

Feathers from the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

LABOR SAVING devices are not always exactly that. Like the last week end when, as an aid to country living, we thought we needed a chain saw. In the tele commercials they cut everything from tomatoes to a grandfather oak tree like slicing butter. The little old ladies who run them must be ex-wrestlers or something because being on the end of one of those things is something like trying to hold onto the head of an oversize, angry hornet.

Between the noise and the vibration you get the feeling that you don't want to dabble along. In fact, you feel that the sooner you get the cutting job done the quicker you can resume a tranquil existence. By the time we had two small vine maples down and chopped up in pieces the arms gave signals of calling it a day. Out-jiggled to the joints.

The next day, with two stiff arms we lugged the demonstrator back to the store and confessed that power sawing is not our field of endeavor. We'll get a journeyman for the rest of the projected cutting. We'll watch. As for the ladies who use them for slicing bread or vegetables on TV, they've got to be kidding. —or we're further over the hill than we thought!

REV. SAM ADAMS was a return visitor to the valley Tuesday of last week. The young pastor had served here at the Mt. Baker Presbyterian Church before going to a new post in Boise, Idaho. So, while conducting a trip with his wife and eight members of a senior study team group from Boise to study urban areas in Seattle, he brought them in to the Skagit for a visit to Newhalem and Diablo.

On the way through Rev. Sam called us to give his regards and extend his best wishes to friends in the community.

WE DON'T want to spoil your surprise, so all we can tell you at the moment is that if you haven't visited the Log House Inn at Marblemount in the last week—do so. Ernie and Jewell have an eye-filling treat for you!

The Inn had been closed for six weeks during extensive remodeling of the interior of the ancient log structure.

FIRST of the projected shut-downs at the cement plant will be the quarry operation, due to take effect Sept. 20th—or so says the plant bulletin board.

IT STARTS SEPT. 3!

Concrete schools will open Tuesday, Sept. 3, for the fall term with a full session the first day. School will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:10 p.m.

School milk will be available opening day.

A teachers workshop will be held Thursday and Friday preceding opening of school, Aug. 29 and 30, in the high school library. Sessions open at 9 a.m. Coffee and snacks will be served.

New high school students may register up to and on opening day at the high school office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

New grade school pupils and kindergarten students may register at the grade school office from now until school starts during office hours, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.



VAIL'S GROCERY IS BURGLARIZED AGAIN

Vail's Market at Marblemount was burglarized for the third time since January last Tuesday night between closing time at 8 p.m. and opening time at 8 a.m. A large quantity of beer was removed from the refrigerator and cigarettes from behind the counter.

The milk deliveryman discovered the entry when he arrived just before opening time and saw the glass in the front door broken. The break-in is being investigated by the county sheriff's office.

Mrs. Ervin Schrader Passes Suddenly

Funeral rites for Mrs. Leah Grace Schrader, who died suddenly of an apparent heart attack Sunday night, will be held tomorrow, Thursday, at 1 p.m. from the Lemley Chapel, Sedro-Woolley. Interment will be in the Hamilton cemetery.

Mrs. Schrader became ill in the night after she and her husband had retired. She was dead on arrival at the United General Hospital sometime after midnight.

She was born in North Dakota Aug. 24, 1912, and came to Concrete in 1946, residing here ever since.

Besides her husband, Ervin Schrader of Concrete, she is survived by three sons, Ervin Jr., Frank, and James, all of Concrete; five daughters, Mrs. Lois Harris, Mrs. Donna Howell, Mrs. Judy Mitchell, all of Concrete, Mrs. Darlene Dods of Bellevue, and Connie Schrader at home; seven sisters including Mrs. Edith DeVoy of Concrete and three brothers living. Two brothers preceded her in death.

Faculty List Complete For Coming Term

Six new teachers and one returning after a year's leave of absence will join the faculty of the Concrete schools with the opening of the fall term the day after Labor Day, Sept. 3, in addition to the new superintendent, Fred Culbertson, and the new high school principal, Michal Elavsky.

New teachers for the grade school are Miss Judith Bever, second grade; Mrs. Mae Elavsky, second and third; and Mrs. Nelda Pool, who will be in charge of remedial and developmental reading for both grade and high schools.

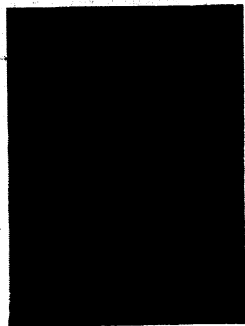
New high school instructors are Douglas Hohn, science and mathematics; Kenneth Rauch, industrial arts; Philip Reiter, social studies. James Menzies returns to the Concrete school system as speech, drama and English instructor following a year in the teachers' fellowship program at Western Washington State College.

Mr. Hohn taught last year at North Surrey, B. C.; Mr. Reiter is from Arizona; Mr. Rauch graduated this last school term from W.W.S.C. and Mrs. Pool is from North Carolina.

Others on the grade school staff and their assignments are:

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High School Principal



MICHAL ELAVSKY

Mr. Michal Elavsky, new principal of the Concrete High School, comes to Concrete from a year at Powell River, B. C. Before that he had teaching and administering experience in junior and senior high schools in Oregon. He was at Waldport, Ore., for two years from 1962 to 1964, and at Eddyville, Ore., until 1967.

He received his B. S. degree from Bemidji State College, Minn., and did post-graduate work at both Black Hills State College and Oregon State College. He received his master's degree from Seattle University in 1966.

He and his wife, Mae, have purchased the Clifford & Tulloch Co. sales office and model home in the Cape Horn development and intend to enlarge it for their own purposes. They have a son who now is serving in the U. S. Navy and a daughter who lives in Omaha, Neb.

Salmon Barbecue For Evans This Afternoon

A salmon barbecue at Chuckanut Gardens, north of Burlington, today, Aug. 21, ends a day of visiting in Skagit County for Governor Dan Evans and his wife, Nancy. Admission to the Gardens is free after 4 p.m. County Commissioner Howard Miller is in charge of the salmon and all the Republican Women's Clubs in the county are furnishing the rest of the menu and assisting in the serving. The local club is furnishing French bread. Ana-Cords Barbershop Singers will entertain. Serving will begin about 6 p.m.

Ted Finney's Sell Home On Cascade

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Finney have sold their home and property at Marblemount to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stewart of Atascadero, Calif., who plan to move in this week. The Finneys will visit their son, Harry, and family in Sacramento, Calif., and spend some time traveling before deciding where they will make their home.

Two More Hired For School Non-Cert. Staff

Mrs. Dave Wright and Mrs. Darrel Justice have been hired by the Concrete school system to assist Mrs. Mary Johnson in the high school office and one as a teachers' aid.

School Board Approves Plan For Citizens Advisory Group

A committee of interested citizens in the Concrete area will be formed to help evaluate the educational needs of the schools and take an active role in finding ways and means of solving problems in the district.

In outlining the value of such a committee at last week's meeting of the School Board, Superintendent Fred Culbertson said, "I firmly believe that such a lay committee, representing a cross section of the community, could be of great value to us in improving the school system in the best interests of the children."

"What we can do to best educate our children is of prime importance to all of us. If the townspeople and the school administration can work together to determine the best means of achieving just that, we will have accomplished what all school systems are supposed to do."

Membership of the citizens' group will be held to under 12 and one member, at least, will be chosen from each of the five school directors' areas.

BOILER CONTRACT LET

Imco Corporation of Seattle was awarded the contract for retubing of two boilers in the water heating system at the high school with the bid of \$3,900 for the work which will be completed, according to bid requirements, by Sept. 1.

The contract will be paid out of the school building fund, which had a cash balance, as of Aug. 13, of \$5,996.16.

The work on the boilers was recommended by Alexander Hargis of Seattle, boiler engineer.

Following the retubing all the system will be inspected for leaks to forestall further trouble.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Ray O. Buchanan was introduced as newly-appointed member of the local school board to fill out the unexpired term of Lawrence Hornbeck of Rockport. Hornbeck resigned because of ill health. Buchanan will serve until the next school election.

In other business, the school board approved the purchase of a pre-built metal paint shed, approximately 8x10 ft. in size, to go inside the industrial arts shop area for painting and varnishing of material or completed articles. The shed, which will cost \$800, has electrical hook-up and a duct vented to the outside, to carry fumes out of the shop.

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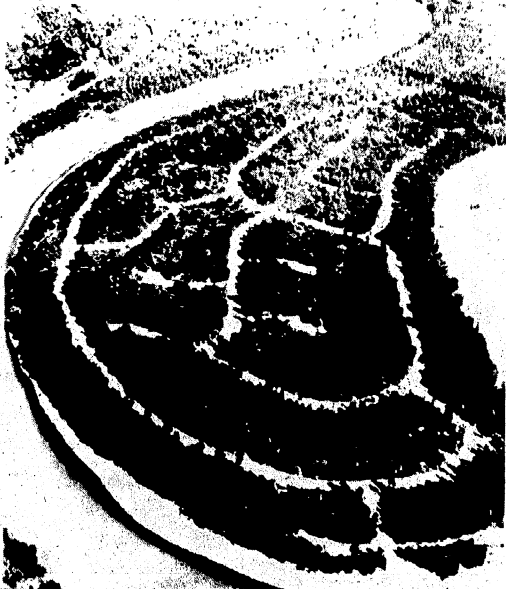
Marblemount Site Rezoning Approved

Property of Ray M. Wine along Highway 20 west of Marblemount has been rezoned for commercial use following application to the Skagit County Planning Commission. The site, 250x945 feet, will be developed as an overnight trailer camp.

PICNIC POSTPONED

The Royal Neighbors picnic, originally scheduled for tomorrow, will be held next week on Aug. 29 instead. The potluck will be at noon in the Rockport State Park.

Cape Horn Development Is Interesting From Air



A recent air photo provides an unusual view of "Cape Horn," originally named because of the Skagit flowing both west and east around its elongated peninsula. The development roads make a conventional pattern in the heavily wooded area.