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Over Bond Picture Changes —

Town Valuation Tops \$5 Million

Late-breaking news of a higher-than-expected increase in the town's assessed valuation can assure sewer hookups for almost all Concrete homes, it was announced at a special public meeting last week. However, opposition to the proposed bond issue because of failure to include all areas in the initial plan could cause its defeat at the polls and possible loss of anticipated federal funds.

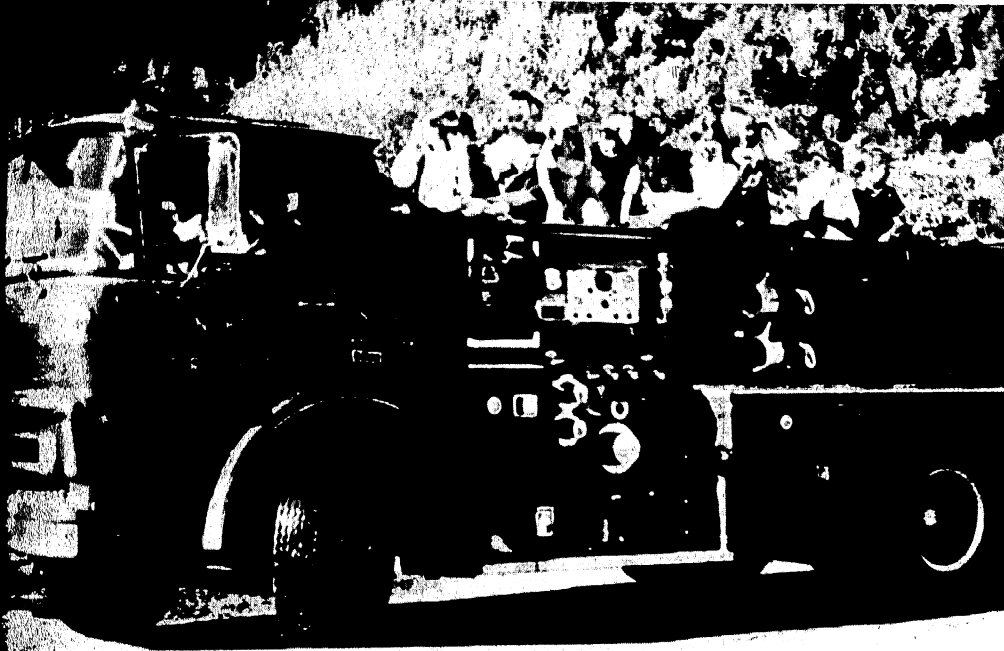
The valuation increase, a jump from just over \$1 million to nearly \$5 million assessed valuation, was confirmed by the State Tax Commission this Monday, City Attorney Hugh Ridgway told the Herald. It is based on recent annexation of Puget properties and on the state-ordered increase in assessment ratings this year from 25 per cent to 50 per cent of true value.

The increase means additional sewer line installations can feasibly be financed through revenue or general obligation bond issues, a means thought impossible at the lower rate that would have meant high tax bills for the average property owner. Approval of the sewer bond ordinance in November would cost approximately \$39 per year in property tax for a home with a true value of \$20,000, according to estimates by the town's consulting engineering firm of Sleavin & Kors of Tacoma. The new valuation was not available before the deadline for presenting November 3 ballot information to the county auditor so the proposal must be voted upon as it now stands.

This ordinance calls for issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$275,500. The proceeds, with approximately \$100,500 in anticipated federal and state grants, and revenue from fees charged for those using the system, would finance installation of a treatment plant to meet pollution control standards plus lines and a pumping station and lines to serve a major portion of the town's residences.

West end areas, where sparse population would make line installation more costly on a per-hookup basis, were omitted in the design which is preliminary and

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BACK FIELD TRIP — Members of three upper Skagit Blue Bird teams share thrills of a ride aboard a Concrete fire engine driven by Ed Patis, city postmaster and volunteer fireman during a visit to the station that included what-to-do instructions as well as a fascinating ride. Taking part in the Thursday expedition last

week were members of groups led by Mrs. John Woodworth assisted by Mrs. Lawrence Bates, Mrs. Phillip Reider assisted by Mrs. Marvin Harris, and Mrs. James Benfield assisted by Mrs. Conrad Claybo.

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Lions Out-Pass Nooksack 24-6 Stand 2-2 in Whatcom League

By Coach Jim Menzies
The Lions passed their record of a 24-0 win over Nooksack last Thursday for a 2-2 record so far this season. In the second offensive play Thompson faked a handoff to Fred Blaschus then dropped back and threw a strike to Rusk Johnson streaking down the field for a 6-0 score with less than a minute of playing time left in last Thursday's game against Nooksack's

threaded his way through tacklers for the Lions' second six-pointer.

The third came in the second quarter when Thompson carried on a quarterback sneak for one yard. He threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to Scott Culbertson in the fourth quarter to conclude the Lions scoring.

Defensively, the front line and

linebackers showed their best tackling form of the year. Thanks to the "bump and run" technique employed by Russ Johnson and Keith Pyatte at outside linebacker positions, the Lion line had much more time to get to the passer. Scott Culbertson, Robert Dickinson, Frank Seaman and Les Hoover spent a good part of the night in the Pioneer backfield, as well as plugging up the Nooksack running game with the help of Russ Johnson, Rich Johnson, Mike Jonas and Keith Pyatte. Jeff Thompson and Robert Johnson did an excellent job of staying with the receivers in their areas.

The offensive line and backs blocked strongly throughout the game, allowing Thompson adequate time to throw and giving backs the holes necessary to pick up vital yardage. Robert Johnson gained 127 yards in 18 carries, most of them over the right tackle-let holes opened by Scott Culbertson, Pat Timblin and Rich Johnson. Guy Clemens, Mike Jonas,

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Halloween Party Set for Weekend

A costume parade, hot dogs and cider and an evening of fun are all in store for Upper Skagit youngsters next week at the Concrete Lions Club's annual Halloween Party.

All young people are invited to attend the traditional party which will be held in the Concrete Grade School, Oct. 31. Judging will begin at 7 p.m. and the big costume parade about 7:30.

Meet GOP Candidates At Monday Dinner Here

A "Meet the Candidates" spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Upper Skagit Womens Republican Club is scheduled next Monday, Oct. 26.

Serving will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the CCD Center. Tickets may be obtained from club members or at the door.

Final plans for the traditional election-year dinner were completed Tuesday evening during the regular monthly club meeting at the home of Mrs. Al Onkels.

Lyman Check Station Tallies 220 Weekend Hunters—7 Deer

Deer hunting pressure and success dropped below that of the opening days during the second weekend of the 1970 general buck season, the State Game Department reports this week.

A weekend tally at the Lyman check station showed 220 hunters with seven bucks, two mountain goats, two bear and nine grouse. A heavy fog in the Skagit River delta area on Saturday and winds and rain on Sunday benefited duck and snow goose hunters, the game department's field personnel noted.

Deer hunting prospects for the coming weekend appear good, especially in the lower and middle elevations of western Washington, according to the game report. Higher elevations are still lacking deer due to effects of the heavy winter-kill two years ago.

Game biologists note that leavers are falling in many lowland areas thus improving visibility. Further, recent rainfall will help hunter approach deer. Windy weather also makes deer nervous and they tend to frequent clearings more often.

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