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There's no use drawing up a will until you've drawn down a little cash.

Walter Merryweather: "While I was out with some of the boys the other night, a burglar broke into our house."

Harry Cooper: "Did he get anything?"

Walter: "I'll say he did—my wife thought it was me coming home."

It just occured to us that '1931' would not be so hard to remember—a '1' on either end. From 1 end to the other (1) we might say.

Eph: "How'd you git along ridin' on them thar sleepin' cars when you took your trip?"

Carl: "Got along all right but I caught a colored feller tryin' to sneak away with my boots, an' made 'im bring 'em right back."

Man (searching through the house for his wife), to the maid: "Bridget, have you now anything concerning my wife's whereabouts?"

Bridget: "Yes, sir. I put them in the wash."

George Pound: "It seems, my dear, that there is something wrong with this cake."

Mrs. Pound: "That shows what you know about it. The cook book says it's perfectly delicious."

RICHES MAY NOT BRING HAPPINESS, BUT THEY CERTAINLY BRING MORE OF IT THAN THE BILL COLLECTORS DO.

Roy Howlett—"Got anything snappy in rubber bands."

Katherine at Green's—"No, but we have something very catchy in fly paper."

Leroy Brown: "Next to a beautiful girl, what do you think is the most interesting thing in the world?"

Lloyd Hetherington: "When I'm next to a beautiful girl I'm not worrying about statistics."

THE GIRL WITH FRILLY LINGERIE IS NEVER RUFFLED BY AN ACCIDENT.

Salesman: "And how do you like the new washing machine?"

Customer: "Not at all. Every time I get into it to take a bath the paddles bruise me something terrible."

"Doctor, sometimes I feel like killing myself. What on earth shall I do?"

Doctor:"Leave it to me, madam."

What puzzles us is what these reckless flappers did when it came time to hang up their stocking for Santa....

Mother: "Who ever taught you to use that dreadful word?"

Tommy: "Santa Claus, mother."

Mother: "Santa Claus?"

Tommy: "Yes, mama, when he fell over a chair in my bedroom on Christmas eve."

THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A LUXURY AND A NECESSITY IS THAT IT TAKES LOTS LONGER TO PAY FOR A LUXURY.

The only thing that looks as terrible as a town after a cyclone has gone through is a bureau after a Concrete husband has hurriedly hunted up a fresh handkercheif.

Sunday school teacher: "And so the angel with the flaming sword drove Adam and Eve out of the garden."

Little Garage Man's son: "What kind of a car did he have?"

She: "Are mine the only lips you have ever kissed?"

He: "Yes, and the nicest."

Another optimist is the Concrete father who feels sure his son will show more sense as he grows older.

Honors Are Even In Deciding Games For County Title

Concrete and LaConner Have One Game Each—Final Contest To Be Played on Neutral Floor Next Week.

It was prognosticated that the fight between LaConner and Concrete for the town team championship of the county would be a close race—and such it has proved to be. Two games have been played, one at LaConner last Friday night and the second here Tuesday night, and each team won its home game, and judging by the comparative basketball skill shown at these games, the third game is a toss-up, with the championship likely to hinge on the basket shooting ability of one player on either team who happens to be hitting the hoop on the night of the play-off.

The deciding game will be played on the Burlington floor, but the date has not been set. Each team has star players who are going away for the holidays, and neither five is anxious to have a date set before it is certain that all the regular players will be back. The game will probably be set for some night next week and it is likely that a number of the local basketball fans will journey to Burlington to take in the game, and all are hoping that the county championship will come to Concrete.

Friday nights' game found Concrete off its stride and the LaConner Braves working at their best, the result being a 35 to 20 victory for LaConner. However, the game was a lot closer than the score indicates, and LaConner had to fight to the final whistle to make victory certain.

In the game here Tuesday night, Concrete took an early lead and with the exception that LaConner tied the score at 17-all for a minute or so in the second period, managed to stay ahead to the finish, the final score being 27 to 21. Galbraith was high point man for the game with a total of 9 points, and Paulson was high for the visitors with 8. An unusual feature of the game was that LaConner made only one substitution and the local five made none. Ted Muncaster of Sedro-Woolley officiated and his work was about the best seen here this season.

The line-ups for the games were:

AT LACONNER

LaConner	pos.	Concrete
A. Thulen (4)	F	Galbraith
M. Thulen (1)	F	Brower (6)
Nelles (1)	C	Lorentzen (4)
Chandler	G	Stacy (4)
Hastings (8)	G	Hoban (2)

Subs: LaConner — Sherwood (7) for A. Thulen; Paulson (12) for M. Thulen; H. Nelson (2) for Nelles; Jackson for Chandler; R. Nelson for Hastings. Concrete — Carleton (4) for Stacy; Prater for Hoban.

AT CONCRETE

LaConner	Pos.	Concrete
Paulson (8)	F	Galbraith (9)
Thulen (2)	F	Brower (6)
H. Nelson (2)	C	Lorentzen (3)
Jackson	G	Hoban (6)
Hastings (5)	G	Stacy (8)

Substitution: La Conner—R. Nelson (4) for Thulen.

Skagit County Men Are Given Sentences

Superior Judge Geo. A. Joiner passed out sentences Monday to three men who were convicted at the recent jury term. Guy Benston, who was convicted of first degree murder for the killing of George Tinney, Burlington pool room proprietor, was sentenced to life imprisonment, and was given an additional sentence of from 5 to 10 years imprisonment for robbery.

Joe Pinkster, who was found guilty of first degree assault for shooting Dan Dunning, federal prohibition officer during a raid on a still near McMurray, was sentenced to serve from two to five years in the state prison.

Geoge Davis was given a sentence of not less than five years and not more than ten years in the state penintiary on his conviction of first degree assault for the shooting of Mrs. Jack Perry near Darrington.

Greetings

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Concrete Depot Force Reduced To Two Men

The Great Northern Railway company is retrenching all along the line, and the economy program struck Concrete this week when word was received that the position of cashier at the local depot, filled for the past few years by Otto Treichler, will be abolished, effective December 26. This leaves only two men at the local depot, Archie Griffitrs, agent, and Fred. L. Hutchison, clerk. It is now up to Mr. Treichler to look around for a new job, and, under the seniority rule he will undoubtedly "bump" some man who is under him on the list.

The list of changes effective Friday includes the closing of t hedepot at Lyman, making this town only a flag stop, and the force at Mount Vernon is also reduced by one man. The order also closes the deopt at Grotto.

AUTOMOBILE WRECKED AT GRASMERE CROSSING

Bill Ford, cook at Bud Thompson's cafe, started for Portland about 11 o'clock Tueday night to spend the holidays with relatives, intending to make the trip in his Ford car. He got as far as the railroad crossing at Grasmere, where he forgot to make the turn and continued straight ahead crashing into some cement foundation blocks piled along the track. The car is a total wreck, but Bill was not hurt, and continued on his way to Portland on the Great Northern train yesterday morning.

LOTS OF DANCES TO BE GIVEN IN CONCRETE

Continuing the epidemic of dances given in Concrete, those interested can look forward to plenty of them in the next two or three weeks. This Saturday the Rhythm Kings play at the Legion hall, giving a Pep Dance, with nothing but dancing to peppy music.

New Years Eve, Wheelock's orchestra is putting on a masquerade in the same hall. They plan on giving costume prizes and the usual serpentine and favors.

The following Saturday there is a dance at Marblemount, with Wheelock's again furnishing the music, and in Saturday January 10th the Rhythm Kings again entertain at the Legion Hall in Concrete.

Wedding at Manse

Warren K. Holt and Miss Violet Morrison, both of Auburn, were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Manse in this city Sunday afternoon, Rev. L. H. Pedersen, pastor of the church, officiating. Mr. Holt is a brother of Mrs. Pedersen. The newly wedded couple left on a short wedding trip after the ceremony, after which they will make their home in Auburn.

Greetings

At this holiday season the publishers of the Concrete Herald wish to extend to our readers, our patrons and our friends our appreciation for the courtesies shown us during the year now drawing to a close, and we hope that our efforts will merit a continuation of these pleasant relations through the coming year.

We extend a sincere wish that your Christmas may be one of real happiness and that success and prosperity may be yours during 1931.

Ye Editor

Concrete Pupils Give Fine Holiday Program

Every seat in the large gymnasium building was filled last Friday evening for the Christmas exercises of the Concrete school. The main part of the program consisted of two Christmas cantatas, one given by the grade youngsters and the other by the high school students, and both were exceptionally good. The grade play was built around a Mother Goose theme and included some excellent songs and drills ,and the feature of the high school presentation was the fine singing by the two choirs. A big Christmas tree, beautifully decorated, was an added attraction for the little folks. The school closed Friday night for the holiday vacation, and will reopen on Monday, December 29, with another one-day holiday next Thursday for New Years Day.

Royal Neighbors Elect New Officers Of Local Camp

Concrete Camp of the Royal Neighbors of America elected the following officers for 1931 at the regular meeting held recently: Oracle, Mrs. Nell Wheelock; vice oracle, Mrs. Ida Mathany; recorder, Mrs. Katherine Glover; receiver, Mrs. Mildred Griffiths; chancellor, Lucy Groken; marshal, Mrs. Arta Jensen; assistant marshal, Bessie Bishop; inner sentinel, Mrs. Beatrice Payne; outer sentinel, Mrs. Maoma Arnold; manager, Mrs. Susie Hagen; past oracle, Mrs. Edith Bronson; musician, Bess Macklin. The new officers will be installed on Wednesday, January 7, at the first meeting to be held in the new lodge hall, which has been constructed for the camp by Mrs. Glover and Mrs. Wheelock.

Concrete School Teams Beaten By Burlington

The Concrete school basketball teams went into the games against Burlington Monday night with a little too much confidence in their ability to repeat last week's scores, and the result was that the visitors evened up the score for the season. Last week Concrete won two games at Burlington, and Monday night Burlington walked away with both contests here.

The game between the second teams was the best of the evening, and the score of 19 to 18 shows a close game. However, Concrete should have won, as the local five was leading by 17 to 4 in the third quarter and with better defensive work should have been able to hold the lead. The Burlington boys turned in some fine shooting and earned their victory.

In the first team game, the visitors took an early lead and was able to increase it as the game progressed, the final score being 23 to 8. The game was exceptionally rough, giving the heavier Burlington boys an advantage, but the local quintet was entirely outclassed all through the game. The Concrete boys did not show the class they did at Burlington, and unless they settle down and play a more consistent game, they will not get very far in the high school conference race.

Ladies Aid Will Meet

The next regular meeting of the Ladies, Aid of the Baptist church will be held at the home of Mr. W. T. McKinney in West Concrete next Tuesday, December 30, with Mrs. H. H. Hoover as assisting hostess. All members are urged to attend, as it is expected some important matters will come up. Refreshments will be served at the close of the business meeting.

Federal Funds To Be Used To Help Conditions Locally

Forest Service To Use Relief Appropriations To Give Employment To Jobless—Sauk District Has $35,000.

The millions of dollars appropriated by Congress last week to relieve the unemployment situation throughout the nation will be of great benefit in the upper Skagit valley. The first news of how the relief appropriations will be of direct benefit was brought to the city Tuesday by John W. West, forest ranger for the Sauk district, who has just received word that his district has been allotted $35,000 in additional funds for new construction, to be available at once and to be spent before June 30, 1931. No information is yet availalbe as to the amounts set apart for the Baker river and Marblemount districts, but it is believed that these districts will fare as well as did the Sauk district. H.E.D. Brown is in charge of the Baker river district and Thomas Thompson is ranger at Marblemount.

Mr. West has not been informed as to the work to be done under the new appropriation, but expects to receive full details from the forestry service at Portland within a few days. He beleives that the money will be spent in extending roads and trails in his district, and that if the weather permits, work will start soon after the first of the year. He does not expect to employ any large number of men, and married men with families will be given preference when new men are put on. Until more definite details are received, he will be unable to give any information as to how many men he will need or when the work will be started. Mr. West and the other forest rangers will undoubted give out further information when jobs are open.

It has not been learned whether the fisheries service and the federal roads will share in the relief appropriations. If the fisheries bureau is allotted funds, the Baker Lake and Birdsview hatcheries are expected to receive their share, and if road funds will be available, it is likely that new contracts will be let on the Baker Lake highway. In any event, jobs will be available for quite a number of men in the Skagit valley within the next few weeks.

WORK STARTED MONDAY ON NEW SCHOOL FIELD

The work of improving the school athletic field started Monday under the contract awarded last week to the Skagit Construction company. The first job to be undertaken is the lay-in of the larger drain pipe, and only a small crew can be used on this work. To connect up the new pipe with the culvert under Main street will require an excavation about fifteen feet deep, as this is the hardest part of the job, it was tackled first. The grading job will not be started until after the main drainage line has been laid, which is expected to be about the first of the year. Alfred Hanson of Mount Vernon is foreman in charge of the work.

Fifteen Years Ago In Concrete

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Mrs. Doris Miller, wife of Magnus Miller and a pioneer of Concrete, died in Seattle Wednesday. She had been an invalid for several years as the result of injuries received when she was thrown from a buggy in this city. Funeral services will be held in the Eagles hall here next Monday, with burial in the Forest Park Cemetery in Grasmere. Mrs. Miller was a native of Denmark and came to Skagit county in 1889. About 1902 the Millers purchased the land on which much of the town of Concrete is now located, and in 1907 platted the townsite of Baker, and later erected a number of business buildings on the property. She is survived by her husband, one son, Ralph, and one daughter, Mrs. Bertha Ludin.

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M. Powell, a candidate for councilman at the recent town election, was fined $50 and costs this week by Chas. Ramsdell, justice of the peace, for tapping an electric light line leading to his hotel.

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W.J.S. Gordon and Martin Zmijaravich have posted a bet of $20 on the result of the world war. If the Allies win, Gordon will be $20 ahead, and if the Germans come out ahead, "Spike" will pocket the money. Frank LeBold, cashier of the State Bank of Concrete, will hold the money until the war is over.

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Chas. L. Stewart and a number of other marksman of the community have started a movement to organize a rifle club in Concrete and are looking around for a suitable site for a rifle range.

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J. B. Leadbetter, a bull cook at the

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Birdsview News

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hollingsworth are spending the week in Tacoma.

C. A. Bloom was looking after business matters in Concrete Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos Brayton were visiting in Mount Vernon Tuesday.

Joe Kemmerich was attending to business interests in Mount Vernon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thosath of Concrete were calling on friends here last Wednesday.

John Savage of Seattle was a week end guest at the home of his brother, Leslie Savage.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bloom and daughter Betty Jean were Bellingram visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. William Ackerman and Mrs. Mark Kemmerich were shopping in Mount Vernon Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice King and children of Snoqualmie are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. King.

Tom Savage, who is attending the University of Washington, is spending the week with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kemmerich and infant son came home fro mthe Burlington hospital last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Isaacson and daughter Virginia spent the week end with Mr. Isaacson's mother in Clear Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gentry and daughter Evelyn left Monday for Oregon to spend Christmas week with Mr. Gentry's parents.

A large crowd attended the Christmas exercises held at the church last Sunday evening. There was a splendid program and it was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Herbert Bloom, who has been working in a logging camp at Rainier, returned home Thursday. The camp where he was employed has been shut down for an indefinite period.

Herman Schwehm and daughter Louise of Seattle were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Ackerman Sunday. William Schwehm accompanied his brother back to Seattle, where he will

Mrs Jos. Kemmerich entertained with an afternoon tea at her home Wednesday. Her guests were Mrs. William Ackerman of Birdsview, Mrs. Charles Pressentin of Sedro-Woolley and Mrs. Alphonse Kemmerich of Yes Bay, Alaska.

The Birdsview W.C.T.U. met at the home of Mrs. Ed Rathvon Thursday afternoon with 21 members present. The topic for discussion at this meeting was "Temperance Missions." The main feature of the afternoon was a Christmas tree with a present for each one present. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. C. A. Bloom and Mrs. Earl Spurling, served a one o'clock luncheon for the guests.
make his home.

Nothing ever pleases a married man as much as telling him that he doesn't look married.

When a man tells you "he got his auto for a song," it means that he gave several notes for it.

Christmas Greetings

THE CLUB GALLEY & OLIVER, Props. CONCRETE, WASH

Police Badge of 1794 Plowed Up by Farmer

Baltimore.—An old police badge, inscribed with the date of the incorporation of the city of Baltimore, a replica of the Battle monument and the words city police, was recently discovered under unusual circumstances, and after passing through several hands, has found its way into the collection of like curios, which is a hobby of Sergt. John Rollman of Baltimore.

The badge, bearing the date 1794, was discovered on the farm of William Hammond and William Faulkner, of Hereford, Baltimore county. It was brought to light by Hammond while he was plowing on his farm early in June.

Later it was acquired by Sergeant Rollman, who learned that it is one of the first badges worn by the police of Baltimore. The type was discontinued and the present badge made its appearance at the close of the last century.

Great curiosity and speculation has arisen among the police of the central district regarding its late resting place.

One explanation offered is that in days gone by when there were none of the modern means of communication between the patroling officer and his station house, a brand new policeman wandered away and perished in the wilds of Baltimore county. No such case is on record, however.

Human "Generation"

As applied to the body of individuals born about the same period, the word "generation" is reckoned historically as thirty years of the century, giving, for example, our parents, ourselves, and our offspring as the three generations in a hundred years. Although it has occasionally happened that one's great-grandparents have lived in one's lifetime, it is unusual, so the interval of time between the birth of parents, their children, and their grandchildren is commonly computed at thirty years. Perhaps it should have been computed at thirty-three and a third years.—Literary Digest.

Famous American Bridges

Truss steel bridges, which are bridges constructed with spans made of steel trusses, reinforced with concrete and iron, have been used for some years in this country. Notably, bridges of this construction are two bridges over the Mississippi at La Harpe and at Rockford, Ill., each with a 30-foot span and each built in 1915; a bridge over the Saskatchewan, with nine arches, including four of 150-foot span, built about 1915, and a bridge over Buffalo bayou at San Jacinto street, Houston, Texas, built about 1913, with a clear span of 110 feet.

Great Cities' Beginnings

All the great cities of antiquity were built besides rivers, streams or great gushing springs, as are, indeed, many of our important modern cities. Babylon the luxurious had its river flowing straight through its course. Nineveh was, as Xenophon told us, on the banks of the Tigris. Damascus prided itself upon its beautiful rivers Abana and Pharpar. Rome was on the Tiber, Alexandria within easy reach of the Nile. Jericho, once a large fortified city, was founded in a lonely oasis watered by splendid springs.

Madge—How are you getting along with your automobile lessons?

May—Wonderfully! Today I learned how to aim the thing.

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Nothing that can happen to us, no misfortune that can befall us seems quite so important at the time, as the first dent in the fender.

Fifteen Years Ago In Concrete

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railway camp of the Clear Lake Lumber company, was arrested Sunday evening by Deputy Sheriff McDaniel and Deputy Sheriff Bardsley on the charge of killing Ed Lee, a railway fireman, that afternoon. Leadbetter is alleged to have shot and killed Lee during an argument over which was the better player on the mouth organ. He is 23 years old and a native of North Carolina. When the officers arrived they found Leadbetter safely tied up and under guard in the office of the company.

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Miss Lucille McKinney, who is attending the Bellingham normal school is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McKinney.

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Mrs. S. R. McGowan and baby are spending the week with friends in Bellingham.

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The residents of the town of Hamilton raised a fund of more than $70 for a community Christmas tree, and the program given in connection with the public tree is said to be about the best ever given in the city.

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Mrs. Alice Suter and Mike Witham, both of Marblemount, were united in marriage last week. They will make their home at Marblemount.

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Mr. and Mrs George A. Campbell are spending Christmas week with friends in Seattle.

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Mrs. Jos. Felicetti, who recently underwent a serious operation in a Seattle hospital, was able to return to her home here this week.

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Miss Elizabeth Russell and Paul Schroeder, both of Concrete, were married in Mount Vernon on Wednesday, December. 22.

Everyday Things That Make Life Worth While

The thoughtfully considered response of one man to the question "Is Life Worth Living?" seemed to me especially interesting because so probably typical of the feeling of great numbers of persons of the average sort, those who carry on the major part of the work of humanity, Florence F. Kelly writes, in the North American Review.

"I don't think," he said, after turning the question over in his mind for a few moments, "that it has ever occurred to me to question seriously the general happiness and worth of life, because you get some sort of satisfaction out of almost every stage and phase of it.

"Even the disappointments and hurts are not without compensation, for they give contrast to the pleasurable things and so make keener our enjoyment of them. Many happy experiences, most of them small and inconsequential by themselves, but summing up mighty big, come right along all the time as part of every-day experiences that grow out of almost everything in life—one's home, friends, work, married life, children, the things one sees and does—so that I don't understand how anybody can have any doubt about it. Just living it makes life worth while."

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

No. 016963
Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office, Spokane, Wash.
November 29, 1930.

Notice is hereby given that F. A. Hyde and Co., by Joseph W. Gregory, attorney in fact, Seattle, Washington, did, on the 2nd day of Sept. 1930 file in this office their application to select under the provisions of the act of June 4, 1897 (30 Stat., 36), forest lieu selection No.....now Spokane serial 016963 for,

Lot 4, Sec. 12; Lots 1, 2 and W½ NE¼, Sec. 13—Twp. 36N: R7E: W.M.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the land described or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal of the applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office on or before the 29th day of January, 1931.

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Easy Method of Escape From Wrath of Tornado

Most tornadoes move toward the northeast, a few toward the southeast, and the rest, with almost negligible exceptions, in some other easterly direction, says the weather bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture. Moreover, the path generally varies but little from a straight line, so that the direction in which a storm is seen to be moving is likely to be the one that it will follow until it dies out.

From these facts it follows that when a tornado is sighted several miles away a person generally has time to escape by taking a course at right angles to its path, and the automobile is obviously a valuable adjunct for escape, provided there is a road leading in the right direction.

One positive proof that a storm is a tornado is the elongated funnel-shaped, or cylindrical cloud dangling from the sky toward the earth. This cloud is not always seen, but the general appearance of the sky in the direction of a tornado is usually very striking. The clouds are thrown into a wild turmoil and are strangely colored—jet-black, greenish, or purple, but often mingled with steamlike grays and whites. A terrifying roar, which has been compared to thousands of railroad cars crossing a bridge, may be heard at considerable distance.

Great Watch Industry Founded by Blacksmith

The story of Daniel Jean-Richard is the story of a blacksmith turned watchmaker, who founded the great watch industry that subsequently flourished in the cantons through the Neuchatel mountains. It was in 1679 that Jean-Richard mended a watch for a passing traveler, the first watch he had ever seen.

Jean-Richard was then a blacksmith, but a blacksmith with no love for the trade. He dreamed of delicate watch making, and in leisure hours lovingly fashioned fine tools for the craft that held his imagination. He continued to invent and originate fine tools, and in 1705 set up a workshop for watch making at Le Locle. The first workshop became a series of factories that spread far beyond Jean-Richard's native village. In 1886 Neuchatel raised a monument to the memory of the blacksmith who laid the foundations for its great industry.

Schoolmaster: This makes the fifth time I have punished you this week. What have you to say?

Youth: I'm glad it's Friday, sir.

Cost of Dentistry

Every dentist has been told at some time that his fees were too high. Most dentists look upon other dentists as competitors especially when they quote lower fees. As a matter of fact there is no actual competition between dentists except in quality of service. The majority of people fail to appreciate the true value of dentistry. They evidently do not realize the influence that teeth have on the health and appearance or they would never economize on their teeth or yet spend freely for transient things. It is no wonder that patients sometimes demur at fees charged for professional service. They simply do not understand why their dentistry should cost so much more than other because they know little or nothing about the condition governing the adaption and construction of dental restorations. When you look about you today and see the makeshift dentistry in almost any group over among people who can afford the "best of everything" you will realize that only ignorance of what teeth can do for them is depriving them of the best in dentistry.

Call today and have your teeth examined, there is no charge for this service. You may not need false teeth but may need bridges or fillings. Or substantial reduction in prices during the quiet times is another good reason.

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...Many useful gifts are on display at all stores selling electrical appliances or at our offices. Electrical gifts are enjoyed during the year.

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Best Essays On Safety By Concrete Students

The following are the prize-winning essays in the recent contest conducted by Superior Portland Cement, Inc., in the Concrete school, and which were read at the recent safety rally. These essays are republished from the December issue of the Superior Siren.

Safety and Accident Prevention In Quarying

ED LANG, First Prize

When the quarryman goes to work in the morning, safety first should be the foremost thought in his mind. The lack of that thought is the reason for most accidents.

Sam Cook had worked at the quarry for eighteen year. He is a strong believer in safety first. He had coached his men in the necessity of it. He took his new men, only those who he was sure were fit for their job, thru the quarry showing them the danger points and telling them how to avoid accidents He had his men use wood wedges and mallets to open powder boxes. Carelessness with powder is one of the major reasons for serious accidents. Dynamite is a demon that reaps a large harvest. Ignorance of his work is another reason for accidents that is being abolished with the use of safety first. Sam Cook wants men that are sure to help the new man in ways of safety first. The man everyone wants is one who will see that his fellow-driller is wearing his rope, and who, when he sees someone repairing machinery and leave, failing to replace the screen protectors, will call the man's attention to it.

Modern qarrymen are staunch believers in safety first. There are committees appointed to look into any work that has been reported dangerous. Every dangerous situation is carefully studied and remedied to the best advantage. The committee sees that the quarrymen get the latest safety first pamphlets.

The outlook on safety first is very bright. Of all the good advice given out in pamphlets, one of the best and safest rules is to "Think and then act, safely."

KATHERINE NORVELL, 2nd Prize

Carelessness? Yes, that is the main cause for most of the accidents in quarrying.

How much of your time does it take to report to an electrician that an electric wire is lying across a path or perhaps dangling from a pole? How much time does it take for you to take a few more steps toward a safer place, when a blast is going off? Do not become too self-confident and think that you are not going to be hurt, just because you haven't been.

Equipment should at all times be kept in first class condition.

Men working in the blacksmith shop should never work without goggles Flying sparks or cinders could very easily put out one's eyes. Do not wait until someone has been hurt before you start wearing your goggles. Start wearing them today.

Dynamite must be handled with great precaution. You know that it should not be left lying around, so why do it?

When the warning whistle is blowing, do not go beyond the sign that says "STOP". That sign is placed there for your protection, so try to obey it.

When the rock train is approaching, do not loiter on the tracks. You should never wait until the train is close and then make a mad rush to get off. In your hurry you might stumble and fall before the negine, and permanently injured or killed.

Be careful! Make that your motto and do your best to live up to it.

DAVID WHITE, 3rd Prize

Quarrying is one of the most important occupations in the cement industry It is also the most dangerous. The only way to prevent accidents is to have the employees practice safety.

Accident Prevention and Safety Among the Employees

Dynamite should be handled only by men who are not careless. After investigation, most dynamite accidents, the cause is said to be carelessness.

As electricity furnishes most of the power in quarrying, caution shold be taken by the employee:

(1) Report all grounded live-wires, (2) not to experiment with switches, (3) after finishing an electrical job test it thoroughly, (4) avoid damp clothing while around electrical appliances.

When the siren warning is blown for blasting all should seek cover immediately and wait until sure no more charges are going off. Try to warn visitors, if any.

In the blacksmith shop the blacksmith should wear giggles in case sparks or piece of metal should fly.

When there are signs of slides the employee should not work near by.

Equipment should be in best of condition, guarded by modern safety devices, and repaired immeiately after breaking down.

It is the duty of all employees to cooperate with each other in practicing safety.

Accident Prevention and Safety Among Visitors

Visitors should observe all signs and listen for the siren. They should avoid being under the buckets for rocks may fly.

When the train is unloading rock at the crusher the visitor should stand a long distance away and when the train is not there not venture too close to the bowl of the crusher.

Most people like to roll rocks but while inspecting the upper part of the quarry they should never think of doing such a thing as workmen are likely to be near.

It is the duty of all visitors to be cautious, observing and avoid carelessness.

ESSAYS FROM GRADE SCHOOL

FERN NORVELL, First Prize

Since the Superior Portland Cement Company has established a safety first club, I think all men that are employed by the company should join and live up to its safety principles in the quarry and elsewhere.

You may build engines and make repairs for various machines but as yet there has never been a human being that was successful in making new parts or repairs for the human body. Once you lose an arm or leg by not obeying safety first laws you will always bear this handicap.

Accidents don't just happen. They are brought about by some defect, some error in the workmanship or mechanical structure or carelessness. If repairs are needed, either make them yourself, or report to your foreman at once. Where there are belts, conveyors and pits that have no guard rails or shields, go to your boss and tell him of the dangerous risk you are taking by working around these open contraptions. If there are open switches and hard accumulations of rock, dust, mud and such, they should be looked after. If a piece of this accumulated substance should fall and strike an employee while working in a pit, it would no doubt cost him his life.

When men are working around caps, dynamite, blasting or any explosives, they would use special precaution of the safety rules. Many lives are snuffed out by carelessness of another.

A little risk just to show you are brave, might by chance pave a pathway to your grave.

What is a few hours of alertness and loyalty to your safety first club each day, when little careless habits soon grow to be big accident losses.

Every carelessness man is raw material for an accident. Consequently safety should be practiced at all times.

ELLISE HILL, 2nd Prize

Safety is a small word but it means life and happiness to us. Safety should always be first no matter where it is, the home, at work or play. Accidents can be prevented if everybody will try to do right.

At the quarry there are unnecessary accidents which can be prevented and it is very necessary to follow the rules. When you hear the siren never venture near where the blasting is occuring.

Guards should be placed at dangerous places. Dynamite is a very dangerous thing and should be handled carefully. After a blast, be sure that all of the dynamite has exploded before approaching. There would not be half so many accidents if the workmen would obey all signs and rules.

The quarry should be equipped with modern machinery. Loose clothing should never be worn around unguarded machinery, because it might get caught in a belt and a person pulled in after it.

If a person gets a little cut or wound it should be treated and the cause investigated and remedied immediately.

You should learn first aid so that if an accident happens and a doctor isn't in town you could give the person first aid. Safety meetings are a very good thing because you may save somebodys life some day.

People all over the world are trying to stop the many accidents that occur every day. Many millions of dollars are lost every year because of carelessness. If you always obey the rules and do everything you can to prevent accidents I think you will not be injured or killed because of carelessness.

FRANCES McKINNEY, 3rd Prize

Most accidents are caused by careless people. If they see any thing wrong they leave it for the next man to fix. Accidents may be caused by drunken people going to work. Such people don't know what they are doing. They might turn on a switch and kill somebody or start up some machinery where the repairman is working and cause a serious accident.

The reason for the safety meetings is to educate the people on how to be safe. They find out what needs to be fixed; where signs should be; and they try to cooperate with each other. However it is not an easy job to keep up such a campaign.

The quarry is a dangerous place to work. The men have to be on the watch all the time for signals and signs of danger. The men who tamp the powder should know evrything about the dynamite and how to handle it. Men who are slucing rock and dirt should be careful not to roll the rock down hill without signalling to men below.

Men who work around the crusher should be careful to obey all safety rules. It is a particularly dangerous place.

When a new man starts to work at the quarry he should be told what the signals mean and taught the dangerous places.

Men should never go to the quarry in the buckets. They might break and fall into the lake and drown the person who is in the bucket.

The people going down from the quarry should be notified if there is gong to be a blast close to the road.

Part of the accidents are due to the foreman who is in charge. He should be there to tell the men what to do.

Only responsible men should be hired. The man who fails to heed the danger signals and is a source of danger to his fellow workers should be given his time.

If the men all work together for safety there will be fewer accidents and less needless expense.

Once upon a time an enterprising poultryman crossed his hens with parrots to save time. He used to spend much time hunting the eggs but now the hens walk up to him and say, "Hank, I just laid an egg. Go get it!"

It's easy to be generous with other people's money.

People do not like to read of life as it is, but as they wish it were.

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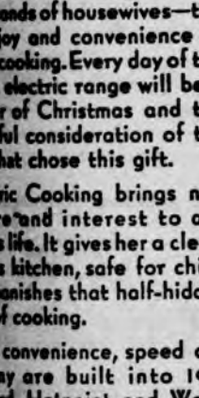

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Local News

Jack Solomon was a business visitor in Bellingham Saturday.

Mrs. O. Karlssen of Van Horn was shopping with local merchants Monday.

Miss Madalynne Lorentzen was calling on friends in Sedro-Woolley Friday.

Virginia and Adelle Roller are spending Christmas with relatives and Burlington.

Mrs. M. M. Rose of Rockport was shopping and calling on friends in town Saturday.

Hugi Bauman, "mayor" of Rockport was attending to business affairs in town Saturday.

Mrs. Dave O'Connor of Bacon creek was doing Christmas shopping in the city Tuesday.

John West, forest ranger for the Sauk district, was a business visitor in town Tueday.

Mr. and Mr. Edwin L. Bolton left yesterday for Seattle, to spend Christmas with relatives.

Hobart Wiseman came up from Clear Lake Monday evening to take in the basketball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Lorentzen of Edmonds are spending the holiday with relatives here.

Miss Elsie Chandler of the high school faculty is spending the holidays with home folks in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Hill left the first of the week for Ferndale to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hawkings were in from their ranch south of the Skagit Monday for a short business visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reynolds and son Stuart and Mrs. G. L. Leonard were visiting in Bellingham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Seeley Miller left yesterday for Corvallis, Oregon, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Miller's parents.

Mrs. C. T. Hetherington returned Friday from Missoula, Mont.i where she was called by the death of her father.

Paul Holman, district manager for the MacMarr stores, was up from Seattle Tuesday on an official visit to the local store.

Mis Josephine Weaver, who is employed in Anacortes, spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weaver.

Leslie Dunn, foreman at the Baker Lake fish hatchery, was attending to business matters and greeting friends in town over the week end.

Geo. A. Campbell, president of the State Bank of Concrete, was looking after business interests in Seattle for a few days the first of the week.

Leroy Reynolds, who is attending the Rice School of Commerce, is in town to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brenton of Birch Bay are spending Christmas day in town as guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Chas. H. McGovern.

Lloyd Hetherington, who is attending tre Washintgon State College at Pullman, arrived in town Saturday to spend the holidays with home folks.

Weldon Morris, who is attending the Mertopolitan Business college in Seattle, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gross and daughter Dolores of Everett are Christmas guests at the home of Mr. Gross' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lorentzen.

Mrs. Fredereka B. Wolfe returned Thursday from Mount Vernon, where she has been spending the month on jury service in the Superior court. She says she found the experience both interesting and instructive, but that one term is enough.

Edward Pressentin of Rocnport was a business visitor in town Friday.

Josh Russell of Sedro-Woolley was greeting friends in own Monday.

Ira Newland of Seattle was visiting friends in town over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brown are spending the holiday with relatives in Seattle.

Mr. and Mr. W. H. Biggerstaff were visiting relatives at Big Lake over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Treichler are spending the holiday with relatives in Seattle.

Mrs. W. B. Mitchell and daughter Helene were shopping in Mount Vernon Monday.

Mansford Thosath drove up from Seattle Sunday to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Mason were shopping and calling on friends in Mount Vernon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Crooks and son Dan are spending Christmas with relatives in Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brunell of Bellingham were visiting relatives in town last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. I.B. Gates and children were shopping and calling on relatives in Bellingham Monday.

Mrs. A. Fred Carlson and daughter Lillian were visiting in Mount Vernon on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Woolheiser of Seattle is spending the week in town as the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Orrin Haight.

Oscar G. Nelson, proprietor of the Union Service station, was a business visitor in Sedro-Woolley yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Pound of Bellingham spent the week end in town as guests at the home of their son, George Pound.

Mrs. Dave McLarty of Vancouver, B.C., is spending the week in town as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Fred L. Hutchison.

George Anlerson, chef at the Baker Lake fish hatchery, came down on Tuesday to celebrate Christmas with relatives in town.

Mrs. Bess M. Brown and son Leroy are spending Christmas as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas L. Woodard in Mount Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L Hansen are celebrating Christmas at the home of Mrs Hansen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh in Mount Vernon.

C. R. Baker returned Thursday from Mount Vernon, where he had been spending the month on jury duty in the superior court.

Mrs. Frank Moore and children of Vancouver, B. C., are guests at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred L. Hutchison, for the week.

Miss Alice Mathany, who is teaching in the McMuray school, is spending her holiday vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mathany.

Carl and Ted Olson returned home last week from Baker Lake, where they have been employed with the surveying crew on the extension of the Baker Lake highway.

Miss Nellie Pressentin of Seattle spent the week end in visiting her parent, Mr. and Mrs. Otto von Pressentin, at Moss Hill, and her sister, Mrs. J.E. St. John, in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Mearns Gates and Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Gates were in town from Bellingham on Wednesday evening of last week to see the basketball game and visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Mann and sons drove to Bellingham Tuesday to take in the Puget Sound Power & Light company's Christmas tree and entertainment in that city that evening.

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Rockport Items

Henry Gay and son, Henry Jr., left Tuesday for Seattle to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mrs. Jake Stafford and Miss Bessie Stafford motored to Sedro-Woolley Monday to do some Xmas shopping.

Leonard Smith of Seattle is spending a few days in town as the guest of his father, E. E. Smith, who is fireman on the local switching engne.

Jack Snyder, who has been working in Lewiston, Idaho, for the past month, returned to his home here this week to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shular and sons Theodore and Dale left Tuesday for Anacortes, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Shular's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry LaFleur.

The members of the Rockport Civic club entertained their husbands with a Christmas party in the Rockport gymnasium last Saturday evening. The main diversion of the evening was progressive whist, with Mrs. E. Smith of Bellingham and Walter Clark winning high scores. The consolation awards went to Mrs. Hobart Clark and Philip McGarry. Each of the guests received a bag of candy and nuts and also a gift from the Christmas tree. At a late hour a luncheon was served.

Concrete Theatre

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
December 26th and 27th
ROBERT MONTGOMERY & DOROTHY JORDAN in
"LOVE IN THE ROUGH"
Laurel and Hardy Comedy

SUNDAY and MONDAY
December 28th and 29th
AMOS 'N' ANDY in
"CHECK and DOUBLE CHECK"
MATINEE SUNDAY 2:15 P. M.
Mat. 10, 25, 35c Eve 10, 35; 50c

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
December 30-31, Jan. 1st
OLSEN and JOHNSON in
"OH! SAILOR BEHAVE"

Monastery Site Settled by "Sign From Heaven"

Klosternouburg owes its fame to the great monastery or "Kloster," which was founded in 1108 by Margrave Leopold IV, "the Holy." A quaint story is told of its founding. Leopold was thinking of erecting a monastery close to his castle on the summit of the Leopoldsberg, but could not make up his mind where to locate it. One evening, when he was discussing the question with his wife she leaned out the window to get a better view of the landscape and her white veil was carried away by a puff of wind and it could not be found. Three months later Leopold was boar hunting and his horse suddenly stopped in an alder plantation near the river and refused to move further. Leopold dismounted and his eyes fell upon the veil hanging in an alder tree. This was taken to be a sign from heaven and the monastery was built on this site. Leopold afterward became the patron saint of Austria and was buried in a chapel of the monastery church.

Presidential Changes

Technically a new Presidential administration starts at the beginning of March 4, namely, immediately after midnight March 3, and the President is paid his salary on this basis, says an article in Pathfinder Magazine. The same is true of a new congress. But since the beginning of the federal government it has been assumed for convenience that the Presidential and congressional terms do not expire until noon, March 4. Accordingly it is customary for the outgoing President to perform the functions of the office until his successor takes the oath at the formal inauguration on March 4, or March 5 when March 4 falls on Sunday. If congress does not complete its work by noon, March 4, the clock is set back. It is merely a legal fiction. Bills signed by the outgoing President on March 4 are dated March 3, and the outgoing President gets no salary for his services after midnight, March 3.

No wife thinks she is adequately appreciated.

Max Davis came up from Seattle Friday to help out with the Christmas trade at the Concrete Department store, and to spend the holiday with friends here.

George Brooks, Rawson Hornbeck and Ralph Cunningham, who are enrolled at the Mount Vernon Junior college, are spending their holiday vacation with home folks here.

Miss Thelma Evensen, who is attending the Bellingham Normal school is spending the hoidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Evensen at Van Horn.

Miss Nedra Dudigk, who is attending Anne Wright seminary in Tacoma, is spending her holiday vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lisherness.

Mrs. Jos. Fessler of Moss Hill was shopping and calling on friends in town Tuesday Mrs. Fessler is not able to come to town very often and her friends were glad to see her.

W. L. Conally, who is employed on the construction of the new power house for the city of Seattle at Diablo, came down Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

George Leonard, who is a student at the Rice Scvhool of Commerce in Seattle, came up Saturday evening to spend his Christmas vacation with hs parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Leonard.

Mrs. Gordon McGovern and daughters left Monday fo Seattle to spend Christmas week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Steever. Mr. McGovern will join them there today.

Laura Mitchell, who has been taking treatments at the Mount Vernon hospital for the past few weeks, was able to return home Sunday. However, she will be bedfast for several weeks yet.

Mrs. Ray Miller entertained with a bridge party at her home last Thursday evening with four tables in play. First honors were won by Mrs. Lester Elkins. The feature of the party was a Christmas tree with a present for each guest.

Jones (who had called around to see if his friend had recovered from a wild night): "Is Mr. Wizzy up yet?"

Landlady (sternly): "Yes, he got up, drank his bath and went back to bed."

American Feels at Home in Great Chinese C

Shanghai, to a notable extent, become Americanized. There, in most polyglot city in Asia, the rov American finds all the comforts home—the radio and jazz bands, co tails and correspondence schools, clubs and cabarets, neon lights skyscrapers, chewing gum and trousers and long skirts, evangel and the Salvation army.

And there, too, he finds peculiarly American institutions navy wives, shotgun weddings, Scouts, Spanish-American war ve ans, a board of censors, daylight ups, immaculate barber shops, a story club, wheat cakes and a ber of commerce.

All these things may be, as tou congressmen and other such ide are fond of saying, the "splendid dences of American influence China." They may be the instrum of attaining confraternity betw China and America. But I do think so, says Edgar Snow, writing the American Mercury. The fact that nobody in Shanghai worries himself very much about Sino-Americ understanding. Both the Chinese Americans are too busy making m

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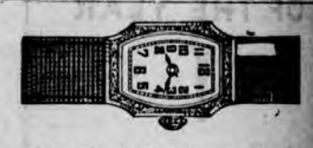

Heartiest Christmas Greetings.
En god, glad och fridfull jul. Cordiali auguri ti buon natale da noi tutti.

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