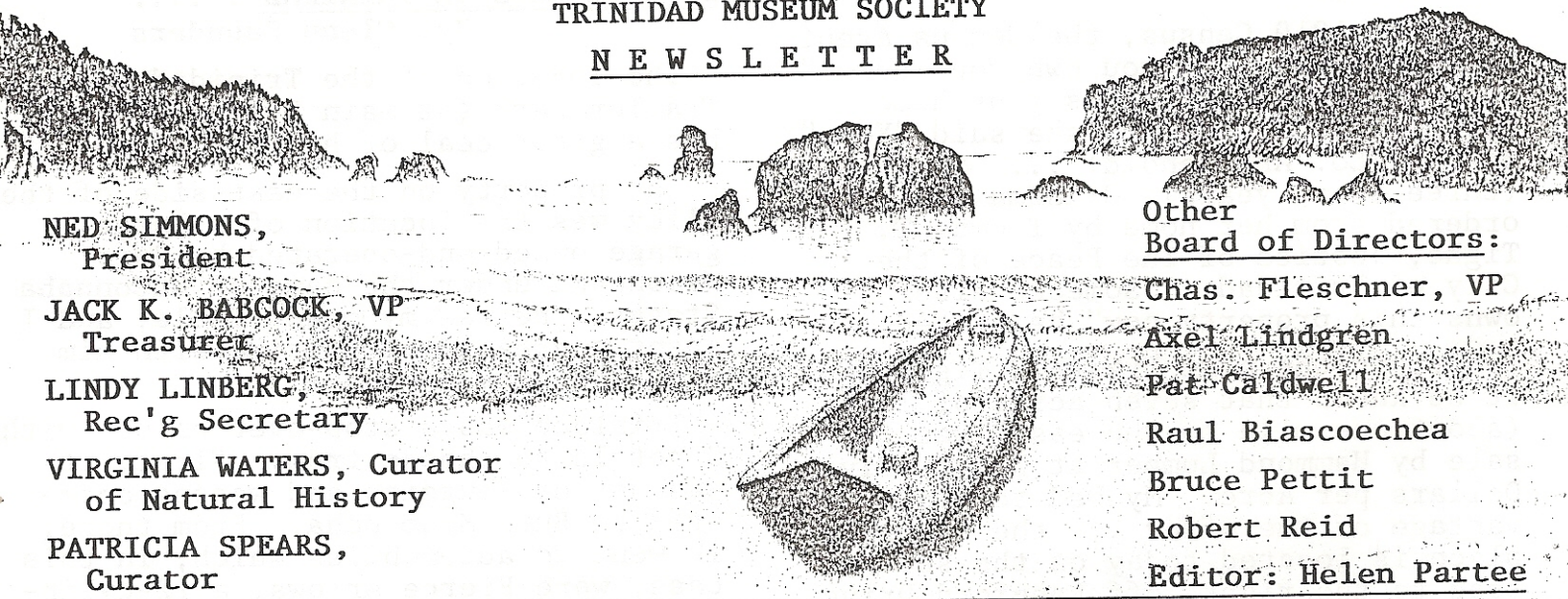


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THE WAY IT WAS . . . . .

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By: Axel Lindgren

Recently, I read an interesting article in the Kourier (Willow Creek weekly), about old-time, long-time families of Orleans -- a little town on the eastern border of Humboldt County along the mighty Klamath River -- written by Humboldt Historian Glen Nash. The family name which attracted my attention was Carl Langford.

Carl Langford, a mining engineer, along with his father, Frank, envisioned the harnessing of the Klamath River for electricity which would be utilized for powering the mines in the Orleans area.

The ore to be mined, I can't say, but possibly gold and nickel. While in the process of putting the mining business into operation, a tunnel was carved completely through an entire mountain.

In order to complete the mining business venture, Carl knew if he

Roy & Barbara Owen of Trinidad very generously donated to T-M-S a much needed computer system.

The equipment donated was an Apple IIe Computer, an Apple DUO Disk Unit, and an Apple Monitor II. In addition to the equipment, a complete set of manuals and software was also donated.

Society members are now, and will be, loading fiscal and inventory records and, in the future, minutes of meetings and correspondence will be loaded onto computer disks.

"Thanks again" Roy & Barbara!

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If any T-M-S member knows of a parallel port printer just waitin' to be donated to the museum, please give us a call! #677-3883.

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business venture, Carl knew if he really hit pay-dirt, the ore would have to be transported to market. In Carl's mind, Trinidad Harbor was the answer.

So, in 1913, Carl came to Trinidad and homesteaded 80-acres of ocean frontage which was the heart of the Tsurai Village. The western corner of his property was in the center of the burial grounds. To the east, this homestead included all the property in the Southeastern part, within the city limits of Trinidad. Hence, "**Langford Drive**" (although Carl never lived in Trinidad).

Also, within this acreage acquired by Langford from the U.S. Government, was the home of the last Medicine Woman of Tsurai, my Grandmother, **Eliza Lindgren**, who gave birth to her first child on this property high above the Pacific Ocean in 1875. By September, 1890, Grandma was the parent of three daughters and two sons.

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The Trinidad Museum Society is very thankful for other recent donations to our collection:

From **Pearl Barkin**, an Indian hat basket;

From **Roy & Helen Partee**, a color television set to be used in conjunction with our Camcorder, and documentary films;

From **Georgia Smith** of Stockton, CA, a 1912 class picture of the Patricks Point School. The young students were from the **Beach, Brown, Hicks, Loy, Penn, Schnaubelt** and **Smith** families;

From **Bill Snell**, a cast-iron tramway cart wheel (Circa 1850) that he found on Trinidad beach. The tramway ran from Hooper's sawmill at the mouth of Mill Creek to the wharf along the Trinidad Head, in the mid-to-late 1800's. "Thanks, Bill."

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By: Glenn Saunders

In the 1910 Census, the Census Agent asked Grandma, "Do you own your home?" She replied "Yes." "Is your home mortgage-free?" Again she said "Yes." But ... Lo! And Behold! ... in 1913 (three short years), Grandma was ordered from her home by Thomas T. Tighe, Justice of The Peace of the City of Trinidad. "Someone else owns this property now" he stated.

The location of the Trinidad Bay Trailer Park (at Main & View streets) has a great deal of history behind it.

The property on the east side of the alley was the location of a large garage owned-and-operated by Burr McConnaha under the name of **McConnaha Stages**. He was my grand-Uncle, and I spent a great deal of time with him as I was growing up.

But, in the next breath, Tighe let it be known that seven acres of land (about one mile to the east) was for sale by Hammond Lumber at Thirty-Five Dollars per Acre. My Dad took advantage of the offer ... the Lindgren place is located today on the second road to the right, off Langford Drive.

Trinidad was a stop-over point, with 3 hotels to choose from. First, it was horses, buggies and wagons operated by Burr McConnaha. From there, it went to automobiles which, in this case, were Pierce Arrows, a 12-cylinder car, stopping at Orick, Requa and Crescent City. The roads, if you could call them that, were very poor and in the winter mostly mud ... in the summer, dust!

Ironically, my Grandmother, Eliza, was never offered one-thin-dime or an ounce-of-nickel for her home!

One interesting sidelight ..... across from the garage was a small white bungalow, and a very popular place in those days, for travelers and citizens alike (I have been told). Ladies of the Day, and Night, conducted their business in as discreet a way as possible. The location was between the Griffin house and the Sea Around Us. The house was torn down in the late 50's ... what a great Museum it would have made!

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T-M-S DOCENT VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Directors extends a "special thanks" to the enthusiastic group of docents who have kept the Museum open during this past season, as well as contributing individual expertise in various fields.

When the bus company closed down because of lack of riders during the depression, the garage was vacant for several years before it was torn down. During its operating time, the garage did house the local High School bus. The driver often left the keys in the ignition, and some of us kids used to get into the garage, start the motor, and drive forwards and backwards, until we were caught!

Guided by Charles Fleschner, the active members include Mary Burdick, Raul Biascochea, Charles Byrne, Fran Chappel, Marcia Duckworth, Joy Hirzel, Kay Johnson, Carol Kirk, Virginia Linberg, Anne McCrory, Ken Nakamura, Jennifer Ninnis, Marie Roberts, Peggy Smith, Mary Spalding, Marta Tennant and Virginia Waters.

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The last Docent meeting of the year was September 4th, with guest speaker Katie Boyle discussing and showing a part of her collection of historical photographs, many of which are on display at the Museum.

Members, please **L O O K** at the date on your mailing label. Are you due for renewal in October, November or December?

Regular Docent Meetings will resume Wednesday - April 1, 1992 - at the Museum Center Bldg @ 10:30 a.m.

If you are past-due or due soon, we hope you will renew your membership at this time. We enclose an envelope for your convenience. "Thanks for your continued support."



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