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*Thanks to all of you for your interest, your stories, and your contributions.*

If you don't have a computer, you might ask a neighbor or friend to print out a story for you. The website has over 130 stories and 600 photos of old Garden Home and attendees at our activities.

**Monday, March 13 meeting, 6:30 pm, room 12, Garden Home Recreation Center: You're invited!** Please join our guests and Board of Directors to hear our annual reports on our activities and our financial affairs. We'll also be sharing our plans to research, document and share our Garden Home history. We'd love to hear your suggestions. As an official non-profit under the Federal 501(c)3 regulations, our bylaws require this format. Refreshments served.

Our January Long Snow reminds us of other Garden Home snows:



Melvin Reogle and cat, 1920s near Garden Home School



Melvin, Violet Ady Reogle in snow, 1920s



Melvin Reogle and cat in snow 1920s



Gertsch barn off Oleson Rd in today's Arranmore development



Gertsch home on Oleson Rd. opposite Peyton Rd

**Norma Anderson 1925-2017:** Our sympathy to Norma's family. Norma was a long-time Garden Home resident who was active in the Methodist Church. She and her husband Jim had five children who all attended the local schools.

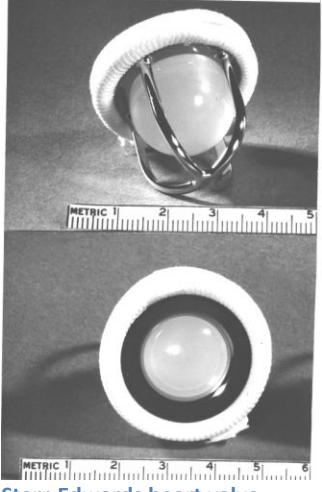
**M. Lowell Edwards** retired from a career devoted to pumps and valves to set up a laboratory in the low Power Plumbing building on Multnomah, just as it joins Garden Home Road. In the late 1950s and in association with Dr. Albert Starr, they developed the first ball and cage heart valve. Mr. Edwards went on to develop the Edwards Lifesciences Laboratory in California, world famous today. Great photos on the story. (Ed: I also have an Edwards valve in my heart.)



Lowell Edwards at Garden Home laboratory 1955



Power Plumbing on SW Multnomah Blvd, 2016



Starr-Edwards heart valve

**Ringing Historic Bell at Thriftway (Now the Garden Home Market):** Our website has many photos of the November 5th ringing of the historic bell, first placed in the belfry of the local Community Church in 1918. This church was on the south side of Garden Home Road at 70th where the profession building is now. The bell was then moved to the new Garden Home Methodist Church in 1961 and is now on long-termed loan to the store from the Methodist Conference. Thanks to Colin Lamb who accepted the bell to retain it in our community. He engineered the bell removal when the church closed and displays the plaques with the history of the bell and the bell tower at the church. We thank Frank Wiggins, recently retired from the liquor store, for a fine hand-made plaque display case in the store entry. And thank you to Mike Babbitt and the store staff for withstanding several hours of ear-splitting bell ringing!



Elaine Shreve and Carole Vranian view display case



Mark and Noelle Kajitani ringing the bell



Janice Logan speaking with guests



Janene, Simon and Noelle Kajitani

**Clark Martin, Chocolate Cherry Candies:** I was at Garden Home for all of elementary (1950-1958) and lived at 7280 SW 77th through high school. My father, Plez Martin taught at Garden Home for 2-3 years while I was there. He is now 93 and at the Veterans Retirement Home in The Dalles. I briefly worked at Lambs store and fondly remember Colin's parents who really were always there and very nice.

I had a paper-box just alongside the store (the Upchurch store?) where Dairy Queen now is. One day, flush with collections, I purchased a one pound box of cherry centered chocolates. Waiting for my afternoon papers to arrive, sitting in my box, I ate the entire pound, got violently ill and to this day cannot face a cherry centered chocolate without feeling a little nauseous.

**Darrell MacKay, 1950s, Getting a School Bus:** When the school decided to get a school bus, the Russells (well-to-do-family) bought the school bus and then the school district paid them back since they couldn't get a bond passed to buy the bus outright. My dad got his chauffeur's license and drove the bus as well as being custodian. They didn't have a place to park the bus so it was parked at our house. As one of our chores, my sisters and I had to wash the bus, vacuum it out and wash the inside windows.

**Anne Olson, An Elephant for the Night, 1989:** Tiki, an elephant on loan from the Wildlife Safari in Winston, OR performed in the Portland Opera's "Aida" production. Since an elephant keeper at the Oregon Zoo lived on 87th, he brought Tiki home for the night. "He brought Tiki to our street and paraded her around, much to the delight of the neighborhood children. Tiki then spent the night in the elephant keeper's backyard, right here on SW 87th."

**More stories about the Cannery**, Whitney's Cannery and now the Old Market Pub: Leona Whitney enjoyed putting the large chalkboard out at the road with some clever saying on it. The Cannery first began over in the Progress shopping area for the first year. The community put on a school carnival to raise funds to build the original cement block building.

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Roderick MacKay, first Garden Home School bus driver



Staff Photo by Dave Falconer

DAY BRIGHTENER — Mrs. Mark (Leona) Whitney uses this old chalk board to "philosophize" as cars race by her Southwest Portland business.

[Oregonian April 28 1972 Leona Whitney - sign board](http://Oregonian April 28 1972 Leona Whitney - sign board)

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