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by Betty McMillen



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(See article)

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19 Women's Club
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(Spaces still available)

APRIL

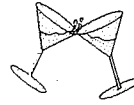
17 Western Days Parade
& Rodeo
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Craft Show

24 Ramona Pageant
(See article)

Chicken Pot Pie Nite was a big success! Sixty people came for an evening of food, fellowship and entertainment. Many thanks to all who helped with this event. The proceeds have been added to the Heater/Air Conditioner fund.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 77th- Lakeside Water District | 9 Leonard Philbrook | 19 Dolores Meyer |
| 1 78th- Nelson Sloan, Inc. | 10 Carolyn Hamilton | 19 17th - Lisa ♥ Greg Smith |
| 2 Barbara Pruyne | 10 Velmalyn Magill | 20 49th - Frankie ♥ Raymond Clemens |
| 3 37th - Janice ♥ David Poindexter | 11 Sallie Miller | 20 Sandra Melville |
| 4 Donna Fae Brunot | 11 Karen Stephens | 21 Gloria Partington |
| 4 47th - Audrey ♥ Lee Hibdon | 12 Lois Sangster | 21 Harriette Wade |
| 4 Everett Lindem | 13 Amadita Ames | 22 24th Diane ♥ Mike Cooper |
| 4 Darren McMillen | 13 Ray Whitlock | 26 Clyde Atkinson |
| 5 Jacqueline Grobarek | 13 Ida Windress | 26 Marise Moore |
| 5 11th - Kathy ♥ Fred LePage | 14 Ruth Burkhardt | 26 11th - Barbara ♥ Terrell O'Rourke |
| 5 21st - Western Found. & Shoring | 14 Patsy Ford | 27 Joan Buckel |
| 6 Louise Nemecheck | 15 Vivian Lucas | 29 Ronald Kuhner |
| 6 49th - Juanita ♥ Leonard Philbrook | 16 Marlene Ashley | 29 George Yule |
| 8 2nd - DeAnne ♥ Rick Markle | 16 Ruth Staite Porter | 30 25th - Gloria ♥ Steve Dunkel |
| 9 Mike Atkinson | 16 Merton Thomas | 30 Dale Melville |
| 9 Lucile Fischer | 19 55th - Elaine ♥ George Bailey | 31 Donna Kuhner Martens |



The Famous Lakeside Hotel

by Regis Rosner

A woman on the dance floor squealed in pain! The next thing I know, the bass player set his bass guitar down, jumped off the band stand onto the dance floor, and smacked the guy dancing with the girl...bang...crash...and off they went, the bouncers tossing them all out the street to work it out for themselves away from the patrons.

Wow! How many stories about the old Lakeside Hotel I couldn't guess, but here is one that a few of you may know. This is about Ron Rogers and his pals around the early 70's. Who was Ron Rogers? When I met him we were both hired on as welder/fitters at a kelp processing plant in San Diego. We got along right off the bat and I soon discovered that Ron had a lot of talent and recently came from a major airline company, leaving that job for reasons that could make another story. Ron and I spent many lunch times together, discussing the things we liked to do, and discovered that we know some mutual folks in and around Lakeside, one of whom was a feller by the name of Ruby Graves who lived closer to Flynn Springs.

After a time, things didn't go just the way Ron had planned in his life and eventually he took up residence at the Lakeside Hotel. He made friends fast wherever he lived, and made the best of things in the upstairs of the hotel. At least he was comfortable and out of the weather. Ron's friend, Ruby, happened to run the Richfield Service Station on the south west corner of Woodside and Prospect. I'm sure some of you can remember the old service station was located where the Taco Bell is now. Late at night, when Ron had nothing better to do, he would wander over to the station and keep ole Ruby company. One night, after the station was closed, they were both sipping on some "remedy". While sitting in the car in the back of the station they got the notion to write a song. After a few night of "sipping the remedy" they came up with two songs. One was called "I Like to Wash the Windshields on them Little Foreign Cars", the other was "Something for Nothing". Ruby was an old western singer and jammer from way back in time around Lakeside. Ron came from much talent, his mother being the beautiful and famous Mary Pickford and his father the talented band leader, Buddy Rogers. I'm sure many of you remember them both.

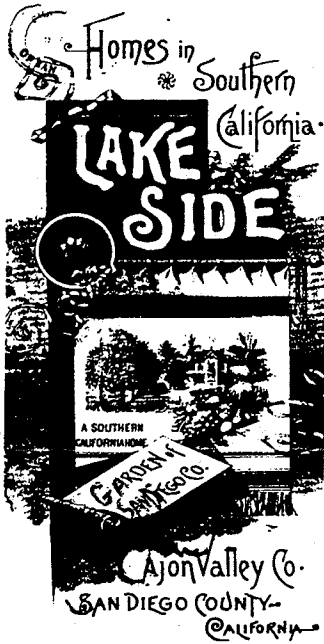
It so happened that Ruby had a son-in-law who owned & operated a sound studio, MEA Records, in Lemon Grove. They decided to approach him to cut a 45rpm record for them. He did, and later Ruby handed out some of them to their good friends. After hearing the songs, I decided to do their works, since one of the songs was a good dance tune and folks would get out on the floor to dance. Also, I enjoyed using our great local talent that sometimes don't get a good mention except from our friends.

I haven't seen either of those great guys in a number of years. Wherever you guys are, may your lyrics live on forever and may all your musical notes be in tune. Your friend, Rg.

P.S. Ruby, why did you spell your name backwards on that recording label?

(This might be a good story for Legends II)





DID YOU KNOW.....

By Chris Herzog

Lakeside was considered the "*Garden of San Diego County*" as stated in an advertising folder of the late 1880's.

Statistics:

AREA: 75.46 Square miles, 28,290 Acres (Planning area)

ALTITUDE: Valley - 400 feet; foothills - 800 feet above sea level.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE: 64.7 degrees (Daytime High, 79.4; Nighttime Low 49.1).

RAINFALL AVERAGE: 9 inches. Lakeside weather is generally dry with low humidity, however there have been some floods of notoriety.

History of floods in Lakeside:

1861-1862: In the middle of a 40-year drought period, floods, appropriately called "Noachain Deluge", (and we thought the El Nino was a new thing?) Devastated the west coast from Vancouver, British Columbia, south through Baja, California.

1891: July 2nd, the grocers of San Diego had a picnic near the river in Lakeside, but were overwhelmed, rerouted and soaked by the most sudden and persistent storm that ever hit the valley.

1908: The surprise downpour of August 9 was a "gully-washer", say the old-timers.

1916: On January 13 Lakeside lost 21 houses as well as barns, silos, water tanks and outbuildings. Railroad tracks from Santee to Lakeside were washed out. Railroads and wagon roads were gone from Lakeside to Foster. Cuyamaca Flume Co. lost about six miles of flume. Mr. Gay of the Lakeside Inn opened the doors to homeless flood victims. The second storm hit on January 26. Rainfall total January 14 through 27 was 16 inches; season total was 21.32 inches. The bridge was lost.

1921: Record rainfall from December 18 through 27 was 11.42 inches. Season total was 13.78.

1927: The bridge was washed out in two places. Lakeside was left without water except for local wells. February 11 through February 17 rainfall was 12 inches in one week. The season was 16.39 inches.

1961: A cloudburst caused a flash flood in Flinn Springs on August 4th. Two inches of rain were dumped in Johnstown in a few minutes. Flooding and damage to more than 50 homes and stores along Los Coches Creek and Quail Creek.

1965: Legislation urged for a flood district, which had been proposed earlier in 1929 by the El Cajon and Lakeside Soil Conservation District through a petition for Los Coches Creek improvement.

1978: Los Coches Creek flood and Channel Road washout. A new bridge was planned to replace the old one on Highway 67, to be completed in 1980. The Los Coches Flood Victims Association was formed due to the damage to their homes, plus other damage to Channel Road, Woodside Avenue and Riverford Road Bridge.

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1981: Los Coches Creek received a two-and-one-half mile clean-up by the Civilian Conservation Corp.

1985: The first segment of a flood control channel in Lakeside is in Place. (How long did that take.....just 20 years?)

(This information is from the Legends of Lakeside.)

Congress of History

of San Diego and Imperial Counties

Invites You to Its...

34th Annual History Convention

'The Maritime History of Southern California'

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**Friday March 5 and
Saturday March 6, 1999**

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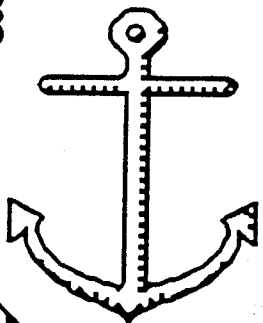
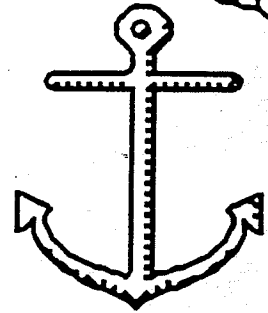
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(just north of the sailing ship "Star of India")

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For Details

Call (619) 469-7283 or the
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MEMORIALS

By Edna Kouns

Loving gifts have been made in memory of **Marilyn Elaine Johnson, Les Kephart, Virginia McGuinness and Anna L. Goodman**. Their names will appear on the Memorial Board of our Historic Olde Church.

OBITUARIES

ANNA L. GOODMAN

Anna was born on January 18, 1910 in Marion, Indiana. She and her husband, Kenneth, came from San Diego to Lakeside in 1960 to a home on HaHaNa Road, which was originally a part of the old Spanish Land Grant. She was president of the Lakeside Republican Women and was named Lakeside Woman of the Year; Lifetime Member of the American Guild of Organists; Member of the Trinity United Methodist Church since 1943, where she served as organist for many years, and a Life Member of the Lakeside Historical Society. She passed away on January 28, 1999. Services were held at the Trinity United Methodist Church in San Diego. She is survived by a son, Bill; three daughter, Kay Anderson, Janet Auble, and Barbara Springer; a sister, Lee Underwood; thirteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

DOUG McCLAIN

Doug McClain, a lifelong resident of Lakeside, passed away on Thursday, February 11, 1999, at the age of ninety-eight.

Services will be held at Paris Mortuary in El Cajon at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 18.

THANKS.....

A special thank you goes to Mr. Hayward Murphy, who took a broken Lawyer Bookcase that was found in the basement and repaired it. Thanks "Murph"!!!

JOIN OUR EXERCISE CLASS.....

Each Monday and Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. an exercise class is held at the Community Center. **Seven new members are needed to keep the class from being cancelled.** It's non-impact with free weight for strength and increasing bone density and the fee is only \$10.00. Call Pat Ellwood for further information at 443-0931.

In the Store

By Peg Stewart

There are two new displays in the store. One is of old shoe clips and dressy belt buckles. The other is of men's cuff links. Drop by and take a look.

Aches & Pains Department from the Anderson Family.....

Ralph & Stan Dental Surgery
Colleen Broken leg
Robin Infection that put her in ER
Shirley Walking pneumonia
Rex Sr. Now walks with cane
Julia Broken wrist (slipped on ice)

Treasurer's Report

by Elaine Bracht

January is over already, and I cannot believe it...time flies doesn't it. Not much to report for this month. Things are getting completed from last year and all the government forms are arriving for us to fill in...so I guess you know what I'll be doing for a while. Have a good month!

Membership Dues

by Marcella Williams

March is the time we update our membership list and delete the names of those who have not renewed. **The list of those needing to pay dues is posted at the History Center.** If you have paid since October, 1998, or are a Life Member, you are a 1999 member. Dues are used to help defray the cost of the Newsletter. Pay your dues now so you won't miss the April Edition!!!

50th Wedding Anniversary Open House
for
Leonard & Juanita Philbrook

March 6, 1999
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
1074 Ellen Lane
El Cajon

Given by : Lenny & Marilyn Philbrook
RSVP 588-7036

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