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County Fair Opens At Mt. Vernon Thursday

The 1969 Skagit County Fair opens at the Mount Vernon fairgrounds tomorrow morning, Thursday, at 9 o'clock and will be climaxed Saturday morning at 11 a.m. with a fair parade which so far has a list of 62 entries. Parade route will be from the fairgrounds through the downtown area.

The parade will include 10 bands, Seattle Seafair clowns, Shriners' train and clowns from Victoria, B. C., 17 floats, 14 marching and drill groups; 12 groups of horsemen; 3 of antique cars.

The twice-daily grandstand shows will feature acts from the Wenatchee Youth Circus, a troupe of some 90 performers between the ages of 5 and 18. There will be tumbling, juggling, high wire feats, whip cracking, fire eating, trampoline artists, and many clowns.

The 1969 fair queen will be crowned at 8 p.m. Thursday before the grandstand show.

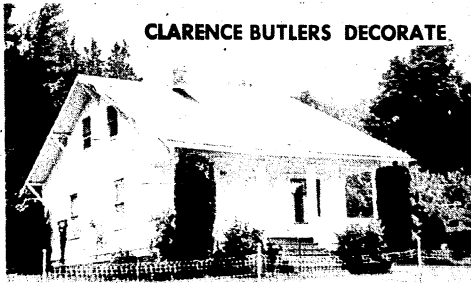
Tomorrow's program includes 4-H horse fitting and showing, 4-H Senior and Intermediate Western and English Horsemanship from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; FFA, 4-H dairy type judging, FFA, 4-H beef type judging; 4-H swine judging, FFA swine judging, 4-H sheep judging in the morning.

4-H dairy fitting and showing will start at 1 p.m. in the open ring, together with FFA, 4-H beef judging, and the 4-H poultry show. The grandstand shows are at 2 and 8 p.m. Other afternoon events are 4-H rabbit show, 4-H dog obedience show, and 4-H activities.

Community Council To Meet Tomorrow

Members of the Upper Skagit Community Council will meet tomorrow evening, Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sue Coffell to discuss plans for a fall program to be presented by out-of-town entertainers.

CLARENCE BUTLERS DECORATE



West Concrete seems to be a bit ahead in the "Paint-Up" drive. Most recent redecoration was done by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Butler. One of the former cement company houses, it sparkles anew.

Council Session Busy On Tentative Projects Seeking More Funds

Problems of finances for the future of the Town of Concrete were the subject of much discussion at the meeting of the council Monday evening, but all proposals coming out of the discussion were of a tentative nature. Most interesting was the idea of expanding the city limits to take in more taxable property, the initial objective being the sections north of the present limits toward Lake Shannon. This would bring into the town the power house and dam and a portion of the Lake Shannon property that might eventually be developed.

Of more concrete results the council approved two ordinances dealing with punch boards and pinball and mechanical games. Licenses on these have been in effect for many years but have failed to be collected for some time. New ordinances will set (Continued on page 2)

Alternate Proposals Made For Giving Concrete Access To Highway 20 At East End of Main Street

At a special hearing last Wednesday evening in Concrete State Highway Engineers presented a revised plan for the extension of Highway 20 through Concrete. Briefly, the proposal is to purchase the property of the Levaque mill and build the road in a straight line from the present access at Kenny's corner to a point on the grade already established in East Concrete. This would eliminate the necessity of buying twelve homes to acquire right-of-way through Mill addition. Instead only four homes and the mill would be required.

The objection to the proposed access to Main Street up South Baker Street (Aldridge, from the depot) was met with a plan which would bring an extension of Garden Street to the main highway, and from that intersection a new street that would cross the railroad grade and enter Main Street between City Hall and the telephone building. The Aldridge hill could be eliminated for automobile traffic, or kept as an alternate street crossing—that decision up to the town council.

These choices were outlined by District Engineer Wes Bogard. One was the original route around

the mill property, but with an access road from the west end of the new Baker Bridge along the river bank and up to Main Street by City Hall. The second was similar, with the access starting from the Mill Street crossing and skirting the mill to reach Main Street at City Hall. These were all versions of "Plan One" with revisions to provide access at City Hall. Cost of the first proposal was listed at \$1,070,000; the second at \$1,120,000; and the third at \$1,800,000.

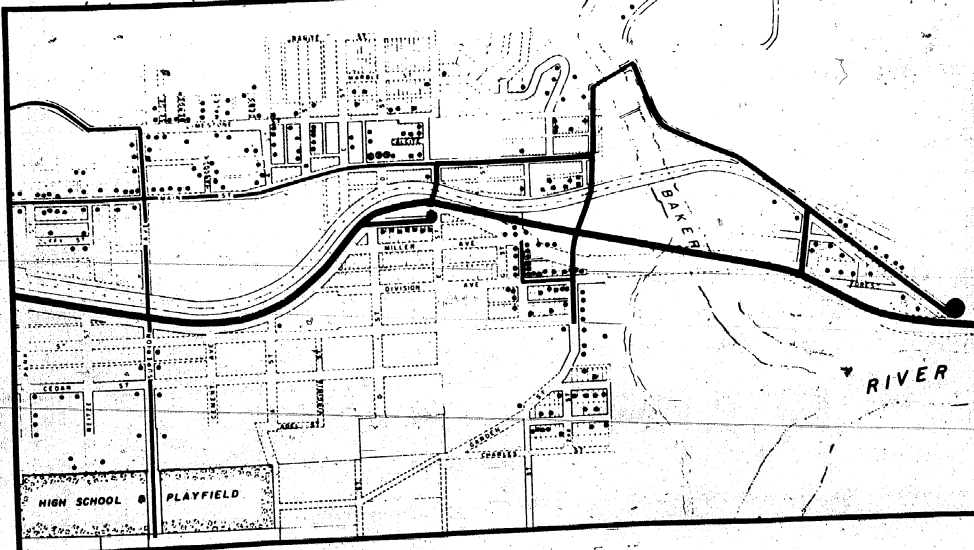
"Plan Two" would require the Baker Bridge to be constructed at an angle across the river instead of straight across at the narrowest point. This, the purchase of the mill property, and the addition of the access from Garden Street to the south to Main St. on the north would run the estimated cost up to \$1,350,000. This proposal, however, depends upon whether or not the Great Northern right-of-way east of the depot can be secured for a fill that would cut the street grade from the highway to Main Street. The engineers stated that a grade level crossing could be secured easily, but that if no fill was (Continued on page 2)

Mayor And Councilmen Posts Open This Fall

A municipal election will be held on November 4th this year in conjunction with the usual General Election. Concrete will be voting on candidates for Mayor and for two council positions. Filings for the offices will open on Sept. 5th and close on Sept. 19th and are to be made with Mrs. Marie Miller, clerk.

Mayor Margaret Stadlman, serving out an appointive term, will be up for election for the first time in that position. She had been elected as a councilman. Councilman Robert Sjoboen, serving a two-year term, will be up for Position No. 1 on the ballot; Dick Gardiner, an appointive, will hold Position No. 2. Candidates seeking to run for the council posts must designate which position they seek. Both councilmen now serving are from East Concrete, but the field is open for anyone within the town.

STATE SUBMITS NEW HIGHWAY ROUTING THROUGH CONCRETE



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49... Picnics... Meats... CHUCK... EAKS... 60... 99... 5/\$... HILLS... INSTANT... Coffee, 10... 4/\$... Candy Cut Spoons... (Type Inc.), 300... Large... 300... Tender, MILD... 1/2... Reg. Dippers... Barbecue, 3-P...

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