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Senator Peterson Awarded Sports Council Honors

State Senator Lowell Peterson had two callers on Monday morning, Director Chris Werthorst and former Director Don McLeod of the Washington State Sports Council. The purpose of their visit was to present the Senator with a plaque for being the outstanding legislator in the state in the field of hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation.

The award is one of several such plaques voted each year by

the Washington Sports Council and the National Wildlife Foundation and donated by the Sears Foundation. The plaques are awarded in the various fields of communications, education, legislation, research, etc.

As chairman of the State Fish & Game committee and member of others working in the field of outdoor recreation, Senator Peterson was deemed especially helpful in furthering the aims of the outdoorsman.

\$1 Million In Federal Aid For Pass Highway

One million more federal dollars are promised on the North Cross-State Highway, according to word from Washington, D. C. The money is to be used to improve the pioneer road over the summit of the highway to construction stage. About three and a half miles of road can be completed up to the paving stage between East Creek and Granite Creek crossings with the \$1 million. Under the terms of the grant the Bureau of Public Roads approves use of the funds by the State Highway Commission to continue the work on the highway, construction of which is now slowed by the federal freeze on highway money throughout the nation.

The completion of the highway, anticipated in 1971, may be de-

layed until 1972 unless the \$8 million required can be set up in appropriations for contracts during the next two years.

George Zahn, Chairman of the Highway Commission, stated recently that it was the hope of the highway department to keep the traffic off the road until all paving has been done. This would mean that grading and drainage construction and the building of the remaining bridges would not necessarily be considered a signal for opening.

'Artists' Paint In Rain To Win Cash Prizes

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Drake Jr. took top prizes in the first two categories in the annual Christmas window decorating contest sponsored last week-end by the Cascade Juniors.

Little Sharon Drake won the prize in the Grades 1 through 3 division with her painting of an angel on the window at the entrance of the Concrete Beauty Salon. Raymie Drake's pair of snowmen on the vacant Walston Bldg. next door won first place in the Grades 4-6 group.

Marilyn Thompkins and Cindy Pyatte teamed for best painting in the junior high age group, 7-9. Their scene was on the left window of the Laundromat at Kenney's Corner.

Larry Coggins worked many hours in a drenching downpour to paint the nativity scene on the windows of the office next to the Concrete Herald. His meti-

Local Schools To Start Hour Later After First Of January

Local schools will go on a "bad weather" schedule immediately following the Christmas holidays, according to action taken by the Upper Skagit District school board at last Tuesday's meeting.

Schools will open an hour later, at 9:30 a.m., on Jan. 5. Closing time will be decided this week at a special meeting of the board.

The winter schedule will continue, regardless of weather, for at least a couple of months until good road weather can be expected. Superintendent Fred Culbertson said that establishing a definite later opening time will eliminate the uncertainty of whether school will be held and when on days the weather does get bad. In case of heavy snowfall, the extra hour will give snow plows time to get the roads open for school buses.

"The later opening time may make it possible to keep schools open on days we otherwise would not be able to," Culbertson said.

In other board business, approval was given to deeding the Rockport grade school buildings and land to the Rockport fire district for as long as the fire department has use for the property.

The school district retains the timber rights and specifies that the buildings be available for community use at any time. The property will revert to the school district at any time the fire district relinquishes its claim.

The Public School Employees insurance plan was endorsed by the board. However, the board decided that the local district will allocate only the sum provided by the state as health insurance premium refunds. The state board of education has notified districts that the state allocation will be reduced from the present \$6 per month for teachers carrying health insurance.

Secretaries and teacher aides of the Concrete district will be included under the basic agreement with the FSE group.

Adjustments have been made to bring salaries of all bus drivers in the district to the \$3.50 base wage scale.

A used Ford panel truck has been purchased by the district for transportation of the driver of the Marblemount route in order that the school bus can be left at Marblemount overnight and not driven back and forth to Concrete unnecessarily. Bill Hiatt is present driver on the route.

Jim Harris has been hired to replace Nelda Pool, remedial reading teacher, who will be on maternity leave for three months after the first of the year.

The monthly budget report for November showed that 61 percent of the year's school budget remains unexpended. So far, through Nov., \$208,537.80 of the year's budget of \$544,867.76 has been spent. Remaining for the seven months left in the school year is \$336,329.96. November expenditures amounted to \$39,193.70.

Former Local Resident Dies In Mount Vernon

William J. S. Gordon, 89, a former Concrete resident and city treasurer of Mount Vernon, died last Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Skagit Valley Hospital.

Gordon was born July 14, 1870, in British Guiana, South America, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gordon. At the age of 10, upon the death of his parents, he moved to St. Andrews, Scotland. He graduated from St. Andrews College and moved to Montreal, Canada. He took part in the Alaskan gold rush before settling in Everett in 1900.

He came to Skagit County in 1902 to be employed by the English Logging Co. at Hamilton. He was married to Miss Mabel Connor in 1906. The family lived at Van Horn and later in Concrete, where he was employed by the Concrete State Bank.

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By Larry Coggins, High School Art Class

culous work was awarded first prize in the 10-12 grade division. All prizes were \$5 cash.

Altogether 35 young artists from the high school art classes, taught by Dick Riehl, and 26 youngsters from the lower grades

demonstrated their talents in the contest. The art students painted on Thursday afternoon and the other children on Saturday morning. Rain poured both days.

Judges were Mildred Crinklaw, Jay Nims, and Glen Chambers.

Writers
The Duster
The One-time Editor

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son we have had some. The
week the nice days came
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and that real rain showed
just a day's shower but
then came nights of big and
heavy snows scattered between
which runs off and
which soaks into every-
body. The only
people were the steelhead.
found that the Skagit
comes up from low and clear
and muddy. Now all they
do is work it down to
color and normal ripples

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all down the coast. Lit-
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trailer porch torn off, a
tree broken or blown over
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of the state. Three in seven
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the fact that we do
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done. Cold and rainy
and it was miserable
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CLAUS COMES
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Claus will make his
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Skagit on Satur-
day, Dec. 23, at 1 p.m. He will
be in the headquarters in the
library clubhouse where
he will hand out treats to the
children.

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