

## Feathers from the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

THIS WEEK in honor of the Pioneer's Picnic we have printed several old pictures, hitherto unpublished. The urge to consider anything old as interesting stays with all of us, and the good old days are often those which we never had the pleasure of experiencing.

As an up-coming president of the Pioneer Association, the editor still doesn't feel old or interesting. But as the present officer is an old school friend who was a year behind us in school, the honor must be one that is now being handed to us young bucks. In our case it is a matter of family tradition. My first Pioneer Picnics were spent talling by Granddad around, being one of the original organizers. He wore a long white beard that was his distinguishing feature. In later years, when the barber kiddingly said that no one would know him without it, he said, "Take it off" and showed up at the picnic clean-shaven. The best time he had in years—was there most of a day and nobody knew who he was.

Later Dad and Mother became the pioneers of the family, both serving as officers, Dad as president.

Just sorry I didn't think of raising a beard for this year's event. Granddad would have been proud of me.

CONCRETE is lucky not to be caught in the present post office cutbacks. Postmaster Ed Pulice says that under the rules the window should have been closed on Saturday mornings for many years, but as someone has to be there to put out the morning incoming mail and also be there to sack the outgoing noon mail the window has been kept open. He plans to continue until such time as the schedule changes. Above and beyond the call of duty. Appreciate it!

DAN PARKER is the new acting Town Marshal, filling in for a time while the council casts about for a steady man. He replaces Al Hunter, who decided that the job is not his cup of tea. Applications for the job have been received and are now being checked out.

DON'T FEEL too sorry for the single men. One such was listening to a couple of married men talking about their trouble, and by way of getting into the conversation volunteered, "I had a wife once." Noting the surprised looks, he qualified, "But that was just until her husband came and got her."

### Mrs. Nell Miller Now Home From Hospital

Mrs. Andy Miller, who was critically injured in an automobile accident the first part of June, was able to return home a week ago Friday, July 19. Although she is still on crutches, she is gaining her strength steadily and is able to be up and around part of the day.

### Cape Horn Investors Hold Annual Picnic

Around 250 lot owners in the Cape Horn development, on the Skagit River south of Concrete, attended the annual stockholders meeting in the Cape Horn community park last Saturday. Virg Walston, president of the Cape Horn Maintenance Co., conducted the business meeting. Among items on the agenda was discussion of a clubhouse to be built in the community area adjacent to the river.



## Urges Highway On Interstate

Senator Lowell Peterson has announced there is strong support in Northeastern Washington for the addition of the North Cross State Highway to the federal interstate system.

"This subject was developed at a hearing last week at Ione, Washington, on the addition of a route from Tiger to Metaline Falls, in the Northeastern section of the state, to the state highway system," Peterson said.

As chairman of the extensions subcommittee of the Legislative Joint Committee on Highways, the Skagit County legislator said he would bring the federal designation for the North-Cross State Highway to the attention of the members of the Congressional delegation.

An interstate designation would aid in construction of the highway through Idaho and into Montana, states which have not to date been able to allocate their own funds to improving the northerly route.

"If the Congress approves the additional 3,000 miles to the interstate system, it would appear the northerly route across the Northwestern states would be a logical addition," he stated.

The Skagit County legislator said Pend Oreille County officials are enthused about the contribution the North-Cross State Highway in their area can make to the tourism and timber industries, and as an attraction to Canadian travelers coming in to the area from the north.

### State Must Initiate

In a reply from Senator Magnuson last week end it was reported that his Conference Committee has just published a report on the highway bill and that they had agreed to add 1,500 miles of "critical" mileage to the interstate system. The state highway commission must decide, however, if the North-Cross State Highway has needed priority to be included. This action is now under consideration.

## Many Upper Valley Citizens Listed In 1968 Memorial List Of Skagit County Old Timers

Members attending the 64th annual meeting of the Skagit County Pioneer Association tomorrow, Aug. 1, at LaConner will pay tribute to the memory of 25 departed members who have died during the last year.

The list, prepared by Historian John Conrad, consists of 251 names of old-timers and long-time residents, many of whom were descendants of early settlers.

The two oldest deceased members were Mrs. Rachel Hatton, 98, Mt. Vernon, and Paul E. Belcoe, also 98, of Bellingham, a former resident. Next in age were Jules Fredlund, 95, Mt. Vernon; Mrs. Edna Morrison, 94, of Snee-Oosh, and Mrs. Emily Sprague, 94, Burlington.

Twenty-eight had attained the age of 90, while a total of 90 were in the 80 to 90 age group. Holding longest residence in the county was Thomas W. McLeod of Swinomish Reservation who was born at Hamilton 93 years ago and moved to Swino-

## Nancy Olson Weds Portland Resident

Word has been received of the wedding of Miss Nancy Ann Thompson, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Morris A. Thompson, formerly of Concrete, and Stephen C. Seitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Seitz, San Francisco, on July 20 in Portland, Ore.

The bride's father, who was pastor of the Concrete Lutheran Church from 1954-58, performed the ceremony.

The bride graduated from the Concrete High School in 1956 and was graduated from the Pacific Lutheran University School of Nursing. She is head nurse of the teenage ward at the Emanuel Hospital in Portland.

Mr. Seitz attended Portland State College and is now connected with the Portland office of Moore Business Forms, Inc. The young couple will make their home at Lake Oswego, a Portland suburb.

## Girls Team Winners In Last Three Games

Concrete's women's softball team pulled out of its slump to take three games this last week by large margins. It now stands two and two in the second half of the Skagit Valley League.

Last Thursday night the Concrete Dusters traveled to Clear Lake to down the Skagit Lakers by an overwhelming 23 to 7 score. The local gals plowed under Anacortes Angels by an equally one-sided 21 to 7 tally in a non-league game on the Concrete home field Sunday during the Eagles' celebration: Lois Coone, pitcher, connected for two home runs.

In a league game Monday night, also on the Concrete field, the Dusters "dusted off" the Burlington Bunnies 13 to 10, with five of the Bunnies' runs tallied in the last inning.

Next Monday's game will be with the Skagit Lakers at Sedro-Woolley and the last game of the season will be here next Thursday against the Mooseettes.

## Large Crowd Here For Eagles Anniversary

They came from Vancouver—they came from Victoria, and Burnaby, and Abbotsford, and Ontario, B.C. They came from Stanwood, and Anacortes, and Renton and Blaine, Everett, Auburn, Ballard. They came from all over and everywhere to help the Concrete Eagles celebrate their 62 years of existence.

Hundreds of Eagles members and hundreds of others jammed the town during the three-day celebration this last weekend with overflow crowds at dances on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon. The farthest state represented was Illinois with one Midwestern couple, Eagles members, driving to Concrete especially for the occasion after learning of it in Victoria.

Concrete Eagles proved the huskier team by winning two out of their three tug of war battles against Anacortes and Stanwood Eagles on Saturday.

Winners of the children's field day events Saturday afternoon were: Sack race, ages 7-10, Mike Hawkings; sack race, ages 11-14, Jerry Ross; wheelbarrow race, 7-10, Raymie Drake and Jerry Coffell; wheelbarrow race, 11-14, Jerry Ross and Ed McNeil; three-legged race, ages 7-10, J. Brown and L. Coffell, three-legged race, 11-14, Dick Ross (Continued on page 2)

## Skagit County Fair Opens Next Week

Skagit County Fair will open its doors to the public next week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8, 9, and 10, in Mount Vernon with grandstand shows afternoon and evening of each day.

Fair events are from 9 a. m. daily until 7 in the evening with grandstand shows at 2 and 8 p. m. and the carnival running continuously.

4-H demonstrations and horsemanship, dairy, sheep and swine judging will be held throughout the three days together with other 4-H and FAA activities and shows. Queen coronation will be Thursday evening and grand parade at 11 a. m. Saturday and 4-H and FAA grandstand parade the same day at 2:00.

## Safe Robbed At Camardellas

Camardella's Grocery was robbed of \$3,500 in cash last Saturday night during the Eagles celebration which filled the town with an unusual crowd of local people and visitors.

Ray Camardella, owner of the local grocery and nearby restaurant, said that the theft was discovered about 11 p. m. when he started to check the receipts to close out the day's business.

Entry was apparently made through the back door of the store from the alley. The money, all in small bills, was taken from a cash box in the store's safe, which was closed but not locked at the time. Camardella's billfold, containing a considerable amount of cash, and a stack of Canadian bills and checks in the safe were not taken.

The county sheriff's office is investigating the case.

## New Pastor Coming For Community Bible

Pastor William Bridge Jr. has accepted a call to the Concrete Community Bible Church and will begin his ministry here on Sunday, Aug. 11.

He comes to Concrete from the First Baptist Church of Twisp where he had served since December, 1965.

Mr. Bridge attended Seattle Pacific College, the University of Washington and Prairie Bible Institute, from which he graduated in 1964. Mrs. Bridge, the former Bertha Gates, also attended P.B.I. Both have spent several summers as counselors at Lake Sammamish Bible Camp.

Recalling his first trip to Concrete a few years ago, Pastor Bridge says he was impressed by the beauty of this area and said he wished he might live here some day.

However, he added, "We are coming to Concrete, not because of the beautiful scenery, but because we feel that this ministry is God's will for us at this time."

The Bridges have five children, Steven Mark; twins, Lori Sue and Lisa Joy; Timothy Allen, and Rebecca Diane.

## Girl's Softball Team Trims Burlington Bunnies



CONCRETE DUSTERS, women's softball team, snapped before their game with Burlington Bunnies last night are, left to right, back row: Barbara Kales, Delma Nelles, first base; Lois Coone, pitcher; Donna Howell, right field; Joanne Jones, outfield; Donna Macomber, catcher; (front row) Barbara Rattison, left field; Kathleen Hurry; Aloise Clear, shortstop; Lois Harris, second base. Pat Rickner, third base, was not present.

## Class Of 1958 Next For C. H. S. Reunion

Concrete High School's Class of 1958 will hold its 10th anniversary reunion this weekend. A dinner will be held Saturday evening in the Catholic Center and a picnic and swim party the next day on the high school grounds. Most of the 33 of that graduating class are expected to attend.