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Chronology Tells Our 1962 Story

(Editor's Note: Here for the twenty-first time, is the Review's annual Island Chronology, a faithful condensation, month-by-month, of the items that made Bainbridge history in 1962.)

JANUARY – The New Year was saddened by the death of Kate Anderson, who came here in 1908 from Norway. But 1962's first Island baby was a son, born the afternoon of New Year's Day to Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Buesser, Jr., Winslow.

The School Board signed the first union contract in Island public education history but refused to accept the union shop principle. The Island Chamber of Commerce delayed a motion to seek the dismissal of County Planner Ralph Lifvendahl. Fire destroyed the basement of Carl Nyberg, Jr., resident of Port Madison.

The Town of Winslow fired Mr. Lifvendahl as its planner. Lack of a caucus quorum probably means the ousting of three experienced Winslow councilmen – Harvey Lay, Stanley Beach and Fran Vibrans, Jr. Twenty islanders formed a Communism-study group at Fred Quistorff's home;

The Island Chamber approved a plan by Mr. Lifvendahl to hold public zoning hearing here in March. The Bainbridge-Seattle ferry run topped all other in both foot passengers and vehicles in 1961, a survey showed. Jack Chamberlin looked forward to installation of DeMoay councilor.

FEBRUARY – Drivers of pickup trucks, faced with large increases in ferry fares due to new state licensing regulations, signed with relief after ferry system agreed to consider their vehicles as passenger cars. State child guidance center, sponsored by Island volunteers, began

functioning at Winslow on once-a-week basis. State studies four routes for Bremerton bridge, one approach route through Chatham Hill in Winslow.

The American Legion showed interest in promoting an Island-wide college scholarship fund as advocated by Ed Uhrich. More than a half-million dollars worth of booze was bought at four North Kitsap-Bainbridge state liquor outlets in 1961, \$294,000 on the Island. Twenty students at Bainbridge High School earned straight "A" in first semester.

School Board started teacher-pay study with one board member indicating interest in merit pay. Most Islanders insisted on large lot sizes at public hearings held here by County Planner Ralph Lifvendahl. Grover C. Dowell quit as owner of Winslow restaurant near ferry terminal.

Army Corps of Engineers said resurvey of Wing Point bar channel is "warranted." Islanders participated as provisional Kitsap County chapter of League of Women Voters is formed. Seven-inch snowfall cancelled school and muffled most business activity. Wild dogs slaughtered Island tethered goat and Mrs. Almeda Harris, leader of new Kitsap County Humane Society, fired her second employee in two months.

MARCH – Inactive but legally incorporated Island Ferry District swung into action to line up emergency vehicles as state ferry strike was feared.

Ed Ulloa, Robert McKisson and George Gatchet are elected Winslow councilmen as organized sticker campaign to retain Councilmen Stan Beach and Frank Vibrans failed. Teachers are "discouraged" at a pay scale, which doesn't reward experience or additional training, they told School Board. Parent Teacher Associations said they aren't satisfied with county's progress toward better juvenile detention facilities.

The new Bainbridge Public Library, "build by and for the people of Bainbridge Island," was opened and its furnishings, donated by Rotary Club, were dedicated to Dr. Frank Shepard, who was present. Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Olson, founders of the Lynwood Center business district, sold their properties to T. F. Kollmar, Edmonds. Winslow officials pondered what to do about Seattle World's Fair trailer courts.

Bainbridge Arts and Crafts opened fine arts gallery. Babe Ruth and Peewee officials compromised conflict which threatened to disturb Island sandlot baseball. Hanging cross of colored glass pieces is feature of new Bethany Lutheran Church on High School Road.

APRIL – Direct bus service to Colman Dock in Seattle is started but after only two days a reluctant Seattle Transit cancelled night service. State Parks Commission rebelled at idea of Bainbridge Island school children naming new state park at Fort Ward. Fred Tyszko became Rotary Club president. Totem pole at Agate Pass Bridge to be dedicated.

Justice of the Peace Wilbur Nystrom told two young men involved in drinking and driving charges that they are at "crossroads of their lives," levied total of \$631 in fines and 26 days in jail. Fifth and sixth-grade classes will be shifted out of "substandard rooms" at McDonald Elementary School, Eagledale, in September, School Board decided.

Island Democrats split on censuring Senators Jackson and Magnuson for not backing President Kennedy's stand in favor of the United Nations. Henry Kane was elected president of Bainbridge Chamber.

Edmund Stafford was approved by the Winslow Planning Commission for establishment of a trailer park near the new Bainbridge Library. Tom Almojuela, Bainbridge High School star athlete and scholar, is authorized for appointment to West Point.

Jack Hoage, Winslow, is elected as power company linesman when repairing damage done by 60-mile-an-hour wind storm. Fort Ward Estates asked for 7,500-lots as County Planner Ralph Lifvendahl admitted Island rezoning stalled for lack of office help.

MAY – John Gose, chairman of a special committee studying possible incorporation of Bainbridge Island as municipality, reported "not yet," but his figures indicate "yes." Sidney Hoover and Karen Johnson are chosen valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of Bainbridge High School graduating class.

Terry Schick, editor of The Review's companion newspaper, The North Kitsap News, won first place in photography in annual state press awards.

Coach Dean Scherer, in his first year as a varsity mentor, led Bainbridge High School to Olympic League baseball championship. Bremerton-Tacoma Stages, Inc., turned down idea of Bainbridge-North Kitsap bus service because "it would not produce one-third the costs of operation."

In a sudden and dramatic move, the Kitsap County Planning Commission approved the idea for "do-it-yourself" zoning by a group of Island volunteers; at the same time, the commission vetoed 7,500-foot lots at Ford Ward. The Island's Sea Explorer Scout unit, Venture Forth, sent to Alameda, Calif., by public subscription, won southwestern United States Sea Scout regatta from 87 other units.

JUNE – Dr. Frank Shepard, pioneer Island physician since 1911, died in his sleep. Herschel Carpenter and Robert Allen, Chimacum men, planned to start Bainbridge-North Kitsap bus service.

Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce directors, trying breakfast meeting, failed to achieve quorum, form Lesser Bainbridge, Inc., with first project to be a bi-rail transportation device known as the Agate Pass and Back Railroad.

Pat Nicholson, Bremerton Democrat who has moved to Spokane, enlivened political scene by announcing he won't be candidate to succeed himself in state legislature. Bainbridge Scholarship Foundation, Inc., is formed to make student college loans. Ninety residents of Winslow demanded dog leash law. Island strawberry harvest begins.

Dr. Raymond Bessemer, Eureka, Calif., joined staff of Bourn and Wilt clinic.

JULY – County commissioners approved Fort Ward 7,500-foot lots, but indicated they'll require health department soil percolation tests before issuing building permits. Winslow officials took dim view of dog leasing, but asked for dog licensing law. Rotary Club's third annual auction produced \$2,200 for recreation center.

Catherine (Mrs. Thomas L.) Bourns, Wing Point, filed for Republican nomination for state legislature and James Munro, Crystal Spring, for prosecuting attorney on same party. State agreed to help Kitsap County make a study of juvenile detention facilities.

Dog licensing is ordered in Winslow by town council. County commissioners adopted regulations requiring health department sewage disposal OK on all building permits. Commissioners also approved \$1-a-year contract with Bainbridge Technical Consultants, group of Island volunteers, for "do-it-yourself" zoning here.

Ward Henshaw, 15 years old, saved Judy Harris, 13, and her great-aunt, Mrs. Ella B. McDonald, 70, from drowning after pram overturns in

Rich's Pass. Hot weather brought out record ferry traffic, causing serious overload lineups both here and in Seattle. Explosion damaged Winslow Coffee Shop. Shamrocks, coached by Walter Hannon, won Little League baseball title.

AUGUST – Edward Bouck, ten years old, suffered serious injury when his bicycle was in collision with automobile. It will take \$76 million to put state's bridge-ferry system on its feet financially, North Olympic Chamber of Commerce told legislature hearing while Bremerton spokesmen demanded "as good if not better ferry service than any other route." The Bainbridge-North Kitsap team won the Kitsap County Connie Mack League baseball title. New public library here is meaning a 41 percent increase in reading, library official said.

Rhody Bus Line, owned by two Chimacum men, suspended Bainbridge-North Kitsap bus service for lack of patronage. Connie Mack champions from North Kitsap-Bainbridge beat Pierce County in search of state title.

Connie Mack team from North Kitsap-Bainbridge defeated in state title bid by Seattle nine. Lew Daughters sold his Eagledale Store to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Duncan, Seattle. Art Ganson, Fletcher Bay, resigned as member and chairman of School Board. Five grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lamb, Sandspit, took honors in junior salmon derby.

SEPTEMBER – Brownsville youth killed at Island airfield as Oregon pilot crashed in landing. Wing Point Golf Club, now being expanded into an all-Island unit, opened swimming pool. An unexpectedly large increase in school enrollment was noted as 1,712 sign up on opening day.

Catherine Bourns, only woman and only North Kitsap-Bainbridge candidate for legislature, trailed in primary, but James Munro, Crystal Springs, "was far ahead of Prosecutor Gordon Walgren." William Dickson and John Tandoo, two Ferncliff residents, filed for Public Utility district commissioner in race with Poulsbo man. Bainbridge Technical Consultants took postcard poll of Islanders on lot-size zoning.

I. D. (Bud) Birse, advocate of Bainbridge-Bremerton bridge, was fired an manager of state ferries, being replaced by Charles Prahl, former Navy officer.

Ann Allgaier chosen Bainbridge High Homecoming queen. Gary Loverich, football halfback, will be king.

OCTOBER – Mrs. Anna Larsen, here from Norway since 1900, died. State University Better Newspaper Contest first place for editorials and judges made it a "stands alone" award by giving no second or honorable mention awards. Island churches agreed to assume responsibility for strawberry migrant mission work, done here last summer under auspices of Greater Seattle Council of Churches.

Winslow officials OK planned parking meters at ferry terminal lot to finance police officer to control traffic there. Island's first hurricane caused widespread damage. Death claimed Betty Munro, beloved teacher.

Congressman Tom Pelly, Island resident, declared President Kennedy's information on Russian bases in Cuba "nothing new." Martha (Mrs. Frank) Vibrans elected chairman of Migrant Mission. Bainbridge High School football in stunning upset victory over North Kitsap, 7 – 0.

NOVEMBER – Walt Woodward sold The Review and The North Kitsap News to Dave Averill, Poulsbo publisher, and signed contract to remain as editor of The Review.

James Munro, Crystal Springs Republican, defeated prosecutor Gordon Walgren in election as Congressman Pelly is reelected by biggest margin given to any GOP nominee for congress in the nation. County health department officials warned Island berry growers to provide better sanitary facilities.

The Bainbridge Foundation "one call for all" drive, lagging in early stages, finally came out with record total of \$16,834 for 44 agencies. Kismet, presented to large crowds at three performances, is hailed as an outstanding

production by Bainbridge Light Opera Association. School Board approved three night school courses to start in January.

Funds are collected for six survivors of Poulsbo fire that killed father and five children of Richard Jarman family, former residents of Island. William Dickson, trailing Jack Oas, Poulsbo, slightly in election night tally of Public Utility District commissioner election, won on absentee ballot count.

James Murray, Island seafaring man, died in Seattle leaving will banning funeral and giving his body to University of Washington medical school. It isn't financially feasible to build a Bainbridge-Bremerton toll bridge because Tacoma Narrows Bridge will be toll-free in 1969, state report said.

DECEMBER – West Virginia governor gave "full and unconditional pardon" to Norman Cook, husband of Jane Cook, Review advertising manager. Mr. Cook has been safe in this state from 31-year-old bank robbery charge but decided to return to West Virginia voluntarily.

Free bridge between Bainbridge and Bremerton is urged by Ross Cunningham, Seattle daily newspaper associate editor. Mrs. Emanuel Olson gave up sponsorship of Bainbridge Blood Bank; bank to be managed by Business and Professional Women's Club. John T. Berg elected master of Island Masonic Lodge.

Lou Frohning, chairman of Fire Commission, tossed verbal bombshell by nominating Don Beach in opposition to Fire Chief C. Earl Callahan. County Commissioners, after setting election for January 8 for establishing small water district at Crystal Springs, changed mind and set hearing December 28 to cancel election on plea of George Roats and Bob Rodal, who want to start private water company.

Bainbridge Christmas Fund reached \$1,479, including \$250 from Messiah presentation by Island Chorale.