

Concrete "Clean-In" April 12th!

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1969 Clean-Up Campaign Starts On Saturday

"Come to the Clean-In" is the wide-open invitation issued by the town of Concrete for this coming Saturday, April 12, date of the Dutch clean-up day which will kick off the rejuvenation of the town and mark the passing of Concrete's grimy era.

No more spirals of concrete dust will pour from Lone Star Cement Corporation's stacks after today, say company officials. The plant closes grinding operations with today's shifts, although shipping will continue for several more weeks.

Concrete's Clean-In will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning at the sound of the fire siren, and continue into the afternoon hours.

School children, businessmen, and townspeople will gather in the downtown area to join in scrubbing down the town—wash windows, sweep the streets, clean up parking lots, vacant spaces, and alleys.

Dutch Boy paint caps, supplied by the Cascade Supply, will put workers into "costume" for the spring housecleaning which begins the overall renewal of the town.

Students from high school will add their muscles to help out in the scrubbing, grubbing, and painting. Smaller boys and girls, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls and Bluebirds all have chosen their chores, from weeding along the street edges to running messages.

Ladies of the Upper Skagit Garden Club and the Cascade Juniors will work on their park sites on the town side of the bridge. And, the bridge itself will be thoroughly swept and cleaned by the Dick Riehl family.

Lions, Eagles, and Jaycees all will join in the Clean-In. Others are supplying pickups and equipment for trash disposal and hauling. The fire department will be on duty all day to supervise burning of brush piles.

Businessmen will each take care of the sprucing up of their own places of business, washing windows and the exterior of buildings, and, in some cases, painting. However, most major repairs and redecoration will follow after the Clean-Up Day.

Cascade Juniors have practically 100 per cent sign-up of all the town's businesses in the "Beautification for Business" contest which will see a local business submitted as an entry in the state competition by July 1.

Senior girls will set up a food concession the day of the Clean-In on Main Street, in front of the Legion Club, and Doris and Slim Evans will serve free coffee and doughnuts to celebrate the opening of their drive-in, The Shanty.

A Western band will be in town to liven activities in the afternoon, and the Metallic Cherry will play for a free teen-age dance at the grade school gym in the evening, 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Business people will defray expenses of the band and pop to show their appreciation of the help teenagers are giving throughout the clean-up campaign. Many of the high school students have offered their assistance to people who are unable to do heavy clean-up jobs around their homes and residential lots, and all have freely offered their help in any way it can be used on Clean-Up Day.

Chairman Helen Walston and her Clean-Up Day committee will set up headquarters at the old Stadlman building to act as a clearing house on Saturday. Anyone without an assignment may check in for work projects, or information on activities.

Ray E. DeVoy, City Light Lineman, Dies

Raymond E. DeVoy, a resident of Concrete for 30 years, died last Tuesday, April 1, in the United General Hospital. He and his wife, Edith, were moving to Snoqualmie at the time of his death.

DeVoy was born April 27, 1903, in Wisconsin, and came to Concrete in 1938. He retired in 1965 as lineman for Seattle City Light.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army. He held membership in the local Legion Post and the Concrete Eagles, as well as City Light Employees Association.

Besides his wife he is survived by five stepsons, Dennis, Art, Raymond, Earl, and Richard Orr; three daughters, Elene Carter, Joyce Bacon, and Lunetta Reece; three brothers, Ted, Sextus, Thurston; a sister, Helen Jelens; 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, 20 step grandchildren and three step great-grandchildren.

Lemley Mortuary was in charge of cremation. No services were conducted by request.

Nine Drivers Picked Up For Invalid Licenses

Washington State Patrol apprehended nine drivers in a spot check of driver's licenses in this area last Friday.

James C. Reece and Thomas H. Saline were each fined \$174 for driving while their licenses were suspended and Saline was fined \$18 for having an invalid license, expired in 1967.

Cornell O. Hayne, was fined \$18 for not having a valid license. Eleanor A. Kelly and Judy A. Mitchell received fines of \$18 each for driving without an operator's license. Fines of \$13 each were imposed on Roger Cayou, John R. Richardson and Richard D. Wegers for expired licenses.

The Town of Concrete has proclaimed April 12 to 19 official Clean-Up Week.

The city's dump truck will cover the community during the week, picking up trash and refuse. All debris must be put in boxes or other containers and placed alongside alleys or at curbsides. No ashes or garbage will be handled.

Marblemount Children May Be Bussed To Concrete School

Marblemount residents will have the choice of enrolling their children in the Concrete grade school, following decision of the Upper Skagit School District school board at its meeting this week.

Board members passed the ruling in spite of opposition from Board Chairman Harry Martin who felt that the district should maintain its present divisional lines.

However, bowing to demands from a few Marblemount parents that their children be permitted to attend the Concrete school, the board will allow residents to make the choice for their own children—but the decision must be made before the end of the school year this spring, and will be final for the entire school year.

New people moving into the district will have a choice at the time they establish residence. They can not change once their decision is made. Superintendent Fred Culbertson said that allowing students from Marblemount to enter the Concrete school may have the effect of lessening the load at Marblemount and give better educational opportunities for those remaining.

Other school board action resulted in a review of bus drivers' pay schedules set at the last regular meeting. The base salary of \$160 will apply to new drivers. Those already on the payroll will remain at their present scale.

Culbertson reported that Seattle City Light has made a payment of \$17,824 for the first half of the 1968-69 school year, as first installment under the new policy of two payments each year instead of one at the end of the school year.

Nell Quackenbush, Who Drew Nationwide Notice As Beloved Local "Character," Passes

Nell Quackenbush, known to a great many by her married name of Wheelock until she reverted to her maiden name, died April 2nd at the age of 83. It was also her birthdate as she was born April 2, 1878 in New York State. Nell was one of Concrete's most interesting pioneers and became much of a "character" early in her career by doing a man's work in all her activities. She did not object to being a character and, in fact, enjoyed every minute of it.

She came west to join her sister, late Mrs. Catherine Glover, in 1909 to help her operate the local phone company. The two did most of the work from operating the switchboard to erecting poles and installing the lines. It was here the nation was informed of the fact that Nell climbed poles and strung wire.

One of her jobs was to ride the lines on horseback, sometimes up to 40 miles a day. In the pro-

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Thompson Street Brush-Pile Sloped

An enthusiastic and prompt response to a query about aid for the Cascade Junior Women's Club park lot on Thompson Street was made last week when a State Highway Department crew moved in with equipment to slope the bank facing the highway. Dirt removed was hauled around to level portions of the lot. The Cascade Juniors have taken a lease on the property and plan to make it a complement to the Upper Skagit Garden Club park across the highway.

Leathers

from the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

WE HAVE a newspaper friend who has a sign next to his time and box stating, "Due to lack of enthusiasm next week has been postponed." The idea sparks a mad thought with us every day night. If all the matters that appear so pressing on a Monday morning could be relegated to the field of contemplation for even days, most of them would disappear and you could start another week with no regrets anticipated.

Many people have commented on the grim facade that Monday morning presents to everyone except kids on school vacation or adults who are about to receive a large inheritance that afternoon. The recent move to use Monday as holiday time to make three-day weekends out of every national occasion of note leaves us completely cold. It's a shame to spoil Tuesday's good name. Better to make Friday the holiday so we can all join the "Thank God It's Friday" Club.

Either that or eliminate the fourth week of every month and lumping all holidays indiscriminately into twelve periods in which everything is just "postponed." We suggest for further comfort these weeks include all tax due dates.

For a better life, stiek with us. As soon as the ground swell of public opinion starts from this inspired column you will see the world change to a rosy hue for some Blue Mondays that will never arrive on schedule.

WE NOTE the leaving of two more of our senior citizens this week, both having sold their long time homes here. Carl Monrad—a pillar of the business community for many years; and Mrs. Cordelia Reynolds, of the same category as a mother, civic worker and church member. It is one of the sad times of life when the family home becomes to large for one person to care for.

Still, these same homes become full of life again with new owners to enjoy well instilled charm.

Puget Power To Pave Concrete Airport

Puget Power and the Lone Star Cement Corporation will combine interests in the paving of the Concrete Municipal airport this summer. A request for permission to expend \$12,300 on the paving of a 2,700 foot runway was submitted to the town council Monday night. In addition to the landing strip there will be a taxi-strip and parking area paved.

The council granted tacit approval of the surfacing work, but withheld decision on the request for the lease of three acres of off-field area for hangars. The lease price suggested was \$1 a year for 15 years. The council called for a copy of the lease agreement before taking action to assure that public use of the field will not be restricted by such a move.

Work is to be started immediately. Puget Power plans to use the field increasingly in the future in connection with their operations at the upper and lower Baker river dams, and at their Baker Lake conference building.

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