

# The Concrete Herald

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## Pathers

From the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

OLYMPIA is like a lot of other cities in the world, it's a nice place to visit, but . . . So visit did last Thursday in company with about eighty or so of contemporary weekly newspaper editors and their wives. It well worthwhile as we had several sessions with all the top relative figures, up to informal briefings from both Lieut. Johnny Cherberg and Governor Dan Evans—who not only us an hour and a half of time in sharp no-holds-bar information, questions and answers—but invited the group to executive mansion for an informal reception.

## Lena (Mount) Pender Dies In Mt. Vernon

Funeral services for Lena Pender, long-time resident of Concrete, were held Monday, March 10, at the Light Funeral Home in Mount Vernon with the Rev. Charles Holgate officiating. Mrs. Pender died last Thursday at the Skagit Valley Hospital after an extended illness.

She was born June 15, 1895, at Pratt, Kan. She and her first husband, Mollie Mount, moved to Concrete in 1912 and made their home here until Mr. Mount's death in 1942. She moved to Mount Vernon at that time and in 1947 was married to Ernest Pender.

She was a member of the Skagit Rebekah Lodge No. 82, the Ladies Encampment Auxiliary, and the L.A.P.M. of Mount Vernon. Surviving her are her husband, Ernest, and a daughter, Mrs. Charles Holgate of Salem, Ore.

## Action Meeting Tonight

A meeting of the Concrete Community Action Committee will be held tonight, Wednesday, March 12, at 7:30 p. m. in the City Hall.

All businessmen are urged to be present, as well as the club representatives and any other interested persons.

## Honor Society Hears T. N. Bucknell Speak

"Forward Together" was the theme of Concrete High School's Honor Society banquet held last Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. Approximately 50, all members of the society and their parents, were present.

Kim Martin, Honor Society president, and Karen Johnson played a piano solo after each member had introduced his parents to the group.

T. N. Bucknell of Seattle City Light at Newhalem spoke to the group following dinner.

The banquet was sponsored by Cascade Juniors, Upper Skagit Garden Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Lions' Club, and Rebekahs. Five freshmen girls assisted with the serving.

## COIN A PHRASE!

The contest for a snappy slogan to describe Concrete's rejuvenation drive will be extended for another week to give those last-minute thinkers a chance to get their ideas in the hat.

The Concrete Herald, sponsors of the contest, will give \$10 for the best slogan.

The contest is open to anyone within the Concrete area, including the outlying districts of Birdview, Gasmere, South Skagit, Vah Horn, and Sauk.

All school children attending the Concrete grade and high schools are eligible to enter the contest.

LAST DAY IS MONDAY,  
MARCH 17!

## Delegate To Girl's State To Be Chosen March 26

This year's delegate to Washington Girl's State will be selected by members of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Cascade Junior Women's Club at a meeting in the Legion clubroom March 26 at 8 p.m.

A vote by members of the two sponsoring groups, who share the expense of sending a delegate to the Girl's State each year, will decide the winner from the four eligible candidates. Runner-up will be alternate.

Candidates in the running, all juniors at Concrete High School, are Vicki Whitt, Christy Williams, Karen Johnson, and Shirley Parker. These girls were chosen by the high school faculty on a basis of their scholastic standings, activities, and character.

Kathleen Young, last year's delegate, will describe her experiences at the 1968 Girl's State held at Central Washington College in Ellensburg the early part of June.

## County Planner Hands In His Resignation

Wayne Kite, head of the Skagit County Planning Department, turned in his resignation from that post to the Board of County Commissioners on Monday. A change in the department had been indicated by the newly elected Republican board as far back as election time and had been a minor issue of their campaigns. Discussions with the board and planning director had been held previous to the resignation but no definite stand had been taken by either party.

Mr. Kite is quoted as saying that he will go into private practice in the planning field. No successor has yet been named. The commissioners state that the change will not effect the progress being made on the county comprehensive plan or other land use development procedures.

## BROTHER DIES

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gardner received word Monday of the death of Floyd's brother, Earl Gardner of Bellingham. Funeral services were held Thursday in Bellingham.

## Hard Winter Cost The County Roads Plenty

Snow damage to roads the past winter has cost Skagit County a total of \$538,300, according to Chairman Howard Miller, commissioner from the third district. In this district, No. 3, the cost was highest of the three due to the for the upper valley was \$280,000. For District No. 1 it was \$240,000 and in District 2 it was \$37,300.

The above figures are the estimates of the amount already spent on spot patching and the eventual rebuilding of those pieces beyond normal repair. Mr. Miller stated that the road plans for the year will be revised and first attention given to putting the damaged sections back in shape. The road department plans to patch where feasible, but tear up bad spots completely and reballast, regrade and resurface. Work is now under way and will be completed as rapidly as possible.

Snow removal costs alone for the county totalled \$127,801.69, of which the December, January and February costs were \$21,425.47 for District No. 1, \$45,897.69 for No. 2 and \$60,478.53 for the upper valley.

## NEW SUPERVISORS

In a new policy of the board of commissioners, road supervisors have been appointed for each district so that better control can be maintained on road projects. At present the crews report for work at Burlington shop, then are assigned their jobs in all parts of the county. Under the new plan the work will be assigned by the supervisor in the district in which the project is under way.

The new man for the upper valley district is David Rohrer, 35, of Sedro-Woolley. He has been employed by the county since 1956 and has worked as an engineer's aid for the county engineering department. Charles Hoffman, 54, and a 20-year man with the road department, will be supervisor in District 2, and Jim Edwards, 5-years with the department, will finish out his retirement time for Dis. 1 and the job will then go to Donald McLeod, 42, present road foreman on April 1st.

The county will maintain the single unit system of general project planning and use of equipment.

## Forty-Six On Honor Roll At Concrete High

Forty-six senior and junior high school students maintained a three-point or over grade average to make the honor roll for the first semester.

Pam Green, senior, and Mike Kelly, junior, were the only ones to have an A, or four-point, average.

Twelfth-graders—Pam Green, Judy Harrison, June Holubar, Judy Mellon, Linda Miles, Kay Mills, Shelly Muzyk, Kathy Nims, Jo Pyatte, Jody Seaman, Kathleen Young, Kim Martin, Keith Yeager.

Eleventh-graders—Karen Johnson, Liana Lynch, Shirley Parker, Lynda Reed, Vicki Whitt, Robin Wright, Robin Buller, Robert Coggins, Mike Kelly.

Tenth-graders—Scott Culbertson, Richard Johnson, Robert Johnson, Robert Wright.

Ninth-graders—Elena Balzar, Nancy Coulter, Carol Howell, Cheryl Keith, Debby Porter, Marco Pressentin, Lenna Ropideau, Mary Ross, Joyce Solomon, Tamara Swanson, Larry Coggins, Jim LaFayette.

Eighth-graders—Arnold Brooks, Gregory Brown, Diana Buller, Paul Hicks, Cynthia Pysate.

Seventh-graders—Laura B. Bell, Rose Bradley, Marc McDaniel.



Watching The Fun

That was a highlight for both the men and women. The man is old, showing the signs of his years, but a graceful and charming museum piece. The answer most everyone would give to the proposal that it be put back to its original condition (with a few unobtrusive modernizations) is decidedly "Yes." That, whether or not it is retained as the home for the chief executive.

Lovely rooms made interesting by good taste and old things. Bits of memorabilia, glass chandeliers, silverplate and the artisanship of (Continued on page 3)

## RENOVATION ENTHUSIASM CONTAGIOUS

## What About You?



The old Stadman building, now owned by Mike Walston, was given the first part of a remodeling job to match it up with the adjoining buildings on the sunny side of the street. Tim Roetman and crew did the carpentry.



You can't do any job well without a qualified watcher, so Virg Walston appointed and lugged Bob Spalding as official "sidewalk superintendent."



A project of the Lion's Club in recent years has been the upkeep of the play court in East Concrete for youngsters in that area. This year a flood covered the court with mud. The job of removing it fitted right in with their part of Town Beautification.

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