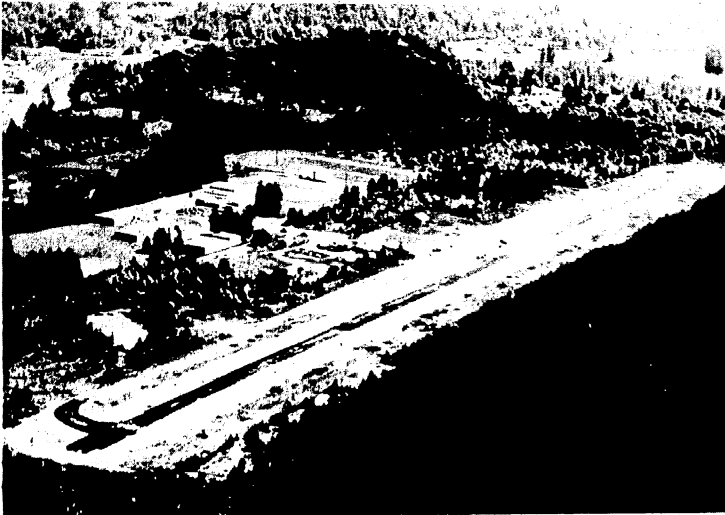


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## Airstrip Completed, Puget Power Plans Recreation Projects Here



From 1,000 feet up, looking east, this aerial view looking east shows the newly-completed hard surface airstrip at the Concrete Municipal Airport. In the background is a bend in the Skagit River. To the left in Concrete High School. The strip is now cleared with the CAA and open for public use.

Construction and paving of the new 2,700-foot airstrip at the Concrete Municipal Airport has been completed and the facility is open for public use, according to officials of the Puget Sound Power & Light Company.

Puget Power, in partnership with the Lone Star Cement Company, completed application of a hard surfacing on the old airstrip and aircraft parking area last week. A seven-day period of hardening was required before the strip could be used. Some 600 feet of ground area at both ends of the old grass airstrip was cleared and graded to bring the strip up to 2,700 feet.

Puget Power will use the surfaced airstrip to provide better access to its two hydroelectric projects on the Baker River and to assist in the recreational development of the Concrete and Baker Basin area.

The utility has completed some public recreational facilities in the area and expects to add more with some projects scheduled for completion during the summer.

The Visitors' Information Center and Administration Building which has been built adjacent to the fish diversion dam on the Baker River will be open to the public early in June. The Center will feature a topographic map of the entire Baker Basin and a cross-section model of the Company's Lower Baker River hydroelectric project.

Work is continuing on clearing the loose and floating debris on the northern portion of Lake Shannon. Aim of the clean-up is to open the lake for improved boating and fishing at the earliest possible time.

At the Upper Baker River hydro project site, the company is proceeding with plans for a public viewpoint on Glover Mountain. (Continued on page three)

### Concrete Will Display At Seattle Festival

Concrete will enter a booth of its own in the annual Washington Community Festival set for next week, June 12 through 15, in Seattle Center, and will have its own entry in the Queen contest.

Arrangements for the booth, publicizing Concrete and the surrounding area, are spearheaded by the Cascade Juniors. Other civic organizations, including the Upper Skagit Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Upper Skagit Garden Club, and probably others yet to be contacted, are cooperating in the financing and manning of the booth.

Jo Pyatte, Homecoming Queen for Concrete High School, will be the local entry in the Festival's Queen contest on Friday. Also, Margaret Stadlman, mayor of Concrete, will represent the town at the traditional Mayor's Day activities on Saturday.

The annual Festival acts as a showcase for Washington communities with displays in the Food Circus Building at the Center.

More than 70,000 spectators are expected to visit the exhibits during the four days of the Festival. Open hours are from noon until 9 p.m. each day.

### Ordination Approved

Pastors from ten churches in the Puget Sound Area, along with the same number of delegates, met May 16 at the Community Bible Church to examine William Bridge for the ministry. Most of the afternoon was occupied with the Council examining the candidate as to his call to the ministry and hearing his doctrinal statements.

Members of the local Community Bible Church shared in the afternoon's activities and prepared supper for those in attendance. At the 7 o'clock service the Council went on record as having unanimously recommended that the church proceed with the ordination of William Bridge to the ministry.

### Graduation Exercises Thursday Evening For C. H. S. Seniors

Commencement exercises, graduating 38 seniors of Concrete High School, will be held tomorrow evening, June 5, in the high school gymnasium at 8 p.m.

Kay Mills, as valedictorian, will speak on the "Quality of Education." Jo Pyatte, class speaker, has chosen "School Spirit" as her topic. Pamela Green, faculty selected speaker, will talk on "Community Support," and Kathy Nims, salutatorian, will speak on "The Role of School in Society."

Principal M. B. Elavsky will present awards and Harry Martin, chairman of the Concrete school board, will present diplomas.

The Rev. William Bridge will give the invocation and Father Rafalowski, the benediction. The high school band will play several numbers.

### Seattle Girls Caught In Attempted Car Theft

Two underage girls were picked up last week by Marshal Bill Hiatt during the attempted theft of the car belonging to Mrs. Lucille Payne. They were handed over to the juvenile detention authorities at Mount Vernon.

Investigation revealed that the two girls, one 14 and the other 15, both of Seattle, had stolen a car from the Seattle area, driven up into this area and stalled it on the Mt. Sauk road. They hitchhiked back to town the same evening, May 26, and were apparently attempting to get transportation for further traveling when they were apprehended.

### RICHARD ALBERTS HAS CAR ACCIDENT

Richard Alberts, 18, of Concrete was lucky to escape serious injury, although his 1967 Ford hardtop was totaled when he tried to miss hitting a deer on the edge of the highway three miles east of Rockport, last Thursday. His car went into a slide, rolling over, when he applied his brakes to slow for the deer.

### Two Tourists Arrested For Excessive Speed

Two out-of-town tourists were arrested during the weekend for speeding through the main business district. Lee Finney of Kamia, Idaho, was charged with reckless driving when he was clocked at 75 miles an hour on Main street, a 25 mph zone, last Friday. He also failed to stop for traffic at a stop sign.

Mary Spring of Beaverton, Ore., was given a ticket on May 28 for driving 45 mph in a 25 mph zone.

### Three Top Managerial Posts Filled At Hospital



NEW TEAM—A. D. Cobbin, United General Hospital Administrator (seated), outlines expansion plans for new departmental heads (from left) J. Lawrence Bacus, chief engineer; Mel Halgren, controller; and Mrs. Marjorie Waltner, director of nursing.

Three top managerial appointments for the United General Hospital at Sedro-Woolley are announced this week by the board of directors to round out the administrative staff of the expanding institution.

Preparations are under way for construction of a new wing which will double the hospital's capacity. Ground will be broken this July for the new addition to add 50 more beds, making United General a 110-bed facility.

Mrs. Marjorie Waltner has accepted the position as director of nursing, effective June 23. She succeeds Mrs. Dorothy Matlock who has resigned because of ill health.

Mel Halgren, former Skagit County commissioner and widely known in the area, has been named hospital controller and is now filling the newly-created position.

J. Lawrence Bacus, formerly of Pendleton, Ore., is the new chief engineer of United General. He also will serve as Clerk of Works during construction of the new addition, acting as liaison between the architect and the contractor to assure the hospital or (Continued on page three)

Others  
The Over-time Editor

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camping idea it was not  
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moved in, wet or dry.  
was, of course, a bright  
three days and all the  
space in forest camps  
road camping spots were  
from Friday noon on.

is what we used to think  
be very nice, but in view  
predictions that such traffic  
increase rapidly in the next  
years we worry a bit about  
the local people are going  
in. Already restrictions on  
in camping areas have cut  
enjoyment of "our" country  
minimum and there are some  
would even retrieve summer  
property for public use. A  
letting the camel get  
in the tent. Over the hills  
next valley, men, the place  
crowded to lie down.

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of the Concrete Clinic, holds  
the arm and releases a bird—  
immediately flies away.  
Business men looking up  
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to his wagging tail. He was  
going correctly. Small town,  
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PARTNER for many years  
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column "This And That" and  
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Herald on her own until the  
returned. During all this  
maintained the appearance of  
high school girl, full of life and  
city and, we hope, is so re-  
spected by most who knew her.  
stress and pain, and the con-  
search for relief changed her  
course of her life and sent her  
going that dark path of hospital  
rooms, clinics and specialists. The  
surgery was long and unreward-  
and ended only when the  
head and body could no longer  
sustain the torturous decline. A  
rest seemed kindly.

The Herald owes a great deal  
to this gallant lady. The files of  
25 years will so bear record.

### Births

GREGORY JAMES WILSON  
Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson are  
the parents of an 8 lb. baby boy,  
born Tuesday, May 27th, at the  
United General Hospital. Grand-  
parents are Mr. and Mrs. Phillip  
Wilson of Rockport and Kay Staf-  
ford of Concrete.

KATHLEEN RUTH OXFORD  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Oxford of  
the Owens Apartments, Concrete,  
are announcing the birth of their  
first child, a daughter, Kathleen  
Ruth, May 29 at the United Gen-  
eral Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs.,  
10 oz., and was 20 inches long at  
birth. Grandparents are Mr. and  
Mrs. Z. R. Faden of Port Angeles.