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Feathers

from the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

THE HOLIDAYS are over, and apparently by mutual consent of all concerned. Such things are fun and the pleasure wears thin and a return to normal life seems an easy rather than a task. Even the youngsters returning to their classes Monday seemed to be well satisfied.

The older folks, while mildly objecting to the cold weather, are also counting the days that they have escaped a snowfall such as plagued the valley at this time last year. The light coating of last weekend was plenty, they say. Now, let's get on with longer days and look toward Spring.

Older folks have a lot in common with the young. We dream a lot—just about different things.

FOR THE FIRST time in as long as I remember owning a shirt, I didn't get a Christmas tie! Now there is one custom that, if dropped, will certainly raise a cry of despair among those who make Christmas ties. You can buy ties all year long. Conservative or wild, as you choose, and no one seems to mind. But start out the new year wearing a gorgeous creation of Irish green with red polka dots and somebody is bound to hoot "Christmas Tie!"

Actually I've had a number of nice ties given to me at Christmas time. The only reason for calling attention to not receiving one is that who needs it? In our circle of social activity a swatch of ties that will compliment the two suits owned can be small and select. Except for the ones with the gray strains, a half dozen will suffice for years. Those with the stains can be saved for those occasions when you wish to visit the second hand stores and bargain basements without looking out of place. The tie, we have been raised to believe, must fit the occasion as well as the apparel of the moment.

To the tie makers who are on the verge of bankruptcy by my failure to receive one of their gaudy holiday pennants we suggest that they prepare them early and build up a public clamor for ties about Thanksgiving time. In honor of the great Red-Necked American Bird or something. On receipt of a tie gift at that time the menfolk can don them before the holiday season gets into full swing and have them gray dotted for disposal after New Year's. Then they can truly be called, in wondrousment or derision, "Christmas Tie!"

Births

MELISSA JANE KNECHTEL

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Knechtel are the parents of a second daughter, Melissa Jane, born the last day of 1969, early the morning of Dec. 31, at United General Hospital. She weighed 8½ lbs. and was 20½ inches in length. She joins a small sister, Jolanda. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jorgensen of Sedro-Woolley and Mr. and Mrs. William Knechtel of Concrete.



DON ANDERSON WITH OUTSTANDING UNIT

Airman 1/C David Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson of Rockport, is a member of the 4756th Munitions Maintenance Squadron at Tyndall AFB, Fla., which has won the U. S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. The unit was cited for superior effectiveness in the maintenance and sup-

port of munitions programs vital to Aerospace Defense Command Weapons Systems. Dave is a weapons mechanic with the squadron. He graduated from Concrete High School in 1966 and attended Seattle Community College and the Green River Community College at Auburn at Auburn before entering the Air Force.

Judges Pick Best Of Town Holiday Lighting

The Dickinson home in Mill Addition won the Sweepstakes Award for the best decorated house and yard in the annual Holiday Lane contest sponsored by the Upper Skagit Garden Club.

Judging of all decorated houses and buildings in Concrete and surrounding area was done on New Year's Eve. Only those places lighted that evening were included in the judging.

The house of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dickinson was completely outlined in lights and all the shrubs and trees in front of the home profusely decorated with colored lights.

The senior class of Concrete High School won the award for best commercial window with their religious mosaic and mural at the entrance to the main high school building.

Award for best home window went to Mrs. Bud Kollman in Mill Addition. "Best doorway" prize was won by Mrs. Jack Hoover of East Concrete. Mrs. Ken Coonc won the award for best decorated outside tree. Honorable mention went to Mrs. Troy Robertson of Grasmere for her decorated outside tree. The Wendell McDaniel tree in Grasmere was the tallest decorated tree in the area.

Honorable mentions went to the Harold Lynches for the blue cross attached to the chimney of their house, and to the painting by Mrs. Lynch on the window of the Puget Power administration building.

A special award went to the home and yard of Kay Stafford, lavishly decorated by lights and scenes, which, according to the judges, showed a great deal of effort.

RICHARD ALBERTS INDUCTED

Richard Alberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hel Alberts, was inducted in the Army on Dec. 31 and will take basic training at Fort Lewis. Richard is the last of the Alberts' three sons to enter the service.

Garbage Dump Plan Found To Require Operational Franchise

Plans for a new system of operating at the town garbage dump were upset Monday night at the regular meeting of the council when it was found that laws prevent turning the operation over to a private party. The plan had been to give Harold Kloes a go-ahead on his proposal to operate the dump privately.

Town Attorney Hugh Ridgway suggested that a franchise agree-

ment be worked out to accomplish a similar program. Under this franchise the same plan of landfill operation could be carried out with Mr. Kloes as the man in charge. The dump will be open at certain hours and certain days, set by ordinance and all fees collected must be turned over to the Town Treasurer. In return the town will reimburse the operator for his work. Details of the franchise are now being worked out and will be completed before the next meeting for adoption.

As the dump will undergo a clearing and ditching operation some time in the near future when a large cat will be available to do the work, users are warned that the area may be closed during the period the work is being done and following that a gate will be installed and dumping permitted only on stated days and hours.

Tentative days will be Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 and on Sundays from 12:00 until 4:00. No fees will be charged until passage of the necessary franchise.

Police Chief To Do Dog Catching Chores

Police Chief Bill Hiatt will be the new dog catcher for the town of Concrete. The job has been listed as part of the duties of the marshal in past ordinances, so when no applicants appeared for the job and the number of dogs in town is on the increase again, Mayor Stadlman made the appointment to take effect immediately.

Once again the dogs picked up are to be held for three days to give the owners time to pay the license fee, pound charges and reclaim their animals. Licenses are still due for the past year and new ones will be necessary in March.

1969 Town Budget Requires '70 Patching

Financial problems again took the attention of the town council at their meeting Monday night. It was found that the bills for the month of December exceeded the budgeted funds for General Expense by several hundred dollars. In order to make up the budget deficit the council passed an emergency ordinance transferring the needed cash from other funds which have balances not expended. The money will have to be returned to the proper funds from the 1970 receipts. The town ended the year with estimates over the receipts due to the failure to receive full tax funds and other receipts. County tax funds due now amount to nearly \$5,000 in unpaid local assessments over the past five years.

In other items of business taken up during the meeting the council discussed:

Purchase of radar for the police car at \$375, with a decision to ask if the amount could be paid in installments.

A letter from the Air Pollution Board stating that as yet they had received no information from Western Minerals as to their plans for use of the old Clinker Shed of Lone Star Cement Corp. here. (Continued on page four)



West Main Street Widening Started

The town council under Ken Coonc, Street and Alley Committee chairman, has the work well under way on the widening of Main Street from the Lone Star office to Superior Avenue. The job will require the moving of a water line on the north side of the street before the section can be paved.