

# The Concrete Herald

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## Weather

From the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

TO BE OR not to be, that is question, or so said a guy named Shakespeare some time ago. When you are suddenly removed from society you realize that he had something there. The virus, or whatever, is instantly teaching folks that there is a firm and unforgiving army that can set you flat on your back on moment's notice. Your plans, future commitments and promises immediately come a shambles that hardly anyone can put together for you. That is what we call independence, personality and individuality—a very fragile asset most of us take for granted as our right. Never a protest march should be organized it should be against the hazard of not being able to exert your control over unforeseen circumstances. It's one thing to be swept along through life acting wars, taxes, unjust laws and all that grief over which you have no control at all. It's another thing to have somebody wheel you to a hospital even if, at the time, you feel the ride will do you good.

The only weapon you have is to keep loose and comfortable and don't feel that whatever the world is paying you in the form of a wage is a divine right. You'd be surprised how quickly a full mach can turn to a belly-ache.

**THE EMERGENCY**, last week, the Travel Guide for the upper valley has brought much comment. For the first time, such a publication was given almost 100% support by the valley merchants for the simple reason that was for the upper valley alone, no outside gimmicks. We now have a presentable run-down on where you can find things in our valley. With all the traffic running up and down the road we need answers. You can help by signing up on some of the stories about the valley to add interest when you are asked questions by our visitors. They are interested—and from their interest you could be too.

**THE OVERTIME** editor is back on the job—but now working as part-time editor on wheels.

## Fred Miller Of Sumas Passes Unexpectedly

The Christian Advent Church in Sumas was filled for the last rites for Fred L. Miller last Friday afternoon. Mr. Miller was a former long-time resident of this community. He passed away suddenly at his home in Sumas last Monday evening. He had owned and operated a service station here for 18 years.

He was born on October 25, 1904, and is survived by his widow Elsie and one son Douglas, two brothers and one sister, all residents of Sumas. Interment was in the Sumas cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller made their home at the Lake Shannon mill community here for many years and had many friends in this area.



Grade School Being Repainted

## School Maintenance Program Started

Improvements to the Concrete school buildings during the last three weeks, 16 working days, included reroofing of the grandstand at the high school with the structure repaired where needed. The football field was fertilized and reseeded and the flood light guy wires retied.

Metal gutters have been ordered for installation on the grandstand.

The swimming pool was scrubbed with acid and the plumbing checked. The pool will be completely cleaned and painted before next season and new casing will be installed. Rooms off the pool were cleaned.

Both girls and boys locker and shower rooms and hall areas in the gymnasium have been painted, doors repaired, and plaster

patched. Screening was removed in the boys locker dry room.

Gutters were cleaned and scraped on the high school shop building. Some windows were replaced. The main high school building roof area has been cleaned in preparation for tarring.

Snelson's Plumbing Co. installed a 50-ft. water line in the underpass.

The north boiler of the grade school was rebricked and cemented. The building was hosed down by the fire department and repainting started on the exterior of the newest building. Three classrooms, north and south stairwells, and part of the hall area have been repainted.

Custodians are cleaning floors and walls in the interior. The smoke stack at the grade school will be painted this week.

## Another Contract To Be Let On Highway

A bid on an additional eleven miles of paving on the North Cross State Highway will be let on July 20th, according to the state highway department. This is one of the projects now given the go-ahead by the recent release of federal funds on the highway. This section of the road is from Rainy Pass to Lone Fir Camp and estimated cost in a round \$1 million.

A present contract will pave 9.38 miles between Lone Fir and Early Winters guard station. Other projects ready to go include three bridges: Panther Creek, Lillian Creek and Upper Granite and if funds are available there will be work on the highway from Thunder Creek to Panther Creek.

The highway is expected now to be completed in 1972. Projected travel is expected to reach 2,800 cars a day by 1975 during the months the road will be open.

## BAKER LOOP OUT!

The long-planned connection of the Mt. Baker Lodge highway from Deming to the Baker Lake road at Baker Lake appears to be on the way to extinction. In a report of a reconnaissance study by the Bureau of Public Roads, the conclusion is that the cost of

the Mt. Baker Loop Highway would be prohibitive and would result in an unacceptable impact on the environment.

The study, made at the request of the Forest Service, shows a total cost of \$30 million for the (Continued on page 2)

## Forest Service Hearings Saturday On Future Management Of Lands

Proposals for changes in management within the Mt. Baker National Park lands adjacent to the North Cascades National Park are now being publicized by the Forest Service in brochures available at the Forest Services offices. The information will be to brief interested persons in advance of public hearings to be held throughout the state starting July 15th. The nearest local hearing will be at the Moose Hall in Mount Vernon on Saturday, July 18th, at 9:00 a.m.

The hearings will be a public presentation of the North Cascades Recreation Plan to fulfill an

act of Congress that asks for proposal to integrate the park and forest land plans for the future. The plan calls for the removal of 224,800 acres from timber harvesting and allowable cut determination on the Mt. Baker Forest. This is in addition to that already taken by the national park, the wilderness areas and the recreation areas. For this area this could mean that there will be no clear-cutting and only minimal salvage cutting from existing roads in the Mt. Baker Recreational unit of 70,200 acres; the Nooksack Mgt. Unit (11,000 acres); Baker Lake Unit (42,600 acres) and the Cascade River Unit (30,400 acres). Other units include the Suiattle River and White Chuck-Sauk.

## Eagles To Celebrate Anniversary In Big Way

Concrete Eagles Aerie #1444 will lead off their 64th anniversary wing-ding next week with a class initiation on Thursday, July 23, at 8 p.m.

The remainder of the weekend will be given over to fun events for both children and adults. The Women's Auxiliary will set up a hamburger stand on North Baker St. at 11 a.m.

Usual Kids' Field Day will be held on the grade school field most of Saturday, July 25. Events are open to all children, from 1 to 13 years old. Contests and games are scheduled to start at 1 p.m. There will be free ice cream and pop for all contestants.

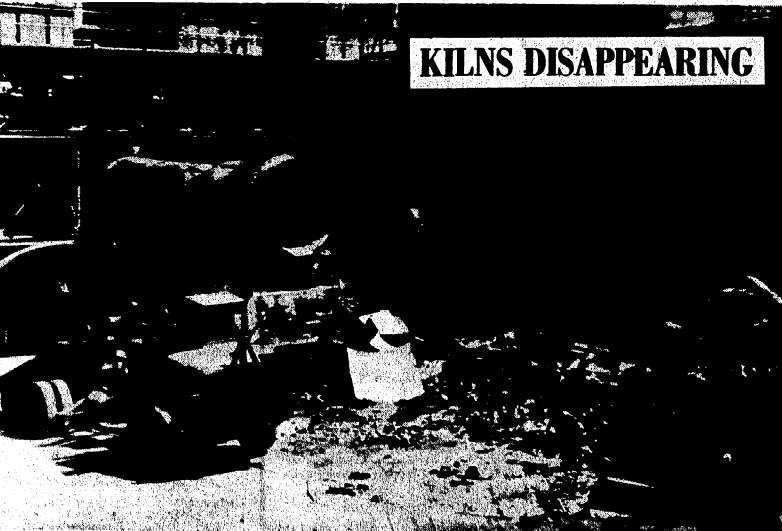
Concrete Women's Softball Team will play any challenger at 3 p.m. on the grade school field.

A salmon barbecue, open to the public at a reasonable fee, will be served at 5 p.m. on North Baker St.

Evening program starts with a tug of war at 6 p.m. between the Concrete Aerie and any other Eagles Aerie challenging them.

Teenagers street dance will be at 9 p.m. on Baker St. which will be roped off.

Sunday's program begins at 2 p.m. with another salmon barbecue. (Continued on page 2)



## KILNS DISAPPEARING

Dismantling Work At The Cement Plant Has Now Reached The Kilns—This Photo Taken Monday