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## Signs of The Times

By Dorothy Neil

How's about a vacation? Long, dusty roads, towns whizzing past, drive in meals and heat. Mosquitoes, chiggers, sand fleas and gnats. Strange beaches, where the water is limpid and the sleeping bag lumpy; spoiled milk, warm pop, and restaurant coffee.

Tired children, tired grownups, more heat. Sudden downpour, and the tent leaks. Or isn't it yet. Or the cabin is cold. Running water through every shingle, too. The baby is irritable, father is unreasonably, and the next service station will be ten miles away.

Sleep in the car, and keep the windows closed so the mosquitoes won't eat us alive. Open the windows says father who has claustrophobia. Compromise, and open the windows. The children's eyes are swollen shut next day with mosquito bites.

Stop in wheat country, sonny gets hay fever. Swim in a lake and missy's sinus bothers her. Long stretches of highway where one can make time are monotonous; winding roads through timber slow one down and are hazardous. Sonny is car-sick.

Head for California? Heat spell there now, everybody visiting in Washington. Canadian Rockies? Lots of rain there, can't see the mountains for it. Slides. Mud. Cold, too.

Let's camp out by a Canadian lake. Nothing better than a fresh caught trout cooked over an open fire. Three times a day is a lot of fish, a lot of cooking, and mother sprouts flins. Stay in a hotel and save the cooking for home. Father hates hotel meals, is tired of seeing people, and the rates are exorbitant.

Brother wants to hike with a pack on his back. Sister prefers a resort where there is surf riding and swimming. Canoeing too, in the moonlight. The baby wants his own bed and regular hours. So does mother.

Stop off to see Cousin Joe or Aunt Tina. They'll insist on accompanying you home to stay for a month. Aunt Tina is a dear, but one can take just so much listening.

Home again, and a hot tub of water. New potatoes and carrots from the garden, cooked, this time, not fried. Warm Whidbey Island days, cold breezes at night. Beautiful scenery, any way you look, boating, surf riding, swimming, sunning on the beach.

Hiking, fishing, friends in their own homes. Good beds, good food, regular hours, clean clothes. Picnic at the beach? Sure, and only five minutes from home.

Vacation, you say? We've HAD it.

One thing we always enjoy about our vacation is the deciding by the whole family where and what to do. Every year we go through the same ritual, but nothing will deter us from the preliminary wrangle, bloodshed, tears and deadlock. No one will keep us from enjoying to the fullest the annual knock-down drag-out that mentions of a vacation incites.

Rugged though it is, it always turns out the same. Lil Missy has to go to summer camp on what date, brother had already planned to see the Gold Cup races with a friend and spend the weekend with him, the seven year old is involved in swimming lessons, and "you want me to learn to swim, doncha huh?"

Then we get a wire from Aunt Tina that she and her daughter and Uncle Joe and three nieces will arrive for heaven-knows-how-long, and THAT settles the vacation problem for good. There ain't any.

But it was a nice try, and just think, we'll go through this again next summer.

## Keeping Up With The Armed Forces

Sgt. First class Roy S. Engom and his family, including Mrs. Engom and two boys, Roger 9 and Richard 4, are now stationed near Verdun, France with the Army. Mrs. Engom is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lindsay, and writes the "home folks" telling them of life in France.

The Engoms are planning to visit some friends in Germany soon, friends who lived as neighbors to them in California. They also plan to visit Switzerland, and make their journeys in their little "English Ford" which they bought when they arrived there.

They live about 20 miles from the Army Post at Verdun, and Sgt. Engom drives in each morning, accompanied by Roger who also attends school at the Post. Their home is primitive according to our standards, but does have electric lights. They are contemplating a house only 12 miles from the post, but it turned out to be house, barn and manure pile, all in close proximity. Over there, Mrs. Engom says the higher the manure pile in the barnyard, the richer the farmer.

The Engom family visited Paris recently, and after touring the narrow streets and long boulevards, found themselves hopelessly lost. To get "unlost" they hired a taxicab to take them to their hotel, and followed it in their own car to the correct address.

Sgt. Engom was transferred to France in October of 1952, and Mrs. Engom and the children left in April of this year.

Stalemate: Man married more than ten years.

## Aug. 10-21 Date For Swim Lessons At Oak Harbor

Swimming lessons, sponsored by the Red Cross, are scheduled from August 10 to August 21 with hours for the lessons to be announced in the near future. Hours in which the life guard will be on duty during August were also announced this week. It is suggested that parents clip the schedule from the paper and keep it handy for ready reference. The hours are as follows:

The safe swimming area for Oak Harbor city beach has been marked off during the past week with rope floats put in by the city, Barbara Wannamaker, life guard, reported this week.

With installation of the floats, parents are asked to have their children swim and play within the marked off area.

Date	From	To
August 1 Saturday	11:30	3:30
August 3 Monday	12:00	4:00
August 4 Tuesday	1:00	5:00
August 5 Wednesday	1:00	5:00
August 6 Thursday	1:00	5:00
August 7 Friday	1:00	5:00
August 8 Saturday	1:30	5:30
August 10 to 21—Swimming Lessons:		
August 15 - Saturday	1:30	5:30
August 22 Saturday	1:00	5:00
August 24 Monday	1:30	5:30
August 25 Tuesday	1:30	5:30
August 26 Wednesday	1:30	5:30
August 27 Thursday	1:00	5:00
August 29 Friday	1:00	5:00
August 29 Saturday	1:00	5:00



FORMER RESIDENTS OF Coupeville taken at a Fourth of July reunion held at the home of First Lt. and Mrs. H. M. Houghtaling at Kaiserslautern, Germany. L to r, they are Houghtaling, Frank Hadaway, Moritz Pickard, Major E. O. Jung, Capt. Francis Hastie, Sgt. Ed Houck, Sgt. Don Lee and Mrs. Jung. The little boy is Mike Hastie.



LADIES AT THE REUNION in Germany were L to r Mrs. Houghtaling, the hostess at the party, Mrs. Hastie, Mrs. Pickard, Mrs. Houck and Michelle Hastie.

## Your Friends and Ours

Friends from California who dropped in at Harpole's hospital to call on Mrs. Harpole July 24 were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson of Long Beach.

Dinner guests Wednesday evening at the Ben Tufts home were Mr. and Mrs. Justus Hancock. On Monday the two couples shopped in Mount Vernon.

Al Sherman who has been at home on leave from the Army for the past two weeks, left by plane Friday for Maryland, Fort Ritchie, where he will be stationed. He has been visiting at his parent's home, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Sherman.

Enjoying a week's holiday at Joe's Resort were Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Clark and children and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sherman and children, who had a wonderful time boating and swimming. They returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brooks and Lani motored to Bellingham on Tuesday and also visited the Lummi Indian reservation near that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Parker motored to Ferndale on Sunday and visited with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dion and son Russell. In the afternoon they took a trip to Blaine to the Peace Arch, and saw where the new petroleum refining project is taking shape. Houses have been moved off the property and the area already fenced in, ready to go. Before they returned home they enjoyed supper outdoors at their friends home in Ferndale.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Morris and Mrs. Walter Patmore took a ten day trip to Wyoming, returning this week. Sharon Pierce is taking care of the Patmore children, who are staying at the Pierce home.

Jimmie Jean Cook has resigned her position in the Auditor's office and taken over personal management of her gift shop in Coupeville. She is at present remodeling and

## Island Skaters Write to Whidbey From 'Big City'

Sunday, 2:15 a. m.

Well, here we are in Cleveland. It's really a big city! I can't say I would like to live here though, the weather is really terrific. It's so hot that Mr. Ellis was taking a bath and he said he was sweating. We aren't going to sleep with covers tonight, we're just going to lay on top of the bed.

We stopped in Chicago last night and stayed over night. You ought to see the slums there! Down on "Madison Avenue" and "Skid Row" they call it. When I saw that it really makes me appreciate my home and family and Oak Harbor! I don't know how human beings can live that way.

But there are nice spots here, things that make me really like it.

We went out to the rink tonight to watch the first competition. They are really good. The floor of the rink is twice that of ours. That is going to be one of our disadvantages I believe.

We are really having a wonderful time though. I sure hope all the people back home realize how much we appreciate it—that they would do this for us. We are going to really try and do our best. That's the best we can do for them is try. I don't know what our chances are but there are 21 Junior Dance couples listed in the book, and that's going to be pretty tough if they all show up.

Well, I'd better quit for tonight as it is 2:30 a. m. That's their time not ours. Thank Heaven!

Sharon

## Lions Club Hears Insurance Talk

Coupeville Lions heard Dr. Curtis Elliott of the University of Nebraska speak on Wednesday, July 22, when they met at the church clubrooms for the regular meeting.

Dr. Curtis, who is vacationing at Greenbank and enjoying the fishing, took time out to tell the club of the different types of insurance, medical, auto, life, fire and business and personal liability. He covered the subject well in an interesting manner.

The club received a letter of thanks from the Coupeville community club for their contribution toward playground equipment. The club gave \$300 with which the project leaders bought a merry-go-round and slide.

Guest of the club was Alvin Sherman, son of Lion Clark Sherman.

## Fourth of July is Reunion in Germany For Home Towners

On the Fourth of July a group of former residents of Coupeville and most of whom are now stationed with the Army in Germany were guests at the home of First Lt. and Mrs. H. M. Houghtaling and children, Sharon and Clifford, at Kaiserslautern, for a real American reunion.

An account of the gathering was sent by Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Pickard who are touring Europe this summer, and who were house guests at the home of Major and Mrs. E. O. Jung, formerly of Fort Casey.

Mrs. Pickard writes, "Hank and Doris were most gracious hosts, and served a delicious buffet dinner. A wonderful time reminiscing and extolling the beauties of Whidbey Island was had by all."

Mrs. Pickard enclosed the pictures of the group shown here, and added "having a wonderful time."

Present at the Houghtaling home and coming from all sections of Germany were Captain and Mrs. Francis Hastie, Major and Mrs. Jung of Gelnhausen; Master Sgt. and Mrs. Ed Houck of Ludwigsburg; (Mrs. Houck is the former Jessie Nicolls), Master Sgt. Don Lee of Aschaffenburg whose family is still in Coupeville but will join him this summer; Private first class Frank Hadaway of Baumholder, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hadaway; and Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Pickard, Captain Hastie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hastie, and Mrs. Houghtaling is the former Doris Hammons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hammons.

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## Goose Bumps Out; July 16 is Chiller

July 16 this year brought out the goose bumps on unsuspecting Whidbey Islanders with a drop from a high temperature of 71 degrees to a shivering 48 degrees. Residents noted a sudden chill in the early morning air when they reached for that extra blanket.

The next day, July 17, the low was still 48 degrees, and with a high temperature of only 68, according to Ralph Engle, weather observer.



TURN ABOUT'S FAIR PLAY—to the children who take advantage of the new playground being equipped by the Community club. A merry-go-round and slide are the new acquisitions and are most popular with the younger set. Above, at the top of the slide are Marilu Pierce, Loann, Wanda and Linda Thiesfield and Stevie Wilson, who were all smiles as the photographer snapped them.

—Whidbey Press Photo

## Mt. Vernon Bridge To Close Monday

Whidbey residents headed toward Mount Vernon will have to go the long way around after next Monday.

The narrow, dangerous Mount Vernon bridge will be closed on that day and work on a new bridge, scheduled for completion by July, 1954, will begin.

Contractor Guy F. Atkinson has been given the job of replacing the Skagit River bridge.

## Family Picnics, See Denmark Pictures

Picnicking at Port Nugent on Sunday were Mrs. Barbara Sloth, Mrs. Dora Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Boyer Jr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hancock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arnold and family, Mrs. Dora Barrington.

After the picnic the group were guests at the home of Mrs. Sloth and were joined in the evening by Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Boyer Sr. and Mrs. Justus Hancock and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Larsen to see the slides taken by Phyllis Sloth on a trip she and her mother took to Denmark this summer.

If it's news we want it.

## Surprise Birthday Party for Sisters

What began as a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Leonard Brown, arranged by her mother, Mrs. Kineth and sister, Mrs. Michael Criseola, on Monday evening at the Kineth home, became a double surprise party when the birthday cake was brought in, reading "Happy Birthday, Ellen and Patty." Their birthdays are just a week apart.

Friends gathered to honor the two sisters with a "handkerchief" shower and to enjoy a fun filled evening and refreshments served at a late hour.

They were Mrs. Glen Lynch, Mrs. Mabel Race, Mrs. L. E. Nelson, Mrs. Aiden Whelan, Mrs. Warren Lindsay, Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Mrs. Herbert Picard, Mrs. Fred Pelschel, Mrs. Jack Varney, and Vicki Criseola. Mrs. Paul Bishop and Mrs. Orlan Dean were unable to attend.

## SAHLI IMPROVES

Farlin Sahli, Coupeville builder, is still in Providence hospital in Everett, and is improving slowly. He was taken there over a week ago when he was stricken with a sudden illness thought at first to be malaria. His friends and neighbors wish him a speedy recovery.

## Pioneer Picnic Here Sunday

Sunday, August 2, will be Pioneer picnic day, the affair sponsored by the DPW, but this year something new has been added. Not only pioneers and their descendants are invited to attend, but anyone who is interested in the history of Washington or the pioneer people, is urged to come to the Coupeville recreation hall for the 1 p. m. picnic.

Hot coffee will be furnished by the Daughters of Pioneers.

The theme of this year's gathering will be "pioneer transportation," and Carl Engle, Coupeville historian, will tell of methods of pioneer transportation into the northwest.

This year, too, there will be a registration for Pioneer Sons, preparatory to forming a society similar to the DPW.

So if you know anyone who will be at the picnic, or would like to see someone you used to know, or just want to come to get acquainted, just bring your picnic dish and be at the recreation hall. Everyone is welcome.

## Hugh Goldies Move; Fryday Buys Plant

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Goldie and daughter, Sandra Lee, moved this weekend to Everett, where Mr. Goldie has purchased the Laraway Cleaning establishment on North Broadway.

New owner of Whidbey Laundry and Dry Cleaners, L. D. Fryday, has been foreman at the plant for the past two years. He has spent ten years on the Island, off and on, since being stationed at Fort Casey in 1943.

Fryday and his wife, the former Harriet Smith of Coupeville, have one child, George, eight months old. Fryday is 37 and has been in the cleaning business since 1939.

Goldie has been in Oak Harbor for the past ten years and just last year completed a new building for the laundry and dry cleaners.

## Mrs. Duyff Recovers From Measle Attack

Mrs. Eddie Duyff is this week convalescing from an attack of three day measles which interrupted her start back-to-school at Seattle Pacific College. She plans to return to college as soon as she feels well enough to go.

Mr. Duyff, who is taking care of his family while Mrs. Duyff is in school, is now wondering if the rest of the family will take this opportunity to come down with the measles, while he is superintending their welfare.

## PICNIC AT CRANBERRY

A family picnic at Cranberry lake on Sunday afternoon included Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Keith and daughter Evelyn of Bellingham, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keith of Concrete and their daughter, Mrs. Pyatt and two children, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Keith of Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Zink of Chilliwack, B. C. cousins of the Keith family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burns and two children of Everett, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Austin. Mrs. Burns is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin.

## Plans in Making For School Rooms Architect Hired

District school directors this week hired architect Frederick Eley of Seattle to draw up two sets of plans for the proposed expansion of grade school facilities in Coupeville, according to Superintendent of schools Eddie Duyff.

The first set would be a building of two rooms, independent from the present elementary school, and to be used for primary classes.

The second set of plans would encompass a two room addition to the present elementary building, extending west.

Eley will draw up the two sets of plans and report back to the board soon. Sewage disposal may be a big factor in the choice of the two sets of plans, said Duyff.

Complete renovation of the school is nearly completed, with wainscoting in the rooms painted or varnished; play-yard blacktopping resurfaced; new furniture installed in the eighth grade room; baseball backstop shortened, straightened and new wire added, and the house of the superintendent painted on the outside.

Additions to the teaching staff for the coming year include Mrs. Fred Pelschel who will replace Max McLain. McLain has accepted a position in the San Carlos, California junior high.

Mrs. Marian Morrison, who taught at Brinnon last year, will take the fifth grade, and Robert Scoll will teach the combination sixth and seventh grade. Only a first grade teacher remains to be hired.

## Pioneer Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mrs. Ella McCrohan, one of Oak Harbor's pioneers, celebrated her 90th birthday on Friday of last week, with all six of her daughters present. Her only son, Ainsley, was unable to be present because of illness. He is in Doctor's hospital in Seattle after a heart attack.

Mrs. McCrohan was ten-year-old Ella Douglass when she came with her family from New York in 1863, with all twelve years after the first white men settled at Oak Harbor. She married Ned McCrohan, who was also ten-years-old when he came with his family from Australia to Oak Harbor. She has spent all her life on Whidbey Island, raising a big family, and today has great-grandchildren living. At present she resides at Resthaven, in Mount Vernon.

A birthday cake and birthday gifts highlighted the afternoon as neighbors and friends stopped in at the home of Mrs. Rena Case, where the party was held to congratulate Mrs. McCrohan on her ninetieth birthday.

Her daughters present were Mrs. Grace Brazen and Mrs. Pearl Nichols of Seattle, Mrs. Ruby Neil of Freeland, and Mrs. Florence Adams, Mrs. Rena Case, and Mrs. Edeline O'Shaughnessy of Oak Harbor.



GOWNS OF YESTERDAY—were modeled by these members of the Whidbey Island Pioneer Daughters who met May 13 in Montecello for the State convention of the group. Pictured as they appeared for a special "dress" session, are l to r, Mrs. Nancy Brower, wearing a gown belonging to the mother of Miss Elliott, President of the State DPW; Mrs. Alta Lovelace, president of the

Whidbey Island Chapter, wearing Mamie Monroe's hat and a cape belonging to Christine Haffstetter (Lillian Dean) who was regal in a black velvet gown

belonging to Ida Sill's grandmother, Mrs. Wilkins; Mrs. Ted Maylor in her own grandmother's wedding gown, Annie Hancock Libbey; Mrs. Carl Dean, wearing her mother's pin, (Julia Kinney

Hancock) and the cape belonging to her grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Kinney; and Mrs. Olie O'Leary, wearing a cape and bag belonging to Sadie Morse Davis.



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## Holdovers . . .

By Ace Comstock

If Milady wants to save her fingernails she doesn't have to dial OR-5 before calling an Oak Harbor number. But we suppose the smart cookies have found that out already.

Our better half says the little Henry J is taking a beating. We drive too fast, she says, and she drives.

Weekend before last we traveled to Sekiu to fish. Just before we left, Bill Case called to invite us on a fishing party and we had to take a rain check. Two fish were caught on the Sekiu trip. Monday Henry Case was in the office and reported that Bill caught twelve that weekend. Which only goes to prove that the green on the other side of the fence may be seasickness, as a friend puts it.

We may have a rich uncle coming up. Earl and Edith Comstock, former Island residents now of Bellingham live only a block from an old well, which uncovered recently, was found to be bubbling with oil seepage.

Balmy Whidbey weather must be getting everybody down. No answers to last week's editorial about the men getting breakfast. Just proves a point. Women are now so confident they don't need a rebuttal.

We like to take our youngsters fishing. Their eyes sparkle just as brightly when we hook a dogfish as they would if we hooked a salmon—if we should ever hook a salmon.

Speaking of fishing, colleague Dorothy Nell dedicated one of her sparkling verses to us. We can't remember the exact lines but it went something like, "Whether it was little fish. How I wonder where you fish." We were going to write an answer but literary arts deserted us. The last venture we took into the field of poetry was about a fifth grade teacher and one verse went: "The teacher's got a pretty figure. A figure that is slick. We'd rather look at the teacher's figure Than the figures in 'rithmetic.'"

## Island OES Honors Grand Officers

Tula Chapter, OES, was joint hostess with Langley Chapter on Saturday night, July 18, when Grace Johnson, Worthy Grand Matron, made her official visit to the Island. Nine other Grand Officers were also guests at the evening affair which began with a potluck supper held in the Coupeville Methodist church clubrooms.

Tula Chapter, with Mrs. Carl Mecklenburg, Worthy Matron, presiding was in charge of the opening and closing ceremonies, and Langley Chapter, with Mrs. Henry Dassel, Worthy Matron, presented the degrees of the order to two candidates.

An interesting addenda was given by the two chapters, under the direction of Mrs. Michael Criscuolo, and depicted characters dressed appropriately in costumes from as far back as sixty years.

Following the ceremonies in the Chapter room, a reception was held in the dining hall for 155 members and guests of the two chapters. Mrs. Chet Thomas was chairman in charge of the reception.

Jonathan Goble, a Marine Corps private with Commodore Perry's Japan Expedition, later returned to Japan as a Christian missionary. He is credited with inventing the Jiricksha and teaching the Japanese the art of cobbling.

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## Coupeville Man Academy Grad

M/Sgt. Donald E. Lee of Los Angeles, Calif., Morgan Hill, Calif., and Coupeville, Wash., recently graduated from the 18th Infantry Regiment's Non-Commissioned Officer's Academy in Germany.



The academy offers a five-week course in leadership, weapons, tactics and latest Army developments.

Master Sergeant Lee, whose wife lives at Route 1, Box 311, Coupeville, is a platoon sergeant in Company G of the 18th Regiment. He entered the Army in March 1940 and was stationed at Fort Lewis, before arriving overseas in February. His mother, Mrs. Hazel Gansey lives at 6249 Allison St., Los Angeles, Calif., and his father, Hubert Lee, lives in Morgan Hill.

## Man Picked Up with Copter from Rock

Whidbey's HO385 helicopter picked up a man from the base of Haystack Rock near Cannon Beach, Oregon, Sunday, after he had been stranded over three hours on the rock.

Sherwood Willis and a companion Jim Curtis were climbing the rock when high seas and the incoming tide prevented their return to the beach.

Jim Curtis attempted to swim ashore but had to be pulled out by a rope. Willis, who was on the rock and was unable to fight the waves.

Next hero was Roger Shannahan, ex-Marine frogman, who happened along with his frog suit in his car. He donned it and volunteered to swim a line out to the three men on the lower rocks.

This he did, and all three came in on the line through the surf, swimming and being pulled.

A call was received at the station from the Coast Guard at noon, stating that all other copters in the area were down. The helicopter piloted by LT A. E. Monahan, Assistant Flight Division Officer, left at 12:30 arriving at 3:05 p. m.

Willis was picked up from the face of a sheer cliff by swinging the pick-up sling over to him with a rockman of the helicopter. An earlier attempt by a Coast Guard boat, to rescue the man failed.

LT Monahan dropped the man off on the beach, wet and cold but not hurt.

## Attorney Starts Island Law Office

John W. Wold, an attorney who came to the Island from Montesano, will open a law office in Oak Harbor next Monday.

The new law office will be located in the building previously occupied by Chuck Dann's Sporting Goods Inc. The building this week is undergoing a renovating and rebuilding job.

Thirty-year-old Wold is a graduate of the University of Washington law school. He has had a law office in Montesano since his graduation in 1949. His wife, Pat, is a former Hoquiam girl.

The Wolds have two children. They are three-year-old Kristy and one-year-old Robert. They have purchased the Eldred Van Dam home which is located across the street and slightly west of Oak Harbor Freight Lines new building.

A native Washingtonian, Wold was born and reared in Seattle. He is no stranger to this area, however, as his mother's family were pioneers in the Anacortes area. Wold's father, prior to his death in 1946, owned Similk Bay Oyster farm.

Wold's interests, outside his profession, are in fishing and sailing.

## TEN PUPPIES

Mr. and Mrs. Bill DeLapp were presented last week with ten puppies by their part collie dog, Patty. At present the little newcomers are sharing the guest room with their mother and having a hard time getting the vitamins distributed evenly. There are three males in the litter.

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## DUSTING OFF OLD VOLUMES

July 14, 1953

Attorney Still gave his first private law lesson to a select class of young ladies of the town in the Odd Fellows hall this week.

Quite a number of folks started for Camano to pick blackberries this week, but because of the high winds and rough waters, had to postpone their trip.

A clambake under the auspices of George Swift was given at Lovejoy's point, with Billy Barlow and his squaw superintending the feast.

Mrs. Florence Kennedy was initiated into the Rebekah Lodge, with Mrs. Sabina Kineth as Noble grand.

R. Zylstra and family were over from Oak Harbor this week, and called at the Island County Times office.

July 31, 1953

A marriage license was issued to Frank Hamlin of Freeland and Ruby Chambers of Seattle. Hamlin is chairman of the board of county commissioners.

Special lights were put in the pavilion at the city park for the dancing party Friday night which thirty eight young folks attended. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Benson and Mr. and Mrs. George Kellogg chaperoned the party. The young folks had the pleasure of dancing to radio music from the New Washington hotel.

July 27, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutherford and little son left for Lake Stevens to spend a two week vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean and Philip, and Mrs. Julia Hancock and Mr. D. P. Dean arrived home from a month's visit in Colorado.

A surprise party was given Dorothy LeSourd on Tuesday evening, with crokinole being played by the younger set. Prizes went to Nina Sherman, Leslie Miller, Gardena Poinstein and Sam Keith.

Mrs. Lester Morris, a recent bride, was honored with a shower at the Congregational church, with about 45 friends present.

81 degrees was the temperature for several days in Coupeville this week.

Roberta Patmore, 7, and Bobby Strong, 3, were honored at a dual birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strong.

Threshing on field peas began this week at the Ed Armstrong place near San de Fuca.

## Old Time County Residents Sign To Enter Contest

Residents who have been in Island county for the longest time must be entered in South Whidbey and Coupeville, if entries thus far received for the Island County Fair "Long Time Resident" honors are any indication.

The search for the resident who has resided in the county for the longest time is being conducted as one of the many events planned for Island county fair in Langley August 28, 29 and 30. The 20 residents who have lived in the county the longest time will be honored guests at the fair with free admission tickets and free dinners all three days of the fair. In addition, they will lead the Saturday parade.

Thus far, eleven names have been submitted. The deadline for entries, however, has been moved to August 3 in an attempt to sign up another ten old timers to round out the top twenty.

Long time residents who have entered the contest include W. J. Hunziker, who arrived in Langley in 1898 and has been a resident since; Mrs. Clara E. Howard, a resident of Langley during the past 50 years; Mrs. Earl Yoder, also a resident of Langley for the past half century; Mrs. Jo Rothgeb, who has spent 65 years in the county and Mrs. Tena Brown, who has lived 69 years in Island county.

Also entered is Mrs. Effie Simonsen, born in Langley in 1895; Mrs. Delma Stevens, born at Clinton in 1893 and Martin Simmons, born at Clinton in 1892.

John M. LeSourd, who has also entered, is now 77 years of age and came to the Coupeville area at nine years of age. Mrs. Ada LeSourd came to Coupeville in 1893 at the age of four and has lived in the area since. Carl T. Engle of Coupeville was born on what is now Fort Casey in 1877 and has lived in the county since with the exception of nine months spent in Skagit county in 1900.

Long time residents who wish to sign up for the contest may write to the Whidbey Record, Langley, Wash., with full details as to birth date and number of years lived in the county.

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## HOW TO BE A GOOD WITNESS

Don't refuse to be a witness if you are ever called upon to testify in court. It may not always be convenient to leave your job or home and spend a day in court. However, no court system can work without witnesses. Citizens who object to this duty are weakening the system of justice that protects them.

It is not always easy to be an able and truthful witness. Your answers may be objected to by an opposing counsel—and properly so. There may be questions that confuse an unthinking witness.

A properly prepared witness is better able to meet the impact of cross examination. That is why trial lawyers often instruct each witness on courtroom procedure. Here are eight rules to follow if you are ever summoned to court. Following them may make the difference between success or failure on the witness stand.

1. Never argue with the opposing counsel or flare up in anger. You are helpless when you lose your self-control.

2. Be slow spoken and deliberate. Don't be stampeded or diverted into side paths.

3. Never guess at a question's meaning. Don't be ashamed to state frankly, "I don't know."

4. Be brief and to the point. Don't be flippant.

5. Stick to facts—not what you think happened or what you heard someone say.

6. Never hesitate to admit frankly that you don't remember certain facts, such as distances, color or measurements.

7. Never memorize a story.

8. If you can't honestly answer a question "yes" or "no," say so and ask that it be reworded.

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Although not married in the usual ceremony, John and Mary have lived together as man and wife for some years and are known as Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Is their marriage, known as common law marriage, and good legally in Washington, and will "Mrs. Smith" have a widow's rights upon John's death?

Marriage is a contract, and the validity of a contract is governed by the laws of the state where the contract is made. So a common law marriage is valid if permitted under the laws of the state in which the marriage is contracted.

Washington, however, does not recognize a common law marriage into which any two parties attempt to enter in this state. In Washington, it is necessary that a marriage be solemnized in the presence of a minister, priest or judicial officer, and in the presence of at least two attesting witnesses.

Some states, of which Montana is one, still permit marriages to be entered into under the common law method, and such marriages contracted in those states are valid.

And not only are they valid where entered into, but they must also be recognized as valid in those states which do not allow them within their own borders. Thus, if a couple entered into a common law marriage in Montana and came to the state of Washington, our state would recognize the Montana marriage as valid.

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## Fisherman Loses Outboard Overboard

Paul Walker, avid fisherman from this area, lost his outboard motor last week while diving operations in Cornet Bay and getting that extra pair of oars down out of the rafters for future use.

The undersea operations began last week shortly after Walker's 12-h.p. Sea King outboard motor became tangled in seaweed and jumped clean off the boat in which Walker, his son Bill, and LT Wm. Rogers had intended to get in some real fishing in the Deception Pass area or thereabouts.

With 20 feet of water over the lost motor, salvage operations have continued, but with no results.

## ATTEND BIBLE CAMP

Attending the Lake Whatcom Bible and Missionary Conference at The First, near Bellingham last week were Mrs. Charles Elkema, Paul and Roger. Speaker at the camp was Cornelius Vander Brigen who showed pictures and told of his recent experiences in Holland. Vander Brigen is scheduled to speak in Oak Harbor soon.

The miniature locomotive and railway was presented to the Japanese by Commodore Matthew C. Perry, U. S. Navy, in 1854 travelled at the rate of a mile in three minutes around a three-hundred foot circular track.

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Miles	Station	LV	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
0	MOUNT VERNON		7:10	11:00	5:05
0	ANACORTES		7:10	11:10	5:05
24	AULT FIELD JCT.		7:35	11:35	5:35
28	OAK HARBOR		7:45	11:45	5:45
38.7	COUPEVILLE		8:04	12:04	6:04
66.6	LANGLEY		9:00	1:00	7:00
9.50	MUKILTEO		9:50	1:50	7:50
97	SEATTLE		10:40	2:40	8:40

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72.2	AULT FIELD JCT.		11:44	3:44	8:44
88	ANACORTES		12:08	4:08	9:08
97	MOUNT VERNON		12:30	4:25	1:08

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## San de Fuca

By Mrs. E. C. Morris

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Dyk of Montebello, California, were guests of his niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grasser and sons Bill and Howard from Monday until Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andre Arneson, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Deanne of Lake Erie visited Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Morris Saturday afternoon on their return home from a few day's vacation on the Olympic Peninsula. Phyllis Arneson stayed with her grandparents while her parents were on their trip. Mrs. Charles Arnold and Mrs. Barbara Sloth visited Mrs. A. W. Monroe Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. T. Ford spent Monday in Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Larsen of Oak Harbor were Sunday evening visitors at the home of Mrs. Barbara Sloth.

Callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Morris Saturday were Mrs. Forest Frey and Jane of Norman, Oklahoma, Miss Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. George Tallman and three grandchildren of Seattle.

Over night guests of Mrs. Barbara Sloth on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mathiesen of Renton.

Mrs. Cowden of Seattle and Mrs. Ollie O'Leary of Oak Harbor visited Mrs. Harry Barrington and Mrs. Sibbie Fisher Friday afternoon.

Mrs. John Williams and children Mark and Sharon left Thursday morning to join her husband at Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Orquhart visited friends at Port Ludlow, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Baker and three children of California were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shelton, while here called on former friends.

## Industrial Safety Award Won by NAS

The Secretary of the Navy has authorized the presentation of the Secretary of the Navy Awards for Achievement in Safety to the U. S. Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island and to 99 other shore activities for their work in industrial accident prevention during 1952.

All activities, regardless of size, were eligible to compete for the award, and civilian and military accident experience were combined for comparison purposes. Only those activities whose work was strictly clerical, supervisory, or inspection were excluded.

This is the second time such an award has been presented to NAS Whidbey Island. The Secretary of the Navy Award for Achievement in Industrial Safety for 1951 now can be seen in the NAS Administration Building lobby.

In order to make competition more equitable, activities were divided into three size groups within each bureau. Group A consists of those activities whose combined industrially employed military and civilian population was 1,500 or more; Group B activities were those whose civilian and industrially employed military population lay in the range 500 to 1,499; Group C activities were those whose combined formenioned personnel population was less than 500.

Regardless of the Bureau or size group under which each activity fell, the activity was required to have a minimum loss-time accident frequency reduction. Whidbey fell into group B.

## BAPTISTS PICNIC

One hundred twenty five members of the First Baptist church picnic at Bowman's Bay on Saturday when seventy pounds of salmon were barbecued to lend a real treat to the annual affair. Baseball furnished the recreation for the afternoon.

## GEM CLUB POTLUCK

The Whidbey Gem club will meet on August 3, next Monday night at the Payne home at Possession point. The group will begin the evening with a potluck supper at 7 p. m., after which the regular business meeting and gem and rock program will be held.

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## Your COUNTY AGENT SAYS

by Lawrence Thie

The marketing Service Information supplied by Nicholas L. Keyock, administrator for the Puget Sound Marketing area under the Federal Milk Marketing Program, sends out some interesting information and comparisons on dairy production for counties here in Western Washington over the past year.

The chart accompanying this report indicates that dairy production for the month of May, 1953 was 52 pounds per day higher for each producer than it was in May of 1952, for a total average of 462 pounds of milk produced. In November 1952 the average production per producer was 270 pounds.

For the 15 counties listed, only 3 counties had production per producer lower than Island County. duction per producer probably pretty directly related to size of herd. The increase in production over May of last year is rather important, however.

Another factor that is quite important is the variation in production between November and May. The comparatively low production in November indicates that only a few cows are in production during that time of the year or the feeding program is not up to the standard that it should be.

## More Producers

Of interest to all producers is the fact that from May 1952 to May 1953 there has been an increase in the total number of producers delivering milk to the market, going from 3,401 to 3,586. Whatcom and Snohomish Counties showing the largest increase in the number of producers. These counties also showed the greatest increase in production per producer.

Pierce County has a very uniform production throughout the year, showing an average of 672 pounds in May, 1953 in May, 1952 and 539 in November 1952. Most of our top dairymen here in Island County are probably doing as good a job as dairymen anywhere else. However, we still have a large number of milk producers who get their maximum production in the spring with the cows going dry in the winter, or at least producing very little milk.

The trend toward better forage programs both through silage and improved pastures will go a long way toward correcting this condition. In addition the use of high quality breeding, either by privately owned bulls or through artificial breeding from North West Co-op Breeders, will also do much to improve the quality of stock.

## Asking Advice

Era Taft Benson Secretary of Agriculture in his program to improve the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is going directly to farm organizations and farmers for advice on changes or improvements that could be made in the department. Specifically, Mr. Benson is looking for suggestions concerning 1. Farm income stability and improvement 2. Production and market adjustments 3. Conservation and improvement of farm resources 4. Capital needs of agriculture 5. Trade or aid.

Many of us are critical of either of the farm program or of our governmental programs in general. Now is an opportunity to express ourselves either individually or collectively through the organizations in which we participate. If we fail to express ourselves and offer constructive criticisms certainly we have little room for complaint if later the farm programs or governmental programs do not meet our needs.

## Danger In Hay

As I write this letter we are in the midst of National Farm Safety week. From the Farm Safety Review comes a reminder that hay time is a hazardous time from the standpoint of farm fires. In this area, where it is a problem to get hay sufficiently dry for storage, we must be even more careful. The

need for checking to determine whether or not there is danger from spontaneous combustion is ever present. Adding salt to the hay when storing it whether in bales or loose is a help in preventing spontaneous combustion. The addition of the salt also make the hay more palatable to the cattle.

One means of checking your hay to determine whether it is heating is to make a simple probe in which a thermometer may be lowered for checking temperature in the hay.

This probe can be made from a 10 foot length of 1/2 inch pipe or larger pipe in which is to be inserted into the hay. The end of the probe should be plugged with a wood point or with some other type material which can be sharpened and which will help the probe penetrate in the hay in storage. After the probe is placed in the hay it can be left in position with a thermometer being lowered inside periodically for checking the temperature. A thermometer lowered into the pipe should remain for at least 15 minutes to assure an accurate reading on the temperature. The probe of course should remain in the hay for several hours in order that it will reflect a true picture of the temperature in the hay.



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By J. W. MacInnis

Amazing how many 39th birthdays are celebrated these days. The world must have "stood still" for a while in the past. It isn't going to stand still at Greenbank next Saturday, August first, for the Progressive club is putting on a terrific WHITE ELEPHANT sale on that date. Time will be from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. It will be held in front of CHIPS' Boat works. It will be the biggest and the best sale Whidbey Island has had in many a day. A cordial welcome is extended to all, to bring anything they wish to the sale, and of course to look and to buy.

A well deserved holiday was given the pickers at Greenbank Farm over Saturday and Sunday. From four to five tons of berries are picked there every day.

One of the best news we've had in weeks is that Mrs. Stanley Boozel is feeling better. All her friends are very, very happy to hear it, and the Island is filled with them. A Jack Payton is recovering in a Vancouver hospital, and will be home again in about a week, and that is good news too in any man's language. Nette took a trip down to visit him on Saturday, expecting to return on Monday.

The Bob Keiths had a very happy surprise last Monday when Pat's sister, Mrs. Ed Johnson of Compton, Calif., arrived for a few day's visit. Mrs. Johnson was leaving on Friday for Montana where she is expecting to surprise another sister.

Officials of the Seafair which begins in Seattle in a few days, gathered together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bryant last Sunday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Gunn, Jr. (president of Greater Seattle for first 3 years); Rear Admiral and Mrs. Allen E. Smith, (Commandant of 13th Naval Dist.); Mr. and Mrs. Walter Van Camp, (Director of Greater Seattle); Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Rabel, (Neptune Rex 1-1950); Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eckman, (Prime Minister 1950); Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O. McKay, (Neptune Rex II-1951); Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dugan, (Prime Minister-1951); Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Blaine, Jr., (Neptune Rex III-1952); Vice Admiral and Mrs. E. H. Good, (1953 Neptune Rex IV-1953); Mr. and Mrs. George C. Smith, (Neptune Rex V-1954); Mr. and Mrs. Jack Engstrom, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Bryant; Mr. Bryant was chairman of Seafair and Gold Cup in 1950, '51 and '52, and is now Vice President of Greater Seattle and Director at Large.

It was a successful and delightful party in every way, even to the deer that came to watch the gaieties, and in turn furnished a breathless and exciting interlude for the guests. The beautiful surrounding and gracious hospitality of the Bryants sold Whidbey Island and especially Greenbank to the distinguished guests. Before Seafair begins, the Bryants are attending many parties in Seattle. They will stay two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Engstrom for the Seafair and Gold Cup activities. The Bryants took the children, Jerry Jr. and Julie to the V Bar B Ranch near Issaquah last Sunday where the children will have fun for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cundy attended the Spanish War Veteran's Convention in Olympia for four days recently. Mr. Cundy is the Commander of the Camp, and Mrs. Cundy is president of the Auxiliary. Mr. Cundy, with his brother, who has been staying with him all winter, spent a few days in Spokane the first part of the month, and at the same time arranged the shipping of the remaining five boats to the Cundy's Resort at Lake Ponderella in Idaho. Mr. George Kirkham, grandson of the Cundy's, spent two weeks vacation with his grandparents here, and has returned to his home in Salem, Oregon. He has received his induction into the service, and is waiting for orders.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas is vacationing at his summer place this week and Mrs. Douglas is spending the summer. The Douglases are having Mr. Olum do some bulldozing for them.

The Bill Lohmans arrived at their place on Wednesday evening, to spend from then until Sunday. They also are having Mr. Olum do some bulldozing for them.

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Last week 13 more youngsters registered to bring the total number eligible to compete to 54. The last day in which youngsters may qualify to try for one of the many prizes to be offered will be August 14, Chuck Dann, derby chairman said this week.

Dann also announced that refreshments will be served this year after the derby. Adults who furnish the boats will also be given a bite to eat.

Members of the derby committee, Dick Carskadden, Jerry Nelson, Lawrence Dykers and Bill Case, will probably meet sometime during the coming week to set up official derby rules and decide the first second and third prizes.

Any youngster under the age of 16 may qualify for the derby by catching a fish of any type and registering it at Carskadden Brothers' Hardware in Marketown or Chuck Dann's Inc. Sporting Goods in Oak Harbor.

Qualifiers last week were Niel Noorlag, Jr., Jack Goodwin, Robert Morgan, and her husband, Gary Longwell, Maureen Gates, Dale Powell, Rusty Grossman and Stephen Heller.

Other qualifiers were Jack Taylor, Leonard Heller and Martinus Van Englen.

**How, Not Where For Good Vacation**

It isn't where you go, but how you go that can spell the difference between a safe, pleasant vacation or an unpleasant tragic experience, State Patrol Chief James A. Pryde said today.

"One of the greatest indictments against today's driver," he said, "is his urge to dash like mad to get some place where he can sit down and do nothing. This trait is especially evident at vacation time."

Pryde said the wise vacationist does not regard the time spent enroute to his destination as "wasted."

"He lets his vacation begin the very moment he steps in his car," he added. "His trip is leisurely, safe and pleasant. In this way he not only makes the trip an integral part of his vacation, rather than an unpleasant pre



## Skookum Chuck Scow Welcomed by Fisherman

Breathes there a fisherman who hasn't gone fishing without, (1) Cigarettes aplenty but no matches. (2) Matches aplenty but no cigarettes or (3) An empty feeling in the abdomen which indicates the little man is less than satisfied.

Bob Mitchell, Crescent valley farmer, has come up with an answer for just such situations, at least for fishermen who trust their luck to the waters in and around Cultus Bay.

Mitchell has converted a surplus army barge into a floating cafe which wends its way every weekend from its anchorage in a sheltered cove below the Mitchell place to Cultus Bay. In operation for the past three or four weeks, the unique eating establishment has met with a warm welcome from the fisherman and seems to have proved itself and the idea.

Christened the Skookum Chuck Scow by Mrs. Mitchell, the floating cafe furnishes hungry fishermen with anything from cold soft drinks to hot griddle cakes. Aboard the 31-foot craft is an oil stove, fresh water tanks, bunks for four people, and just about every kind of foodstuff that could be found in a small landlubber cafe. Prices, thus far at least, are about the same as a landlubber eating establishment of the same size.

The idea of constructing the Skookum Chuck Scow has existed for several years, according to Mitchell.

"But it took a lot of urging by the family before I got going with the actual rebuilding job," he said. Terry Mitchell, a son, did most of the urging and helped with the construction of the cafe. Shortly after the project was started, however, Uncle Sam requested his services. He is presently serving with the engineers at Fort Lewis and hasn't had a weekend off since he went in.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell do the cooking and managing of the unique establishment.

"We have it pretty well arranged," Mitchell said, "and it's amazing how many hamburgers we can put out when we're busy."

Eleven small boats can tie up at the Skookum Chuck. Ropes are fastened to the wall of the cafe and the fishermen hook up outside and place their orders. The meals are eaten in the boats, somewhat on the order of a row-in restaurant. Inflated inner tubes keep the fishing boats from scraping the paint on the side of the Skookum Chuck.

The word Scow may be a bit of a misnomer as applied to the Mitchell establishment. Although it has anything but classy lines, the Scow is clean and fresh looking both inside and out and is powered with a 115 HP marine engine. Mitchell said it takes about 3½ hours to make the run down to the south end from his place.

Walls of the superstructure are made of removable plywood panels. Each panel is fitted with a plastic window. In rough weather only the panels on the leeward side are removed. Those to the windward stay on.

There are some problems yet to be ironed out. Thus far the boat can carry only 80 gallons of fresh water, just barely enough to get by, and thus far the Mitchells have been unable to solve the problem of getting fresh or frozen herring to

the fishermen. Mitchell has constructed a bait box but is unable to get the herring in any quantities.

Gas is carried in small quantities and already two boats have been grateful for that fact.

Mitchell said he has learned a lot about Whidbey fishermen and fishing psychology in general in the course of the past three or four weekends.

"You'd be amazed," he declared, "in the amount fishermen fishing Whidbey waters who come from out of state. I've met them from all over the U. S."

Mitchell said there is no special time when business is good aboard the cafe.

"Whenever we hit a group of boats fairly close together, business picks up. As soon as one boat in a group comes over and ties up, the rest start over too. Pretty soon we've got more than we can handle."

The best location businesswise is on Possession Bay in the middle of Cultus Bay, Mitchell said. The bar is a favorite spot for spinners who anchor and fish off either side. Mitchell also believes that year around, Cultus Bay is one of the favorite spots for the greatest number of fishermen.

In addition to his Crescent Valley farm and rental properties, Mitchell raises cherries, pears and peaches on a ranch in Eastern Washington. He terms his new adventure "a farmer gone wrong." But to the hungry fishermen customers there is nothing wrong with the Skookum Chuck Scow. It's Skookum.

## Oregon Anglers Bring Fish Back

R. G. Giddens and his fishing partner, J. M. Sundheimer, were proud and happy men Monday after returning from an Oregon fishing trip with enough meat to fill a locker.

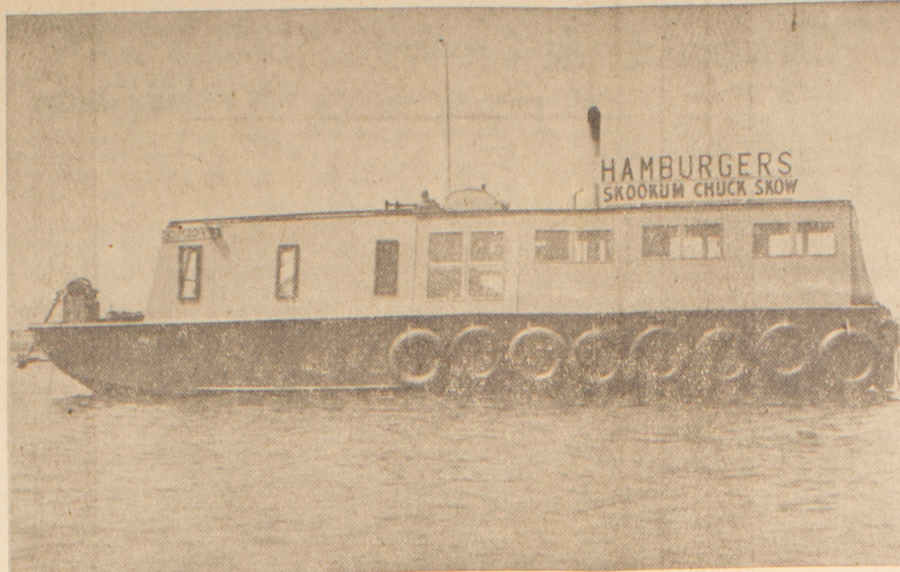
Giddens and Sundheimer boated five halibut with the top fish weighing 60 pounds. The rest of the halibut weighed between 20 and 40 pounds. In addition the men caught nine sea bass from 8 to 12 pounds, a flounder, a sole and 10 skate.

The two men were fishing with expert Bill Batzner out of Astoria and about one mile offshore. The big halibut was caught on a 45 pound test line, wire leader and live herring.

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## Oak Harbor to Call for School Bids Soon

Oak Harbor's school district will call for bids on construction of the new high school sometime within the next month, Superintendent Wilbur Gilbert said this week.

Last week final approval of preliminary plans for the school and on the Koetje site was received from the State Office of Education.

Final plans for the new school are presently being drawn up by Architect Charles Ruger.

Several changes in the plans for the new school have been made in the preliminary planning stages. Gilbert said the most noticeable of these is the change to roll-away seating in the gym.

"The plans call for roll-away seating with a rated capacity of 1300," Gilbert said. "The seating capacity of our present gym is 300."

Early plans for the new gym called for fixed seating with a capacity of about 750 persons. Gilbert said the state, however, will not match funds for fixed gym seating.

"The State is not concerned with up space which will be used only a few hours each year," he said. "They want space in the new buildings to be used as much as possible by as many pupils as possible, hence the roll-away plans."

Gilbert added that Mount Vernon's gym, constructed about three years ago, was the last in the state to have fixed seating. Burlington's new gym, started just recently, will have roll-away seating. Langley is another nearby gym which has roll-away bleachers.

Gilbert said he was satisfied with the change to the new seating arrangement.

"It will be a definite advantage," he pointed out, "to the students taking physical education classes," because of the space saving.

Other changes from the preliminary plans include larger locker rooms for both boys and girls and slightly larger classrooms. There also will be six classrooms in the new building as compared with the original estimate of four if no difficulties are encountered.

While plans for the new building go on, the present school building is getting a face lifting. Classrooms are undergoing their regular summer cleanup with several men working.

The gym, too, is being redecorated. A new light coat of paint is being applied by the school crew and the resulting betterment of light conditions should increase enjoyment of games next year.

## Rug Committee Has Potluck at Meeting

The Rug Committee of the WSCE met on Wednesday July 22 at the home of Mrs. Sweeney for a potluck lunch and regular business meeting.

New committee heads for the rugs include Mrs. Frank Coates, Mrs. John LeSourd, and Mrs. Ralph Engle.

Next meeting will be held August 6 at the home of Mrs. Capaan.

## County Fair Promotion Increases

Whidbey autos began sporting red and black bumper banners this week advertising the Island County Fair August 28, 29 and 30.

Distributed by the Fair directors these banners, designed to stick on bumpers, will advertise the County's annual fair far and near.

Key-note of the 1953 county fair is entertainment with the officials going all out to bring top-notch professional entertainers.

One team signed, "The Gaskills," offers two spectacular acts. One, called "The Strangers," consist of a high trapeze suspended 100 feet in the air. "The Gaskills" also do a horizontal bar act which is billed as "outstanding."

"Tola, the Clown" has also been signed by the fair to provide many laughs during the fair's three-day run.

These entertainers will appear Friday, Saturday and Sunday but at times as yet not determined.

Other professional acts are being considered by the program committee to further complete three full days of entertainment.

In other action during the recent meeting, the directors voted to issue three passes to each department exhibiting at the fair, allow free admittance to all 4-H club members upon presentation of membership cards and to give one pass for each commercial booth.

A new innovation at the fair grounds this year will be placing of "courtesy" benches at various spots on the grounds to provide numerous places to sit down and rest.

Each bench is donated by a merchant and his name or store name will be painted on the bench. President J. T. Malone said that any business house or merchant not yet contacted concerning the benches may get in touch with him if they wish to have one in their name.

Two exhibits, still in the "possibility" stage, by the Navy and the Forest Service should be popular attractions this year. These two agencies are still uncertain if they will be able to show here but there appears to be a good possibility of their attending, fair officials indicate.

The Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun Club exhibit, also expected to be a major attraction, is planned to consist of a complete fish hatchery supplied by the State Fisheries Department.

Department superintendents listed for the 1953 fair are: Lawrence Thie and Fern McGregor, 4-H club; John Milroy, school; E. Stanley Boozel, Floral; Mrs. Ruby McGinnis, needlework; Mrs. Howard Hellman, canned goods; Max Patzwardt, fruits; T. K. Hetzler, vegetables; L. S. Cunningham, grains and grasses; Virgil Auvi, livestock and dairy; Howard Hellman, poultry and rabbits; Edd Ulrich, program and sports; Mrs. W. H. Peterson, Arts, Crafts and Hobbies; Karl Drake, grand parade and Norman Clyde, kiddies parade.

What this country needs is an ash tray which resembles a piano top—Maurice Lazare.

## Penn Cove Park

By Mary Hill

Mr. and Mrs. Art Jepson and Father Chris Jepson, from Minneapolis Minn., has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sands. Lt. and Mrs. Herbert Grossman and son Rusty spent Saturday at Hope Island fishing.

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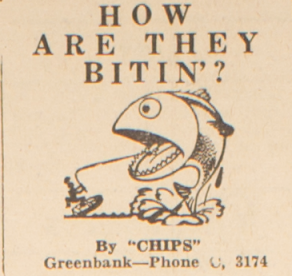
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Fishing ranged all the way from poor to good over the weekend.

Crawford Johnson at Double Bluff reported slow fishing over the weekend and this spot was very good during the week.

Baby Island Resort had good fishing with several nice limits of fish from ten to fifteen pounds. Most of the boats out of this spot caught fish.

Kenny's Sunrise Beach reported good fishing with the best fish coming from right in front of the resort.

Stopped and had a chat with Mr. and Mrs. Hap Nelson at Hap's Bush Point Resort and Hap reported fishing good for silvers and humpies in the three to six pound class.

Several limits came in during the day with doggers and herring the best setup. Hap's Resort has fresh bait at all times.

Stopped at DeArmonds Bush Point Store, not only to find out about the fishing but also to take a slab of Ma's home made pie. Charlie reported that Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lenners, who have their own place on the point, limited both Saturday and Sunday and that fishing is on the upgrade. A friend of mine fished off Bush Point a couple of hours last week and came in with a three pounder and a twelve pound fish.

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## Whidbey's Helicopter Assists in Cutting Five Day Rescue Operations to 22 Hours

What the members of the Seattle Mountain Rescue Council thought would take five days was accomplished in 22 hours with the help of Whidbey's H0355 helicopter.

## Florida Dampness Fails to Hamper Whidbey Boosters

One of the nicest letters to come our way in many moons was received Friday from Jacksonville, Florida, where Life on Whidbey is still fondly remembered and hopefully looked forward to.

We'll tell Mrs. Loren Schmitt tell her own story. The letter follows:

Plans were made and carried out this past week for a meeting, picnic, style of friends and boosters of Whidbey Island, being former residents of that place, but now residing in Jacksonville due to conditions beyond their control. Everyone enthusiastically set forth to picnic and reminisce on the past and possibly future joys of life on Whidbey.

Enthusiasm was not dampened in the least by the sudden downpour which lasted the entire day (this is the sort of weather Floridians have been telling me for two years is very unusual). Anyway the reunion was held in one member's garage and the main purpose of the outing, which was to hash over old times in Oak Harbor and exchange any interesting news items, was accomplished.

We look forward to receiving our paper each week and appreciate the regularity that brings it to us each Monday. Would also appreciate a write-up of the "picnic," if possible, as a greeting to our friends in O. H. to let them know we are still floating around (literally speaking) and have not swerved from our plan to land eventually on the Island—for good.

Present and dripping at the gathering were the following couples with their families:

Chief and Mrs. Harvey O. Page, Chief and Mrs. D. P. Wilson, Chief and Mrs. Joe Simons, Chief and Mrs. W. L. Slocum, Chief and Mrs. Robert Pass, Chief and Mrs. Loren Schmitt. Ready and willing, but not able to attend because of illness were Chief and Mrs. H. B. Cring.

Yours truly,  
Gerry Schmitt

The next morning (Thursday) the helicopter made ten more trips up the mountain, piloted half the time by R. P. Granger, ACC, NAS, to carry the men who assisted in the exchange of bodies for the ridge to the copter.

Mountaineers rigged a line from the fuselage of the wrecked plane which was wedged in the rocks of the peak, to the ridge. At 10 a. m. the climbers on the mountain advised the base camp by radio that the first body was ready to come down.

By noon Thursday all the bodies were in the hands of Navy officials and on their way to the Bremerton Naval hospital for identification.

There were over 60 flights made by LT Monahan and Chief Granger up and down the mountain by the time all personnel and their equipment were evacuated.

Hot chow and coffee was flown to the men, photographers were sent to the scene to record the operation and flying was secured at about 4:30 p. m. Thursday.

The skill displayed by the two pilots of Whidbey's helicopter in this mountainous terrain was a marvel to my eyes," stated Wendell G. Baumann, ADI, NAS, "it was indeed a tremendous task carried out with every measure of safety."

## Oak Harbor 74th In State's Cities

Oak Harbor ranks 74th in size among Washington States 243 incorporated cities and towns, according to population figures recently released by the State Census board.

Oak Harbor's population, 1849 according to the census figures, is the basis for receiving its share of more than \$14,000,000 in State funds during the 1954 calendar year.

Total population of the state's 243 municipalities stood at 1,529,901 as of April 1, a gain of 53,953 over 1952 figures.

The largest city in the state is Seattle which pushed over the half-million mark during the past year and now has a population of 503,000. Spokane, ranked in the number two spot, has a population of 174,000. Others in the first ten, ranked in order, are Tacoma, Vancouver, Yakima, Everett, Bellingham, Bremerton, Walla Walla and Longview.

Of the 243 towns and cities, 121 showed increases in population during the past year and 39 showed decreases. The remaining 83 communities showed little or no change in population during the past year.

Island County's other two municipalities, Coupeville and Langley ranked 174th and 182. 5th respectively.

The Naval Air Station has called for bids on re-siding and exterior painting of Building No. 112, (Hangar No. 1) with bids to be opened at 11 a. m. August 6.

Successful bidders for the project are given 90 days to complete the work.

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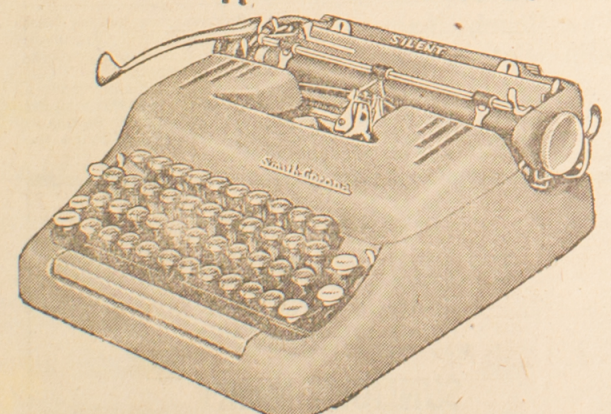
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