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The Reuble Shires are sharing the limelight these days with Coupeville's visitors. Passengers get to ride these trusty steeds in the new trolley touring the historic homesites in town.

## Coupeville gets its own Trolley

**The Reubles gee-haw around town.**

Coupeville has its own trolley car — and it's horse-drawn, too!

What a spectacular sight to see — a colorful, 14-foot high trolley car pulled down Front Street by a team of four of the most beautiful of horses — the Shires.

Lawrence Reuble, reins tight in hand, wearing a really 'honest-to-gosh' trolley man's cap, with the car full of passengers behind, commands the spectacle with a real flair.

Lawrence and his wife, Louise, will be here with their trolley and team for you to see through the rest of the summer season. Their plan is to provide the public with short tours around historic

Coupeville at a nominal fee. Tours begin around noon and continue until about 4 PM, Thursdays through Sundays.

The Reubles have planned their enterprise well. Last Spring they commissioned local craftsman, Tom Moon, to build the trolley. Next they obtained the necessary route permits from the Town and arranged for insurance coverage. Now they are in the final series of shake-down cruises, working out details of routes and explanations to passengers of the sights along the way.

Louise explains that the Shires were used mainly in this country from the 1880's till WWI as dray horses on the East Coast docks. In fact, the term, teamster, derives in this country from the name applied to the drivers of dray wagons.

Louise also explains that Shires are, "Feathered, fast and hard to keep." Hence, they were not too well suited to early day farming. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine what it would be like to double-time all day behind a walking plow pulled by a team with those long feathered legs.

You won't want to miss coming down to Front Street and taking a ride on the 4L Shires Trolley. Also, you may want to have your picture taken standing by one of the colts who tag along during the tours. "After all," Louise explains, "they can't be separated from their mamas, even when there is work to be done."

This year on August 6th the Trolley, full of Coupeville citizens and drawn by a team of six Shires, will appear in Seattle's Seafair Torchlight parade. The Coupeville Festival Association will sponsor the entourage in the parade.

## Go Squash

Coupeville's first Squash Festival will be held this Fall on Saturday and Sunday, October 2nd and 3rd. This event, sponsored by the Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce, is timed to occur with the annual fall harvest of Hubbard Squash. Ed Sherman is slated to reign as Squash King.

Saturday's events will include the choosing of "Mother Hubbard" to reign with the Squash King. Among that day's events will be a squash throwing contest, a squash relay and a squash carving contest. On Saturday there will also be a squash tasting party to sample baked squash dishes. Squash dishes and recipes will be judged by the Squash King, Mother Hubbard and a panel of expert judges.

A real old-fashioned BARN DANCE AND PIG ROAST are planned for Saturday evening. Continued on Page 9

## Inside the outdoor Art Festival

Since its inception the Coupeville Festival has offered visitors, participants, and local people an excellent opportunity to enjoy and serve the community. This year's event promises to continue the tradition and be better than ever.

The Coupeville Festival was started in 1963 with five booths which were lined along Front Street, and a handful of shoppers. Since that time, Fran Vidoni who is in charge of booth registrations, reports the number of booths this year to be 203. Attendance last year was estimated to be 50,000 for the two-day event.

Today, there are many delights at the Festival including hand-crafted products, food, a combination Wine Tasting and Art Preview, and most certainly the famous Front Street shops. The wide variety of hand-crafted products are actually made by the people selling them at their booths. Food concessions are operated by non-profit organizations which reside in Central Whidbey (the revenue from these concessions helps to support the worthy activities of these organizations).

The Wine Tasting and Art Preview will be held on the evening of the 13th of August at the Coupeville Recreation Hall beginning at 8:00 P.M. For many, this evening is the event of the year. The Rec Hall is turned into an art gallery with numerous paintings from 25-30 local artists. As is customary, the admission to this event covers the costs of a complete wine tasting and a complementary etched wine glass from the Festival.

The Festival Association itself has a current membership of 25 people. Membership dues are \$100 per annum, but anyone is welcome to attend. This is no ordinary small town organization, however, since upon paying your dues,

the new member will probably be given a task in organizing or planning for the festival. The Association is dormant from October to January, but from February to September, there is much to be done to either make ready for the Festival or finish off business of the last Festival. The Festival is well-run by the Association, and its members. Joan Wieringa (a local Bed & Breakfast owner) is the current President.

## Working Wharf

Summertime means activity on the Coupeville Wharf. The day we visited this historic structure we found fisherman fishing off the dock, workers busy cleaning mussels for the Penn Cove Seafarm, boat repairmen working on their gear, and numerous pleasure boats moored at the dock. A sailboat race had just concluded earlier in the day in the waters off the Wharf.

The dock facility, open the year around, plus three mooring buoys, can accommodate as many as twenty boats at one time depending on their size. The Wharf provides what is essentially a transient moorage dock. A graduated fee structure for overnight mooring begins at \$400 for boats under twenty feet long and continues up to \$800 for a fifty-footer. Gasoline and diesel fuel are available year round. Hot, coin-operated showers are available near the entryway to the Wharf.

The Coupeville Wharf offers boaters a uniquely picturesque entry to the Town of Coupeville's Historic Front Street. Shops, restaurants and overnight accommodations are to be found within short walking distance from the Wharf. Those interested in a 'walk-through-history' will find a walking tour guide available in several of the shops along Front Street.



Certainly a familiar figure in Coupeville, Leonora Davidson is caught here doing one of her many paintings of Coupeville scenes. Well-known and a prolific artist, Leonora has a goal — to make art, especially oil paintings, available to art lovers at affordable prices. Next time you see her working, stop and chat with her. Besides being a talented artist, she is a great conversationalist and a grand lady!

**DON'T MISS OUT! SEE CALENDAR** **PAGES 6 and 7**



# Horsing Around in Paradise

Tall green grass, clean smelling air, wide-open spaces and miles of safe trails are an open invitation to the horse and the horse enthusiast here on Whidbey Island.

From the north to the south end of the island, the horse has set up a permanent residence. Horse lovers can observe horses of all ages, colors and breeds in green pastures alongside the country roads as they take a scenic tour down the island.

Whidbey Island offers a wide variety of horse-related services and activities for the avid admirer, the amateur just getting started in horses or the professional horseman looking for a place to do what he does best.

Some of the many organizations that support the idea of horses and people are the eight 4-H horse clubs (with membership of 155), and the Whidbey Island Pony Club. The horse 4-H clubs have made Island County one of the largest horse groups in the State of Washington. The Whidbey Island Pony Club, which has a strong membership, presents several events throughout the year and provides an opportunity for young people to pursue their interest with horses.

Two of the Island's boarding and training stables are located in Central Whidbey near the town of Coupeville. The Islander Stables, operated by Robert and Trenna Atkins, has a beautiful cross country course, large outdoor arena and anyone interested in the English style of riding may obtain lessons by calling the stable. This stable has sponsored several horse shows and cross country events at various times throughout the year. Another professional horse operation is the

... Whidbey Island can offer several different breeds for the horseman wanting that perfect match

Gunsight Ranch, north of Coupeville, operated by Karen Brown. Boarding, western riding lessons, training, raising and breeding Quarter horses are all a part of the horse program at the ranch. July was a busy month at Gunsight

Ranch as it hosted two large horse shows and donated the use of their arena for the 4-H Trail Eliminations. Both of these stables will continue to offer their professional services and fine facilities to the horse lover of all ages.

For people interested in the breeding aspect of horses, Whidbey Island can offer several different breeds for the horseman wanting that perfect match for their favorite mare. East of Oak Harbor, one of the most beautiful breeding farms is Wildwood Farm. Specializing in some of the finest thoroughbreds in the state of Washington, Bill and Barbara Black, owners of Wildwood Farm, take a great deal of pleasure and pride in their horse operation and visitors are always welcome to the farm. Just south of Coupeville, the Double Diamond Arabian farm offers some excellent Polish breed stock for the mare owner and you will find some beautiful show quality mares and foals on your visit to the farm. Vern and Barbara McDonald, owners, will be happy to show any visitor their quality Arabians.

One of the most unique farms on the island is the Four L Shire farm, owned by Lawrence and Louise Reuble. A visitor to this farm will enjoy seeing one of the most elegant breeds of draft horses, the Shire. It is a fantastic

experience to see such large animals who can maintain such grace and style when they are in motion. Be sure to include a ride on their 'Trolley' when visiting Coupeville.

The next 'really big' horse event will be the County Fair in Langley during the middle of August. This is the last chance for all the 4-H members to exhibit what they have learned and experienced through their present year in 4-H.

Whether you are a tourist passing through, a new family looking for that perfect country setting for a home, or just a horselover at heart, Whidbey Island is truly a horselover's paradise.

Reprints from the Island County Times—1900, published in Coupeville

"A gentleman was in town the first part of the week with a view of putting in a pickle factory at this point, but received nothing but discouragement from a few disgruntled people who never have a good word for their home town."

"Thos. Griffith has added to the looks of his residence by the judicious use of some paint."

## Lions Roar

## New Hospital Equipment

Members of the Coupeville community were quick to respond recently to the need for a new piece of medical equipment for Lynn Jackson who has been confined to the Island Harbor Care Center at Freeland since she suffered a stroke last Spring. The new equipment comprises an automatic gastrotomic feeder system that will provide her with formula nourishment. The existing system has been found to malfunction and is not fully automated. Cost of the new equipment is expected to be around \$6000.

Many Coupeville citizens have

contributed to the cost, as well as the Weaver's Guild, the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce, the staff at the Island Harbor Care Center, and the Coupeville Lions Club.

Plans are being made to place the new equipment in the custody of the Coupeville Lions Club Hospital Equipment Pool for use as may be dictated by the needs of various individuals in the future.

Carmen McFayden and Judy Suval have been leaders in the efforts to collect the necessary funds to pay for the new system.



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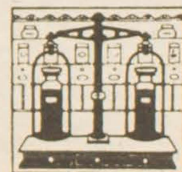
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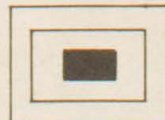
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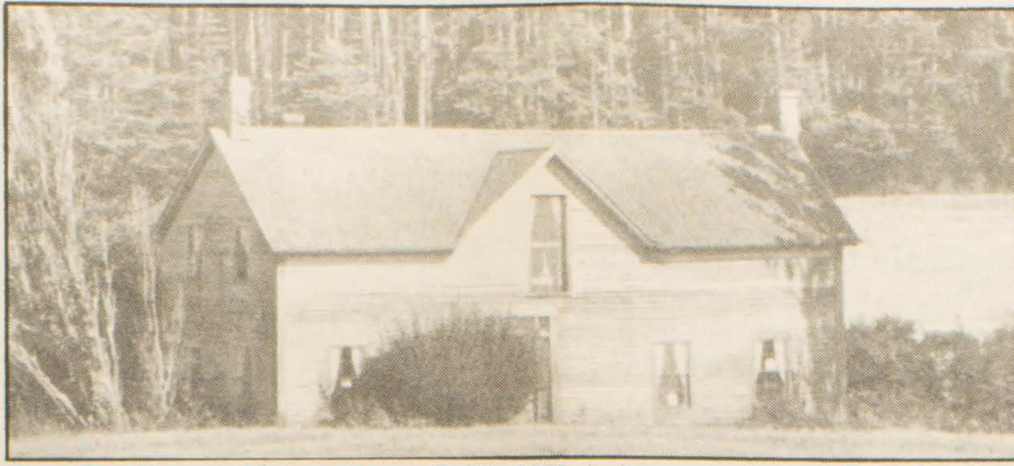
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# Reaching back, planning ahead

Local citizens and governments, together with the state and federal governments, are working to preserve the superbly scenic landscape around us known as Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve. As local author Don Woodcock recently wrote, the Reserve, "... is not just a magnificent scenic landscape, like Yosemite, to be preserved as a visual showpiece. Nor is it some historic structure, like Independence Hall, to be honored as a monument to some momentous moment of the past. It is not even hallowed ground, scene of past glory or famous battle. Ebey's Landing is more a matter of mood. What's involved here is a blend of people and place, a cultural landscape, a cross-section of community continuity that lays bare the legacy of a way of life for those who wish, to see and those who will, to understand. It is, in fact, the first example of the most meaningful of all our various approaches to the problem of preservation and protection, for it preserves and protects the essence, rather than the substance, of those ingredients which go to make a nation." (Enetai, Nov. 20, 1981.)

Preservation of the Central Whidbey area began in earnest in the early 1970's. The scenic and historic Smith Farm, site of the original Isaac Ebey Donation



Isaac Ebey House in Historic Reserve. Built in 1855, the house stands above Ebey's Landing.

Land Claim on Ebey's Prairie, was then being considered for development. By late 1973, local residents, dismayed by the continued loss of the Island's farm and rural lands, succeeded in having the Central Whidbey area placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Soon after, in about 1976, the owners of the 320-acre Smith Farm, beset with financial problems, began serious plans to develop the farm. Concerned over the future of Ebey's Prairie and the Smith Farm, some local citizens dedicated to preserving the open and rural environment of Ebey's Prairie and the Central Whidbey area, formed a group known as the Friends of Ebey's.

In 1977, the Island County Comprehensive Plan had designated the Smith farm as rural and agricultural. Eight years previously, however, the county commissioners had rezoned the farmland residential and rural, thus setting the stage for the legal battle which was now sure to follow. The owners divided the farm into 61 parcels and began building roads. The Friends of Ebey's promptly filed suit to halt the road building and challenged the legality of the subdivision.

Meanwhile, recognizing the need for public recreation in the Central Whidbey area, the Washington State Legislature in 1971 appropriated \$375,000<sup>00</sup> for the purchase of a trail corridor from Fort Casey to Fort Ebey. This corridor would recognize and preserve the land having historical and natural values. The state appropriation was matched by a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The following year, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission purchased a corridor strip across the scenic bluffs of the Smith Farm.

The Friends of Ebey's then interested Representative Lloyd Meeds in the need to protect the area. In April 1978, Mr.

Meeds introduced legislation providing for the protection of the entire Central Whidbey Historic District, which included Ebey's Landing and Prairie, as part of the National Parks and Recreation Act in 1978. This act was signed into law by President Carter and the area was made a unit of the National Park System on November 10, 1978.

The 17,400-acre Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve is a new approach to solving the problem of cultural and historic preservation. A reserve--a new addition to the categories or areas within the National Park System--is an area where Federal, state and local governments form a special partnership around an area to be protected. Planning, implementation, and maintenance is a joint effort and is based on the mutual desire to protect the resource. Under this concept, the Federal Government, through the National Park Service, may acquire core zones intended to protect and permit appropriate use of the most vital physical resources within authorized boundaries of the area. The balance of property within these areas may be protected through a combination of acquisition and management by the state and local governments, and the development of zoning or similar controls acceptable to the Secretary of the Interior.

The purpose of the legislation for Ebey's Historical Reserve was to preserve and protect a rural community which provides an unbroken historical record from the nineteenth century exploration and settlement in Puget Sound to the present time. It commemorates the first thorough exploration of the Puget Sound area by Captain George Vancouver in the year 1792. It also recognizes the settlement by Colonel Isaac Neff Ebey, who led the

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# OPINION

## Central Whidbey has a voice; now it can speak out

We were enjoying morning coffee yesterday. Conversation turned to the production of **The Chronicle**. Our friend, Mac Mackenzie, put the question cleanly and sharply, "Why the hell do we need another paper?" Then he smiled, sat back and waited. And he's still waiting! So, here's a try at answering your question, Mac.

First, let's draw one premise. It is that Central Whidbey is a community. Coupeville is its heart. It has the county seat, a hospital, schools, churches, stores, farms, a post office—things one commonly expects to find in a community. It has its people, people who live, play, work, hurt, enjoy, share and suffer together. But they have no 'voice', no paper!

We think our community needs its own 'voice' — one that speaks for it, about it and to it. We think a paper can provide such a 'voice'. And here, Mac, we will mix metaphors and say that a paper really is the social 'glue' that helps to 'stick' a community together.

Whether or not **The Chronicle** will be that 'glue' remains to be seen. In planning its publication, we looked hard at existing conditions. We asked whether or not its publication would jibe with the Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce's goal of 'promoting' the interests of the community. We judged the answer to be yes. We think **The Chronicle** will be a vehicle for low-cost advertising and promotion—both within and outside the community.

We wondered whether or not the community could afford to support a paper. Our figures indicated enough sources of revenue within the area to go ahead. We swallowed hard, and found the answer to be, again—yes.

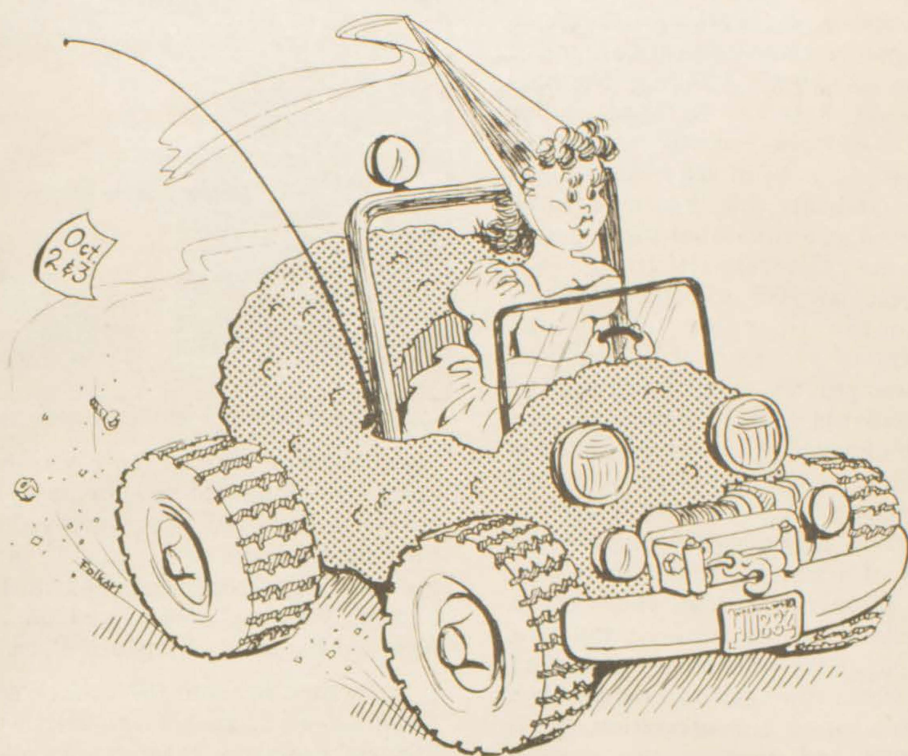
Another matter of real concern was what **The Chronicle** should be. We made a firm decision. **The Chronicle** would not and will not be another 'Monday Morning Shopper'! Mac, it is intended to be readable, entertaining and informative. Upbeat is another good descriptive word for it.

We think the community deserves more, and there certainly is a broad range of news materials to do more.

So, **The Chronicle** will leave most of the fast-breaking news to our neighboring, or outside, newspapers. They have the capacity to do that on a regular basis; we don't. Not that we won't try to 'scoop 'em' when we can!

Finally, like the cocky little eagle flexing his muscles elsewhere on this page, we may be a bit presumptuous. But, **The Chronicle** is going to fly, and fly well.

See you over coffee tomorrow, Mac.



Fairy Godmother's hubbard-mobile will be a prize winner at the Squash Festival. "Then I'll meet the king and dance my glass slippers off!"

## Zone of no return?

This week the Coupeville Town Council held a public hearing. Subject of the hearing was a proposed rezoning of ten acres from residential to multiple residential. More than twenty people came. They asked questions and the Council then proceeded to approve the proposal by a split vote. The people left the meeting. Some were confused, some angry and some just plain bitter. Others felt "helpless".

It's an old story in Coupeville. The issue is not this particular action by the Council. The issue is the public hearing process itself.

We don't think the process works as well as it should.

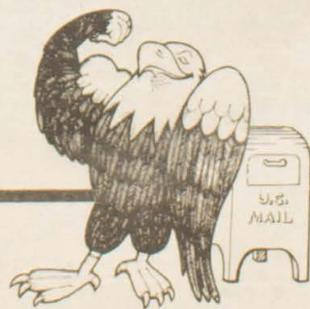
Typically, the Town follows the letter of the law in posting hearing notices. Just as typically, they aren't read, or if read, not understood. Indeed, most

citizens don't understand the process itself.

We think the Town could do more than simply 'follow the letter of the law'. And we certainly think its citizens should take the time to learn about the process, and how to use it when the occasion arises. Receipt of public input to the Town, properly given by the citizen, is crucial to the decision making process.

It is time the Town stops shaking its head in bewilderment after its hearings. It's time, too, that our citizens better understand the process and prepare to give the best input possible.

# LETTERS



Dear Editor,

For several years, I have sat in my shop, with a close view of Grace Street between Coveland & Front Streets. Many times, I have expressed my concern to members of the community regarding the safety of pedestrians using it as a walk from the parking lot. There is no need for motorists to speed up and down the street or to swerve in a cloud of dust, into the graveled lot. A child wouldn't have a chance if they were in the path of the car. Couldn't some bumps be put in to slow things down?

Bess Few  
Coupeville

Dear Editor,

We are pleased to have this opportunity to publicly thank everyone who assisted and/or participated in the 1982 Coupeville Memorial Day Parade, Dedication Ceremony & Band Concert. We would like to include in our thanks all who came out to watch our enthusiastic marchers. Everyone was Super!

We are now soliciting support for our next community activity. This will be "The Central Whidbey Squash Festival" in honor of the greatly unappreciated, but never-the-less great Hubbard Squash.

This event will take place Sat. & Sun. Oct. 2nd & 3rd and promises much **FUN, FOOD, & FRIVOLITY.**

Anyone with ideas, time or energy they'd like to contribute to this very worthy event please call us on our 'Squash Hotline' 678-6244.

Thanks

Carole Amtmann  
Co-Chairman  
Activities Committee  
Central Whidbey C.C.

Dear Editor,

While shop-sitting in Coupeville, I have observed some common complaints among our out-of-town visitors. The comment made most often is "Why aren't the shops open?" I've tried to find some reasonable excuses for these people, who have travelled so far but I can't really find any.

Tourism is a big part of our trade here and the shopowners who open a little early and stay a little late, seven days a week on a regular basis, seem to do well for themselves. Business may have been too slow two years ago, but now Coupeville is making a name for itself. Those proprietors who thought it wasn't profitable to keep regular hours should re-examine the possibilities.

Now that Canada has launched a nationwide campaign to be courteous to their tourists, because it's good for their economy, shouldn't we reciprocate?

S. B.  
Coupeville

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# Boom, boom - It's a park

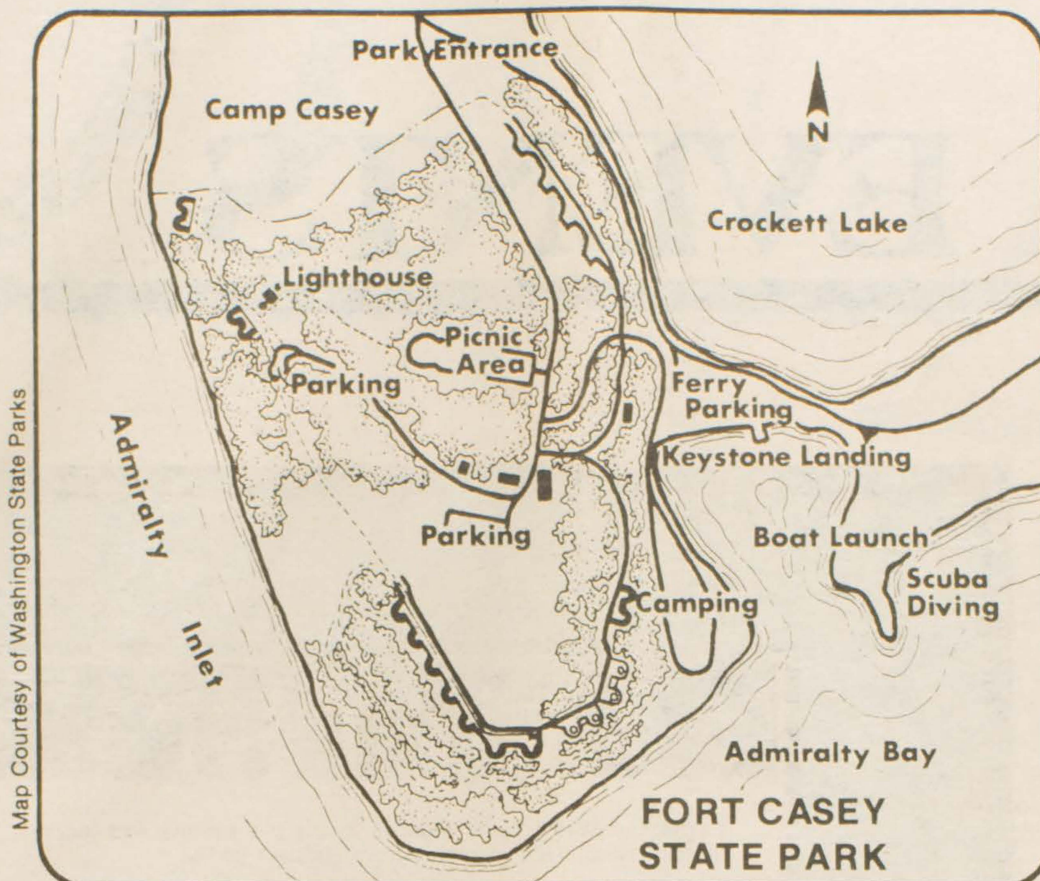
Fort Casey was one of three coast artillery posts established in the 1890's for the defense of Puget Sound. Along with Fort Worden and Fort Flagler, the three Forts formed a "Triangle of Fire" to guard the entry into Puget Sound at the head of Admiralty Inlet. This 'triangle' formed a key point in a fortification system designed to prevent a hostile fleet from attacking such prime targets as the Bremerton Navy Yard, and the cities of Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, and Olympia.

The real strength of the Fort was its seven 10-inch guns. Mounted on disappearing carriages, these guns could be withdrawn behind a thick, protective concrete parapet immediately after each firing. Fortunately, the guns were never fired to repel enemy forces.

The first contingent of US Army troops to arrive at the Fort were 200 enlisted men in the command of 6 officers. Men and officers were at first housed in tents until new barracks were completed. By 1900 the guns were mounted in place, and the first test firings were made in the year 1901.

World War I saw Fort Casey used largely for training activities. Following the war, the Fort was placed in a caretaker status. And by about 1945 all of the original armament was scraped and melted down for other uses.

The onset of World War II saw the Fort reactivated as a training center, with new anti-aircraft guns positioned



Map Courtesy of Washington State Parks

Visitors enter Fort Casey State Park through Camp Casey (top center). The gun parapets are mounted across large lawn areas from the parking spots. The even turn and trailways allow easy strolling and the best in jogging. Each campsite is strategically located for sound protection and privacy.

in the old gun emplacements. But by the end of WW II, weaponry and military strategy, influenced by modern technology, had changed sufficiently to dictate that Fort Casey be deactivated and placed in caretaker status again.

Situated within the Fort Casey site is the Admiralty Head Lighthouse with its own interesting history. Ten acres of land was purchased by the US Government for \$400,000 in 1858 from John Kellogg and his wife. A wooden structure was soon built on the site. A small light was placed atop its square,

white tower to guide ships past Admiralty Head.

In 1956 Fort Casey, including a newer lighthouse, was purchased by the Washington State Parks from the General Services Administration. And today, Fort Casey State Park flourishes on the site. The Lighthouse has been converted into a visitor's Interpretive Center that contains many displays of the Fort's history. For example, one can find the original general plan of the battery at Admiralty Head which indicates the specific gun emplacements.

Also on display at the Center is a working lamp with Fresnel fourth order lenses. These type lamps, designed by Augustin Fresnel in 1822 in France, were used worldwide and are still used today as navigational aids. Visitors may also climb the steps up to the lamp room in the lighthouse tower for a unique view of the surrounding area.

And, of course, visitors to the Park can stroll through the old gun batteries and examine closely the two representative 10-inch disappearing carriage guns now in place. These guns, a source of never-ending fascination to children, present the visitor some excellent picture taking opportunities! Trails around the site provide the chance to visualize how the old Fort must have been in its heyday. It is easy to imagine the bustling of troops, the smell of horses, close-order drill, the sounds of reveille, gunnery practices, the parades . . .

But that's not all. Fort Casey Park also offers campers 35 basic campsites with modern restrooms and hot showers. There are two miles of natural beach. There is a scuba diver's restroom with hot showers to accommodate that popular, year-around activity. There is a convenient saltwater boat launch. A well-manicured picnic area is available for the quick picnic lunch. And for those who wish to look at large ships traversing Admiralty Inlet, there are some excellent vantage points at the Park.

Park hours are 6:30 AM to 10:00 PM from April 1st through October 16th; from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM from October 16th to March 31st. The Park is located 3 miles south of Coupeville adjacent to Keystone ferry terminal.

## Karen's Hair Design

Men's & Women's Styling - Tue-Fri

Sandi Gaines  
Stylist

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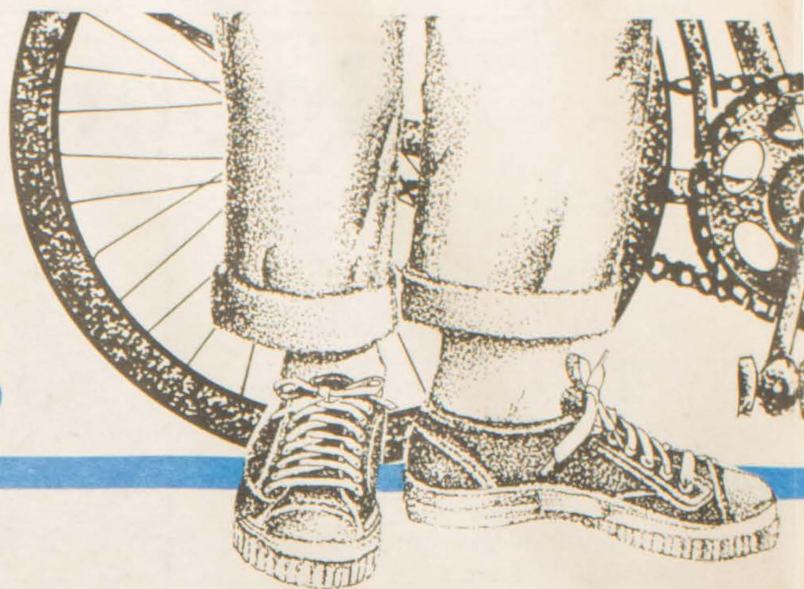
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## AUGUST

- The Coupeville Town Council meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at Town Hall at 1:00 PM.
- Whidbey Island Mail Order Association meets for business luncheons at Papillon's at 1:00 PM every Tuesday. Interested people always welcome!
- The Coupeville Chamber of Commerce meets regularly over breakfast at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church at 8 AM on the first Wednesday of the month. The Chamber's executive board meets for breakfast at 8 AM at the Tye Restaurant on the third Wednesday of the month. Non-members always welcome at both regular and board meetings.
- The Coupeville Garden Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at Dean Manor.
- Coupeville Farmers Market is held each Saturday at 1:00 PM throughout the harvest season at the County Court House parking lot.
- The Coupeville Lions Club meets every Wednesday at the Methodist Church at 7 PM, EXCEPT through August when the Lions meet only on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Visiting Lions are always welcome.  
The Port Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Port Office (adjacent to entrance to Wharf) at 7:30 PM.
- Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival wine - tasting and arts preview at the Town Rec. Hall at 8:00 P.M.
- COUPEVILLE ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL.  
Daughters of The Pioneers of Washington annual Quilt Show is held during the Arts and Crafts Festival at the Masonic Temple. Hours: Saturday—10AM to 6PM; Sunday—10AM to 5PM.
- The Coupeville Festival Association meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. NOTE: The September meeting is the last one of this year. Meetings resume in early winter of 1983.
- The Coupeville Historic Advisory Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM, or at other times at special request.
- Coupeville School Registration.
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- Coupeville School Board meeting, 8PM at the Elementary Conference Room.

## SEPTEMBER

- First day of school
- The Whidbey Weavers Guild meets the 1st Wednesday of the month September through June.
- Whidbey Island Road Run—starts the 1982 Whidbey Island United Way Campaign. Run begins in Coupeville, ends in Oak Harbor.
- Seventh grade parents meeting, 7:30 PM, at the High School Cafeteria.
- School Board Workshop, 8PM at the Elementary Conference Room.
- Primary Election.

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- Coupeville School Board mee Conference Room.

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- Squash Festival.
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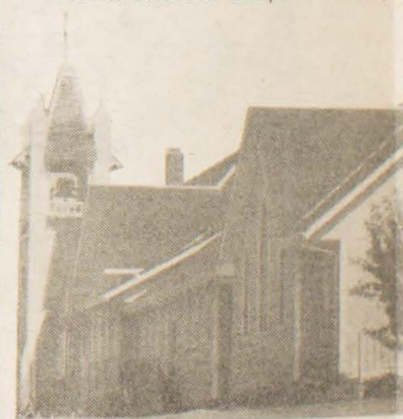
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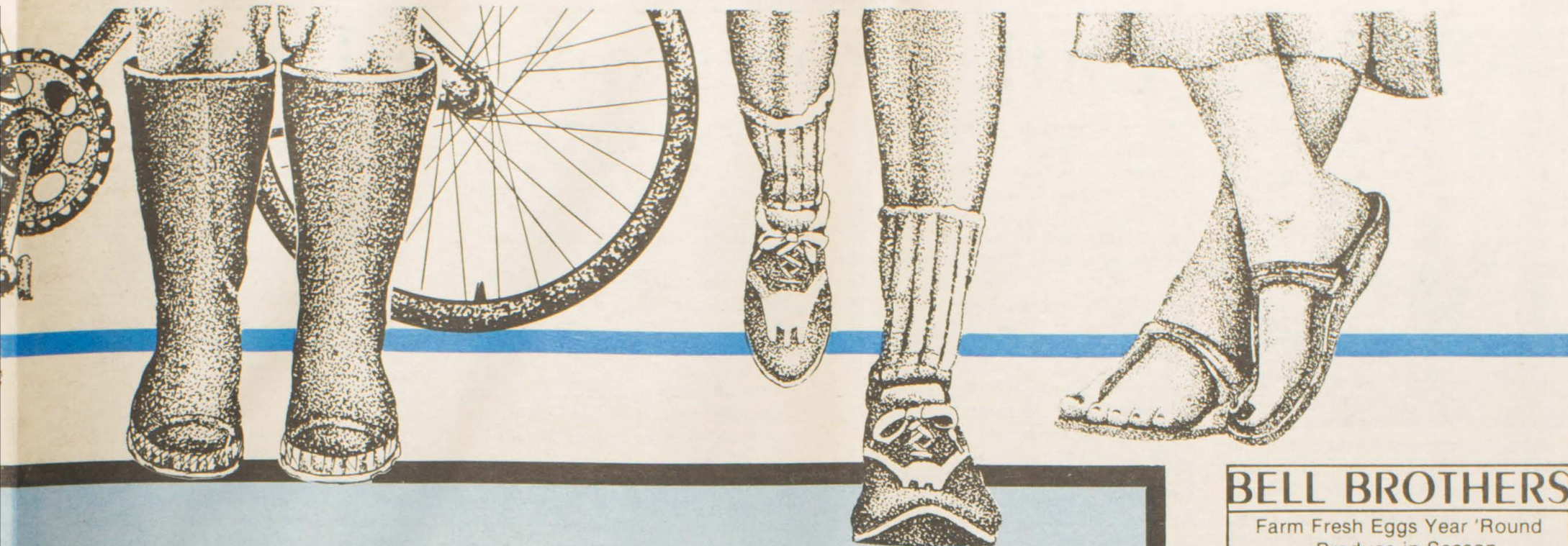
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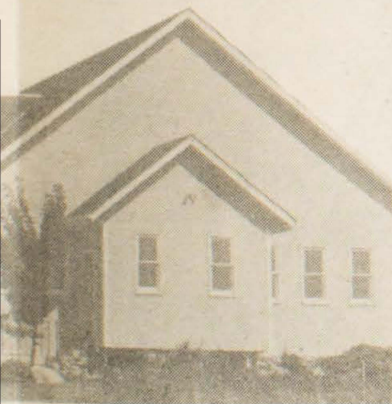
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## SPORTS

### Coupeville Senior High School

- Sept 9** Tennis at Port Townsend  
Volleyball at Port Townsend
- 10** Varsity Football, LaConner at Coupeville High School, 7:30 PM
- 13** JV Football at LaConner  
Cross Country at Port Townsend
- 14** Tennis at South Whidbey
- 16** Volleyball, Lakewood at Coupeville High School  
Tennis, Granite Falls at Coupeville High School
- 17** Varsity Football at Darrington 7:30 PM  
Cross Country-Cascade League opener at Fort Casey
- 20** JV Football, Kings at Coupeville High School
- 21** Volleyball Bellevue Christian at Coupeville High School  
Tennis, Port Townsend at Coupeville High School
- 23** Volleyball, Kings at Coupeville High School  
Tennis at South Whidbey
- 24** Varsity Football at Kings, 7:30 PM  
Cross Country at Bellevue Christian
- 27** JV Football at Tolt
- 28** Volleyball at Sultan  
Tennis at Granite Falls
- 30** Volleyball at Tolt
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- 4** JV Football at Sultan
- 5** Volleyball, South Whidbey at Coupeville High School  
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- 7** Volleyball, at Granite Falls
- 8** Varsity Football, Sultan at Coupeville High School, 7:30 PM  
Cross Country at South Whidbey
- 11** JV Football, South Whidbey at Coupeville High School  
School Board Meeting, 8 PM at Elementary Conference Room
- 12** Volleyball at Lakewood
- 14** Volleyball, Bellevue Christian at Coupeville High School
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- 25** Volleyball, Tolt at Coupeville High School  
School Board Meeting, 8 PM at Elementary Conference Room
- 28** Volleyball at South Whidbey
- 29** Cross Country League meet at Fort Casey  
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Herb Pickard points to the sign on the back of the Tyee. The Tyee building was an old hotel catering to 'drummers'.

Now, before you say "Ye Gods, another one of those public spirited nuts!", you should also know I've gotten lazy in my later years, and have the habit of following the path of least resistance, which really has everything to do with this story.

In keeping with the symptoms of this just confessed malady, I looked over the list of topics to be covered and spotted one that sounded like 'a piece of cake.' I eagerly chose Prairie Center as a topic, and with pad, pen and phone in hand, I set to work to find out who, what, when, where, why and how, confident I'd get all the info in just a few minutes and could with a minimum of effort write it, then relax bathed in a golden glow of civic martyrdom. Ha!

Even the most casual visitor to Coupeville soon discovers Prairie Center is a small shopping center on the south end of Main Street. It occupies the four corners of the intersection of Main and Terry Road. The Coupeville School is on the southeast corner, the gymnasium is on the southwest corner, the former home of Dean's Chevrolet is on the northeast corner, adjoined by the Tyee Cafe and motel, with Prairie

Center Mercantile on the northwest corner.

The first goal was to find out where the name came from, why the school was built outside the city limits, and most important of all, why this little commercial oasis sprang up at all, since less than a mile away there was an already thriving business center at the north end of Main Street on the waterfront.

First of all I called Herb Pickard, because I knew his family had owned Prairie Center Mercantile, one of the three early businesses there. Then I talked to Orlan Dean, whose father, Carl started Dean Chevrolet in 1918. Roberta Lee told me about her Aunt Pat who ran Pat's Place (where the Tyee Cafe now is), and finally I had an enjoyable talk with Wilbur Sherman who entered the Coupeville School in 1910.

Here's what I learned! Somewhere around the early part of 1900, Henry Sair and Oscar Hull, two retired soldiers from Fort Casey built a store on the northwest corner of Main and Terry Road. They called it Prairie Center General Store, which so far as anyone could remember was the first time that name was used in that area.

Moritz Pickard, and his brother-in-law Sam Gelb, bought the store from Sair and Hull in 1921. They served the needs of the military at Fort Casey, the Coast Artillery fort built in 1899, as well as the surrounding community.

Sometime around 1922, the Army - perhaps believing their own propaganda that the Armistice signed November 11, 1918 had really made the world safe for democracy - closed the Fort. Losing its biggest customer, the little grocery store had to branch out, selling any and everything to try to make ends meet. Herbert Pickard bought the business from his father in

1946 and built the two story part of the present store. In 1952 he added the one story section. In the mid-70's he sold it and retired. The property is now owned by Ron Huff and Ken Hofkamp.

Robert Partridge, a barber in the Army stationed at Fort Casey, bought the barber shop and the two story hotel soon after the end of WWI. The barber shop was originally on the southeast corner of Main and Terry Road, but was later moved.

The Partridge family was a very important part of the development of the Prairie Center community. Robert was an avid sports fan and a staunch backer of the Coupeville baseball team. He was instrumental in having the old ball diamond and bleachers erected on his land. He was the promoter - his wife Pat was the cook, manager, and heart of the family.

Their business was called Pat's Place. It was a confectionary store and small Hotel, catering to drummers (the old fashion word for traveling salesmen). The sign which has been refurbished and can still be seen on the rear of the Tyee Restaurant building advertises - EAT, SLEEP, BATHE, SHAVE, SMOKE & LOAF. Before the completion of the Deception Pass bridge in the 1930's, it took several days for a salesman to service all his customers on each trip to Coupeville.

Robert Partridge died in 1932 and Pat continued the business until 1946 when she sold it to the Flannerys. Bill and Jane Herwick bought the Cafe in the early 1970's and changed the name to the Tyee Cafe and Motel. Its present owners, Sue and Glenn Brown purchased the property in the late 1970's. To the old timers, it may always be "Pat's Place."

Carl Dean, a young college graduate with a degree in Animal Husbandry, married Vera Hancock, a Coupeville

girl, and they settled on the mainland. In 1918 they returned to Whidbey and started an automobile garage in a small wooden building behind Prairie Center General Store. Carl first sold Hudson, Essex, Whippet, Star, and Willys Knight automobiles and Cletrac tractors. In 1939 he acquired a Chevrolet dealership and changed the name to Dean's Chevrolet. At this time Robert Partridge moved his barber shop and sold the northeast corner to Dean.

When Carl Dean retired, his son Orlan took over the business and ran it until the dealership was sold and moved in the late 1970's. The building is now vacant. When asked why his father chose the Prairie Center location for his business, Orlan said so far as he knows, it was because it was the only building available at the time.

These were the people who were the moving force in this little rural village from WWI to the present. Prairie Center was outside the city limits until the 1950's. It then had a serious problem with its sewer and asked to be incorporated into the City of Coupeville to become eligible for a loan to solve its difficulties.

Where the community got its name is still vague. The Deans, Pickards, and Lees told me the crossroads was known to the 'locals' as Pumpkin Center because of the fabulous giant hubbard squash which grows there. And, perhaps with tongue in cheek, it was once seriously suggested to officially name it that.

I traced the school back to 1900, and it is known to have had a building on the southeast corner of Main and Terry Road even earlier than that time. But I stopped when it was discovered that a special article on the school's history is planned for the Fall edition of *The Chronicle*.

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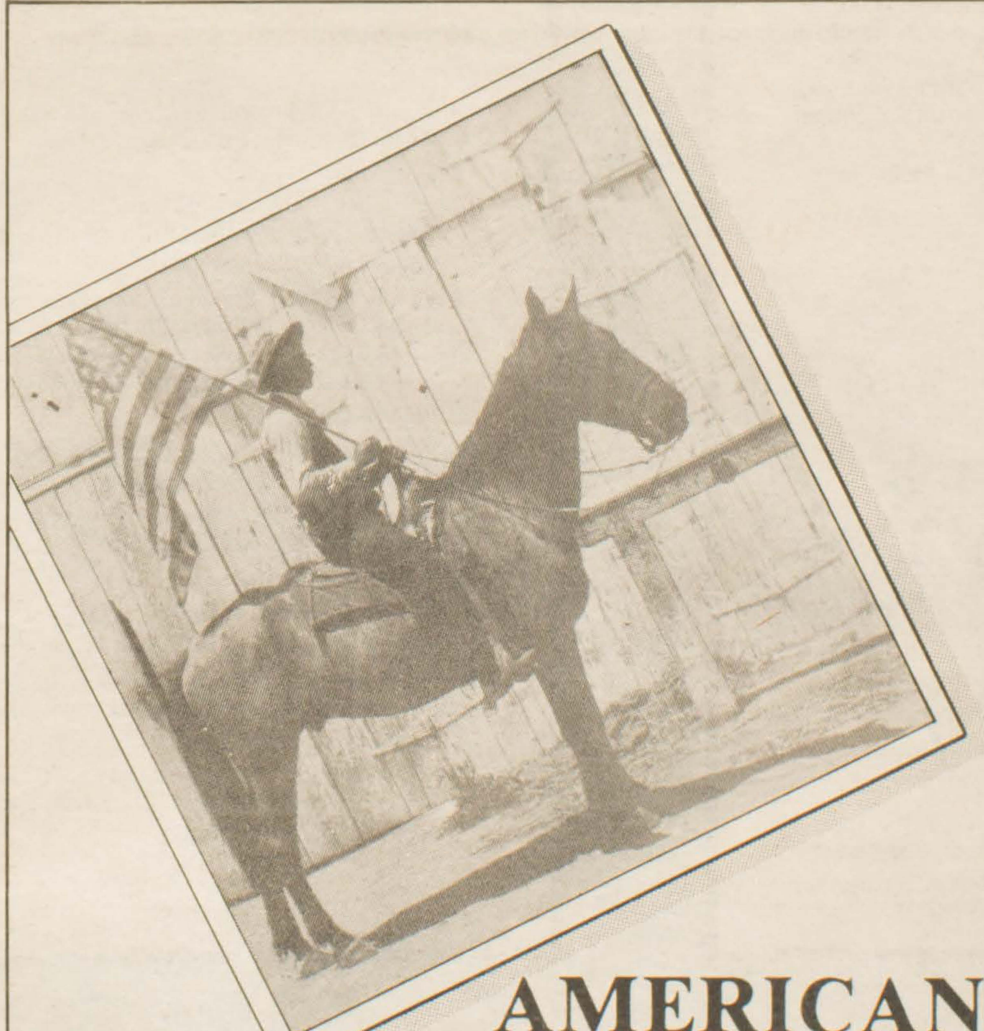
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"I love my babies," smiles Waverly Lynn, adding with a laugh, "but you should have seen the first one I tried!" She confessed it looked more like a grandmother than a baby.

As in any creative thing, small changes can make a world of difference, and by bringing the hairline down, and re-doing the nose, she came up with a face her own children could love... and the rest of the world, too!

The dolls' faces are realistic and timeless, and all are named after family members or friends. Lounging comfortably in a bassinet in the store are Baby Kelly, who sucks her thumb, while Baby Megan prefers a pacifier. Then there's Dina, the new backpack baby. She's 12 inches tall and her pattern includes all the detailed features of the other babies, plus a complete wardrobe and bedding. The wardrobe includes a two-piece sun suit, sun hat, beach jacket, party dress and hat, booties, nightgown and drawstring, bib and diaper, patchwork quilt and pillow.

Everything to provide hours of fun for some little girl!

But little boys haven't been forgotten either. Waverly Lynn recalls the first one she presented to her son, Brandon, who was 5. She said she looked at it and said, "but Mommie, it doesn't have the same parts I do." That remark launched the first "all boy", Anatomically Correct kid. Todd followed, then Garrett. Katie and Garrett are 16 inches tall, and each pattern includes a sailor outfit, night clothes with bathrobe and tiny teddy bear.

Speaking of animals, Waverly Lynn has The Three Bears: large, cuddly and lovable. She notes, "patterns are fast and easy, with Mama and Papa able to wear size 2 children's clothes." However, she does include clothes patterns in the kit. There is something about teddy bears that make them perennial sentimental favorites for all ages!

Close runners-up are comical Murphy and Brian and Bernice the Bunnie. Each has long arms and legs to wrap around the neck and waist. Waverly Lynn slips her hand in the head of Murphy, and carries on an animated conversation, much to the delight of on-lookers. Actually, that's the secret of her success: she has fun with her "babies!"

And it all began when she was a little girl in Sierra Madre, California, when her mother carefully instructed her on how to thread a needle. "I am still at it, and still enjoying it," she smiled. She married her high school sweetheart after both graduated from college. Then it was a ten year stint in Oakland, where she worked at I. Magnin, and later with a major toy company.

Waverly Lynn's husband, Lars, provides the business expertise needed in the mail order business and recognizes the advantages of working



Judy Showalter gives two of her Button Nose Kids an 'airing' in their antique perambulator.

out of their home on Whidbey Island. "This way, I am home with the children, and it is a life style we like," he said. Kelley, 11, Gretchen, 7, and Brandon appear to thrive on the arrangement, but they love it when Daddy says, "Let's go see what Mom's doing." Then, they can watch the doll-making classes and look at all the strangers browsing around the store, and sometimes even talk Dad into buying ice cream cones at the shop down the street.

Lars' job is to take his wife's designs and make them into pattern form. He is in the process of re-formatting the patterns in order to place them in retail fabric stores.

The kit will have a pre-sewn body, hair, button eyes and pattern. Lars added, "it is a nice product, and I make sure people can follow the instructions easily." The bodies are firmly stuffed by hand with soft dacron polyester and detailed directions on how to "sculpture" hands and toes by taking slip stitches. A little commercial "blush" adds skin color. The pre-sewn kit runs \$15.50 and kids without pre-sewn body, \$12.50.

In the store, Waverly Lynn saw a grandmother struggling to make a decision on which doll to buy. "Why not buy one for yourself?", she asked. A look of relief spread across the lady's face. "But, of course!", she laughed.

The Button Nose Kids did it again!

## Farmers Market

Coupeville farmers market transforms the county courthouse parking lot into a colorful garden spot on summer Saturday afternoons. The spirit of the past and bygone era can be felt as shoppers carrying wicker baskets browse through the open-air displays. They assume a leisurely pace, selecting from Whidbey Island's vast cornucopia of choice fresh fruits and vegetables.

The friendly, bustling market is in its third summer season. Neighbors and visitors linger, after making their purchases, to visit and enjoy each other's company.

Sellers at the weekly Saturday market include school children with the bounty of their school garden project, retired people sharing their carefully tended home garden products, entrepreneurs and established growers. Each one of these participants come from different levels of the mid-county agricultural economy.

Though it may have a casual air, the market's success depends upon the skillful organization and supervision provided by an enthusiastic group headed by Roberta Lee. New members are always welcome. Growers wanting to market can contact her at 678-4454. Meeting announcements can be found at the post office and in local publications.

Membership in the Washington State Farmers Market Association has helped the local group by offering proven ideas for successful markets.

## WHIDBEY WEAVERS

The Whidbey Weavers Guild meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Methodist Church in Coupeville at 10:00 AM. The guild meets September through June. Anyone interested is welcome. Mildred Sherwood is the president.

## Squash FROM PAGE 1

Sunday's events include an All-Island Produce Market that will feature canned goods, baked goods and all sorts of goodies. Plans call for craft demonstrations and an ice cream social as well as a raffle, too!

Volunteers are needed to make this a super-special event. Call 678-6244 or see Carol Amtmann or Katy Zimmerman at the Tartans & Tweeds on Front Street.

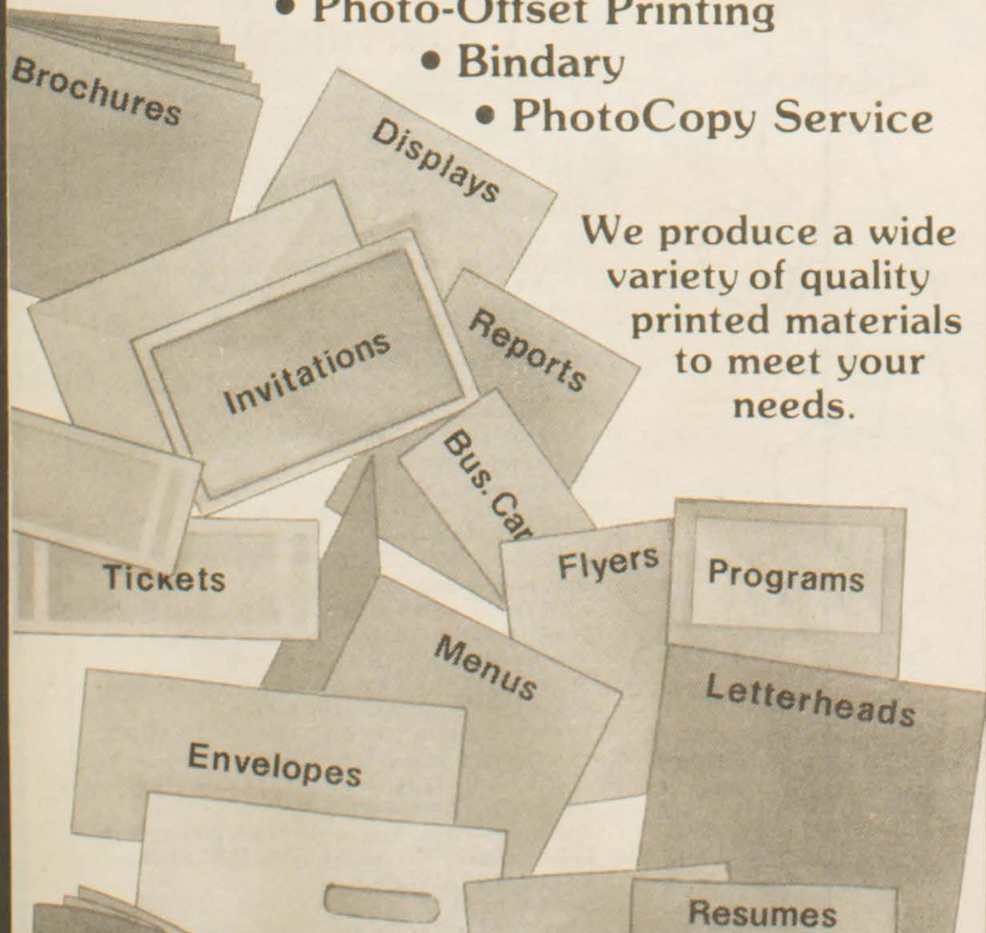
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# Garden Club blossoms

The Coupeville Garden Club is looking forward to another good year of activities. The new year begins on September 2nd, 1982. "Community Service" is the Club's motto. Five major garden projects are now in progress, including the Town Hall, Recreation Hall, Fire Hall, The Triangle Park and the Town Sewage Disposal Plant.

With a current membership of fifty-

two, the Club meets the first Thursday of each month at Dean Manor at 7:30 P.M. There will be a speaker to discuss various topics of interest to the club, including: shrubs, soil conditioning, various types of plants, ways to improve your gardening skills, and other interesting topics. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings. Those persons interested in joining should Call Betty Reuble at 678-4278.



# Shuffle along in the park

People living in or visiting Coupeville are now able to play shuffleboard at the City Park, thanks to several civic-minded citizens and the Coupeville Lions Club.

Walt Sewell, who masterminded the nearby horseshoe pits, once again led a project to provide more recreational facilities at the Coupeville City Park. In 1980, Walt, together with the American Association of Retired People constructed a horseshoe pit at the park. This time, the project was a shuffleboard court.

The Coupeville Lions Club donated the concrete and other labor necessary to complete the project. Although the striping had not been completed as this paper goes to press, it won't be long before citizens may be able to enjoy the facility (which is located next to the horseshoe pits in the park).

Other local contributors to the project were: Bill Engle who volunteered to remove dirt with his backhoe; Ted Hanks who set up the concrete forms and shot the transit; and Don Wiggins who filled in pea gravel with Walt, Mel Croon, and Frank Steadman.

Participation by community members was the key to success in the completed project. According to Walt, "... it's just the beginning of recreational facilities in the Park!"

# Ebey's Landing

first permanent (white) settlers to Whidbey Island, and who was ultimately killed on the Island by the Hiadah Indians during a period of Indian unrest in 1857. The legislation also commemorates the early active settlement during the years of the Donation Land Law (1850-1855) as well as the growth since 1883 of the historic town of Coupeville.

Following enactment of the legislation, the Island County Planning Department, the Town of Coupeville Planning Department, and the National Park Service began to develop a plan for the protection, preservation, and interpretation of the area. The Town of Coupeville and Island county set up a joint town and county citizens planning committee of twelve persons from various interest groups who could be affected by the reserve.

For eight months the committee met and identified 18 sub-areas within the reserve. These were evaluated in terms of their potential for public use, preservation, and private use. Attempts were made to strike a balance between the recognition of property ownership rights and the public desire to determine the destiny of the land. Through the efforts of these concerned citizens and local planners, a concept developed which makes Ebey's Reserve a truly unique National Park Service area.

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Specifically, the reserve will be eventually turned over to a unit of local government for administration, with the National Park Service paying up to 50% of the cost for operations and maintenance. In addition, the committee recommended the creation of a trust board made up of three representatives from the Town of Coupeville, three from residents within the reserve, one at large from Island County, two from appropriate state agencies, and one from the Department of the Interior to manage the area when the reserve is developed and operating.

Three major critical areas were identified in the final plan -- Ebey's Prairie; Crockett Lake, including Keystone Spit; and Grasser's Hill and Lagoon. In conjunction with those areas, the plan calls for the federal government's limited purchase of 150 to 200 acres of land for 14 interpretive wayside pull-offs. It also calls for the acquisition of development rights, scenic easements, and architectural controls of over 2,000 to 2,500 acres of land within these critical areas. To save money, the law provides for the exchange of lands rather than outright purchase as well as the willingness to accept donations of rights and land.

In the spring of 1980, the National Park Service, recognizing the Smith

Farm was the key to the formation of the reserve, began negotiations with the owners. A few months later on the open bluffs overlooking Admiralty Inlet, Park Service Director Russell Dickenson signed the contracts for the purchase of the Smith Farm witnessed by a crowd of 200 to 300. The farm was purchased for less than half its actual value, for the landowners had donated more than that amount to the government. Over a decade of concern and effort had finally paid off; the landowners and the environmentalists had achieved their goals.

For the past three years, the National Park Service, working with the various levels of local and state governments, has been preparing for the development of the Reserve. To complete the project, lands and development rights still need to be purchased, exhibits constructed, roadside pull-offs built and, eventually, the coastal trail across the bluffs opened to the public. Transfer of full responsibility to the local trust board will take place after development is completed.

The fields, woodlots, farms, and some beaches within the reserve are privately owned. No National Park Service land is available for public use at this time. We would ask you to respect private property rights before entering upon private lands.

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7:00 P.M. Trevor Dearing Speaking

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7:00 A.M. "Joy in the Morning"

Henry Lovejoy leads Praise & Worship

7:45 Breakfast in the Dining Hall

8:30 Gary & Cheryl Williamson (Mon & Tues)

Marriage Enrichment

Herb & Ruth Collinridge (Weds-Fri)

Praise & Worship

10:00 Doug & Pat Rutherford

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12:00 P.M. LUNCH

1:00 to 4:00 FAMILY FUN TIME

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4:00 DAILY CONCERT

5:00 DINNER

6:00 CHOIR PRACTICE

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# Freebie fun for the Children

STOP! Don't tie up your kids and leave them in the back seat of the car (as we are often tempted to do), there are plenty of things to see and do with your kids in Coupeville.

During the summer months our kids enjoy the parks. We have some of the most unusual recreation areas in the state.

You will need a map. Maps can be obtained at Center Isle Realty on Main Street near Highway 20 and at any of the five Wayne Chapman/Tara Properties offices on the Island.

Chapman's branch here in Coupeville is at 308 South Main Street. Both maps are also distributed to many of the local businesses including the Coupeville Pharmacy and Christensen's Apparel.

**Whidbey Island Game Farm** - Here is your opportunity to see some very unusual birds. There are peacocks, horned owls, wild turkeys and some of the most beautiful pheasants we've ever seen. They also have a tame deer. From the overpass on Highway 20 go towards South Whidbey for two miles. When

you see the Countryside Motel on your right and Island Auto Rebuild on your left you will need to turn left on the road just beyond that point. The road will fork and you will stay left. It's the first driveway on the right. There is a sign that says "Whidbey Island Game Farm". Just pull in and park. Feel free to walk around and look in the cages. There's no charge!

*This park is an all-time great for kite flying.*

**Fort Casey** - Fort Casey was built in the early 1900's and still has some of the disappearing guns (they look like cannons to us). The guns sit on top of bunkers which are fun to explore. Bring a flashlight and please obey the signs! They are there for your safety. This park is an all-time-great for kite flying. Other features of the park include a picnic area, campground, trails and a lighthouse. Be sure to go up inside the lighthouse. The building next to the lighthouse has the original lens plus some additional information about the Fort.

To get to Fort Casey, go south from the Highway 20 overpass in Coupeville on Main Street (it will turn into Engle Road) for three and a half miles. You will see a sign that says "Fort Casey State Park". Go straight on that road for three-tenths of a mile. After you have gone three-tenths of a mile you will see the bunkers ahead of you. If you wish to see the lighthouse first, you will need to take a hard right at that point. Otherwise, just go straight ahead and park.

**Ebey's Landing** - If you have a dog that likes to run, then this is the place! At the other parks dogs are restricted to leashes or else they're not allowed at all. At Ebey's Landing there is a plaque telling about Captain Ebey and how he was killed by Indians plus a marker to mark the spot. We have enacted the story of how he was beheaded down on

the beach with one kid pretending to be Captain Ebey and the rest of us pretending to be the Indians. You can research this story further at the library or from the local citizens.

To get to Ebey's Landing, proceed from the Coupeville Overpass as though you were going to Fort Casey, only go for two and three-tenths miles to Hill Road and take a right. Stay on Hill Road for another mile and before the hairpin turn you will see an area for parking. Go straight to the parking spot. The plaque is visible there and will show you how to find the marker.

**The Cemetery** - This is your chance to see some real Whidbey Island history. Many of the gravestones will tell about the original Whidbey Island settlers. There is also a blockhouse to explore. Please be respectful of the grave sites.

*This is your chance to see some real Whidbey Island history.*

From the overpass go towards Oak Harbor on Highway 20 for seven-tenths of a mile to Sherman Road and turn left. Go for another three-tenths of a mile, the graveyard is on your right. One can enjoy a great panoramic view of Ebey's Prairie from the Cemetery.

**Fort Ebey** - This fort is from World War II and has more bunkers to explore. Don't forget your flashlight! There are trails, camping and picnic areas at Fort Ebey. This park is a must for evening picnics and sunset watching. From the overpass proceed the same as the graveyard, only drive for three and three-tenths of a mile, then turn left. Go for another mile to Valley Drive then turn left again. Stay on that road for four-tenths of a mile and follow the State Park signs. Continue left at Floral Circle until you get to the gate. Go past the gate for three tenths of a mile. You will see signs indicating campgrounds, picnic area and guns. If you turn left and drive for another three-tenths of a mile you will be able to see the bunkers. They are camouflaged in a small hill. Both picnic areas are ideal at sunset!

So let them out of the car. It's O.K. Really! Watch for the next issue when we explain what to do with your kids in the colder months. ("How to Shop in Coupeville on a Kid's Budget").

## North, South and Central

## United We Run

"This could be the start of something big!" may very well be the catch phrase in Coupeville since Coupeville will be the starting point for what may become a Whidbey Island tradition. Whidbey Island will have a road run. It will take place this year on September 5th and will stage out of Coupeville.

Titled the "Whidbey Island Road Run" the event will in essence be two separate races, with both starting at 11:00AM. The shorter of the two, which is a five-miler, will start at mid course of the larger race which starts in Coupeville. Both will end in Oak Harbor. All participants will stage-up in Coupeville City Park, with runners in the short race being transported to the mid-course starting point.

The long race, a breathtaking ten miles, will start at Coupeville City Park. The course will go along Madrona, to SR20, along SR20 to the scenic turnout to Oak Harbor, follow that turnout until it runs into SR20 again, and from there on to the finish at Oak Harbor City Park.

After awards and prizes have been given to the top finishers, and after

everyone has a chance to catch his or her respective breath, the runners will be furnished transportation back to Coupeville.

The event was originally conceived as (and will be this year) the kick off for Whidbey Island United Way. The theme of the event is "UNITED WE RUN" and it carries with it the idea of bringing the North, South, and Central Whidbey areas together in an event for everyone.

There will be prizes and awards for the top competitors in each of the fourteen divisions of each race as well as a "Whidbey Island Road Run" T-shirt for each entrant.

Along the entire two courses there will be emergency "React" teams to provide communications for the race operations. Also there will be medical assistance available and there will be "water stops" along the way. There will be crowd and traffic control along the course and there is rumor that there will be at least one Washington Senator in one of the two races, possibly "running" for re-election?

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