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Fathers
from the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

LONG WITH the present enthusiasm for upgrading the community, there should be a strong desire to interest and keep the people active in civic work. One thing that can make a town vibrant is to have young ideas and vital energy directed toward the future. Every few years we find that leadership has been found and that leadership that has been demonstrated here in Concrete has been passed on to the younger generation. Ideas, maybe, but not the needs of any community. We need to be directed by the vision of today. The sooner we get them into the driver's seat, the better job they will be able to do. There should be a thought of getting young people into businesses, into local activities and into the many activities now needing prospective leaders in leadership.

The small town still offers the career in life for those who wish to live peacefully and well-learned from the big city bustle. If you have an opening for an employee, offer him a future.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mount Trail Motel, the first building on Main Street to be completely renovated under the town renovation program. Frank Benson gave workers a big boost during Clean-Up with a bright front end on in one day. Last week the truck was wrapped up with all sides badly rouged. Next?

BUILDING PERMITS can now be obtained at the Herald office. Fees are required for remodeling this year—only on new construction. The Town, however, requires that you secure a permit and follow code practices.

NEW SUBSCRIBER
Martin Dickover of Seattle was added to the mailing list of the Concrete Herald this week.

Births

DIANNE LYNNE FRANK
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Frank are the proud parents of their first child, a daughter, Dianne Lynne, born last Tuesday evening, May 12, in the United General Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. at birth and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tim Roetman of Rockport and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Frank of Concrete. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marenus Roetman Sr. of Akeley, Minn., Mrs. Florence Lemon of Rockport, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Larsen and Guy Frank of Concrete.

GREGORY BRUCE MONRAD
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Monrad are announcing the birth of a son, Gregory Bruce, born last Thursday, May 7, at the United General Hospital. Weight at birth was 7 lbs., 5 oz., and length, 19 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Monrad of Concrete, Mrs. Robert Van Bokum of Fairfield, Wash., and George Clark of Sedro-Woolley. Great grandfather is Carl Monrad.

Museum Cornerstone To Be Laid Saturday

Cornerstone of Skagit County Historical Museum at LaConner will be laid during ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, May 17, at 2 p.m. with George Peth, past president of the county Historical Society, as master of ceremonies.

Included on the program for the event will be an invocation by the Rev. Carlos Shafer, welcome by the mayor of LaConner, response by Charles Dweley of Concrete, president of the county Pioneer Association, history of the Historical Society by Mrs. Lloyd Hartman, appreciation of those responsible for construction of the Museum by Lou Valentine, Society president, and reading of the list of items included in the cornerstone box, which will be opened in 50 years, by John Conrad, John Peth and Irene Shoemaker.

Following the program refreshments will be served in the museum lobby by members of Chapter Two, Territorial Daughters of Washington, and the museum will be open for inspection by the public.

Burglary Discovered At High School

The office of the Concrete High School was entered during the weekend and \$12 in change and stamps found missing from the cash drawer on Monday morning. Entry apparently was through a window. The door to the library room was broken. Chief of Police Bill Hlatt is investigating.

LOSES PART OF FINGER

Eddie Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson of the Totem Trail Motel near Rockport, lost a joint of one finger and cut another severely in an accident at the Jordan Creek Timber Co. mill last Monday. He was treated at the United General Hospital but released the next day. It will be some time before he can return to work.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- May 16—Spring Band Concert, High School gymnasium, 8 p.m.
- May 28—All Sports Banquet, High School Cafeteria, 8 p.m.
- May 29—Awards Assembly, High School Gym, 8:45 a.m.
- May 29—School Picnic following Awards Assembly.
- May 29—Last day of school attendance for seniors.
- June 1—Baccalaureate, High School Gym, 8 p.m.
- June 5—Commencement, High School gym, 8 p.m.
- June 6—Last day of school.

Pearl Ashworth Dies In California Home

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Pearl M. Ashworth, long-time resident of the Concrete area, and widow of the late Ed Ashworth, operator of the ferry across the Skagit River east of town.

Mrs. Ashworth, who was about 90 at the time of her death, passed away April 17 according to word from her brother, Fred Turner. She had lived in the Altadena (Calif.) Nursing Home the last several years.

Services were held April 21 at the Altadena Chapel of the Gardens with interment at Mt. View Mausoleum, Altadena.

Senate Endorses Study Of Fish Farming

Members of the Senate last week endorsed a study of the "fish farming" potentials of the state, in a resolution sponsored by Sen. Lowell Peterson (D-Concrete).

The resolution called for a study by the Legislative Interim Committee on Fisheries of the utility of fish farming, and also an investigation of artificial spawning channels, the existing fish hatchery program and other research programs now undertaken by the State Department of Fisheries.

Cascade Park Historian Does Research Here

Earl Thompson, National Park Service historian working out of Washington, D. C., was in this area five days last week to gather historical material on the region now included in the North Cascades National Park. He spent last Wednesday perusing the files in the Concrete Herald office to obtain details of early-day pioneers and locations of historical sites in the area. The material will be compiled in capsule form to be used by the national park service in printed matter about the park and by park service rangers working inside the new park.

Birdsview Joins In Clean-Up Campaign

Birdsview residents are joining in the Clean-up campaign underway in the Concrete area with the Birdsview Grange designating the month of May as Rural Pickup and Clean-up Time.

Ladies are patrolling the roadsides to pick up cans, bottles, papers and other refuse and to haul away trash that accumulates along Highway 20 and the side roads.

Many of the home owners are painting and refurbishing their houses and outbuildings on their property.

"The town of Concrete did such a good job of washing and painting to make itself beautiful, that we feel that we should join in to spruce up our community," said Grange ladies.

"Tourists see Birdsview before they reach the town, so we want to give them a preview of what to expect when they get into Concrete, and to show them neat roadways on any side trips they wish to take."

SPARKS IGNITE LOGS

Sparks from the incinerator at the Jordan Creek Timber Co. at Marblemount set some of the logs around the mill on fire last Wednesday morning. The blaze was extinguished without much damage by the Marblemount fire department.

River Gives Up Body Of Girl

The body of Patti Jean Richmyer, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Richmyer of Birdsview, was recovered from the Skagit River last Wednesday near the Steelhead Club at Sedro-Woolley.

Patti Jean was drowned a month ago, April 11, when the pickup she was driving went out of control and plunged into the river at the end of Pinell Road.

She is survived by her parents; a brother, Garry Richmyer; three sisters, Janet Maloney, Debra Day, and Pamela Kepler, all of Seattle; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Richmyer of Birdsview.

Cremation was held at the Hawthorne Lawn Memorial Park Crematory, Mount Vernon.

Sobek Reception Will Be At Catholic Center

The public reception which will honor Durwood Sobek, director of the Concrete High School band, following the spring band concert this Friday, May 16, will be held in the CCD Center.

Band Boosters are hosting the affair feting Mr. Sobek at the conclusion of a long term of service as instructor and director of local high school bands.

This year's spring concert completes his 21st year with the school musical program.

Friday night's program will feature both the high school band and the junior band with intermission entertainment by the Metallic Cherry, local music group.

Paul Hicks and Keven Kelly will play a cornet duet, "Rod and Nod," accompanied by Karen Johnson.

Senior band members will be presented their band award pins. The program begins at 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

AIRPORT PAVING IS COMPLETED



Snelson Company of Sedro-Woolley completed surfacing of the Concrete Airport on Monday of this week. The soil-cement paving was topped off with a seal coat of asphalt, which will require a few days of curing before the strip can be used. The runway has been lengthened and a taxi strip and parking area given a hard surface treatment.

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