

## **History of Krebs Mansion**

The Krebs Mansion located in the northern portion of our park was a three-story, 25-room mansion built in 1910 by D.M. Kirk, who also started Crescent Portland Cement Company that was later purchased by Medusa Cement (now CEMEX). Arden Krebs, Medusa's plant manager, and his wife, Marjorie, bought the mansion in the early 1930s. The Krebs became known for the lavish parties they held in the large first-floor ballroom.

By 1968, Arden Krebs had retired and moved to Florida. The following year, the cement company leased the property to a local church organization, Glen Laurie Christian Fellowship. The fellowship used the mansion for summer camps and weekend retreats. An old barn on the estate was converted into a chapel, and the fellowship added a concrete swimming pool to the pond that was fed by water from a nearby creek.

On Dec. 30, 1974, at approximately 4 p.m. the mansion burst into flames. Five local fire departments battled the blaze for nearly six hours. Over 75 percent of the mansion was engulfed by flames and only the mansion's exterior walls, made of three rows of bricks, remained intact.

## **History of the Mine**

The mine's history goes back to the late 1800's. Limestone was mined by the Crescent Cement Company and later became the home of the Sno-Top Mushroom Company.

In 2004 the Grinnen family of Wampum acquired the property and formed the Underland Development Corporation. The facility encompasses a total of 65 acres of land with a 14-acre limestone mine and a crystal clear 3-acre underground lake. The mine is a constant 55 degrees with 80% humidity. It has 14 rooms each encompassing 6000 square feet.