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By The Over-time Editor

EXASPERATING isn't it? The doughty traveler who braves the snow and icy roads of the upper valley feels that the whole world is suffering the same trouble. Then about Lyman the snow disappears from the road and in a few miles it looks as if it had never snowed this winter!

On a "must" trip to Seattle, Enumclaw and Tenino on Saturday, however, the situation was apparently reversed for our benefit. Leaving here in the sunshine we felt that the trip would be pleasant and on safe roads after we reached the lower valley. About Mount Vernon it began to snow and for the rest of the day we drove in a blizzard on highways that were icing up.

The upper valley still seems to be the county's ice box, but don't count on it being more than being the place where the snow sticks and piles up. Winter has decided to stay awhile this time.

THE CITY, as such may soon be a place for office buildings and paper work. Visiting a new shopping center south of Seattle last week end we saw the city of the future. Entirely under roof South Center has practically all the big stores. Wide avenues filled with fountains, greenery and park benches separate the lines of beautiful shop-fronts. Most of the stores have no doors—are just open to the avenue. A person can spend an entire day in air-conditioned comfort, eating in open cafes of several types and browsing to heart's content for anything you can name. No need for raincoats or hats, no parking fees or the frustration of finding a place for your car, no walking for blocks from one favorite store to another through stoplights.

We picture the future city to be built under one roof, too. In this climate it would be perfect. As for the old cities—better begin thinking. You're already way out of date.

THIS WEEK we add a new feature to the Herald, "Under The Capitol Dome." A nonpartisan report, written by a knowledgeable observer, we hope it will keep our readers informed on the legislative progress. Comments will be welcomed.

Births

Michael Dean Nicholson was the first arrival at the United General Hospital this year. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald D. Nicholson, Michael was born early the morning of New Year's Day. He weighed in at a hefty 11 lbs., 7 oz., and was 20 inches long.

His father is a sergeant in the Army, now stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va. He and his mother are making their home with his maternal grandmother, Wilma Mae Huscusson, at Rockport until his father's tour of duty is completed.

Paternal grandmother is Ilene Nicholson of Mount Vernon.

Another grandchild of Mrs. Huscusson's arrived the day before Christmas when a daughter, Lagina Michelle, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Huscusson of Lyman, at the United General Hospital. The young lady weighed 9 lbs., 8 oz., and was 20 inches in length. She is the Huscusson's first child. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Melton of Lyman and great grandmother is Mrs. Anna Belle Phillips.



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Lynden Trims Lions 82 To 57 Here Friday

A tall Lynden team outscored Concrete Lions last Friday to win the league game played on the Concrete high school floor, 82 to 57.

Concrete players trailed by 15 points at the end of the first quarter and were never able to cut down the healthy lead. Score at the half was 40 to 25 and at the end of the third quarter, 64 to 40.

Craig Knechtel was high score man for the Lions with 12 points. Charlie Messer accounted for 11 and Scott Culbertson, 10. Tim Evans had 9, Larry Comstock, 7, and Mike Kelly and Ernie Allen, both 4.

The Lynden team, which averaged well over 6 feet in height, out rebounded Concrete 56 to 35. Messer collected 13 and Knechtel, 8.

The game scheduled at Sultan Saturday was cancelled by bad weather and hazardous road conditions and will be rescheduled later.

Concrete will travel away from home this weekend to play two league games, one with Meridian this Friday night and at Blaine Saturday.

Individual scoring for the season so far is:

	Scoring	Rebounds
Charlie Messer	85	77
Scott Culbertson	59	39
Mike Kelly	58	26
Tim Evans	47	30
Craig Knechtel	40	64
Dennis Brown	34	8
Larry Comstock	30	31
Ernie Allen	6	3
Kim Martin	3	6

City Light Tours Up Price For Next Season

Reservations, for Seattle City Light tours to Ross Dam are now being taken at the company's Skagit Tour reservation office in Seattle in an attempt to take care of the expected boom in the tours this coming season.

Seattle City Light explained the creation of the new North Cascades National Park and Ross Lake National Recreation Area is expected to stimulate demand.

Price of the trip has been raised to \$4 per person, from the former \$3 charge, which includes both the boat trip and guided tour of the dam and dinner at the Newhalem cookhouse.

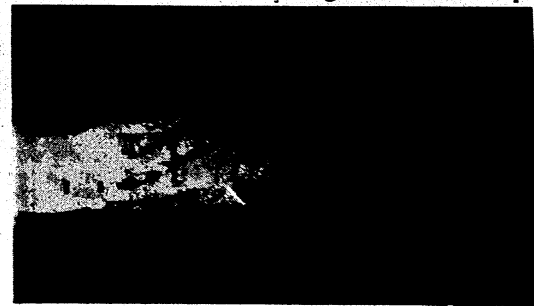
This year's season will begin May 30 and continue through September 7 with three tours daily and five tours a day during the peak season of July and August.

Reservations must be obtained through the Seattle office. There is no local location for tour reservations.

Dr. Benner At Clinic As Relief Physician

The Concrete Clinic is open for treatment of patients during afternoon hours daily while Dr. William Monzingo is on vacation. Filling in for Dr. Monzingo is Dr. R. E. Benner of Burlington who will be at the clinic from 2 to 5 p.m. on week days and from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday mornings. Dr. Monzingo expects to be back in a couple of weeks.

Snowfall Continues To Bring Winter in Heaps



A few inches of snow each day, following a heavy eight to twelve inch fall last Thursday has made living and travel difficult over the week end. Predictions are for more to come, with colder weather in prospect later this week.

Steelheading Good During Cold Weather

Best steelhead spot in the state last weekend was the Skagit River with crowds of fishermen traveling through snow storms to take advantage of the good fishing.

On the Upper Skagit, from Rockport to Concrete, 156 fishermen checked in with 92 steelhead. Barnaby Slough fish contributed to the catch.

Between Concrete and Sedro-Woolley 97 anglers caught 37 fish and in the lower section, from the mouth to Sedro-Woolley, a spot check of 171 fishermen showed a catch of 43 steelhead.

The Skagit is predicted to be good for several days, with the upper river in good shape and boat fishermen having best success. Continued cold temperatures may cause the river to be too low and clear for the coming weekend, but, if the snow melts or rains arrive by the end of the week, fishermen can expect better luck.

Elsewhere in the state good fishing was reported on the peninsula, on the Nisqually and the Puyallup rivers, and the Skykomish.

Rockport Home Fire Checked in Time

A second house fire at Rockport was fortunately contained last Sunday night preventing another calamity such as struck the community during the holidays when the Phillip Wilson home was lost.

Rockport and Marblemount Fire Departments were summoned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Aldridge in the central part of the Rockport community about 10:30 p.m. Sunday. The blaze started from wiring in the bathroom but was confined to the immediate area with damage limited to smoke and water damage within the room.

RESIGNATION FILED BY CLAUDE WILSON

Claude Wilson, former county commissioner from this district who created a county job as building inspector for himself after his defeat for a second term by Howard Miller, handed in his resignation last week. It became effective Monday.

Wilson was a controversial figure from the time he took over the office of commissioner from A. B. Wiseman and his continuation in county government after his defeat for the commissioner post was generally credited with the rejection by the voters in the last election of Mel Halgren and Jack Wylie, commissioners who backed him in the alternate county job.

The Board of County Commissioners in now composed of three Republicans, Howard Miller, Bill Sullivan and Arnold Hansen. Howard Miller was the lone Republican on the previous board.

State Timber Sales Up Next Month

Over six million board feet of timber in Skagit County will be sold next month by the state, following approval of the Board of Natural Resources at its Jan. 7 meeting.

The sale involves Anderson Mountain, located 21 miles northwest of Sedro-Woolley, appraised at \$251,685. The sale will be Feb. 24 at the Sedro-Woolley District Office.

Snows Close Schools; Daily Check Asked

Concrete schools were closed Thursday and Friday of last week because of the heavy snowfall which made it dangerous for buses to make their runs.

Superintendent Fred Culbertson reminds students to listen to the Mount Vernon radio station for announcements about shutdown of school as the bad weather continues.

"UNDER THE CAPITOL DOME"

By ROBERT CUMMINGS

Gov. Dan Evans has trimmed the number of his executive request bills for the 41st Legislature to less than 50, but some of his advisors in the Legislature wish he would cut the figure even more.

Originally, he had about 75 executive request measures, but trimmed them down to 60 and finally, below 50. The reason is purely political. So is the reason that some of his legislative leaders wish he would reduce the number further. The words "by executive request" are like sterling on silver when the governor's political party controls both houses. If the opposite party holds a majority in just one house of the Legislature, however, those same words can be tantamount to a death sentence; unless it's a bill raising taxes.

Governor Welcome To Credit

The Democrats are perfectly willing to let the Governor have full credit for any tax bill. In

the past two sessions, they even "gave" him enough votes to pass increases in the sales tax, when there weren't enough Republicans to put it through. These revenue measures remained the Governor's bills, and the Democrats made the most of them in the recent campaign. The same could be said of the governor's tax reform package. The Democrats didn't like his single rate income tax, but if enough of them go along with the governor to pass it, it will have to carry the label, "by executive request."

Democrats Want Share

It could be a different story, however, on much other legislation which the Democrats might consider good.

If it is good legislation, the Democrats want a share of the credit. A measure introduced with joint sponsorship and free of any "executive request" label will have a much better (Continued on page 10)