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EARL WADDELL RITES HELD IN SEATTLE

Funeral services for Earl S. Waddell, 58, who died in a Seattle hospital last Saturday, were held May 4 at the Ploeger-Hart Mortuary in Seattle.

A native of Canada, he had lived in the United States most of his life. The Waddells had made their home in the Birdview area for many years but were in the process of moving to Seattle at the time of Mr. Waddell's death. He had been in ill health for a number of years.

He served in the Army during World War II as a guard at Camp Elliott, Calif., and later with an infantry unit in the South Pacific.

Surviving are his wife, Ada; a stepson, Robert Bilyeu in California; a brother, Roy Waddell of Montana; two half brothers, Otto Waddell in Montana, and Harry Waddell, in the Panama Canal Zone, and two sisters, Mrs. Edith Wangen, Seattle, and Mrs. Roberta Mullins, Orofino, Idaho. Burial was held in Washelli cemetery.

Designs For Main Street Are Ready



Old Prater home in Mill Addition being removed as part of local Clean-Up drive. Other vacant houses slated for similar treatment to rid town of eyesore of abandoned homes.

The anxiously awaited drawings and suggested plans for remodeling and repainting of Concrete's Main Street will be here next Tuesday evening, when members of the Washington State University resources team will return to the city bearing the results of work by architects and artists at the university on photos furnished of each local business house.

James Barron and Byron Haley will be here to present the plans and will confer with Action Committee and town leaders on other phases of the proposed year-long renovation program.

The Tuesday evening session is set for 7:30 p. m. at City Hall and mainly for the business men who will be learning of the ways that their store fronts can be improved, but will be open to all who are interested in the Action Committee program.

According to information received there will be an over-all plan for the street, plus individual store-front designs. The latter will be based on a minimum expenditure for initial work but can be expanded to fit the desires of individual owners.

EARLY ACTION PLANNED

The building owners on Main street are signed up almost 100% for participation in the beautification project. All have agreed to repaint and will be taking a look at remodeling ideas before going into that phase. The hopes are to have most of the work at least in the process this month with completion date some time in June before the main tourist traffic begins.

So far bad weather has prevented much painting and has stalled some work already started.

Park Naturalist Now At Marblemount Post

Harry Willis has been assigned to the North Cascades National Park as naturalist and is now based at the Marblemount station.

He comes to this area from the National Seashore Park at Point Reyes, Calif.

Willis is occupying the house formerly assigned to the Bryce Lausch family at the ranger station.

Other recent assignments to the Marblemount location of the Park Service are Merlene Buller as secretary-receptionist; Irvin Lindall, headquarters fireman; and Jim Harris of Diablo, who will be on weekend duty as seasonal ranger.

Council Okays 20th Band Concert To Close Sobek Directing

The Town Council approved a 15-year lease for a 220x615 foot portion of the Municipal Airport Monday night for Puget Power. It will be used for the building of hangars and other installations for the power company's planes. Puget Power is presently extending the airport to handle larger aircraft and this week contractors began mixing cement for the surfacing of the runways, taxi strips and parking area. All cost of the improvement is being borne by the power company and the Lone Star Cement Corporation.

Leasing of the portion of the airport will not give an exclusive right to the field as there will be sufficient additional space for any other hangars that may be needed in the future.

In other actions at the Monday night meeting of the council the members approved a change in the building ordinance to allow remodeling permits at no charge for the next year, due to the clean up drive. Builders must apply for permits, but no fees will be asked. Fire Chief Floyd Gardner reported that a fire permit had been requested but refused to the crew now wrecking the old Lone Star plant. Clouds of black smoke on Monday morning gave indication that burning would be in violation of air pollution laws.

PLAN RECEPTION
A public reception will be held following the annual band concert May 16 to honor Durwood Sobek, instructor and director of the band for the last 21 years. With this year's concert, Sobek will be concluding his career with the local school band. He will transfer to another position within the school with the beginning of the fall term.

Location of the reception will be announced in next week's issue of the paper.

FORMER RESIDENT, CHRIS WEGERS, DIES

Chris Wegers, 72, a Skagit County resident since 1922, died in the Skagit Valley Hospital last Thursday, May 1. Funeral services were held Saturday in the Kern Funeral Chapel at Mount Vernon with the Rev. Father Patrick O'Brien of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church officiating.

Wegers was born in Broger, Denmark, Feb. 2, 1897, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans C. Wegersleff. He came to this country in 1922, settling first in Burlington and later in Concrete. He was employed most of his life in logging and worked for the Superior Portland Cement plant in Concrete.

Surviving are two sons, Donald C. Wegers of Everett and Richard D. Wegers of Concrete; a daughter, Mrs. Catherine Ramsey of Anderson, Calif.; a sister in Denmark, and 10 grandchildren.

Painting Fever Spreads Outside City Limits, Too!



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Isala Cugini now a sparkling white with green trim as Clean-Up spreads to Grasmere.

PARK WILL BE TOPIC AT HIGHWAY MEET

The annual North Cross-State Highway Association West Side meeting will be held in the Regency Room at the Leopold Hotel in Bellingham on May 24.

Charles Connaughton, U. S. Forest Service Regional Forester from Portland, will be the main speaker. Roger Contor, Superintendent of the North Cascades National Park, will discuss briefly the developments of the park to date and plans for the park area along the route of the new highway.

Groups from Methow Valley and Wenatchee, headed by President Claire Pentz, are expected to be present. Delegates from Concrete and Upper Skagit River, as well as Skagit, Whatcom and Island Counties will also be in attendance.

Jamboree Proceeds Total Over \$200 Net

Gross proceeds of the second annual Country Western Music Jamboree, April 27, totaled \$341. According to a report at last week's meeting of the sponsoring Upper Skagit Community Council, Final head count of attendance was between 400 and 500. Included was a husband of Northern State Hospital patients who attended as guests of the Council.

The total take included door receipts and other donations, including one of \$11 from patrons of the LaConner Tavern. After expenses were paid, \$208 remained for distribution. Half of the net proceeds was divided among the town's four young people's service groups, the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Campfire Girls, and Bluebirds. The balance will be used for expenses of the Council in bringing other performers to the area.

The Community Council now is contacting a barbershop vocal group in Seattle and Bellingham for a performance here in June, if it can be arranged.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Added to subscription lists of the Concrete Herald this week were the Don Johnsons of Seattle and Jack Hempel of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Others

in the Duster

The Over-time Editor

With every other minute think that something is done for a most improvement of society—the fishing worm. True, they are highly thought-of and good price on the market, all know that they get themselves, have been long for years by anglers, to work away from their habitat in damp condense and in dire threat of losing a part of their anatomy performance of their duty, credit the worms get for a sacrifice beyond the lure fish, it is the skill of a fisherman; if they fail to catch the finny tribe it is that they either were not enough or just were not enough heart into the

with all these handiwork a meaningful existence from a garden plot there possibility that the whole population may be replaced in rubber or

to make any self-respecting worm consider the prospect of a worm-har-karl—swallow itself whole.

It brings us to this week's story. Bill Hiett thinks many his wife slipped into Lake and lost her glasses can laugh. He has to buy new ones. I also have a pair of glasses and had to buy new. In case you catch a fish with the black-rimmed ones, be mine.

SH GREEN is the official of Concrete these days. The most of them newly mowed beautiful, and trees are out with new vigor. The plans around the cement park are shedding all of former dust coats.

There are evidences of dirt-moving parts of town. Also, crews are busy at the plant dismantling machinery in preparation of leveling of the buildings this year. Looking up!

Births

Timothy Shawn Benton and Mrs. Tom Benton of Concrete announce the arrival of a baby boy April 30 at the Skagit Valley Hospital. He weighed 10 lbs. and has been named Timothy Shawn.

Parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Benton of Mount Vernon and Mrs. Mel Benton of Rockport.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. P. Benton of Rosenberg, and Mrs. Rona Pressentin of Rockport.

TWO BIRTHS RECORDED

Two born this last week to residents at the United States Hospital included a son April 29 to Mr. and Mrs. R. Edwards of the Baker Ranger Station, and a son May 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stafford of Marblemount.

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