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FROM MILL SITE TO HOME SITE



H. H. Severe of Rockport operates a tractor in clearing a site for a new home of the debris from the old shake mill on the former Gustafson place west of town. The location on the lane off Highway 20 was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. George Collins of Bonanza, Utah, who plan to build their retirement home here this summer. Mrs. Collins is a sister of Mr. Severe.

Petition For Annexation Of Puget Power Property Accepted

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24th, at City Hall to hear any protests or objections to boundary lines of a proposed annexation of Puget Power property to the Town of Concrete. A petition submitted by the power company was accepted by the council Monday evening in which

an area north of the city limits would become a taxable addition to the town.

Roughly the area includes the power house, sub station and a portion of the hillside, but does not include the Lower Baker Dam. Puget Power is the owner of all the property, and annexation is the result of conferences between the town and company over the past several months. Estimated tax return to the town is around \$12,000 a year.

The only detail actually under negotiation was the acceptance of the road across the slide area, which would come under town maintenance. The danger of further slippage could make any repair too costly for the town to handle. This was resolved by putting the boundary lines of the annexation inside of the roadway.

Deming Man Fined For Fishing With Net

William M. Schumaker of Deming was fined \$478.25 and received a suspended 30-day jail sentence for fishing in the Skagit River with a net on January 26. He was arraigned before Municipal Court Judge W. A. Blunt at the Feb. 2 court.

Russell A. Edwards of La Conner was fined \$250 with a 30-day jail sentence suspended on the same charge.

Gary Calloway of Hoquiam was arraigned on Jan. 26 on a charge of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. A continuance was granted until Feb. 9. Tina Gardner of Concrete forfeited \$130 on a charge of speeding and failure to appear. Robert J. Johnson of Concrete was fined \$15 for charge of failure to stop at a stop sign. The fine was suspended.

"Dog Gone—Somebody Stole The Dog Pound!"

Marshal Bill Hiatt's takeover of the job as official Dog Catcher was not auspicious. He found someone had not only stolen the dog pound pen, but had also taken the dog that was in it.

A new pen was built and his first report was five dogs held the required time and then destroyed and several others in starving condition killed without being penned.

Dog license tags for 1970 are now up for sale and may be secured from either the Marshal or the Town Clerk.

GARBAGE FRANCHISE HEARD

In other council action the council heard first reading of a garbage control franchise to turn control of the town dump over to Harold Kloes. He will operate it for the town in conjunction with his present garbage collection route. Under the proposed franchise he would collect fees from persons using the dump, control their dumping and land-fill the area according to state regulations. All fees would be turned in to the town treasurer and in return Kloes would be paid 90% of the total for his services.

Fees listed in the franchise are 25¢ per can, \$1.50 for pickup load or \$2.50 per yard for large truck dumps. Hours set tentatively are 10:00 to 4:00 on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 12:00 to 4:00 on Sundays.

The franchise will be acted upon at the March meeting.

DAVID WAHL GRADUATES

David Wahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wahl, received his bachelor's degree in education at the end of the fall quarter of Western Washington State College.

Others

From the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

WENTLEMEN STILL do prefer. At least that is if the members of Sigma Chi at the U. are to be considered gentlemen. Some members of other fraternities might question that. The for the first observation, er, is that we were present coronation of the Sweet of Sigma Chi on Saturday and of twenty runners-up honor, six were finalists. six all were blondes of long straight hair type. Also iced was last year's Sweet-another blonde. The winner's year looked little different than those who lost, but perad a more generous heart, nothing.

When it comes to the familyings, "Blondes do have fun" or at least seem to. A use of discrimination.

PPY BONSPIELI A briefy over the week end took Canada where we were imely involved in a "Bon- To the uninitiated this is a curling tournament. To the less initiated curling is an otish winter sport in which a side 40-lb. stones down of ice. The object of the is to place the stone as near sible to the center of a in the ice at the other end. something like bowling," we "No," we were told, "More shuffleboard." From there, education was taken over by ers and players until we such terms as "rocks," "sweepers," "skips," and rious intricacies of play. It game of unusual demands. ls for a steady hand that give the stone a slight twist the finger-tips as it is ed to give it a curl to right. Unlike bowling, once the left the hand it could be by the sweepers the full of the rink. By sweeping usily in rhythm two or three pers would stay ahead of the smoothing the ice of frost making it more slippery. A set of sweepers, they told us, (Continued on page 4)

Six Persons Face Drowning When Boat Hits Bridge; Swimmer Saves Lives

Six persons, including a couple of small boys, 6 and 8, narrowly escaped drowning in the Skagit River last Tuesday when their steelhead boat broke up near the Rockport bridge. If their cries for help had not been heard by Robin Adair, 16, of Rockport, the only person in the area who could swim, they all would have perished in the swift, icy waters of the Skagit. The fishing boat of Ted Erickson, guide from the Hamilton area, carrying a party from Seattle, two men and three boys,

went out of control and crashed into one of the concrete support of the bridge shortly after noon. Erickson had trouble with the boat's motor and the boat swung around in the river before it could be brought under control and was swept against the support, breaking to pieces, and the motor going to the bottom.

Erickson was able to make it to shore. The rest were carried down river by the swift current. The men and a couple of the boys were lodged against the log jam, almost opposite the Rockport tavern, and clutched frantically at the debris but couldn't pull themselves out. One of the boys was hanging onto boards from the boat in mid-stream.

Although several persons and other fishermen were along the shores at the time of the accident, none could swim and there were no boats in motion to go to the rescue. Young Adair, who was near the bridge at the time, heard the shouts, ran down the bank and dove into the river, ripping off his corduroy jacket as he swam.

He reached the log jam just as the smallest boy, six-year-old (Continued on page 2)

Lay Committee Formed To Acquaint Public Of Local School Needs

Jerry Clements heads a lay committee of 12 members formed to work with the Upper Skagit School District school board and superintendent as a liaison group between the board and the public during the time before the special levy election. Co-chairman is Robert Keith of Newhalem.

Other members, chosen from all of the districts represented on the school board are Dale Drake, Bill Blunt, Lois Coonc, Marilyn Whitt, Artis Hawkings, Bill Hiatt, Neal Clark, Shirley Alger and Robin Wood, the last three from Marblemount. Sue Coffell is the school board's representative. Superintendent Fred Culbertson is ex-officio member.

The committee was formed last week to investigate means of upgrading of the entire school system within the district and to acquaint the public of their findings. They met this Monday to inspect the grade school buildings and will meet tonight, Feb. 4, at 8 p.m. in the high school. Their recommendations will be presented to the school board at next Monday's meeting.

Steelhead's Luck Proves Saturday

Steelhead fishermen had a weekend, one of the first season, over Saturday and day with a total of 26 steelhead and one cut throat pulled of the Skagit between Rockand Concrete.

Saturday was a boomer with steelhead caught by 62 fishermen, reported Wildlife Agent Hoffman of the Department of Game and Fisheries. catch on Sunday dropped steelhead and one cut throat led between 22 fishermen. fisherman from Seattle h a 16-pounder out of the Sk River Saturday. Four head were hooked by 12 fishermen.



ROCK CRANE DISAPPEARS

Another landmark has disappeared at the Lone Star plant with the removal of the traveling rock crane from its foundations by the wrecking crew. Also gone is the similar traveling crane from the Clinker Shed. Up to the present most equipment removed has not been noticeable from the exterior of the plant.

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