

## Feathers

from the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

IT WAS REAL nice of Linus "Great Pumpkin" to find the upper valley a sincere pumpkin patch and give us a good day for Thanksgiving. The respite in showers gave us even more to be thankful for. We are not going to be greedy about rain and there are so many places that need it worse than we do. So if it rained someplace where the desert is dry, we are thankful about that, too.

Ours was a pleasant holiday with kids home, good food, callers and relaxation all mixed into four days in which the rush of business took only the time we cared to spend on it. There should be more such holidays in fall and winter when it is not necessary to go to a lot of fuss and worry over having to buy things, battle crowds, watch parades and generally move out of a pleasant orbit around a food-filled table.

A day dedicated to contemplation of your blessings and the crisp, brown topside of a plump roast turkey must be out of line somewhere. It's too good to be legal, too comfortable to be moral.

**EVERYBODY CALLED** her Mrs. Davies. Prim, proper, she somehow didn't appear the type of person whom you would immediately reduce to a Margaret or Maggie. Not that she wasn't friendly and pleasant to all, but there was that about her that commanded more formal courtesy and respect. Something of a time past when elders became elders early and created a generation gap that properly separated the brash from the reserve mode of life.

All of us will long remember Mrs. Davies, some much better than others from their experience of having a helping hand in time of need. Her charities were numerous and always purposely unobtrusive. Usually only the recipient knew the amount or the purpose for which it was given. There are many evidences of her good work remaining with us. And no huge plaques or monuments. That is the way she wanted it.

**PARENTS, DO YOU** know where your children are tonight? If you don't, better do a bit of checking up or it may cause you some inconvenience. Postmaster Police is again considering closing the post office lobby at 5:30 p. m. Kids have been using it as a hang-out, spilling ice cream, leaving pop bottles, detaching G. I. pens and generally messing up the bulletin boards and other material. It is strictly kid-stuff mischief but in this case it could end a very valuable service—and the responsibility could be your very own.

### Steelheading Poor

More fishermen than fish showed up for the opening of the winter steelhead season Sunday.

According to Game Department reports, fishing on the Skagit River was extremely poor. The run of Barnaby fish apparently has not started.

Checks showed that only 17 steelhead were taken from the Skagit on opening day with nearly 250 anglers out to try their luck. Seven steelhead were caught in the Rockport to Concrete section with 137 fishermen counted; one steelhead and 45 anglers were checked in the Concrete to Sedro-Woolley section; and 59 fishermen and 9 steelhead in the lower river section.

### Lyal Dye Stricken Fatally Tuesday Eve



Lyal Dye, long-time resident of Concrete, died suddenly last Tuesday of an apparent heart attack. He was dead on arrival at United General Hospital after he became ill that night. He and his son, Dennis, had made their home here at the Concrete Motel the last year since the death of his wife in September of 1967.

Dye was born at Rockport, Utah, on March 28, 1906. He spent his boyhood years in Utah and Nevada obtaining his first job with the Anaconda Copper Co. at Tooele, Utah, on the tramway when he was 15 years old. He worked during the summer and after school. He worked as a routine chemist at Gerland, Nev., for two years until chemical poison forced him to quit.

He came to Concrete in the mid-1920's to work for Superior Cement Co. for a while as oiler on the kilns but returned to Utah in 1928 to work in a concentrating mill at Tooele for a couple of years.

He returned to Superior in 1930 to work on the tramway and remained with the cement company and its successor, the Lone Star Cement Corp., here until his retirement in 1965.

His marriage to Margie Nickson of Kilgore, Idaho, took place in Mount Vernon in 1944.

Besides his son, who is staying at the L. T. Payne home at present, Dye is survived by his mother, Elsie M. Dye of San Francisco; two sisters, Mrs. Verda Baird, also of San Francisco, and Mrs. W. J. Masier of Sacramento, Calif.; and a brother, Denzil Dye, also of California.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday, Dec. 3, at the Lemley Chapel in Sedro-Woolley, with the Rev. Roy Olson of the Concrete Lutheran Church officiating. Interment was in Sedro-Woolley Union Cemetery.

### Wayne Messner-Helen Hendrix Plan Wedding

Wayne Messner of Newhalem and Helen Hendrix of Sedro-Woolley announced their engagement on Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Hendrix has made her home in the Skagit Valley for many years. Messner, formerly of Sacramento, Calif., moved to the Upper Valley in May and purchased the Al Merritt property in Marblemount. He presently makes his home with his sister and brother-in-law, the James Lockharts, at Newhalem. No wedding date has been set.

### Births

#### ● Jimmie Rene Wahlthner

Mr. and Mrs. James Wahlthner of Astoria, Ore., announce the birth of a baby girl, Jimmie Rene, November 28. The tiny miss weighed in at 3 lbs. and 11 ozs. She joins two sisters and one brother.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown of Rockport, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wahlthner of Everett. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Ellis of Everett.

#### ● Daniel Lee Pasco

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Morgan of Birdview received a telephone call on Sunday morning telling them of the arrival at 1:57 a.m. of a six-pound, five-ounce, boy, Daniel Lee, to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pasco (Dellarae Morgan) of Renton. The young man, who arrived at Group Health Hospital, was 18 1/4 inches long. He is the first child for the Pascos. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Pasco of Renton. The young man also has one great grandmother, his grandma Pasco's mother, who also lives in Renton.

### Legion Auxiliary President To Visit

Members of the local Legion Auxiliary have been invited to Sedro-Woolley to attend the meeting there tonight, Dec. 4, in honor of the official visit of the state president, Mrs. Florence Lemcke of Olympia.

### Junior High Five To Play Here Thursday

The first Concrete Junior High basketball team ever to be fielded will take the floor for its initial contest this Thursday, Dec. 5, against the Blaine squad. Game time is 3 p.m. at the high school gym.

Team members, drawn from seventh, eighth, and ninth grades, have been practicing daily in preparation for their first combat.

Turning out for the newly-organized sport are: Ninth-graders—Ed McNeill, Jim Lafayette, Jeff Thompson, Guy Clements, Vic Bradley, Jim Hooper, Steve Barnhart, Jim Curd, Jerry Ross, and Brad Monrad.

Eighth-graders—Kevin Kelly, Kim Green, Arnie Strand, Ryan Wood, Greg Elavsky, Paul Hicks, Ronnie Dickinson.

Seventh-graders—Scott Bradley, Steve Cook, Leroy Wilson, Donnie Strand, and Scotty Ledford.

Coach Jim Menzies plans a freshman team and a team composed of seventh and eighth graders to allow all of the boys to see some action. Menzies is assisted by Conn Kelly, a member of last year's high school varsity.

#### ● BLOOD BANK VISIT

A blood drawing will be sponsored by the Cascade Juniors next Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Eagles' Hall. Hours will be between 2 and 8 p.m. Anyone who would like to give blood is urged to call Mrs. Larry Hurn, 853-4240.

### Car Wrecked In Holiday Accident

Lonnie Gardner of Concrete escaped serious injury in a one-car accident when the car in which he was a passenger fish-tailed and went off the road on Highway 20, some three miles west of Concrete, on Thanksgiving Day, coming to rest against a guard rail.

Name of the driver of the 1968 model sports car was not released by the Washington State Patrol pending investigation. The car was damaged about \$800.

Lonnie was treated at the United General Hospital for bruises but was released immediately and was able to return to work the next day.

### First Hoop Game At LaConner On Friday

The season's basketball schedule for Concrete High School's varsity squad opens this Friday night, Dec. 6, with a pre-league game at LaConner.

The Junior Varsity will start the evening with a 6:15 p.m. game, also with LaConner Junior Varsity. Game time for varsity teams is at 8 o'clock.

The Lions' varsity squad consists of five seniors, Charlie Messer, Randy Wood, Larry Comstock, forwards; Bill Hoffman and Kim Martin, guards; five juniors, Tim Evans, Dennis Brown, forwards; Bob Holbrook, Craig Kaechele, centers; Mike Kelly, guard; and Scott Culbertson, sophomore, forward. Jack Bradley and Richard Frank are varsity coaches.

Next game will be with Darrington here next Tuesday, Dec. 10. First league game will be on the Concrete home floor with Blaine next week, Dec. 13.

Games will be held Tuesday and Fridays each week until after the first of the year.

### Mrs. Margaret Davies Passes

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Davies, 90, a resident of Concrete for over 60 years, were held last Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Light Chapel in Mount Vernon with the Rev. William Bridge of the local Community Bible Church officiating. Interment was in Hawthorne Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Davies, who had been in good health up until the time of her death, died last Thursday morning at Valley Manor Nursing Home where she had been since June.

She was born Sept. 10, 1878, aboard her father's sailing vessel off the coast of South America. Her father, Capt. David Smith, was engaged in shipping between St. Martins, New Brunswick, and Northeast Pacific ports.

Mrs. Davies was the widow of the late Rev. Harry Davies, pastor of the Concrete Baptist Church from the early 1900s until the time of his death in 1924. Mrs. Davies taught music in Concrete during this time until she joined her brother-in-law, George White, as a partner in the Superior Mercantile Co. She was connected with the business until she and Mr. White retired some 12 years ago and sold the company to the Hoover brothers.

Mrs. Davies was active in work of the Community Bible Church, successor of the Baptist Church here.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Clara Eardley of New Brunswick; a brother, David Smith of Ontario; several nieces and nephews, including Dr. David White of Mount Vernon, and one grand nephew, Steven White, of Mount Vernon.

### PUERTO RICO WEDDING RITES



MR. AND MRS. JACK BUTLER

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Butler, photographed at their wedding ceremony in Ponce, Puerto Rico, in May when Jack was stationed in Puerto Rico with the U. S. Army. Mrs. Butler is the former Miss Edda Rivera, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez Rivera. Jack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Butler of Concrete. The young couple have arrived in the States recently and are making their home in Sedro-Woolley.