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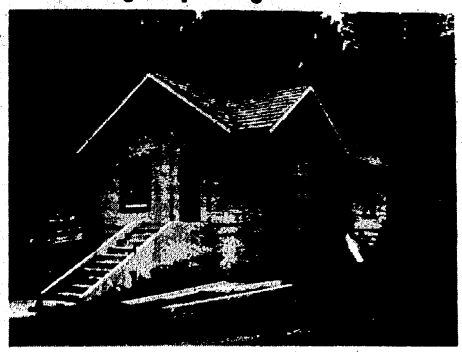

Dick Riehl home On The Corner of Rietze & Duffy Gets Full Treatment

Eight From Concrete Leave Next Week For European Trip

Eight young people from this area will leave next week on a month's study tour of Europe which will take them to the main cities in Spain, Italy, France, and England before their return home in August.

Richard Frank is chaperoning a group of 10, including two from Arlington, on the tour which is arranged by International Cultural Exchange Schools, Inc., of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Going from Concrete are Vicky Whitt, Linda Evans, Robin and Robert Wright, Myrna Strand; Abb Benton of Rockport; Neva Drake and Keith Yeager of Newhalem. Arlington students joining the local group are Beth Burgoyne and Mavy Pardo.

They enplane from Seattle July 5 and leave New York the next day for their first stop in Madrid. While in Spain they also will visit the Valle de los Caidos, memorial to dead of the Spanish Civil War, and Toledo.

Their itinerary will take them next to Rome, Pompeii, Naples, Florence and Venice in Italy; to Paris for five days; and then to London by ferry boat across the English Channel.

They will stay on college campuses in each city and have lecture and orientation periods before their guided tours of the highlights of each area.

On their return they hope to spend two or three days sightseeing in New York and Washington, D. C., before coming home. Their arrival date back in this country is scheduled for Aug. 9.

Well Known Servicemen Assigned To Viet Nam

U.S. Air Force Sergeant Patrick N. Smith, son of Mrs. Ellen McKain of Route 1, Concrete, is on duty at Cam Ranh Bay AB, Viet Nam.

Sergeant Smith, an air freight specialist, is assigned to a unit of the Pacific Air Forces. Before his arrival in Viet Nam, he served at Dover AFB, Del.

He is a 1966 graduate of Concrete High School. His father, Norman V. Smith, resides in Arcata, Calif.

SEEBEE TO DA NANG

CA Daniel Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Johnson, is now with the Seabees in Viet Nam, based near Da Nang. He had been stationed at Pt. Hueneme, Calif.

Mike Pulice, Tim Evans Win Jobs At Boys' State

Mike Pulice and Tim Evans, representatives to this year's Boys State from Concrete High School, sepnt last week attending the event on Gonzaga University campus, Spokane.

Mike was elected to the "legislature" as state representative while Tim served on the legislative credentials committee.

Ross Lake Opened For Fishing Last Sunday

Ross Lake was opened for fishing last Sunday, June 22, drawing hundreds of fishermen eager for a try at an untouched fishing spot. Anglers came in from the south end by way of Seattle City Light facilities and the north end from Canada.

Diablo and Gorge Lakes have been open since April 20. Fishing at all three lakes ends October 31.

Lightning Sets Forest Fire In Swift Creek Area At Baker Lake

A fire which raged over 70 acres in the Mount Baker National Forest in the precipitous Swift Creek and Shuksan Creek area for ten days was under control by the time the weather changed and drizzles began last Friday.

"We certainly welcomed those drizzles," said District Ranger Bill Knechtel of the Baker River District, in describing the difficulties of controlling the fire set by lightning weekend before last.

A fire-fighting crew of some 75 men fought for days to hold the line on the fire over the steep cliffs. They would have it almost confined when it would seem to practically explode again in the heat of the afternoons.

The fire was spotted by a helicopter pilot about 2 p.m. on Monday, June 16. Within an hour it was rolling up the steep slopes into the cliffs and by 5 o'clock that same evening had covered 20 acres.

The fire covered the bluffs from the 1,300-ft. to 2-700-ft. level, Knechtel said, making it extremely difficult for the men who were fighting it. Burning trees were falling from the top to the bottom into Swift Creek and a false step would have sent a man tumbling the 1,000-ft drop.

Fire fighters held the fire with a hand line laid down along the top side while helicopters fought it from the lower end.

Scott Paper Co. provided heavy equipment, including a cat to plow the line, a low boy, and a pumper. Twenty-five men from Baker River District were on the fire; 20 from Darrington, 10 from Monte Cristo, and about 20 from North Bend and Skykomish districts of the Snoqualmie National Forest.

SNAGS STILL BURN

Snags were still burning the first of this week, Knechtel said, but with the fog and damp weather, they were not expected to spread fire. However, the whole area will be kept under observation to see that the fire does not break out again.

Another lightning fire in the Johannesburg area of the Cascades was controlled a week ago Sunday by two smoke jumpers.

John Whitt's Nephew Killed In Accident

Dickie Lee Whitt, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Whitt of Palmer, Alaska, and nephew of John Whitt of Concrete, was killed instantly last week when he was hit by a tree while working on his uncle's H & W Logging Co. crew in the woods above Skykomish.

The accident occurred last Tuesday morning.

The youth was spending the summer months here working for H & W Logging and living with the John Whitts.

His body was flown to Palmer last Wednesday for burial.

Award Diablo Contract To Tacoma Company

A contract for reroofing of the Diablo powerhouse, Gorge communication and control building. and garages at Diablo has been awarded by the Board of Public Works to F. E. Yost Company, Inc., of Tacoma. Their low bid was $26,094 before sales tax. All work is scheduled for completion by October 4.

Kenny's Corner Named Most Improved Site In Beautification Competition

Kenny's Automotive won top honors in the local contest of the "Business for Beauty" competition sponsored here by the Cascade Juniors. The nation-wide campaign is co-sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Cities Service Oil Company.

Winners from individual cities are eligible for the state conetst and the cash awards offered for greatest improvement in appearance.

Judges Howard and Frances Miller and Bob Wilcox, all of Sedro-Woolley, selected Kenny's Automotive and Shell Station for the renovation work accomplished during the last few months.

The building has received a complete jaint job. Two new modern gas pumps have been installed. Old cars and debris were removed from in back of the building and the ground plowed and seeded.

A retaining wall was built on the corner of the shop section and a shake cover constructed for waste oil barrels.

A low fence was built along the Main St. sidewalk and painted brown to complement the building. Cement was poured in front of the station and four planter boxes set at curbside.

Honorable mentions went to the building on Main St., formerly known as the Stadlman building, now owned by the Virgil Walstons, and the Mt. Baker Hotel. The Walston store front has been transformed with new paint, shake overhang roof, and white trim. The hotel has been completely painted and the adjoining lots cleared and cleaned.

Others From the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

I HAD much of a head for mathematical kind. It occurred that if you could count your money, somebody be sure to tell you how of it you owed. In a newspaper work is counted in inches (1M) instead of the board feet, we seldom run anything complicated. Just few zeros and that is that.

However, this last week the zeros began to pile up on us. The job of 10M programs for the Lions started out just fnie. Then, 4 pages at a time woud eight runs of 10M each. 80 printed times through the press. Everyone said no. Would only two pages at a time. This gives the run 160,000 impressions plus an extra color run. 170,000. Then we added the fact that the final sheets had to be put into 10,000 books, which had to be stapled with 20,000 staples. About that time we ran out of figures. All we know is that upon completion of the press run we could close our eyes and see the sheets flashing by—click, click, click.

Does a person think a bit on the side of larceny. Suppose we were printing our own $20 bills. South America, Europe, the best hotels, fine food, big cars, big mansions . . .

Then as an alternative, the no-cost free food and organized relief from the government provides for those who prefer to manufacture their own greenbacks. Strange, the human urge to better an honest man. Plain printing, anyone?

Word came Tuesday of the death of Tracy Lee, who used to be one of the lively characters in the town during his employment at the Puget Power project some years ago. He died in Bellingham Sunday after a long illness. Tracy was a member of the Concrete Lions Club during his stay in Concrete. He is survived by his wife in Georgia, a daughter and two sons.

Hamilton Robbery Is Cracked By Sheriffs

A big haul of merchandise and liquor from the Hamilton Drug Store, owned by George Nims of Sedro-Woolley, was made last Thursday night by a group of Hamilton men and boys—only to be caught with the evidence after one of their number came to the store to buy liquor to go with the liquor.

Entry was made by prying off a door in back of the building by one of the boys, who entered the back door. Inner entry was by taking a door off hinges. Items stolen included cameras and film, tobacco, pipes, candy and a sizeable supply of bottled liquor from the liquor agency.

Showed off Saturday when one of the boys under suspicion came in to buy mixer, Deputy Al Rice was called to check him. Among the evidence in the car the next step was a search warrant for the suspected house. An early morning raid uncovered $2,000 worth of loot.

Arrested in the case were Richard C. Hamerski, 18 and Vern A. Orcutt, 18, both of Hamilton; and four juveniles. They are being held pending formal charges.