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FRED KOLB HOME IN WEST CONCRETE JOINS "PAINT UP"

City Light Superintendent Suggests Closing Of Newhalem And Diablo As Company Towns

The possibility of Seattle City Light closing out Newhalem and Diablo as "company towns" was raised at an informal conference with members of the Seattle Council Utilities Committee in that city on October 8th. John Nelson, City Light Superintendent, stated that the utility would like to get out of the business of running the two communities, but they cannot decide how it can be done.

He gave cost of maintenance as the big factor for elimination of City's responsibility in taking care of the 100 homes at Newhalem and the 50 other residences at Diablo. He told the committee that half of the houses in Newhalem were built in 1919 and since that time merely remodeled or renovated to improve them from temporary status for which they were erected. The cost of keeping up the older houses increases as they grow older.

Mr. Nelson said a number of the workers had indicated that they would be willing to move. Some consideration had been given of paying a bonus to each employee over a five year period if he would move to private housing away from the Skagit project.

At Diablo the problem is more difficult as during the winter months it is often impossible to maintain traffic in and out, making it necessary to have the workers living in that community. Nelson told the committee that it was likely that Diablo would have to be maintained without change.

The news of the proposal came as a surprise to most of the residents of the upper valley not living in the City Camps or connected with the operation as it was believed that the camps were as permanent as the dams and power houses. However, the idea is still just a proposal and will take much study and planning before the final decision is reached. This is several years away.

QUESTION ON ROSS DAM

Also discussed at the meeting was the future of Ross Dam, which has been built for a 125-foot extension at some time in the future. The new height would give Seattle a saving of about \$1 million dollars a year over the cost of buying needed power from some other source. City Light has already spent about \$6 million to make the dam capable of supporting the addition and also has paid Canada some \$3 million in a pact that would permit flooding of land in the area across the border.

Plans for the dam on Thunder Creek have been challenged by the present move by conservation.

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Gladden Norris Fined For Hit And Run

Gladden P. Norris, 17, of Sautk was fined \$500 with \$250 suspended and received a 30-day sentence, 20 days suspended on two years' good behavior, in Justice William Blunt's municipal court Monday evening. Norris' driving license was revoked indefinitely.

Penalties were for a hit and run charge brought against Norris as the result of his hitting a parked school bus at the high school the night of Sept. 13, and leaving the scene of the accident.

For 1970 Term-

School Budget Is \$544,000

Budget for the Upper Skagit Valley School District No. 102 for the 1969-70 term, ending June 30, 1970, as approved by the Intermediate School District No. 108, totals \$544,867.76.

Local taxes account for \$268,173 of revenues with state funds contributing \$195,694.76. Other receipts are from county administered funds, \$15,000; federal funds, \$28,000; local non-tax revenue receipts, \$35,000; local non-revenue receipts, \$3,600; and federal non-revenue receipts, \$1,400.

Local non-revenue receipts include monies from lunchroom operations, fines, damages, refunds, sale of supplies and materials. Federal non-revenue receipts are from the school district's share of school milk reimbursement. Federal Forest funds account for \$5,000; Public Law 89-10, Title I, \$3,400; and Title II, \$300; Public Law 874, \$17,000.

Expenditures are broken down into: administration, \$27,328; instruction, \$379,211.76; pupil services, \$2,300; food services, \$5,000; pupil transportation, \$49,860; operation of plant, \$51,168; maintenance of plant, \$26,000; payments to other districts, \$2,000; non-warrant expenditures, \$2,000.

Eldridges Buy Stidham Property At Van Horn

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eldridge of Marblemount have purchased the house and 12 acres at the corner of Moen Road, off Highway 20, from the Roy Stidhams. The house is located to the south of the Stidhams and reached by a private road off of the highway.

The real estate transaction was handled by Walston Realty of Concrete.

Heavy Wind Blamed For Car Accident

A heavy wind was blamed for damage to a passenger car going west on Highway 20, over two miles east of Sedro-Woolley, last Tuesday when it was blown into a logging truck.

The car, a 1966 Mercury hard-top driven by Gloria Abrahamson of Burlington, had about \$400 damages to the right front end when it was blown into the left rear duals of a logging truck driven by Charles B. Daves, Route 3, Sedro-Woolley.

Miss Abrahamson had started to pass the truck and then pulled back because of the wind at the time of the accident.

SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR TEACHERS WORKSHOPS

All schools will be closed this Friday, Oct. 17, to allow local teachers to attend work shops which are held throughout the state. Teachers may attend the sessions pertaining to their own fields.

FIRE DEPT. ANSWERS OIL STOVE ALARM

An overheated oil stove called the Concrete Volunteer Fire Department to the home of Gordon Evans in Mill Addition last Wednesday evening about 8 p.m. No damage was reported.

Lions 18, Nooksack 20; Lynden Here Thursday



QUARTERBACK PYATTE RUNS INTO HEAVY GOING

Concrete High School's Lions will attempt to get back on the winning track this week after suffering a 20-18 defeat at the hands of the Nooksack Valley Pioneers last Friday. Lynden will supply the competition in a battle of Lions (both teams have the same nickname), which promises to be even more fierce due to Lynden's insistence that Concrete isn't competitive in the Whatcom County League. Game time is 8

p.m. at the Concrete High School field tomorrow night, Oct. 16. Nooksack Valley led Concrete 20-6 late in the third quarter last week before the local team could get rolling. Then, on successive series of downs, Robert Johnson scampered 31 yards on a reverse for a touchdown and Keith Pyatte found Jim Crookshank open on a tackle eligible play for a 32-yard scoring aerial. Unfortunately, both extra point passes fell

incomplete in the end zone. Dropped passes and fumbles on desperation plays in the closing minutes prevented the Lions from getting into possible field goal territory and a chance to pull the game out.

Concrete took the lead early in the second quarter when Robert Johnson bolted over right tackle for 58 yards and a touchdown. Craig Knechtel's kick was off to

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HUNTING GETS OFF TO SLOW START

Perfect weather for being outdoors

In San Juan county hunting pressure was down 50 to 75%, and was down at least that much on Whidbey Island. At the Columbia Beach checking station on Whidbey, 550 hunters were checked with 62 deer during the opening weekend of 1968. This past weekend showed a check of 7 bucks for 186 hunters.

The Game Dept. prospectus:

Three mild winters and a lack of hunter interest last fall combined to give the region a very large and underharvested deer population going into the winter period. However, by April, herds on the higher ranges had lost nearly half of their numbers to starvation, parasite build-ups, predation and other winter-related causes. Losses at lower elevations were less severe, but still serious. The winter also affected the "born Tawn" crop. A late summer

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PERFECT WEATHER FOR BEING OUTDOORS

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hunting pressure was
over the 1968 season; which
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of hunters afield also record-
the record deer harvest.

reduction in hunting
on the Puget Sound

which this year are "bucks
for a limited num-
of permits. In pre-
these popular hunting
have been under an "either-
or" management plan.
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county was down only slightly
over the record high of 1969.
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