The Gateway To The North Cascades National Park

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1969 Was Interesting Clean-Up Year

Here's How It All Came About-

JANUARY 8—

National Park Service took over formal responsibilities for the management of the new North Cascades National Park. Roger J. Contor was appointed supervisor of the new 674,000-acre unit to head up the administrative staff for the Park, the Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and the Lake Chelan Recreation Area. The Robert Wrights of Marblemount and the Phillip Wilsons at Rockport lost their homes and all their belongings in fires during one of the worst cold snaps in recent years. The home of Mrs. Kay Stafford again won the sweepstakes award in the Upper Skagit Garden Club's decorations contest. Magnus Miller, Willy Harris, and Tom Stokes have transferred to the Seattle plant of Lone Star Cement Corporation. The city council approved purchase of a new police car. Dick Gardinier was appointed councilman to fill in the position of Willy Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coffell purchased the Loyal Kloes house on Main Street. Susan Buller and Bill French announced their engagement.

JANUARY 15—

Concrete schools were closed two days during the week because of heavy snowfall. A fire at the home of Ed Aldridge in Rockport was brought under control without serious loss. Steelheading was good on the upper Skagit with 156 fishermen checking in with 92 steelhead between Concrete and Rockport. A deal was closed transferring 230 acres on the Skagit River owned by C & A Logging Co. to Hide-way Lands. Wolfgang Lanzendorfer of Los Angeles bought the Andrew home at Marblemount. The William Newby home acreage was sold to Richard Dahl. Claude Wilson resigned as county building inspector.

JANUARY 22—

The reorganizaiton of the Mt. Baker National Forest with the elimination of the Skagit Ranger District office at Marblemount resulted in the transfer of Lawrence Bates, Merlene Buller, and Charles N. Self Jr. to the Baker River District. Robert Riese, Alvie Kratzer, and Sidney Jenkins went to the Darrington District. Gene Crane transferred to the Stanislaus National Forest. Gerald B. Wood, Phil Taylor and Gale Alger transferred to the new national park. George Chemalis died after a long illness. The Birdsview home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis was destroyed by fire. Concrete schools have lost five days of school so far because of bad weather. The town council decided not to purchase the Lone Star Cement Corp. water system because of restrictions involved. Sharon Hall of Newhalem and Charles Ogmundson of Blaine were married.

JANUARY 29—

Bitter cold continued throughout the state. Although Highway 20 was kept open to the lower valley, it was dangerous in many spots and snow was banked to 10 or 12 feet high along the road in the Rocky Creek area. Most club meetings and scheduled events in Concrete were cancelled. George W. White, 90, pioneer resident of Concrete, died in a Mount Vernon rest home. Susan Buller and Sgt. William French Jr. were married. Alexander Cobbin was appointed new administrator at the United General Hospital. Jack Bradley was assigned to position of guidance and counseling at Concrete High School in conformance to state department of education requirements.

IT GOT A BIT COLD ALONG IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 5—

A Community Action Committee was formed to promote the renovation of Concrete. Elmer Sandstrom was found dead in his home. Herman P. Jensen died suddenly. Vail's Grocery at Marblemount was burglarized for the fourth time. The county commissioners board has assigned maintenance supervisors to each district within the county to be responsible for road upkeep. Record winter conditions taxed the capacity of the town's equipment in keeping the streets clear. Private equipment was to be hired on an hourly basis to eliminate the worst conditions. Judy Clifford of Diablo announced her engagement to Joe Best of Seattle with a June wedding planned.

FEBRUARY 12—

Charles Dwelley was elected chairman and Lois Coonc, secretary, of the Concrete Action Committee. April 12 was set as the general clean-up day for the entire town. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller sold the Hub Tavern to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bianchini and Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. Ed Pulice, Concrete postmaster, escaped serious injury when his car struck a pickup parked in the eastbound lane of Highway 20 outside of Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Evans purchased the Shanty Drive-In from Mr. and Mrs. Joe Osborne. Twelve firemen of the Grasmere fire district received fire service training certificates. Jake Powell, long-time employee at the Baker River Powerhouse, died.

FEBRUARY 19—

Concrete school district voters approved a special maintenance and operation levy of 16 mills. United General Hospital bonds were sold for construction of the new Extended Care wing. Marilyn Kay Yeager of Diablo announced her engagement to Roger Whitney of LaConner, now employed by City Light at Newhalem. Mrs. Susan Williams died from injuries resulting from a car accident in Warm Springs, Ore. Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Lausch left for their new position at Quinault with the Olympic National Forest.

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...The Over-time Editor

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...s it is the same way with ...of a year. Good or bad, it ...a lot of thought and hard ...It was worth while there ...satisfaction of chalking up ...e point for good old 1969 ...ting about it. If the ...d collapsed on you dur... ...year, then you have the ...ity to mark an end to ...of disaster and plan to ...ad also with better pros...

...to crystal ball and no ...been able to depend on ...e soothsayers who fail... ...to slide California ...ion last year, we greet ...e. Unarmed and un... ...we are not even going to ...what politics, econ... ...humanity will do to us ...year ahead. If we could ...believe it.

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Upsy-Daisy Landing At Airport