

# The Concrete Herald

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IT WAS NICE. You went in the open door, lifted the lid of the refrigerator, took out the cartons of eggs you needed and put the money in the box. No bother, no fuss. Along came a stranger to share the open and free trust. Soon a dozen eggs disappeared without payment, then four dozen, then all the cash in the box.

Now there are no eggs in the refrigerator, no open cash box. The culprit is known, but could care less. Another nest fouled, so what? Another freedom lost to honest neighbors. Pity, yet they tell us this is progress.

CONCRETE people seem to create a spirit of fun whenever they decide to gather a group together. They create "happenings" and have been doing this for years before the hippies stole the idea. The gang of local and valley friends who made Baker Lake a headquarters on weekends seemed to become the envy of onlookers and the close grouping was labeled in parody, "Resurrection City."

Infectious spirits do draw the attention and apparently have to be given some sort of appellation, so a visit of the same group to a dinner dance spot soon found them greeted with a special number dedicated to "The Concrete Playmates." Such is fame.

THE BIG BREAK-THRU on the North Cross-State Highway, which has been held in promise for the past year, will be observed with due ceremony at Rainy Pass on Sunday, Sept. 29th. The occasion, which many people had planned to attend, will not be a public affair, however. There are several factors which led the highway department and the active members of the North Cross-State Highway Ass'n. to make this decision. Number one is that the last section of pioneer road can only be negotiated with four-wheel-drive vehicles—no cars not having four-wheels of traction will be permitted to pass the gates at either end of construction.

A second obstacle is due to the fact that the meeting (Continued on page 2)

## BABIES - BABIES -

### STEVEN WILLIAM NEWBY

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newby of Newhalem are the parents of a son, Steven William, born last Saturday, Sept. 7, at the United General Hospital. Steven weighed 8 lbs. and 7 oz. at birth. He joins three older sisters and one brother.

### SHARON KAY GUERIN

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Guerin of Icar, N. C., are the parents of a daughter, Sharon Kay, born Sunday, Sept. 1. The young lady weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz., at birth. Mrs. Guerin is the former Alice Buchanan. Sharon Kay's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Buchanan of Rockport and Mrs. Les Ford of Wenatchee. She has a great grandmother living, Mrs. H. R. Buchanan of Spruce Pine, N. C.

### DAVE VICTOR ELLISON

A son, David Victor, arrived Aug. 26 at the Group Health Hospital in Seattle to Mr. and Mrs. David J. Ellison. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 2 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. He joins a brother, Kevin, 3 years old. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ellison of Mount Vernon. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William B. Harris of Route 1, Concrete.

## DRIFTER PICKS RIVER SITE FOR SUICIDE

In contrast to the waves of enthusiasm as new people buy land in the valley for a fresh start, there was one who came here over the week end to reach the end of the line—a suicide. From the papers on his body it was learned that his name was Merle Martin Moeykins, 36, an ex-Marine and apparently for some time, a drifter.

He chose as his exit from the world a quiet spot at the old ferry crossing at Birdview, and as his method, the familiar hose from the exhaust pipe to the cab of a pickup truck.

The suicide was discovered on Sunday morning about 8:30 when Alfred Brinson drove down the lane to the landing to do some hunting. He saw the man in the cab and thought him to be sleeping until he noticed the hose from the exhaust pipe.

He drove back to report the finding to the sheriff's office, picked up Lawrence Cunningham and Fred Rich from up the road ways and the three waited for the officers to arrive.

The man was found to have been dead several hours before he was found.

A check of his paper wadded wallet showed that he had driver's licenses from Connecticut and Virginia, and the latest one secured at Huntington Park, Cal. Also in the wallet were skid-road meal tickets from various charity kitchens.

The state patrol checked out the pickup and traced it to the American Pool Supply of Seattle. The owner reported the man had worked for them but had just been fired. He had the truck without permission on his trip to the upper valley, and to the next world.

## William Hiatt Named Marshal



Whatcom Deputy Bill Hiatt, who has been stationed at Newhalem for the past year, was present at the meeting of the town council last Tuesday evening to meet with them and complete arrangements to take over at Chief of Police here. At the close of the session he was officially sworn in by Mayor Margaret Stadman.

Officer Hiatt, who had submitted his resignation as deputy, is now awaiting replacement before assuming duty here. He is doing paper work and studying town ordinances during his days off and expects to be ready to take-over within a few weeks.

The Hiatts have purchased the Larcom home in Crofoot Add.

## WEDDING DATE SET



SHARON IUND

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Iund announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon, to Mr. Thomas A. Nishimura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nishimura of Kirkland. The bride-elect is a graduate of Concrete High School and the Seattle Dental Technician School. Mr. Nishimura graduated from the University of Washington this spring and is employed by Glen Hunt and Associates, landscape architects.

Their wedding is planned for next month.

## PRIMARY VOTING NEXT TUESDAY

Upper Skagit residents will go to the polls next Tuesday, Sept. 17, to cast their votes in the primary election. Voting hours will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Registered residents in East Concrete precinct vote at the City Hall. West Concrete precinct votes at the Mt. Baker Presbyterian Church.

Election board for the East precinct consists of Barbara Hoover, Ethel Thompson; counting board will be Judy Ross and Lorraine Lynch.

On the election board for the West precinct are Viola Cabe, Mildred Crinklaw; counting board members are Mabel Hell and Gertrude Chamness.

The rural Baker precinct will vote in the town library building; Birdview voters cast their ballots in the Grange Hall; Rockport and Marblemount districts vote in the schools.

## Skagit Indians Accept Government Award

The Upper Skagit Indian Tribe voted to accept the U. S. government's offer of \$348,471.42 in settlement of the tribe's claim for additional compensation for 453,000 acres of land ceded under the Treaty of Point Elliott in 1859.

Decision was made at a meeting of tribal members in Hillcrest Park, Mount Vernon, Sept. 1, with Attorney Donald C. Gormley of Washington, D. C. a member of the law firm representing the tribe in its litigation, pending since 1951, and Indian Bureau officials from the Everett office.

The claim now will be filed with the Indian Commission for presentation to Congress.

## Council Okays Oil Paving Job For Limestone and E Streets

The completion of the oil paving job on Limestone and E Street was approved by the City Dads on Tuesday evening of last week. They voted to ask for quotations on the paving, to be submitted by Sept. 18th when a special meeting will be held to let the contract.

The Limestone job had been started last year but could not be completed because of lack of funds in the Arterial System budget. The work planned for the present contract will bring the paving the full length of Limestone Street and then connect it with Main Street by paving E Street, which parallels the grade school field.

Some patching and possibly the paving of the short street off E Street may be done while

the contractors are in the area if funds can be provided.

The engineer's estimate of the cost of the main project was \$2,700.

### Water System Report

The final report was received from Slavin & Kores, Inc. on the proposed purchase of the Baker River Water Co. from Lone Star Cement. The findings of the engineering firm were based only on visible evidence and a study of the records kept by the company. However, excepting the possibility of future repairs and construction on underground piping, the report was favorable as to purchase.

The report will be studied in detail by the council members and will be discussed at the special meeting next week. If the decision is reached to go ahead with the deal, a meeting will be set up with company officials to work out details and terms of the transaction.

### Miscellaneous Notes

A report was made by Street Chairman Ken Coone that the ditch on Cedar Street was being cleaned out by Ken Robertson, on his bid of \$200 for the job.

A request was received from the County Health Department that the town budget \$513.94 to be paid to them for services in 1968.

An option has been taken on the Ann Gores property next to the town equipment garage on Baker Street. A total of \$350 will be paid from the 1968 budget, with a portion of this in advance as earnest money.

Alvin Harris was given permission to purchase more poison for rats at the city dump. In the discussion of care of the dump he reported that it is now being used by residents of all nearby rural areas. Contact is to be made with the county to cooperate with the town in use of heavy equipment to keep the dump cleared and usable.

Clerk Marie Miller reported (Continued on page 4)

## HOMER BOSSART HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE



The Homer Bossart home on Gardner Road at Birdview was a total loss in a fire of undetermined origin Monday afternoon.

The fire apparently started near the chimney about 3:00 p. m. and was first noticed by Mr. Bossart who was mowing the lawn at the time. Mrs. Bossart was in the office of the Bossart Saw Shop down the road.

Most of the furniture and contents of the house were saved, but the building itself was damaged beyond repair in spite of efforts of the Birdview Fire Department to control the blaze. The Bossarts had intended to remodel the home in the near future, however, their plans now are undecided.