News Notes of 1912

The Ladies Aid Society of Oak Harbor are talking of devoting what funds they have toward building a social hall on a lot donated by Mr. Ely near the public school building. The hall will be large enough to accommodate church services and Sunday school as well as social occ asions. Feb. 23--a subscription is in circulation this week for aid in building a social hall. "We the undersigned, agree to subscribe the amount set opposite our names toward buildin a social hall in the town of Oak Harbor, to be held in trust by some responsible person to be selected by the Ladies Aid Society of Oak Harbor, to be transferred to the town of Oak Har bor when incorporated. The purposes of the hall are for all sociable events".

March 15 1912--The commercial club of Oak Harbor--100 or more members--proposed a lighting system for Oak Harbor, among the best is a kerosene-burning lamp at a cost of about $1.50 Also suggested having a ferry across Deception Pass.

Mr. Byren commend the construction of a rear addition to his store for hotel purposes. The big store will be remodeled and furnished for a first class hotel, and a portion of his store stock across the street into his warehouse.

March 22--The new high school $9,500, will be completed and ready for occupancy about June 1.

Soon Oak Harbor will have a summer resort (hotel) new building, where every modern accom-edation will be afforded and where Seattle friends will find a hearty welcome. (Byrne Hotel (burned (Sheldonian Hotel, still standing and in use as a hotel, 1966) A Mrs. Nellie Shelden owner, and daughter Ruth Shelden St. Ives. St. Ives well known banjo player, big orchestras. Ed Shelden, son of Nellie had a Hawaiian orchestra, all Hawaiians but Shelden. Played in MWA hall once a year hall was packed to capacity.)

McCrohan home (hotel run by Mrs. McCrohan) building now owned by Tom Cleveland behind Union Oil, 1966) Moved it up from main street. Mrs. Hamilton rebuilt it completely in late thirties. Steamer Calista was a new boat, run by Capt. Arnold (father of Warner Arnold)

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