

BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

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Dave Johnston, Bob Carson and John Carson with their grandfather's depression era wool carding machine. Dave has preserved this carding machine for the last 40 years and recently donated it to KHS. A small photo frame displays a short video of a similar carder in use. Grandparents John and Clara Nelson would be proud.

From the President

Loita Hawkinson

Dear members and community.

The Resource Center is looking more and more like a museum. Just when we think we are full, we manage to find more room. The wall cabinet still needs to be finished so the Kirk clothing can be displayed... Peter Kirk's morning suit will remain archived until the cabinet is finished. A corner of the cabinet is being reserved for JoAnne Gunderson Carner. If anyone has finish carpentry skills they would like to donate the number is.....425-827-3446.

We will never lose sight of our mission to collect, preserve and share the history of Kirkland. The database continues to grow with photos, documents and history. Originals are preserved in the archives. There is a bank of file cabinets filled with family histories. Washington is a leader in digitizing documents. When marriage, death or birth records are found on the Washington State Digitized Archives website, they are printed and added to the family files.

That said, rooms of computers, copiers, printers and filing cabinets are rather bland. Display cabinets and displays are more appealing. One young visitor heard her first dial tone and dialed her first phone number on our working black Bakelite dial phone. She also typed her name on one of our two historic typewriters. Most items are protected...but some items must be touched to be understood and enjoyed.

Matt McCauley will be leading his annual tour of the Kirkland Cemetery on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 10 to 12 noon. Meet Matt at the fountain. The tour is always free but donations are encouraged so that more unmarked graves can have a marker. This will be an ongoing project for KHS with Matt's help. Thank you Sue Contreras for all your help with this project. lh



The Nelson carding machine on its way to its new home at the KHS Resource Center



The three grandsons, with the help of Paul Secord, Frank Rosin and Fred Hawkinson gave it their all to get the carder on the file cabinet.



The carder won the battle of the wills and its new home is on the floor where it will be safer and will not fall during an earthquake. The planned display area is quickly filling up with more memories.

KHS Monthly Programs

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

❧❧ May 30, 2018 ❧❧

Photo Night

It has been several years since we have tackled the large number of unidentified photos in the City of Kirkland/C.O. Morgan Collection. There are 3 bankers boxes. Please help and bring family, friends, neighbors, and Kirkland business people.

❧❧ June, 2018 ❧❧

No Membership Meeting

See you at the July 4th parade

❧❧ July, 2018 ❧❧

No Membership Meeting

At last, Summer should be here

❧❧ August, 2018 ❧❧

No Membership Meeting

See you at Summerfest

August 10, 11, 12



Thank you Matt for sharing so much history at your April talk.



At the 2017 Golden Grads, 6 postcards and a pull down wall map was left to be donated to KHS. This person said they were a member and would be stopping in to the KHS offices. Please let us know who you are so we can get these items in the database and give you credit. The map is displayed in the school display area. It is very fitting.



SMALL CORRECTION

From Lynette:

The May 24, 2018 Buchanan (formerly Trueblood) Landmark Nomination Public Hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m.(not 7:00 p.m. as stated in the original invitation) in the Peter Kirk Room at City Hall.

Please join us!



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War Time Memories

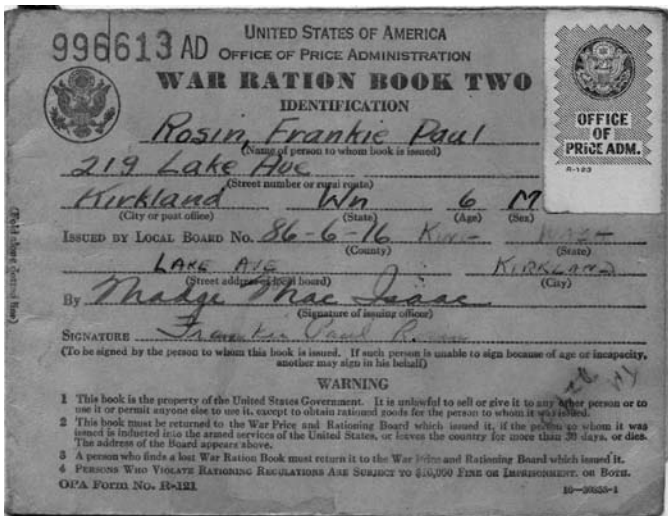
By Frank Rosin

We see these letter stickers on the windshields of classic cars from time to time. At one time there was a letter sticker on almost every car manufactured before 1946.



Our Model A Coupe in 1943

In May 1942 the United States Office of Price Administration (O.P.A.) froze prices on practically all everyday goods, starting with sugar and coffee, and war rationing books were issued to each person in every family. Although many kinds of goods were eventually rationed, from meat to shoes, the first non-food item rationed was rubber.



One of my Ration Books. Every person had their own.

I do not recall chocolate rationing, perhaps it did not have to be rationed, it simply was not on store shelves. My twin, Michael, and I used to pester Mrs. Irelan, at the soda fountain at Halverson's Rexall Drug



Rexall Drug

Store (where Hallmark Real Estate is now), about chocolate ice cream cones. They sold milkshakes, sodas, green rivers, and sundaes, but did not have chocolate ice cream. Pestered enough, she finally told us she would let us know and give us a free chocolate ice cream cone the first time after the war they got some in.



Helen Irelan retired in September of 1954 after working for Rexall Drug for 25 years.

Looking through an old Sears Catalog, item after item had a notation overprinted, 'Sorry Not Available'. Meat was rationed, but saved fat drippings could be exchanged at local butcher shops (the kind that had sawdust on the floors in those days) for extra red points, good for purchasing additional rationed

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War Time Memories continued

meat. The fats were used to make explosives. Remember the slogan, 'I'd Walk a Mile for a Camel'? Tobacco was also in short supply. Cigarettes were shipped by the ton to service men overseas. Strange they were shipped to be available at all the hospitals around the country for the recovering wounded and advertised as such on the radio.

In those pre radar days from our home on the lake in Kirkland we could see searchlights waving back and forth all night long across the lake on the hills in Seattle looking for enemy airplanes and perhaps explosives being carried inland by released balloons from subs out off the coast. A few of those balloons did reach inland and start small fires in the wooded areas east of Kirkland. It was unclear at first if the West Coast was going to be invaded.

We blacked out all our windows at night so no light would shine out. Street lights, what few there were, were not turned on and evening walks on the wooden sidewalks in town were made without flashlights. Search lights and anti-aircraft guns were set up in the playground of Central School (where Kirkland City Hall is now located). These guns were manned by sailors who came and went in jeeps. The sailors were housed in barracks buildings where the Kirkland Library now stands. The Navy person-in-command, Lt. Cdr, Quinton Payne, and his English wife, Virginia, lived in one of our apartments on Lake Street.



This photo of the Naval Barracks was taken by John Gates and sent to his friend Charles Sherbrooke who was serving in the War.
Sherbrooke Collection

Each ration book had coupons for various products. Although it says the book must be signed, looking at my old books, it is obvious that I did not sign it. It appears we were able to purchase enough sugar, as I have one sugar coupon left. None of us in the family drank coffee so we never used many of the coffee coupons but did purchase some from time to time for our relatives when they came to visit. We sparingly made coffee then. I do not recall what the column of 'spare' coupons were for but we did use some of them.

The Japanese had seized plantations in the Dutch East Indies that produced 90 percent of America's raw rubber. President Roosevelt called on citizens to contribute scrap rubber, old tires, old rubber raincoats, garden hoses, rubber shoes, bathing caps, and anything else made of rubber. The O.P.A. would deny mileage rations to anyone owning extra unused passenger tires.

The National Victory Speed Limit was 35 miles per hour. Carpools not only were encouraged, they became necessary as gasoline became scarce.

Gasoline was rationed but there was no shortage. Most of our oil supply then was domestic, not imported, and bulk goods were transported by rail. Many railroads still used coal in the still plentiful steam engines. The real shortage was rubber, synthetic rubber not yet available. The idea behind rationing gasoline was restrict driving, thereby conserving rubber tires.

Gasoline rationing began nationwide December 1. The O.P.A. issued various windshield stickers, depending on need. The black 'A' sticker was issued to owners whose car use was nonessential. With the 'A' sticker and the ration stamps, you could purchase four gallons of gasoline a week. Later on, it was reduced to three gallons a week. The green 'B' sticker was for driving essential to the war effort; war workers, for example could purchase eight gallons a week

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Memories continued....

The red 'C' stickers were for physicians, clergy, mail carriers, railroad workers, and others who need gasoline for their jobs. The 'H' sticker was for off road farm equipment. There was a 'T' sticker that went to truckers and an occasional rare 'X' sticker that went to government vehicles, members of Congress and other VIPs. The 'C', 'H', 'T', and 'X' stickers allowed unlimited gasoline.

Our small boat did not use rubber tires, so we were allowed as much gasoline as we wanted for it. I do not recall if we had a letter sticker or gas coupons for it. There was almost no boat activity out on the lake in those days anyway, we hardly ever used ours.

Because of the Houghton Shipyards war work both the 'Lincoln' and 'Leschi' were on the Kirkland runs, eventually a separate ferry slip was built in Houghton and after the 'Lincoln' made it's Seattle to Kirkland crossing, it went on to Houghton for the Shipyard workers. For some time it was possible to take a ferry from Kirkland to Houghton and back if you worked in the Shipyards.

Did this all work? Apparently there was some cheating, but this was socially unacceptable as well as illegal. The Mileage Ration Folder warns drivers to write their car's license number on each gas coupon. The gas station owner had to turn the coupons in to the wholesale gasoline dealer who in turn, had to turn them in to his supplier. Each one in turn, was given their accounted for supply.

Everyone did their part. In a Warner Brothers Cartoon, I have in my computer collection of odd things, Daffy Duck exhorts us to all, 'Keep it under 35!'

Generally gasoline rationing worked. In the 1940s the automobile wasn't as universal as it is now, so fuel restrictions was probably no more difficult for many folks than rationing of coffee or sugar.

After 1943 my family simply did not own a machine, that is what we called our car in those days. We lived one block from the Kirkland stores and Seattle was just 20 minutes away by the ferry. Central School was three blocks away. My twin and I walked when younger, later had bicycles, and the popular once again scooters.

For those who served on the Home Front, shortage of goods and rationing may be the most remembered daily aspect of World War II.

Did the two of us ever get the promised free chocolate ice cream cone? Yes! One day, as we were returning from visiting grandparents in Seattle on the ferry, walking by Halverson's on the way home, Mrs. Irelan motioned us into the store by the soda fountain and handed us both the promised chocolate ice cream cone. It turned out I am allergic to chocolate and to this day can't have chocolate ice cream or tolerate much of any other kind of chocolate.



Paver anyone???

The next paver order will be placed as soon as we get one or two more orders. The order forms are on the website at: www.kirklandheritage.org. The small paver continues to be \$50 for 2 lines. The large paver is \$350. Please order soon.



Programs

Karen and Linda would like suggestions for future programs:

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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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Faith Nelson Carson with the sign that was on Lake Washington Blvd at NE 60th Street. Enid Nelson Johnston painted the sign. Enid's and Faith's father, John Nelson, had opened Houghton Custom Carding during the depression. Kirkland's original woolen mill had closed. Mr. Nelson was able to get some of the equipment from the original mill for his business. It is not known if any of those parts were used in his carding machine. During the depression, nothing could be wasted. Old wool clothing was carded to be reused.

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