

# HOME-TOWN NEWS

## President's Message

1990-1991 Roundup:

**A Hard Look Back At  
The Recent Past and  
A Look Ahead At  
The Near Future**

*This message will be my last as your president and I wish to thank ALL of you for being so supportive and always being there when needed. Our members are a great group of people who work hard and accomplish wonders! Many of you contribute hours and hours of your time that most other members don't know about. I won't attempt to give all your names but YOU know who you are and I send you my extra special thank you! I appreciate all your help and never-ending work. Our new officers for 1992 will be installed on December 11<sup>th</sup> and I know you will continue to give them your support. Have a wonderful Christmas, be happy and stay healthy.*

INPUT FROM AILEEN MUSE BOARD from Parumph, NV.


*Estella*

Hats off to all who did the planning for the reunion! The dinner was very nice as well as the table decorations.

I didn't know that Marise Haley, Josephine Maniscalco and even my cousin Irene Clemmons were there until I read the newsletter. I am disappointed that I didn't get to see them. Maybe we need a big black-board for everyone to sign on and put their table number. As the years pass it is getting harder to recognize each other.

Thanks, Aileen! What a great idea! Let's all think about it for next year. M.W.

NOTICE THIS

 **THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE**

unless we hear from you right away!

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# Majestic archway of elm trees shades memories of Lakeside

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**T**ED ROBERTS vividly remembers the first time he drove through the majestic archway of elm trees that lined Woodside Avenue at the gateway to Lakeside.

"It was the summer of '48, and it was like driving through a green tunnel," said Roberts, a retired minister with the Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church. "The branches met each other overhead. It was beautiful."

Forty-three years later, all that's left of the Australian cork elm archway are memories. The 60-foot-tall shade trees became victims of progress when they were cut down or moved to make way for utility poles, parking lots and the like.

But Roberts and a handful of other Lakeside residents are carrying on the tradition of those trees, which once inspired defiant town historian Flossie Beadle to sit in front a trenching machine that was about to uproot them.

"It's a sentimental thing, I guess," explained Roberts, who transplanted two of the elms to his back yard in the early 1950s when plans were announced to chop down part of the historic archway. "Right now, they're not doing much besides holding up the fence."

Donna Swink, a member of the Lakeside Garden Club, has a pair growing in her yard, as well as a few saplings in pots that she hopes to give away.

"They're in memory of Flossie Beadle," she said.

## EASTWORD

TRIBUNE  
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The trees, known for their corklike bark, originally were planted along Woodside Avenue on Arbor Day in 1893 by youngsters at Lakeside's first school.

Imported from Australia, the 100 or so saplings soon grew into a blocks-long lane that sheltered horse- and buggy-riding travelers from the hot summer sun.

So valued were the trees that citizens went to great lengths to prevent their destruction.

In 1957, when the phone company tried to dig up 40 of the elms, Beadle blocked a trenching machine and dared workers to run over her.

The flustered crews stopped the underground cable project and moved to the other side of the street.

Beadle, a Lakeside legend who died in 1973 at age 71, launched several other tree-sparing campaigns. Local folklore has it that she once chained herself to an elm and threatened tree-cutters with a double-barreled shotgun. But she always denied the story.

Despite Beadle's efforts, the trees slowly came down. Fourteen trees were felled in 1967 to make room for a new shopping center. Others were

destroyed when Woodside was widened.

Two were transplanted near Lindo Lake but were cut down when the county built a community center there. Several others were replanted elsewhere in town, but most of those died, killed by caterpillars and drought.

But two surviving elms, still growing in front of the Presbyterian Church on Channel Road, touched the heartstrings of Lakeside schoolteacher Paul Henry.

"I grew up in Lakeside, and I used to walk along that road," said the 47-year-old Henry. "I always enjoyed walking under the shade in the summer. It was gorgeous."

Four years ago, he cut about 40 shoots that had sprung up from the roots of those trees and planted them in five-gallon containers.

"I said, 'Gee, there's a little history there. Maybe I could get them replanted.'"

Many of the saplings were given to the garden club, which found homes for them in the community.

One recipient, Shirley Anderson, marveled at Henry's dedication. "Paul took them to his house. He had a whole mess of them," said Anderson, a member of the Lakeside Historical Society. "I got a couple of them, but two died. I sure would have liked to keep them."

"All those trees should have been saved," she added. "But they cut them down, the whole kit and caboodle."

Dear Ann Landers: All of us get to feeling too mighty and too important at times. Here is a humbling truth that should help keep things in proper perspective: Man, despite his pretensions, sophistication and myriad accomplishments, owes his existence to a 6-inch layer of topsoil and the fact that it rains.

— Lynn L., Westville, Ill.



● A CHINESE tobacco factory claims to have invented the perfect smoke — a cigarette that prevents cancer due to high levels of the trace element selenium. The so-called anti-cancer cigarettes come from a factory in central Hubei province, where high levels of selenium in the soil result in high concentrations of the element in tobacco, the Xinhua news agency reported. Selenium, one of 14 trace elements needed for good nutrition, "can check carcinogens in cigarette smoke," the dispatch said. Recent examples of unusual medical treatments from China have had snake venom curing brain disease, bee stings curing rheumatism and all manner of potions curing male impotency.

These things are good in little measure and evil in large:  
Yeast, Salt, and Hesitation.

The important thing about your lot in life is whether you use it for building or parking.

## Christmas trivia to get you thinking merry

Here's some Christmas card trivia certain to brighten your holidays:  
Questions:

1. On the average, how many Christmas cards does an American household receive each year?
2. What character is depicted more frequently than any other on humorous Christmas cards?
3. How many Christmas cards will Americans send this year?
4. What percentage of those cards goes through the mail?
5. What year was the first commercially printed Christmas card mailed?
6. What 1840 British law helped establish the custom of sending Christmas cards?
7. Over the years, what has been the most popular Christmas card

greeting?

8. Who buys most greeting cards, men or women?
9. True or false: More cards are bought for the Christmas and Hanukkah season than any other time of the year, including St. Valentine's Day and Mother's Day.

Answers:

1. 26.
2. Santa Claus. Santa has been depicted jogging, playing golf in the snow and surfing, among other things.
3. More than 2.2 billion.
4. 91 percent.
5. 1843. Artist John Calcott Horsley designed a card for London business-

man Henry Cole.

6. The Penny Postage Act, which allowed mail to be sent for just one penny.
7. "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You!"
8. Women buy an estimated 90 percent of all greeting cards.
9. True. About 25 percent of the greeting card industry's business is done around Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's Day. St. Valentine's Day produces 8 percent of the business and Mother's Day, 5 percent.

Sources: Hallmark Cards, Greetings magazine, Greeting Card Association.

### Definitions

Thesaurus: ancient reptile with an excellent vocabulary

—Billy Jaye on "Comic Strip Live," Fox TV

Slugfest: escargot cook-off

—Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Lunatic: insect from the moon

—Jack Wohl

### Fiscal Fitness

A recession is what takes the wind out of your sales

—Orben's Current Comedy

A family budget is a process of checks and balances; the checks wipe out the balance

—H. Arthur Langer

Inflation is when the buck doesn't stop anywhere

—Orben's Current Comedy



