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Coal Truck Overturns With Load On Burpee Hill

Wm. E. Welsh, 22, of Sedro-Woolley, escaped serious injury in this accident on Burpee Hill Monday afternoon, looking for a home on Limestone St., he made a left turn instead of right on Superior Avenue and went up Burpee Hill.

In trying to come back down after finding out he was on the wrong road he tried to shift down and couldn't get the truck back in gear. The brakes failed to slow the speed and he finally went into a ditch, from which the truck rolled over and skidded into the center of the road.

Damage appeared to be mostly to the upper sides of the bed, the stakes and side mirrors. About 6,000 pounds of coal was dumped onto the highway. White Fuel & Transfer of Sedro-Woolley, owners, stated that they did not intend to try to salvage the coal.

Welsh was brought to the Concrete Clinic for examination but was found to have just bumps and bruises in addition to shock.

Seattle Council Okays High Dam At Ross

Seattle City Light was granted authorization to file an application for an FPC license to increase the height of Ross Dam by the City Council of Seattle in a close vote late last week.

The Council approved the authorization by a 5 to 4 vote at its Oct. 30 meeting.

The addition to Ross Dam will raise the level of the lake from full elevation of 1,602.5 feet to 1,725 feet. The increased height will provide 37,000 kilowatts of firm energy and 204,000 kw of peaking capacity. The increase in kilowatts will mean an annual benefit of \$3 million to an annual cost of \$2 million. At the expiration of the 50-year write-off period the benefits to City Light consumers would be in excess of \$3 million annually, according to City Light officials.

Eagles Benefit Dance Nets Total Of \$275.50

Concrete Eagles raised \$275.50 at last Saturday's benefit dance for one of their members, Don Elder of Clear Lake, incapacitated by a heart attack last month.

RECEIVES PURPLE HEART

1st Lt. Kenneth Snyder, serving with the Special Forces, airborne group, in Viet Nam, received his first Purple Heart award recently for wounds received in action. According to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder of Rockport, his injury was not serious.

Puget Power Completes \$384,282 Tax Payment

A check for \$192,110 has been presented to Skagit County treasurer, Edward Janson, by the Puget Sound Power & Light Company.

The check represents the second half payment of Puget Power's \$384,282 property tax assessment for 1969.

"Skagit County schools will receive \$193,623 of this money," said Vince Burns, Puget Power Northern Division manager. "Substantial amounts will also go to county and city governments and to help build roads and support fire, water, port, sewer, library, park and hospital services."

The company will pay a total of \$4,748,660 in property taxes in 12 counties this year including \$741,832 in neighboring Whatcom County. Schools in the 12 counties will share over \$2,673,000 of the company tax money. Schools in Skagit and Whatcom counties share in a greater proportion of Puget Power's tax money due to the location of the company's Upper and Lower Baker River hydroelectric projects.

Puget Power's liability for all taxes in 1968 amounted to over \$12.7 million.

Two City Light Men On Retirement List

Francis J. McGrail and Arthur B. Morehouse, both employed on the Skagit project at one time, retired this week from Seattle City Light. McGrail, an electrician constructor, started July, 1940, as a wireman helper at the Skagit. Morehouse, an overhead electric materialman, started as a non-civil service worker on the Skagit River Railway in May, 1925. He leaves the company after 42 years' service.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING CHANGED TO MONDAY

The regular meeting of the board of education of the Upper Skagit School District will meet at the Concrete High School on Monday, Nov. 10, instead of Tuesday, usual meeting day. The change was made necessary because Nov. 11, Veterans' Day, is a school holiday.

Town Testing Traffic Radar

In case you haven't noticed, radar traffic checks have been in process in Concrete for the past week upon receipt of a radar speed verifying unit by the police department on a trial basis. The unit, not previously approved by the council, was found to be on rental basis rather than trial at \$25 per month, with a total price (used) of \$275.

Belated discussion at Monday night's meeting found a majority of the council in favor of either renting or buying the unit and the clerk was instructed to hold up payment of the rental voucher, which runs until Nov. 23, until price and whether or not the rent applies on purchase.

NEW INDUSTRY?

Hans Scheel of Western Minerals, a long time operator of a talc and silica mine above Marblemount, met with the council to ask their approval of a deal by his firm with Lone Star Cement for use of the old clinker storage building as a site for installation of a Raymond Mill for fine grinding of his products.

He stated that the company had indicated interest and would leave the building standing when all the others are removed. However, they asked that approval of the town be the first consideration.

Mr. Scheel was referred to the Pollution Board of the district for tentative approval of his plans before any action is taken locally.

He estimated that the industry would provide employment for 15 or more men here, with more at the mines and in transportation.

TREASURY TOO LOW

Town Clerk Marie Miller reported that the Current Expense fund of the town was down to \$237 and current bills totalled about \$2,000 for this month. The town's share of last-half county taxes is expected to correct this later in the month, but make tough going for December.

A 30-day \$2,000 transfer from cash from the Fire Dept. Reserve Fund was made to cover the current expenses.

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Lions Take Beating From Lynden Christian 38-7



PASS PLAY CREATES BLOCKING ASSIGNMENTS

The Lions played what could easily be called their worst game of the 1969 season last Friday afternoon when they dropped a tough one to Lynden Christian, 38-7, at Lynden.

Lynden Lynx returned the opening kick-off 85 yards for a touchdown, and then blocked a

punt and scooted in for a 12-0 lead before the Lion defense could even enter the game. Concrete wasn't able to put up any offensive drive in the first half and fumbles and interceptions led to a 28-0 deficit at the end of the half.

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Displays Of Art On View At Library On Continuing Basis

Art displays now hung at the Concrete City Library include oils and watercolors by local artists.

Now on exhibit is an oil painting by Lorraine Lynch, an oil and watercolor by Margaret Sparks of Route 1, and an acrylic painting and a watercolor by Joyce Harris.

Other artists in the area are invited to submit their works and handcraft for display. The exhibits will be shown on a continuing basis with displays changed periodically, said Mrs. Sally Harris, librarian.

Mrs. Harris may be contacted at the library on Monday and Saturday afternoon, 2 to 5 p.m., or Wednesday evenings, 7-9 o'clock, or through her home phone, 853-4391.

The library will be decorated for Thanksgiving by Mrs. Corrine Swanson's third grade class. The class spent last Wednesday afternoon learning the history of libraries from Mrs. Harris.

Many Kids In Costume At Hallowe'en Party



Teresa Kulpers As Raggedy Ann (See Page 6 For Costume Photos)

Dozens of spooks, Indians, fairy princesses, storybook characters flitted around the halls of the Concrete Grade School last Friday evening to usher in Halloween at the annual Lions Club party.

Altogether, 120 costumed youngsters paraded across the cafeteria stage following the judging. They spent the rest of the

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