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Births

By The Over-time Editor

MATTER what label is used to lend a comforting feeling to people who live beyond accepted age limits marking a division between "middle age" and "old" there seems no specialness in just a title alone. The Citizen, the Golden Age, Wisdom Years—all seem too good to describe that large segment of our population who are to a greater age these days.

When we were young the term "senior citizens" was used. Here we are getting along in their sixties and seventies as just "Old Folks." Not with any sense of humor, but more of a reverence, loving way to describe the people who could now enjoy that state of independence when the responsibilities of a lot of useless forces could be dropped and their feelings expressed on any subject. The advice, the words and the recitations of the past used to be accepted as gospel from one who had been through life and was now waiting on the edge with a world of experience flavoring their looks and words into time.

As we do grow old and it will be one of our hopes to reach the "old folks." The fact that it becomes a period in which to live out an active life is one nobody has ever been able to do. Therein lies the pain and the joy that all the grand names have tried. Even Golden Age we leave us.

THIS WEEK we happen to have a longer list than usual of those who have known and who have their way. The world does not turn for such events and friends and neighbors do take part when the word is passed. C. C. Baughman, known as the "Concrete Business Man" we have in our community, building of the finest hardware stores in the county from a small beginning as manager of a declining store. He also left as his last a well-planned development on Thunderbird Lane. His business was his hobby, but many benefited from his foresight.

So Sallberg, another of the "old folks," was of a different (Continued on page 4)

C. C. Baughman, Founder Of Cascade Supply, Dies In Bellingham Hospital

C. C. Baughman, who had made his home in Concrete the last 26 years and was founder and owner of the Cascade Supply Hardware company until two years ago, died last Thursday in a Bellingham hospital.

He was born Oct. 17, 1893, in Kansas City, Mo. He served as Whatcom County Auditor from 1934 to 1938. He also was manager of the student co-op at Western Washington State College for nine years before moving to Concrete in 1944. He bought the former Western Lumber Yard and moved the business from the west end of Main St. to the center of the business district, expanding into the hardware supply trade. Two years ago he sold the business

to Glen Chambers and Bill Ruyle but still retained his connection with the store as accountant, reporting for work every day.

He also had purchased the Olsen property on the Skagit river south of Van Horn and platted the Thunderbird Lane development. He and Mrs. Baughman built and made their home there.

He was a member of the Bellingham and Boston Unitarian Church.

Survivors are his wife, Marjorie; a daughter, Mrs. Anne Valum of Bellingham, and five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

No funeral services will be held at his request.

John Rhodes Dies After Long Illness

John Rhodes, 87, a resident of Van Horn for 25 years, died last Friday, Jan. 23, at the Mira Vista Nursing Home in Mount Vernon after a long illness.

He was born Oct. 15, 1882, in Nebraska. He worked for Seattle City Light for 23 years. His wife, Bertha, died in 1957. His son, John, was accidentally killed in a landslide on Highway 20 east of Concrete a number of years ago.

He is survived by one daughter, Edith Wheeler of Seattle, and her two daughters, Shirley Austin and Norma Blackwood, and three other grandchildren, Eleanor Darcy, Julia Alford, and Richard Rhodes.

Graveside services were conducted by Lemley Chapel at the Sedro-Woolley Union Cemetery last Saturday afternoon with Mr. Alvin Johnson of the Jehovah's Witness Church officiating. Memorial services will be held today, Wednesday, at 8 p.m. in the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall at Van Horn.

Eligible Seniors May Be Released In Third Quarter

Seniors who have completed their high school requirements and will continue their education the third quarter will be released from school at the end of the second quarter, according to a ruling made by the Concrete school board at a special meeting last Wednesday.

Taking into consideration that the present situation is the result of this year's change-over from the semester to the quarter system, the school board approved the release policy for this school year, only, as a one-time ruling.

Students who have met all district and state requirements may either go onto school or hold full-time jobs and still graduate with their class in June.

If they go onto school, either academic or vocational, they must carry 12 credit hours, or more, and show that they have been accepted. Boys or girls, 18 years of age, will be released for employment if they show proof of full-time jobs.

Those seniors still enrolled in the local high school during the third quarter may take part-time schooling or work.

Second Snowfall For January Is Wet Slush

Hopes for getting through a January without more than one snowfall vanished on Tuesday when the valley people woke up to find a half-inch of slushy white stuff covering the land. Snow continued to fall fitfully during the morning but temperatures and forecasts predict a short stay for the blanket of white this time.

Rock Slide Blocks Upper Skagit Highway Briefly

A rock slide blocked one lane of Highway 20 between Marblemount and Newhalem last Thursday evening. A state highway emergency road crew cleared the road within a couple of hours. The slide was the first reported this winter, but a crew was on duty Friday in case other rock slides occurred in the area.

New Wrestling Date Set For February 3

The wrestling match, matching Concrete against Blaine, originally scheduled for Feb. 4, has been set up a day to next Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 8 p.m. in the Concrete High School Gym.

Resolution Asks \$1 Million In Federal Funds To Speed North-Cross Highway

The Senate has adopted a resolution urging President Nixon to release \$1 million in construction funds for the North Cross-State Highway.

"These funds for the section between East Creek and the Granite Creek Crossing, some 3.5 miles, is the last remaining section to be funded," Senator Lowell Peterson, who submitted the resolution, told the Senate.

"These public lands highway funds have been allocated, so no new appropriation is needed. "With the unemployment situation facing us in this state, release of the funds would be a boost to the economy that would be extremely helpful at this time."

Senator Peterson was joined by Senator Bruce A. Wilson (D-Omak) in sponsoring the

bill. Senator Wilson said the funds are needed if the North Cross State Highway is to be kept on its completion schedule, now planned for 1973, and supported by Governor Evans.

Even if the \$1 million asked for, should be released, another \$5 million will be needed to complete the highway, according to a release by Carl Curtis of the State Department of Highways in Wenatchee. It will take that much to finish the paving of the road from Newhalem to Earl Winter's Creek. So far, only 10 miles of the 57-mile stretch is paved.

Work is proceeding, when the weather permits, on grading from Canyon Creek to East Creek, a distance of 3 miles. Grading from Granite Creek to Rainy Pass was completed last year with state funds.

Hot Lunch Program Under Consideration

Possibility of reviving the hot lunch program in the Concrete schools was the main topic under discussion at last week's meeting of the local Parent-Teachers Association and members of the Concrete school board.

A committee was appointed to make a survey of parental interest in reactivating the hot lunch program. Members are Mrs. Conrad Claybo, Mrs. Jim Comer, Mrs. Cook of Birdsview, Mrs. Ted Pritchard, William Blunt, Howard Boulton, grade school principal, and Mike Slavsky, high school principal, will work with the committee.

Other topics discussed by the school board panel included the building program for a new grade school; renovation of the high school heating and electrical systems; the special school levy which will be placed before voters in the near future; procedure of school budgeting; reasons for the transfer of seventh and eighth grades into the high school building.

School board members attending were Herb Larsen, Harry Martin, and Sue Coffell, and Superintendent Fred Culbertson.

Sallberg Services To Be Held Today

Services for Leo Felix Sallberg, a former Concrete resident, will be held today, Wednesday, at 1:30 p.m. at the Lemley Chapel, Sedro-Woolley, with the Rev. Roy Olson of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and Rev. Virgil Vater of the First Baptist Church of Sedro-Woolley officiating.

Mr. Sallberg, who made his home at Hidden Valley Ranch near Concrete until a couple of years ago, died Sunday at the United General Hospital. He had been in ill health for some time.

He was born June 25, 1902, at Osseo, Minn., and came to Skagit county in 1927. He moved to Concrete in 1952 and worked at his trade of carpentry. He was married to Sylvia Ellison at Concrete Sept. 5, 1954. The couple moved to Route 1, Sedro-Woolley, in 1967.

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May Take Steelhead Back For Second Trip

Higher water in the Skagit brought a new run of steelhead to the upper valley over the past week, so many that the Game Department is considering an unusual maneuver to assure that the fishermen will get full benefit. They say that the extra fish, now resting in the Lucas Slough area, can be trapped and taken back down the river to make their run again!

The estimate of fish in the slough that have already run the 65-mile gauntlet of steelhead lures is around 1,000. The trap at the Lucas and Barnaby fish hatchery will only hold 100.

Boat drifting at the mouth of Lucas Slough netted 35 steelheads for fishermen over the week end. Those fishing the lower river didn't do so well.

New Paintings Added To Library Display

Eight new paintings were put on display last Saturday in the Concrete City Library. There are now a total of 20 paintings by local artists on view for the public at the Library.

The new works were done by Margaret Sparks, Helen Harris, Alice Parker, Joyce Harris.

Lorraine Lynch and Truman Sparks also have original paintings on display.

Births

IN ERNEST ALLEN

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Allen of Walla Walla announce the birth of their first child, a boy, born Jan. 28 at St. Helen's Hospital in Chehalis, Wash. The baby weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz., and was 19 inches long. He has been named Sean Ernest.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Vance of Newhalem and Mr. and Mrs. John McElie of Marblemount.

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