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You have 13 new members this week. Write a post to welcome them.

Write Post

My background

My grandparents, P. Monroe and Agnes Smock

Getting newspapers off microfilm

Transcribing the news stories

Family scrapbooks

I grew up in Dockton

The Dockton Dock was just down the street

Our house burned in 1966

Graduated from VHS in 1972

Served 4 years in the Navy

Got an business degree from UW

Last 24 years working for Metro doing budget

Retired at the end of last year

On the board of the Vashon Heritage Museum

My grandparents were P. Monroe Smock and Agnes L. Smock

P. Monroe was from Pennsylvania.
Agnes Smock was from Iowa.

They met in Payette, Idaho and in 1920 moved to Vashon to run the local newspaper.

# The Vashon Island News-Record

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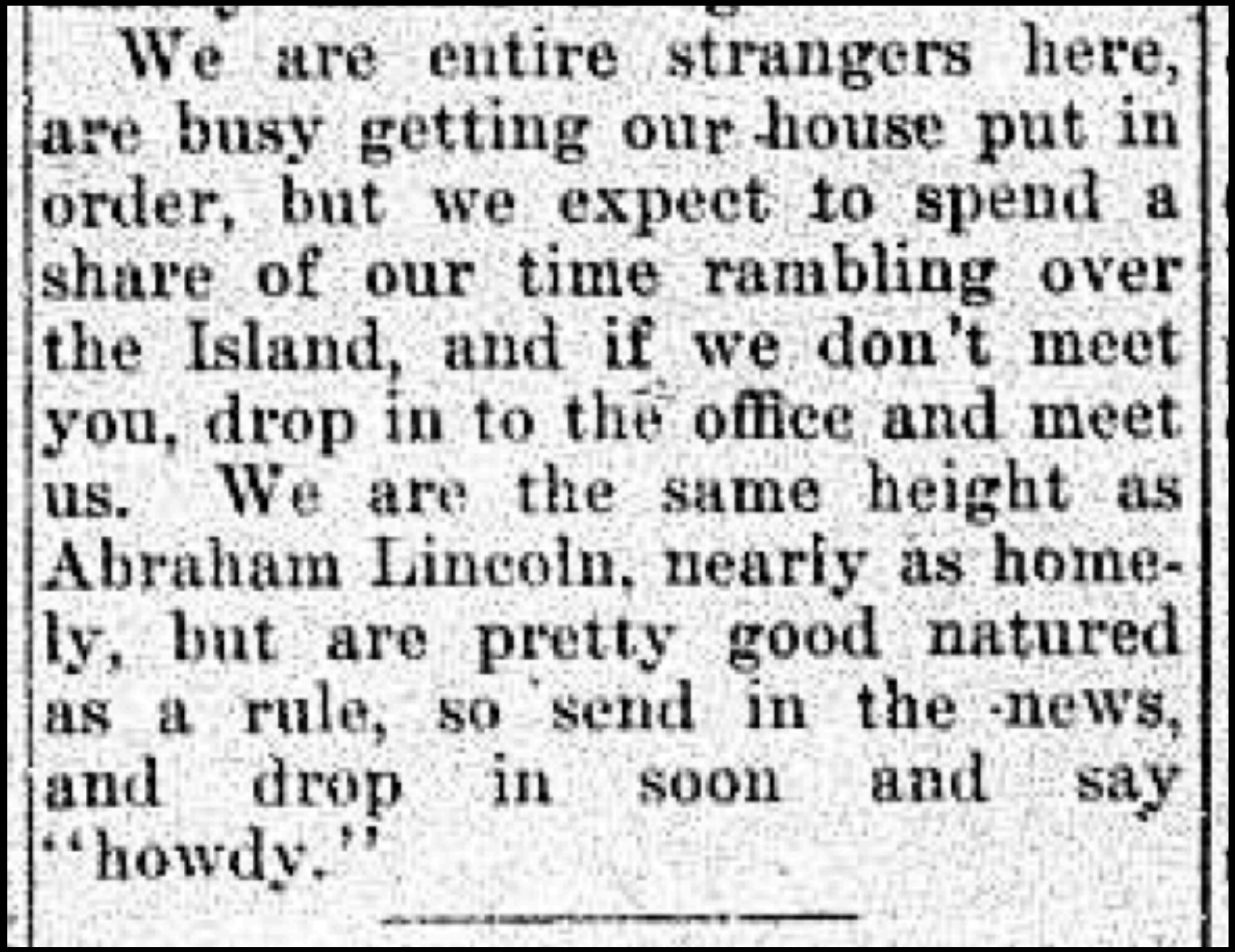
Carnation
OPEN HOUSE

P. Monroe Snook

# How he introduced himself to Vashon in 1920

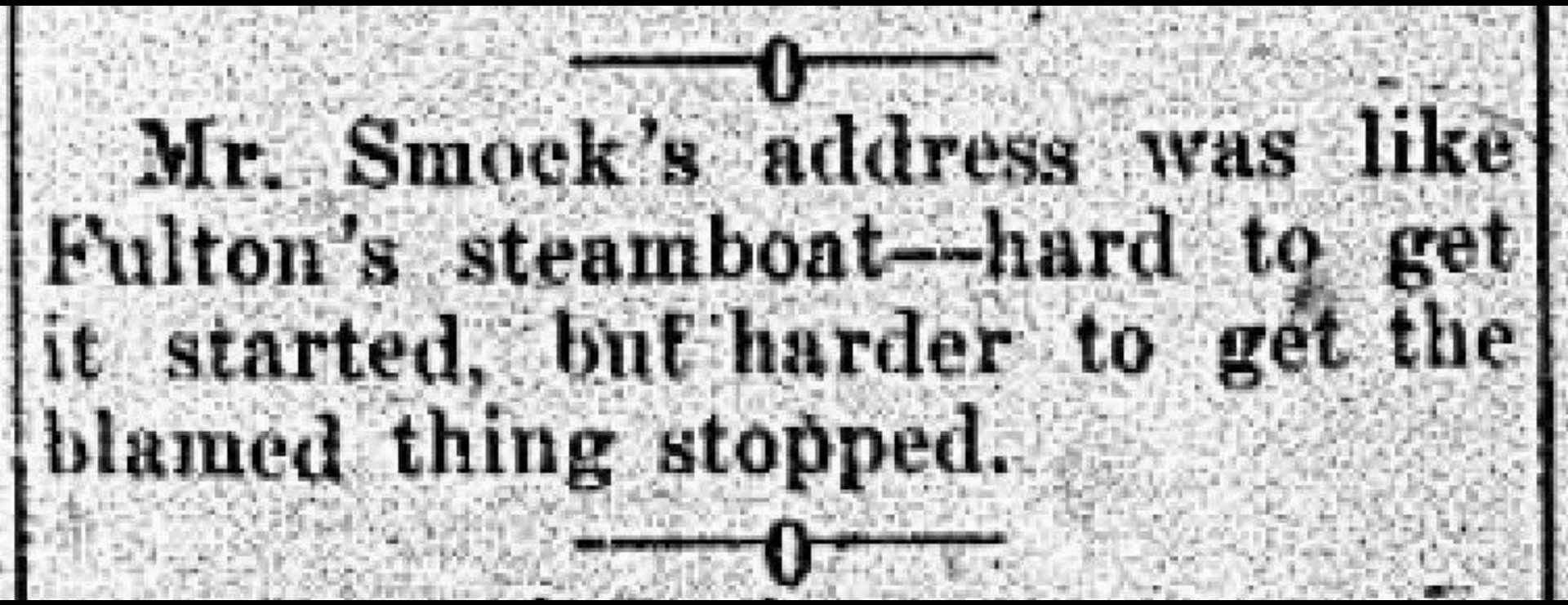


We are entire strangers here, are busy getting our house put in order, but we expect to spend a share of our time rambling over the Island, and if we don't meet you, drop in to the office and meet us. We are the same height as Abraham Lincoln, nearly as homely, but are pretty good natured as a rule, so send in the news, and drop in soon and say "howdy."

P. Monroe had an interesting and varied career:

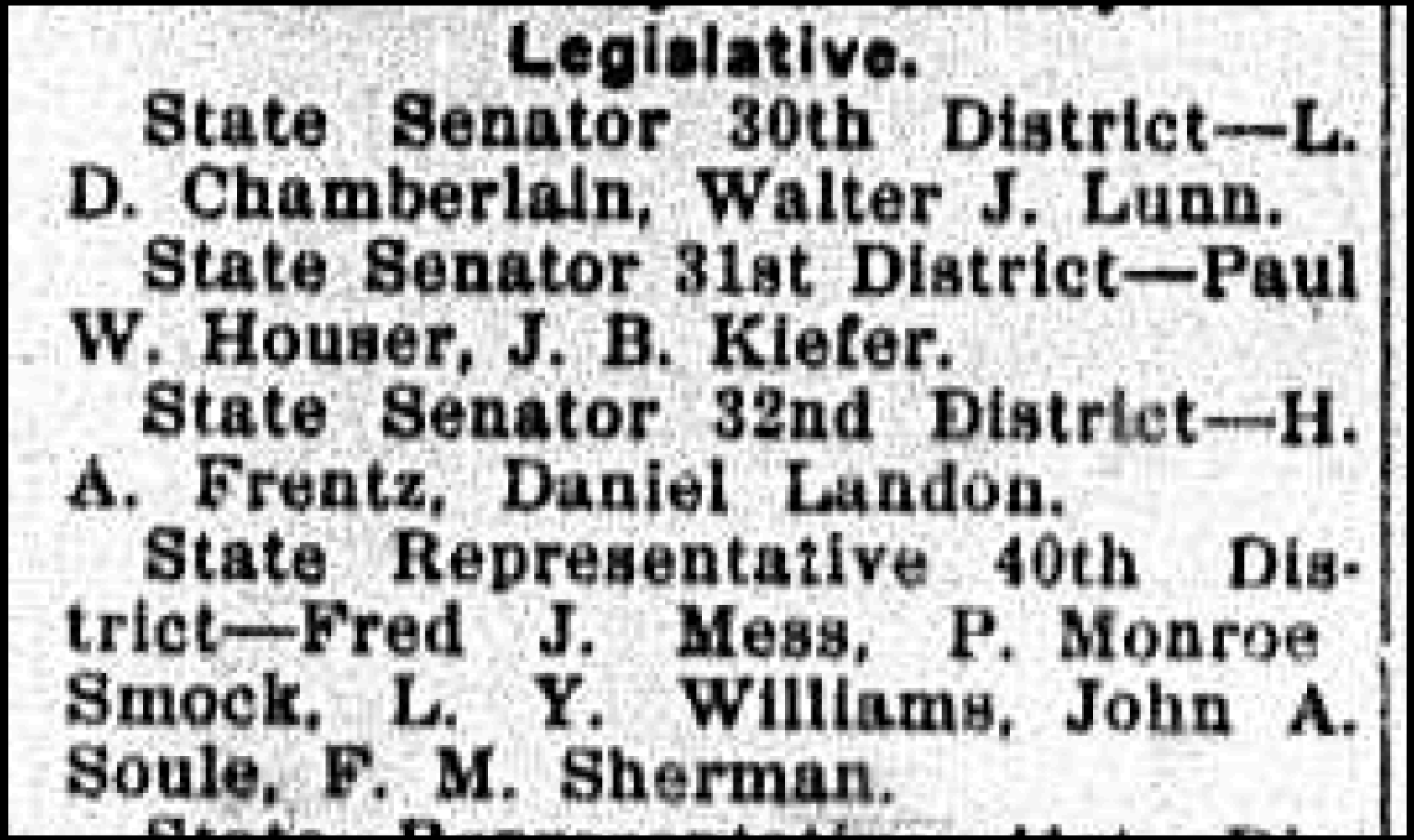
Lawyer
Fruit grower
Auctioneer
Minister
Hotel manager
Editor
Poet

# He was a prolific public speaker



Mr. Smock's address was like Fulton's steamboat--hard to get it started, but harder to get the blamed thing stopped.

# He was a politician



**Legislative.**

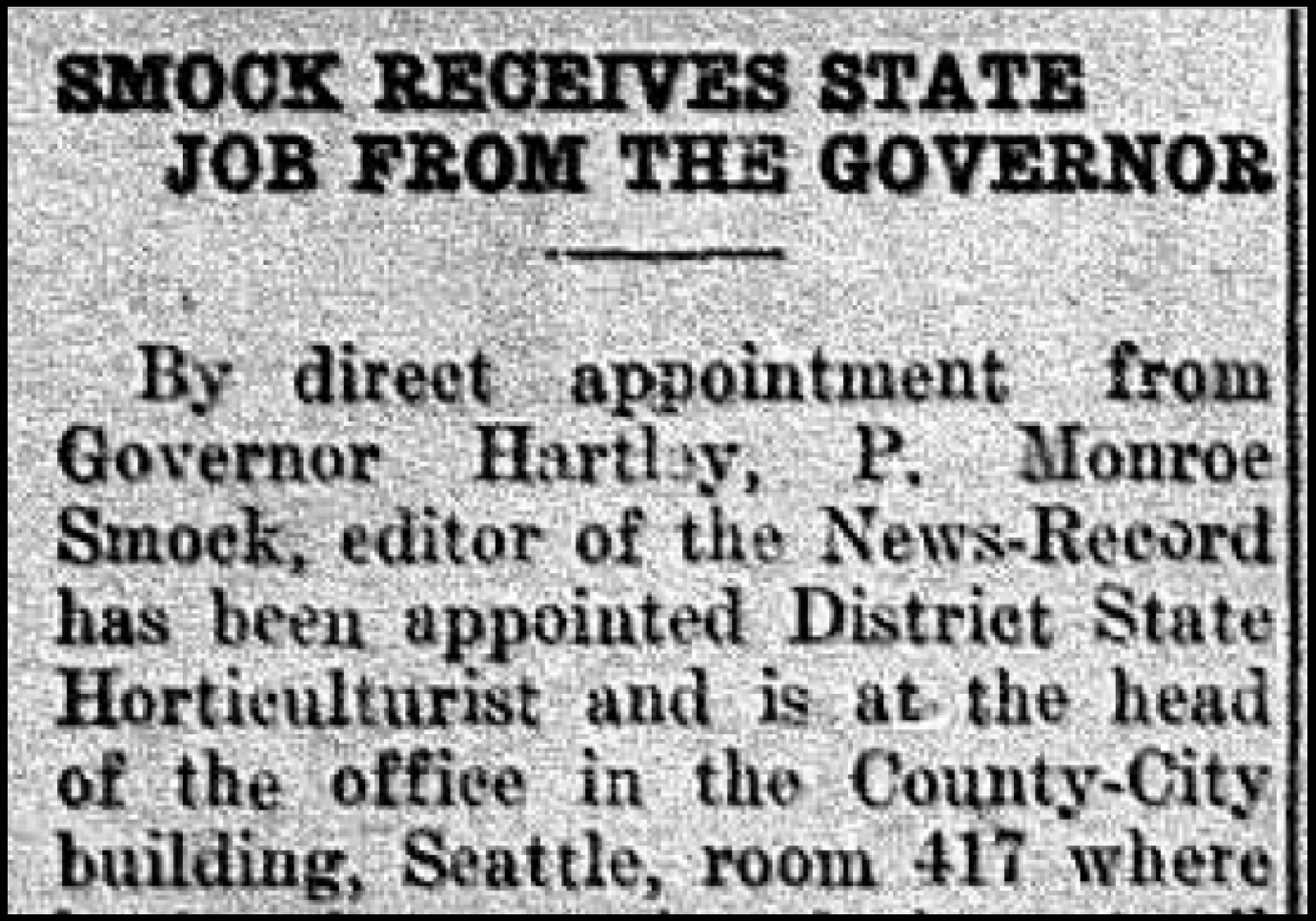
State Senator 30th District—L. D. Chamberlain, Walter J. Lunn.

State Senator 31st District—Paul W. Houser, J. B. Kiefer.

State Senator 32nd District—H. A. Frentz, Daniel Landon.

State Representative 40th District—Fred J. Mess, P. Monroe Smock, L. Y. Williams, John A. Soule, F. M. Sherman.

# …for which he received political appointments



**SMOCK RECEIVES STATE JOB FROM THE GOVERNOR**

By direct appointment from Governor Hartley, P. Monroe Smock, editor of the News-Record has been appointed District State Horticulturist and is at the head of the office in the County-City building, Seattle, room 417 where

In 1923 he received a political appointment as Commissioner of Public Welfare of King County.

“Booster”, promoting Vashon Island.

School board member

Helped establish Water Dist. #19

Helped establish the golf course

# 1926 Radio Program

# Frequent Master of Ceremonies

Opening of Tahlequah ferry 1920

Opening of Fauntleroy dock 1921

Crowning of festival queen 1926

Dedication of cemetery monument 1927

# "VASHON ISLAND"

## I

It's Vashon isle for winter and it's Vashon isle for spring,
It's Vashon isle for autumn with a summer in between;
It's Vashon isle for sunkist hills beset with fir and fern,
It's Vashon isle for fertile fields wherever you may turn;
Each resident is happy and will greet you with a smile,
For the best the world can offer is right here on Vashon isle.

It's Vashon
It's Vashon

It's Vashon Isle for ferrys (we believe in them, hurrah !)
Spell them fairies after Peter Pan, or call it Tahlequah;
Vashon Isle for red strawberries, Vashon Isle for Jersey cream,
Vashon Isle for eggs and poultry, honey bees to make you scream !
Here Dame Nature looks her gayest in her garb of latest style—
For the up-to-minute fashion is set
here
on
Vashon
Isle.

P. MONROE SMOCK
BIDS FAREWELL

Agnes Smock

Agnes Smock was a teacher prior to moving to Vashon.

She took over as Editor when my grandfather up and left her alone with three children.

She was most noted for her support of the Japanese during the period leading up to their internment.

When WW2 broke out, she sold the newspaper and moved to California to be closer to her children who were serving in the military.  She took a job in Alameda in support of the war effort.

MEMORIES . . . Above is a familiar face to the older residents of the Island. Mrs. Agnes Smock recently stopped in The News-Record office which she once owned. Here she is sitting at a linotype machine. Printer Bill Schreven is looking on.

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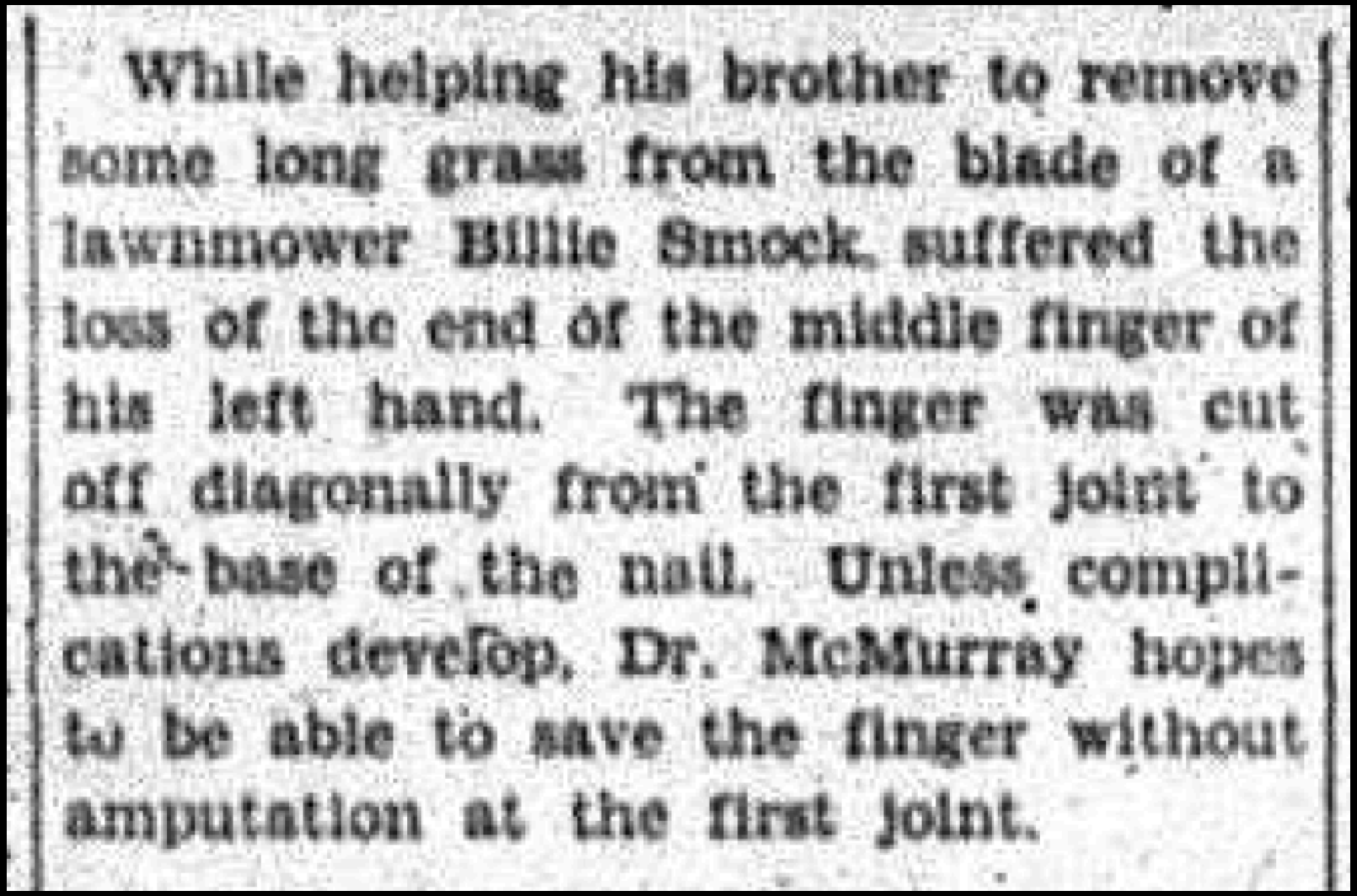
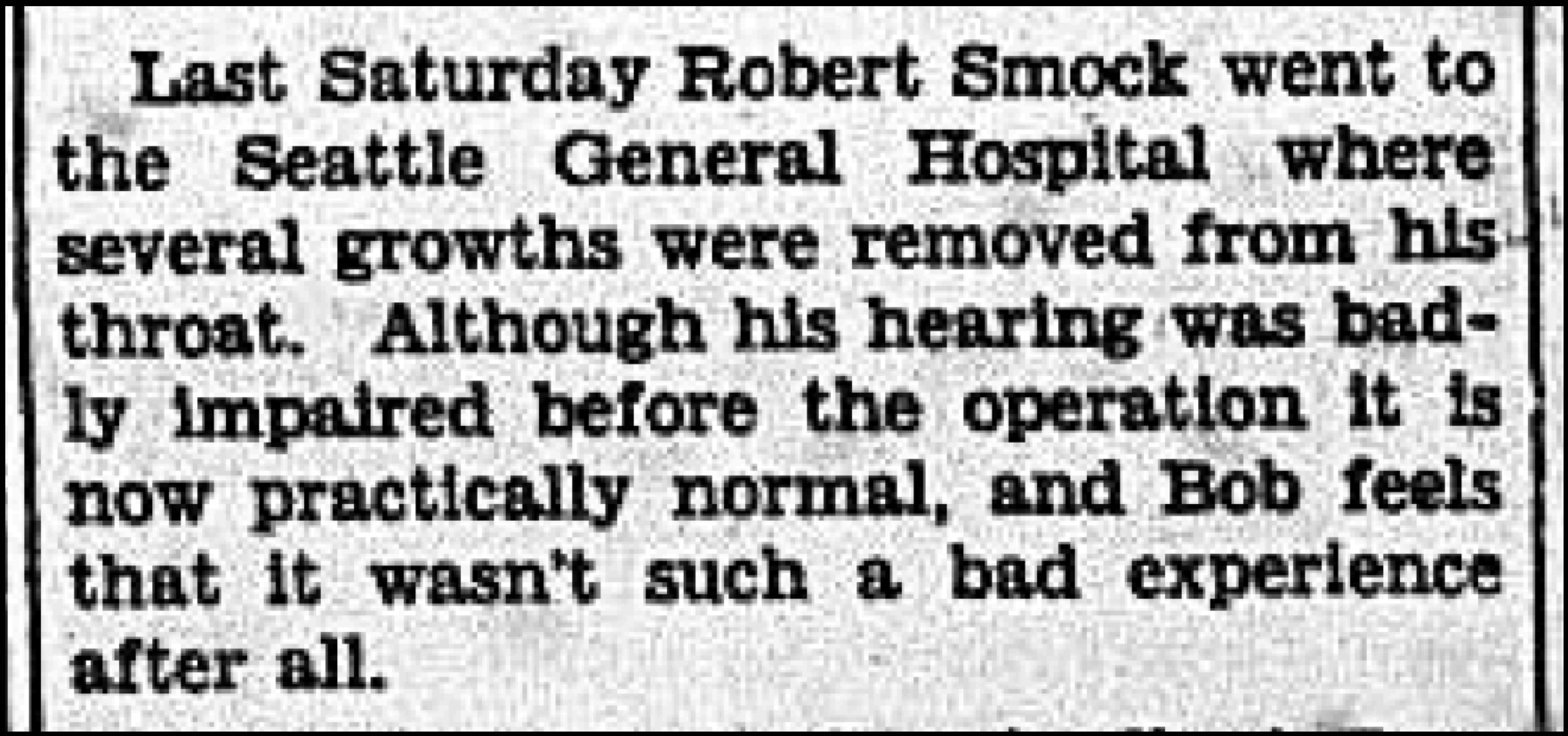
In 2008 I started archiving the Vashon Island News-Record covering the period that my grandparents ran the paper… 1920 to 1942.

# We wondered why our Uncle Bill had a stub finger



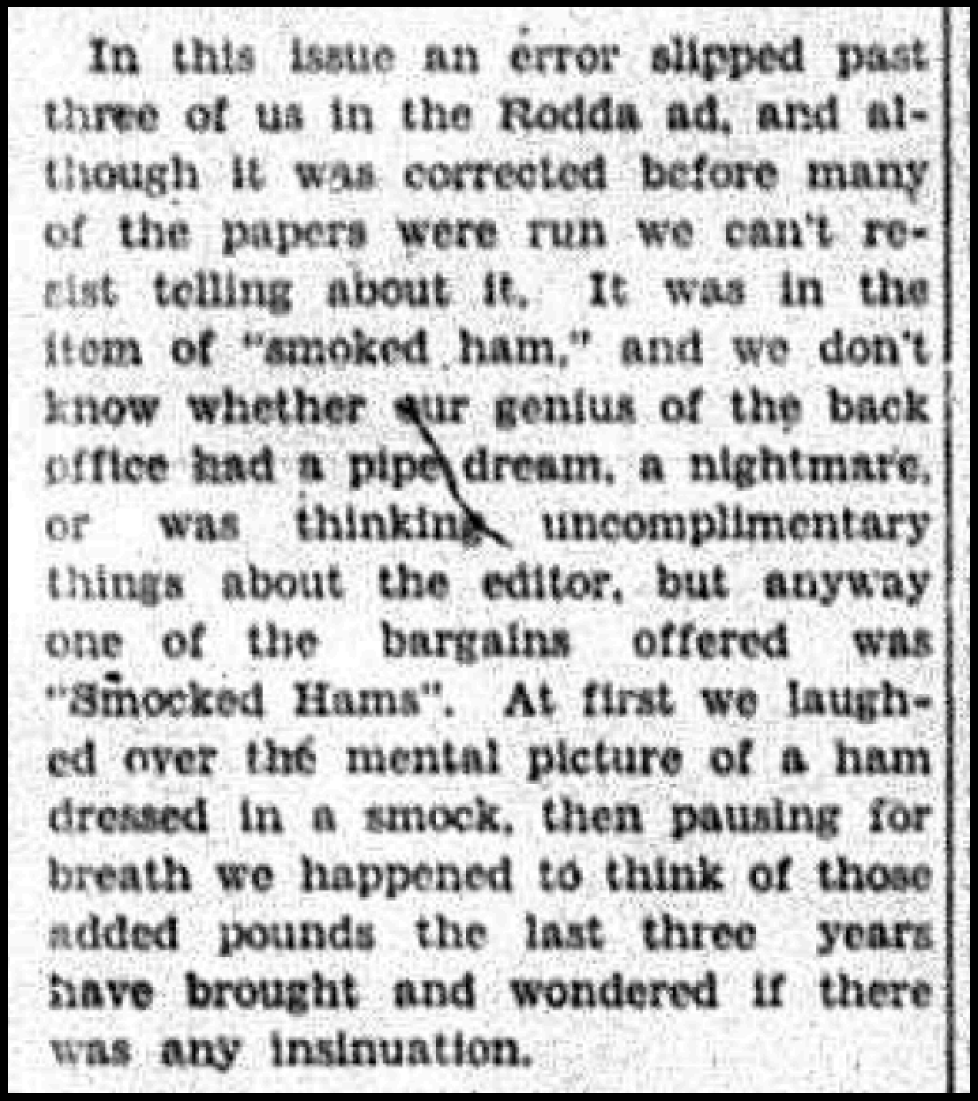
While helping his brother to remove some long grass from the blade of a lawnmower Billie Smock suffered the loss of the end of the middle finger of his left hand. The finger was cut off diagonally from the first joint to the base of the nail. Unless complications develop, Dr. McMurray hopes to be able to save the finger without amputation at the first joint.

# We wondered about Uncle Bob's raspy throat



Last Saturday Robert Smock went to the Seattle General Hospital where several growths were removed from his throat. Although his hearing was badly impaired before the operation it is now practically normal, and Bob feels that it wasn't such a bad experience after all.

# Agnes had a great sense of humor



In this issue an error slipped past three of us in the Rodda ad, and although it was corrected before many of the papers were run we can't resist telling about it. It was in the item of "smoked ham," and we don't know whether our genius of the back office had a pipe dream, a nightmare, or was thinking uncomplimentary things about the editor, but anyway one of the bargains offered was "Smocked Hams". At first we laughed over the mental picture of a ham dressed in a smock, then pausing for breath we happened to think of those added pounds the last three years have brought and wondered if there was any insinuation.

# Agnes experienced many honors

Mrs. Smock enjoyed the privilege of occupying a chair on the floor of the senate beside the desk of C. "Nifty" Garrett (a fellow editor, of Sumner), who made history last winter by riding a Democratic mule up the steps of the capitol.

# VP of Business Men's Club

## VASHON BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB WILL ELECT OFFICERS

The Vashon Business Men's Club will meet next Tuesday, April 2, at the Sweet Shop for their regular meeting. At this time the election of officers for the coming year will take place, and all members are urged to be present.

The present officers are: John Metzenberg, president; Agnes Smock, vice-president; V. C. Coutts, secretary, and W. D. Garvin, treasurer.

## CAN YOU FIND THE EDITOR'S NAME?

An Editor who strives so earnestly to
Get all the latest dope for me and you,
News of babies born and old folks' pain;
Every thing from hatchin' hens to rain,
Sometimes just naturally, like you or I,

Slips up though she's doin' her dangest
to get by,
Many folks like us, in spite of what
you say
Or think, are nothin' more than
human clay.
Consider—perhaps you yourself are
not so hot—
Knights take heed! Never put the lady
on the spot.

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Read capitals down. This is not a
riddle,
Take notice, how Editor's name is
cut in middle.

—Norman Edson.

In 2011, after reading his Vashon newspaper history, I started collaborating with Bruce Haulman to update his newspaper history…to add more details about the Smocks, as well as other editors.

Started archiving more Vashon newspapers, including:

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## HEREAT LAST

### Mr. L. C, Beall Jr. brings the first automobile to Vashon Island

### Mr. H. Steen loses first place

The NEWS expected to laud Mr. H. Steen this week in honor of his bringing the first automobile to Vashon Island. His machine however, has been delayed, and now to our friend L. C. Beall Jr., the popular manager of the H. Harrington Co., goes the honor. In a large black 12-horse power Franklin, Mr. Beall with a party of six, covered the distance from the wharf to the Beall home Wednesday evening

The following guests have registered at the Ohio House: Otto Jullian, J. L. Emmick, Frank C. Lille, John Munroe, A. Hagwall, A. C. McKintfry, H. Hoffman and J. J. McGettigan, of Seattle; Dr. D. A. Moore, J. Fortune and F. Butler, of Tacoma; J. P. Elsey, George Swain and R. B. Firrell, of Des Moines; C. C. Cockran, of Pittsburg, Penn.

Miss Lizzie Fox came very near losing her eyesight from the effects of the measles. A very delicate operation was performed in Tacoma and the surgeon says he can save Miss Fox from blindness.

Mr. N. Peterson is about to build a large building on his corner lot. We understand there will be a number of office rooms in addition to a spacious ment market.

Mr. Ceith Morrison, an employe at Sherman's sawmill, met with an unfortunate accident last Tuesday.


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VASHON WASH.

# THE VASHON ISLAND RECORD

VOLUME I. VASHON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1916. NUMBER 1.

## ELLISPORT

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones were in Ellisport the past week calling on old friends. They expect to return soon to look after some improvements to their property here.

Mrs. C. Newcomer and daughter, Miss Ruth Newcomer of Tacoma, were at their summer cottage for several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Archer came over from Seattle Friday and spent the week end fighting the forest fire which threatened to destroy their summer home.

Mr. Arthur Furbush returned last week from his ranch in Oregon and will remain for the winter with his mother, Mrs. P. C. Furbush.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carville, who have been at their country home for several months, left recently for Minneapolis, where they will stay for the winter. Mrs. Carville's sister, Mrs. Skinner, will accompany them.

Mrs. George Evans and children and guest, Miss Florence Campbell, came over from Seattle Friday evening and will remain open through the winter, making the first all-year hotel that Ellisport has had and it is certainly appreciated by the public.

Miss Bessie Wise interviewed the dentist in Seattle on Saturday.

Graveling the new road to the ferry dock is the order of the day. It will take about thirty days, it is claimed to complete the road from Ellisport.

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Mrs. Hill and Miss Conghey of Seattle spent the week end at Miss Conghey's home, "Isla Casa."

Mr. E. Furbush came home Sunday to spend a few days with his mother.

Mrs. W. L. Livesley spent a few days visiting relatives in Seattle the past week.

Mrs. C. J. Pyle, who has been in Seattle since closing her hotel here, came back to visit over Sunday and we are glad she contemplates returning for good this week.

The Fuller Brothers left Saturday for a week's hunting [illegible] canal.

Mr. Gustav Hedman and Miss Blanch Anway were united in marriage on the 20th of October, and after [illegible]

## VASHON HEIGHTS

Miss Sue Kent of Seattle was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Coryell Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Shorey has returned from a visit in Seattle for a week.

Mrs. Loring and Mrs. Rowland of Pasadena, Cal., who have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Cowley, for a few weeks, returned to their homes last week.

The Rose Club will be entertained by Mrs. William Cook at their next meeting.

Mr. John A. Corbin is improving his place with a new chicken house.

Mr. Elmer Harmeling has finished digging his potato crop. It was the largest and finest, per acre, on the island.

Paul T. Kokey, manager of North Hill farm, took several prizes at the fair on chickens; also Mr. Cook and Mr. Honnell and Mr. Cowan. The chicken industry is growing at this end of the island.

Mr. Conrad Tjonvsland has finished clearing ten acres for Mr. F. W. West [illegible] what the latter are but it looks grim on paper, anyway.

Dr. Stockley is busy putting the finishing touches on a new bungalow for the chickens, and believe me it's some swell residence for the biddies, they ought to break the record for eggs in sheer thankfulness for such a dandy layout.

The editor of the P. I. is a long headed gent. In doping out the economic situation after dilating on the advance in prices of various articles of food, he goes on to point out the advantage a rancher has with a few cows and chickens and a vegetable garden. Of course, we all know that it does not cost anything to feed cows and chickens; and as for garden truck, all you have to do is to rake the ground, put in the seed and sit down and watch the things grow. And as for potatoes, see what money there is in them; it's a sure thing (once in ten years or so.) So as per the advance given, turn your idle acres into money and get rich in no time growing spuds. He admits that fruit is still reasonably cheap. Sure we know it's as cheap as it was ten years ago, but

## LISABEULA

Mr. F. K. Andrews spent the week end in Lisabeula. He left Monday evening for Alaska where he will resume his work for the government. Mr. Andrews has spent the past summer in the south and thinks the Island a much more pleasant place to live.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Shattuck spent Sunday with Mrs. Shattuck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stenforth.

Mrs. Mertice Bender and Miss Bernice Keebaugh have gone to Seattle for a time where Mrs. Bender's little son Gorman is attending a boys' school.

Mr. C. C. Dalson, who is employed in Seattle, spent the week end at his home.

Mrs. Rhue, Mr. Balsden and Henry Shain spent Sunday in Lisabeula, each with their respective families.

## DOCKTON

Lawrence Rhein, in company with Claude Bibbins, left on a hunting trip in the Green river district on Satur-

# VASHON ISLAND NEWS-RECORD

VOLUME IV. VASHON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1919. NUMBER 9.

## DOCKTON

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Madsen and little daughter Eleanor of Tacoma spent the week end at the C. Petersen home.

Mr. John Swanson, who has been working with Mr. Jee Hansen at Sumner for some time, returned home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Turnbull, jr., of Seattle visited on Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Turnbull's parents.

At the Ladies' Aid sale, which was held at the Dockton Hotel on Saturday evening, $81.10 was taken in for church purposes.

Mrs. M. Plancich, sr., who has been seriously ill for the past three weeks, is being cared for by Miss Davies, a trained nurse from Seattle.

Mr. Bjorquist returned home from Oregon, where he has been working, and is on the sick list with a cold.

The steamer "Ariel," which has been tied up during the Todd shipyard strike, is again carrying workmen from the Island to the shipyard.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 20, the young people of the church over 15 years will have a social time at Stuckey's hall. Everyone over 15 is invited to attend and have a good time.

The two incompleted ships in the Dockton shipyard were auctioned on Monday morning and were purchased by Mr. Paulsen of

thing, they were a jolly bunch, all told. Packages, bundle, grips and bags galore — stuffed full, too. There is going to be many happy hearts around Cove on Christmas

I guess Capt. Christiansen would like to have Christmas come once a month or so. Business has been fine for him lately — so much freight for Cove that he has been more than a half hour getting away; and it is the same at other points. For one we feel like saying a good word for the crew, as to the nice condition in which they keep the Virginia III, so clean and neat, windows washed, floors scrubbed, spitoons cleaned. It was not always thus.

Lightning has struck once more around Cove. No danger, however, further than that Mr. Dunn has his chicken house all lighted up these nights.

To a man up a tree it looks as though a stove would be a pretty good thing for the biddies these days.

We are becoming quite cityfied, as we had a fire one day last week. K. Paulson lost a hundred feet of rail fencing on his pasture lot. It might have been worse (as Mr. Paulson thought the smoke came from the blasting near by) if neighbor Sigrist had not done the kindly act to notify him.

Mrs. Ruth Abrams had an enjoyable Sunday wih her eldest son, Abe, and wife. They are just down from Alaska, where they have been for the past 11 months. Guess we'll lose Mr. Abrams, as he has built himself a nice cottage up among the quality folks at Vashon Heights. Mrs. Abrams also entertained Capt. Anderson, who

## To Our Friends

IT is the season of Christmas cheer in all the homes where subscribers to this paper dwell. Christmas, with all that term implies as to universal fellowship, unselfishness and renewed recognition of the fact that to give is actually better than to receive. As you have put into anything, that much will you get out of it. Out of the interest you have taken in this paper during the past year we hope you have derived an equal personal pleasure. And likewise in that same spirit which makes Christmas what it is, we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to the business men of the territory in which this paper circulates for their cordial cooperation, which has made it possible for us regularly to present our best efforts in a creditable manner. And may the kindly glow of this holiday season color life for you and yours throughout the coming year.

ROBT. M. JONES
JULES B. DAHLAGER

being under the same roof on different occasions, but becoming acquainted for the first time here on the Island. Mrs. Earnest was very much interested in their reminiscences for the reason that her sister was also in the hospital service in Manila.

Cleon B. Roe, chairman of the civilian relief committee of the Seattle Chapter, American Red Cross, and a noted authority on social service, was reappointed superintendent of the Washington State Reformatory at Monroe by the board of managers, meeting at the institution last week.

### WILL GIVE CANTATA

The Columbia school will hold a Christmas Cantata on Saturday evening.

### OFFICERS INSTALLED

There was a large gathering of Masons and their wives at Mark P. Waterman Lodge last Wednesday evening, Dec. 10th, to witness the public installation of officers for 1920, which was impressively performed by Right Worshipful James E. Begg, Deputy Grand Master of the State of Washington.

After a banquet and a splendid address by the Deputy Grand Master, the rest of the evening was spent with music and dancing.

The following were elected officers of Mark P. Waterman Lodge No. 177, F. & A. M.:

A. J. Marsh, W. M.
T. G. Ogilvy, S. W.
J. M. Ogilvy, J. W.
R. W. F. Martin, Secretary.
Reuben T. McLean, Treasurer.
Roy A. McLean, S. D.
Carl Christy, J. D.

## BURTON

Mrs. Tubbs made a visit to South Tacoma on Wednesday.

We are glad to see the gentle rain. O, yes; the plumbers are all busy.

A number of Burton men began work at the Todd shipyard on Monday last.

Mrs. Kloeppel was a Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cook.

Mrs. F. C. Heilge presented a paper at the regular meeting of the Tahoma Club on Monday.

Mrs. Clara Coffin returned last week from an extended visit with Tacoma friends.

Mrs. W. G. Parkes and Mrs. Joe Lindstrom were guests for luncheon with Seattle friends one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield and daughter Ethel were guests for Sunday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meredith.

The Burton schools will close on Friday for the holidays. Mrs. Sanderson will visit her daughter, Mrs. Knitfen, at Blaine, Wash.

Chaplain and Mrs. Thorne have taken an apartment in Seattle for the present, and expect to move very soon. They will, however, spend the week ends in Burton.

The basket ball games played between Burton and Auburn, reflected great credit on the home teams, who carried away all the

## ON THE LEVEL

... By MIKE CARRIER

Baker Lloyd Standenmas, really gave the March of Dimes a good sendoff here when he announced that he would prepare a special cake to take a "silver icing". The cake will be placed in his establishment, the Vashon Home Bakery, during the local drive and coins placed on the icing will later be turned over to King County Polio officials. It's really a good deal for those donating Lloyd claims, for with each coin placed on the cake the contributer rates a taste of the frosting. "It's just another way of getting a good lick in against polio" Lloyd pointed out in a statement that wasn't meant as a phun.

**ITEMS YOU PROBABLY HAVE-NT READ IN THE DAILIES:**

"Mac" McDougal, who built a snug berth for himself in the hearts of a lot of Islanders when he sold Real Estate and Insurance up on the main drag during World War II, tells us that he has just had the nicest Christmas he can remember.

In case you're not familiar with "Mac", he's the gentleman who sorta keeps a weather eye on the city of Vashon from his "apartment" above the Alibi. Well, from time to time last year "Mac" let the word sneak out that if there was one thing he would like it was a television set. You see "Mac" has


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# VASHON CHAMBER GETS OFF TO LIVELY START IN 1954

The Vashon Chamber of Commerce covered a lot of ground under a new president, C. Montgomery (Gummy) Johnson Monday when it aired a dozen separate items; passed on most of them and sent the balance back to committee for further study.

Reiterating their stand of last year on the touchy question of active support of the March of Dimes Drive, the Chamber voted unanimously to back the "one drive effort of the United Good Neighbor campaign.

This move, Johnson pointed out, was not meant as a Boycott of the Polio program, but rather a demonseration of the Chamber's unqualconcrete program. Howard Williams was appointed as 1954 membership chairman.

Fairman Lee's Island Planning Committee gained two new workers in Ray Myers and Zelma Wyman. The Bridge and Roads Committee had Digby Williams replacing J.F. Koski as chairman. Koski headed this committee in 1953.

Other items covered on the meeting agenda included the announcement that the Chamber had musierd its own Postal Box, would consider formation of a Island Promotion Department within the Chamber and approved expenditures of $100 for the printing of manuals for Harriette Raab's Civil-

# ELLISPORT WOMEN SHOWER AID ON VICTIMS OF WAR IN KOREA

This small, homeless Korean youngster (pictured here) is only one of the scores aided in that battle-scared country as the result of an exchange of letters with an Army colonel and his Ellisport wife.

The revealing story is best told of the generous support given by the Ellisport Women's Club in the following letters.

Ellisport Womens Club
Vashon, Washington
My dear Ladies:

Idesire to take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of "Mama-san", her three helpers and her forty-two little charges.

These children range in age from two to twelve years. They are by far the cleanest and best behaved on the island and today, thanks to your efforts, the most warmly dressed. It is most difficult to des-

**MASONS INSTAL CARL HOLERT**

Carl Holert of Quartermaster Harbor was installed Worshipful Master of the Mark P. Waterman Lodge No. 177, F & A.M. Saturday at the Masonic Temple replacing retiring Master Ben C. Staats.

Others installed during the colorful cermony, attended by more than 125 Masons and their friends, included James B. Clymth, senior warden, Halvor L. Larson, junior warden, George McCormick, treasurer; Arthur H. Poultney, secretary Rev. William H. Redman, chaplain; Herman Kravick, marshal; James A. DePartee, senior deacon; Ray M. Cummings, junior deacon; Arden P. Ibsen, senior steward; Fred Converse, junior steward and John Bryce, tyler.

**CIVIL DEFENSE CONFERENCE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

Two day workshop conference sponsored by Vashon women's organizations in cooperation with State and King County Civil Defense leaders will be staged at the Sportsmen's Club, Jan 13 and 14.

A wide range of subjects will be covered during this important meet and reservations must be made for those desiring luncheon or nursery service not later than Jan. 8. More information can be had by calling 3057, 2633 or 3526.

# Island Newspaper Merger Looms

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## School People Reply To Anonymous Letters

Below is a letter to the editor, by rights belonging on the editorial page. However, since we feel the answers given below throw considerable light on items covered under the proposed school levy, we feel it merits a "top news spot."—Editor.

Editor, News-Record:

We wish to congratulate you for the fine editorial you wrote several weeks ago encouraging citizens to ask questions regarding the June 12 school levy which will provide teachers' salaries, desks and other vital equipment for your schools. We also wish to thank you for printing the three letters last week asking for information, even though two of them were anonymous. The members of your school board want every Island citizen to have all the correct information at their command when voting for better schools.

Here are the answers to the specific questions asked in last week's three letters:

Question—Why wasn't the special levy election combined with the school board election in February?

years ago in connection with improvements made at the high school.)

A. Four of the five present members of the school board were not on the board at the time described by the writer. The concern of your present school board is the adequate education of your children this year and next, and the wisest use of your tax funds in accomplishing this purpose.

Q. Give us a list of the property now held by the school district.

**A. It is a coincidence that this** Vashon has an enrollment of 900. In comparison with schools in this category the Vashon superintendent receives $169 more than the average. Apparently the Vashon superintendent's salary is not out of line. The class room teachers' sal-

**NEW PUBLISHER OFFERS FREE COOKBOOKS**

In an effort to get as near 100 per cent coverage on the new Islander News-Record, Hap Salyer yesterday offered free cookbooks to the first 50 new subscribers.

The cookbooks were willed to him by the former publisher who experienced some difficulty in disposing of them last Fall—but they're good, they're good.

## Islander To Be Discontinued; Now -- 'Islander-News Record'

Final papers effecting the merger of the Islander and the News-Record were being processed this week, culminating months of plans and negotiations by the publishers of the two papers.

Although the final draft effecting the transfer of ownership of the News-Record is not complete, W.H. (Hap) Salyer, publisher of the Islander, and Jack Sorgeinfrei, publisher of the News-Record, expressed confidence the consolidation of the two papers under a single corporation would take effect retroactive to June 1, 1954.

On that basis, publication of the Islander as a separate paper was suspended this week. The new Island publication, to be known as the Islander-News Record, begins with this issue.

Salyer, the majority stockholder in the new corporation, will move his publishing plant to the new post office building. The present News-Record office and publishing plant will be the home of the Pacific Publishing Co., Inc., handling

## They Have It in Chemistry—How About Physics?

## Graduation Set For Tomorrow By High School

Forty-three students will be graduated from Vashon Island high school at 8 p.m. this Friday. The program will include several speeches, based on different phases

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# Beachcomber Buys Islander

## Getting the Drift

By JOHN VANDEVANTER

The Beachcomber might have turned into a great little newspaper — if it hadn't been for the tax assessor who dropped in Tuesday.

Now, don't get me wrong. His manner was sublime, his deportment above reproach and his smile so benign that you'd have thought he was making an honest living if you hadn't been told he was an assessor. But with one little question, he kicked the keystone out of our Arch of Triumph and we tumbled down in a shambles of despair.

"What is your equipment worth?"

Had the question come from a prospective purchaser or someone who was considering the extension of credit to our establishment, it doubtless would have brought forth a testimonial to the beauties of our mechanization which would have left us feeling 44 feet tall in our stocking feet. But this was the enemy, and by birth and instinct he would remain an enemy.

"Equipment? You call this equipment? Why that press was built by Gutenberg in his Daddy's garage at the age of eleven. And the Linotype — it takes three of us to run it;

## Pharmacist Purchases Rest Home

Bruce Smith, former Seattle pharmacist, and his wife, Dorothy, a registered nurse, have taken over operation of the Vashon Nursing Home.

The Smiths, who purchased the home from Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hebert, started operation May 1. They are residing on the premises with their two daughters, Sheryl, 6, and Laurel, 5.

Mrs. Smith, a registered nurse, formerly was head nurse at Halcyon Hospital, a private institution in Seattle.

The home, now caring for a capacity load of 19 patients, will continue to operate as be-

## Baccalaureate Services Sunday At High School

Baccalaureate services for the High School class of 1958 will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday in the High School auditorium.

Reverends Wilfred Luce, William Rogers, Reuben Teslow and Leonard Bradley will present the services and the musical portion will be under the direction of Robert Evans and Keith Burns, with Mrs. Selma Murphy at the organ.

## Island Scouts Win Awards At Camporee

The Cougar Patrol of Boy Scout Troop 294 returned

## Beachcomber Readers....

**We have enjoyed being able to bring you The Beachcomber for the past 15 months. Although it has not been a large newspaper, we have felt from your response that it has met with approval of its readers.**

**As you doubtless have guessed from the big, vulgar, black letters across the top of this page, we have purchased the interests and equipment of the Islander News-Record. This acquisition will enable us mechanically and financially to produce the kind of weekly newspaper which the Island deserves.**

**But, while our anticipated increase in revenue will offset the obligations incurred in the purchase, one large problem has presented itself — bigger papers are heavier, and even without the third-class postage increase passed by Congress, the postage bill alone would be $3,000 per year — and us Beachcombers just couldn't cut it, what with the clam market the way it is.**

**By contrast, the annual postage under the second-class mailing permit which we acquired with The Islander, would be less than $25. The only catch is that everyone to whom the paper is mailed has to want it bad enough to pay for it.**

**While most weekly newspapers in the state cost from $3 to $4 a year, The Beachcomber will go as low as we think**

## Paper Sale Effective Next Week

The Islander News-Record published its last issue today, carrying the announcement that the Island Publishing Company has sold the paper, its equipment and commercial printing business to the Beachcomber Press, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. "Hap" Salyer will continue the Island Publishing Co., Inc., but will limit the operation to printing labels and other direct-mail matter under contract for Totem Enterprises, which has been leasing space in The Islander building.

The Beachcomber will take over subscription lists, the second-class mailing permit

Beachcomber Masthead designed by Jac Tabor

In 2014 I started contributing to Bruce Haulman's timeline of Vashon history by transcribing the News-Record, typing up most, but not all, of the news items.

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# Vashon History



## Timeline

Sense of Place - Settlement - Boom - Transformations - Postwar Growth - Modern Vashon

Put together two books…a 5-vol. book on P. Monroe Smock and a 3-vol. book on Agnes Smock

My grandmother's weekly column was filled with humor, wit, politics, family and community

All newspaper images have been shared with the Museum

Including the transcription of News-Records covering 1920 thru 1942

Happy to research items for folks

I discovered so much about my family….but I was too late to ask my mom about all of this! It's important to tell others about YOUR history!

DON'T PUT IT OFF!  Share YOUR history!

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