

Feathers from the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

SO WE PROGRESS in phone communication, or supposedly so. Frankly the number of nationwide calls I make do not receive any relief from not being able to stick a finger in the "O" hole and letting someone who knows what it is all about place the call. Numbers always did confuse me and the very thought of having to dial over five numbers at one sitting may end my career entirely as stub-fingered click soloist.

We do, however, still get to hear a friendly feminine voice when making a distance call as the moment you dial the first signal some gal is going to ask you what number the call is to be charged to. As long as she is going to be that friendly, we'd just as soon chat a while as she makes sense out of the string of figures we have pinned down by the forefinger of the free hand.

Now, if we could direct dial, free, any phone in the county we'd consider the step one of great value and might in time memorize those we use several times a week. That may, God willing we survive, come at a distant date. In the meantime if you don't get a call from old Fumble-phone Charley, call us—we can't find you.

AS A TRAINED and experienced football watcher we feel the hobby suffers a little at the high school level. Not from the play, which is kids learning a tough game; but from the side lines where the game is sometimes completely demoralized by flagrant inefficiency. Such as why go to the expense of hiring a head linesman and then hand-capping him by picking a kid or two out of the crowd to set the yardage markers? The game would be much smoother for players, coaches and officials if there was as much competition and training for these jobs as there is for yell-leaders. Give a letter and make it an honor.

Next we don't think it would be too much to ask that there

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U. S. Timber Cutback Is Restored Here

The order to cut back 10 per cent in timber sales from national forests has been reversed to add another 400 million board feet of timber in Washington and Oregon to the sales schedule before the end of this fiscal year.

The cutback had been ordered in October by the Department of Agriculture in an economy move. The cut meant a reduction of funds for recreation, roads, trails, and other activities in addition to timber management, said the Forest Service regional office.

However, the \$30 million which would have been withheld under the order, has been restored.

Victor Hundahl Dies In North Bend Hospital

Mr. Victor Hundahl passed away Thursday morning, October 31, at Nelm's Hospital at North Bend, Wash. Services were held at 3 p.m. this Monday, November 4, at Yarrington's White Center Funeral Home, White Center. Surviving is his wife, Anne; two sons, Victor and Melvin of Newhalem; a daughter, Betty of Seattle; six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, West Seattle.



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Park Service Moves For Take-Over Task

A planning meeting of the U. S. Forest Service and National Park Service concerning the delineation of responsibility within the new North Cascades National Park was held last Thursday in Seattle.

Roger Contor, superintendent of the new national park, and H. C. Chriswell of Bellingham, supervisor of the Mt. Baker National Forest, were among officials attending.

The following day Contor made a "get-acquainted" flight over the area included in the park. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Herb Nightingale and son Steve of Sedro-Woolley, and Else Doherty, secretary from the park office in Seattle. He also continued his familiarization with the area by a drive to Marblemount and a visit to the Forest Service Ranger's office there.

Contor's temporary headquarters at present is in the Chamber of Commerce office in Sedro-Woolley at 714 Metcalf St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Shirley Alger of Marblemount has been employed for the position of secretary in the Sedro-Woolley park office.

Jo Pyatte - Ernie Allen Homecoming Royalty

Two popular Concrete High School seniors, Jo Pyatte and Ernie Allen, were chosen this year's Homecoming Queen and King by popular vote of their schoolmates last Friday.

Their coronation took place at the annual Homecoming Dance in the school gymnasium Friday night after the game.

Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pyatte of Concrete, has been active not only in her scholastic pursuits but in extra-curricular activities during her four high school years. She has been a member since her freshman year of the Girls Athletic Association, Girls' Club, Pep Club and band. She has held the office of Pep Club treasurer, Junior Class vice president, and is serving as Senior Class treasurer and annual editor.

Ernie's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John McKerlie of Marblemount. He has played football all four years of high school and plays quarterback position on the varsity team. In addition to football he turned out for basketball two years, baseball one year, and track two years. He has been a Letterman's Club member for four years, was president last year of his Junior Class. He is Senior Class representative this year.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

An important meeting of the Upper Skagit Community Council has been called for all members for next Wednesday, Nov. 13th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lutheran Church. Members on the Council's membership rolls are asked to either be present or send someone in their place. Plans for the coming season and reorganization of the group will be on the agenda.

WEDDING DATE SET



MISS JAN OLSEN

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Olsen of Diablo announce the engagement of their daughter, Janice Mae, to Dennis Richard Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Williams of Newhalem. Both Janice and Rick are 1968 graduates of Concrete High School. Janice is attending Everett Business College at the present time and Rick is attending Pacific Airlines School in Seattle. A tentative date for the wedding has been set for February 15th, 1969.

Dave O'Connor Died Oct. 30th

Final rites for David E. O'Connor, long-time resident of Concrete, were held last Saturday morning, Nov. 2, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Sedro-Woolley. Mr. O'Connor died early last Wednesday morning at the Skagit Valley Hospital following an extended illness.

He was born Jan. 23, 1897, in Minneapolis, Minn. He served in the U. S. Navy in World War I and was a member of the Burlington American Legion Post. His marriage to Alma Wagoner was solemnized June 15, 1929, in Sedro-Woolley.

Mr. O'Connor was employed by the Superior Portland Cement Co. as a loading foreman.

He is survived by his wife, Alma; three sisters, Mrs. Lucille Willett of Wenatchee, Mrs. Grace Auld of Everett, and Mrs. Helen Rankin of Kennewick; two brothers, Jim O'Connor of Sumner and Roderick O'Connor of Bellingham; and an aunt, Mrs. Etty Morse of Sedro-Woolley.

pallbearers were Alvin Harris, Ray Looten, Andy Thompson, Glenn Chambers, Hobart Holyfield, Jack Livie.

He was also a member of the St. Catherine's Catholic Church.

Elmer Larsen Weds Anacortes Woman

The marriage of Elmer Larsen, long-time Concrete resident, and Mrs. Viva Stanberg, formerly of Anacortes, was solemnized in the First Christian Church of Anacortes on Saturday, Oct. 19.

They will make their home in Clarkston, Wash.

School Open House Next Wednesday

Concrete High School will observe American Education Week (Nov. 11-15) with an open house program next Wednesday, Nov. 13, to afford parents an opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss their children's progress and to explain the course outline in each subject area.

Superintendent Fred Culbertson will speak on "Our School Program, Present and Future," and an educational film will be shown.

The evening will start at 6:30 p.m. with an hour's conference period for teachers and parents.

Supt. Culbertson will speak at 7:30 p.m. followed by the showing of the film, "My Laboratory of Life."

Between 8:15 and 9:15 all classes for a school day will meet for 10-minute periods. Teachers will explain course contents and teaching methods. A second conference period for parents and teachers will close the evening from 9:15 to 10:30.

Principal Michal Elavsky urges all parents to attend to increase communication with school personnel and to learn more about the way the school functions.

No formal program is planned for local grade schools. However, Principal Howard Boulton of the Concrete Grade School says that a standing invitation is out for parents to visit classes at any time, and to contact teachers whenever they have a question about their children's progress in school.

Homecoming Dinner

Over \$200 was raised at the homecoming smorgasbord dinner for the Concrete High School athletic program. Mothers of the school's athletes donated the chicken, baked beans, salads, cakes and other foods served Friday evening in the school cafeteria.

Council Ponders Leasing Costs

The prospect of leasing, with set monthly payments that will continue indefinitely was considered on two town projects at the council session Monday evening. One was taking a two-year lease on a telephone fire reporting system at a cost of about \$40 a month; and the second was leasing of a police car to replace the present vehicle at around \$100 a month.

Both items have features favoring the plans. The new system for fire phones would eliminate costs of moving phones as firemen change residences, but would almost double the monthly service charge. The proposal is for 10 lines which can automatically service 20 phones with fire calls over the regular phone system lines. Only a small conversion cost would be made on the private phone to put it on the system from any point. No separate phone would be needed.

The plan will be studied by the fire department before any decision is made.

On the police car the council was split on whether to repair the present car or go to the lease proposal. Finally a call for bids was issued to get the exact cost of the change over. A two-year lease had been quoted at about \$110 for full service guarantee or about \$20 less if the town provided maintenance.

The council approved the appointment of Marie Miller as Food Stamp agent for this area.

Negotiations with Lone Star Cement Corp. for the water system are continuing. The town has decided on a revenue bond plan of payment, but there will be a vote necessary for citizen approval before any final deal is made.

The next session of the council has been set for Dec. 3 instead of Dec. 2nd.

OSTRANDER-KRAFT WEDDING AT MT. BAKER



The Mt. Baker Presbyterian Church in Concrete was the scene of the afternoon marriage Sept. 21 of Miss Linda Ostrander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ostrander of Diablo, to Mr. Robert M. Kraft, son of Mrs. Marion Miles of Seattle and Mr. Mitchell Kraft of Northampton, Mass.

Officiating at the double ring

ceremony was the Rev. Samuel Adams of Boise, Idaho, former pastor of the church. Present pastor, Rev. Dale K. Olson, was the organist.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a white crepe sheath-style gown of floor length. The empire bodice and train was also edged with the

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