

LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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ALL THE NEWS THAT'S NEW

Sept/Oct
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President's Message

by Barbara Whitlock

Once you are back home and into meetings, fund-raisers, the August vacation seems a long time ago. We had a wonderful time on our trip to the Northwest. Along with a family reunion and high-school reunion, we visited some tourist attractions also. The museum in Lynden Washington, operated by their Historical society, is the best we have seen. Lynden is an old Dutch town, North and a little East of Bellingham. But don't visit on a Sunday--nothing is open but church! We are in the lull between "Fun-raisers". Had a great response for the street dance dessert and soda booths. Thank you to everyone who helped! A lot of willing workers on our team and every job is needed and appreciated! The Golf Tournament is next and then the Hometown Reunion in October. Hope you have reserved the date on your busy calendar. Our September meeting is on the 26th. and is preceded by a pot-luck dinner at 6 p.m.. See you there.

MEMORIAL FUND QUARTERLY REPORT

by Clarabell Cray, Chairman

Our Memorial Board hangs in the Fellowship hall of the Old Community Church. Over the years, names of 192 people have been honored by placing their name on a brass plaque, which inscribes their year of birth and year of death. The following names have been added during the months, June 1st. to Sept. 1st.: Dane Edward Carender, Robert "Bert" Foster, Don Prindle, J Franklin Achord, Malcolm "Mickey" Campbell, Betty Renner, J Earnest Ames, Wilbert Wallace Palmer. This is an addition to our Lakeside Memorial Fund of \$2,221.00.

THANKS to Lucille Kouns Landis for the donation of two sets of clear glass sugar and creamers. We could use several more sets. Maybe some of you have some you aren't using.

CORRECTION.

by Betty Held.

DICK HELD CREATED AND PRODUCED THE JAVELIN in Lakeside. Bud Held created and produced the "EKTELON" RACQUETBALL RACQUETS in San Diego and contrary to a false press release, had no part in the Javelin business.

LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MAINE AVENUE REVITALIZATION ASSOC. are separate organizations.

DUES INCREASE for 1995

In June, the membership voted to increase yearly dues beginning in 1995 to \$12.00. With increased expense of postage, insurance, and other operating costs, a \$2.00 increase was deemed necessary.

LOCAL NEWS

HOMECOMING

by J. Christofferson

Homecoming was great as we watched the U.S.S. CAMDEN come into Port at Bremerton, Wash. My son, Lt. Cdr. Craig had been deployed for 6 months. They had been in Hong Kong, Hawaii, Australia, Saudi Arabia and other parts. Helped supply food to Zambia. I spent 2 weeks in God's country. It is so green there. Always glad to get home to my friends.

MEDAL RECIPIENT

Navy Chief Petty Officer Robert A. Donohue, son of Emma and Robert A. Donohue Jr. of Lakeside, and whose wife, Margaret, the daughter of Jim and Beth Lothringer of La Mesa, received the Navy Achievement Medal.

Donohue was cited for superior performance of duty while serving as an electrician's mate with Fighter Squadron 126 at Naval Air Station Miramar, where he is currently assigned. Donohue is a 1979 graduate of El Capitan High School in Lakeside.

POT LUCK

September meeting will be a Pot-Luck dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the program at 7 p.m. Pat Elwood will be the speaker on the subject "California's Moving Capital".

OBITUARY

BRIAN CHARLES PRENDERGAST:

Brian died August 29th. 1994 at Grossmont Hospital. He was born in Lakeside in 1947 and lived here all his life, graduating from El Capitan High School. He learned the Florist business from his parents, the Tom Prendergasts, who owned Gallery Florist in San Diego for many years. Services were held Sept. 1st. in San Diego, with burial at El Cajon Cemetary. He was a Life Member of the Lakeside Historical Society. Survivors include his brother; Tom Jr. of Lakeside, and his sister Mildred Prendergast Whaley of Conroe Texas.

BEST WISHES TO

Marge Watkins who has recovered from pneumonia and is now undergoing radiation treatment for cancer of the sinus. She wants to thank all her friends for the calls and cards which have meant so much to her during her illness. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Our thoughts and best wishes also go out to Freddie Prindle, who has progressed from the hospital to Alvarado care center. See you at home soon!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Copy Corral, 14 years
- 1 Harry Buckel
- 2 Charlotte Robinson
- 2 Susan Anderson
- 3 David Poindexter
- 3 Nellie Thomas
- 4 Roxiena Cook
- 4 Jerry Kibbey
- 6 Charles Foster
- 8 Donald Williams
- 10 Ena Bowden
- 12 Sharon MacKinnon
- 14 Josiah Gibson
- 16 Kay Savage
- 16 Esther Thomas
- 16 Kathern Thornhill
- 17 Grace Dalton
- 17 Ed Duling
- 17 Ernestine Paine
- 20 Ray Offord
- 21 Harold Wolin
- 22 Josephine Danna
- 22 Kendrick Kellog
- 24 Raymond Clemens
- 24 Betty McMillen
- 25 Doris Bloomberg
- 25 Vernilee Bost
- 25 Henry Herms Jr.
- 25 Linda Salazar
- 28 Lucille Mesa Carbone
- 30 Leo's Lakeside Pharmacy, 34 years
- 30 Arleen Darrough
- 30 Rosemary Strickler
- 30 Jean Taylor
- 31 Margaret Johnson



WESTERN STREET DANCE

by Betty McMillen

The street dance was a great success. Over 2,000 folks of all ages came to join the fun and listen to some boot stompin' music. Historical Society members were kept busy providing sodas, coffee and deserts for the crowd. The church courtyard proved to be an enjoyable place for the weary to sit a spell and have their desserts and drinks. All desserts were donated by our hard working members. Virginia McGuinness was kept busy supplying cold sodas for the Kiwanis hamburger shack until they completely sold out of their food. Meanwhile, Edna Kouns, Linda Baines, Betty Head, Roxanne Smith, Dorothy Campbell, Margaret Stewart, June Christofferson, Ray and Barbara Whitlock, Charley McGuinness, Al Meyer and Jean Angus scurried about performing various tasks to make things run smoothly. Olga Puhn and Ray Wilson were busy being Cashiers all evening. Shirley Anderson and Marguerite Sherman manned the Society's store since lots of folks browsed during the evening after using our ever popular rest rooms. Marcella Williams was a real pooped trooper, she stayed to the bitter end and made sure everything was secured and clean. Thanks to co-chairman, Virginia McGuinness, Dolores Meyer and Pat Elwood whose hard work and expertise kept everything working smooth as clockwork. This event brought in \$776.00 profit for the Historical Society.

THANK YOU

by Susan Manire, Pres.

The Maine Ave. Revitalization Association wishes to thank the Historical Society for their cooperation and support for our 2nd. annual Western Street Dance. Funds generated from the dance will go toward the restoration of the Historic Town Center.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES for OCTOBER

- 1 48th. Virginia - Loy Flor
- 1 16th. Lora - John Grisafi
- 6 17th. Jacqueline - Ed Grobarek
- 8 49th. Beverly - Bruce Smith
- 10 58th. Margaret - Bob Watkins
- 11 53rd. Janean - Barney Young
- 12 36th. Patsy - Sam Ford
- 16 46th. Nadine - Eldon Allison
- 16 14th. Phaedra - Michael Hopper
- 18 10th. Mary - Curtis Clubb
- 25 42nd. Ruth - Cloyce Burkhardt
- 25 14th. Carol - Rev. T.E. Roberts
- 27 38th. Margaret - Lester Johnson
- 29 28th. Dorthy - Elwood Strauss



THIS COULD BE THE START OF SOMETHING BIG

by BETTY McMILLEN

ANDERSON DRILLING threw a party for them-selves on May 13. They were celebrating 50 years of operating as "ANDERSON DRILLING". Over 300 business associates, family members and friends attended the event.

It's hard to believe that RALPH and his brother FRED started with two picks, and two shovels and a lot of back-breaking work.

They dug wells by hand in "the good old days."

It was a two man operation because one person went down in the hole to dig and the other person had to pull up the bucket of dirt. When they hit rock, they would lower a jack hammer, drill a hole and load it with dynamite, blow the rock apart, then haul it up in that bucket.

In 1947 RALPH mortgaged his and SHIRLEY's home in Point Loma to buy out his brother and purchase equipment he needed. About that time they also bought 20 acres of land in Eucalyptus Hills and lived in a tent while they built their home.

RALPH drilled wells all over Blossom Valley and El Cajon when it was nothing but vineyards and barley field. SHIRLEY was the bookkeeper and even had two secretaries.

In 1949 RALPH quit hand digging wells and over the years began upgrading his equipment from bucket rigs, to cable rigs, to diamond core drills to air drills. All were attained slowly with monthly payments.

In 1963, during the recession, he was 12 payments behind on one of his machines.

About that time CalTrans wanted to buy his land for Highway 67 to cut through Lakeside.

The \$89,000 came in handy, he was able to pay off all his loans and have a little left over to put chain link fencing around the ANDERSON DRILLING yard.

In the late 60's his sons, REX and STAN wanted to buy the business from their Dad. SHIRLEY was against it. The two sons took over the business, but RALPH kept drilling on his own until 1976. SHIRLY said, "I retired when Dad retired."

REX decided to move his part to Julian, where he still operates a successful drilling business. STAN went into drilling large diameter holes for footing and foundations.

Since there was a building boom in Southern California, his business grew by leaps and bounds. He had a hand in just about every freeway overpass and large building in San Diego County.

Four years ago STAN began thinking about retiring. He offered to give the business to his employees. A committee was formed to take over but things didn't work out. STAN smiled, "Committees don't know how to make decisions, it's better to have one Hitler."

Three years ago STAN's son, GENE, took over as President. Although he is only 34 years old, GENE has been working for the company for 19 years. He started out as yard boy and shoveled his way up to crane operator and drill operator, then Vice President.

Last year ANDERSON DRILLING was busy helping restore bridges and freeway overpasses after the big L.A. earthquakes.

ANDERSON DRILLING now has 70 employees. Four drilling rigs are working on the new stadium at S.D. State University. Other rigs are working in Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Florida.



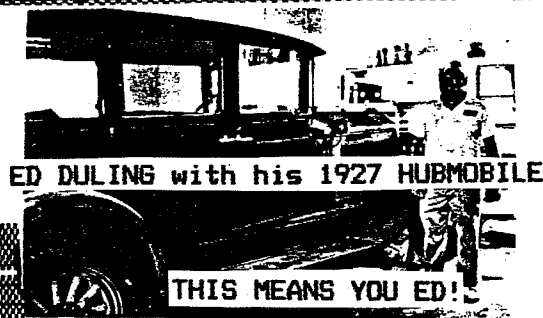
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LAKESIDE AYSO (AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION) IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Lakeside AYSO was founded in 1980. The primary objective is to provide local youth with a healthy and positive environment in the field of soccer. Last year Lakeside AYSO had over 900 players from the ages of 4½ to 19 years old.

AYSO is dedicated to the philosophy that "every child plays" and the positive image through coaching as utmost in importance. Keeping that in mind, Lakeside AYSO needs volunteers for linesmen, referees, chalking soccer fields and various other duties to keep the organization a thriving and dynamic place for our children to grow in body and mind.

PLEASE consider dedicating some time and energy to a rewarding experience and some of the finest people you'll ever meet. The Lakeside AYSO will be anxious to hear from you!

Please call **561-AYSO** - - - **443-8776** - - - **443-5745**. **THANK YOU!!!**



GENEALOGY UP-DATE by ESTELLA SOMMERVILLE

Our April/May newsletter told about LHS receiving a letter from ERIK TANDRUP in Denmark, asking our help in researching his Great-Uncle and Aunt, NIEL & ANNIE TANDRUP, who had lived and died in Lakeside many years ago.

I obtained copies of their death certificates that showed that their funerals had been at the Lakeside Funeral Chapel. . .NIEL died in 1959 and ANNIE died in 1966. Their death certificates gave their former Lakeside address - so I contacted the present owner of their property on Hwy 67, north of Willow - and he said that ANNIE had been baby-sitter for his neighbors' children. (*These neighbors were a niece and nephew of my former neighbors in Santee...small world!*)

ERIK arrived in San Diego on Sunday, June 4th, and I had a wonderful time showing him and telling him about the area where his relatives had lived. I took him to Cypress View Mausoleum so he could place some flowers in memory of his Great-Uncle & Aunt and then back to Lakeside where MARCELLA WILLIAMS joined us for lunch.

We gave him a tour of our church and he was very interested and impressed with all our work. . . he bought a copy of "Legends of Lakeside"! We drove out to Hwy 67 and visited with JIM HENDRICKS - present owner of property - and FAYE & HARVEY MUNDY who had been very close friends of NIEL & ANNIE. They told ERIK many stories about them and HARVEY gave

ERIK an old miniature tool kit that had belonged to NIEL . . .what a wonderful keepsake for ERIK.

NIEL had been a stonemason and built the DESERT VIEW TOWER in the early 20's that over-looks Imperial Valley. (See photo below). JIM HENDRICKS showed us the bedroom furniture that had belonged to ANNIE and the original kitchen cabinets, etc., in the house. JIM also dug up a "lily bulb" from his yard that had been planted by ANNIE many years ago for ERIK to take back to Denmark to plant in his own yard!

I gave ERIK a tour all around our Lakeside. . . the Funeral Chapel, Lindo Lake Park and even my old home! He took movies everyplace we went so he can show them to his relatives in Denmark.

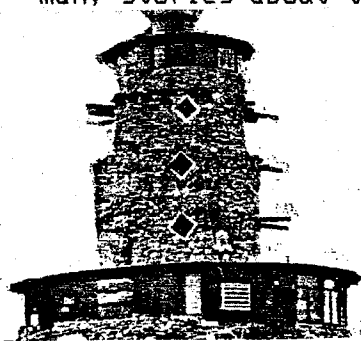
After we had dinner, I took him back to his hotel in San Diego and he left for Denmark the following day. . . such a nice young man (47) and I really enjoyed being his tour guide.

He was so very grateful and appreciative of all my research. I invited him back next year so he can go see the Desert View Tower, San Diego Zoo and Sea World. He brought me a beautiful book of colored pictures of Denmark and I really appreciate his thoughtfulness.

This was ERIK's 3rd trip to the United States. . . he travels by bus and had been to Canada and Alaska for a month before coming to Lakeside.

COME BACK ANY TIME, ERIK. . . YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

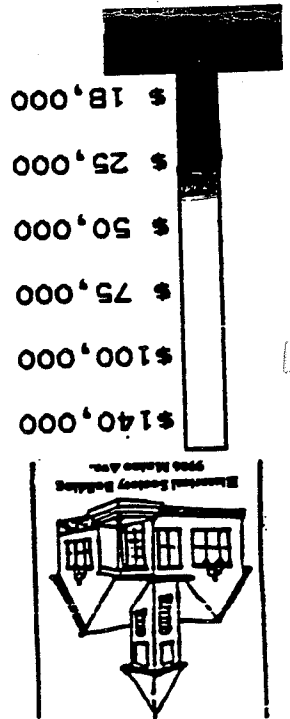
DESERT VIEW TOWER is located on the eastern edge of the Laguna Mountains easily accessed from the In-Ko-Pah exit off I-8. In the early 20's, BERT L. VAUGHN, who owned Jacumba, conceived the idea of creating a tower built of native materials. It was to be a monument to the pioneers. NIEL TANDRUP was a stonemason and built the Desert View Tower. The tower sits on a 93-acre lot and about half a dozen acres of that are developed. Tower and property have changed owners several times.



CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

- SEP. 22 - 2nd. Annual Golf Tournament Willow Brook.
- SEP. 23 - Board meeting.
- SEP. 26 - Regular Meeting.
- OCT. 21 - Board Meeting.
- OCT. 23 - HOME TOWN REUNION.
- OCT. 24 - Regular Meeting.
- NOV. 28 - Regular Meeting.
- DEC. 14 - Pot Luck - Installation.

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LIFE BEGINS AT 80

From Golden Gardens Magazine

I have good news for you. The first 80 years are the hardest. The second are a succession of birthday parties.

Once you reach 80, everyone wants to carry your baggage and help you up the steps. If you forget your name or anybody else's name, or an appointment, or your own telephone number, or promise to be in three places at the same time, or can't remember how many grandchildren you have, you need only to explain that you are 80.

Being 80 is a lot better than being 70. At 70, people are mad at you for everything. At 80, you have a perfect excuse no matter what you do. If you act foolishly, it's your second childhood. Everybody is looking for symptoms of softening of the brain.

Being 70 is no fun at all. At that age, they expect you to retire to a house in Florida and complain about your arthritis (they used to call it lumbago), and you ask everybody to stop mumbling because you can't understand them. (Actually, your hearing is about 50% gone.)

If you survive until you are 80, everybody is surprised that you are still alive. They treat you with respect just for having lived that long. Actually, they seem surprised that you can walk and talk sensibly.

So, please, folks, try to make it to 80. It's the best time of your life. People forgive you for anything. If you ask me, life begins at 80.