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## License Examinations Cut To Once A Month

Officers of the Department of Motor Vehicles will be in Concrete only one day a month to examine applicants for driver licenses, effective July 1. The examinations will be available the fourth Wednesday in June, June 25.

The traveling license examiners will be at the Concrete City Hall the second Wednesday of each month from noon until 5 p.m.

The examinations have been given twice a month but demand does not warrant sending officers to Concrete more than once a month, said department officials.

Examinations may be taken at the Mount Vernon office which is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Diablo Dam Youth Jailed For Foiled Theft

David Lee Johnson, 18, of Diablo was arrested last Saturday night on a charge of attempting to steal a car in Mount Vernon. He was being held in the Mount Vernon city jail with bail set at \$1,500.

Police said that he was apprehended at Clear Lake along with another boy, who now is being held in juvenile detention.

Officers were called to the home of Clyde Willey, 711 La-Venture, Mount Vernon, when Willey was awakened during the night when the suspects apparently broke the wing window of his 1957 pickup with a rock. Police found the ignition switch partially removed for an apparent hot wiring attempt.

## Reception Planned For The Don Clarks Return

An open house reception will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Clark in Marblemount on June 28 to honor their son and new daughter-in-law, Don and Sherri Clark. Reception hours are from 2 to 6 p.m. The Clarks request no gifts. In case of bad weather the affair will be held in the Marblemount Community Hall.

Don has just received his discharge from the service after two years of duty.

## Axtell - Shelver Engagement Told

Marilyn Axtell, sister of Mrs. Shirley Olson who is formerly of Concrete, and Paul Shelver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norton Shelver of Concrete, announced their engagement to family and friends on May 30.

Marilyn is an interviewer with the Washington State Employment Service in Tacoma, and Paul is completing his studies in Business Administration at Seattle Pacific College and working for KIRO Television. The couple plan to have a late summer wedding in Concrete.

## GIRLS SOFTBALL TURNOUTS START

First girls' softball turnout of the season was held this Monday with practices scheduled for Monday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the grade school. Concrete girls' team will be entered in the Skagit Valley Women's Softball League with league play to start around the first of July.



**SUNNY YELLOW**—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Walston on South Reitz Street is now being added to the list of those being painted in the Concrete "We Mean It, Clean It" campaign. The former Fred Bianchini place, the house is being completely remodeled inside as part of their project.

## Tommy Thompson, Veteran Skagit Ranger, Dies At 85

Thomas Thompson, 85, known only as "Tommy," to his many friends in the Skagit valley, died last Friday, June 6, in the Othello hospital after a few days' illness.

Tommy Thompson was one of the five children of the pioneer Henry Thompson family who settled in the Birdview district in 1891. The family originally was from Maules Mavurn, England, where Thompson was born.

He spent nearly 40 years with the Forest Service, being one of the first to be employed by the Service. He entered the Service on June 6, 1904, spending the first month at Baker Lake and the rest of that summer at New-halem.

Thompson was one of the very few who never was required to take a civil service examination for his Forest Service position. He entered the service as a boy when the Forests were handled by the Department of Interior and more or less "inherited" his position.

His stations in 1905 and 1906 were at Newhalem and Ruby Creek and at a camp at Hidden Hand Creek. In 1907 he was transferred to the Suille-Finney District and until 1914 his head-

## Forest Service Working On Ilabot Creek Road

The Baker River District reports the Forest Service is working this week on the Ilabot Creek Road. The slide at Blue Bell Creek was to have been removed by last weekend.

Trail maintenance is starting on the lower elevation trails. All campgrounds are open. Those in the Baker Lake area were full during the Memorial Day weekend and last weekend. Fishing has been slow in Baker Lake for the past few weeks.

Since the weather has been generally fair the gravel roads are dusty. Drive safely—use lights in the dust to let the other driver see you, say Forest Service officials.

## SEATTLE EXHIBIT—

## Concrete Display Open Tomorrow At Festival

Final arrangements are being made today for Concrete's display in the annual Washington Community Festival which opens tomorrow, Thursday, in Seattle Center.

Those visiting the Festival during its four-day run, June 12 through 15, will find the Concrete exhibit at booth 49 in the Food Circus building in the same location formerly occupied by the Skagit county display. Concrete is the only county town to have a part in the Festival this year and will occupy the entire booth.

The display will feature the surrounding scenic area with the backdrop to contain a map of the region illustrated by photographs of main points of interest. The dams of Puget Power and Seattle City Light will be highlighted. Both companies are providing photographs and other material. Puget Power's model of the lower Baker Dam will be centered in the exhibit.

The new edition of the popular Sleeping Bag Country folder, now coming off the press, will be handed out together with material furnished by City Light on their Skagit tours. Four tour tickets will be given as prizes by the Concrete booth sponsors.

Hours of the Festival are from noon until 9 p.m. each day from Thursday through Sunday. Anyone interested in manning the local booth during one of the shifts, two each day, is asked to call Mrs. Ken Coonc, chairman of arrangements.

Sponsors of the booth are the Upper Skagit Chamber of Commerce, Cascade Juniors, and Lions Club.

## BRUCE MCPHADENS TRANSFERRED TO OHIO

The Bruce McPhadens, former Concrete residents who have been in Sao Paulo, Brazil, for over three years with the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp., are on their way back to this country. Their new headquarters will be Newark, Ohio, where McPhaden has been assigned as division manager of rod, bar and wire for the corporation. They expect to visit Concrete sometime in July.

## Cascade Junior Women's Club Park Now Taking Shape At End Of Bridge



Work began in earnest this week on the new park being prepared by the Cascade Junior Women's Club to adjoin and complement the present upper Skagit Garden Club Park on Thompson Street, north of the City Hall. The land has been leased from the Lane Star Corporation. Landscaping ideas have been gleaned from the State Highway Department, and the Skagit County Agent's office. Top soil, hauled by a team of four donated dump trucks all day Saturday, put the ground in shape for leveling and the planned landscaping.