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NORTH CASCADES PARK— Task Force Approves North Cascades Plan

Comprehensive plans for development of North Cascades National Park have been approved by the governor's advisory task force, meeting last week in Olympia.

And, Governor Dan Evans said that there is a chance, though slim, of the North Cross-State Highway which will bisect the park being completed in late 1972.

First phase in the development of the North Cascades Park will be adjacent to the new Cross-State Highway, Superintendent Roger J. Contor said.

The initial developments will include major campgrounds at Newhalem and Roland Point, an information center at Newhalem, a tramway to Ruby Mountain or Colonial Glacier, a Newhalem Valley youth camp, and sight-seeing boats on Ross Lake.

Contor said that more campsites can be developed in the Colonial Creek area, on Thunder Arm of Diablo Lake. He also envisions 100 campsites at Newhalem at the start of the development there, with a maximum of 200. The highway would be relocated to the north to make room for the Newhalem campground and a motel or lodge.

He hopes that the youth camp in the Newhalem area can be maintained for year-round use, perhaps with cooperative arrangement with schools.

Hearings on the master plan will be held the first of next month with the one for the west side set at Hillcrest Lodge in Mount Vernon on June 6.

DR. WM. MONZINGO RESUMES PRACTICE

Dr. William Monzingo, who has been recuperating the last few weeks from a heart condition, resumed his local practice this week although he is not keeping regular office hours. Dr. R. E. Benner, who has been filling in at the Concrete Clinic during Dr. Monzingo's illness, will continue to be associated with the Clinic for the time being.

Concrete Herald Wins Top State Award For Promotion Of Community Welfare



PUBLISHER Charles M. Dwelley admires latest award for the Concrete Herald before locating a place for it on award-covered wall. The plaque was given by the State Consulting Engineers Council for community leadership.

The Concrete Herald has been selected as the first-place winner of the Newspaper Citizen Leadership Award for 1969 in the annual contest conducted by the Consulting Engineers Council of Washington.

Award presentation was made at the annual award dinner held last Friday, May 1, at the Consulting Engineers Council's conference at Eddie Mays Inn in Wenatchee. Mr. Brian Lewis, out-going

president of the Council, made the presentation to Publisher Charles M. Dwelley.

Holly A. Cornell, chairman of the contest for the engineering group, explained that the Concrete Herald was chosen for its service to the community in spearheading the town rejuvenation program last year following the shut-down of the cement plant.

The award is given yearly to the newspaper in the state chosen for its leadership within its community and its contribution to the welfare of its area.

Enumclaw Courier-Herald was second-place winner for publicizing water pollution of lumber mills in the Enumclaw area. The East-Side Journal at Kirkland won third place for encouraging establishment of parks along Kirkland's lake front.

Kids Take Over Town Clean-Up

Truckloads of trash were picked up along the roadways and streets of Concrete and adjacent area by Concrete students during the annual town Clean-Up last weekend.

High school students did their stint during their observance of "Earth Day" last Thursday when three busloads of young people were deposited up and down the highway for a housecleaning project. Groups of six or seven took a mile apiece to gather cans, bottles, paper along Highway 20 from Birdview to the west city limits and from the east city limits all the way to Marblemount.

Seventh and eight-graders cleaned the old road in the Grasmere area.

Teachers supervised the individual groups.

Younger children and the local Boy Scout Troop took over the task within the town itself during the May Day Clean-Up last Saturday. They filled over 100 large sacks with trash which was gathered by cruising pickups and hauled to the dump.

Cascade Juniors gave out \$20 in quarters to young trash collectors and around 60 were treated to hotdogs and pop by presenting their "I've Been Working" tickets. Refreshments were provided by the Community Action Committee. The Lions Club helped with the serving.

Some of Cascade Juniors helped with the trash clean-up, supervising young crews and loading pickups, while others worked on the club's park site. Upper Skagit Garden Club ladies worked on the planters they maintain on Main Street and in the city park, painting playground equipment and caring for the flower beds.

Concrete Eagles did a little more cleaning on the exterior of the Eagles Hall.

Local firemen are planning to paint the Legion Club within the near future, according to plans announced at last week's meeting of the Action Committee.

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Local School Students Turn Out En Masse To Clean Roadways And Streets Of Trash



CLEAN-UP CREW was one of many from Concrete grade and high school which gathered tin cans, bottles and litter from the roads and streets during the annual town Clean-Up.

Others

the Duster
The Over-time Editor

PLACING A DOOR may be a job by most people as a routine job, but replacing a door on a bank vault is something else again. The five-hour job for the bank was installed without too much trouble by the public. It wasn't that easy. With the help of the usual side-walk superintendents, the men handling the bank of steel got it off the ground in good shape. There was a lucky moment just before the door was safe on the timbers. It dropped free-latch and so and Barber Belland says it shook his head across the street. That was an idea of the weight handled.

In its size, it had to go in the front door of the bank, then laid out on the raised above the height counters. From this point it was moved over the counters and moved back down, timber on the other side. Then the door had to do was set again and put it in the bank's all—just took about a straight working time of that far. After that was the consuming process of the thing with almost precision into the vault.

It always had great respect for the ability of men to move pieces of machinery around. It was so that every day used old pry-bar, the jack and wheel that have been man's tools for centuries. The rest was how. As somebody said, "You could move the door with a pry bar if you had time to lean it against." It has helped take the door out of moving things but out of explosives, which move the door and quicker, mechanical all date back to a few simple discoveries—one being that when you want to do something, he can do it.

CITIZEN'S SCHOOL GROUP MAY BE FORMED PUBLIC MEETING THURSDAY EVENING

A public meeting will be held at the high school cafeteria at 7 p.m. Thursday night for the purpose of forming a permanent Citizens Committee to promote harmony within the Concrete School district and to help work toward solution of school problems. All interested people within the district are invited to be present.

One of the primary aims of the group will be to establish and maintain a line of communication between the school board, school administration and the people of the district so that the community will be kept fully informed on all school matters.

Immediate organization of a Citizen's Committee is anticipated, following which the first project will be dissemination of information on the coming school election for the special levy and bonds that all voters may be made aware of why the levy is necessary and the details on the needs for other expenditures.

Robert Whipple, acting as chairman pro-tem during formation of the school group, said that it is imperative that all sections of the district be represented.

"It is necessary that a large group of interested citizens involve themselves in this program—both from a negative and a positive view—in order for the committee to function as a representative voice of the community.

The group must represent all the views of the taxpayers and patrons and we must have an intelligent, open-minded exchange of opinions to fulfill our objectives. Those objectives are to the community and the school district for the best interests

BIANCHINIS PURCHASE SMITHS' INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bianchini have purchased the equity of their partners, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, in the Hub Tavern and will continue the operation of the business by themselves. The Bianchis and Smith have been running the tavern as a joint enterprise since the two families purchased the Hub from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have not announced their future plans. They are now vacationing and visiting relatives on a trip to Montana.

SERVICES HELD FOR FRED KRATZER

Private services for Fred Kratzer, former boat operator for Seattle City Light, were held last Tuesday, April 28, at Kern Chapel in Mount Vernon with the Rev. Willard Buckner of the Anacortes First Baptist Church officiating.

Mr. Kratzer, who made his home at Route 6, Mount Vernon, since his retirement in 1964, died suddenly Saturday, April 25.

He was married to Violet Moritz June 27, 1940, in Seattle. The family lived in Blaine later and Kratzer worked on Diablo Lake as operator of the tour boat for City Light for 14 years.

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