

**Feathers**  
from the Duster  
By The Over-time Editor

ALL PROGRESS has its problems. We of this area have been too busy promoting a highway over the Cascades to think much about its consequences. Over on the other side Okanogan county has accepted and set a deadline by which they hope to be prepared for the inevitable influx of visitors. They expect to need everything from forest camps to plush motels. And not only recreation facilities but the most essential of needs—rest rooms.

"When the North Cross State is opened," says one, "families leaving the coast in the morning will be here by noon. At Twisp, Pateros, Okanogan, Omak, they'll be asking for places to stay and things to do, and the number of them coming can hardly be imagined."

Any road goes both directions. If Okanogan figures they are already behind in their planning, Skagit must also give their similar problems some serious thought without delay. Our "Sleeping Bag Country" is going to be invaded, too, by people without them.

WE HAD a delightful weekend attending a small town celebration of the type that Concrete became noted for before "Cascade Days" grew unwieldy in scope. This was "Oregon Trail Days" at Tenino and appropriately enough headed by a young Dwellley who cut his teeth on Concrete celebrations.

The low key, low budget two day affair was a home-grown recognition of the pioneer days when Tenino was the western end of the Oregon Trail. Townspeople plunged in wholeheartedly, dressing in pioneer costume, men raising beards, clubs stocking and operating food booths and carnival games.

Prime attraction was, as in all "days," a big parade which ignored a light rain and proved interesting and colorful. Relics of pioneer days filled store window, a gun show, rock and flow, er show gave free interest after parade time. A musket shoot by bearded and buckskin dressed riflemen was also free to all. For equal time there were authentic Indian dances.

Square dancers gathered both nights and drew many spectators. The crowd that stayed late on Saturday was back for more, all day Sunday, and to hear the old time fiddlers contest.

Total celebration budget less than \$500. And the result was about the jolliest community reunion imaginable. They even made strangers feel like citizens. Which, come to think of it, is exactly what made Concrete remembered during its celebration years. The small town still has a magic that no ten-ring circus can touch.

**New Assistant Named For Highway District**

Thomas Glen Gray, 39-year-old engineer whose grandfather built one of the first paved roads in Washington, recently was named assistant district engineer with headquarters in Seattle.

Gray, who is currently serving as a highway engineer in Vancouver, was named to the post by Director of Highways, Charles G. Prahl.

In his new position, Gray will assist District Engineer Wesley C. Bogart in the location, development and maintenance of state highways in King, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan counties. The district also includes Interstate 5 north of Everett.



**Two Are Retired By City At Newhalem**

Two long-time employees of Seattle City Light, who have been stationed at Newhalem for many years, retire the first of the month.

John C. Madison and Melvin M. Kays, both on the Skagit Hydroelectric Project, will end their service with City Light after almost 20 years apiece.

Madison joined City Light in 1949, transferring from the city engineering department. He was assigned to the Skagit Hydroelectric Project as a construction equipment operator, and has been located there ever since.

Kays started with City Light in 1941 as a laborer and a year later was promoted to electric station attendant. In 1960 he was appointed a junior substation operator and in 1962 transferred to the Skagit Project as a hydroelectric operator, a position he has held since.



PVT. JOHN ALBERTS

John Alberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hei Alberts, graduated Aug. 16 from basic Army training at Fort Lewis. He has been transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas, for advanced training in automatic weapons. John's parents and brother, Richard, attended graduation ceremonies at Fort Lewis.

**Hot Springs To Be Improved**

Rainbow Falls and Baker Hot Springs have been improved during the summer to make the two scenic spots more accessible and enjoyable for public use.

The two areas, a few miles north of Baker Lake, were designated for improvements by the Secretary of Agriculture for terest.

A fenced lookout point and a good gravel trail have been constructed to Rainbow Falls. Signs have been installed to direct sightseers to the viewpoint, and some of the trees have been removed to open up the view.

Rainbow Falls, on a tributary of Swift Creek, tumbles for 75 feet and drops free for 200 feet into a rocky gorge. The perpetual mist rising across the face of the falls causes a brilliant rainbow to span the falls from bank to bank at mid-day. Baker Hot Springs, located 600 feet off the same road, has had its access trail widened and relocated to ease the grade, and graveled. A picnic table has been constructed near the spring, a toilet installed nearby, and the spring itself enclosed in a 10-ft. square wooden box.

The water, 111 degrees F., percolates up through clean fine gravel in the bottom of the box. The District also is building a small bathhouse at the spring.

**L. Taylors Purchase Harold Allen Home**

Lenoir Taylor has purchased the Harold Allen home on the south side of Skagit River. The Allen family intend to move to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where they have acquired farming land. Mrs. Allen plans to move to their new location immediately while Mr. Allen will remain here until the cement plant is closed. He and his son have rented the former Yeager place on Sauk Valley Road.

The real estate transaction was handled by the Two Rivers Realty of Concrete.

**Thieves Strip Trailer At Baker Lake**

Around \$700 worth of equipment was stolen from the vacation trailer belonging to Dudley Ross the middle of last week.

Vandals broke into the trailer which was parked near the pump on Baker Lake and took amateur radio equipment and power supply from inside, a water pump from underneath the trailer, and one of the 7-gallon Butane bottles on the outside. The door was jimmyed by the thieves to gain entry into the trailer.

The theft has been reported to the Whatcom County sheriff's office.

**HUNTING SEASONS SET FOR 1968-69**

Among the 1968-69 hunting seasons set at recent Game Commission meetings were the first dates which include dove and pigeon which open on September 1. High country hunters can enjoy the high mountain buck deer hunt, mountain goat and forest grouse seasons—all of which start on September 7.

The state-wide pheasant hunt will open October 12 and run to November 10, according to dates established last week by the State Game Commission.

Pheasant season will reopen November 23, lasting to the end of the year. Eastside quail and chukar hunts start October 12 and go to January 19. Nine-day hunts for sharpall grouse, sage grouse, and turkey start at noon, October 12, and end on October 20.

Pheasant hen season will be suspended this year because of the poor chick survival during the summer.

Westside duck hunters may hunt until January 6, while eastside hunts will hunt to January 19. A special, late week-long season for geese in nine south-central counties was approved.

Duck hunters, state-wide, will have special mallard restrictions, but have the same total bag limit as last year. Species restrictions on ducks for westside hunters include a 5-bird bag limit with not more than three mallards and two canvasbacks. Eastside restrictions limit the 6-bird daily bag to not more than four mallards and two canvasbacks.

**1969 TROUT FISHING**

The Commission also established opening dates for the 1969 fishing season. The third Sunday in April, April 20, 1969 was selected as the general summer season opener. The stream opener, generally covering westside beaver ponds and streams was set for May 18, 1969.

**NEW PASTOR**

The Rev. Arthur A. Vall-Spinosa D. D. has transferred to this district from St. Thomas Episcopal Church at Medina, Wash. He will be in charge of the Anacortes, Sedro-Woolley, Rockport, and Newhalem churches. His first services will be this coming Sunday, Sept. 1.

**LIBRARY CLOSED**

Concrete's public library will be closed next Monday in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

**Skagit Tribe Is Offered Grant**

The Upper Skagit Tribe will meet this Saturday, August 31, at Hillcrest Park in Mt. Vernon to discuss and vote on accepting a proposed settlement of \$384,471.42 offered the Tribe to settle its claim case against the United States, which has been pending since 1951.

The settlement represents additional compensation for 453,000 acres of land ceded under the Treaty of Pt. Elliott in 1859, and is based on a value of 90 cents per acre at the time of law, such valuations are established on the basis of what the land was worth at the time of taking.

The Tribe received a consideration of only \$22,228.58 from the government as a result of the treaty, which has been determined to be inadequate compensation even on the basis of 1859 land values. The proposed settlement has been arrived at by deducting the consideration from the gross award of \$407,700.

If the Tribe approves the proposal, Congress will be asked to make an appropriation during its present session so the funds will begin to draw interest immediately. Before funds actually can be distributed Congress must pass legislation specifying how this will be done.

Charles Boome of Sedro-Woolley is Chairman of the Upper Skagit Tribe and Mrs. Alice Cuthbert is secretary. They state that this is the most important meeting the Tribe has had. They emphasize that individuals must be present to vote and urge everyone to attend.

Donald C. Gormley, a partner of the law firm representing the Tribe, will be present at the meeting to explain the settlement and answer questions.

**Marblemount Salmon Barbecue Gets Crowd**

Around 250 were served at the 7th annual salmon barbecue put on each year for the benefit of the Marblemount Community Club. The number of diners at this year's event, held Aug. 18, was slightly less than last year's because of the uncertain weather during the day.

Board members, headed by Merv Peterson, president, were in charge with Mrs. Neal Clark, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Bud Lemon directing serving.

Barbecuing the 300 and some pounds of salmon were Bill Newby, Oliver Clark, Bob Keith and Ed Clark. Innumerable others pitched in and helped with the work of putting on the dinner.

Net proceeds go into the club's treasury to defray the upkeep of the Marblemount Civic Hall which is available, free of charge, to all young people's groups in the community.

**Case Dismissed**

The case against Roger Gregory of Concrete was dismissed in Whatcom County District Court last Tuesday because the arresting officer was not able to be present.

**LABOR DAY DEADLINE**

With the Labor Day holiday on next Monday, day for news gathering and the make-up of the Concrete Herald, all news items and classified ads should be brought or called into the Herald office by Saturday of this week.



**BOY FOR BOYERS**

Word was received last week of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. James Boyer of College Park, Maryland, on Aug. 21. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 8 oz. He joins a brother, Patrick, 2 years old. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Oberbachs Germany, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Boyer of Marblemount.

**EUGENE MICHAEL MUTH**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Muth of Bellflower, Calif., are the parents of a son, Eugene Michael, born Aug. 16. He weighed 9 lbs., 3 oz., on arrival. He joins two brothers, Thomas Jr., 6 years old, and Jeffrey, 14 months. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Donnelly of Concrete.

**ERIC NORMAN BLAKE**

A son, Eric Norman, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Blake of Tempe, Ariz., on Aug. 21. He weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz., at birth. Mrs. Blake is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boulton of Concrete.

**SANDRA KAY DODS**

A daughter, Sandra Kay, was born Aug. 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dods of Bellevue. The young lady weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz. She joins a brother, Tim, 6 years old, and a sister, Michelle, 4. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Larcom and Ervin Schrader of this city.