

The Concrete Herald

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LAST WEEKEND the Herald staff went to Seattle to watch the old country printer go down for the third time under the flooding waves of electronics. In spite of efforts to keep up with progress now being made in our field, we still find that we are far behind the pack and losing ground steadily. Where once a printer could set up in business with a shirtful of loose type and a foot-pumped press he now has to forget all about type and its inky connotations and move into an entirely new workshop that is filled with photographic film, cameras, chemicals, formulas, paste and scissors. This to build a replica of a printed page that will again be transferred via the film, camera and chemicals to a smooth aluminum plate from which new high-speed presses will print the finished product.

The wealth (and we do mean dollar-wealth) of equipment on display at the printing exhibit sent us away with the distinct impression that after a life-time of building up what we believed to be a modern shop, we lack \$15,000 or \$20,000 dollars worth of essentials.

Needless to say, a few small expenditures were made and the idea implanted for many more. The distant objective of putting out a newspaper without getting one spot of ink on the fingers is not unobtainable but we fear that before it is reached we will be looking for a photographer, darkroom expert, chemist, artist, advertising salesman, plate-maker, pressman and financial genius who can also write a news story and an editorial column. That is all that one man will have to be able to do to be his own boss and be the editor of a small town newspaper. Applicants may form a single line outside the door any day but paper day.

MAKE A MARK to show you have passed this way. Some do and some do not. So it is nice to remind ourselves when someone has that touch. Such was Mike Masters, whose untimely death last week ended a well earned retirement. For Mike is the one who left a pleasant spot in place of one that could just as easily been left barren. It was his idea and his direction that produced the grassy lawn and the border of trees west of the Lone Star office. A place for kids to play and a pretty thing to see driving by.

We know all this because he read us off verbally for mentioning it after it was completed. It seems that the cost of his project had been carefully labeled plant maintenance. We still think it was one of the nicest bits of maintenance ever. A man has to leave his mark, you know.

Births

● **RICHARD KEVIN JONSON**
It was another boy for Mr. and Mrs. Dale Jonson of Seattle with Richard Kevin born Nov. 5. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 8 oz., and joined two other brothers, Eric, 8, and Donald, 1 1/2. Maternal grandparents are the Don Andersons of Chico, Calif., and paternal grandparents, the Hilding Jonsons of Concrete.

● **MELISSA ANN BARNETT**
Jerry and Edythe Barnett of Anaheim, Calif., are announcing the birth of a daughter, Melissa Ann. She joins a brother, Jerry, two years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elvie Barnett of Diablo.

Mike Masters Dies Suddenly

Funeral services for Myron Masters, former Seattle plant manager of the Lone Star Cement Corporation, were held last week in Seattle. Mr. Masters, who retired last March, died Friday, Nov. 8.

He had served as plant superintendent for Concrete and Seattle under the Superior Portland Cement Co. before its acquisition by the Lone Star company, and continued on as Seattle plant manager until his retirement this year.

The Masters family came to Concrete in 1948 when Mr. Masters was appointed chief chemist for the local Superior Cement plant. They were here three years before he was transferred to Seattle as plant superintendent.

He was a native of Butte, Mont., and attended the Montana School of Mines before he transferred to the University of Washington. He received his degree in chemical engineering in 1928 and joined Diamond Cement Co. as a chemist following graduation.

Surviving are his wife, Helen, at the family home at 3242 37th Ave. S.W., Seattle; and two daughters, Joan A. Masters and Mrs. Valorie Hawley, both of Seattle.

Hattie Bailey Home Sold Last Week

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waller of Kent have purchased the Hattie Bailey property on Limestone Street, with the sale handled through the Two Rivers Realty.

For the present the house will be occupied by the new deputy sheriff for this area, Al Fagan, who plans to rent it until the Wallers retire here within the next year or so.

Mrs. Bailey plans to move into an apartment on West Main St. to be among her long-time friends.

Concrete Well Over 1968 U. G. N. Quota

Concrete district has had another boost in the United Good Neighbors drive and now stands at 221.2 per cent of its quota.

Reports at the final meeting of the Skagit County UGN drive chairmen on Nov. 12 showed the overall total at 70.6 per cent of this year's goal.

BRADLEY RESIGNS AS HEAD COACH

Coch Jack Bradley of the Concrete High School announced this week that he will be turning in his resignation as head football coach with the conclusion of the 1968 football season.

Bradley, a former Concrete High football player, came here from a coaching post at Sultan two years ago.

No announcement has yet been made of his successor.

New Bridge Contract For Suiattle Trail

The Mt. Baker National Forest will shortly let a contract for a new trail bridge over the Suiattle River. This bridge at the Milk Creek Trail junction and the end of the Suiattle Road will provide access to newly built portions of the Cascade Crest Trail.

To be constructed of weathering steel, a never rusting alloy, the main part will span about 114 feet of the river and will be supported by 5-foot deep girders. The total bridge length is 152 feet with a width of 6 feet.

The Milk Creek Trail is presently reached by a 20-year old single-log bridge over the Suiattle River. This trail meets the Crest Trail approximately 6 miles above the bridge site.

Bridge design was influenced mainly by the expected amount of snow which it will have to hold. The upper Suiattle River drainage often receives large amounts of snow, and the bridge may be required to hold 6 feet of wet, heavy snow during the winter.

Bids will be opened in Portland on December 11th.

Lions Close Out '68 Season With Losses

Concrete Lions dropped their two final games of the league season, going down before Blaine, 20-0, in the Nov. 8 game and losing to Granite Falls, 28-14, last Friday night in a hard-hitting try at a comeback.

Concrete started the Nov. 15 game, on a frosty night, with a team composed entirely of seniors playing their last game for the local high school. Graduating seniors were Roger Dickinson, Robert Hornbeck, Frank Schrader, Rich Hundahl, Kim Martin, Bruce Blankinship, Larry Comstock, Charlie Messer, Ernie Allen, Jim Pape.

Later in the game the regular gold unit, made up of all classes, saw action, and in the fourth quarter a team of next year's players took over on offense.

The first Concrete touchdown was scored by Robin Buller with some fine offensive blocking. The march covered 50 yards. The try for point was carried over by Buller.

The second Lion score came after another long drive on a pass play from Keith Pyatte to Craig Knechtel. The extra point was successful.

The preceding week Concrete and Blaine boys played in a sea of mud. By the end of the first series of downs all players were completely coated with the black goo.

Late in the second quarter Blaine used a series of straight-ahead power plays to score. Score at the half was 7 to 0.

In the second half the Blaine team scored twice, both scores the results of pass plays.

Concrete compiled 16 first downs but couldn't get across the goal line. Jim Pape, Robin Buller, Ernie Allen fought through for first downs.

Defensively Scott Culbertson, Robert Hornbeck, Frank Schrader did an outstanding job on the line.

The Blaine game was one of the hardest-hitting games of the entire season, said Coach Jack Bradley.

School Districts To Recover Federal Lieu-of-Taxes Money

Concrete school directors approved a motion to join other school districts in the county in an attempt to recover Federal forest funds used by the state over the past five years in the school apportionment formula.

Gorge Dam Bridge Is 3-Award Winner

Gorge Dam bridge may be Washington State's most honored bridge, say Seattle City Light officials in announcing that the access bridge has won three national and one local award.

The bridge, designed by Jim D. King of Harry R. Powell & Associates of Seattle, won honorable mention in the National Consulting Engineers Council Awards, 1968; sixth award of \$1,000 in the 1968 James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Moundry Awards program for progress in the engineering design of arc-welded bridges; and honorable mention, Consulting Engineers Council of Washington Awards Competition, 1968.

The bridge had previously won the Award of Merit of the American Institute of Steel Construction 1968 prize, bridge competition, short span bridge category.

Western Steel Co. of Salt Lake City was the steel fabricator and Lee T. Dulin Construction Co. of Centralia was the contractor.

Organ Concert Here Thursday Evening

The organ concert to be presented tomorrow night, Nov. 21, under the auspices of the Upper Skagit Community Council will be held in the local CCD Center at 8 p.m.

Dewey Kuhn of the Baldwin Piano and Organ Co. will appear in the one-hour concert.

The public is invited without admission charge. A donation will be taken during the performance to defray expenses.

As much as \$13,588.82 might be recovered for the Upper Skagit School District No. 122, explained Superintendent Fred Culbertson at the Nov. 12 board meeting.

Recovery of monies from federal lands was opened to litigation following the higher court ruling that it is illegal for states to take any part of public land funds and use it for general apportionment.

P.L. 874 funds hereafter will go to counties in which parents of school children work for their livelihood over 50 per cent of their total wage-earning hours. The funds will be pro-rated to schools according to school population and is given in lieu of taxes from public lands.

The Concrete school district will automatically receive about \$8,000 in P. L. 874 monies beginning with the 1969-70 school year, in addition to the recovery of Federal forest funds, if the suit is successful.

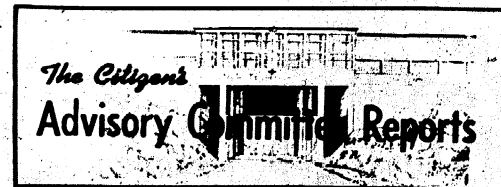
In other action last Tuesday the school board decided not to pay for physical examinations of district bus drivers. The expense of such examinations has always been borne by the applicants.

Also, the board delayed a decision on the request of W. D. Ross for the trade of the school garage building and lot on Main Street for two acres of land adjoining the football field and adjacent to the city airfield. An appraisal of both properties will be made before any decision is made on the exchange.

PIPE PROBLEMS

A report by Supt. Culbertson on the condition of pipes of the school heating system disclosed that the pipes at the gymnasium end of the high school building are in dire need of replacement. During an intensive inspection of the system early this month, leaks were located in pipes laying on the ground under the cement slab in the storage room under the gym bleachers. The

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YOUR SCHOOLS

This year the Superintendent of the Upper Valley School District has organized a citizens advisory committee composed of interested citizens throughout the district from Birdsview to Diablo.

The purpose of this committee is to aid the School Board in making decisions concerning the operation of the schools. The committee is advisory in nature and has no official powers.

This committee has decided to write a series of articles to be published in the Concrete Herald concerning items of general interest and information relative to your schools. In these

articles we hope to explore school financing, both on the State and local level; State curriculum standards and how they affect us; teacher qualifications and salaries; and many other subjects of vital interest. To obtain this information, the committee will be relying on the local school administrators along with county and state sources.

The committee will welcome questions of general interest. Please send the questions you want answered to Mr. Fred Culbertson, Superintendent of Schools, Upper Skagit School District, Concrete, WA.

Submitted by Lay Committee