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By The Over-time Editor

YOU CAN SAY one thing good about the old highways that used to be the Model Ts to their destinations about the state—you can't get lost. When you start out, you go to somewhere, and if you kept going long enough, you would get there.

We enjoy the speed at which we can travel these days. It begins to bother us when we begin running into four-lane freeways, eight-lane freeways, and hundreds of signs that are exactly opposite from each other. The compass you are trying to reach. It seems to be caught like a fly in a web and shot from one side to the other. It is a coverlet curves onto the highway crossways to the highway just on.

The good old days you just went right or left without a lot of equations to figure out. The disturbing feature is that the highways seldom go straight out, honest-like, into a town. There are little signs at one side or the other. "Bus. Dist. Rte." and "Main" and "Go to the highway." Result, you spin around in a bag and parcel and say out in the country—much or kidneys (depend on which way you are at)—will be unsatisfied. For the highway, the state is now a lovely "rest stops" at intervals, but at least it is a rest stop. With a car, you are beat.

The shore was generated by the highway across the Oregon last week end. That is—concrete walls and beyond. For credit of our highway department, we must admit the concrete highways are wonderful, and must be serving a purpose as they are in full use. A modern version of the old T is an exaggerated Ford Mercury. It seemed to easily and cruised along as a Model T men, but referring us back to the old days when a car and road seldom got separated. A lot of ingenious and deceptive. But don't say the ad is gone—you see a lot of country on one wrong



AWARDS came in bunches to the Cascade Juniors at the state convention of Women's Federated Clubs last weekend. Local members with Mr. W. G. Cesterline, regional director public relations for the Sears Foundation are, from left—Bonnie Ray Drake, Kathleen Hurn, Emily Parker, Barbara Rathvon and Lois Coonc.

Cascade Juniors Win Cash And Top Awards For Community Improvements

Cascade Juniors' active participation in the community clean-up campaign and the transformation of the empty lot on Thompson Street into a community park won three top awards and \$250 in cash at the state convention of Washington Federated Women's Clubs. Honors were announced at the annual convention last weekend, May 7-9, in Yakima.

The local junior women's group received the ARCO Conservation Award and \$100 from Atlantic Richfield Co. as first-place club in the state; second place and \$100 in the Community Improvement Contest sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation for their projects from March, 1969, to March, 1970; and fourth place and \$50 in the Community Improvement Program sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

The Concrete group was one of 23 finalists and one of the five state winners out of over 200 senior and junior women's clubs in the state in the General Federation competition.

The award was given on the basis of community activities over the two-year period, 1968 to 1970.

The Cascade Juniors' principal projects were the club's park, town clean-up, Business for Beauty campaign, window painting contest, booth at the Washington Community Festival last

year, co-sponsorship of delegates to Girls State, March of Dimes participation.

Prize money from the three awards must be spent in furthering community improvement.

Other honors won by the local group included the Hope Merit Award for participation in Project Hope; Operation Healthy Babies Award for March of Dimes; Blue Ribbon Award for overall participation in Junior Membership activities; a third-place tie in International Affairs projects; first-place award certificate for collection of stamps for Veterans Hospitals; and the plaque as state winner in the Business for Beauty campaign conducted last spring during the town renovation.

TOMMY THOMPSEN IN COMBAT TRAINING

Tommy Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Thompson, reported April 28 for combat training with the National Guard at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. His address for the next three months will be: 28th Engr. Co., National Guard, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Citizen's Meeting Draws Group Interested In Promoting Community-School Harmony

A Citizens Advisory Committee of the entire Upper Skagit School District for the promotion of education became reality last Thursday evening when a group of 30 persons gathered in the high school cafeteria for a serious discussion of local school problems and needs.

Membership in the committee is open to all residents within the district, including the City Light

Camps of Newhalem and Diablo. There are no restrictions of any kind on joining the group. It is open to teachers and employees of the district as well as to all other interested persons.

Those attending the initial meeting agreed that the first order of business should be the passage of the special school levy coming up at the June 2 election. Bob Whipple, acting as chairman pro tem, warned that loss of the levy might mean the loss of the school's accreditation and, certainly, the loss of valuable teachers.

Suggestions for school subjects which can be studied by working committees will be handed in at tomorrow night's meeting, Thursday, May 14, at 8 p.m., in the cafeteria.

Election of permanent officers was tabled until details of organization can be worked out.

MIKE ELLINGBOE RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Michael Ellingboe, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ellingboe of Newhalem, received his discharge from the Army this week after three years' service, including a tour in Viet Nam. He and his wife, Marcia, will make their home in Bellingham where Mike is starting a four-year apprenticeship with Ershig Sheet Metal.

Michael Hill Wins Army Commendation In Action



James M. Connell, GS chief of staff, said: "While on an airborne operation Company C was inserted in a region of known enemy concentration. Immediately Specialist Hill and members of his element quickly deployed as security as a second element engaged a well-fortified bunker. The effectiveness of the security provided by Specialist Hill and his men permitted the capture of two prisoners and a large supply of munitions.

"Specialist Hill's bravery and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, the 25th Infantry Division, and the U. S. Army."

Hill has been in the service a little over a year and has about three more months' duty in Viet Nam and the South Asiatic area. His unit now has been drawn into the Cambodian action. He writes that the terrain is extremely difficult to penetrate and that in one deployment it took his unit 3 1/2 hours to cover 1,200 feet of ground.

Sp/4 Michael H. Hill, son of Mrs. Ray Adams of Route 1, Concrete, has received the Army Commendation Medal with V Device for heroism in action on Feb. 5 in Viet Nam.

Hill serves with Company C, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry. In describing the action for which he was decorated, Col.



CONCRETE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN turned out last week to start on the long-planned painting job on the Legion Club Building. The painting was in appreciation of the Legion's donation of use of the hall for the annual Fireman's Party over the years. Last week's work was called on account of darkness, but will continue until the exterior is changed from green to a light blue.

ANNUAL SPRING BAND CONCERT FEATURES CHORUS, FOLK SONG, DIXIELAND FRIDAY

The annual spring concert of Concrete High School band Friday evening, May 15, will be something for everybody. Lively pieces by the sextet, a class to folk songs, high school folk chorus. John Rantschler will be the performance in the school gym at 8 p.m. A sixth grade tonette class, with Spoben, accompanist, will be the program. Their set includes "The Tonette Grand," "A Fairy Tale," "The Royal Coachman," "The Recorder." The high school band will follow with a group of numbers in-

cluding "Activity" by Bennett, "Colorado Trail," "Gaslight Gaieties," by Ployhar, "Festival" by Erickson and "Music Makers Overture" by Buchtel.

The high school band's first appearance will feature "Music For a Ceremony" by Morrissey, "Water Music Suite" by Handel, "Thunderer" by Sousa, "Swing in Safari" by Kaempfert, and "Gypsy Gaiety" by Bennett.

The high school folk chorus will sing four numbers with Kim Fowler playing the guitar and Mike Pulice, bass.

The high school band will swing into a Dixieland Jamboree (Continued on page 2)