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LT. KEN SNYDER RECEIVES CITATION FOR VALOR

Lt. Kenneth O. Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder of Rockport, received his second Army commendation last month for performance with his outfit in Viet Nam for the first five months of this year, specifically for action in combat in May.

A member of the 1st Special Forces, widely-known as the Green Berets, Lt. Snyder was awarded the First Oak Leaf Cluster for, according to his citation, "meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial flight in support of combat ground forces in the Republic of Viet Nam."

He distinguished himself on May 19, while serving as a Special Forces advisor to a long-range reconnaissance team.

"The team had been inserted into its area of operation on May 14," reads the details of his citation, "and had been carrying out its assigned mission of gathering information on enemy activities. Coming across a well-traveled trail, Lt. Snyder made the decision to carry out the secondary portion of his mission, that of attempting a prisoner snatch.

"Just as he finished deploying his team for the ambush the point element of an enemy patrol moved into the site and spotted a member of his team. All members of the friendly team set off their deployed claymore mines, killing four enemy soldiers. Lt. Snyder moved swiftly to the edge of the trail and was taken suddenly under fire by an enemy soldier. Several rounds hit his rucksack, knocking him to the ground, and he was unable to return fire on the enemy soldier.

"Pulling the pin from a grenade Lt. Snyder tossed it over onto the trail, killing the enemy soldier. Realizing the enemy element was numerically superior to his small recon team, he regrouped the team and began his withdrawal . . . and was successful in having the team exfiltrated from the area without a casualty."

Lt. Snyder's wife, Nancy, who makes her home in Sedro-Woolley, is now visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ash of Los Angeles, Calif.

## Accident Delays Trip To Meet Plane Visitors

Mrs. Dora McGovern was taken to the United General Hospital as the result of a car collision last Thursday afternoon at the east city limits of Sedro-Woolley. Mrs. McGovern was badly shaken up and bruised but was able to return to her home Sunday.

The car in which Mrs. McGovern was a passenger, driven by Mrs. Fred Hooper of Newahlem, went into the side of the car driven by Archie Grimby of Sedro-Woolley who had failed to yield the right of way, according to a police report. The accident occurred at the intersection of Highway 20 and Township street. About \$300 damages was done to the Grimby car.

The two local women were on their way to Sea-Tac airport to meet Mrs. McGovern's daughter, Mrs. Bill Skaggs, and baby daughter, who were arriving from Idaho for a week's visit here. Mrs. Skaggs was met at the airport by Mrs. Joy Crooks.

## Birdsview Trailer Sold To Investment Firm

The 10-acre trailer court at Birdsview has been purchased by the Walston Timberline Falls Co. of Vashon Island from Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Craft of Concrete. The Crafts retained the 36 acres of farm land adjacent to the court site. The Realty of Concrete.

In other recent real estate transactions handled by the local agency, the Richard Johnson house in Mill Addition was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Schmidt of Blaine. Alvin Stott of Western Minerals Co. in Seattle has bought the old Clifford Rhodes house on West Main St., and the Ralph Sullivan house and one acre of property near the high school was sold to Margaret Johnson of Kirkland.

## Rev. Copeland To Serve Episcopal Missions

The Rev. William F. Copeland has been appointed to succeed the late Rev. Arthur A. Vall-Spinosa as vicar of the North Skagit Associated Missions of the Episcopal Church effective Oct. 1. The missions include St. Martin's at Rockport and St. Francis, Newahlem-Diablo.

Rev. Copeland comes to Skagit County from San Diego, Calif., where he served as priest of St. David's Church for 14 years. He received his education in San Diego, attending San Diego State College and the University of California, and graduating from U.S.C. with a B.S. in pharmacy. Before entering the ministry he was a registered pharmacist, owning and operating the family drug store in San Diego.

## GETS BROKER'S LICENSE

Mrs. Mabel Culbertson of the Walston Realty in Concrete has received her Resident Real Estate Broker's License, according to notification last Saturday from the Washington State Division of Professional Licensing, Real Estate Division.

## NEW BOOKKEEPER

Mrs. Shirley Alger has been hired as the new bookkeeper at the Concrete High School, succeeding Mrs. Mary Johnson. Mrs. Johnson resigned to fill the position in the office of Johnson Bros.

## 300,000 Visitors See North Cascade Park During First Year

The new North Cascades National Park complex observes its first anniversary this week, a year after it was signed into law October 2, 1968. Over 300,000 people visited the area during its first year.

"It has been an interesting and busy year for the new park staff," said Superintendent Roger J. Contor, "and next year promises to be even busier."

Included in the initial activities of the park was the establishment of headquarters offices at Sedro-Woolley and ranger offices at Marblemount, Chelan, and Stehkin. Equipment, supplies, and a staff were acquired. And additions to the staff are still arriving. Joe Franklin of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park and Victor A. Taylor of Canyonlands National Park will join the new staff soon to handle maintenance and property procurement, respectively.

Also, park rangers have spent the year exploring the area and participating in master planning and in joint planning with the United States Forest Service, which administers the surrounding recreational lands on the park's borders.

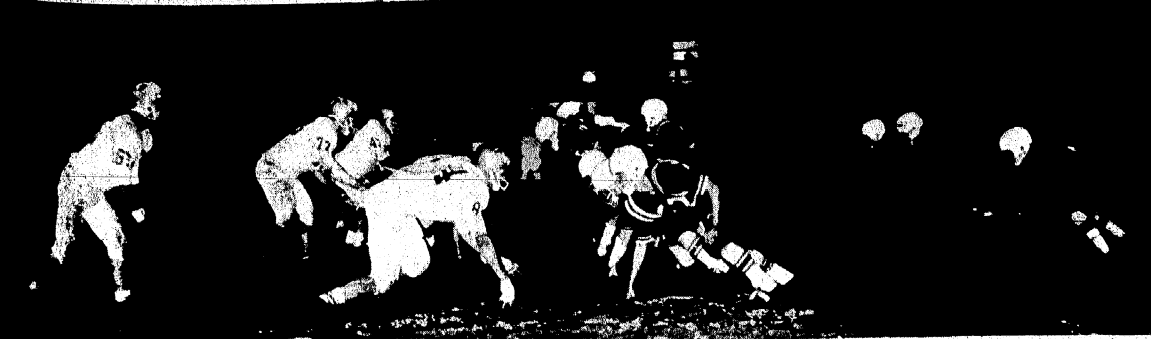
Contor expressed his gratitude to the public and neighboring agencies for helping to make the first year a smooth one. "The cooperation of the Forest Service is especially appreciated," he said. "Forest Service smoke jumpers quickly suppressed the few fires that broke out in the area and the cooperation of the personnel of the Mt. Baker, Okanogan, and Wenatchee Forests has been invaluable on many matters."

## Concrete To Receive Small Appropriation

The city of Concrete will receive \$438.89 as its quarterly share of the amount appropriated by the 1969 legislature. Cities and towns in the 40th Legislative District will receive a total of \$34,525.93.

These funds are in addition to revenues received from the distribution of gasoline and tobacco taxes.

## Concrete Lions Look Well Against Stanwood; Open Home Season Friday, Sultan



Concrete High School football team defeated the Sultan Turks this evening at 6 p.m. at the high school in the first home game of the season.

ly matched, according to the Concrete Lions' coaching staff, so a good game should be in the works. Concrete boys are preparing for what should be a good defensive ball game, said Coach Jim Menzies.

In last Friday's game Stanwood's superior depth and size paid big dividends, taking the local team by a 20-0 score. Concrete held Stanwood to a 6-0 score until midway through the fourth quarter, when injuries

took several of the key players out of the game and allowed the opponents to get two quick touchdowns. The first quarter was scoreless, although Stanwood threatened with a long march down the field.

An interception by Tim Evans on the Concrete 20-yd. line stopped the opposition for the moment. In the second quarter Concrete gained momentum with a drive from the Lions' 33 to Stanwood's (Continued on page 2)

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