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from the Duster

by The Over-time Editor

FTER A LONG absence from the inability to get a sight of our river place, we are mainly house-confined in and jammed up against the wall. In such a situation the city of what is on the var-channels proves too much to get hooked for an evening simply being too lazy to go and shut the thing off. The magazines and books are read and we can feel our getting into the common oval shape again.

For a year of only occasional things nothing seems to have changed. Some old reruns, series stock companies, and their weekly one-acts. Specials seem to have elected to follow the trend to increase blatant bad taste and the shows have a few feeling of bad and spout cuss words discussing sex as if they knew it all the time.

Shows seem to be show- less and less film clips and more mug shots of a leading off a script as if to and person. Maybe we are, maybe radio is, missing a nowadays by not going back to audio entertainment other incessant music. While a picture in sound may be and instantly forget- our minds were put to a purpose when there was sound. Imagination created, the images and made a program a personal thing. Station furnished the voices, mood music, the effects— you did the casting and built in your own mind.

One day, all of us become, unable to think or do without direction, it is because our minds have to sleep from lack of use. would be a great pity.

OLD SAUK ranger station, out of the way enough in days of its use to draw little attention, seems to have new pictures taken of it. The an, across the Skagit river on that was part of the town- of Sauk City was established (Continued on page 6)

1970 Nose Count Low For Concrete

Concrete is among the cities and towns of the state wondering what happened in the recent census that population declined instead of increased. The official count shows Concrete with a loss of 282 resident in the past ten years. The drop was from 840 down to 558. In a like manner losses were reported in LaConner (1) down to 637; Hamilton (83), down to 317 and Lyman (76), down to 195.

Mount Vernon is now the biggest city with a total of 8,532, over Anacortes which lost 837 residents and now is given just 7,577. Sedro-Woolley picked up 816 residents and is now listed at 4,521. Burlington gained 112 to register at 3,080.

As a whole Skagit county lost on the count, dropping from 52,200 to 51,146, while the number of households gained from 16,500 to 17,000. In the same period estimated retail sales dropped about a million dollars and estimated buying income was up \$12½ million.

Food and automobiles are the top retail sales figures, around \$20 million each with food having just a slight edge.

Memorial List Of Pioneers Carries Names Of Many Long-Lived Residents

At the 66th annual meeting and picnic Thursday of the Skagit County Pioneer Ass'n. in LaConner, Historian John F. Conrad will present the memorial roll of those long time residents of the county who passed away during the past year.

The roll contains the names of 288 old timers, including that of Past President William Jennings, 88, of LaConner (1940) and also Past Vice President Chester Nelson, 83, of Mount Vernon, who resigned because of illness last year.

Oldest on the list was William J. S. Gordon, 99, of Mount Vernon, followed by Joseph P. Mc-

70 Country-Western Jamboree Here Aug. 23

The annual Country and Western Music Jamboree sponsored by the Upper Skagit Community Council will be held in Concrete Sunday, Aug. 23rd.

Top bands of the area will vie all afternoon, between 2 and 6 p. m. in the Concrete High School Gymnasium.

Last year the Jamboree attracted hundreds of visitors from all over the county and as far south as Seattle. Jim Benfield, president of the Community Council and himself a Western and Country music guitarist, has obtained at least a half dozen of the leading groups for the event.

A featured performer will be Larry Seitz of Anacortes, one of the most popular country saxophone players of the region, who will be backed by one of the bands. Moe Shaeffer of Bellingham, former disc jockey and guitarist on Radio KERR, will again perform as emcee, teamed with another well-known announcer, if arrangements are successful.

Complete list of performing bands will be released as soon as all confirmations of appearance have been received. All proceeds after expenses will go toward local youth activities.

Mrs. Mel Hundahl Hurt As Car Rolls Over

Mrs. Mel Hundahl of Newhalem was taken to United General Hospital last Friday evening when her car went off the road and rolled over as she swerved to avoid a deer. The accident occurred about 10 p. m. just west of Concrete as she was eastbound on Highway 20. Her 1966 Oldsmobile sedan was totalled.

Bill Hiatt Resigns As Town Marshal

Rumors of the resignation of Marshal Bill Hiatt, rampant about the city for the past two weeks, became official Monday night in a written confirmation submitted by the officer. The resignation was to be as of Monday, Aug. 3rd.

Mayor Stadman reported she had been informed a week in advance but had failed to notify members of the council.

A temporary replacement will be hired this week while consideration of changes in future law enforcement are explored. One proposal is turning the job over to the county sheriff's control. It was also suggested that a combination street maintenance man and part-time patrolman be considered.

Expense of a full-time marshal, maintenance of a patrol cars and radio equipment has been one of the large items of the town's budget.

Spokane Firm Low On North-Cross Contract

The winning bid on 11 miles of the North Cross State Highway construction recently called went to Materne Brothers Co., of Spokane on their price of \$1,068,686. This contract will be on Washington Pass, extending from Lone Fir Camp to Rainy Pass.

The contract was one of ten offered by the state highway department on projects throughout the state.

Ordinance Okays Old Car Removal From Private Lots

An ordinance giving the town authority to take care of abandoned cars on property within the city limits was approved Monday night by the town council. The measure will allow such cars to be declared a public nuisance; sets up the legal procedure for removing them at the expense of the owner, or property owner of the land upon which they are stored.

Complaints may be filed by any private citizen after which the offenders will be given an opportunity for a hearing before action is taken. If the nuisance is removed by the owner there will be no penalty. If not action by the town to remove such vehicles will be assessed against either the holder of the registration or the property owner, or both.

The ordinance will be published in full next week.

To Open Residential Area

In other council discussion on Monday night consideration was given to extending streets into the area east of the high school field and north of the airport. Requests from property owners of platted lots there have been under consideration and two plans are being investigated. One is to extend D Street (south from west end of Capitol Hill) and another is to build a street inside the airport property along the north fence line from the airport entrance. No definite action will be taken until legal details are cleared.

Women's Softball Team Finishes In Third Spot

Mo-Derne Beauties blanked the Concrete women's softball team in a 14-0 shutout Monday night at Mount Vernon in the last game of the current season.

Concrete finished third in the Skagit League play. Sedro-Woolley was leading with Mo-Derne in second place.

Big Firs Feature Rockport State Park



Ball Players Start Conditioning

The 1970 Concrete High School ball team prospect started fall conditioning workout last Sunday in an effort to get physically ready for opening turnout on 26th. Senior team members are organizing the sessions. They are 6:00 p. m. on Sunday Thursday and 7:30 p. m. on Friday. Players unable to attend will be working out on their own. Coach Jim Menzies. The school field and Newhalem's are sites being utilized.

Coaching assignments have been completed with the hiring of Eldridge, who will fill the void created in the junior program with the resignation of Rich Frank. He will team with Dick. Riehl Bill Blunt will be Coach Menzies with the school squad.

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