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By The Over-time Editor

CONCRETE did itself proud on Friday with unprecedented enthusiasm and support of a "Clean-In" which proved almost a celebration for everyone involved. A beautiful day was provided for a major portion of the fun, and almost everyone had tired of their tasks nature stepped in to her share by washing the streets with an April rain.

All the day was a fine opener for the year's program ahead. A week of cleaning up around the residential section will end on Friday of this week, then a relaxed campaign will begin which we hope to have all the buildings on Main Street painted, a good number of homes. It is now mainly individual efforts, aided and abetted by the Action Committee.

Sharp eyes on little items to give general appearance of our town will be appreciated and the list will make a list of all such items. Just call and tell us, and pass them on to the committee.

LOSING battle was fought during the Clean-In. Somebody had a street banner to tell all the cars what was going on—so we programmed for our lowest computer. No canvas to



"THE BANNER"

so we chose what we had to be tough oil cloth. Gordon Plume sketched in the letters, Chuck & Helen painted in outline and prepared the art for hanging. Don Pope was used to put it up.

ness up to that point, High took just about five minutes to tear it to shreds—in fact, it could be completely across the street.

much for the low-budget try. time you want a sign we recommend a professional. Maybe not, but practical sturdiness.



"We Mean It—Clean It"

Clean-In A Party Time As All Ages Sweep Away Dust Traces

All Concrete turned out Saturday to scrub down the town!

Dozens of school children of all ages, business men, men's and women's clubs, mamas, papas, and grandparents, too, came to town to help in the town's first "Clean-In" on April 12.

"It was an unqualified success," said Charles Dwelley, chairman of the Community Action Committee.

"Even the weather cooperated. It is amazing what people can accomplish in one day of working together. It is a great start to turning Concrete into one of the cleanest towns in the state."

Groups were given their assignments at the Clean-up Headquarters manned by Chairman Helen Walston and her committee in front of the Stadman building—then set to with all the vim of people intent on driving out the very image of dirt and dust.

Bluebirds swept the sidewalks, cleaned the parking lot across from the post office, the grade school grounds, and cleared rubbish from the back alley. Campfire Girls helped paint the fences beside the bank and the Herald office and clean vacant lots along the street.

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and

other school boys grubbed grass out of the cement along the sidewalks and cleaned the city parking lot beside the Mt. Baker Hotel. Posts were reset and the logs along the street were painted red.

Others picked up litter along the roadside from the Dalles (Continued on page 3)

Cedar Firms Purchase Penn-Ply Baker Timber

One of the largest sales in recent years in this area was culminated the first of the week with acquisition of Peninsula Plywood interests in the Baker Lake region by a combine of three firms.

The sale includes 960 acres of land and 12 million board feet of timber, 5 million of it cedar, along Bear Creek.

Hurn Shingle Co., A & B Shake Co., and B & R Trucking of California joined to make the purchase and are forming a new company, The Bear Creek Cedar Co., to manage it.

Serving on the board of officers are Dean Hurn, Chuck Potter, and Bob Jackson, representing each of the three parent companies.

Birdsview Girl Drowned As Pickup Goes Into Skagit River

The community was saddened last Friday by the accidental drowning of Patty Jean Richmyer, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Richmyer of Birdsview, when the pickup she was driving got out of control and plunged over the bank into the Skagit River at the end of the Pinelli Road.

Her companion, Roger Dickinson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph

Dickinson, also of Birdsview, was taken to the United General Hospital suffering from shock, scalp cuts, and knee and chest injuries.

According to Washington State Patrol reports, Roger was teaching Patty Jean how to drive. They were going down Pinelli Road to the dump when Patty Jean turned left too sharply at Cape Horn Road. She overcorrected and the car went back across the road, between two big trees right over the 50-foot embankment into the river. Roger kicked out the window on the right side of the cab and both of them escaped from the car. Neither could swim. Floated loose from the pickup, Roger grabbed a spare tire which but Patty Jean was unable to reach it.

Divers, boatmen, helicopters joined the patrol officers in the search for her body throughout the weekend. It had not been recovered as of Monday.

Both of the young people were students at Concrete High School.

Lt. Ken Snyder Cited For Heroic Action In Viet Nam Engagement

Lt. Kenneth Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder of Rockport, received the Army Commendation Medal for heroism last month for his action which may have saved the lives of three others of his team during an attack by the enemy in Viet Nam January 29.

At the time Lieutenant Snyder was team leader of a Special Forces long-range reconnaissance team being lifted into enemy territory.

According to the commendation, the team was shot out of the landing zone by hostile enemy fire on its first attempt to get in by helicopter. Lt. Snyder and part of the team were landed on the second try, two hours later.

But as the second helicopter carrying his men touched down, the team came under intense enemy small arms fire.

"Ignoring his own personal safety," said the Army commendation, "Lt. Snyder moved from man to man, directing his fire and insuring that each member of the team was all right. The team had to remain on the ground under enemy to turn and run. By this with the helicopters could be made for their extraction.

"As the first helicopter picked up part of the team, the enemy began moving in closer on the four members left on the ground. Lt. Snyder with complete disregard for his own safety and life, now moved forward throwing grenades and firing his weapon on full automatic at the advancing enemy.

"The sudden aggressive maneuver of Lt. Snyder caused the enemy to turn and run. By this action, he saved the other three (Continued on page 3)

Benfield Heads Com. Council For This Year

Jim Benfield was elected president of the Upper Skagit Community Council at last week's meeting. He succeeds Dick Riehl, head of the group the last year. Sue Coffell will serve another term as secretary. Next meeting of the Council will be May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Mrs. Coffell's home.

Ray Camardella Buys Boyd Appliance Bldg.

Ray Camardella last week completed negotiations for purchase of the former Boyd building on the south side of Main street to house his television and appliance sales and service business.

He plans to open the new business by the first of the month under the name, Ray's TV and Appliance. He will carry the RCA line of televisions and stereos and will handle well-known brands of other appliances.

The building was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Ted Boyd who had operated Boyd's TV sales and service from 1960 until a year ago.

The sale was handled through the Two Rivers Realty of Concrete.

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