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MEMO

To: Dr. A. D. Martinson
From: Richard D. Osness
Subject: Parkland Historical Project: Interview with John Harstad, 12158 A Street, Parkland, 537-5903.

On October 24, 1974, I conducted an interview with John Harstad, grandson of Bjug Harstad. John has old manuscripts of Bjug's and a complete file of Pacific Herald newspaper. A map was also secured and a copy is in the Nisqually Plains Room. Per a conversation I had with C. A. Nicholson, the son of L. A. Nicholson, the map's compiler, the map was drawn up between 1900 and 1910. John also has many pictures, some of which I made copies of - see attached. The originals will be available as we need them. Some other data was also copied as we have mentioned in previous discussions and will be turned over to the Nisqually plains Room, shortly.

John also gave me several names of people to contact. They are:

Greibrook family on 117th and Park.
Mrs Ivar Johnson, 220 So. 115th, 531-2897.
Mrs Theodore Aasberg, 13424 So. C., 537-5917.
Rev Gulhaugen, retired pastor of Trinity Lutheran.
Amelia (Milla) Harstad, University House, Parkland.

He also mentioned a colleague of Bjug Harstad's, Rev. Tobias Larson. Rev. Larson was a professor at PLA, and helped establish a childrens home on 124th and A Street. Mr. Harstad also has many pictures and some knowledge of recreation in the Parkland area during the past 75 years.

John, and his wife, Joan, are trying to tape an interview with Olivir Harstad, and John set up an interview for me which is recorded on another memo. Mr. and Mrs. Harstad are very interested in the project and offered any assistance necessary.

Very truly yours

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