

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Todd Feed Store in 1926

Later it became the town bowling alley. If any of you have photos and memories of that time, please share.

Later it was the home of two furniture stores.

Now building is home to an art store and restaurants. The original brick can be seen inside.

Built on Commercial Avenue, now Park Lane.

From the President

Loita Hawkinson

It has been a wonderful summer. The 4th of July and Summerfest were our main events. A special thanks goes to Dave Sherbrooke for providing the van during Summerfest. We moved our August board meeting to Monday, August 28th at noon to avoid competition with the Wednesday Market parking. We are happy that the Wednesday Market is such a success but it does make parking tricky.

As many of you know, the historic Trueblood home has finally found its way to 6th Avenue where it will have a full basement and new occupants. It rested in a parking lot for one day shy of a year. Lynette Weber, Kirkland Landmarks Commissioner and Sarah Martin, Architectural Historian are researching the history of the home for the City (and KHS). No one really knows why the home was called the Trueblood home.

The home was built in 1890 for Dr. and Mrs. W.D. Buchanan and served as Kirkland's first hospital. The Trueblood's never owned the home and Dr. Trueblood was not Kirkland's first doctor. He practiced out of the Hotel Gilbert on Central Ave for just one year before opening a practice in Seattle. The Trueblood home was on Queen Anne.

Because of Lynette and Sarah's research at the Puget Sound and King County Archives, we know that the home was owned by Polly Newell for a short time. Polly was the wife of Kirkland Mayor A.B. Newell. Mayor Newell was a successful realtor and also the son of Mrs. Trueblood. So the plot thickens.

If the Trueblood's lived in the home, it was during the time that Emery Brooks owned the home. Mr. Brooks sold the home to Polly in 1907 for \$1.00. Mr. Brooks had purchased the home from Dr. Buchanan in 1898 for \$10.00. These were deals among friends from the 1888 Kirk era.

We know there are Brooks and Newell

descendents. If anyone has contact with the descendents of Cole Newell and Cecile Ferry Newell, please let us know. The Brooks descendents have shared a great deal of the family history with KHS. Do you know more???

Happy Fall everyone.



Thank you Betty McClintick Gaudy for mailing 3 WWII era Victory Canning booklets, a depression era canning book and a c1950 Preschool Cookbook.

The Victory Canning books will be in the WWII display. The war time illustrations and helpful hints are delightful.

Hopefully one day, the cookbook will be scanned and put on the web. There are many familiar names in this self-published booklet: Elves, Gibbs, Gorud, Lind, Zigler, Deickman. The recipes are fun (and fattening) too.



Sandy Middleton paid KHS two visits during her recent trip to Washington. Sandy is the Gr Gr Granddaughter of Peter and Mary Kirk. Her Gr. Grandmother was Marie Kirk Bell. Her Grandmother was Vivian Bell Middleton and her father is Gordon Middleton.

Sandy is determined to fill in the gaps in the Kirk history. It takes patience. There is still a lot to discover about Kirkland's founder and namesake.



KHS receives 100% commission from the sales of Bob Neir's *A City Comes of Age* and Steve Lamson's *The Power of a Dream*.

KHS Monthly Programs

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

September 27, 2017

Annual Blackberry Ice Cream Social. Vanilla ice cream, local blackberries, vintage fountain dishes, zero calories. (one of those may or may not be true).

We will share Kirkland memories that night. It has been a long time since members were the program.

October 25, 2017

The radio club has a previous commitment so cannot scare us for Halloween this year. Linda and Karen are working on a spooky idea.

September 16, 2017

Golden Grads
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Olde Time Fun at KPC

Imagination Theater is back at the KPC for some Old Fashion Fun

There will be four more live taping sessions featuring *Private Detective Harry Nile* and *A Tale of Sherlock Holmes*. Later these programs will be aired over radio stations across America.

Frank Rosin will help provide the sound effects. And your applause will be recorded if you attend.

The first of the four tapings will be Monday September 29, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Kirkland Performance Center. The next will be November 13, 2017 at 7 p.m.. \$20 per ticket.



Message from the editor:

History projects are not for the impatient. Louie Todd died in 1931 and his grave has been unmarked. The piece of tennis court was salvaged 10 years ago and sat by the KHS computer for those 10 years.

Several attempts were made to mark Mr. Todd's grave. In the beginning it was the lack of money. But Dale Hawkinson's memorial account then provided the funds.

More recently, Matt McCauley worked with the City to get the grave marked at long last. It was a team effort. But if not for all those who contributed to Dale's account, it still could not have happened. Thank you to all that have contributed. And there will be more markers to come. Members were very generous and I thank you. Loita



Thank you to Judy Gain Thommasen for the *1956 Reveille*. Judy, LWHS class of '57, saw the request in the last issue of *Blackberry Preserves* and mailed LWHS her yearbook. Now the collection is complete for those early years.

Louie Todd by Frank Rosin

During Halloween Ghosts and goblins lurk behind the tall and small tombstones alike. Our imaginations can even hear groans and clanking chains as these specters show themselves that day.

Right here in our own town we have that kind of Middle Age to some extent cemetery with all those very typical old fashioned markers. The founders of Kirkland were thoughtful enough to devote a large square of land on Rose Hill for that purpose. The homestead just across the street from the cemetery was owned by my relatives and was sold to the Lake Washington School District in 1945 so they could begin construction of a new high school building. The farm house without running water or indoor toilet in those days was where I spent many overnights. It was exciting for me as a child to be 'out in the country'.

There are many unmarked burials in the cemetery, some very ancient and some more modern. Perhaps some of these unknown to us have sounds of breezes in the grass over them asking to be remembered. Kirkland Heritage Society with funds donated from Cemetery Tours conducted near Memorial Day for the placement of some of these markers each year.

This year one of the markers is for Louie Todd who was murdered July 28, 1931 in downtown Kirkland mid day at the intersection of Lake Street and what is now Park Lane.

Louie Todd was a popular and energetic business man in Kirkland. The building built in the mid 1920s was for his feed business. Later the building became a bowling alley and then a furniture store. The building still stands with several modern businesses. The land was originally part of Lake Washington and a bit soft for construction in those days. As a bowling alley later it was difficult to keep the lanes level as the building settled.

Todd did many things for youth in town and in 1929 promoted and collected funds for the construction of the tennis court that was located in the grass lawn triangle just below Union A High School, later Kirkland High School and eventually Lake Washington High School and Junior High School. My friends and I played tennis on that court when we were in school there.

Although evidence does not establish it to be true a H. H. Loy a recent arrival in Kirkland with a small jewelry store thought Todd had an affair with his wife. In the middle of that day that Todd died, Loy approached Todd and shot him to death. Even though several witnesses saw the shooting at the trial a bit later in the year, September of 1931 Loy was found innocent of the murder.

When the tennis court was removed for a native plant garden a few years ago a new tennis court was built on Waverly Way to replace the original. Kirkland Heritage Society saved some of the original tennis court rubble, a piece still with one of the yellow out of bounds lines.

One of the markers placed in the cemetery this year by Kirkland Heritage Society uses that piece of tennis court with the yellow stripe that Todd was instrumental in funding was used for his marker. A fitting tribute to a well liked man that has made, in his way, a part of the way Kirkland is today

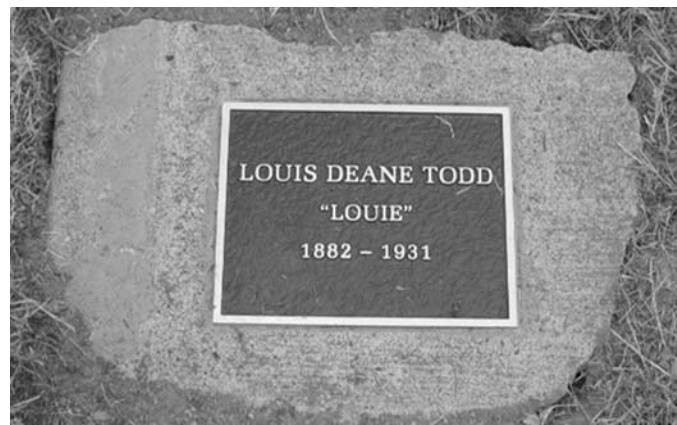


Photo by Frank Rosin



In 2007, these players did not know they would be the last to enjoy Kirkland's depression era tennis court.



The following day, they were rubble.



The City repurposed the concrete for flood control at Heritage Park.

Park Director, Michael Cogle, let me (Loita) pick a large chunk of tennis court to be used as a marker for Louie Todd.

I picked the largest that had a boundry stripe.



Louie Todd

1882-1931

Money Begins To Come In For Cement Tennis Courts As Todd Howls 'Em Out

In 1929, Mr. Todd used his tongue in cheek humor to raise funds for the courts. Many of our towns fathers were named. Even though Louie Marsh was building his brick Mansion complete with tennis courts, he was generous in his contribution to the community courts.

The late Arnie Berkey was the last known person to remember Louie Todd. Nine year old Arnie was having a soda at the drug store fountain and heard the shots. Arnie said that Mr. Todd gave all the kids chicks and gerbils when they came to the feed store with their parents. The parents then had to buy feed for the free pet.

Summerfest 2017



The setup crew looks happier than they were. The sun was not quite up when we met at KHS to load Dave's car. Fred Hawkinson, Dave Sherbrooke, Vic Newhard.



Bonnie McLeod & Mary Coty Long time friends did the 1st shift.



Linda & Wayne Jatón Linda worked, Wayne helped at another booth. We had a "talk" about that.



Michael & Cathy Radcliff They worked the final shift and stayed on to tear down and put away.



Karen LeBrun Schickling Linda Johnson Jatón Betty Gunderson Roberts



It was a long day and it was so good to have all this help getting the booth torn down and put away.

Vic, Michael, Cathy, Ellen, Fred, Lynette. Editors note: Ellen is my cousin. She was a real trooper during her visit. She got put to work and was terrific...even with jet lag.



Kirkland's first hospital, known as the Trueblood home, was finally moved to her final home on August 15, 2017. That is Carrie Cregar who spent her entire childhood in this home. Carrie spend the day carefully watching every step.

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** During WWI, the Hello Girls were ladies who served as telephone operators. For KHS, these sweet ladies call and remind you of the next meeting or event.

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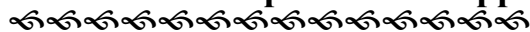
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