

After 41 Years —

# Charles Dwelley Names Successor

The Concrete Herald is under management as of this week the sale of the newspaper, printing plant, and building Charles M. Dwelley to Mr. and Mrs. Fader of Anacortes. The transfer of the property was effective as of September 1.

The Faders are both experienced newspaper and printing men. Mr. Fader has been manager of the Anacortes American newspaper and Mrs. Fader resigned her position as editor at the Whidbey Island News of Oak Harbor to help her husband in their new team management of Concrete newspaper.

Chuck Dwelley relinquishes the title of editor-publisher of the Concrete Herald after four decades of publishing, writing and printing the hometown newspaper for the Upper Skagit Valley. He came to Concrete in September of 1929, barely out of high school himself, to take over the bankrupt plant then located in a shabby old building on stilts located on what is now an empty lot down the hill west of the present Benfield building.

The plant was moved the following year into the Benfield building which was built for the Herald by George Ross. It re-

mained in that location until 1960 when Mr. Dwelley bought the former Bromer garage and remodeled it for the Concrete Herald. The grand opening was held just after the first of the year in 1961. In the 41 years that Mr. Dwelley has published the Concrete newspaper he has become one of the best-known weekly newspaper men, not only in the state but throughout the entire country, with his short editorials reprinted in magazines and newspapers from coast to coast. They have been read in the Reader's Digest, Ladies' Home Journal, countless newspapers including the Los An-

geles Times, where they are printed regularly in the Grass Roots feature column.

He has gained a reputation as one of the decreasing breed of fearless editors, guided only by his own conscience in what he considered the best interests of his community.

He is a life member of the Washington State Newspaper Publishers Association and of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalistic fraternity. He served as president of the WNP in 1958 and has been a member of the board of trustees for 12 years. His of-

fice wall is covered with the dozens of awards he has earned in Better Newspaper contests throughout the years, ranging all the way for top prize in the editorial and news writing divisions to award for "pure cussedness!" Latest honor received by the Herald was first place in the state for community service made in May by the Council of Consulting Engineers, at their annual convention in Wenatchee.

Mr. Dwelley has always considered community service an inseparable part of publishing a

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## Concrete Schools Enroll 570

Opening day enrollment in Concrete schools totaled 570, up 34 above last year's first day report.

The entire increase was reported

in the high school, where opening day attendance was 296. Seniors led the count with 59, up 20 from last year's graduating class. Decreases were noted in only two

classes with juniors down to 53 from last year's 60 and sophomores mustering 44 compared to 57 a year ago, Superintendent Fred Culbertson reported.

grade classes with attendance of 48 and 38 respectively.

Some 274 younger scholars reported for first-day classes at the grade school, exactly the same total reported last year. The class-by-class count shows 28 in kindergarten, 44 in first grade, 31 in second, 53 in third, 33 in fourth, 50 in fifth and 35 in sixth grade.

This year's freshman class totaled 54 on opening day, a 12-pupil increase. Increases were also noted in the seventh and eighth

## Skagit County Will Receive \$300,938 in National Forest Funds

Skagit County will receive \$300,938 in receipts from National Forest earnings for the past fiscal year, Regional Forester Charles A. Connaughton announced this week.

The payments being mailed to treasurers of the two states represent 25 percent of the receipts from all resources and uses of the National Forests including timber harvest from all resources and uses of the National Forests including timber harvest, grazing, minerals, recreation, power and other land use. This year 27 Washington counties will receive \$13,282,511. Since 1906 the Washington counties have been allocated \$120.3 million as their share of National Forest earnings.

The total for Pacific Northwest Region, Washington and Oregon, is \$40.8 million and will be divided among counties according to their National Forest acreage. Funds will be used for public schools and roads.

## Upper Skagit Garden Club Meets Next Week

The Garden Club will resume its regular meetings beginning on Wednesday, September 9th. It will be at the home of Mrs. Al Onkels, Mrs. Charles Ford will bring the arrangement and Mrs. David Coles will have the program, which will include the installation of officers. The committee in charge of the fall luncheon in October will also report on its plans for this annual event.

## Campfire Ban Set For North Cascades

Effective August 31, campfires will not be permitted within North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake or Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas until further notice, reports Superintendent Roger J. Confor.

Exceptions to the closure are Colonial Creek and Goodell Creek campgrounds along Highway 20 in the Skagit River drainage, where fires will be permitted in the fireplaces.

Travel into the backcountry must be done by either cold camping or the use of self-contained stoves burning gasoline, alcohol, etc. Camping permits are required for any overnight use in the backcountry.

Sufficient rains have not been received since May and fire danger remains extreme. It is hoped that September rains will permit the lifting of this closure as soon as possible. Deer hunters planning to take part in the high country hunt in Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas on September 12 should check with Park officials before starting their trip.

## Three Marblemount Men Hurt In Highway 20 Traffic Accidents

Three Marblemount men were hospitalized with injuries sustained in weekend accidents on Highway 20, according to the State Patrol report.

Curtis L. Whitworth, 41, of Star Route, Marblemount-Rockport was eastbound on Highway 20 when his 1958 sedan struck a bridge abutment 1.2 miles east of Concrete. He was released after treatment at United General for injuries suffered in the 1 a.m. Friday crash.

Henry A. Nelson, 33, and Thomas E. Beckner, 42, both of Ranger Road, Marblemount, were injured Saturday night when the vehicle Nelson was driving went off the south shoulder of Highway 20 and struck a tree two miles west of Marblemount. The crash occurred at 10:40 p.m., investigating troopers reported. Both men were taken to United General Hospital where they remained until Monday.

Vernon W. Johnson, 29, of Rockport escaped injury when another vehicle entered the highway in the path of his 1963 pickup truck. The other driver was identified as Clarence F. Mills, 42, of Lake Stevens. Damage to the two vehicles was estimated at \$300.

## Football Practice Sessions Start As Lions Prepare for First Game

Opening workouts began last Wednesday for the 1970 edition of the Concrete Lion football squad. A total of 42 prospects were greeted by Coach Jim Menzies and his aides, Bill Blunt, Dick Riehl and Ray Eldridge.

jury, was the standout in this initial contact. Jeff Thompson and Scott Culbertson did some fine blocking on the offense.

The first week's drills concentrated on learning the offensive and defensive assignments, as well as the traditional conditioning. The coaching staff was able to look at everyone in small groups during the week, a luxury that will be missing when Riehl and Eldridge take over the junior high squad this week.

With only a little over a week's drills remaining before the season opener against Langley at Concrete the squad will be working daily to polish and perfect the execution. They'll need to, as Langley is reputed to again be loaded with veterans of last year's 34-6 win over the Lions.

Saturday's first scrimmage demonstrated that the defense was far ahead of the offense. Mike Jones, appearing to have fully recovered from last year's neck in-

This year's squad is bolstered by 14 returning lettermen. Ab Benton at 228 was the heaviest returnee. Strong points of this team appear to be line and linebacker size and experience and offensive backfield experience. The defensive secondary's inexperience and lack of backfield size are its major weaknesses.

### Weather from the Duster

By The One-time Editor

HERE USED to be a song entitled "Among My Souvenirs" that was very popular and very sentimental, but we'll bet a silver dollar that the fellow that wrote it didn't do it just after moving into a home that had been occupied for at least five years. The souvenir collection bug is a way of life that seems to bug most of all our lives. The things we pick up to bring back memories of turn into items of inventory that must be moved with the belongings for years and years before we have the nerve to throw them away. There always comes a time when there must be a choice between living space for the living or storage space for the long dead. Digging through boxes and trunks that have been lovingly filled with trivia of a lifetime, or several lifetimes if you happen to be the one to whom all the past generations have passed their memories. The dance programs, the programs, invitations, and letters only bring to mind the fact that you have forgotten more than you care to know. Familiar faces in photo albums for whom you have no names, the carefree notes in the best books of forgotten occasions and the signed Marys and Georges who didn't sign the last name. And so to the ash can—some things you can't live over in spite of the hints.

Also there should be a maiden aunt with a large house and a large attic in every generation so she can be honored with many of the lovely but useless heirlooms of the family. Someplace where you can go look at them and walk away. The china, the silverware, the single pieces of furniture that great-great-grandfather had may have great value to the antique hunters. To the only who live in modern homes where space a premium they would come a burden and soon end up packed in newspaper in some cardboard box, only to see the light of moving times or the settling of an estate. The same with the many photo albums and scrapbooks that are filled with names

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