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'Open Space' Taxation Act Topic of December 14 Meet

A special meeting to explain the new Open Space Taxation Act is scheduled in Concrete December 14.

Jack Crawford, county extension agent, will present a slide and tape program in the high school beginning at 8 p.m. It is planned to acquaint owners of farm and forest land with possible tax benefits to be gained under this program.

To qualify, the land must be in agricultural use, timber production or in some other open space use. If landowners use the Open Space Tax, they agree to

maintain the present use of the land for a minimum of ten years.

Purpose of the act is to allow assessors to value land on current use rather than market value. Landowners who qualify for and intend to use the open space designation must file an application with the county assessor before December 31.

Forms, instructions and rules governing registration of land are available at the assessors office and will be explained at the December 14 meeting here.

Wrestling League Opener Tonight in Lions' Gym

Concrete High School's wrestlers open league competition in their home gym at 7:30 tonight (Thursday) with a match against the Mount Vernon junior varsity squad.

Coach Gordon Evans reports several returnees from last year's team, plus a good crop of newcomers.

Scheduled to do battle for the Lions, with the listed weight following each name, are: Steve

Lockhart, 98; Lawrie Ruddell, 112; Richard Cronin or Melvin Case, 127; Chuck Asdourian or Greg Brown, 133; Kim Fowler or Ed Bazinet, 138; Jim Curd or Buddy Tonkyn, 145; Lewis Crookshank or Jim Schrader, 155; Richard Johnson, 167; Frank Seaman, 165; Paul Jonas, heavyweight.

Next Tuesday the team will travel to Oak Harbor for a match with the Wildcat Jayvees.

Unexpected 'Drive-In' at Clark's Causes \$1,000 Damage to Store

Brake failure was blamed for a car-store crash that caused damages estimated at \$1,000 to Clark's Grocery in Marblemount Saturday afternoon.

Investigating State Patrol troopers said a small pickup driven by Elizabeth Riggles, 18, of Newhalem was pulling into the store parking area when the brakes failed and it went through the front of the store. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$100.

Damages totaled \$450 in a two-car crash later the same day on Cape Horn Road west of Concrete. According to the pa-

trol report, Ray C. Anderson, 17, of Concrete was eastbound at 9 p.m. Due to fog he failed to see a parked car on the south side of the roadway and his sedan struck a station wagon driven by Douglas Bumgarner, 23, of Lyman.

Both driver and rider suffered face and arm cuts when a motorcycle operated by Donald C. Adkerson, 17, of Route 1, Sedro Woolley hit a dog on Highway 9. His passenger was identified as Ary Lienberger, also of Sedro Woolley. The accident occurred at 1:50 p.m. Sunday 8.3 miles north of Sedro Woolley.

Christmas Tree Cutting Permits Now Available at Ranger Stations

An opportunity to cut your own family Christmas tree is now available in the Mt. Baker National Forest according to Forest Supervisor H. C. Christwell.

Emphasis is being placed on the Darrington and Baker River Ranger Districts as the areas most needing Christmas tree removal. These districts have had few young trees removed in the past and increased cutting will benefit those trees left standing.

"The purpose of National Forest Christmas tree cutting is to provide a meaningful family winter outing. Trees removed will improve timber stands by allowing remaining trees more growing space as well as light and water."

Families are advised to come equipped with tire chains, warm clothing, good walking boots, a saw or axe, a shovel, rope, and a tarp to wrap the tree in for protection from wind damage.

The Darrington District will sell tree permits between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Ranger Station from December 1 through December 24. Cutting areas will vary with the snowline. Travel instructions and information will be available at the Station.

The Baker River District will be open only two weekends, December 5-6 and December 12-13, for Christmas tree sales. However, they will be open on all weekdays prior to Christmas. Permits will be sold at the Ranger Station five miles west of Concrete. Cutting will take place in the Finney Creek area.

The Glacier District will be open for business from December 1 through December 24. Permits and information are available at the Ranger Station. All silver fir cutting areas are presently closed by early snow. They should open up between now and Christmas.

Permits are sold one to a family for \$1.00.

Edgar Monrad Killed Monday Seattle Warehouse Fire

Edgar Monrad, 65, president of Concrete Valley Monday in a Seattle warehouse fire, were killed at 1:30 p.m. December 1 in a fire at the Sedro Woolley Chapel in Sedro Woolley.

Monrad was born June 6, 1905, and was a veteran of World War I and member of Heskett Post, American Legion 1000. He was united in matrimony

with Agda Olson on November 15, 1941 in Mount Vernon.

Survivors include his wife, Agda, sons Bruce and Brad, a daughter, Barbara, and one grandson, all of Concrete, and his father, Carl Monrad, of Seattle.

Interment will follow services at Hawthorne Lawn Memorial Park in Mount Vernon. Andy Thompson, Joe Lang, Ray Ross, Jack Hoover, Fred Bianchini and Manfred Thosath were named as pallbearers.

Funeral Services Thursday for Mrs. John Whitehair

Funeral services for Mrs. John (Nell) Whitehair, a 65-year resident of Concrete, are scheduled for Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Sedro Woolley Chapel in Sedro Woolley.

Whitehair died Monday at her home.

She was born October 25, 1899 in Ollison, Kansas, and came to Concrete with her parents in 1913. She married John Whitehair on October 25, 1913 in Concrete.

Mrs. Whitehair was a life member of the Methodist

Church and a member of Rebekah Lodge in Concrete for more than 50 years.

Survivors include her husband John, of Concrete; three daughters, Mary Catway of Concrete, Jessie McPhaden of Spokane and Nellie Anderson of LaConner; a son, John W. Whitehair of Burlington; a sister, Leona Wiles of Everett; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, William Brattain.

Interment will follow services at the IOOF Cemetery, Sedro Woolley.

Harold (Florence) Thompson, Former Resident, Dies in Seattle

Funeral services were held November 20 for Mr. Harold (Florence) Thompson, formerly of Concrete. He died November 20 after several months' illness.

Funeral services were held at the Terrace Mausoleum in Seattle. Thompson was born July 19, 1898 in Sedro Woolley and came to Concrete in 1920 as a member of the office of Superior Portland Cement Co. following World War I. She lived here until 1957 when she moved to Seattle. She was an active part in

community affairs here and retained her membership in the local Legion Auxiliary after moving. She was also a member of Cyrene Chapter of Eastern Star in Sedro Woolley and of the Mt. Baker Presbyterian Church here until transferring that membership to Northminster in Seattle.

Survivors include her husband, Harold; a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Dorothy) Stensland of Seattle; two brothers, Arthur Gay of Napa, Idaho, and John Gay of Tacoma; three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

A son, Harold Jr., preceded her in death earlier this year.

UGN at 3/4 Mark

The Skagit County United Good Neighbor drive has reached 75 per cent of its \$110,000 goal, it was announced this week. A final effort to reach the goal is being expended in all cities of the county.

Drive Chairman Dale Rancourt urged business and home owners who are holding their donations for pickup by campaign workers to forward them to the UGN office, Box 451 in Burlington.

161 Are Vaccinated

A total of 161 children were vaccinated November 22 during the Rubella Clinic held in Concrete.

Mrs. Robin Wood, area coordinator, and Mildred Adams, representing the Legion Auxiliary, sent out 300 notices to parents of eligible children and extend a special "thank you" to all who participated in spite of the icy weather.

Volunteers who donated time, in addition to Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Wood, include Dr. Monzingo, Nurses Ester Burkhardt, Jean Arnold, Betty Edwards, Hazel Brusawitz, Lucille Cole and Alice Streitz; and P-TA members Marion Sjooben, Darlene Hurn, Patsy Blunt, Mary Ellen Stoffer, Jean Frane, Jean Keith and Jennifer Donovan.

Lions Play LaConner

The LaConner Braves will furnish the competition for the Lions' initial basketball game action this Saturday at LaConner. Tuesday's Jamboree contest with Lynden does not count in the yearly won-lost column.

Coach Bill Thompson has not yet named a starting lineup, but turnout action indicates those in the running are Ed McNeill, Scott Culbertson, Jeff Thompson, Robert Johnson, Jerry Ross, Bob Wright, Jim LaFayette and Guy Clements.

Legion Party Set

A December 9 Christmas party is scheduled for members of the American Legion and Auxiliary in Concrete. A potluck dinner and gift exchange is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. in the Legion Hall. Auxiliary members hm h Hall.