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By The Over-Timé Editor

THE LAZY fellow sometimes is called for by some guardian angel so that his apparent shortcomings do not necessarily be his way of life. The best way to register the type of ambition that the severe type folk call laziness is to let things off. Until tomorrow, or next week, or next year. So it was with our leaf raking last fall the river lot. A huge maple was overproductive in our garden and leaves were a foot deep. Also hard to handle, being dry and light.

So we let it rain on them a few weeks. Made 'em flat and impossible to handle. Conscience go down! After that we let the leaf raker get covered up with snow and everything was left at pretty all winter long. The last Sunday snow was gone on our back yard where most the leaves were. What was left was a thin mulch of dry material that raked up easily and burned bits of wood. So we did that as much space as might be needed this summer and inwardly commended ourself for the forthright shown last fall in not getting all excited about a pile of leaves.

The decomposed leaves still on the ground of our place have been under arm-chair study. The way I have it figured now, they'll be good for the soil, keep down any noxious lawn-grass and provide soft covering in case we should happen to fall out of a hammock. That's loose may blow away, but that stays isn't going to upset the balance of nature, or my good nature until fall. Then we will have a new crop of leaves which experience has taught us to handle nicely.

"SMITTY" SMITH, who handled the rural mail route here from the time it was started up to retirement age a few years ago had evidently wanted to keep quiet the fact that he had been running round with a woman who had been married fifty years, so he was quite surprised down in Suma the other day when cards and letters began coming in to congratulate Floyd and Hazel on their Golden Wedding anniversary.

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Robert Barr Killed In Car-Ice Accident

Friends of the Hugh Barrs, formerly of Concrete and now of Toppenish, were saddened this week to learn of the death of their son, Robert, 21, in a car accident last Sunday. The fatal crash occurred last Sunday just north of Pasco as Robert was returning to Pullman where he was attending—W.S.U. Icy pavement was blamed for his losing control of the car.

Graveside services will be today at the Elmwood Cemetery with a memorial service later at Methodist Church. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Toppenish High School music department or to the church memorial fund.

Mr. Barr was superintendent of school here before taking a position with the Toppenish system.

TACOMA SERVICE FOR DELLA GARDNER, 73

The death of Mrs. Della Gardner, 73, occurred last Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Valley Manor Rest Home in Mount Vernon where she had been under care for the past few months. She had been hospitalized most of the last four months since suffering a stroke in October.

Mrs. Gardner had made her home the last five years in Concrete with her son, Floyd Gardner.

She was born in Milwaukee, Wis., June 25, 1895, and came West in 1903 as a child with her parents who settled in Tacoma. She made her home there until after the death of her husband, Charles Gardner, in 1962.

Funeral services were conducted last Friday at the Brookside Chapel in Tacoma with interment in the new Tacoma cemetery.

She is survived by three sons, Earl of Bellingham; Floyd of this city; and Jack of Puyallup; four daughters, Mrs. Anita Suydan of Hayward, Calif.; Mrs. Thelma Evans of Santa Barbara, Calif.; Mrs. Nadra McSherry of Tacoma; and Mrs. Doris Isley of Sacramento, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Phyllis Yeomans of Puyallup; thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grand children.

R. Dickinson Sells Out To Klingman Brothers

Ralph Dickinson has sold his equity in the Klingman-Dickinson shake and shingle mill at Birdsview to Virgil Klingman of Anacortes, who now joins his brother Norman in the operation of the mill. It will now be known as Klingman Bros., Inc.

Dickinson and Norman Klingman had run the mill as partners the last three years and Virgil Klingman has been associated with it since last fall. Another partner, Phil Bargewell of Anacortes, will hold a financial interest in the business.

Dickinson is now employed at the Supreme Cedar Products mill at Birdsview.

ENGAGEMENT TOLD



JANICE CROOKSHANK

Mr. and Mrs. John Crookshank of Marblemount are announcing the engagement of their daughter Janice to Sgt. Dave Temple, formerly of Birdsview. Sgt. Temple is the son of Evelyn Temple of Wilbur, Wash., and Bon Temple of Hamilton.

Janice graduated from Concrete High School in June of last year and is now attending Peterson's Business School in Seattle. Sergeant Temple was a 1963 graduate of the local high school and is finishing his tour of duty with the armed services this summer. He is now based at Fort Knox, Ky.

The wedding date has not yet been set.

Hospital Guilds Host Welcome Reception

The Concrete United General Hospital Guild is offering transportation for anyone needing a ride to attend the open reception and tea tomorrow, Feb. 27, for Alexander Cobbin, new hospital administrator and his family.

The tea will be held at 8:00 p. m. at the United Presbyterian church on the Collins road near the hospital.

Calls for rides should be made to 853-4322 or 853-4124.

ACTION COMMITTEE TONIGHT—W. S. U. MEN GUESTS

All Concrete businessmen are urged to turn out to tonight's (Wednesday, Feb. 26th) special meeting of the Community Action Committee to confer with two Extension Program specialists on the subject of town renewal.

Dr. Jim Barron and Byron Halley of the Washington State University are in the county this week and have Concrete on their study agenda. They will meet with the committee at city hall at 7:30.

The committee is expecting a program of technical assistance in planning and implementing the local work to come from the Extension Service. They may also be able to help in securing financial assistance from the various state and federal renewal plans now in operation.

BILL MEURER, OF LAKE SHANNON MILL, DIES

Funeral services for William Meurer, well-known here as former mill superintendent of the Lake Shannon Shingle Mill, were held last Monday, Feb. 17th, at Marysville. Meurer was active in all local affairs during his years at the lake community, managing ball teams, working on civic projects and was the mainstay in the promotion of "Cascade Days" into the logging theme with competition from tree falling to log rolling.

After the mill closed Meurer made his home at Blanchard, then moved to Route 1, Marysville, where he spent his remaining years. He had been suffering from an extended illness.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred, and two children by a former marriage. His son, Jack, lives in Olympia and his daughter, Virginia, resides in Santa Maria, California.

Plane Causes Airport Pile-Up

A student pilot learned one big lesson the hard way last week. Don't land a wheel equipped plane in the snow!

The young beginning pilot and a passenger, flying a Boeing Flying Club plane out of Seattle, mistook snowmobile tracks at the Concrete airport for other aircraft landing marks and tried to land—just for fun. According to the tracks in the foot-deep snow the landing was perfect for about fifty feet. Then the wheels stopped dead and the plane did a forward flip to land upside down.

The occupants of the light plane were uninjured and the airplane was only slightly damaged with a bent prop and a banged up tail.

THEN THE FUN BEGAN

After the accident Wednesday afternoon things really began to snowball and for the next two days it was a comedy of errors in wasted time, money and tempers as local equipment tried to get the plane right side up and the field open for a possible takeoff after repairs.

First, Kenney's Towing Service was called to flip the plane back on its wheels. The tow truck made it to the plane fine, but then hit soft sand under the snow and was stuck fast.

Alvin Harris came with the city grader to plow out a take-off strip and broke down. It took the rest of the day and part of the next to get it moving. Then it freed the wrecker, which flipped over the plane. At last report the plane was tied down at the field waiting for spring thaw so it can be flown out.

More Changes At Baker River Ranger Station

In the reorganization of the Baker River Ranger District, some changes in personnel are still being made.

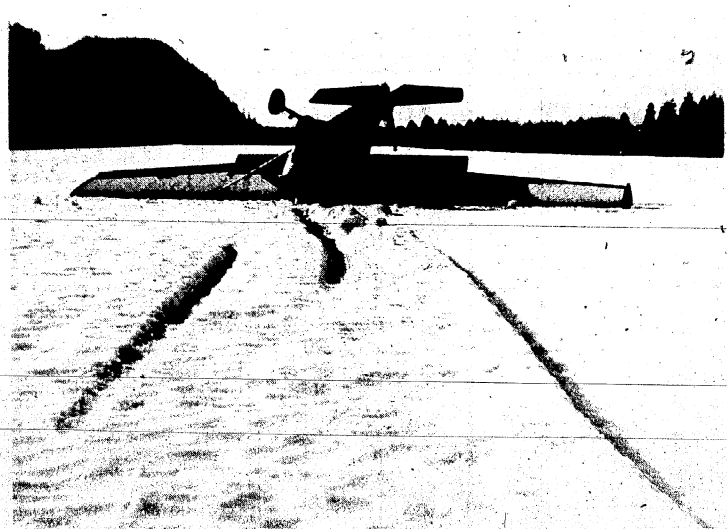
Gerald Fiman, who has served on the local district in both timber management and fire control for the last year and a half, has been transferred to the Glacier Ranger District where he is now fire control officer.

Orville Kulpers has taken over fire control at the Baker Station. He comes to the area from the Glacier District where he has been employed for the past fifteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Kulpers and children, Matthew, David and Theresa, are now living at the ranger station.

Christopher Comstock is the new resource assistant. Until this appointment his entire Forest Service career has been on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. His duties will include all resources of timber management, recreation and special use in the area. Mr. and Mrs. Comstock and son Michael are making their home in Concrete.

STEELHEAD BASHFUL

Steelheaders had little luck in fishing the Skagit River the last couple of weekends with water too low and clear. On the upper Skagit between Birdsview and Rockport 38 fishermen were tapped by checkers with only 14 steelhead and 42 whitefish. Between Concrete and Sedro-Woolley 80 anglers accounted for just ten fish.



SHORTEST AIRPORT LANDING

The landing was three-point, but set some sort of a record here for the distance needed to make a complete stop. The pilot and passenger walked away without injury.