

# The Concrete Herald

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## Feathers from the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

LIVES THERE the man with soul so dead he never to himself has said: "This weekend I'm going to rest up." We wonder. From observance of our own behavior and that of others the weekend seems to be a storage shed where you pile up all the things you should have done during the week. Like that "rainy day" only it comes along every blinkin' week of the year—rain or shine. If all the chores that were scheduled to be done on the weekend were ever accomplished in that period of time there would be a trail of fainting wives clear across the nation. Overcome by shock. As for the coronaries, to doing all they can think of in most of the men wouldn't be up one session. Especially after thinking them up for five days, plus the accumulation of "ought-to's" from past years.

The "weekend," short or long, is an American institution dedicated to making every one healthy and happy by freeing them to go out into their back yard and work up a hernia, or take the other route and head out for "recreation" on the beaches, the flat-land or the mountains. The poor over-worked he-male and female have been brain-washed into believing that the only way they can report back for duty Monday morning and verify that they enjoyed themselves so many of our city friends we circle under their eyes, sun-burned noses, mosquito bites and skinned shins to display as trophies.

Now that the upper valley has become a stomping ground for so many of our city friends we see a bit more of the seamy side of recreation. The fun-filled camper with six kids, the dog, bikes, camping equipment and the boat go by Friday with everyone smiles and anticipation. Then the same outfit rolls down the road Sunday evening with all the smiles replaced by a weary chin-up-kid grin that signifies that they darn-well better have had a good time or the whole shebang will be donated to Goodwill next week. The feeling wears off, we know. Still it is an amazing tribute to the American family that they can survive quite a few years of this before it dawns on them that fun is probably the most work they will ever be called upon to do without pay.

Monday has been given a bad name over the years without true consideration. It is really a refuge to which we can run to escape weekends. When this becomes general knowledge they'll probably make it a legal holiday.

### Ed Johnson Car And Steer Meet On Highway

A black cow on the highway at Van Horn brought some \$800 in damage to the grill and hood of Ed Johnson's 1966 Ford station wagon Monday night about 10:30 p. m. The animal, belonging to Henry Sjoboen, was killed. Neither of the Johnsons were hurt.

### Mrs. Nona Johnson Of Birdsview Stricken

Nona Frances Johnson of Route 1, Concrete, wife of Robert Johnson, died June 10 at the Skagit Valley Hospital in Mount Vernon. Services were held last Saturday, June 13, from Lemley Chapel in Sedro-Woolley with burial at Hawthorne Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Mount Vernon. Pastor Richard Riffle, formerly of Concrete now of Lynnwood, and the Rev. William Bridge of Concrete officiated.

Honorary casketbearers were Dick Campbell, Norton Shelver, Ralph Dexter, Jack Scales, Jimmy Jungblom, Carroll Anderson. Active pallbearers were Robert Perigo, Hillard Nicholson, Wilfred Fisher, Howard Johnson, Vivian Bates and Howard Bryson.

Mrs. Johnson was born Sept. 13, 1912, at Lyman and had lived all of her life in the Lyman and Concrete areas. She was married to Robert Johnson, Oct. 4, 1930, in Mount Vernon.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, James W. Johnson of Sedro-Woolley; a daughter, Mrs. Janet Clark of Federal Way; one sister, Ila Erickson of Aberdeen; three brothers, Hubert Wilson of Bellingham, Burt Wilson, Fern-dale, and Don Wilson, Edmonds; and four grandchildren.

### Swimming Pool To Be Opened Here June 22

The swimming pool at the Concrete High School will be opened a couple of weeks earlier this year to give children of the community a longer season.

The pool will open next Monday, June 22, and classes will start July 6. Open swimming will be allowed until classes begin.

Registration for classes will be next Monday and Tuesday, June 22 and 23, at the high school offices from 9 a.m. until noon each day.

Mr. Ferrill, a certified water safety instructor and a junior at the University of Washington, will teach classes for beginners through senior life saving. Mary Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ross of Concrete, will assist.

Prices for an entire family is \$20; high school students, single, 50 cents; grade school, single, 25 cents; adults, single, 75 cents.

### Herb Larsen Resigns School Board Post In District No. 2—New Candidates Sought

Herbert Larsen tendered his resignation as a member of the board of education of Concrete School District 102 at last Tuesday's board meeting. Larsen's term as District No. 2 representative has another year, until 1971, before it expires.

Another board member from District No. 2 will be appointed by the county school superintendent to serve until the next election. At that time the appointee must be on the ballot to fill out the entire unexpired term.

District No. 2 consists of all the area on the south side of Main Street from the Dalles Bridge to the east city limits of Concrete. Applicants must live within the district represented. Interested persons are asked to contact Kenneth Balzar, chairman of the

### HIGHWAY FUNDS WILL STEP UP PROGRESS ON NORTH CASCADE

The release of \$1,152,000 in government funds for construction on the North Cross-State Highway may mean that the long-awaited highway may be completed by the fall of 1972, say state officials.

The frozen funds were made available by President Nixon upon appeals by Congressional senators and representatives who pointed out that work on the cross-state link was stalemated because of lack of appropriations. They also urged the release of the funds now so that work can be done during the summer season.

### Highway Association Meeting June 27th

Senator Henry Jackson will be main speaker at the annual meeting of the North Cross-State Highway Association June 27 in Sedro-Woolley.

Sydney McIntyre Jr., this year's president of the association, said that the meeting will be on an invitation basis for members, due to lack of space. The public will be invited to inspect the most recent progress on the new Cross-State Highway some time this fall.

### Old Memorial Transfer Upheld By Court

A complaint against the Memorial Hospital Association in Sedro-Woolley and Public Hospital District 304 was dismissed last Thursday by Superior Court Judge Harry Pollman in a court memorandum opinion.

The complaint, brought by five individuals, asked that the district be enjoined from transferring the Memorial Hospital back to the association. Plaintiffs were Ellen Kirkland, Katherine McClintock, Lena Glad, Gladys Webster, and Maude Lillipop.

### FILES FOR AUDITOR

Don Bottles of Mount Vernon has filed as candidate for the position of Skagit County Auditor for the coming fall election. The post of County Auditor is held

### Action Committee Sets Goals For Town Improvement Under "HUB" Slogan

Project HUB—Help Us Build—is the slogan and goal for Concrete as it girds for an upgrading of the area and prepares for its future role as the hub, or center, of a large recreational area.

Slogan and acronym came out of a brain-storming session of the Community Action Committee last week when a dedicated group met to lay out a line of attack on town needs and problems.

All agreed that a sewer system is the number one necessity for

town growth. However, the Town Council is exploring every means possible for outside assistance to fund the system through its engineering firm, Slavin-Kores of Seattle. The Action Committee will cooperate with the Town Council in any way it can to obtain a sewer system.

Formulation of a comprehensive plan for the town and zoning code will be the main immediate goal of the Action Committee, according to an unanimous decision.

Other important objectives discussed were promotion of tourism, attracting small industry, improvement of area roads off the main highway, beautification of and recreational facilities for the business and residential areas, visitors.

A campaign will go into effect immediately to direct attention of the National Park Department to the advantages of establishing the headquarters for the North Cascades National Park in Concrete. Townspeople will be urged to write their Congressmen to get their support.

Committees will be named by Chairman Ray Drake Jr. to head up action on the main items for town improvement. He will choose seven directors to work with the Action Committee's officers as a steering group.

C. M. Dweley was appointed vice chairman to serve on the board. Other appointees will be named by the next meeting.

Regular meetings will be held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

### Ross Lake Opening For Fishing Sunday

Opening day of fishing at Ross Lake is this coming Sunday, June 21, when hundreds of fishermen are expected to come from both the south end by way of Seattle City Light facilities or from the north end of the lake by way of Canada to try their luck.

City Light provides fishermen with free parking space at Diablo and provides boat transportation between Diablo and Ross Dam at a charge of 50 cents each way. The boat leaves Diablo for Ross daily at 8:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. and makes the return trip at 9:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.

A special early boat for fishermen will be operated on Saturdays only, beginning June 27 and continuing through September 5. The early boat will leave Diablo at 7:30 a.m. and return from Ross at 8 a.m.

Diablo and Gorge Lakes have been open since April 19. The fishing season at all three lakes ends October 31.

### SIX-FOOT HAND CARVED IN BURPEE SANDBANK



In the natural sand pit on the Burpee Hill road where the power lines cross, motorists stop to gaze at this modern "Peace" symbol, carved man-high in the sandbank.

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