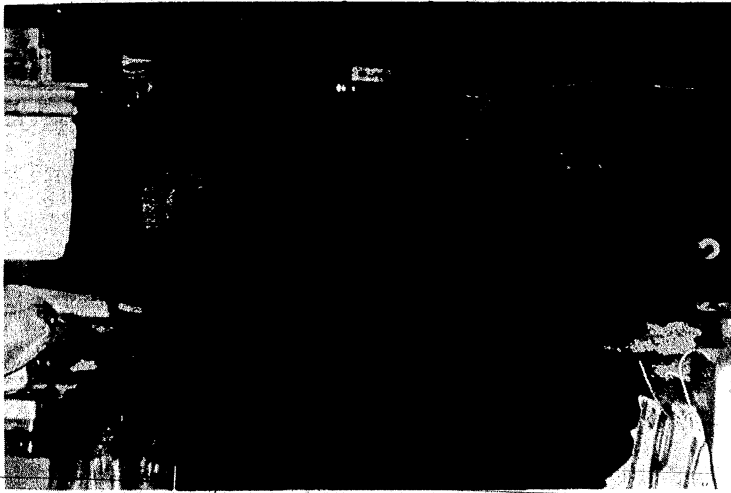


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Nine Guns Stolen In Cascade Supply Break-In



C. C. Baughman explains to Deputy Panzers how, in former robbery, the thieves failed to find the store's "change" currency. A few moments later he was allowed to go through the papers left in the pilfered safe, pulled out an envelope full of bills and exclaimed: "By golly, they missed it again!" The Monday morning change in paper money was intact.

The Cascade Supply, target of several break-ins over the years was hit again sometime early on Monday morning. Thieves entered from the rear, gathered up nine new rifles, three small radios, a few rolls of small coins and departed.

In their wake they left the safe open and contents covering the floor. Their only loot from this was the wrapped coins that are kept on hand for change, \$40 in quarters, some \$30 in dimes and nickles—and one new Canadian \$1 bill. They missed finding the paper money kept on hand for Monday morning's cash register. Checks in the safe were all made up and stamped for deposit so were valueless.

Due to having to leave the safe and contents untouched while the officers investigated, the envelope containing the currency was not discovered intact until the work on fingerprints was completed.

Police Chief Bill Hyatt was assisted in the investigation by Deputy Sheriff Ron Panzero, who brought up the county fingerprinting equipment—No prints of any kind were found.

Rifles taken included five 30-30 caliber. One .380 was taken and with it about fifteen boxes of ammunition. Radios stolen were the small transistors removed from the top shelf of a display cabinet that held many more expensive models.

Proprietors Glen Chambers and Bill Ruyle estimated the loss at around \$1,000. Whether or not other small items were stolen could not be determined immediately.

Upper Baker Channeled To Protect Spawning

Emergency channelization of the upper Baker River is underway to protect sockeye salmon spawning channels on Baker Lake, according to an announcement by the Washington State Department of Fisheries.

Wilder Construction Company of Bellingham is undertaking the project under supervision of the Fisheries Department's Stream Improvement division. A gravel bar and debris are being removed to prevent the stream from cutting a new channel which eventually would return it to the old river bed and isolate the spawning channels.

Stream Improvement Chief Tom Leal said the project must be completed before inclement weather sets in, otherwise rising water would almost certainly force the river into its old channel. Isolation of the artificial spawning channels would leave the returning sockeye with no place to go, he said.

The spawning channels were constructed in the late 1850's to provide a substitute for natural spawning areas inundated by Baker Lake after completion of two power dams on the Baker River.

Hunting Accidents Few During Opening Week

Opening weekend was one of the best in recent years, in terms of hunter safety, says the State Game Department.

Only three known firearms accidents occurred during Saturday and Sunday. The Game Department urges all hunters to think "firearms safety" and to practice it at all times afield.

With over a quarter million hunters afield during the opening weekend, no known automobile fatalities occurred. Hunters—and all those on the highways this weekend—are reminded to drive to and from their destination safely.

H. BLANKINSHIP DIES SUDDENLY MONDAY

Harland Blankinship, owner of the Jordan Creek Timber Co. at Marblemount, died of a heart attack Monday afternoon. Blankinship was at work at his shingle and shake mill when he was stricken.

The resuscitator unit from Concrete responded to the call which came in about 3 p.m. Jack Livie took the resuscitator to Marblemount.

Blankinship was taken to the Concrete Clinic and onto the United General Hospital, but was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

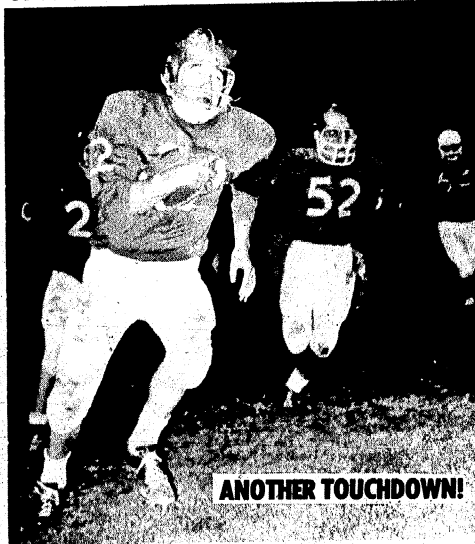
He is survived by his wife, Millard; a son, Bruce of Mount Vernon; a daughter, Sue Kemble of

Spokane; two sisters, Edna in Oregon, and Viola of Aberdeen; and a brother, Lester, Portland, Ore.

Blankinship, 57, had lived in Marblemount for 30 years.

At his request no funeral services were held. Cremation services were held yesterday at Hawthorne Lawn Memorial Park under direction of Lemley Mortuary.

Concrete Team Scampers To Win Over Lynden; To Meet Formidable Mt. Baker Team Friday



Richard Johnson swings downfield to score, accompanied by Mike Poltice (52) and Elbert Howell (64), leaving defenders far behind.

An outstanding running game, which produced a net 277 yards against the Lynden Lions last Thursday evening, paced the Concrete eleven to a 42-16 victory over their most bitter Whatcom County league foes.

Concrete's offensive line opened

huge holes and the backs made good use of them, with Robert Johnson picking up 111 yards in 18 carries, Richard Johnson 74 in 4 chances, and Robin Buller 67 in 13 tries. Play execution was also good, with only one fumble.

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Episcopalean Vicar Will Be Instituted

The Rev. William F. Copeland will be instituted as vicar of the North Skagit Associated Missions of the Episcopal Church, this Sunday, Oct. 26, at 5 p.m. in St. James' Church, Sedro-Woolley. The Ven. James E. Price, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Olympia, will institute Fr. Copeland and will preach. Organist for the service will be Fr. Copeland's son, William W. Copeland, organist and choirmaster of Emmanuel Church, Mercer Island.

The service will be followed by a potluck supper and program with Samuel Brown, a delegate to the recent General Convention of the church, as speaker. There will be films for the children.

St. Martin's Church, Rockport, will be represented by Raymond R. Johnson, and St. Francis' church, Newhalem-Diablo, by William Cowhen.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED LAST WEEK

A marriage license was issued last week to Roney A. Long, 25, of Concrete, and Geraldine Ryan, 24, of Sedro-Woolley.

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