

# The Concrete Herald

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## Grasmere Is Repainting, Too!



Grasmere residents added to the "new look" recently when the Richard Neiles home, long in the path of cement dust, was painted. Again the popular new colors seem to favor something bright. This one is a pleasing yellow.

## Auction Buyers Swarm To Get Bargains At Cement Plant Sale

An auction sale of equipment at the plant of Lone Star Cement Corporation here drew buyers of all types from all parts of the west Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The result was a close out of practically all machinery, supplies and equipment at both the plant and quarry, with the salvage items of steel, copper and other items either going to private individuals or being held for offering to salvage firms.

contrast—the laboratory equipment and cement testing apparatus.

As the bidder moved through the plant grounds the bidding was based primarily on competition. Some pieces of equipment drew prices above appraisal and others went for scrap iron prices. The bidders were also from all walks of life and industry. Some of the former employees bought tools, bid on the old pot-bellied stoves that had kept them warm during cold winter shifts. Junk dealers watched for quick and cheap bids on salvage. Industrial buyers had their lists of motors, special machinery, trucks, cats and shovels that they were interested in.

### VARIETY OF EQUIPMENT

Listed for sale were all the tube mills and kilns, the dust collectors, screw conveyors, coal plant, bucket elevators, air compressors, pumps, tanks, bridge cranes, rolling stock, complete machine shop, welders, crushers, big shovels and cats, wagon drills, trucks and, in

The tram buckets and tram line will go to a mine in Montana. The big kiln will be cut up for scrap. Huge trucks at the quarry which require special hoists to lift the dump beds, brought unexpectedly good prices. In the storeroom prices were very low on V-belts, if you wanted to take the lots of 100 or so. The same in other items where the sale would be on a quantity lot.

### HEAVY MOVING JOBS

As the sale concluded the job of removing the purchases was up to the purchaser. Some items will take several weeks to dismantle and load. Salvage crews are already at work on removal of copper, steel and bulk metals.

When all equipment has been taken away and the scrap salvaged, the company will level the mill buildings, tanks, towers and stacks. All that is to be left on the site, state company officials, will be the storage bins at the rail siding and the office building. This work is to be done this year.

### GREG GERRITS RECEIVES SERVICE DISCHARGE

Greg Gerrits, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gerrits of Route 1, is home following his discharge from the service at the conclusion of his three-year tour of duty with the Marine Corps. He had been at the California base since the first of the year when he returned to the state from a year in Viet Nam. He carried the rating of sergeant when released.

## Len Pressentin Found Dead

Leonard Pressentin, one of the "old-timers" of the Concrete area, died of an apparent heart attack probably early Wednesday morning of last week while dressing in the bedroom of his home on the South Skagit west of Concrete.

His body was found by his nephew, Edward Pressentin, on Thursday after the rural mail carrier, Bob Whipple, notified him that mail had not been picked up for two days.

Mr. Pressentin was born on Sept. 27, 1900, to upper Skagit valley pioneers, Laura and Otto von Pressentin, on the same farm where he died. His parents both died within weeks of each other, in July of 1945.

He spent all of his life on the home place, carrying on with the farm following the death of his father. He never married and is survived by a sister, Mrs. Clara St. John and a brother, Carl Pressentin, and two nieces and two nephews, Mildred Crinklaw, Clara Bell Larcom, Edward and Robert Pressentin.

Lemley Mortuary of Sedro-Woolley handled funeral arrangements. There were no services, at Mr. Pressentin's request, with cremation early this week.

## Burglary Charges Are Filed Against Two

Vern A. Orcutt and Richard G. Hamerski, both of the Hamilton area, were charged last week with burglary in the second degree in Skagit Superior Court for breaking and entering Hamilton Sundries on June 19. Bail was set at \$1,500 each.

## Judge Chas. Stafford Named To New Court

Judge Charles F. Stafford of Mount Vernon has been named by Governor Dan Evans to the state's new Appellate Court. Judge Stafford is one of the 12 judges to be appointed an appellate court judge.

The newly-appointed judges will hear their first cases in September. The appointive judges will stand for election in November of 1970 for staggered terms. After that judges will be elected for full six-year terms. Their salary is \$25,000 a year.

Judge Stafford will represent District 3 Skagit, Whatcom, Island, and San Juan counties in the First Division which also includes King and Snohomish counties. He will serve with four judges from King county and one from Snohomish county, all taking up their duties in Seattle the middle of August.

## "Dressing By Design" Course Scheduled Here

"Dressing by Design," a short course on selection of materials and styles, will be offered women of the Concrete and Marblemount areas this month through the Skagit County Extension Service.

The program, presented free of charge, will show how lines, textures, and designs in fabrics and clothes affect appearance. Enrollees will learn to use their personal coloring as an individual approach to choosing colors to wear.

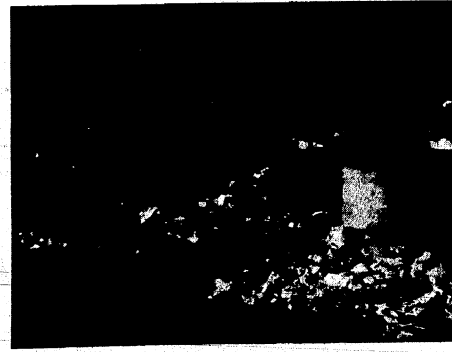
The course is scheduled for July 8, 15, 22, 29 at the Community Hall in Marblemount and on July 11, 18, 25, and Aug 1 in Concrete. The 1½-hour programs start at 10:30 a.m.

Descriptive material and enrollment cards have been mailed to women in the area. However, anyone who has not received the information may contact Betty Evans, Extension home economist, by phoning Mount Vernon 336-2137.

## NIGHT FIRE DESTROYS UNOCCUPIED HOUSE ON DALLES ROAD—NO ONE NOTICED THE BLAZE



A home belonging to the E. H. Walkers, located at the West end of the Concrete Airport, below the air strip on the Dalles Highway, was completely destroyed by fire during the night last Tuesday. First indication of the blaze came Wednesday morning when early motorists noticed the



smoking ruins. No alarm had been turned in to either the Concrete or Grasmere Volunteer Fire Departments. The house had apparently been completely furnished. The fire did a very neat job of removing all timbers, down to the post on the building blocks. Chimney and steps stand alone.

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