

inside the church

'Walking miracle' Lee speaks to Kaffee Klatch

By Cynthia Dillon

"Ben Franklin once said, 'God does the healing and the doctor collects the fee,' and that's simply what happened to me."

So says Laurel Lee, nationally acclaimed Portland author whose ordeal with Hodgkins Disease is the subject of her book "Walking Through the Fire," and the television movie of the same name.

Lee, proclaimed a walking miracle by her doctors at the University of Oregon Medical School, was stricken with Hodgkins Disease at the age of 29. To complicate matters, she was in her sixth month of pregnancy with her third child.

"Walking Through the Fire" is a journal of her seven hospitalizations and her experiences that year which included the birth of another daughter and the loss of her husband.

The book was intended as a gift for her doctors, and was originally titled, "Laurel Lee Goes to the Hospital." But as the journal was passed from doctor to doctor, it eventually ended up in a New York publisher's office, and finally into David Susskind's



Laurel Lee and children Anna, Mary Elizabeth, Matthew

hands where it was developed into a two-hour movie for television, which was shown on CBS in May.

"We were really poor when I got out of the hospital for the last time. We had a one bedroom apartment for all

four of us, so Matthew, who was in the first grade, slept on a shelf in the closet. I gave him a sleeping bag,

flashlight, put train pictures on the door and told him it was just like sleeping in a train berth; and that he was

so lucky. He believed me and loved it," said Lee.

Her life has changed since those days of poverty, but Lee said many of the essential ways of life remain the same.

"Many, many more windows have opened in my life, and the cost is a loss of privacy. But I'm still very active in raising my three children, and that hasn't changed."

Those children include Matthew, 9, Anna, 7, and Mary Elizabeth, 3, who was born during Lee's bout with cancer. Lee said when Mary saw the television movie which portrayed her birth on the screen, she was aghast, saying, "That Baby Mary doesn't have any clothes on!"

Was the movie a true account of her ordeal?

"It was more like a distant shadow of what really happened, but it was still a good story," she said.

Bess Armstrong, the actress who portrayed Lee in the movie, became a good friend of the author and lived with the family for awhile. Lee also visited her in Los Angeles twice.

Although the movie did depict some of the overwhelming faith in God which Lee possesses, it did

not always show the contagious good humor which is shown in her book and is one of the things she claims helped her through her difficulties.

"I asked God if he was initiating me into the 4-H Club. I'd lost my health, my husband, my home, and was beginning to lose my hope," Lee said of her darkest hour.

When asked what she'd been doing for excitement, Lee said, "Well, I helped smuggle Bibles into Russia. It was really easy and I didn't get caught, but it was still exciting."

Japan, not Russia, will be the author's next trip abroad when she leaves in August to speak to a Christian pastors' camp meeting. Her book has been translated into Japanese, as well as German, and has been circulated through most of the free world.

Before she leaves, however, Lee will see her newest book, "Barnaby and the Vine," released in July. She calls it a fantasy story for very young children and is excited to see it published.

By next February, her book "Signs of Spring" will be out. It is a sequel to

"Walking Through the Fire" and relates the many miracles God continues to work through her life.

Laurel Lee was in Sandy June 25 to speak to the monthly meeting of Kaffee Klatch, an outreach of the Touch of Beauty ministries of East Hill Church in Gresham. While visiting this area, Lee stayed in the home of Roger and Edna Cooke of Marmot.

Laurel Lee's story continues to have happy endings, as she told the Kaffee Klatch audience.

"I went back for a physical exam about three weeks ago, and they did everything — x-rays, blood work, everything — and there was no sign of Hodgkins."

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Senior Center News

The Golden Age Potluck today, June 28, will have an "I Remember When" theme with seniors telling of past experiences.

Next Thursday, July 5, participants at the Sandy Senior Center will take a trip to the stars with the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry's "Cosmic Catastrophes." The sign-up sheet for this trip is now

available.

The minibus will leave the Center at 1 p.m. and return at 4:30 p.m.

The Center staff would like to remind Sandy residents that it is time to renew subscriptions to the Sandy Senior Newsletter. To do this, call the Sandy Senior Center or send the subscription fee to Sandy Senior Center, P.O. Box 413,

Sandy, Oregon, 97055.

Activities for the week of June 28 to July 5, 1979

Thursday, June 28 12 noon Golden Age Club Potluck

Friday, June 29 12 noon Loaves and Fishes

Monday, July 2 12 noon Loaves and Fishes

1 p.m. Cards

Tuesday, July 3 12 noon Loaves and Fishes

1 p.m. Bowling

Wednesday, July 4 Closed

Thursday, July 5 12 noon Loaves and Fishes

1 p.m. Oregon Museum of Science and Industry trip

Library book explores early American origins

Were the Vikings, the Indonesians, the Phoenicians or others instrumental in the development of early American civilizations?

These points are scientifically explored in a new book, "Voyagers to the New World" by Nigel Davies, now available at the Sandy Public Library.

Conjecture about the origins of the inhabitants of America and their development has always flourished. Today, with increasingly accurate methods of analyzing evidence, it still remains a

topic that inspires elaborate theorizing.

In "Voyagers to the New World," Davies utilizes a wealth of evidence from archeological and anthropological research that helps unravel these questions in a readable, yet scholarly fashion, according to Librarian Sue Newlands.

Other new adult books at the library include "Harper's Encyclopedia for Horsemen" by Louis Taylor, "Alexandra" by Valerie Martin and "Our Sun-Heated Greenhouse" by Helen Nearing.

New juvenile and easy-reading books include "The Tale of Timmy Tiptoes" by Beatrix Potter, "Encyclopedia Brown Keeps the Clues" and "Encyclopedia Brown Keeps the Peace" by Donald Sobol and "One Good Deed Deserves Another" by Katherine Evans.

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Obituaries

Kenneth H. McDonald

Kenneth Howard McDonald died in a Portland hospital on June 20, after a lengthy illness. He was 45.

He was born January 4, 1934 in Tillamook where he was raised and received his education.

He began working at an early age in the logging industry in the Tillamook area.

Mr. McDonald moved to Portland in 1970, where he worked as a clerk in Albertson's stores, until illness forced him to retire. He was a member of the Retail Employees Union 1092.

In 1972, he and Beverly were married in Portland. They lived in Portland until 1978, when they moved to Sandy to make their home.

Mr. McDonald was an avid outdoorsman. He belonged to the National Rifle Association.

He is survived by his wife, children, Dusty Johnson of Sandy, Kevin and John McDonald, both of Portland, and Kara Sears, Warrington; his mother, Grace McDonald, Tillamook, and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services were held in Dallas, Oregon on June 21, with interment at the Dallas Cemetery.

Sandy Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Property tax relief claim forms in mail

Tax relief claim forms are in the mail to more than one million residences. The Oregon Department of Revenue sent the 8-page packet of claim forms and instructions to all Oregon homes and apartments June 22.

The Property Tax Relief Plan enacted by the 1979 Legislature includes relief for both homeowners and renters. Homeowners may have November property tax bills reduced up to 30 percent (to a limit of \$800) by state payment to their county assessor. Renters may get direct refunds from the state of up to 4.7 percent of 1978 rent (to a limit of \$400).

Claim forms should be filed by Aug. 1. Homeowners should file forms with their county assessors. Renters should file with the Oregon Department of Revenue.

To be eligible for the Homeowner's Tax Relief, the owner must live in and own the home on June 30, 1979. To be eligible for Renter's Relief, the renter must have rented an Oregon residence on Dec. 31, 1978.

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