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Light Primary Turn-out Reported

was a quiet primary election in Concrete and throughout Skagit County, with light voter turnout and few real issues at the polls. Preliminary count, with 115 of Skagit precincts reporting, shows the expected support of incumbents but a marked Republi-

can turnout in the few contested positions. James Costanti appears assured of a place on the general election ballot in his bid for candidacy for the State Representative seat vacated by resignation of Don Eldridge. He garnered 3,188 votes (as of 12:30 a.m. Wednesday with

eight precincts yet to report) with an additional 157 in San Juan County. His closest Republican contender, Sam Buck, garnered 2,892 in the partial count for the two-county legislative district and Roger E. Pederson 1,415. Topping the list of Democratic contenders for general election ballot listing

is Mack Johnson with a 2,385 vote for the same partial two-county report. Ben G. Edlund is running a close second with 2,274 and Dana McBarron Sr. follows with an even 900. Gordon Lien with 3,000 votes leads Stewart McLeod by nearly a thousand in the Republican race

for County Assessor and will apparently face the uncontested Democratic candidate, Gege Olson (who garnered 6,184) in the November ballot. A complete breakdown of primary results will be published in next week's edition of the Concrete Herald.



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By The One-time Editor.
RETIREMENT seems to be the "thing around town lately. As a member of the group, we feel that from the perspective must be maintained in this category. Retirement is the polite name for the time when you feel you have put your time on a particular job, you've reached the age when you've enough beans put away that you can get along on the small stipend the government grants you as a reward for being a 40-year taxpayer, or that moment when your employer feels you can be replaced by someone who can do the same work without creaking in the joints as he gets around. In the past few weeks Al and Sally Harris tendered their resignations from town service—Al as the entire city street department and Sally as librarian. Alvin, to be formal, is one of those rare individuals who find a fierce enjoyment in difficult situations. He's normal work of keeping up the truck, tractor, street sweeper and whatever other equipment he has to work with kept him busy. He still found time to help out on any civic project or do favors above and beyond the call of duty. He seemed most happy, however, when he could complain about spending long hours mowing out snow or doing other jobs that demanded extra effort. All the time you knew wild horses wouldn't have dragged him off the grader until he felt his job was done—and well. You find few like him these days. Sally was also an asset to the town for her many contributions of good will and civic pride. We'll miss both of them. They are now at their new home in Oroville.
From the school we have two more closing out their years of service. Margaret Stadlman, mayor of the town, but more important, an excellent teacher during her years in the grade school, along with her goes "Willy" Stidman, who has also left a record of excellence in her work with our young students. Both interested in their charges and in the community.
Last Sunday the county road crew gathered at Sedro-Woolley to honor "Granny" Raymer, upper graderman who has just completed 40 years keeping the county roads smooth in this area. If anyone knows the roads better than he it would have to be someone who crawled them daily on

Lions Drop Opener

Langley's Falcons spoiled Concrete's home opener last Friday with a 28-6 victory over the Lions. Superior blocking and tackling, plus some fine running and passing by the quick Falcon backfield spelled the difference. The teams played to a virtual standoff in the second half, but Langley's 20-0 halftime lead could not be overcome. The visitors scored first in the opening quarter on a long pass from Ken Kramer, their terrific quarterback, to Howard Hebert. They added a second touchdown in the second quarter on a long run by Kramer. A partially-blocked punt due to a high center snap set up their third score, a short dash by Jess Gaylord. Concrete's play improved in the second half, but Langley was still able to muster another touchdown

on a long, twisting scamper by Dick Deposit. The Lions scored after a 60 yard completion from Keith Pyatt to Bob Wright put the ball on the Langley three-yard line. Fred Binschus dove behind a fine block by Scott Culbertson to score. Frank Seaman, Rich Johnson and Scott Culbertson are to be cited for a good defensive effort. Robert Johnson played well on offense. Darrington dumped Meridian 24-8 last Friday behind the blocking of a 200-plus line and some bruising backs. Kevin Ashe, the Loggers' 195-pound fullback, will pose the biggest problem for a Lion defense that must be greatly improved to beat Darrington this week. The game will begin at 8 p.m. Friday as Darrington dedicates its new field and lights.

County United Good Neighbors Name Campaign Chairmen

As the United Good Neighbors Campaign nears the unofficial kickoff date, Dale Rancourt, Skagit County Drive Chairman, announces the names of this year's area chairmen. Dick Johnson of Anacortes will assist Rancourt as Vice Chairman. In Anacortes, Dr. Gilbert Stevenson will head up the activity in that area. Banker Larry Leander will supervise the activity in Bur-

lington. LaConner's Chairman will be Mrs. Maude Misner. County Prosecutor Earl Angvine is this year's Mount Vernon Drive Chairman. Sydney McNulty will be in charge of the Sedro Woolley area drive. Rancourt will personally handle the National Firm pledges to the UGN drive to \$110,000. Bill Atwood of Burlington is the Education Division Chairman. with

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Blue Bird - Camp Fire Leaders Plan New Year's Program

Blue Bird and Camp Fire leaders of Concrete, Birdview, Rockport and Marblemount elected officers for the coming year during

their "back to school" meeting held last week at the home of Mrs. Phillip Reiter.

Reception Set Tonight For Retiring Teachers

A public reception honoring two retiring teachers, Mrs. Margaret Stadlman and Mrs. Willette Stedham, is scheduled from 7:30 to 9 this evening (Thursday) at the C.C.D. Center. The guests of honor retired at the close of the 1969-70 school year after many years of service to the community. Reception hosts will be the Concrete Board of Education, Parent-Teacher Association and Education Association. All friends and former students are invited to attend.

Mrs. Don Doss was named chairman, with Mrs. Richard Rathvon as vice chairman and Mrs. Dudley Ross, treasurer. Mrs. Reiter and Mrs. John Woodworth will be in charge of publicity. First event planned for the new club year is a bake sale this Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. in the Concrete Department Store. Proceeds will assist in offsetting a dollar increase in national dues for each member. New members are welcome and anyone interested in the Camp Fire program is asked to call the leader or assistant of the group involved. These include Mrs. John Woodworth and Mrs. Lou Bates, second grade group; Mrs. James

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Eagles Slate Benefit For Gardner Children

Concrete Eagles will hold their annual benefit for the Dale Gardner children with a dinner and dance for members and their invited guests at the hall, September 28. Past benefits, held annually since the death of Dale Gardner, have raised nearly \$800 which is being held in trust for the four

Gardner children to help defray later high school and college expenses. All funds are handled by a special board of trustees and used only for the stated purpose, it was explained. Music for this year's event will be by the Melody Mountain Boys. Dinner hour is 6 to 8 p.m. with dancing from 9 to 2.

Farmers to Note Report Dates For Agricultural Conservation

Farmers doing conservation cost-sharing work under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) are asked to keep careful track of the date they are to report the completed work. The chairman of the Skagit County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee, Lyle R. Ovenell, said it is important that the committee have a report on hand by the time the work is to be completed. "The funds allocated for the job are not supposed to be tied up past that date unless they have been earned. "We always have more applications than we have cost-share funds for ACP practices, and it's not right for us to keep funds set aside for a practice when we don't know whether the farmer

installed it or not," he said. If a farmer is not able to complete his conservation work before the completion date, he may ask for a time extension by phoning, writing or visiting the county ASCS office. Time extensions should be requested before the practice completion date, Ovenell said. Occasionally circumstances prevent a farmer from installing his approved ACP conservation practice. We're always sorry to hear it, but we appreciate hearing in time to re-allocate the funds, the ASC committee chairman said. "It's a good neighbor deed to let the county ASCS office know as soon as possible, because it might mean giving another farmer a chance to put in a needed conservation practice this year."

Boys Club Plans Scenic Air Trip

A flying trip around the state is the first major fall project planned by the Boys Club at Concrete High School. Advisor Bill Blunt said the group hopes to charter an 84-passenger jet for a two-hour flight circling the state from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, October 4. The educational jaunt is open to the public and club members will begin selling tickets soon. Cost per passenger will be \$22.50. The planned route swings out to the Pacific Ocean then follows the Columbia river to Spokane, then back across the state to Diablo and a circle over the dams before following the Skagit to Concrete and on down the valley before the return to Sea-Tac.

Those interested in tickets or more information are asked to contact club members Barry Boyd in Concrete or Mark Sutherland in Newhalem.

Homecoming October 2

Plans are shaping up for this year's Homecoming at Concrete High School, October 2. Coronation of the homecoming queen is scheduled for 11 p.m. in the gym, climaxing a dance scheduled to begin after the game and last until 12:30. In charge of planning this year are Mollie Wingren and Jeff Thomson, social chairmen and Barry Boyd, junior class president.

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