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BALBOA CHRONICLE CLASSICS

By George Grupe, Research Historian

It's hard to believe we have been writing historic stories for over 15 years. It is great fun and we are glad to hear how much enjoyment many of you are having with them.

Historical Facts Corrected: Years ago people wrote about the city being incorporated in 1905 not 1906. That was not correct! Some even said they worked in City Hall in the early days and that the sign above the City Hall said, "City Hall incorporated 1905." Well the sign did say 1905 and City Hall below it, but no where did it say incorporated! The picture above with "1905" on the sign may have been the street-number of City Hall near McFadden Square today the Newport Pier. This building was probably built as a 3rd school house in 1905. When the City Hall took over the building they posted a sign, City Hall, under 1905, no incorporation listed.



The picture above is of this wonderful old building, page 88, *Jim Felton's* book "Newport Beach, the First Century," available at the Balboa Library. (Page 3)

OLD BALBOA ISLAND STORIES

By Jim Jennings, Balboa Island Historian 1928-2005

The Fishy Garage Back in the late 1950's I made a food friend of an older gentleman named Walter Schilling who was a Balboa Island homeowner. Walter had a small outboard motorboat and loved to go fishing. I went with him about once a week to catch fish in the Bay and Harbor entrance. He always caught the most and biggest fish. In those days, there were many large fish than there are now year 2000. Halibut was his favorite to catch and Walter had a 6th sense what was going to bite. Before he caught a fish, he would tell me that one was smelling his bait; instantly he would have a fish on the hook! (Page 3)



Newport Beach's first City Hall. Originally this structure was an elementary school.

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BALBOA WATER "II"

By Poor Richard and his dog Spot

Before, during and a couple decades after the Depression, Balboa was strictly a summer-vacation place. In the winter, most of the citizens went back home, to L. A. and Pasadena in those days. During those times, the water main down the peninsula stopped at the end near the harbor entrance, or "jetty" as we called it. Use of water was greater during the summers and tended to stagnate in the pipes during winter, thereby creating a foul taste. So, in the late 50's the city water-people decided to make the system a circulating one & extended the main line across the jetty to Corona del Mar. This re-established the sweet taste again. (Ha, Ha)

Remember, our glasses are half full, not half empty.

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Pam Schmdier, owner

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CHRONICLES (From page 1) This is great historical reading. They say a picture is worth a million words, it sure is true in this case. Is anybody aware of another photo depicting City Hall with any other signage in the front?

Bill Grundy, President of the Newport Beach Historical Society at the time told us, *Felton's* book, page 39, "Twice in 1905 petitions were circulated aimed at incorporation of Newport Beach, twice they failed.

Then in 1906 Albert Hermes successfully filed a petition asking the County Board of Supervisors to conduct an election for incorporation. On Aug. 12, 1906 the incorporation won, 42 to 12. The organization meeting of the first Board of Trustees was held Sept. 3, 1906 and the city of Newport Beach was legally born Sept. 3, 1906." The City of Newport Beach was legally born.

It has been said that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating." For over 106 years 'Newport's Pudding' has been great eating.

(This story is probably not over. I'm going to do some more research....which I like to do, as you know!) **George Grupe ~ 949.644.2788**

OLD BALBOA ISLAND STORIES (From page 1)

Walter always threw back all the fish he caught except for the largest halibut. He would always take it home, lay it on the cement garage floor and make an outline of the halibut on the floor with a felt pen. One day

he told me that he might have to build another garage as the entire floor of this one was filled with the outline pictures of all of the fish he had brought home over the years.

His son inherited the house when Walter passed on and eventually he remodeled the house and garage, doing away with the fish outlines on the floor. Some 40 years later when I saw his son walking around the Island, I ask him when he is going to start fishing so he can carry on the legacy and trace his catch onto the garage floor. JJ



Photo to left is of **Tom Hyans**, longtime resident very involved in the community! Here he is as a teenager (15-16 years old). He had been swimming in the waves near the Newport Pier. He enjoyed digging for Pismo Clams but had his Co2 gun just in case there were any sharks out there. The spear gun came in handy when ran into this big Halibut, slapped him a good one. Tom went to work and brought home a nice catch-of-the-day! **Love you Tom!**



Here he is, 15-16, Tom Hyans, proudly smiling with the large Halibut he speared near the Newport Pier

while he was digging for Pismo Clams.

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