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The Over-time Editor ^~~~

ON THE RIVER Sunday hed an eagle soaring in Wing spread of perhaps and not flying too high . It was apparent imme us, it was apparent infinitely where the design for the e came from. Viewed from ince the bird looked like a plane. No flapping of the just floating, dipping and

g. as then we thought of the ence last Friday when we he latest in airplane comat the Whidbey Island
Air Station. A Grumman
w level bomber. Not a big as planes go, but jammed nose to tail with electronic and mechanical marvels. It s a pilot and navigator who barely room to squeeze into kpit bulging with switches, levers, and signal lights. kpit buiging with switches, levers, and signal lights. feature of the aircraft is illity, by use of radar, com-and simulated animation plane's relation to the land below, it can take off from rier at sea, fly hundreds of over hostile country to lay s, pinpointed on a target as as a single building, and to the home ship without of or navigator once seeing oundi

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er we heard Lt. Commander Rogers, who was awarded it naval aviation decoration is bravery in the last bomb it to Hanoi before the cease-It was a single plane raid only he and his navigator-bardier making the flight. about ten breath-taking minhe described in play-by-play the experience. We flew in dark night with him for an and forty-five minutes of

e first part of the flight was ne, following a preset course be Viet Nam coast, then up a altitude of 200 to 300 ey at attitude of 200 to 300, guided only by the picture a screen in front of him. As approached the target the was picked up on enemy (Continued on page 2)

### ring Is Knocking, **Are The Hammers!**

flurry of activity was seen und town this week as the husiasm builds among Main ee's businessmen starting to ce up for a new era in Con uce up for a new era in Con-te which won't be dulled by hent dust. /irg Walston transformed the nt of the old Stadlman build-

by have a new shake roof it to match the one on the

to match the one on the kebaugh building. Dher hammer sounds were to the Midget Market ere a new-floor-is-being laid-Ray Camardella, and to the rald building where the small joining office is being-romodel-

ioning office is being remodel. Slim Evans started doing over he Shanty" which will be ready the season's drive-in opening the abrand new look.

And one of the first to buy a for broom to sweep the dust off s roof was Gordon McGovern-didn't even wait for the snow melt before he had the roof his service station scraped and eaned.

#### **Lone Star To Start Up Finish Grinding**

Operations are expected to resume soon at the plant of Lone Star Cement Corp. here in the finish grinding department. The regular crew will be back on the job taking care of the clinker re-maining after burning operations were suspended the first of the

Vice-President Dick Farrow of Vice-President Dick Farrow of the Seattle regional office, stated that it was estimated that the job of getting the last of the raw material into the storage silos as finished cement will last until May. The shipping crew will be kept on until all stored cement

#### MACHINERY SOLD

All machinery and equipmen of the plant here has been sold Panama Machinery Co. of Seattle and is to be under a contract just signed by the company. When their work is the company. When their work is completed the Lone Star company will remove the buildings. All are to come down, including the stacks, with exception of the office and laboratory building and the storage silos and shipping facilities. The work is expected to be completed this yaer.

#### **Former Local Resident** Dies In Seattle



GEORGE WILLIAMS

Sporge D Williams, who was born and raised in Concrete, pass-ed away suddenly on Feb. 9 in Seattle from a stroke suffered while at work. He had been employed by the Seattle Transit Co. for the past 25 years, joining the bus company in January, 1944.

He was born in Concrete on April 24, 1911. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1927 and served until 1931. He was in the reserve corps until 1935.

Williams was an ardent amateur radio operator, well-known throughout the world as the "Golden Voice" using the call letters WA7ETT. He had received numerous awards from military units for his work in relaying messages from relatives to men in the service. One of his most prized awards was from the USS Yorktown for his assistance in transmitting radio messages dur-

transmitting radio messages during the Apollo space shots.

He is survived by one daughter,
Mrs. Lois Anne Thornton, now
living in Naples, Italy, where her
husband is stationed with the
Navy; three grandehildren; one
brother, Kenneth Williams; a half
brother, William Kingle of Concrete; two half-sisters, Mrs. Lonnie Fessler of Concrete and Mrs.
Carnelia Wister of Monroe.
Funeral services were held Feb.
15th in Seattle.

## Action Group Given Good Advice

Quality should be the key word in any community's renovation, program, Byron Haley, Washing-ton State University outdoor recreation specialist, stressed at last week's special meeting of Concrete Community Action Com-

"Tourists want quality in facilities and services and they are willing to pay more for it." Mr. Haley told the businessmen and organization representatives pre-

People are going to come here and you can be sure those people will partike of the services only as long as they have the quality tourists want. Tourists coming into this area will double with the formation of the new park. But the competition will double, too. And your services and facilities will be used only as long as there is not a better place up or down

"If you-people in Concrete do not grasp your opportunities, someone else will!"

Haley and Dr. James Barron,

WSU resources development specialists, were in Concrete in response to an invitation from the newly-organized Action Commit-tee to advise on general planning for Concrete's rejuvenation.

Dutch Clean-Up Day has been set for Saturday, April 12, to kick off a week of cleanup and painting throout Concrete's business and residential areas.

In the words of County Agent In the words of County Agent Jack Crawford, who introduced the two specialists, "their func-tion is to help towns develop their areas by using the resources within the towns."

Both Haley and Barron emphas-ized again and again throughout

#### Carter Reece Rites **Held This Monday**

Carter Reece, 51, Concrele resident and former employee of the Lone Star Cement Corp., died suddenly last Tuesday. Feb. 25, in the United General Hospital.

He was born Sept. 27, 1917, in Bevard, N. C. and had lived in this area since 1954. He retired from the cement company last

year.

He is survived by two sons,
James and Calvin, both of Concrete; two daughters. Joyce Taylor and Judy Reece, both of Ashville, N. C.; several step-children,
including Grady Banks and Aliene
Reece of this city; three grandchildren; five brothers and two
statuses. sisters.

Services were held Monday at the Lemley Chapel with inter-ment in Hamilton cemetery.

#### **New Park Ranger At** Marblemount Station

Robert Hentges has assumed the position of supervisory park ranger of the new North Crscades National Park with headquarters at the former Marblemount Raner station which has been transferred to that agency. Hentges comes here from Mount Rainier National Park.

He and his wife and two children are now settled in the G. B. Crane home at the Marblemount site.

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W. S U. SPECIALISTS BYRON HALEY and DR. JIM BARRON

the evening that whatever the people of Concrete do in improv-ing the town, they should do well. Barron said to keep in mind

Barron said to keep in mind that the prime objective is to make Concrete a place people will want to come back to, both from appearance and a friendly attitude by those who meet them. He suggested that every busi-nessman and resident ask him-self the questlen—Why would I want to live here? Then, to look

the resources and what facilat the resources and what racti-ities can be provided. Expanding on his topic, Barron

said that townspeople should explore untapped markets for what the area has to "sell"—naming the scenery, fishing and hunting as a starter.

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Next, to assume that people in other parts of the country have never heard of Concrete or what it has to offer, and to publicize the advantages here.

"Take a good hard look at the community and situation as it is—through someone else's, eyes," he said

Samples of codar materials and brochures are available at the Concrete Herald office for anyone to look at if they are searching for ways to dress up their store-fronts.

"Another way of looking at the whole question is to take a look at community services, such as schools, churches and public utilities provided. These things make the difference between c ities and make the difference in whether people will wan to live here or not."

Last, said Barron, another big question to be asked is—Would

the town be rebuilt if it burned

the town be rebuilt if it burned down tomorrow? If it is a town people want to live and stay in, it has a reason for being. "Any community has to face these questions by self study and think about its problems in pract-ical terms," he concluded. Both Haley and Barron stress-d the importance of an everal

ed the importance of an overall clean-up, saying that a complete cleaning and painting of store fronts and public buildings, as well as homes, was a necessary

well as homes, was a necessary first step.

A central theme, extensive re-building, and even neon signs are not needed, and could even prove a detriment, explained Haley. He said that many towns had found that retaining a local atmosphere of the town but meking streets of the town, but making streets and surroundings neat and tractive had paid off better than trying to make over the town completely,
"Quality doesn't need to cost

"Quality doesn't need to cost a great deal of money," said Mr. Haley. "The main thing is to present a nice appearance and give personal, friendly service. Satisfied customers will p.ss the word around."

There's still time to get entries in for the Clean-Up Slogan Contest sponsored by the Herald. Mail or bring the ideas to the Herald office by March 10, Everyone in the Concrete area is eligible, A \$10 cash prize is offered.

He also told those at the meeting that "no problem is insoluble and no rule sacred. Nothing is impossible if it is attacked with



FRESH IDEAS—Committee members look over photos of buildings and improvements made by other towns in state for civic improvements campaigns.