." His actions on the boat bring real meaning to his words that "being on calm waters brings me closer to God."

He's been gone and back from his first trip out. A few days ago we saw him back at Toby's. The inevitable question was on the tip of the tongue, but we didn't have a chance to ask it. "Hey, it was just great. Comin' back from Port Townsend we got caught in 50 knot winds and five foot swells and she performed beautifully. Caught seven hundred pounds of true cod, too!"

Hey! It was just great!

Tom Kelly coming atcha from behind the bar at Toby's to get your order. The rest of the time he's out on the Soo Way Pu Ying after the fish in season.