

# The Concrete Herald

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## Lions Get Braced For Stiff Grid Opener

Concrete Lions have a tough battle ahead with their opener this Friday against the Langley Falcons, undefeated champions of the combined Cascade-Whitcom County Football League. They ended the season with a 10-0 record. The game will be played on the Falcons' home field on Whidbey Island.

The Langley line will be made up of lettermen in the 200-pound category, while two of the team's last year's starters will return in the backfield.

The Lions will counter with offensive and defensive formations based on speed in an effort to overcome the weight imbalance.

Last Saturday night's scrimmage showed that the squad has absorbed the new systems quite well, said Coach Jim Menzies. "Few missed their assignments, which is a good record this early in the season," he said. "Also, the blocking was good. On the minus side, penalties were numerous and pass patterns were not precise. Tackling was spotty, but improved a great deal after a 'half-time' skull session."

Named as probable starters for Friday's game are: Offense—Scott Culbertson, weak end; Craig Knechtel, weak tackle; Tom Comstock or Russ Johnson, weak guard; Frank Seaman or Mike Pulice, center; Jim Crookshank, strong guard; Chris Weir, strong tackle; Tim Evans, strong end; Keith Pyatte, quarterback; Rich Johnson, fullback; Dennis Brown, left half; Robin Buller, right half. Defense—Mike Jonas, left guard; Abb Benton, right guard; Frank Seaman or Craig Knechtel, left end; Scott Culbertson, right end; Fred Binschus, left linebacker; Robin Buller, middle linebacker; Elbert Howell, right linebacker; Jim Crookshank, left corner back; Rich Johnson, right corner back; Robert Johnson, left safety; Jim Lafayette, right safety.

## Fall School Enrollment Totals More Than 500

Total enrollment at schools in the Upper Skagit School District with the opening of the fall term was 535.

There were 257 students registered in the Concrete High School, including seventh and eighth grades, as of the first of this week. Concrete Grade School has an enrollment of 254, 56 more students than last year. The increase at the grade school was due to the Marblemount students who were allowed to transfer to the Concrete school. Marblemount grade school enrollment was reduced from 40 last year to 24 this fall.

Grade school enrollment by grades is: Concrete—Kindergarten, 28; first, 41; second, 44; third, 28; fourth, 40; fifth, 29; and sixth, 44. Marblemount—first, 3; second, 7; third, 7; fourth, 6; fifth, 1; sixth, 0.

High school—seventh, 31; eighth, 38; freshmen, 40; sophomores, 51; juniors, 60; seniors, 37.

## JO COOK LEAVES FOR BASIC TRAINING

Joan Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cook of Marblemount, has joined the WAVES and is now at Bridgeport, Conn., for basic training. She left from Sea-Tac last Wednesday evening. Jo was a graduate of Concrete High School this June.

## SILVER AND RED



The Standard Oil Company added to the list of Clean-Up proponents by repainting their bulk station here. Seen from the main highway coming into town the bright silver and red stands out against the fresh green background. The plant is operated by J. R. Solomon.

## Survey Volunteers Will Meet Tomorrow Night For Territory Assignments And Instructions

Volunteers who will help with the city-wide survey in the Concrete area next week will meet tomorrow night, Thursday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Legion Auxiliary clubroom at the Legion Hall.

The survey of Concrete, Grasmere, and Van Horn residents will start next Monday, Sept. 15, and continue through Wednesday.

Members of the Concrete Lions Club, Cascade Juniors and Community Action Committee, together with other volunteers, will distribute questionnaires prepared by the Skagit County Extension Agent's office to get a sampling of opinions on the town's facilities, advantages, and disadvantages.

Those helping with the survey will be assigned their areas at tomorrow's meeting and will be briefed on procedure. Each person will distribute and collect the

## Harry A. Larsen Rites Held In Seattle Monday

Services were held Monday afternoon in Seattle for Harry A. Larsen, who died at the Group Hospital in Seattle Sept. 4 following a lingering illness.

Larsen was born at the family home on the south side of the Skagit river near Sauk July 4, 1893, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Larsen, upper valley pioneers.

He grew to manhood in the valley, returning after his service in the Navy during World War I. In 1922 he went to Port Angeles to work for the Crown Zellerbach Co. The family later moved to Seattle where they had made their home for a number of years.

Besides his wife, Jean, he leaves a daughter, Christine Hengesberg, three sons, John of Ellensburg, David of Dallas, Ore., and Eric of Midland, Mich.; three brothers, Marius E. and Niels of Concrete, Elmer of Clarkston, Wash.; and 15 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Larsen and Mr. and Mrs. Niels Larsen were in Seattle Monday to attend the funeral services.

## LEAVES FOR VIET NAM

Airman 1c Robert E. West, grandson of Mrs. Jessie Rolter, left Saturday by air for Travis AFB, Calif., after a 30-day leave. He will get final orders for Viet Nam at Travis. He plans to visit his sister, Patricia, in Ventura, Calif., where she is attending summer school.

## High School On Aid Cut List

Concrete High School has been put on the agenda for review by the State Board of Education on their rejection as a school that needs special state funds due to the lack of an enrollment of 250 or more. Supt. Fred Culbertson attended a hearing in Vancouver last week to present the case for Concrete and was given time on the program to do so. He received a promise that the rejection would be reconsidered at the next session of the board. Concrete would stand to lose from \$7,000 to \$10,000 from their normal budgeted state funds.

At the hearing in Vancouver, Friday of last week, small schools about the state, given an adverse recommendation by the state department of education as "not remote and necessary" under a regulation passed by the last state legislature, screamed their protest at the restriction. The bill was slipped into the main budget during the final days of the session without the terms being revealed until after it had passed.

Technically it charges that schools of less than 250 pupils be classified as "remote and necessary" in order to keep receiving the additional state school aid that has been given since 1935 to offset higher costs of operation per pupil. There were 110 schools listed, Concrete and LaConner being among them. Both Concrete and LaConner were classified as "not remote" and therefore not entitled to the funds.

Of the 110 schools with less than the required number of pupils, 42 were recommended as needing special state aid because they were too far from a larger school to undergo consolidation. Forty-seven, including Concrete, were turned down. Nineteen others failed to submit applications for the funds.

At the Vancouver session the state board heard the protests without specific actions and members of the state legislature, some learning of the bill for the first time, are now promising that efforts will be made at the 1970 session to modify the law with special legislation.

Darrington was ruled necessarily remote, as were the schools on Orcas, Lopez and San Juan Islands. Most of the schools in question were in Eastern Washington where the districts are far apart.

## PURPLE HEART AWARDED JOHN ALBERTS, Spc. 4



Spc. 4 John H. Alberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Alberts of this city, receives the Purple Heart for wounds in action in the Viet Nam fighting. The medal was pinned by Captain William Oakley on his return to duty July 29th.