

Feathers

from the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

THIS HAS been a week like horoscopes sometime predict. A time of discussion and evaluation of future objectives, and pressures of those around you for counsel and information. It got going real good about mid-week when the phone began to ring and the front door to swing with people with problems on how to fix cameras, start projects, get information, locate the sites of stories appearing in other papers weeks ago. Herald information desk duty.

THEN on Friday we had a luncheon meeting with Howard Miller, county commissioner; County Agent Jack Crawford; and WSU Recreation Specialist Byron Haley. The latter wanted to offer his help in developing recreation potential in this area. Howard and I had a time convincing him that recreation we have running over the top of the pail, but what we need is some way to prosper from those who are swarming in to enjoy it. The discussion, finally resolved into the possibility of turning energies of Haley's department toward making Concrete a lively hub for the upcoming developments that will make recreation the valley's chief industry.

AFTER THIS came the meet at the cement plant in which old friend Dick Farrow talked of the future plans of Lone Star. The kilns must of necessity be through burning by Jan. 1, 1969. However, it is expected that the finish grinding of stored clinker will go on into February. The plant is shipping some rock to Seattle now, keeping the quarry in partial operation.

He again commented that the use of the quarry as possibility of a partial operation here for producing slurry is still on the Lone Star agenda to be taken up when market and need appear to warrant the move.

IN BETWEEN we had things to do in getting transportation for P. I. and Times' staff to the big deal at Rainy Pass on Sunday, plus getting out "I was There" certificates for the event for the highway association. On Sunday the day started at 5:00 a.m. getting them on their way and getting going ourselves. Days never get very dull.

NO APOLOGIES for not inviting everybody to the picnic at Rainy Pass—we printed the information given us as official. Then the politicians took over, and politicians like crowds. The highway department then took full control, printed elaborate programs and opened it to the general public. This we learned last Tuesday afternoon. Too late.

Births

SUSAN MARIE VROMAN

Word has been received here of the birth of a daughter, Susan Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Rod Vroman of Snohomish. The young lady arrived at 1:14 a.m. on Sept. 25 and weighed 9 lbs., 3 1/4 oz. She measured 21 inches at birth. Vroman was a former high school teacher in Concrete.

LISI ANN MAFLI

Lial Ann Mafl, newest granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McGuire, was born Sept. 10 in Seattle to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Mafl of North Bend. She weighed 5 lbs., 7 oz., at birth and joins a sister, Renate, three years old. Lial's other grandmother is Mrs. Emil Mafl of Bremerton.

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Citizen's Advisory Committee Organized

William Knechtel was elected chairman of the newly-formed Citizens Advisory Group of Upper Skagit School District No. 102 at its organization meeting last Thursday, Sept. 26, in the school superintendent's office.

Mrs. Martin Presentin is secretary for the group which has been formed as a liaison body between the board of education and the community.

Supt. Fred Culbertson, in explaining the group's functions, said that such a committee can be useful in helping the community arrive at an educational philosophy in regard to the kind of a school system it wishes to support.

Also, that it can be the sounding board for school legislation and school improvement in the areas dealing with building needs, curriculum improvement, extra-curricular activities, school finances including bonding, special levies, and teachers' salaries.

All Areas Represented

Members named to the Citizens Advisory Group, representing all sections of the school district, are Knechtel, Ray Ross, and Mrs. Dudley Ross of Concrete; Mrs. Martin Presentin and Mrs. Ray Johnson, Rockport; Mrs. Oliver Clark and Mrs. Les Green, Marblemount; Dale Drake and Mrs. Norman Hornbeck of Birdview; Bob Keith of Newhalem; S. B. Ratliff of Diablo. Bob Sjoboen represents the Concrete Educational Association and Herb Larsen is ex-officio member named by the school board. Supt. Culbertson also serves in an ex-officio capacity.

Meetings will be held twice a month, on the second and fourth Thursday, at 8 p.m. in the Concrete high school building.

First items under consideration are the need for a new grade school building and a special levy for maintenance and operations. An inspection of the present building will be made next week by a representative of the state superintendent's office and a full report given to the school board at the meeting next Tuesday.

Johnson Truck In Four-way Accident

A Johnson Bros. logging truck, driven by Merlin Needham, was involved in a chain collision accident late last Wednesday afternoon on Highway 20 east of Sedro-Woolley, which totaled three passenger cars.

The truck went into the rear of a car driven by Jack Lellerman of Mt. Vernon which was stopped waiting for a car in front, a sedan driven by Rena Aldridge of Route 3, Sedro-Woolley, to make a turn into a private driveway. The Lellerman car struck the Aldridge car then went across the center line into the path of a car driven by Leo Oresland of Burlington. A fifth vehicle, a tank trailer rig, was struck by a piece of metal from one of the other vehicles. Lellerman and three passengers in his car received cuts, bumps, and bruises in the accident.

North Cascade Highway Reality

We were there. And so were all the old familiar faces of the member of the North Cross-State Highway Association from both sides of the mountain who were still active and able after years of working and hoping for such a day.

And Governor Dan Evans was there. So was U. S. Senator Warren Magnuson who flew in by helicopter, U. S. Representatives Lloyd Meeds and Tom Foley, State Senator Lowell Peterson, and Skagit and Whatcom County Commissioners and public officials from both sides of the mountains.

And, so were hundreds of others who came in Jeeps, in Scouts, in Broncos, Rangers, Land Cruisers, dune buggies, and even trail bikes to be on the spot when the joining of the east and west ends of the North Cross-State Highway was observed last Sunday.

A band, the one from Winthrop High School, played.

But the really loud music was in the hearts of the men who had pushed for the highway over the years—many long years. The fight had lasted so



FIRST TRAFFIC JAM AT RAINY PASS

long, and often seemed so useless, that many thought they would never see it culminated in actuality.

But the sun was shining brightly on Sunday's ceremony, and the mood was holiday geared. The wide open area at Rainy Pass was packed with four or five hundred four-wheel drive vehicles of every type imaginable. Families brought their

children, their parents, their aunts and uncles and cousins, and their dogs.

They sat on top of their trucks and grabbed for a foothold on bumpers and stretched high over the crowded mass of heads to catch a glimpse of the speaker's stand as George Zahn, chairman of the Washington State Highway Commission, emceed the program.

Dozens of photographers from daily and weekly newspapers and television stations, in addition to all the rest of the crowd with cameras, elbowed into position to get shots, during the speeches and the official cutting of the ribbon and meeting of jeeps from both sides of the Cascades.

The Boy Scout Troop from Twisp presented the colors and Jeannine Marie Gill, Miss Washington Highways, helped with the ribbon ceremony. And Ken-

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CROWD ESTIMATED NEAR 1,000

Minor Accidents And Bashed Up Cars

Minor accidents damaged a couple of cars early this week with low morning fog blamed for one Monday morning when a Seattle City Light sedan, traveling west on Highway 20, missed the curve at Ingersoll's corner and went off the road. Damage to the front end of the car was estimated at \$100.

The car driven by Mrs. Virgil Walston received about \$250 damages late Sunday afternoon when it was sideswiped by the vehicle driven by Charles Messer as she was starting to turn left off Hwy. 20 into Dalles Road.

No one was injured in either of the accidents.

Dean Hurn Named To Red Cedar Board

Dean Hurn of Concrete, now president of the Hoh River Cedar Products, Inc., Beaver Wash, was one of two elected to the board of trustees of the Red Cedar Shingle and Handsplit Shake Bureau at the organization's annual meeting in Seattle Sept. 20.

The other new trustee is Ralph Willis of Sedro-Woolley. The association represents around 250 shingle and shake mills.

Start Negotiations For Water System

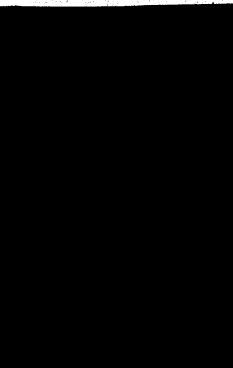
Members of Concrete Town government, including Attorney Hugh Ridgway and Geo. Capestany, engineer, met with Lone Star officials on Saturday to begin negotiations for purchase and take-over the company's subsidiary Baker River Water Co. by January 1st, 1969.

A purchase price of \$15,000 had been previously agreed upon and the recent study by the Slavin-Kores engineering firm indicated that the town would be able to purchase and operate the system without going to the taxpayers. A revenue bond plan is considered best for both parties.

Regional Vice President Dick Farrow, speaking for Lone Star, stated that it is their wish that the town have the system and that they will work toward the proposed January 1 date.

No definite decision was made at Saturday's session as there is a difference in opinion on the amount of water right desired by the town and the amount the cement company would like to retain for possible future use. Mr. Farrow did not feel that this would be an item that could not be resolved after studies of need were made by both parties.

ENGAGEMENT RING



MISS BETH RICKNER

The engagement of Beth Rickner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Rickner of Marblemount, is announced to Carvil Allen Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Day of Seattle.

Beth is a graduate of Concrete High School with the class of 1966 of which she was valedictorian. She is now attending the IBM school in Seattle and her fiancé is a junior at Seattle University, majoring in education.

They have set their wedding date for Nov. 2 at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Rockport.