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# **Clarence Straight Dies** Suddenly In Sitka

Clarence A. Straight, 52, of Sedro-Woolley and brother of Mrs. Jim Wyatt of Birdsview, died Sunday, July 6, in Sitka, Alaska, of a heart attack.

Mr. Straight was born March 24, 1917, at Hamilton and had lived all of his life in Skagit county. He was self-employed in the logging industry.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, and one daughter, Nancy Willoughby, both of Sedro-Wooiley: a son, Stephen, serving with the Army in Viet Nam; two grandchildren; two sisters. Mrs. Wvatt and Mrs. Roy Smith of Roseburg, Ore., and his stepmother, Mrs. Tilly Straight of Hamilton.

Lemley Mortuary was in charge of funeral arrangements.

# Sauk Mountain Will Be **Natural Science Field**

Sauk Mountain area will be developed as an education zone to visually demonstrate to school-children terrain and vegetation in every life zone of northern

The State Parks Department, Department of Natural Resources, and U.S. Forest Service will join in development of the area with the cooperation of county schools.

The area from the Skagit River near Rockport to the top of Sauk Mountain, which rises from 200 feet to 5,537 feet above sea level will comprise one of the largest education sites in the United States and will be used in study of natural sciences by students in nearby counties for field trips.

#### Rockport Men Fined For Cutting Cedar

Samuel Johnson and Woodrow Samuel Johnson and Woodrow Johnson of Rockport were each fined \$300 and 30 days in jail with \$200 of the fine and the 30 days suspended, for trespassing and cutting cedar on government lands by William A. Blunt, Third District judge at the meeting of the municipal court on July 9. The Johnsons also were fined \$69.50 each to be paid to the U.S. Forest Service. for damages to the

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Joyce D. Stuit, 31, of Ferndale was fined \$15 for speeding.

## **Merchantettes Drop** First Three Games

Concrete girls' softball team dropped its Monday night game on the home field to the strong Mo-Derne team from Mount Ver-non, 12-4.

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Local girls have chosen the name "Merchantettes" to identify the team with their sponsors. All of the local business houses supported the team by contributing

ported the team by contributing to the purchase of the girls' jerseys—bright fuschia color. Each carries the name of a Concrete business on the back.

The Merchantettes will meet Sedro-Woolley Bowling Center team here on the home field at the grade school tomorrow evening, Thursday, at 7 p.m.

The Merchantettes lost their two opening games of the season to the Bowling Center and Anacortes Anchor Inn. Last Thursday's game with Midway Hancock of Burlington was rained out and will be rescheduled.



Roy Pyatte, working with contractor Andy Thomps finishing touch on the big job of repainting the bank is now a pleasant gray—top to bottom, back and sides.

#### **New Pastor Appointed** For St. Catherine's

Father Alfred J. Mathenski-has been appointed pastor of the Im-maculate Heart of Mary Catholic maculate Heart of Mary Catholic Parish, which includes St. Catherine's mission at Concrete. He succeeds Father Leonard J. Rafalowski who has assumed pastoral duties at Raymond.

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post at Sedro-Woolley after seven years as pastor of the Winslow parish on Bainbridge Island.

He was born in Chicago and attended seminaries in California, He was ordained in 1939 and has served at churches in Seattle, Everett, and Hoquiam.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS FORM SOCIAL GROUP HERE

Senior citizens in the Upper Skagit Valley will meet on Tuesday, July 29, at 1 p.m. in the I.O. O.F. Hall at Concrete to form a social group. All interested men and women are urged to attend. There will be no dues and meet-ings will be for social activities

# Glen B. Vail Services Today

Funeral services will be held today, Wednesday, at 1:30 p.m. for Glen Burton Vall of Marble-mount who died Sunday, July 3, at his home following an extend-cid illusers.

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Services will be held at the Lemley Chapel in Sedro-Woolley with Dr. A. A. Vall-Spinosa, vi-car of the Episcopal Church, of-ficiating, followed by cremation. Mr. Vail had lived in the upper valley since 1935 and at Marble-mount since 1942, working as a shipple, weaver until his retire.

mount since 1992, working as a shingle weaver until his retire-ment in 1967 because of ill health. He was born in Sumas, Wash., on March 6, 1903, and was mar-ried to Sadie House at Sumas in

He is survived by his wife, Sadie; three sons, Harold of Bellingham, Roger at home, and Law-rence of Forks; three brothers, Lyle of Lynden, Lewis of Sumas, and Dean of Vancouver, Wash.; and five grandchildren.

## Ray-Johnson Named To New Intermediate Dist. School Board

Ray Johnson of Rockport will represent the Upper Skasit School District 102 on the school board of the newly-formed Intermediate District 108 which includes Ska-San Juan, Whatcom counties the northern half of Island county

Fred Chesterly, Whatcom coun-y school superintendent, has een appointed superintendent of the intermediate district, and Bellingham will be the temporary

headquarters for the district.

District 108 is one of the 17 new intermediate school districts created by the state as of July 1 in a realignment of the state's 39 county superintendent posts

Present county superintendents will remain on the intermediate district payrolls until their current terms expire. The term of Lanche Crow, Skagit county sup-erintendent, expires at the end of

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The new District 108 board was chosen from membership of boards of education in the four counties now under the Jurisdiction of the new district.

Besides Johnson, other members are William Clark, Bill Moore of Mount Vernon; Helen Baker, Coupeville, Island county superintendent; Ed Admson, Oak Harbor; Carl White, Friday Har-(Continued on page 4) (Continued on page 4)

#### **Action Committee**

Concrete's Community Ac Committee will tonight, Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall to follow up on progress of local business houses on their re-novation plans. Unfinished projects will be discussed and plans made for completion of clean-up and paint-up activi-ties along Main St. The meet-ing is open to all interested persons with suggestions for betterment of the town.



The Concrete Merchantettes squared off Monday night on the local field with the Mo Dernes. Out-of-town gals proved too much at the plate and smacked out 12 runs to Co