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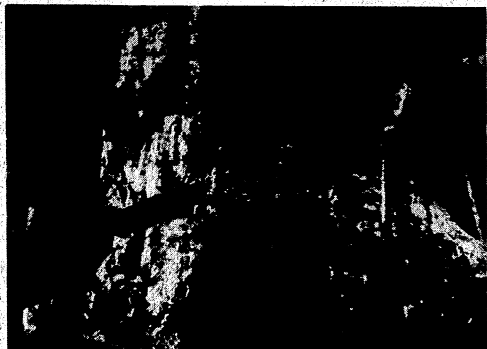
By The Over-time Editor

I am a willing believer in all kinds of things unexplainable, and I give the title of "Editor" to this newspaper. We get a lot of things when something unusual happens to catch the eye of our readers or just strangers who ask a question they want answered. Flying Saucers, though declared legally invisible, tickle the imagination and we are hoping sometime before we see this earth as a spirit we will have the opportunity to see one maybe even take a ride.

Monday night we thought for a moment we had an opportunity on the phone rang about 10:30. It was the Bob Grays on Sauk who had noticed an unusual light in the sky to the southeast of their place (the former Whip-lam). They said it was a light, like a star, but giving out bright red and green flashes. That was enough to get news staff in action and we went to the scene with camera field glasses.

The field glasses weren't necessary because you could see the lights with the naked eye. The field glasses, the red and green flashes were spectacular. For over an hour the object low enough on the horizon to be land-attached; stayed in a small area. It seemed to move sideways at times or up and down but this was debatable because the movement of the light in the head might have been its appearance.

Anyway, we couldn't figure it out. It might have been a bright light, why the red and green. There was no way to tell how far away it was. All we want to know is that there was a real spaceship from Venus or that there looking us over. An astrologist wants to make a special explanation, let him try it to himself. Same for the police and the F.B.I. We'll keep on hoping somebody from another world some place, advanced than this one and in existence in spite of the fact that our civilization seems to have placed against the earth here tomorrow.



ONE OF THE VANISHING big fir trees of the forest was felled recently on Crevice Creek, on the north fork of the Stillaguamish by Bruce Dellinger of Rockport. The huge Douglas fir had an outside circumference of 35 feet and a diameter (inside the bark) of 10 ft., 10 inches. The tree was over 200 feet tall and measured 5 ft. diameter at 160 ft. up. The logging was done by Jack Faucett of Darrington, who netted eight loads from the one tree. A butt-cut is being considered for display purposes.

Class Of 1970 Will End High School Days In Commencement Exercises Friday Evening

Annual commencement exercises for seniors of the 1970 graduating class of Concrete High School will be held this Friday evening, June 5, in the high school gymnasium.

Four speakers, all seniors, will give the addresses. Mike Kelly, valedictorian, will talk on "Success."

Karen Johnson, salutatorian, has chosen "Goals" as her topic.

Shirley Parker, class selected speaker, will speak on "Our Accomplishments." Mike Pulice will give an address as faculty-selected speaker.

Pastor Roy Olson of the local Lutheran Church will give the invocation and the Rev. William Bridge of the Community Bible Church, the benediction. Principal M. B. Elavsky will present awards. Kenneth Balzar, chairman of the Concrete school board, will present diplomas.

STATE LAW ORDERS—Retirement Benefits For Town Marshal

Under a new law passed by the last session of the legislature the Town of Concrete must now place its town marshal under the state retirement program. The pension plan calls for a deduction of 6% of the marshal's salary each month, with an additional 6% contributed by the town. The total contribution is \$39 monthly for each party.

In addition to the retirement plan the town must also furnish complete medical and hospital insurance for their marshal, covering him whether on duty or off and for all types of illness. He is also covered on duty by industrial insurance with the state. A policy costing \$14.50 a month has been approved.

The Concrete High School band will play the processional, recessional and the national anthem under direction of John Rantschler, instructor.

VAN TOTALED ON SOUTH SKAGIT HWY.

The 1967 Dodge Van driven by Hugh E. Hooper, Route 3, Sedro-Woolley, was totaled Sunday afternoon when it flipped over in a six-foot ditch as Hooper missed the curve on the South Skagit Highway, four miles east of Sedro-Woolley. Hooper was taken to Skagit Valley Hospital with an injured shoulder.

Congressmen Ask Release Of Funds To Speed North Cascade Highway

Washington legislators are urging the Bureau of the Budget to release nearly \$2 million in frozen funds for construction of the North Cascades Cross-State Highway, Senator Henry M. Jackson announced last week.

Jackson joined with Senator Warren Magnuson and Congress Budget Robert P. Mayo, pointing men Lloyd Meeds and Thomas S. Foley in a letter to Director of the out that progress on the highway is presently at a standstill because of budgetary restraint. They said that \$1,907,000 is being held up.

They wrote: "This highway, northernmost of the State's system, will serve as an important cross state route between the densely populated Puget Sound Basin and the interior of the state. It will traverse the new Ross Lake National Recreation Area and provide key access to the new North Cascades National Park. It will ultimately be one of the most spectacular and scenic roadways in the United States.

"The recreational impact of the roadway, however, does not overshadow the important economic impact that construction and completion of this project will have on the local area and the State of Washington. It will provide a greatly needed source of income as well as access for an area that badly needs both.

Dalles Beetle Kill Sale Brings High Figure

One of the largest timber sales in the Upper Valley in many years was negotiated with the recent sale of the Dalles bridge area "beetle kill" timber to Willis Rogers and Pearson Lumber Co. of Sedro-Woolley.

The 10,660,000 board feet was purchased for approximately \$442,000. Douglas fir, which comprises nearly 9 million board feet of the total, went at \$43.50 per thousand board feet; cedar, \$37.05; hemlock and white fir, \$22.50; alder and maple, \$15.50.

The company has until Sept. 30, 1972, to log the area, said Dale Thompson of the State Department of Natural Resources, Sedro-Woolley office. However, it has set no definite date to start operations saying that logging will depend upon marketing conditions.

The logging road into the area will go off the main road about 300 feet upstream from the Dalles Lions' Club Park and be built behind the park without damaging the improved site. A screen of trees and undergrowth will be left between the road and the park and dirt removed for the road construction will be hauled out.

Since the timber is on common school grant land funds received from the sale go into the state school building fund to be used as matching funds for school construction.

"We cannot over-emphasize the importance of this project to the State of Washington. In addition, the timely release of these funds is absolutely necessary to take advantage of the short construction season in this mountainous region."

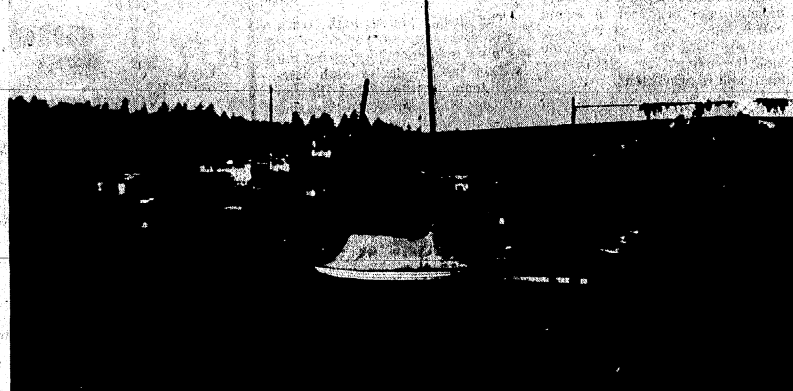
Reassessment Started For Local Property

County Assessor George Dunlap's field appraisers have started soliciting current information pertaining to valuation of all buildings in Concrete and the Upper Valley area. This work is in compliance with Washington State law which requires all properties to be revalued every four years. Dunlap stated that it has been about ten years since this part of Skagit County has been reappraised.

Revaluation has been in progress in the western part of the county in recent years and has been completed to Township St. in Sedro-Woolley. In order to take advantage of good weather and long daylight hours, field appraisers have started at the eastern end of the county and will stop at every house.

Residential appraisals are primarily based on three things—size, quality of construction and (Continued on page 2)

Skagit Port District Marina Opened At LaConner Sunday



\$1,500,000 Skagit Port District Marina At LaConner Already A Popular Boating Center

Volunteers Needed For Eight School Study Committees Of Advisory Group

The special school election of yesterday (yesterday) is not expected to make any difference in the plans of the organizers of the Men's Advisory Committee to Concrete Schools. Whether or not the levy and bonds are approved they feel that much has to be done to solve the problems made the elections of the last few years necessary.

The committees will work independently on their selected subjects and submit their findings and recommendations to the Advisory Committee as a whole when their work is completed. A chairman will head each group, with assistance and information available from the board of directors when requested.

Committee assignments are: Curriculum, Personnel-Students, Buildings, Sports-Activities, Policies, Future Planning and Public Information. All subjects coming under the general headings, whether for present use or future recommendation, will be handled under the eight committees. Any (Continued on page 2)