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**Weather**  
from the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

IS the "And Away We Go!" on the Herald. The coming spring, questionable as it might be, is stirring the roots of a lot of coming plants—from the Concrete Herald to the town proper. Some reason known only to ornamental transplants is the spring will be here with the full day of sunshine. A half and she's in the mood for the planting.

We are now busy with upgrading the paper and a few changes are apparent to the sharp eye. Mainly we are trying for better pictures after an investment in additional camera equipment. We hope the only two mm polaroids will be necessary for last-minute shots. Helen is now working out with camera in good back-up support in this department. May even get down there news tips can be handled photographically without stopping presses to leave the shop.

IN THE town side the big news is the renovation plans that are the subject from now until summer. With a committee of town-going into action there is the hope that by spring there will be a way dozens of home paint projects, a number of major beautification programs, and a lot of general clearing away of the old bad-winter past. Come the hundreds of trout fishermen and the town should greet them in green grass and trees and at a noticeable change in appearance of the entire community.

A committee has no chance of doing the entire job by itself, and certainly can not expect to come with all the ideas that will be valuable. Total cooperation is their aim—from a suggestion of a unit item that should be corrected to wholehearted entry into the spirit with putting your own name or business up as a model of what a little thought and a bit of time and effort can do.

No one expects the merchants or others to be ready to expend a lot of money. In fact, the best results with the least cost will be the goal to shoot at. All attempts to be one little corner brighter are as important to the whole picture as a \$10,000 showpiece. Let's Go!

## A. Evans Purchase The Shanty Drive-In

The Shanty Drive-In has been purchased by Doris and Slim Evans and will be reopened for business at its present site on April 18. The familiar short-order stand is located on Main Street just east of the Shell Service Station. The drive-in, formerly owned by Dorothy Bianchini, was operated last season by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shorne.

Doris Evans plans to continue her present job at the Legion Club for the time being.

## GRAND LARCENY

Danny Mack Lamphiear, 26, a single packer, and Jerry Lee McDow, 21, laborer, were arrested last week on charges of grand larceny on a complaint by the Washington Telephone Co.

## SPRING IS CLEAN-UP GOAL FOR TOWN

### JAKE POWELL, PUGET VETERAN, PASSES

Jason (Jake) Powell, well known resident of the valley and long time employee at the Baker River Powerhouse here, died on Sunday. He was 68 years of age.

Mr. Powell was born at Bailey, Colorado on Christmas Day in 1900. He had been employed at Puget Power here for the past 25 years and was a member of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers No. 71. He retired from the company in 1965.

He is survived by his wife Harriett; three sisters, Ann Johnson of Tacoma; Irene Werthorst of Sedro-Woolley and Vera Hogue of Chino, California.

Funeral services will be held at the Lemley Chapel in Sedro-Woolley at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon. Final resting place will be a crypt at Hawthorne Lawn Cemetery in Mount Vernon.

In place of flowers the family suggest a memorial gift to a favorite charity.

### Hub Tavern Deal Closed; Partners Take Over

The Hub Tavern, which has been owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller for the last 17 years, has been sold to a partnership composed of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bianchini and Mr. and Mrs. John Smith.

The new management assumed proprietorship last Thursday and plan a grand opening this coming weekend, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller purchased the business on July 1, 1962. They had operated the Hub a couple of years before that for Mr. Miller's brother, Jack Miller, owner at that time before his death in 1961.

Both Bianchini and Smith are well known in the upper valley, having been born and raised in the Concrete area. Smith has been employed by the Lone Star Cement Corporation and its predecessor, Superior Portland Cement, Inc. in the packing department for well over 15 years. His wife, Joyce, worked for several years as a clerk at Sears, Roebuck & Co. store in Mount Vernon.

Bianchini served as police chief for Concrete for 14 years. The past year he was employed by Knowles Construction Co. in Bothell. His wife, Dorothy, owned and operated the Shanty Drive-In for about three years.

All four will be active in the business.

(See inside page for photo)

### Robt. Hatt, Former Up-River Rancher, Dead

Robert Hatt, 79, a former resident of the upper valley, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 2nd. He had been making his home at Mason Lake, on the Olympic Peninsula. Mr. Hatt was raised at Geneva, Washington and came to Marblemount as a young man. He ranched there until leaving the valley in 1928.

He is survived by two daughters Hazel Tracy of Marblemount and Mary Hill of Concrete; two sons Jerald Hatt of Mason Lake and Stephen Hatt of Santa Rosa, Calif. There are two grandchildren, Christine and Gretchen Hatt of Aberdeen.

### United General To Open Bids On Cardiac Care

Activity at the United General Hospital at Sedro-Woolley began to accelerate this week with the first actual down-to-business session of the Board of Commissioners and their new administrator, Alex Cobbin. On schedule for the coming weeks is the sale of bonds for financing the new Extended Care Wing. This sale will be held at the office of the County Treasurer in Mount Vernon on Thursday, Feb. 13th, at 11:00 a. m. Then on March 20th the bids will be opened on the new Cardiac Care Unit which is to be installed in the present hospital building.

Final plans for the new wing are in the last stages of inspection and revision by the State Board of Health, with only minor items now in arbitration. The Cardiac Care Unit has been approved by the state and is financed. All the equipment for the unit is on order and personnel has been selected for the necessary training for operation of the ward.

Administrator Cobbin submitted to the board a rough outline of his proposed procedure for the coming months, giving first priority to the business office and accounting department. He was given approval.

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### Ed Pollice Shaken Up In Snowstorm Crash

Ed Pollice, Concrete postmaster, escaped serious injury last Tuesday night when his car rammed into the rear of a pickup truck in a blinding snowstorm. The truck was parked in the eastbound lane of Highway 20 just east of Burlington.

The Police car was badly damaged, approximately \$800 worth, in the accident which occurred at 11:30 p. m. He suffered a sore jaw, a bump on the head and injuries to both knees.

The pickup, driven by Malcolm J. Graham of Sedro-Woolley, was damaged \$150. No explanation was given of Graham's being parked in the traffic lane.

### Action Committee Organized—General Clean-Up Kick-Off Day Set For April 12—Clubs To Take Project Leadership—Full Town Cooperation Is Sought—Outside Technical Help Offered.

The long discussed subject of a planning definite renovation, remodeling and clean-up, paint-up projects to be under way before the main tourist season starts in May.

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The Saturday event is tentatively set for April 12th, with the week following to be the usual Town of Concrete Clean-up in which refuse will be hauled away from all homes without charge.

Projects specifically allotted to organizations are:

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### Twelve Firemen To Get Fire Service Certificates

Chief Wendell McDaniel of the Gramere Station of Fire District No. 10 has announced that Fire Service Training Certificates will be presented to twelve persons who have recently completed the State Fire Service Training Course.

Certificates will be awarded on Saturday, February 15th in ceremonies following pot luck dinner at the fire hall. Those to receive the certificates are: Gene Coffell, Raymond Drake, Jr., Michael Frank, Richard Frank, B. G. Gregory, Dave Gustafson, John Hollenbeck, Thos. Jones, Wendell McDaniel, Bruce Monrad, Richard Nelles and Richard Rathvon.

The Fire Training Program is operated by the State Division of Vocational Education and is under the direction of a state supervisor who coordinates the work of fifty instructors who conduct classes in fire protection throughout the state.

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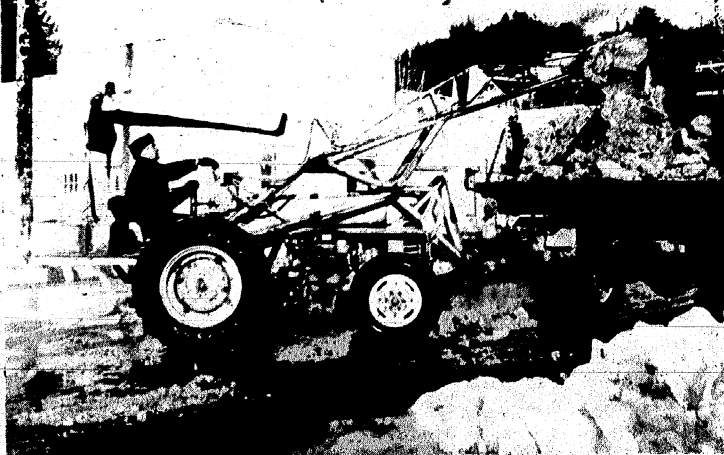
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**Entrance Appearance**—The Lions Club will have charge of making the vacant property at each end of town more attractive and also look to putting up entrance signs and seeing to removal or replacement of dust damaged signs.

**Eagles Lodge**—Follow up and assist with the Lions' project, and direct the cleaning of vacant lots throughout the town.

**School Participation**—Enlistment of student activity in helping with general cleanup activity, aiding of elderly retired in work around the homes, new street signs and implementation of original projects on their own initiative.

**Garden Club**—Further development of park-like projects, advice (Continued on page 2)



FOURTH GO-AROUND!

This time, maybe? Alvin Harris, town street maintenance man, cleared snow from Main Street by main force for the fourth time since the first snowfall at Christmas. Rain helped this week.