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Annual Clean-Up Day This Saturday

WEDDING DATE SET



ARVILLA TURNER

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Turner of Marblemount announce the engagement of their daughter, Arvilla, to Earl D. Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bowen of Rogue River, Ore.

Arvilla was born in Skagit Valley and has spent her life in Marblemount. The last few years she has helped her family operate their drive-in restaurant at Marblemount.

Earl is employed by Peter Kewitt as an accountant and is now working on the North Cross-State Highway construction job.

The young couple plan to be married June 6 at the Assembly of God Church in Marblemount.

Felony Counts Filed On Holdup Charge

Two felony counts have been filed in Skagit County Superior Court against Donald Peckham, 45, of Seattle who is accused of robbery and committing or attempting to commit a felony while armed. Peckham is accused of being one of the two men involved in the March 1 robbery of the Log Cabin Tavern in Concrete. He was returned to Skagit County recently from Seattle where he served time on another unrelated charge.

Wayne Messner Rites Held In Sedro-Woolley

Funeral services were held yesterday, April 28, for Wayne Lawrence Messner, 48, of Marblemount who died suddenly early Saturday morning in the United General Hospital from an apparent heart attack.

Messner was born July 25, 1921, at Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., and had been working the last two years with Seattle City Light at Newhalem as security guard and more recently as service and maintenance operator. He was a retired master sergeant of the Air Force with 20 years of military service.

He was a member of the Heskett Arnold American Legion Post No. 132 of Concrete and of the Orient Lodge No. 51 F. & A. M. of Topeka, Kas.

His marriage to Helen Hendrix took place in Concrete on March 1, 1969.

Besides his wife at the Marblemount home, he is survived by a son, Larry Messner of Woodland, Calif.; his mother, Mrs. Merle Toland of Seattle; seven sisters, Marion Jordan of Lebanon, Mo., Laurel White of Concrete, Patricia Bade, Milwaukee, Wis., Mary Lockhart of Newhalem, Leona Gifford of Ferroun, Utah, Lorraine Hendrix of Sedro-Woolley, Barbara Gunter of Central Point, Ore.; two stepdaughters, a stepson, four stepgrandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were held in the Lemley Chapel at Sedro-Woolley with the Rev. Roy Olson of the Concrete Lutheran Church officiating. The George Baldridge American Legion Post of Sedro-Woolley conducted graveside services at Hawthorne Lawn Cemetery, Mt. Vernon.

Births

BABY BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Oxford of Concrete are the parents of a daughter born April 9 in the United General Hospital.

Organization Of Citizens Group For School Studies Set For May 7th

An organization meeting of all interested residents within the Upper Skagit School District No. 102 to form a citizen's group to promote school and community relations will be held next week, Thursday evening, May 7, at 8:00 in the Concrete High School Cafeteria.

Main objectives of the broad-based citizen's committee will be to provide a permanent body of active people who can serve as an advisory group and a sounding board for public opinion on school issues. Bob Whipple, serving as organizer, states that the hope is to work with the school administration and board of education in school matters as they effect the public and to prevent

the spread of unfounded rumors that cause dissension.

Formation of such a committee, representing all precincts in the district and persons from every stratum of the area, whether or not they have children in school, is aimed at serious investigation and study of school problems and dissemination of information to the public on the various issues. Feedback of public opinion and support of the school board by resolving controversy before it reaches vital decisions will be one of the main objectives.

"The committee is open to the general public and anyone interested in devoting effort toward promoting harmony and cooperation (Continued on page 5)

All Concrete will turn out for its "May Day" Clean-Up this Saturday, May 2, to carry on the general housecleaning of the town started with last year's rejuvenation drive.

Fire sirens will herald the start of facilities Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

Karen Johnson Tabbed For Japan Music Trip

Karen Johnson, senior at Concrete High School and a member of the school band, has been selected as one of the group of student musicians who will travel to Japan this summer to play at the Expo '70. She plays the clarinet.

Karen was chosen for her performance last month in the All-State Band at Yakima, sponsored by the Washington Music Educators Association.

The group will leave June 28 for California where it will perform before flying to Japan June 30. It will give two concerts a day at the Expo and play for social events during the 10-day stay. Return is scheduled for July 9.

Bid Let For Girders For Illabot Creek Span

Low bid of Nelson Construction Co. of Ferndale for concrete bridge girders and a concrete deck for the new Illabot Creek Bridge was approved by Skagit County Commissioners last week.

Nelson's low bid was for \$38,361. The girders are pre-stressed beams weighing 62,000 lbs. apiece for the new bridge crossing Illabot Creek between Rockport and Marblemount on the south side of the Skagit River on the Rockport-Cascade Road.

Other bidders were Modern Louvres of Chatteroy, Wash., whose bid was \$42,843; Patrick Construction Co. of Everett, \$42,000; and Crocy Construction Co. of Bellingham, \$38,875.



WEIGHTY VAULT DOOR, hefting over five tons, was trucked to Concrete last week for installation in the State Bank of Concrete to replace door burned through by bank robbers early this month. Door was formerly used in the old Seattle First National Bank and is guaranteed burglarproof.

Students, residents, and businessmen will gather in the downtown area to get their assignments and join in cleaning up the town. Fred Bianchini, general chairman, said that a table will be set up in the town parking lot adjacent to the Mt. Baker Hotel as an information clearing location.

Dutch caps will be provided again by the Cascade Supply to put workmen of all ages into costume and Kenny's Shell Station is furnishing large yellow plastic bags for containing trash as it's picked up.

A meeting of the Community Action Committee has been called by Chairman Ray Drake Jr. for tonight, Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall to check over all details for Clean-Up Day.

A barbecue for all young people taking part in the Clean-Up will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the grade school. It will be in the grade school cafeteria, said Glen Chambers, in charge of the hot-dog feed.

All students gathering trash or helping with the Clean-Up in any way will be given tickets entitling them to the barbecue, free of charge.

Ray Camardella is in charge of division of the town into areas for crews of students. Cash prizes will be given for the most trash collected by different age groups.

Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls and Bluebirds will help with cleaning the sidewalks and trimming grass and weeding along the street edges and around the grade school property. Garden Club ladies and Cascade Juniors members probably will work on their park sites along Thompson Street. Garden Club members also intend to place flowering plants in the planters they maintain along Main Street.

Businessmen will clean their own buildings, washing windows, and scrubbing down the exterior. Concrete Eagles say that they will finish the job they started last year on the cleaning of the outside of the Eagles Hall. Local firemen have promised their aid. (Continued from page 5)