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This photo typifies the rugged type of play during the Mt. Baker game. Here Knechtel and Butler team up on a hard tackle.

Concrete Lions Tackle Lyncs This Friday After Great Defensive Loss To Mt. Baker 21-0

The Concrete High School Lions jump from the frying pan into the fire this week when they travel to Lynden to meet the strong Lynden-Christian team Friday after being overpowered by the leading Mt. Baker eleven, 21-0, last week.

The Lyncs, like Mt. Baker, are 7-0 for the season. The two teams appear headed for a showdown for the league championship in a couple of weeks.

Game time will be at 3 o'clock in the afternoon this week due to

lack of lights at the Lyne field. The Concrete High School band and a large contingent of rooters will accompany the team.

In last Friday's well-fought battle Concrete Lions outgained Mt. Baker 40 to 16 in total yards in a fine first quarter, the bright spot of the game.

However, Concrete intends to be right in the ball game fighting all the way, if the local boys can get their offense in high gear, says Coach Jim Menzies, since

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Concrete High School Declared 'Remote And Necessary' By State

Concrete School District has been declared "remote and necessary" by the State Board of Education after a review of the location and circumstances of the district at a board meeting last week in Seattle.

As a result of the decision, Concrete district will retain between \$10,000 and \$12,000 in extra state funds and be more secure in its rating for state aid even if enrollment should drop below its present level, explained Superintendent Fred Culbertson.

Review of Concrete's eligibility came after the school district was one of the small high school districts with enrollment under 250 to be rejected for special state funds at the State Board's first meeting in September.

Reversal of the decision came as a direct result of a detailed report on the school's need made by Culbertson to the Office of the State Superintendent in Olympia.

According to Culbertson's report, 65 high school students now have to travel over an hour each way to school. Of these, 48 live in the City Light Camps of Newhalem and Diablo and the rest between the City Camps and Marblemount and across the Skagit on the south side of the river above Rockport. Also, he pointed out, Diablo and Newhalem are often isolated because of the extreme weather in the winter with heavy snow and frequent slides.

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Nils Steen, Formerly Of Concrete, Dies At 92

Nils H. Steen, former resident of Concrete, died in Seattle Oct. 17 at the age of 92.

The Steen family came to Concrete in 1920 and made their home here for 20 years. During these years Mr. Steen was employed as a machinist at the Superior Portland Cement Company. He also was well known for his ability to make and repair practically anything in his own machine shop which he operated near the present location of the library.

He was born in Evanger, Norway, and came to the United States in 1897, settling first in Chicago. He came West in the early 1900s, homesteading in Washington near Waterville. He married Bertha Elde from Voss, Norway, in 1905. The couple made their home in Seattle until 1912. He was employed for a short time as an electrician by a mining company in White Pass, east of Skagway, Alaska. Returning to Seattle, he took up the machinist trade which he followed until his retirement in 1950. Even after retirement he continued to be Mr. Fixit for his neighborhood.

He was a member of the Sedro-Woolley Masonic Lodge where he attained the 32nd degree and was also a member of the Bellingham Scottish Rite.

Survivors include two sons, Herbert, living in France, and Sigurd of Bellevue; and one daughter, Dorothy, Portland, Ore.; two grandchildren; a sister in Minnesota and two sisters still living in Norway.

Funds Frozen For Work Contracts Prepared For Next Year On North Cross-State Highway

The freeze hit early in the high Cascades where the North Cross-State Highway is under construction. The freeze is not weather conditions but money needed for construction work. Under the sudden cut-backs of all federal project allocations the highway over the Cascade from Skagit to Okanogan valleys may be delayed by at least a year.

Completion of the highway had been scheduled for late 1971 or early 1972. Some had hoped that increased budgets might put it in condition for opening in late 1970. The only prospect now for opening on the late schedule is for a change of policy in Washington, D. C. on the anti-inflation "freeze."

Work now under way will be continued until closed down by weather and will be resumed in the spring. New contracts, which would have been up for bids during the next month, will be held up until the money is assured to pay for them.

THREE BRIDGES

The projects that were to be advertised were three bridges to cost around \$755,000 and to be financed from Bureau of Public Roads funds. These were crossings at Lillian Creek, about five miles east of Thunder Arm bridge; the Panther Creek bridge, 2.2 miles farther east; and Granite Creek, about nine miles up that stream.

Work now under contract and to be completed include clearing and grading a three-mile section of two-lane highway from Canyon Creek east. Peter Kiewit Sons' Co. has a \$1 million dollar contract for this work.

SMALLER ALLOCATION

James R. Hortenstine, assistant division engineer of the Bureau, told Seattle papers that if only a partial release of funds is made to the highway the plan is to use them for paving between Pine Creek and Early Winters Creek on the east side. They have a nine-mile job set up for this section that can be built for around \$300,000.

After over fifty years of setbacks of various kinds, both in appropriations and political maneuvering, highway boosters are expected to take the blow in stride and see what can be done to get the dream-project back on schedule.

General Election Next Tuesday

Voters will go to the polls next Tuesday, Nov. 4, to elect a mayor and two councilmen for the City of Concrete and make their choice for three members of the Upper Skagit School District No. 102 board of education.

Fire Protection Districts No. 10, 16, and 19 will elect commissioners, and a commissioner will be elected for Skagit County Port District.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. limits of Concrete are: City Hall to 8 p.m.

Voting places within the city for the East Precinct, and Mt. Baker Presbyterian church for residents of the West Precinct. Baker Precinct voters will vote at the Concrete library; Birdsview, at the Grange Hall; Marblemount and Rockport at the grade schools.

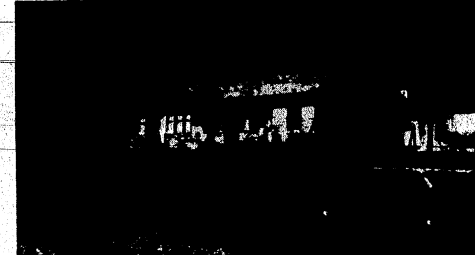
Absentee ballots must be postmarked not later than the day of the election, Nov. 4, or before. Applications are available now from Marie Miller, Concrete city clerk, or from the county auditor's office at the Court House in Mount Vernon.

Mrs. Miller will be at the City Hall this week or may be reached at her home phone, 853-4274.

Candidates for mayor of Concrete are Margaret Stadlman, incumbent, who was appointed by the council to fill out the term of Martin Spargo, who resigned, and Herbert Larsen, of Larsen and Howard Bookkeeping and Tax Service.

Robert Sjoboen is the only candidate for the councilman Position No. 1 and Fred Bianchini

APARTMENTS GIVEN NEW COAT OF PAINT



Painters working on the Owens Apartments across from the Standard Oil plant have completed another project for the town's Paint-Up.

Halloween Party To Be Held This Friday

The annual Halloween party for grade school children within the entire Concrete district will be this Friday night, October 31, at the local grade school, starting at 7 p.m.

Children will report first to assigned classrooms for judging of their costumes before parading to the gymnasium.

Entertainment for the rest of the evening will be a movie and refreshments of hot dogs and cider.

The party is sponsored annually by the Concrete Lions Club.

SULLIVANS IN NEW MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Sullivan, nee Elaine Comstock, are now located in Truth or Consequences, N. Mex. Their address is 900 N. Date St. They were married in California the latter part of September.