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LAKE STREET LOOKING NORTH c 1930’S
WILLIAMS BUILDING CORNER LEFT, HECTORS FORGROUND RIGHT

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INVENTORY OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

In December we had just received notice that the City Council had placed $22,000 in the 1998 budget for the inventory part of our budget request. We are currently in the process of organizing this project. There will be a Steering Committee not only to assist in selecting the Historic Preservation Consultant but also to review products. It will have representatives from: KHS; King County Historic Preservation Staff; Kirkland Planning Department; and Planning Commission.

We anticipate that there will also be a liaison committee with Neighborhood Associations, Chamber of Commerce and other organizational representatives. In addition KHS and the City will hold informational meetings with owners of the properties which are to be inventoried.

In order to inventory as many structures as possible and to include the most information about them, KHS will be providing research support to the selected consultant. If you would like to help, please call Bob Burke: 828-4095 (h) or 827-6550 (o).

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JANUARY KHS PROGRAM

There has been a lot of discussion as to what it means to be listed on an historic register. Every jurisdiction is different as to their regulations but the basic guidelines are laid out by the Secretary of the Interior for National Register Properties.

This months program will be WORKING ON THE PAST, a 40 minute video on the SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR STANDARDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES.

This video on the Standards offers a clear explanation of both the practical and philosophical differences between Preservation, Rehabilitation, Restoration and Reconstruction. It provides step-by-step guidance for choosing a historic preservation treatment through interviews, graphics and examining four historic properties.

The process of selecting and applying the most appropriate treatment is spelled out, with particular emphasis on how each treatment can affect historic materials and features and, in turn, the public understanding of a place. This is fundamental guidance for historic property owners, planners, historic preservation/planning commissions, and design professionals.

Do plan to attend this very informative program at the Kirkland Congregational Church, 106-5th Ave., January 28th, 7 p.m.
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Tales from the East Side Journal
By Alan J Stein

This month’s article comes from the October 12, 1922 edition of the East Side Journal. This issue was a special printing entitled the Historical and Industrial Edition. The entire edition appears to have been printed as a promotional piece extolling the best that Kirkland had to offer in 1922.

This article was written by J. P. McEvoy, the town lumberman. It’s no wonder that the man who supplied most of the building materials would write about the building boom going on in 1922. Mr. McEvoy names many people who erected buildings that year, and my guess is that they were all customers.

It’s interesting to note how chicken coop construction is heavily discussed in the article. This is especially amusing, as I’ve heard some people describe the gargantuan condos being built in our current downtown building boom as “pigeon coops”. Of course the biggest difference is that the chicken coops of 1922 cost only a couple hundred dollars, and actually enhanced Kirkland’s charm. So much for progress!

Record of Building Indicative of Progress of East Side
By J. P. McEvoy

1922 has been the biggest year the East Side has ever seen in the way of development and expansion. Not only has there been built several beautiful homes but this year has witnessed a most unusual growth in the poultry raising industry as well as a whole new block of business buildings on out main street.

The types of homes that have been erected here this season are those that any city might well be proud of. Kirkland, like every growing community has had to pass through the period of hastily built and planned homes. Under present modern developments in the building material field there has been lain at the foot of the prospective builder ideas, plans, suggestions and photographs of his future home so that he knows beforehand just what his dream home will be like. The man about to build today, once shown the convenience and economy of a home well built and planned will be satisfied with nothing less. It is a well known fact that a town or city forge ahead in direct proportion to the number of home owners it has. The spirit of the town itself is silently manifested in the type of its homes. With such an example set by this season’s building we know that Kirkland will soon be widely referred to as the “city of beautiful homes”. Among those who have built or are building substantial homes this year are: O. C. Rottig, Pottinger, George Hewitt, R. C. Fessenden, W. K. Arams, G. H. Cotterill, J. E. Young, R. F. Kelly, Dr. S. T. Faucett, Pete Peterson, Caleb Turner, Mrs. E. Booth, B. A. Page, J. L. Roney, Ralph Coman, Ralph Sample, H. A. Nettleton, Charles Parrish, Earl Etzler, Ed Wold, Bernard Steifel, and J. H. Blacketter.

We would not be covering the building activities completely should we neglect to note the many poultry houses that have been erected in this section during the year. Due to a realization of an ideal climate and a ready market, many East Siders have turned their energies in this direction. The type of poultry houses that have proven best adapted to this locality have been the “Woods” or “semimonitor” types. Those already in the game have added new units to those already constructed and many newcomers have gone into the business on a big scale. The following are some of those who have built houses this year: W. J. Pratt, W. T. Carr, A. E. Hammond, C. Wallbridge, Charles Mattila, Jack Morrison, George McCord, R. F. Kelly, V. J. Puttle, John Ottren, A. W. Green, C. B. Andrews, H. B. Tompkins, Max Roeder, C. R. Egbert, August Swanson, Bellevue Poultry Farm, W. K. Adams, J. H. Clark, A. F. Albers, C. E. Hibbs, W. A. Furlong, Adolph Wocker, L. E. Jensen, Mrs. E. Woods.

With as much activities as are noted here it naturally follows that business institutions mostly grow to keep pace. Owners of business property caught the spirit and as a result Mr. Wilbur Wester erected two business blocks of two stores each and also a garage occupied my Emil Hansen. Mr. V. L. Elson erected a fireproof building, containing his plumbing shop, a dry goods store and a moving picture show.

Bids have just been let for the erection of a large high school and a grade school in this district, and with other contemplated buildings that will be under way before winter sets in, we will find our town grown far beyond the fondest hopes of the oldest settler.
What is Historic in Downtown Kirkland?

This is a continuation of December's pictures of structures and sites of Historic or Architectural significance that the Kirkland Heritage Society Board has adopted. As I mentioned last month the Society utilized lists from King County on age of structures, conducted visual inspections of the exterior of buildings, photographed them and reviewed them against accepted National and State Historic Preservation guidelines. We feel that these buildings are essential elements to the character of downtown Kirkland.

Buildings which meet historic criteria for age and contribute to the architectural interest and variety of Kirkland’s Central Business District have the highest priority to be preserved.

RETAIL AND APARTMENT BUILDING
LAKE STREET SOUTH
BUILT 1922/41

CAPTAIN ANDERSON CLOCK
CORNER OF LAKE STREET AND KIRKLAND AVE
INSTALLED 1931
ROASTER / OFFICE BUILDING
Central Way
Built 1914

HECTORS
Lake Street South
Built 1918/46

RETAIL SHOPS
Offices Above
Park Lane
Built 1948
I hope that most of you had the chance to read the article in the January issue of the Kirkland Courier by Steve Hansen, Community Character, historically speaking. Bob Burke, President of KHS, was pictured on the front of the paper. Bob is an architect, urban planner and preservationist. He has volunteered a tremendous amount of time working with the City staff and Planning Commission on the Community Character element of the Comprehensive Plan, and on the regulations for Downtown. The article explained what the concerns are regarding the destruction of more and more of Kirkland’s historic buildings. How we are quickly loosing our sense of place and community. It also gives a good overview of the history, purpose and vision of the Kirkland Heritage Society.

Two more KHS members are pictured in the January Courier. Patrick Harris and Rosie Winters, both instigators in two new Neighborhood Associations (NA) Norkirk NA and the State Street NA respectively. Patrick neatly sums up the need for NAs’ “The underlying theme is that people want representation with the City Council and they feel this is an effective way to accomplish that.” The KHS has been working with the other NAs on our survey work and look forward to working with these two new ones.

On a personal note, a big THANK YOU to Phyllis Needy, who is retiring from the Houghton Community Council after 25 years. When I was on the Kirkland Planning Commission I didn’t always agree with Phyllis, but I respected her opinion and dedication to the preservation of her community. Thanks Phyllis, you’ll be sorely missed for your historic viewpoint, and tenacious caring of Houghton.

Basically, I found a lot of pertinent information in the January Kirkland Courier. I hope you did too!

COMMUNITY FORUM ON REVITALIZATION

Continuing on the community theme, the City of Tacoma is sponsoring a Conversation on Design: Community Forum on Metropolitan Revitalization. What does the city say to its residents, businesses and visitors? What artful ways can be used to “enfold the memories of place” and honor the city’s past? This event looks at all aspects of redevelopment: urban planning, architecture and design, historic preservation development, financing, zoning and land use regulation, engineering and transportation.

You may be interested in attending if you are an architect, planner, council or commission member, policy maker, developer, banker, economist, or realtor, or if you have an interest in creating and recreating vital city spaces.

The first event will be held on Friday, February 27th, 9am to 4pm, at the Landmarks Convention Center in Tacoma. These nationally known speakers will kick off the session:

James Howard Kunstler, author of The Geography of Nowhere (1994) and Home from Nowhere (1996);

Donovan Rypkema, founder of the Real Estate Services Group of Washington, D.C., and a leader in the economics of preserving historic structures; and

Christine Saum, Design Director of the National Endowment of the Arts and the former Executive Director of the Mayor’s Institute on City Design.

Register before February 16 for $25., after is $35. The event will be at the Landmarks Convention Center in Tacoma. For further information contact Susan Seykota Attig, City of Tacoma, Cultural Resources, (253) 594-7839.

(I’ve read The Geography of Nowhere, and heard Donovan Rypkema speak. I highly recommend it!! BL)

CONGRATULATIONS!!

SHANNON AND PATRICK HARRIS and GEORGE AND JO ANN HARRIS (proud grandparents) on the arrival of your new family member: Colby Harper Harris, born December 17, 1997, 11:40 am, 8 lbs. 1 oz., 22 inches long!

BOARD / COMMITTEE ANNUAL WORKSHOP

The KHS Board, Committee Chairs and people working on special projects will be meeting Saturday morning, February 7, at the French House owned by Hazel and Edgar Kelly. These annual sessions have been very valuable in establishing priorities and directions for KHS activities during the year!! I mentioned last month that we’d do a State of KHS report in this issue, however, it seems more logical to do it after the Board / Committee workshop - so look for it in the February Blackberry Preserves.
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MEMBERSHIP FORM

July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998

- Individual $20
- Family $25
- Senior/Student $15
- Supporting $100
- Life Member $1,000
- Organization/Government $100
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- Corporate $250

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

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Your membership is the first important step in
helping achieve our goals. Interested in helping
on other projects? Please indicate the areas in
which you would be able to volunteer.

Serve on a Standing Committee:
- Archives and Collections
- Education and Research
- Membership and Funding
- Monthly Programs
- Oral History

Work on a specific opportunity:
- Exhibit at Community Events
- Home Tour
- Do Photography / Update Slides
- Install Original Street Name Signs
- Video on Kirkland History
- School Education Program

Name
Address
City State Zip
Home# Work#
Organization/Firm

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Best Wishes for a Happy and Successful 1998 from the Kirkland Heritage Society

January 12
Oral History Meeting
7:30 p.m.
Christina Brugman's house: 11122 NE 132nd. Call Christina 821-3605 for more information.

January 28
KHS Program 7 p.m.
Working on the Past
A video on the Secretary of Interior Standards for the treatment of historic properties.

February 7
KHS Board and Committee Chairs Retreat
9 am - 1 pm

February 27
Conversation on Design: A Community Forum on Metropolitan Revitalization
9 am - 4 pm
James Howard Kunstler and Donovan Rypkema will speak in Tacoma. See article on page 6.

Unless otherwise noted KHS meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Kirkland Congregational Church, 106-5th Ave., Kirkland.

My apologies for getting Blackberry Preserves out to you so late. When computers work right they can be tremendous time savers, but, when they don't they are extremely frustrating and time consuming! Hopefully it will be OK for awhile. I just need a bigger hard drive and more RAM!!

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