

# The Concrete Herald

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## Baker Lake Fire Burns Off 385 Acres

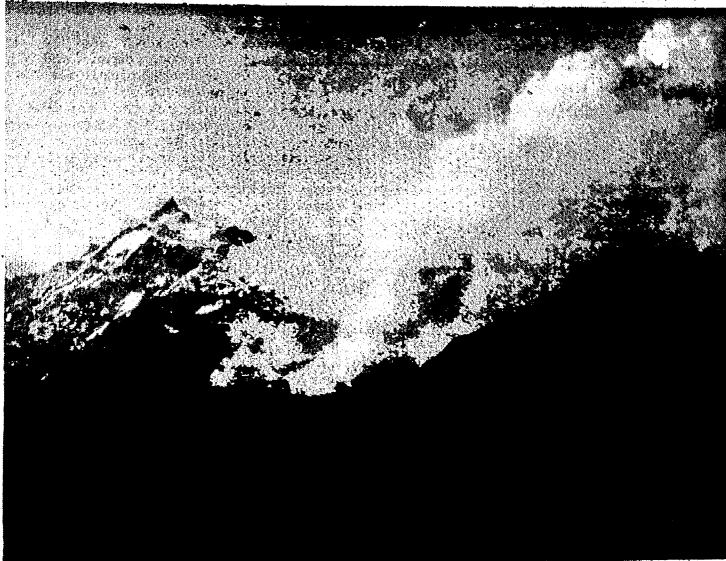
Firefighters are mopping up after the timber fire which burned last week over an area of 385 acres on the west side of Baker Lake, northeast of Tarr's Resort. District Ranger Bill Knechtel of the Baker River Ranger Station, Mt. Baker District, said that the fire was contained by Thursday of last week and a fire line completed around the area.

The fire broke out last Tuesday afternoon and was first reported to the Forest Service about 1:30 p.m. by Rev. Roy Olson of Concrete who happened to be on the Baker Lake road at the time and saw the mushrooming cloud of smoke.

The blaze was on the location of a Scott Paper Co. logging operation, spreading rapidly through slash into stands of cedar, fir, and hemlock. Nearly 50 acres of federal land was involved.

According to the Forest Service, about 1.75 million board feet of felled and bucked timber was burned, together with 150,000 feet of standing timber and 165 acres of reforested trees.

Some 220 men fought the fire, counting Forest Service crews from Mt. Baker and Wenatchee and Scott employees.



Forest Fire Piles Cloud Of Smoke Higher Than Mt. Shuksan. Photo from Lake Shannon.

### Logging Truck Driver Crushed By Load

Donald G. Barngraff, 26, driver of one of L. G. Cunningham's logging trucks, was killed instantly when the truck went out of control on a steep grade on Tehas Creek some twenty miles east of Darrington on the Sultille.

Evidence indicated that young Barngraff had attempted to stop the truck by running it into a gravel bank. When it struck the bank the load of logs smashed through the cab and crushed him.

The accident occurred Friday morning. It was not listed as a highway fatality because the logging truck was operating on a private road at the time.

Survivors are his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shiek of Doyle, Calif.; his father, Vincent G. Barngraff, Fairfield, Calif.; four half-brothers, two uncles and an aunt.

Services were held yesterday at Lemley Chapel, Sedro-Woolley.

### Valentine To Speak At Pioneer Picnic Aug. 7

Louis L. Valentine, Mount Vernon postmaster, will be the main speaker at the 65th annual meeting of the Skagit County Pioneer Association in Pioneer Park, LaConner, next Thursday, August 7.

Valentine is a descendant of two old-time families. The James O'Loughlins, his maternal grandparents, came to what is now Skagit County in 1871 and settled on Pleasant Ridge, near LaConner. Mr. O'Loughlin became the new county's first sheriff in 1884. The S. T. Valentines, his paternal grandparents, came to the area in 1882, also settling on Pleasant Ridge. His grandmother was born Martha Grant in Indiana. Her father was a cousin of General U. S. Grant.

Valentine served as chief accountant for Skagit County P.U.D. for 18 years. He became postmaster (Continued on page 2)

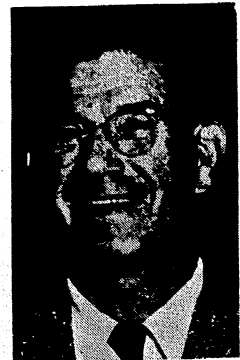
### FATHER PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Glen Chambers received word last Friday night of the death of her father, George Seales, in Virgle, Kansas. She left by plane Saturday morning from Sea-Tac airport.

### NEW AT POST OFFICE

Mrs. Roy Pyatte is the replacement at the Concrete post office for Mrs. Bill Harris, who is now a resident of Seattle.

### WILLARD WRIGHT DIES ON MOTORCYCLE



Willard Wright, 69, a long-time employee of Seattle City Light at Newhalem, was killed instantly last Monday, July 21, in a motorcycle accident on Highway 20 near the Lyman turn-off.

According to the state patrol, the accident occurred 6.1 miles east of Sedro-Woolley. Wright was riding east on his motorcycle when he lost control of the vehicle on the shoulder of the highway and was thrown from the cycle onto the shoulder. An autopsy was ordered into the cause of death.

Wright was a railroad engineer for City Light for 30 years until his retirement in 1962. He made his home at Route 4, Sedro-Woolley, since retiring.

### Large Crowds Attend Three Day Celebration Of Eagles Anniversary Over Past Weekend

Between 300 and 500 persons gathered in Concrete Saturday and Sunday to join in the 63rd annual anniversary celebration of Concrete Eagles Aerie No. 1444. Fun, games and dancing kept the town bulging with visitors all weekend, with a steamed clam feed climaxing events on Sunday night. The feed had to be moved indoors at the Eagles Hall from the city parking lot because the promised stove didn't show up. As it was, customers consumed 180 pounds of the seafood.

Visiting Eagles came from all parts of the Puget Sound area—British Columbia and even from Eastern Washington cities. Signing were people from Anacortes, Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, Everett, Bremerton, Seattle, Ballard, Stanwood, Fuyallup, Chelan, Grand Coulee, Renton, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.

### KIDS FIELD EVENTS

A wild rabbit chase that took the contestants in mad pursuit across Main street highlighted the annual field day for the children during the celebration. Over 100 youngsters competed in races and other events at the grade school field on Saturday, said chairman Fred Bianchini.

Dickie Ross, Marilyn Thompson and Larry Parker won prizes for catching rabbits in the rabbit chase. Two of the wild rabbits got away and were caught on the other side of the street out of the designated area so their captors had to be disqualified.

Monica Zitkovich grabbed 51 cents to win the penny scramble for children one to five.

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### John Child Retires At City Light On Aug. 1st

John M. Child of Newhalem will retire from his duties with Seattle City Light at Gorge Powerhouse on August 1st after nearly 25 years' service with the company.

Child started with City Light in 1945 as a locomotive repairman on the famed Seattle Skagit River Railway. When the railroad was dismantled in 1964 and Highway 20 extended to Diablo, Child was appointed laborer and later a lineman with transmission line patrol.

Since 1957 he has been working as metal fabricator at Gorge Powerhouse.

### STANDARD OIL PAINTS



J. R. Solomon Standard Oil Office Gets Renovation

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