

FEBRUARY 23, 1975

MEMO

TO: DR. A. D. MARTINSON
FROM: RICHARD D. OSNESS
SUBJECT: PARKLAND HISTORY PROJECT: INTERVIEW
WITH MRS. O. S. (AGNES) STUEN,
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ON JANUARY 31, 1975, I CONDUCTED AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS. AGNES STUEN. HER FAMILY, THE REV. J. O. HOUGENS, CAME TO TACOMA IN 1911. MRS. STUEN BEGAN WORKING AT PLA IN 1912. DISCUSSION CENTERED PRIMARILY ON THE SCHOOL AND THE ENCLOSED PICTURES. FOLLOWING NOTES WERE MADE:

1. MR. GLASSO WAS A MASON ON THE COLLEGE,
2. LOTS GIVEN TO PLU - STUEN HALL NAMED.
3. FIR & OAK TREES IN AREA
4. NORWEGIAN SYNOD - HARSTAD. MISSOURI SYNOD - ALL GERMAN. SIMILAR DOCTRINES.
5. SMALL CHILDREN WOULD SOMETIMES SET FIRE TO THE PRARIE - WANTED TO SEE SOME EXCITEMENT.
6. SALES LOG CABIN WHERE TACOMA REALTY OFFICE IS NOW,
7. GARFIELD STREET - SIDEWALKS BUILT UP, WOODEN WALKS, ERICKSON HOUSE, WHERE PIGGLY-WIGGLY STORE IS. ROSSO HOUSE NEXT. GLASSO'S FURTHER WEST, THOMPSON STORE, NEXT TO KRAABLE'S,
8. AKRE HOUSE, ONLY ONE ON 121ST STREET IN 1912,

THE COLLEGE BOUGHT THE PROPERTY FOR
A NEW DORMITORY. THIS WAS BUILT
ON PART OF THE STUEN PROPERTY -
DEDICATED IN 1966, THE OTHER LOTS
GIVEN TO THE COLLEGE AND DR. EASTVOLD
SAID - "FOR THIS GIFT I'LL NAME THE
NEW DORMITORY STUEN HALL", MR.
SINLAND, FATHER OF MRS. HANS DANL,
SR., & MRS. WM. STORAASLI BUILT THIS
HOUSE - ALSO PFLUEGER'S,

TACOMA REVIEW - SEPT. 6, 1972, ARTICLE ABOUT
SPANAWAY,

TNT, SEPT. 10, 1972, ARTICLE ABOUT SPANAWAY,

THE ABOVE PICTURES WERE TAKEN
c. 1914 - c. 1920, FOR MRS. STUEN,

9. FIRST AUTOMOBILE - T.H. OLSON, D. HONG OWNED TOGETHER,
10. BATCHELORS (TRANSIENTS IN AREA) WOULD SPLIT WOOD FOR LADIES & THEY WOULD RECEIVE DINNER AND GO ON THEIR WAY,
11. VIOLETS - STRAWBERRIES IN PRAIRIE,
12. PARKLAND QUIET UNTIL MCCORD,
13. ARMY PLANNED ON BUYING COLLEGE PROPERTY IN 1917, MRS. STUEN & THREE OTHER FAMILIES ASKED TO MOVE OUT,
14. AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH - \$30,000 IN DEBT WHEN DR. EASTVOLD CAME IN 1943,
15. LOYAL PEOPLE AT COLLEGE,
16. DEPRESSION YEARS - OLE STUEN WORKED FOR PL & W. FAMILY HAD FRUIT TREES, LARGE GARDEN, RAISED CHICKENS, GOT ALONG ALL RIGHT. THEY HELPED PEOPLE UP THE STREET. PATCHES ON CHILDRENS CLOTHES,
17. BJUG HARSTAD - HUMBLE & DOMINEERING, HARSH AND OLD FASHIONED. STUEN ALWAYS LIKED HIM. STUEN DISCUSSED THE CONTROVERSY WITH BJUG AND MENTIONED THAT THE ARGUMENT ABOUT DOCTRINE WAS FINE FOR THE THEOLOGIAN, BUT LITTLE UNDERSTOOD BY THE LAITY. THESE WERE QUESTIONS WHICH THE PREACHER, AND OTHER PASTORS, HADN'T CONSIDERED AND BJUG ADMITTED IT WAS FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

18. PERHAPS THE OLDEST HOUSE WAS MR. HOFFMAN'S - ON THE CORNER OF 123RD AND BROADWAY - LONG AGO TORN DOWN. MR. HOFFMAN WAS POST MASTER, THE AKRE HOUSE IS AN OLD ONE, BUILT BY A MR. OLSON - BEFORE 1912, AFTER MR. HOFFMAN - MR. LETMAN HAD THE POST OFFICE IN HIS STORE, THE PFLEUGER HOUSE - BUILT IN 1893 BY REV. CHRISTENSEN - A MEMBER OF THE PLA FACULTY, WHEN HE DIED IT WAS ENLARGED SO MRS. CHRISTENSEN COULD KEEP SOME CHILDREN, LATER SHE RE-MARRIED AND SOLD THE PLACE TO REV. SKATEBOL - (MRS. XAVIER'S FATHER). HE SOLD IT TO MR. HOUD AND CLAROUCE HOUD SOLD IT TO DR. PFLEUGER, THIS HOUSE AND THE ONE WE LIVED IN WERE BUILT BY MR. SINLAND - WHO WAS MRS. DAHL'S FATHER.

VERY TRULY YOURS
Richard D. Osness

PICTURES AND DATA RECEIVED FROM MRS. STUEN. (TO BE CONTAINED IN NISQUALLY PLAINS ROOM, PLU LIBRARY.)

PICTURE:

A. MAY 1900. 121ST STREET & PLA CAMPUS,
NEWS ARTICLE FROM PLU PAPER,
PARKLAND BUSINESS DIRECTORY,
TNT ARTICLE ON PARKLAND, ^{PG. 13, TNT SUNDAY LEADER,} MARCH 25, 1973.

PICTURES (SMALL):

- A. WINDMILL AT HARSTAD'S ON "A" STREET.
- B. PREACHER STRONG'S HOME.
- C. THE OLD PARKLAND GYM - BROTTEN HOME (WATER WHEEL PUMPED WATER UP TO THEIR HOUSE) - MRS. FYNBOES HOME - GLADYS WINDBLADES HOME (AN OLD HOUSE).
- D. THE PRARIE - LATER PICTURE OF C. ABOVE.
- E. PARKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL.
- F. LARSON HOME - NOW GONE, PART OF CAMPUS.
- G. TWO (2) SHOTS OF CLOVER CREEK FLOODING.
- H. CLOVER CREEK - USED TO RUN THRU LOWER CAMPUS OF PLU.
- I. STUDENTS ON BRIDGE OVER CLOVER CREEK.
- J. PARKLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH.
- K. LUTHERAN PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.
- L. OLD HUDSON BAY TRADING POST. (I BELIEVE THIS IS THE OLD SALES HOME, USED WHEN EDWARD AND MARTHA CROFTS WERE STILL ALIVE.)¹⁸⁹⁰
- M. HOUSE BUILT IN EARLY 1893 OR LATE 1892 FOR TOBIAS LARSON, WHO CAME AS A FRIEND AND ~~GAVE~~ GIVER TO PLU. HE GAVE MUCH. LATER OWNED BY PROF. O. J. STUEN. THEN