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WE on the sunny side of Main Street will be making an effort to attract a bit of sidewalk traffic this summer. Virg Walston started it with pictures in his window and a picture bulletin board inside. The Herald, with a backlog of photos, cleaned up the windows of the small office and will try to keep a running series of interesting pictures on display.

Local scenery is the current subject, Virg featuring the Guy Mosher photos, the Herald a fine blow-up of Main Street in the early days, plus some late lake and mountain scenes. Also a collection of informal snaps taken at the 1948 Class reunion.

Try the sunny side of the street.

**THE CEMENT** plant picture story by John Weir in the Seattle Times a week ago was an excellent job by our former local boy. The one slip was the statement as fact of the old rumor that the Baker dam was cracked by a big blast at the quarry years ago. The editor heard it when he first came to town and apparently it still persists.

The power company has always observed the effect of the quarry blasting in close cooperation with the cement company, but never has one damaged the dam. The huge blasts of years ago were felt strongly, even in Concrete, but in later years the new techniques of loading and exploding, few are noticed except from the sound.

So, if you are still waiting for the dam to crack, stick around. It may be 100 years yet.

**SOME** people are picking the rose buds in the Garden Club Park. Not that we can blame them for the urge, as they have been beautiful. However, ladies of the club complain that they are snipped carelessly and will keep additional blooms from coming on. Besides that it makes those who take care of the plants hopping mad! Roses and other blooms are there for everybody to look at. Don't let them catch you snitching.

**ONE SUCCESS** in the C. of C. efforts to upgrade valley highways was noted in the painting out of confusing white stripes along the edges of Highway 20. They led into each side road and in darkness or storms the tendency was to follow them. A talk with highway officials and subsequent study proved that it was a hazard.

Another item, now in the process of being reviewed, is a proposal that the big sign on Interstate 5 that says "Cook Road" be changed to read "Upper Skagit Valley." We now are not designated at any point of exit.

It is also noted that about the only private signs left are those directing tourists to Canada!

## Births

### PATRICK ALBERT HEINAN

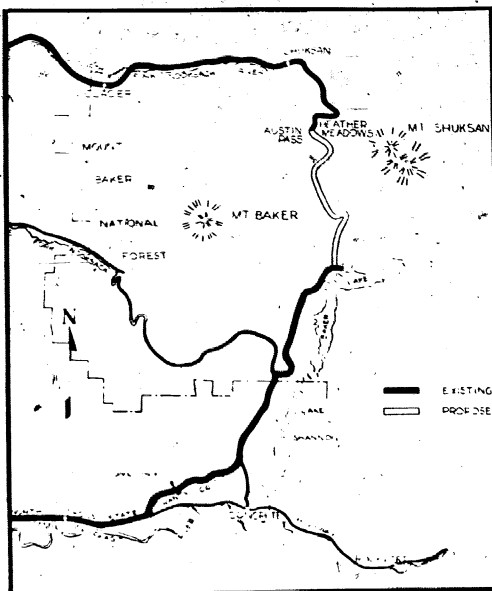
Giles and Mako Heinan of Newhalem are the parents of a baby boy born July 10 at Skagit Valley Hospital. The young man has been named Patrick Albert and joins an older brother, Tommy. He was born at 6:15 a.m. and weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gibo of Okinawa. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heinan of North Dakota.

## Pass Highway Report Hopeful

All monies appropriated for the North Cascade Highway have now been committed for use this year, according to George Zahn, chairman of the State Highway Commission. At a meeting of the highway association in Bellingham last Wednesday evening Mr. Zahn reported that the contract had been let for the "break-through" this fall of the pioneer road that will link the two ends of the road into crossing of the Cascades from Skagit to Okanogan valleys.

The contract on the remaining 5 1/2 miles of construction is expected to be let next year. The pioneer road, which will aid the construction, was awarded to the present contractors, Goodfellow Bros, although their bid was 21% over the estimate. The highway department felt that the extra money would be well spent to speed the final work. The contractors are now at work on this bulldozer road which will be as far as practical on the surveyed right-of-way. The two main sections of the highway will be joined by Sept. 25th.

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## Mt. Baker Loop Highway Is Project For Future

A new highway association to promote the mountain loop road from Baker Lake to connect with the Mt. Baker highway at Austin Pass was formed in Bellingham last Wednesday evening. About forty interested citizens from Whatcom and Skagit County gathered at the Leopold Hotel to hear the proposal explained by Mt. Baker Forest Supervisor Harold Christwell, who acted as chairman of the meeting.

Before the close of the evening John Pierce of Bellingham was named president of the new organization with Jess Sapp of Sedro-Wooley as vice-president. Bob Stevens of Bellingham was elected secretary and Harry Hughes of Bellingham as treasurer. The plan is to alternate the presidency between Whatcom and Skagit Counties each year.

A majority of those present were members of the North Cross-State Highway Ass'n. The

promotion of the new loop road will not actively get under way until completion of the present project. The new group will begin now to work for the necessary surveys and preliminary study that will be required. The road would be built as a forest highway under the Bureau of Public roads and would not be a part of the state highway system.

The planning at the present time indicates that the road would be an extension from logging roads up Shannon Creek from Baker Lake. About ten miles of construction would connect Baker Lake with the Mt. Baker lodge highway from Deming at Austin Pass.

## Statewide Attendance At Hambleton Event

About 450 cattle raisers and Angus Association officials traveled from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, British Columbia and as far as California and Missouri to attend the Glacier View Ranch Field Day sponsored by the Western States Angus Association last Saturday, July 13.

The Glacier View Ranch near Rockport is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hambleton of Kirkland and managed by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hambleton. During the 10 years the Donald Hambletons have been in charge the Ranch's herd has been increased from 13 to 145 and the Ranch has been transformed into one of the cattle show places in the state.

Angus officials acting as panel members for a discussion on "Marketing Cattle Today" were Lloyd D. Miller, public relations representative for the American Angus Association, St. Joseph, Mo.; Joe Smith, national director of the American Angus Association, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Robert Neumeyer, secretary, Western States Angus Association, Auburn, Calif.; Douglas Wood, field representative for the American Angus Association for Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Utah, from Nampa, Idaho.

Among others present was Joe M on for ton, representing the Western Farmer Magazine.

Pat Rickner and Charlene Hambleton, 4-H members who will represent Skagit County at Puyallup in September, gave a demonstration. Pat showed how to care for horse's hoofs and Charlene demonstrated how to make a halter and a neck rope for beef cattle.

Winning the bull and heifer judging and calf contest were: Ardene Weidenbach, Darrington (Continued on page 2)

## School Heating System Ailing

A specialists will be hired to inspect the water heating system at the Concrete-High School to determine what repairs are necessary to put the system into good working order, according to action taken at this month's school board meeting on July 9. Several tubes running from the boiler have been found to be badly pitted from oxidation and there is risk that the entire system might have to be shut down in the middle of the school year for repair, according to Superintendent Fred Culbertson, who recommended that a disinterested boiler expert be obtained for consultation. A call for bids on retubing the boilers will be let before the beginning of school if it is found necessary.

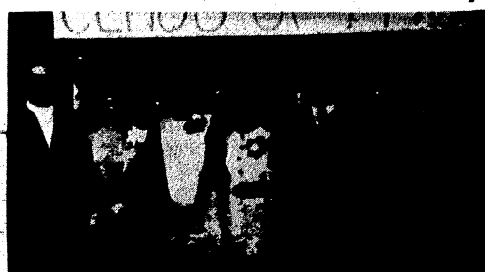
Resignations of Mrs. Dawn Cartwright and Don Price will not be accepted by the board unless suitable replacements can be obtained, announced Harry Martin, board chairman.

Mrs. Cartwright, English and history instructor, has been offered a graduate teaching position at Western Washington College while studying for her master's degree. Price, math and science teacher, resigned to enter another field of work. He has joined a refrigeration firm in Seattle.

Reasons for the board's declaration of the resignations was based on the shortage of teachers in all fields and the difficulty of hiring good teachers at this time of year. According to present state law teachers may resign up to June 15 without penalty and resignations left to school boards' discretion after that date.

Other business saw the board approving the investment of (Continued on page 2)

## Class Of 1948 Returns For 20th Anniversary



Present for 20th reunion were Charles (Corky) Cope, John Clark, Louise (Harris) Brister, Don King, Helen (Young) Day, Ernie Cope, Nola (Clark) Powell, Bud Jensen, Don McLeod, Bob Keith, Arthur (Tike) Dwellley and Dick Armstrong.

Nostalgic memories of 20 years ago brought back events long forgotten as members of the Concrete High School class of 1948 reminisced at their reunion in the Catholic center last Saturday night.

Thirteen of the 19 who graduated that year returned to their home town to see how classmates had weathered the two decades since. All of the ten men and three women at the reunion looked as if time had treated them kindly as they arose to tell what had happened

since they finished school. Bob Keith was master of ceremonies, introducing each class member with an anecdote from school days. He called upon special guests, Gordon McIntire, former superintendent Charles Dwellley, publisher of the Concrete Herald; and Jack Bradley, now high school coach, to add their comments.

Nola (Clark) Powell was co-chairman of the reunion and Gordon (Bud) Jensen in charge of the social hour preceding the dinner which was catered by the St. Catherine's Altar Society.

## TED HAUGEN DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Ted Haugen, 63, a resident of Concrete, Route 1, died of a heart attack at his home on the Dalles Road on Friday. The Haugens had been living in the Weir rental there for some time.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at Stanwood, his former home. He is survived by his wife, Kay; one son, Frank; a daughter, Mrs. Sandy Gerrit; a brother, Olaf Haugen of Everett; and a sister, Mrs. Inga Flores of Stanwood.

## Rohweder - Nelson Wedding June 29th

RM 2nd Richard Rohweder, son of Robert Rohweder of Sedro-Wooley and the late Florence (Rohweder) Lay of Newhalem, and Julie Ann Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nelson of Diablo, were married June 29 at Mount Vernon. They have since driven to San Diego where Richard will await reassignment orders.