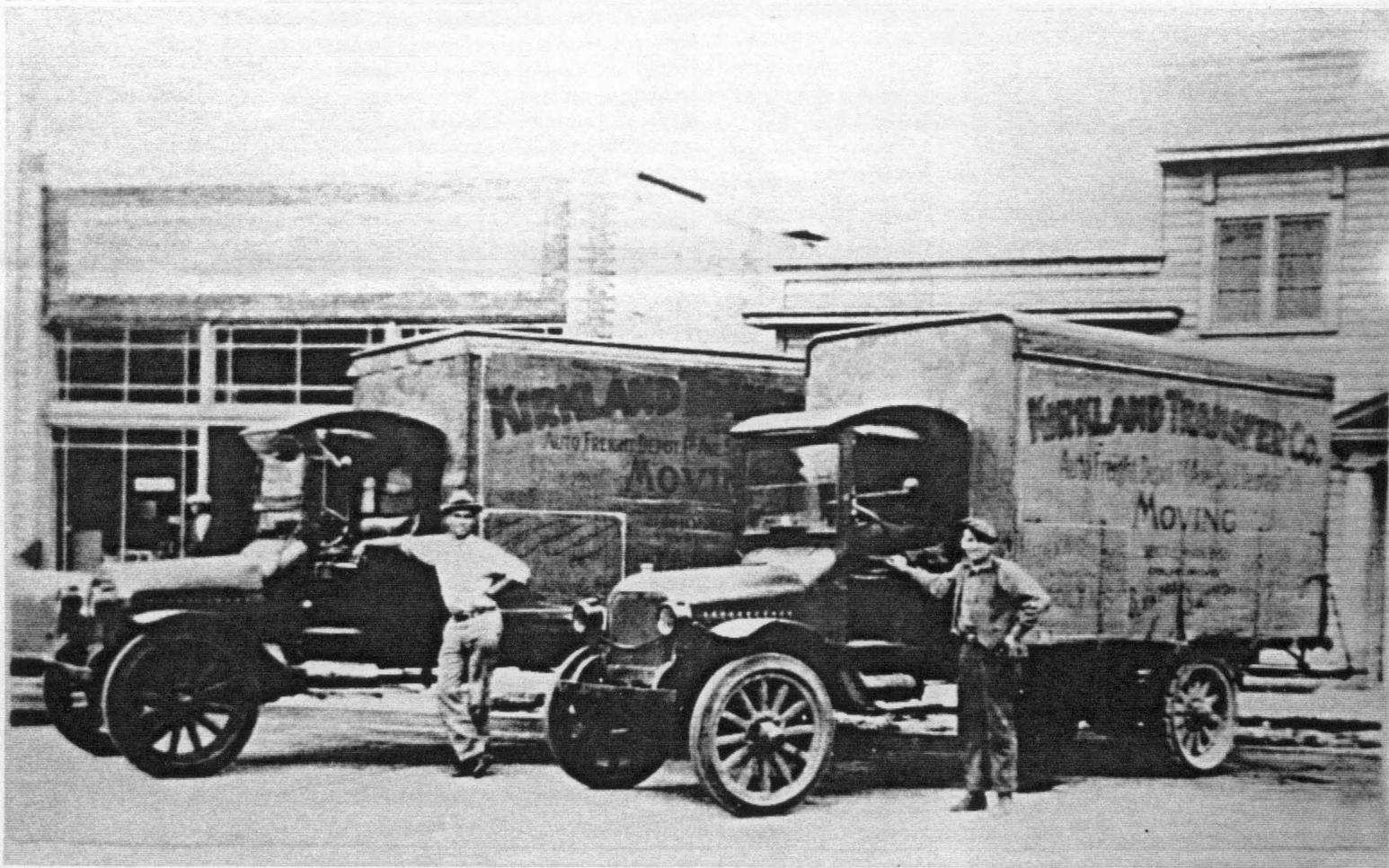


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W.T.F.H.P. Conference

KHS president Barbara Loomis coordinated the "investing in an old house" segment at the recent Washington Trust for Historic Preservation Conference, in Seattle. Her "President's Message" column will resume next month.

Election '93

KHS board members recently completed a questionnaire we are sending to all Kirkland City council candidates, some of the King County Council candidates, and both Lake Washington School Board candidates. The candidates were asked a series of questions relating to historic preservation in Kirkland. While KHS will not endorse any candidates, their responses will be published in next month's *Blackberry Preserves* for KHS members' information. --M.M.

Next Meeting: Sept. 29

Our September meeting will be at the Kirkland Congregational Church, at 7 p.m. We will discuss the Rose Hill School situation, and hear from Feliks Banel, of Save the Rose Hill School group. Feliks has spearheaded the effort to block the Lake Washington School District's plans to demolish the 71-year-old structure. Rose Hill School is the oldest school left in Kirkland.

BUSIEST PLACE IN KIRKLAND

No wonder Kirkland kids make Walt's their "malt, shake and sandwich" headquarters. Walt makes them good — and big, thick and creamy. And do the kids ever go for "salties" an ice cream delicacy that's really hard to beat.

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The Years in Your Ears

By
Alan Stein

As usual, Alan gives us an entertaining conversation that could have occurred in Kirkland's past.

Oct, 1961.

It's like I was saying, you've got to come out and visit soon. You won't believe how much the town has changed since you left. Of course, some things are still the same. They keep wanting to annex Rose Hill or Bridal Trails or Five Corners or what have you. I think when you and Roger were living here they were trying to annex Houghton. But, then again, they're always trying to annex Houghton.

Why don't you plan on coming out for the World's Fair? Bill and I drove past the site last week. It's down near Queen Anne and it's over halfway built. The four of us can go up that Space Needle and eat at that "Eye" restaurant that they're building up on the top. Then we can ride that monorail. Doesn't that sound like fun? The future's moving up on us faster than we would have expected back when we were going to high school so many years ago. Maybe in another 15 years we can have dinner on the moon!

Yeah, you're right. That's provided we don't get blown to Kingdom come in the meantime. That Khrushchev man scares me to death! What's that?...you're kidding...just a sec. Hey, Bill! Laura says that little Tommy wants her and Roger to build a bomb shelter so he can have a playhouse...Sorry about that, I had to tell Bill because, you won't believe this, Billy Jr. asked us the exact same thing. Kids! You know, with all the world's problems, it's refreshing to see the joys and innocence of youth.

Hey, speaking of kids, do you remember when we were little and we used to go swimming in Juanita Bay? Well, you won't believe this, but I just read in the paper that over the three summer months they figured that about 175,000 people went there. Can you believe that? I told you that it's a county park now, didn't I? Oh yeah, the Forbes' sold it about five years ago.

Gosh, since you left, the whole lake has changed. Do you realize that they're talking about a third bridge across the lake now. Yeah, they're still trying to get one into town from Sand Point. Some things never change. If you ask me, I'm glad we don't have a bridge right into town. Wait until you see Bellevue when you come out here, and you'll see what I mean.

Gee, what else has happened. Let's see, the highway is in now, and they're thinking on putting a new route into the city from it. I think it'll come down Central Way. Oh, there was a big train wreck up in Juanita last week. Billy dragged Junior up there to gawk at the wreckage. Why is it only men are fascinated by disasters? We had a windstorm recently with 40 mile-per-hour gusts. So what did father and son do? You guessed it. The next day they hopped into the Dodge Dart and went out to look at all the fallen trees. I can't figure it out.

Oh, and remind me to write and tell you about the police department. Almost all of them resigned last month! I'd tell you more now, but it hits a real sore spot with Bill and he doesn't want to hear me talking about it.

Well, I really should get going. I've got to go fix dinner. oh, I almost forgot. You remember Rose and jim don't you? Now let me remember, I think she was pregnant with Janice when you moved away nine years ago. Well, they just had a baby boy! And get this, Jimmy fainted in the waiting room! Oh no, the baby's healthy. I think Jim was just relieved that everything went okay. You know, Rose is almost 40. Of course, Bill says having six kids would make anyone pass out. I told Bill that if we had another baby he'd probably be three states away by now. What did he say? You know, I don't think he said anything. Hmmm. Oh well, I have to go. Now remember, plan on coming out for the fair. I miss you too. Bye.

BILL!

My Apologies

This is obviously a very short issue of *Blackberry Preserves*. Normally, I like to put out about an eight page newsletter and would even do more pages than that were it not for the additional postage expense. This month, I have been exceptionally busy. Not only did I return to classes at Seattle University, but I have been studying for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) which I finally take on October 2. The LSAT is a major determinant of not only whether or not a person gets into law school, but which law school they can get into. In other words, a great score and I could get into Harvard or Georgetown a bad score and, well....lets not even think about that. You get the idea. You can plan on a regular full-length, fact and action packed issue next month, guaranteed. Don't forget, I have a weekly column in the *Kirkland Courier*, too, if you are interested in more information about Kirkland's past. Or, better yet...

Dr. Lorraine McConnaghy Working on New Book!

Wouldn't it be great if someone would go through all of the late Lucille McDonald's columns about Eastside history and put the best of them together into one handy, inexpensive volume? Well, guess what. KHS member Lorraine McConnaghy is doing just that, for a project sponsored by the Marymoor Museum. The book's title is: *Lucille McDonald's Eastside Notebook* and it will cost about \$10.

Long time residents should remember Ms. McDonald's work well and for newcomers to the area, this work should be a great way to get an overview of the Eastside's history.

One of the best features of her work is the fact that she was able to interview many of the Eastside's pioneers back when they were still living, making this work a "must have" for any local history buff.

McDonald was a journalist whose career spanned nearly seventy years. Her background in journalism made her writing an enjoyable mixture of historical facts and colorful, human anecdotes. Many of her readers paid her the ultimate journalists compliment—they clipped her articles and saved them, for decades in some cases. As I have noticed during my work as an oral history interviewer, many of the narrators pull faded, yellow McDonald clippings from their files and scrapbooks. These people clipped her work because it was so good, and now 100 of her best are all in one place. I hope everyone buys a copy.

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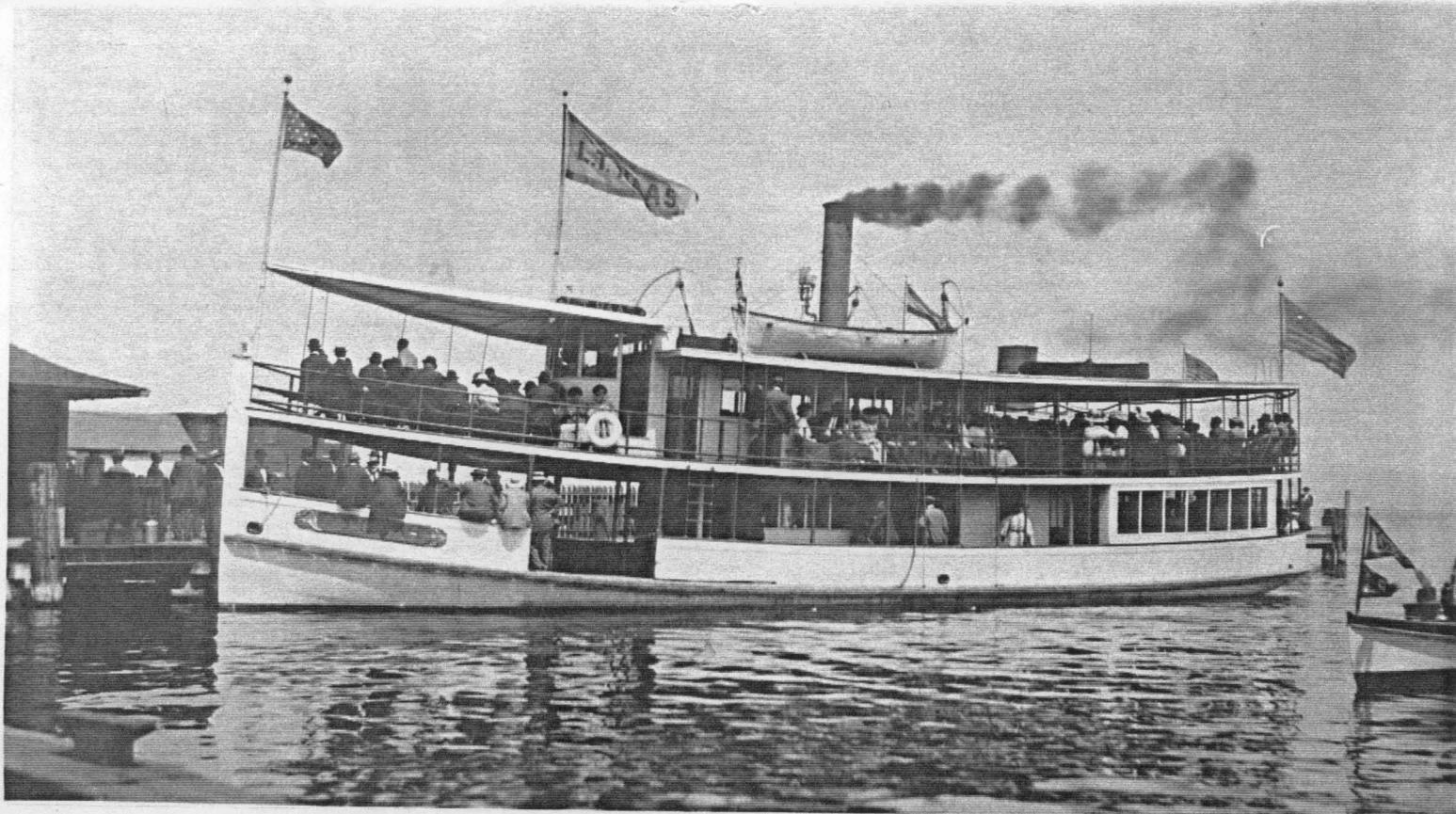
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The steamer *L.T. Haas* at Leschi c.1902. She burned to the waterline in 1909.

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