

ROSEDALE HOMECOMING DRAWS 2,000 AUGUST 2-5-1985

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More than 2,000 visitors attended the Rosedale Homecoming celebrations held last weekend, Rosedale Athletic Club President Fred Bryant estimates.

Festivities got underway Friday with a pot luck dinner and dance at the Community Hall to mark the 75th birthday of the club.

The executive board presented the club with a mural of the old Rosedale livery stable painted by Ross Bollerup. The stable was used as a community hall in the 1920's.

Parks board chairman Iver Erickson was honored for his service to the community. He has served as bingo caller every week from 1948 to 1985. The board room was named the Iver Erickson room and he was presented with a framed portrait.

Approximately 346 dinners were served and 200 people attended the Friday night dance. Bryant estimated 12 to 1600 attended activities on Saturday.

On Saturday Percy Chapman, who came to Rosedale in 1938 conducted a ceremony of recognition.

The Laughlin family was the family with the most members present with 24 attending. The Tataryn family was second with 13 members and the Muirhead family had nine members.

Recognized for travelling the greatest distance to attend were the Dr. Herb Bock family, from London, Ontario; Mrs. Dorothy Chandler (nee Marshall) from southern California; Dr. Alex Charters from Princeton, New Jersey.

Oldest residents continually living in Rosedale prior to 1910 were Clifford Laughlin, Lyle Muirhead and Stuart Nelson.

Oldest persons born in Rosedale who attended the homecoming were Harriet Holmes, Chilliwack, and Fred Harris from Salem, Oregon.

Both men and women from former ball teams played games at the ball park Saturday and the games were a big success.

Former Rosedale resident Dr. Herb Bock of London, Ontario, was guest speaker at the inter-denominational church service held Sunday morning at the high school, with 450 attending.

Dr. Bock grew up on a farm on Yale Road in Rosedale. His parents Mr. and Mrs. August Bock, sold their farm to the school board and Rosedale Junior high school was built on the site. Bock spoke of blowing stumps at the age of 16 on the school property.

Thirty people sang in the choir, representing seven denominations. The choir was conducted by Rev. Don Flumerfelt of St. Peters Church and Miss Gwen Gallis was the pianist.

Chief Sam Douglas of Cheam Band read the old testament scripture and Mayor John Jansen of Chilliwack read the new testament scripture. Former Rosedale resident Pastor Thomas Mercer from Port Langley read prayers of thanksgiving.

Other special guests introduced at the service were Ross Belsher, Member of Parliament for Fraser Valley East and Mrs. Belsher; Hon. Harvey Schroeder, Member of

the B.C. Legislature for Chilliwack, and former Rosedale resident Rev. Glen Baker, from Kelowna.

Breakfast and brunch was served continuously from 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Seventeen former Rosedale May Queens were in Rosedale Sunday afternoon to take part in homecoming ceremonies.

Elementary school principal and teaching staff hosted the afternoon's festivities at the Rosedale schoolgrounds. Mrs. Mabel Walter, teacher, instructed the children, recreating a May Day program of earlier years.

Three pipers led a procession of royalty to the elementary school with the Vintage Car Club providing transportation for former May Queens. Honorary parade marshal was John Spencer. Parade organizers were Warner Hockin and Dick Merson. Mrs. Sylvia Burns carried the Canadian flag on a white horse, Mrs. Ruth Frey carried the B.C. flag and rode a brown horse.

New ribbons had been cut and sewn for the Queens and the poles used for the Maypole dance. Gail Walter came from Victoria prior to the event to teach students who took part in the dancing and to help make the ribbons.

Mrs. Laura Kennedy acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the May Queens attending.

Among those attending were; 1925 queen, Mrs. Susie Hutton, (nee Morgan), from Saanichton; 1926 Mrs. Marie Nixon, (nee Hockin), Gabriola Island; 1927 Mrs. Beth Douglas, (nee Gill), Delta; 1929 Mrs. Jean Runcie, (nee Charters), Burnaby; 1932 Mrs. Lenore Drader, (nee McNair) Chilliwack; 1933 Mrs. Vivian Parberry, (nee Merson), Harrison Hot Springs; 1936 Mrs. Eileen Giles, (nee Muirhead), Kamloops; 1938 Mrs. Yvonne Armitage, (nee Miller), Rosedale; 1939 Mrs. Lila Preston, (nee Johnston), Sardis; 1940 Mrs. Emilie Nazareno, (nee McCormick), North Burnaby; 1941 Mrs. Audrey Woolette, (nee Merson), Chilliwack; 1942 Mrs. Marian Harvey, (nee Edmondson), Coquitlam; 1943 Mrs. Kathleen Standeven, (nee Merson), Clearbrook; 1944 Mrs. Audrey Jenkins, (nee Edmondson), Courtenay; 1946 Mrs. Faye Hansen, (nee Miller), Abbotsford; 1947 Mrs. Phyllis Laughlin, (nee Muir), Chilliwack; 1948 Mrs. Vashti Jackson, (nee Chapman), Santa Rosa, California.

Those unable to attend were: 1928 May Queen Miss Verna Enves; 1930 Mrs. Ardell Walmsley, (nee Ryder), Burnaby; 1931 Jean Robertson, deceased; 1934 Helen Munro, deceased; 1935 Jean (MacDonald) Finley, California; 1937 Pearl Fasanello, (nee Sliven), Burnaby; 1945 Mrs. Dolcie Warren, (nee Jones), Lillooet.

Homecoming Queen for 1985, Sherry Longstaff, and her princess, Chantelle Gore-Langton, were crowned by Mrs. Vashti Jackson and 1964 Homecoming Queen, Mrs. Barbara Markle, (nee MacGregor), from Mount Lehman.

An overflow crowd attended the crowning and Maypole dance at the school. Tea and a homecoming cake were served in the school gymnasium.

A wiener roast hosted by the members of the parks board drew a crowd of 200 people to Ferry Island Park on Sunday evening.

About 130 people had registered for the Cheam Hike planned for Monday but the hike was cancelled because of the extreme fire hazard which caused the forest service

to close the woods.

Monday afternoon about 300 people relaxed and talked over old times at the Rosedale ball park.



Dinner at the Rosedale Community Hall, Friday evening.



For old time's sake, Auld Lang Syne.



Dedication of the Iver Erickson Room. Back row, l-r: Fred Bryant, Glen Eggeson, Laurie Anderson. Front row: Dorothy and Iver Erickson. Note painting of Rosedale's first Community Hall, the former Livery Stable.



L-r: Gladys (Aitken) Van Baaren, Cliff Laughlin, Pearl (Muirhead) Fetterly, Percy Chapman.



Fred Harris, Harriet Holmes and Percy Chapman.

All pictures on these pages 471-472 & 473 were taken during the 1985 Homecoming Celebrations.



Back row, l-r: Andrea (Robertson) Linklater, Linda (Gribling), Carol (Johnston), Dick Merson. Middle row: Ina (Robertson), Gloria (Kennedy) McLean, Alice Anderson, Bev (Johnston), Gayle (Merson) Cross. Front row: Edna (Wells) Nelson, Shirley (Tataryn) Davis, Pam (McKay) Higginson, Lydia (Thiessen), Aneeta (Tataryn) Leclair.



George Armstrong, Dave Kerr, Charlie Nazareno with Cliff Laughlin behind.



Horseshoe Pitch Trophy Winners and the Horseshoe Pitch. L-r: Tom Phelan, John Spencer, Ben Osborne, Terry Phelan, Harriet (Chapman) Wilson, Ray Wilson.



Back row, l-r: Milfred Buckingham, Doug Miller, Harvey Gribling, Dick Merson, Wendall Buckingham, Norm Cochran, Bob Percher. 2nd row: Dave Kerr, Fred Janicki, Chester McKay, Hugh Laughlin, Larry Chernoff, Alf Ianson. 3rd row: Harold Cross, Don Ferguson, Archie Boule', Don Chapman, Les Bryant, Lou Flebbe, Charlie Nazareno. Front row: Jim Nelson, Bob Pehota, Bill Hiebert, Bob Boule', Alan Scarbo.

Below: Story time at the Church Service. Back row: Mayor John and Mrs. Jansen, Dr. Herb Bock and Mrs. Bock, Mrs. and Chief Sam Douglas, Mrs. and Mr. Ross Belsher, Rev. Glen Baker and Pastor Thomas Mercer.





Former May Queens riding in style in the parade.



Dancing around the May Pole.



Former Teachers: Back row, l-r: ?, Mrs. Mary McCaw, Mrs. Eleanor Trubebach. Front row: Mrs. Beth (Gill) Douglas, Mrs. Vina Bartindale, Mrs. Janet Grigg, Mrs. Joyce (Standeven) Buckingham.

Former May Queens.



Melanie Thomas, Chantelle Gore-Langton, Vashti (Chapman) Jackson, 1948 Queen crowning Queen Sherry Longstaff, Barbara (McGregor) Markle, 1964 School Homecoming Queen, Jamie Pede.

ROSEDALE

by M. Walter

*Rosedale, Rosedale, Rosedale,
Nicest name I know.
Rosedale, Rosedale, Rosedale,
Just watch us as we grow.*

*Scenery is magnificent
Mountains, lakes and trees
What more could we ask for?
In a land so young and free.*

*Rosedale, Rosedale, Rosedale,
Nicest name I know,
Rosedale, Rosedale, Rosedale,
Just watch us as we grow.*

*Friendly people live here
Working very hard
Honest and straightforward
Held with great regard.*

*Rosedale, Rosedale, Rosedale,
Nicest name I know,
Rosedale, Rosedale, Rosedale,
Just watch us as we grow.*

*When we're old and grey folks,
May our song be heard
Always ringing clearly
Rosedale's a grand old word.*

*Rosedale, Rosedale, Rosedale,
Great community
Rosedale, Rosedale, Rosedale,
Is the only place for me.*

M. Walter
Teacher, Rosedale Elementary School
1985

MY VALLEY

written this 21 day of June A.D. 1958
by Edward C. Hinkley

*Green fields forever
My valley mountains glisten with snow,
Wild flowers grow in the meadow
More beauty God only would know.*

*Birds singing high in the treetop
Grass rich like a carpet of Jade,
In all the Creator's great wisdom
More heavenly place never made.*

*Family and fireside we picture
What mortal has lived without dream,
Are ever so close to an answer
In my valley of river and stream.*

*Strange phantoms make music by moonlight
Easy to dream when you're there,
Rainbows grow out of proportion
You soon dry your tears of despair.*

*Thoughts that were filled with a longing
To capture a place in the sun,
Will find in my valley of wonders
The end of their journey has come.*

*Take all my worldly possessions
True love has more value than gold,
Dreams of my valley in childhood
Most sacred of visions I hold.*

*Prayers to the Almighty image
The words that are penned in a poem,
All part of my valley in springtime
With its memories I'm never alone.*

*I cherish the green fields, the people,
The mountains that majestically stand,
Watching over my valley forever
Most truly a God-given land.*

**Photo: view of valley
from summit of Mt. Cheam*



