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THIS AND THAT

By H. L. D.

Baby Shower

A baby shower was given Olive Carpenter at the home of Kay Harris last week end. Cootie was played and high score was won by Alice Carpenter and low by Barbara Stone. Gifts were opened and admired, after which luncheon was served to Barbara Stone, Clarabelle Dods, Ollie LaFleur, Ruth Smith, Lynne LaFleur, Mrs. Jack Eade, Dorothy Howard, Harriette Pressentin, and the honor guest. Many not able to attend sent gifts.

Hamilton Boy In Korea

Pvt. James M. Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Drake of Hamilton, recently arrived in Korea for duty with the 25th Infantry Division. Private Drake, a graduate of Sedro-Woolley high school, entered the army last May and completed his basic training at Ford Ord, Cal.

Eagles Auxiliary Dance

A dance sponsored by the Eagles Auxiliary will be held at the Eagles Hall, Concrete, this Friday night, February 26th.

Explorer Scouts

The Explorers of Troop 74, Boy Scouts, entertained their girls at a square dance Saturday night at the local I.O.O.F. Hall. Stan Brown was there with his records and gave the youngsters some instruction on the different dances. Refreshments were served about 11:30 and then more dances and games filled out the evening.

The Rebekah lodge met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 23 at the lodge hall with twenty ladies present. After the business meeting and lodge closed the ladies enjoyed a social hour and refreshments served by Sig Johnson, Clara St. John, Mary Evensen and Roberta Scott.

Baby Girl for Bromleys

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bromley of Granite Falls are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Feb. 16th. She has been named Margaret Alice. Mrs. Bromley is the former Ruth Leonard.

Visitors From Seattle

LaJean Sebek and Katy Keene of Seattle were visiting the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony DeSalvo over the three day week end. To top it off they visited the new Concrete high school Monday—and to them it was "fabulous".

Breaks Arm In Fall

Mrs. Isala Cugini is doing her housework this week with one arm, having the other tied up in a sling as the result of a fall last week in which she broke an arm. She spent a night at the hospital after the bone was set, and is now anxiously awaiting the day when she can put the arm back to work.

Former Resident Killed

Ray Van Iderstine, who made his home in Concrete with his parents back about 1917-18, was killed in an auto accident in Seattle last week. The family will be remembered by many old timers. Ray was one of three brothers.

Cub Scouts Dinner

Honoring their parents, the Cub Scouts gave their annual banquet on Washington's Birthday. Over 60 plates were served by the Cubs at the grade school lunch room. Each den had its individual table, gaily decorated with unique place cards and favors in the Cub's colors.

After two accordion selections by Stephen Scott, the badges and arrow points were awarded. Those raising from the Wolf Pack to the Bear Pack were Stephen Scott, Mike McGlenn, Terry Thosath and Marvin Harris. Bill Allen also received his Wolf Badge.

Earning arrow points were Bill Allen, 1 gold and 1 silver; Duane Lynde, 1 gold and 1 silver; Stephen Scott, Terry Thosath and Mike McGlenn each received gold arrows and Paul Drake and Pat Scott won silver arrows.

Donnie Thompson and Lawrence Bates graduated from the Cubs into the Boy Scouts and Ed Scott was given the Den Scout braid for his assistance with the Cub Scouts.

Three Attending State Music Conference

Durward Sobek, Concrete high school musical director, and two students, left yesterday for Yakima to attend a three day conference of the Washington Music Educator's Ass'n. The students representing Concrete are Donna Rhodes and Ellis Sage and were chosen by a state selective committee on the basis of achievements and records. The will play in a perfectly balanced (instrumentally) all-state band.

The students will put in an average of three hours rehearsal each of the three days and will present a public concert Saturday night. In addition to playing, there will be clinics in general groupings for the band, orchestra and choir and specialized clinics for different instruments. The music directors will observe and instruct during the conference.

P.T.A. Show At Gym Tuesday

Members of the school faculty and a few P. T. A. fathers were trying to whip their muscles into a state of something more than comfortable flabbiness this week in preparation for the big annual fracas, politely called basketball, that will take place next Tuesday evening at the high school gym. The Parent-Teacher game is part of a full evening's program sponsored by the P. T. A.

Coach Tag Christensen of the "hook brains" has a formidable squad consisting of Ron Sutton, Chuck Taylor, Gene Johnson, Bob Wilcox, Stan Brown, Fred Gramann, Ron Lamkin, Doug Thompson and John Gillis. Coach Joe Bitonti of the "old-grad-dads" has George Kinley, Jess Ingersol, Fred Crinklaw and Grant Nelles signed to go and if more don't show up at practice he will round up some last-minute starters by the selective volunteer method.

The P. T. A. program will start with a smorgasbord dinner at the grade school cafeteria at 5:30. At 8:00 the entertainment will open at the high school gym. Band music and square dancing will fill in between games. Featured game will be the Nighthawks vs Parkers.

JAMES STRAIGHT OF HAMILTON IS BURIED

Services were held last Thursday afternoon at the Hamilton Methodist church for James Straight, a resident of that community for the past 50 years. He passed away a week ago Tuesday at the Sedro-Woolley hospital.

Mr. Straight was born August 3, 1873 at Elkin, Illinois. He was a logger. Surviving are his wife Tiley; 2 daughters, Elizabeth Wyatt of Birdsview and Ellen Smith of Canyonville, Oregon; two sons, Aro Straight of Hamilton and Clarence of Sedro-Woolley; also a half-brother, Wesley Straight of Nevada. There were fourteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Giles Evans Given 15 Years In Penitentiary

Giles Evans, former financial secretary and business agent of the Sedro-Woolley I.W.A. local, was on his way to Walla Walla this week after pleading guilty to charges of imbezzlement from his union. He was sentenced to 15 years by Judge Charles F. Stafford.

His attorney asked leniency on the grounds that Evans didn't realize the seriousness of what he was doing. The court denied the plea. An audit of union funds so far reveals a shortage of \$1,746.96 up to October, 1952.

Marblemount 4-H News

Monday evening, February 22nd, the Lucky Fours met at the home of Judy Clark. The girls discussed plans for the 4-H window display which is to be held in March. Several of the girls practiced demonstrations for the County Demonstration Contest which is to be held in Clear Lake March 6th. Before they went home Mrs. Rudy Clark served open face sandwiches and cocoa.

Miss Lynne LaFleur visited with friends in Rockport Saturday.

Open New TV Store

Concrete's newest and neatest remodeling job was completed last week end in the former Royal Bakery building by Tom Sison and a crew of artisans in preparation of a new home for "Concrete Radio & Television." A good deal of planning and quite a lot of expense has made it a very welcome addition to the modern stores of the community.

The move was completed this week from the old building and a formal open house will be held at the new location Saturday.

Tom Sison will be joined in the new store by his brother-in-law, Wallace Hull, who has moved his family to this city and will help in management and sales.

Old Building To Be Split

Fred Miller, owner of the former television terrace of TV Tommy, has started work tearing out the old floor and show windows in preparation for making two individual store rooms out of the large building.

Remodeling fever is brisk in the other stores on main street, too. Peterson Motor is enlarging their service station and Cascade Supply is beginning to show signs of a completion of their long-planned enlargement of the "biggest store East of Skiyoo". It won't only be big, but it looks miles long.

Timber Sales For 1953 Are Tabulated By Forest

Compilations just completed show that 138 million board feet of timber was cut on the Mt. Baker National Forest and \$2,880,063.00 was received for it during the calendar year 1953.

During the year 667 timber sales were made, 607 with stumpage values of \$2,000 or less, 50 with values from \$2,000 to \$100,000 and four with values over \$100,000.

According to Supervisor Henry A. Harrison, 25 per cent of the foregoing timber receipts will be returned to Whatcom, Skagit and Snohomish counties for their road and school programs. Each county will share according to the national forest acreage within the boundary of that county.

Approximately 50 million board feet harvested during 1953 was blowdown, firekilled and insect damaged timber. Timber included in existing sales amount to approximately 200 million board feet. With good market conditions and a good operating season with respect to fire hazard, the cut for 1954 is expected to be about 180 million board feet. The value return may not be much higher than for 1953 as much of the stumpage to be cut will be lower priced.

About ninety per cent of the timber scheduled for sale this year is damaged or subject to damage because of proximity to blowdown or insect infestation areas.

DEATH COMES TO HERBERT CHAPIN

Herbert Franklin Chapin, 58, of Custer, but a former resident of the upper Skagit, passed away on February 17th at a veteran's hospital in Seattle. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Lemley mortuary with Rev. Francis Ruddle of the Seventh Day Adventist church of Mount Vernon reading the service. Burial was made in Lynden.

Mr. Chapin was a navy veteran of World War I. He is survived by his wife, Florence; four daughters and five sons. There are also two sisters and three brothers living. He had nine grandchildren.

Charles Deiner Pleads Not Guilty To Killing

Charles Deiner, admitted killer of Wade Reid in a shooting here in January, pleaded "not guilty" when brought before Judge Stafford in the superior court Tuesday. His case has been ordered placed on the next jury calendar and will be heard some time in May or June.

B. B. Blackwood, the bard of Bear Creek, spent a few days in the Rowley hospital last week.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Ole Nelson returned home this week after receiving hospital care.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Finney of Port Orchard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pressentin.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Frank of Monroe visited with relatives in town over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark and son Ronnie of Seattle spent the week end at the Chris Jensen home.

The Past Noble Grands will hold their next meeting at the home of Mrs. Clara St. John.

Mrs. Hazel McKinney returned home Thursday to Seattle after visiting a week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pressentin Bob Pressentin and Mrs. Carl Pressentin were in Mount Vernon Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Price of Anacortes were visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jungblom of Birdsview were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Livie Sunday.

Vernon Craft returned to his home Saturday evening, having spent several days on the jury in Mount Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris of Van Horn took in the Blue and Gold dinner of the Boy Scouts Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallace and children of Newhalem visited on Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wenrich of Rockport were in town Saturday to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Horner.

Wm. King and daughters visited in Seattle Saturday with Mrs. King, who is recovering from an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hibbert and grandson of Seattle visited at the Carl Pressentin home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thompson and children of Everett visited on Sunday with her father, Fred Heeck.

SEMESTER HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED

The following students have been placed on the Honor Roll at Concrete High School for their grades last semester. To attain this honor the average of all their grades must be at least a "B". To determine the average 4 points are given for each "A"; 3 for a "B", 2 for a "C" and 1 for a "D".

Five students in the high school received perfect grades—all A's. These were Seniors Marion Shaver, Donna Rhodes, Dona Lea Eldridge and Deanna Swenson, Kathleen Boulton, a Junior was the only other student to have straight A's.

The Seniors who were placed on the Honor Roll were Marjane Bates 3.4; Janet Johnson 3.6; Bob Sjoboen 3.6; Joan Morgan 3.1; Ellis Sage 3.2 and Shirley Lindblom 3.1.

The Juniors were Glen Rathvon 3.8; Ken Robertson 3.8; Sharon Gross 3.6; Karen Lindblom 3.6; Anne Roundy 3.5; Eleanor Rhodes 3.5; Pat Chapin; 3.2 Judy Kloes 3.1; Hal Williams 3.1; Shirley Davis 3.0; Viva Jonson 3.0; Mickey McGuire 3.0 and Connie Seales 3.0.

The Sophomores were Murray Johnstone 3.8; Sidney Shelver 3.8; Julia Rhodes 3.7; Peggy Wenrich 3.4; Arlene Richins 3.3; Evelyn Jensen 3.1; Mary Sue Mathis 3.0; Sharon Smith 3.0; Carol Spurling 3.0.

The Freshmen were Sharon King 3.9; Bill Leggett 3.8; Eleanor Roundy 3.5; Sandra Clark 3.5; Tom Boury 3.3; Clara Washke 3.2; Anne Sjoboen 3.1; Dorene Royal 3.1; Dick Rathvon 3.1; Ronald Howell 3.0; Homer Evans 3.0; Ellen Eldridge 3.0; and Joe Weckerly 3.0.

Announcement of the new members of the Honor Society will be made next week. This honor is given only to those who have at least a 3-point average for their entire school record.

Fishermen Upset Boat—To Cold To Talk About It

A couple of steelhead fishermen were the luckiest fishermen on the river Monday, not because of landing any limit catches, but because they managed to land themselves.

The two men put a small boat in the river near Marblemount to start a drift down the Skagit and about the Rocky Creek hole the boat overturned. Another party of fishermen caught the overturned boat at Hooper's bar and dragged it ashore, while others along the bank noted gear, oars and other things floating by.

An hurried investigation was begun by Game Protector Hank Moore and Bill Fritzinger, but by the time they started checking cars up river, the fishermen had been able to reach their car, pick up their boat and head down river without giving any details of their accident.

Probably too wet and cold to want any long discussions.

Fire District Gets Own Fire Truck

Rural Fire District No. 10 is now in business for itself. The district commissioners this week brought home their first fire truck, a purchase of a used machine in Seattle. The truck is a Ford similar to the one now being loaned to the district by a lumber concern. It has a 300-gallon tank and pumper, but will have to be equipped with hose and tools.

The district plans to use it until funds are available for a better pumper, after which it can be a valuable "stand-by" truck.

Work on the new fire hall is progressing. Part of the walls were poured this week and forms for the balance are now in place.

Dona Lea Eldridge Is 1954 D. A. R. Candidate



Dona Lea Eldridge was chosen by her classmates and the faculty for the D. A. R. Citizenship award. She is a Senior at Concrete high school and has been very active in the school's extra-curricular program.

Lona Lea was active in debate in her Freshman and Sophomore years. She attended tournaments at W. W. C. E. C. P. S. and Washington State College. With an interest in journalism she was elected assistant editor of the annual and co-editor of the school paper in her Junior year. Editor of the annual became one of her major activities in her Senior year as well as again being co-editor of the school paper. She continues her interest in journalism in community activities, having written for the Concrete Herald and is now 4-H Club reporter. She won the 4-H County Reporter's plaque two years in succession and last October was elected County 4-H reporter.

As an active member in 4-H for three years, Dona Lea has won several blue ribbons and honors in sewing at the county, Western Washington and state fairs.

Dona Lea has been a member of the Honor Society at school for three years. She holds the office of class representative to the student council from her class. She is a member of the band, playing tenor saxophone. She also plays the accordion and piano for her own enjoyment.

Miss Eldridge has taken the test given by the G. A. R. and is now awaiting word of her standing. Being named for the award holds a chance for a trip to Washington, D. C. as representative from this state.

Club Will Organize

Shades of the old Concrete Booster Club walked again last Thursday night when eleven interested citizens got together at City Hall to form a temporary organization and set tomorrow night, Friday February 26th, as the date for a full scale organizational meeting.

The next club will be called The Upper Skagit Booster Club, as its membership will include the entire upper valley. Under present plans it will be strictly a commercial club whose aims will be promotion of business interests of all types in the valley and any project that will provide more employment or bring progress.

Last week's meeting was called to order by Edgar Monrad, who acted as temporary chairman. R. A. Johnstone took over as secretary.

Among the projects anticipated as club activities were promotion of more small timber sales for valley loggers, investigation of more housing in the area to handle any influx of residents that any new industry or construction project may bring—and laying out of long term plans for development of the valley's resources.

Every merchant in the upper valley and all others interested will be requested to attend the meeting tomorrow night in hopes of full cooperation of a worth-while task.

Loggers Upset Monroe As Tourney Opens

Darrington took over Concrete's favorite role at the "B" Tourney in Mount Vernon this week and upset highly favored Monroe 41-39 in the third game of the meet. Coupeville also pulled an upset by beating the Twin City five 54-32 and Skykomish trimmed Lake Stevens 66-32. LaConner set Oak Harbor back 60-48.

In the next round Monroe barely nosed out Oak Harbor 48-44 to stay in the running for a state spot. Darrington kept their record intact by a 58-56 win over LaConner. Skykomish also won their game and will play Darrington Friday night for No. 1 spot.

Twin City, Monroe, Coupeville, and LaConner are still in there to fight out the second and third place honors.

Edwards Voted Innocent By Superior Court Jury

The case of Bill Edwards and his long standing "murder" case was resolved in about four hours by a superior court jury Saturday night and they closed the incident with a verdict of "not guilty."

Edwards, former Hamilton tavern owner, was tried for his connection with the death of Andrew Phillips after a fight outside the tavern in 1952. He was first acquitted by a coroner's jury. Later new witnesses were found who told of watching Edwards strike and kick the man. Edwards denied the accusations of the new witnesses and the jury accepted his testimony as the true story.

March Of Dimes Nets Over \$750 This Year

Thirty-odd pounds of March of Dimes cash was counted and put into packages this week by Chairman Howard Boulton and his Lions club committee. The loot totalled \$765.04—the highest yet turned in for the paralysis drive. Last year the total was \$615.68.

A quick break-down showed the following sources:

Concrete grades	99.88
Rockport grades	13.76
Marblemount grades	23.59
Special Events	429.41
Contributions	53.00
Test Tube Containers	145.40

MARBLEMOUNT ITEMS

Those calling on Sadie Cudworth Sunday were Wally Fowler and son and Mr. and Mrs. B. Lockhart and Mr. and Mrs. Don Linstrom and children of Mount Vernon, and Mrs. Ness and Marie Morehouse of Rockport.



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The famous upper Skagit hospitality has got to go. No more opening the front door and shouting "get in outa the rain", no more easy conversations with nice appearing dudes, no more answering questions to be accommodating. The valley has just been spotted by the slick salesman as a fertile pasture of yokels with dimes from which they part easily. Bibles, bath-tubs, gadgets and geegaws. Lord knows, we need 'em, but why let those hard-earned dollars land in the pockets of strangers who don't care a hang whether you eat next week or not. Let's save our hospitality for friends and greet the stranger at the door with a grim "don't need none—'en if I do, I'll buy it down at the corner store." Tain't courteous, but it's self defense.

Today's hit tunes were born fifty years too late. Even Yankee Doodle couldn't have survived a twenty-four hour beating seven days a week.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Margaret Suit of LaConner is spending some time with her daughter, Ollie LaFleur of Van Horn.

Mrs. Harry Olson and Mrs. Irene Blumenschein of Rockport spent a few days at the Manford Thosath home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Forbes of Mount Vernon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Manford Thosath and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brehms of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. John Shue of Everett visited during the week end at the J. E. St. John home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Zongrone left this week for a vacation trip to visit with relatives at Long Beach, California.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dodson of Sedro-Woolley were Wednesday evening dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dwelley at Sauk.

Mrs. Alice Erickson, Mrs. Emmett Melville and children and Mrs. Margaret Suit, all of LaConner, were visiting at the home of Mrs. Ralph LaFleur Sunday.

Driving While Asleep

Dale Drake of this city suffered a leg injury yesterday when he dozed off at the wheel of his car on highway 99 near Mount Vernon. The car hit a pedestrian walk on a small bridge and went 180 feet down the highway before it was stopped. Damage to the car will be about \$750.

ROCKPORT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Will Oaks and son of Prosser, Wash. visited during the week end at the Tom Runnels home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Pressentin attended a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stafford in Mount Vernon Sunday. A bridal shower was held that afternoon there in honor of Miss Mary Kathleen Moran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Moran of Seattle, formerly of this community.

Lion's Club To See Slides

The Concrete Lion's Club will see the 3-d colored slides of Roy Benham, state forester, at their next meeting, Wednesday, March 3rd. Mr. Benham offers a real-life trip into Mexico and southern states.

Bridal Shower Held

The home of Mrs. Forrest Hood was the scene of a lovely bridal shower Wednesday evening honoring Mrs. Fred Swanson. A large group of friends and relatives attended and spent an enjoyable evening visiting and taking part in contests. Mrs. Frank McGovern, Mrs. Earl Robertson and Mrs. David Vier won prizes during the evening.

At the close of the evening Kay opened her many nice gifts so all could enjoy seeing them and then the hostess served a dainty luncheon to her guests.

Marblemount

By Mrs. Karl Lindall

Mrs. Millard Eldridge made a business trip to Concrete Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Ripley were shopping in Mt. Vernon Tuesday.

Orville Witham made a business trip to Blaine Thursday.

Glenn and Harold Vail visited in Sumas and Everson Saturday.

Everett Schultze made a business trip to Mount Vernon Tuesday.

Mervyn and Lowell Peterson were Seattle visitors Thursday.

The Thomas Ryan's accompanied Mabel Pressentin home from Bellingham Thursday.

A group of friends surprised Mrs. Rudy Clark Friday evening in honor of her birthday.

Miss Shirley Rowland was a guest of Janet Prater of Concrete Sunday.

Mrs. Ezra Buller and Wade Buller were shopping in Sedro-Woolley Thursday.

Mrs. Lee Maupin and Leslie were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Malloy Rowland Wednesday.

Vashti Hooper was calling on the Jim Wyatt's at Birdview Wednesday.

Mrs. Francis Buller and children of Anacortes were week end visitors at the Utley home.

Vashti Hooper attended the Jim Straight funeral in Hamilton last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roteman and children were Sunday afternoon guests at the Lemon home.

Lawyer Wright and Mr. Eckhart of Seattle were week end guests at the O. S. Witham home.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Scott and sons were dinner guests at the Merv Peterson home Saturday night.

Bud Lemon and Pat Chapin spent Saturday evening at the Hank Chapin home at Bellingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nichols of Kirkland and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Johnson of Ketchikan were week end guests at the Orville Witham home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Malloy Rowland were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mills of Newhalem Thursday.

The Jack Wortendykes and the Karl Lindalls were Monday evening visitors at the Edwyn Witham home.

Jack Wortendyke spent the week end at his home here. He left on Tuesday morning for Walla Walla to resume his sales route.

Bill Newby and Shirley Rowland entertained a group of teenagers Friday evening at the Newby home.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Harrington and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark were dinner guests at the Oliver Clark home Monday evening.

Rev. Morris Thompson and wife of Concrete were luncheon guests at the Otto Peterson home Tuesday.

Herb Chapin passed away last week at the Veteran's hospital in Seattle. His funeral was held on Wednesday at Lemley's Chapel in Sedro-Woolley.

We had another black Monday night up here. That's two in a row. Just another Rockport hill tree. One by one they fall. It's a slow process but maybe they will all go down eventually and we can have constant electrical service.

Mr. and Mrs. Kashki and daughter and Myron Richardson and children of Lynden; Lowell Peterson, Ruth Killian, Wanda Pakenham, Mr. and Mrs. Merv Peterson and daughters called at the Otto Peterson home Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Peterson's birthday.



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Mr. and Mrs. Allen Donn of Whiterock, B. C. were week end visitors at the Edwyn Witham home.

The Marblemount bridge club met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Ivan Rowland. The club had a "grandma shower" on Mrs. Rowland. She received many lovely gifts for her new granddaughter. The high prize for bridge went to Mrs. Keith Tracy and the low to Mrs. Glenn Vail.

Mrs. John Dayo was hostess on Thursday at a luncheon and canasta party to benefit the Orthopedic Fund of the Marblemount Auxiliary. Those attending were Mesdames Arleen Crooks, Edna Burns, Margaret Wilcox, Hazel Tracy, Lois Witham, Barbara Witham, Ruth Wortendyke, Nancy Clark, Madreen Clark and Miriam McGuire.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton Shelper and children of Birdview spent Tuesday evening in town.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Handy and Easy
"Sign Up"

Last month's safety drive was a big success—almost. Every one helped—the schools ran movies on safe driving, Rotary put up posters, and Handy and Easy Peters went out on their own.

The boys put up a big sign by the side of the highway. It said, "Slow down—the life you save may be your own." It was a good idea—after the police moved the sign back twelve feet.

In their enthusiasm Handy and Easy put it too close to the road—in fact, right on the sharpest curve on the highway. They made

driving unsafe by cutting off the view around the curve.

From where I sit, lots of people—even though they mean well—suffer from short-sightedness now and again. For instance, some can never see any further than their own preferences. They even go so far as to object to my choice of a glass of beer with supper. Shouldn't we always take the "long view"... and respect our neighbors' rights?

Joe Marsh

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By Mrs. Vera Hunziker

Bob Waech of Gorge spent the week end at his home in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Harrison were shopping in Bellingham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Glover were in Concrete Wednesday evening.

Lee Ray was in Seattle for a few days last week.

Ed Scott was attending to business interests in Seattle last week.

Art Swenson of Ross visited with relatives here over the week end.

Ken Holubar spent Monday evening at his home in Rockport.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Nelson and family of Diablo spent several days last week in Seattle.

Mrs. Walt Johnson and Mrs. George Hunziker were shopping in Mount Vernon Tuesday.

Don Madison of Fort Lewis visited over the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Madison.

Chas. Prater of Diablo spent a few days at his home in Sedro-Woolley.

George Morehouse of Rockport was attending to business interests here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hammel left on Sunday for a few days visit with relatives at Blaine.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Muir of Diablo visited over the week end in Sedro-Woolley.

Mrs. Jack Sherin and Mrs. Frank Motz were shopping in Sedro-Woolley and Mount Vernon Tuesday.

Mrs. John Madison, Don Russell and Chas. Seaman were business visitors in Sedro-Woolley Friday.

Mrs. Bill Kibzoff is spending several days with relatives and friends in Seattle.

Dale Higgins, Mike Radich and Chuck Stroud were Rockport visitors on Saturday.

Mrs. Andy Lorentzen and Mrs. Chas. Stroud were shopping in Mt. Vernon on Wednesday.

Mrs. Gordon Weckerly was visiting with relatives in Seattle for several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Meek were shopping in down river towns on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and daughter Gale spent the week end with relatives in Sedro-Woolley.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Childs were visiting in Seattle during the week end.

Ruth Pierce of Seattle is visiting here at the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kelsey.

Sherry Dohner of Blaine has spent the past ten days here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hummel.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hooper and son of Diablo visited with Mrs. Vashti Hooper of Marblemount a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. John Madison spent the week end at the Johnson beach home on Samish Island.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hunziker spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hunziker of Marblemount.

Mrs. Frank Motz and daughter Arlene and Mrs. Art Swenson and daughter Deanna were Concrete visitors Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Klein and children of Diablo visited at the Willard Wright and Wally Miller homes during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Finch and son Bradley spent the week end in Burlington with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boddy spent Friday and Saturday in Seattle with relatives, Mrs. Boddy's mother, Mrs. Edith Anderson returned here with them for an indefinite visit.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Ralph LaFleur and son and Mrs. Nancy Wilson visited in LaConner Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris and family were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph LaFleur on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis LaFleur of Rockport were visiting at the home of Ralph LaFleur during the week end.

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It had annexed everything belonging to its neighbor except the real estate upon which Union Gap rests.

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WESTBOUND

Rockport	7:45	Lv. 12:30
Sauk	7:52	12:37
Concrete	8:10	12:55
Birdsview	8:20	1:05
Hamilton	8:30	1:15
Lyman	8:35	1:20
Sedro-Woolley	8:55	1:40
Sedro-Woolley	Ar. 8:55	Lv. 1:40
Sedro-Woolley	Lv. 9:00	Lv. 1:40
Mount Vernon	Ar. 9:25	2:10

EASTBOUND

Mount Vernon	10:20	5:10
Sedro-Woolley	Ar. 10:45	Ar. 5:35
Sedro-Woolley	Lv. 10:50	Lv. 5:45
Lyman	11:08	6:03
Hamilton	11:15	6:10
Birdsview	11:25	6:20
Concrete	Ar. 11:35	Ar. 6:30
Concrete	Lv. 11:40	Lv. 6:35
Sauk	11:52	6:47
Rockport	12:05	7:00

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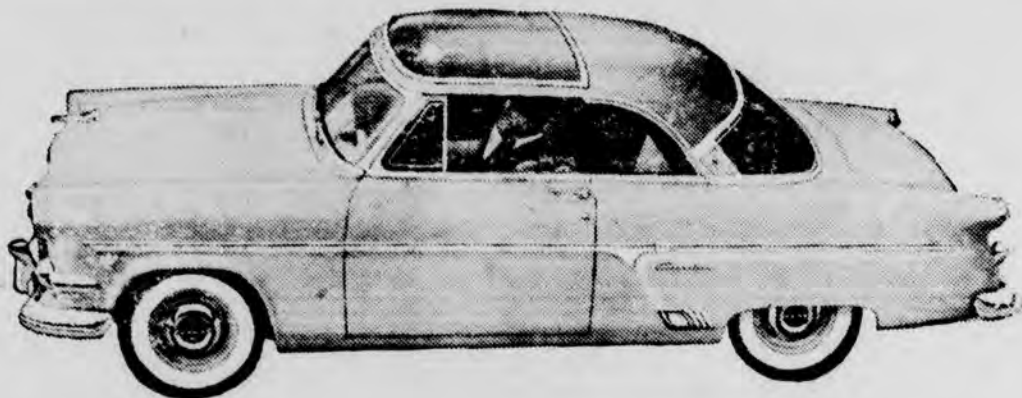
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—FOR SALE: 6x6 GMC Truck. Also a good Chevrolet truck with tandem rear end, with steel boom cherry-picker, mounted. For sale cheap. Larry Wynn, Box 283, Marblemount. 2-p

—FOR SALE: Seven room house in Mill addition, recently remodeled. Trash burner, oil stove and hot water tank go with house. Phyllis John, 1834 Clen Road, Bellingham, Wn. 4-p

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The Rockport Reporter

By Judy Kaminski

Mel Benton attended to business in Mount Vernon Monday.

Mrs. C. Wenrich visited Jay Snyder Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Benton visited Tom Runnels Monday evening.

Mrs. Morgan Adair is bringing her tiny son home from the hospital Wednesday.

Lawrence and Ruth Buchanan and children called at the Philip Wilson home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings of Seattle spent the week end at the L. K. Buchanan home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore visited relatives in Spokane and Northern Idaho over the week end.

Mrs. Mary McLeod spent the week end at the home of her sister, Mrs. May Richmyer of Concrete.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith spent Saturday in Marysville, visiting at the Walter Bills home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harris and Weezy were visiting at the Jack Smith home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Mary McLeod and son Don were visiting in Marblemount Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McLeod and son of Marblemount called Sunday at the Clarence Worley home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore were attending to business affairs in Anacortes Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shular were visiting in Sedro-Woolley and Burlington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ryan and Bernard Pressentin of Bellingham were guests at the E. V. Pressentin home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Wiffen spent the week end at Salem, Oregon, at the home of Mrs. Wiffen's mother.

Mrs. Woodrow Olson attended the Band Booster meeting at the home of Mrs. Vivian Bates at Birdview Friday.

Mrs. Woodrow Olson, Frank and Bill attended the basketball game and basket social at Concrete Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Maude Wright is visiting in Bellingham for two weeks.

Mrs. Ray Jarmin called on Doris Evans Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. M. Osborne was visiting at the John Snyder home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tal Stafford of Marblemount visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gurnie Stafford.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis of Bellingham visited Mr. and Mrs. Moore on Monday.

Mrs. Gladys Ness and Mrs. Kathleen Stafford were shopping in Concrete Friday.

Mrs. Gladys Ness and Mrs. Marie Morehouse were visiting in Marblemount with Sadie Cudworth and Mrs. George Chemalis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Pattison and Skippy of Bellingham were guests at the Ray Jarmin home over the week end.

Those helping Alice Buchanan to celebrate her birthday on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Tate Robbins and family and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Buchanan and family.

Mrs. E. V. Pressentin and Mrs. Martin Pressentin last week attended the baby shower here honoring the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin of Marblemount. Both Mrs. Pressentins won a prize at playing Bingo.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Buchanan, Martin and Gary and Bill Olson were shopping in Mount Vernon on Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Rees, Mrs. Martin Pressentin and Mrs. Clifford Williams attended an Adelphian meeting at the home of Mrs. Stuart Reynolds Thursday evening.

A party was given Wednesday in honor of Phyllis Kaminski, Mercedes Ayers, Warsaw Pyatte, Gurnie Stafford, George Moore, Buzz Williams and Alex Bartels.

Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Osborne were visiting Joe Osborne at the St. Luke's hospital in Bellingham on Wednesday evening.

Joe R. Osborne, formerly of this community and now residing at Sedro-Woolley, underwent major surgery at St. Luke's hospital in Bellingham last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams and Shelly returned to their home at Gates after spending a week visiting at the Ray Jarmin's, Clifford Williams' and L. LaFleur homes.

Gerry Smith celebrated her tenth birthday on February 8th by having a party at the Rockport gym with Mr. Johnson's room as guests. The youngsters enjoyed an afternoon of games, cake and ice cream after which Gerry opened her gifts. Additional guests were Mrs. Woodrow Olson, Mrs. Eva Olson and Mrs. Gene Johnson and Steve.

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Sauk News Items

By Luvena Poe

Mrs. Rawson Hornbeck returned home from the hospital Monday.

The KYNC Club met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Gustafson Friday.

Mrs. Elmer Gustafson's daughter, Mrs. Locken and family of Burlington, visited here on Friday.

Hal Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gross and Leslie visited Monday with Mrs. Bob Whipple.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGovern drove to Kirkland Monday to visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kolm went to Mount Vernon on business Monday evening.

Rawson Hornbeck and children visited at the Chas. Coone home Friday evening.

Mrs. Chas. Coone's brother, Jim Thorne and wife from California visited Tuesday and Wednesday at the Coone home.

Herb F. Chapin, who lived for some time in the upper Skagit, died in the Veteran's hospital in Seattle February 17th. His health had been failing for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Coone and Mrs. Bob Whipple were shopping in Mount Vernon Saturday. They also visited with Muthel Hornbeck at the Rowley hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Dwell and Judy of Oak Harbor were week end guests at the Dwell home.

The Tate Robbins family of Rockport recently purchased the small house on the Frank Coone property.

Mrs. H. F. Chapin and two sons, George and Kenneth, visited at the Chas. Coone home and with upper valley friends last Thursday and Friday.

Gladys McGovern, Pearl Chambers and Dora Poe visited Mrs. Mary Ticknor on her 81st birthday. The afternoon was spent playing pinocle.

Elmer Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scales and Joyce spent Sunday at the Glen Chambers home. Elmer and Jack helped Glen butcher his steer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McGovern, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Poe and family spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGovern. While the men worked on a remodeling project in the store, the ladies played cards.

The Open Forum

Feb. 22, 1954

Dear Editor:

"Yesterday a nice day, no wind, rain or snow. Thinking the lights would be on I asked some of the kind neighbors to dinner—those who had been so nice to me while the lights were out and I could not cook. The lucky neighbors with wood-burning stoves. At 2:30 I started to put the roast on and at 2:40 the power went off. Seven hours later the lights came on again. In the mean time I had taken the roast to the neighbors and cooked it!

It would sure be nice if they would have a crew at Concrete that could fix the lights in a shorter time.

Gladys Ness, Rockport."

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. L. Leader were in Mount Vernon Monday.

Thad Stokes was shopping in Sedro-Woolley Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Stafford were Mount Vernon shoppers Thursday. John West and sons were in Mt. Vernon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Evans and children of Seattle visited with relatives here over the week end.

Mrs. Ida Mathany and grandson Dennis were shopping in Mount Vernon Thursday.

The Sauk Craft club will hold their next meeting at the home of Ethel Theodoratus.

Mrs. Leva King and son Larry and Mrs. Lois Lee of Sedro-Woolley visited Sunday at the C. B. Mason home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack May and children of Seattle visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kay during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Chik, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Peck of Mount Vernon, Mrs. Tommie Vercoe and children of Burlington and Marlene McAfee of Sedro-Woolley visited on Sunday at the Menefee home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bitonti were Bellingham visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Kenneth Sullivan entertained Monday with a birthday party for her 6 year old daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Scott of Bremerton were visiting in town Monday.

Mrs. Joa Ragan of Burlington was visiting old friends in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Menefee and Walter Lowe were in Sedro-Woolley Monday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Smith of Burlington visited in town Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Turner were shopping in Mount Vernon on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carlson were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lorentzen in Sultan over the week end.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Neische Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harrison and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kaker of Anacortes, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Richardson and family of Wickham and Helen Weatherbee and family of Bellingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Powell of Burlington were in town Saturday. Mrs. Helen Crinklaw was a Seattle visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Latterlow and children visited Sunday with Mrs. Helen Crinklaw.

The Royal Neighbor Lodge met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Charles Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pszowski of Bremerton were in town over the week end.

Mrs. Louis Miller and daughter, Mrs. Margaret Miller, Frank Walton visited Sunday in Hamilton.

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Facts About Ordinance 148

This Ordinance was based on State Laws of 1953, Chapter 38, Section 1 and 2, which ammended Laws of 1941, Rem. 9213-6 and 6. This law was to permit a Town or City to set up a Cumulative Reserve Fund in which funds can be allowed to accumulate from year to year for named purposes. In effect, a savings account but available for any emergency under its specified provisions.

The reason for the passing of the foregoing law and the history of the same is as follows: From the time of Benjamin Franklin and before, the individual citizen was advised to save for a rainy day, and during good times was cautioned to lay away something for poor times. Prior to 1941 that was not permissible for cities and towns, and they were not allowed to save from year to year for a future purpose.

The councilmen in many Washington cities and towns, especially in the smaller places, believed themselves handicapped by the existing laws as very often certain desired projects could not be financed in a single year or in several years, and the councilmen felt that there should be some provision made whereby the town or city could save up for a number of years to build a town hall, buy a fire truck, or secure some other needed improvement.

The Association of Washington Cities, which is an organization or association of town and city officials throughout the state, was aware of the problem and at their request the Association presented the law to the state legislature and passed so that cities and towns could set up cumulative reserve funds for specified purposes.

The Concrete ordinance was not passed on the spur of the moment. The state auditor had required the town of Concrete, at some expense, to pass several emergency ordinances for urgent matters that could not have been anticipated. To avoid future expense of that

kind the council considered creating a cumulative reserve fund. A proposed ordinance was prepared and introduced some months before its passage. It was copied from ordinances already in effect in other towns and was submitted to the Association of Washington Cities for criticism and suggestions. The local ordinance follows that of Spokane's ordinance almost word for word.

THE ACT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR INCREASING TAXES.

The ordinance itself says the fund is to be created out of a levy to be made at budget time (October each year) within the limits allowed by law. Anything placed in the fund will have to come out of the town's 15 mill share of the 40 mill tax. 40 mills is the limit under the Constitution, except with a special election, and in preparing the town budget the Council will have to spread the town's 15 mills as far as it will go as it has in the past including an item for the new cumulative fund IF THE COUNCIL SEES FIT.

The Town of Concrete has for many years been receiving its full 15 mills of tax money. No increase in this millage is possible without a vote of the citizens.

The Concrete ordinance was a good faith effort on the part of an industrious and conscientious Mayor and Council to improve the workings of the city government, and to permit the Mayor and Council to be in a position to meet town requirements as they come up from time to time. It was a solution to a difficult problem which had faced many past councils.

THE EXACT WORDING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 148, AS PASSED BY COUNCIL

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CONCRETE, WASHINGTON:

Section 1. That a cumulative reserve fund to be known as "Cumulative Reserve Fund for General Purposes", is hereby created for the Town of Concrete, Washington, for the purposes of constructing, altering, or repairing, a town hall, fire hall, library, equipment shop or buildings, or other municipal buildings; streets, sewers, water system, alleys, sidewalks; fire, police and street trucks or equipment; and for the purpose of buying supplies, materials, or equipment for any of the foregoing purposes.

Section 2. The moneys in such fund may be allowed to accumulate from year to year until the town shall determine to expend all or part of the moneys in the fund for any or some of the purposes hereinabove specified, and no moneys in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall lapse and become surplus available for any

purpose or purposes other than those herein mentioned, and no moneys in fund shall at any time be used for any purpose not herein mentioned without an approving vote of a majority of the electors of the town at a general or special election voting on a proposal submitted to the electors to allow other specified use or uses.

Section 3. An item for said cumulative reserve fund may be included in the town's annual budget or estimate of the amounts required to meet the public expense for the ensuing year, and a tax levy may be made within the limits as authorized by law for said item; and the item may be repeated from year to year.

Section 4. The Town Council may also place in such fund at the time of the annual budget, all or any part of any surplus funds remaining from the previous budget, and it may at any time place in such fund any surplus moneys on hand when not prevented from so doing by law.

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