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Absentees Decide Two State Posts

Election suspense lasted nearly a full week in Skagit County where two important races hinged on the absentee count, not completed until late this Monday night.

Duane Berentson and James Costanti will retain their seats in the State House of Representatives by bare majorities. The total unofficial count for Skagit and San Juan Counties, including absentees, is 10,384 for Costanti, just 250 more than the 10,104 received by his Democratic opponent Mack Johnson.

An even narrower edge was garnered by Berentson, who pulled 227 votes ahead of Donna Kjargaard when absentees were tallied to win re-election 10,544-10,317.

As indicated by early returns published in last week's edition, U. S. Senator Henry M. Jackson and Congressman Lloyd Meeds were returned to their posts by wide margins.

John Boynton won re-election as sheriff with a vote of 11,207 while his Republican opponent, Monte Schroeder, tallied 7,328.

Howard Miller (R) will continue

as county commissioner after a ballot count of 10,476 to 6,747 for Robert Wilcox (D).

Ann Ross carried the county auditor's contest, 10,625 to 8,149 for her Democratic opponent, Donald Bottles, while Democrat Gene Olson tallied 9,620 votes to carry the county assessor's title away from Republican contender Gordon Lien who polled 8,868.

In Concrete, the unofficial tally followed county preferences in most issues but Democrats Mack Johnson, Donna Kjargaard and Donald Bottles outscored their opponents on the local level while Republican Monte Schroeder held a 124 to 81 lead over Sheriff John Boynton here.

'Wild Rivers' Talk the 18th

Herbert Barth, project leader for the Wild Rivers Study, will be guest speaker at next Wednesday's meeting of Concrete Lions Club. The 6:30 dinner meeting will be held in Eagles Hall.

Barth, who recently joined the staff of the U.S. Forest Service in Bellingham, leads the inter-agency group delegated by Congress to make long-range plans for the upper Skagit Valley. The study includes 168 miles of the Skagit River from Marblemount and Bacon Creek to Mount Vernon.

Blood Bank Wednesday

A drawing for the Concrete Community Blood Bank is scheduled next Wednesday, November 18.

The Bloodmobile unit will be at Eagles Hall from 3 until 8 p.m.

Prospective donors are asked to call Mrs. Larry Hurn at 853-4240. Donors are urgently needed at this time as only nine units remain to the community's credit, the sponsoring Cascade Junior Women's Club reports.

Traffic Safety Series Starts

This week the Concrete Herald joins other weekly newspapers in launching a state-wide program aimed at reducing the number of traffic accidents and fatalities on Washington highways.

The program is a series of cartoons and is an exclusive feature for readers of this newspaper. Entitled "Did You Know?" the special cartoon series was prepared by the Washington State Patrol in cooperation with the Traffic Safety Commission, Washington Newspaper Publishers' Association, Washington Association of Women Highway Safety Leaders, and private firms and individuals.

Space for the cartoon series is donated by the Concrete Herald as a public service.

9½ Million Salmon Planted In Skagit County Streams

Close to nine and a half million young salmon have been planted in Skagit County waters this year by the Washington Department of Fisheries.

The Samish River was planted with 1,128,000 fall chinook fingerlings, 855,000 yearling coho and 220,000 coho fry. Friday Creek received plants of 2,104,000 fall chinook fingerlings and 600,000 fall chinook fry. Another 1,741,000 fall chinook fingerlings and 1,671,000 yearling coho were released into Clark Creek.

The Skagit River got 243,000 fall chinook fingerlings, the Cascade River was planted with 150,

000 coho fingerlings, the Sauk River received 41,000 yearling coho.

A total of 357,000 coho fry were planted in Swede and Worthy Creeks. Diobsud and Goodell Creeks received 192,000 coho fingerlings and another 150,000 coho fingerlings went into County Line Pond.

The fish are part of the 1250 tons of salmon planted in Washington this year by the Department's 26 hatcheries. These fish will begin showing up as jacks this fall, and will make a major contribution to the fishery in 1971.



SCENE—Professional and volunteer assistants tenderly lift a young accident victim to a gurney Tuesday afternoon following a two-car head-on collision just west of Concrete on Highway 20. Miss M. Keehn, 18, who gave "Marblemount Hippie Commune" as her address. She suffered broken nose and face cuts in the accident. An apparent hitch-hiker, she was a passenger in a sedan driven by John F. Struthers, 22, of 840 South Spruce, Burlington. Struthers was eastbound on Highway 20 when his 1965 sedan (right foreground) was involved in a collision with a 1968 sedan driven by E. Keehn, 62, of Route 1, Concrete who was attempting a left turn onto Challenger Road when crash occurred, according to the report of investigating State Patrol Trooper Bruce Wahlstrom. Beaten by injuries and head cuts and was taken by ambulance to United General Hospital for treatment. Miss Keehn, Struthers, who was not hospitalized, suffered lip and hand cuts and was back in the crash, investigating trooper reported.

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Lions Devour Christians

Concrete Lions roared to victory over the Lynden High School eleven Friday night in their final league game of the season. The Lions came to Concrete as underdogs, but they were the favorites, fresh from their win over the Blaine team last week. The game was a 30-yard pass and a 20-yard punt which were the one and five-point plays in the fourth quarter.

passes all evening. Scott Culbertson, Les Hoover, Mike Jonas, Frank Seaman and Robert Dickinson slammed through repeatedly to put on the pressure, with Keith Pyatte red-dogging from his middle linebacker position.

Vic Bradley and Eibert Howell did an excellent job of holding up the ends, allowing the Johnson triplets in the secondary to play for the interception. Robert Johnson picked off three, Russell Johnson had two (one for a touchdown) and Keith Pyatte and Vic Bradley had one apiece.

Offensively, the Lion line kept

the taller Lynes out long enough for Jeff Thompson to complete 7 of 16 passes for 121 yards, 60 of them coming on a short pass to Richard Johnson who literally ran over three Lync defenders on his way to the goal line in one of the finest individual efforts of the year.

This play in the second quarter opened the scoring and Russell Johnson kicked the extra point to give the Lions a 7-0 lead. Lynden Christian scored next on a one-yard quarterback sneak but failed on the extra point attempt, leaving the Lions with a 7-8 halftime advantage.

Fred Binschus scored on an 11-yard run around left end to give Concrete a 13-6 lead in the third period, a score that held until Russell Johnson picked off a Lync pass and raced 50 yards for the Lions' final score with only 18 seconds left in the game.

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FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
Mt. Baker	6	0
Blaine	4	2
Meridian	4	2
Orcas	3	3
Lynden Christian	3	3
Nooksack Valley	1	5
Lynden	0	6