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aigners this request book were and Michael St. Woolley, Moreort, Mr. and Seser and family and Mr. and

of Seattle.

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E PASSING of the Great ern Depot a few weeks ago so suddenly and at such busy time we were unable o justice to the occasion. it sat neglected and uned for the past few years, it once the center of interest he entire town. The history in 1901 when the Great ern extended its line from Iton to Concrete. The same they built the line to Rock-However the depot, itself, while in coming. The frains ed at the Washington ce-plant in Cement City (East ete), by-passing Baker com-

the Superior plant v and the two communities under the name of Con-the uproar for a depot final-ched the G. N. Headquarters e little frame building was It was opened with approceremonies in November 08 with C. R. Franklin as

n then on it was not only a industrial asset, but also cial center of the town. On siness side it was handling as much freight business lingham and was the best g line on the Great North-stem. By 1920 the monthly was over \$43,000 dollars a with the Superior plant g a record in 1921 of 70 oaded and shipped in one

the social side, the daily of the passenger train called general drift toward the at train time to see who or who was leaving. Visit oliticians were met at the by their supporters with waving and demonstrations. people traveling to such far places as Seattle were sent ith best wishes by friends relcomed home with congra-

en there were the really big ons when special trains at in outsiders for the fa-4th of July celebrations, or the Eagles Band and drill left for the state convention. hired pitchers came in by nired pitchers came in by to play the Sunday baseball s for the Concrete team victory could not be left to seal hurlers. Some left with s, others sneaked on as the (Continued on page 4)

Heel Picnic Will ture Music Program

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annual "Tar Heel" picnic by fromer residents of Carolina will be held on 2nd at Everett's Forest A feature of the picnic will luegrass and Country music med by various groups of

McFall, secretary of the ce McFall, secretary or the Carolinian's organization, that non Tar Heels are also d to come and listen in The will start early. Visitors o bring their, own picnic and utensils. Coffee will writched

School Board Hires Four New Teachers; Sells Old Burpee Hill School Site To Lands West

Faculty of the Concrete schools is complete for the coming fall term with the hiring of four new teachers, members of the hoard of education reported at the July 13 board meeting.

One new teacher has been hired for the grade school, and new in-structors for Spanish and English, art and drama, physical education and coaching at the high school.

Kenneth Rauch, Richard Frank, Margaret Stadlman, and Willetta Stidham have submitted their resignations.

A complete list of the faculty for both grade school and high school will be released after the contracts have been signed, said Superintendent Fred Culbertson.

Lands West has agreed to the purchase price of \$900 for the old Burpee Hill school property.

The money received will be earmarked for purchase of land on the end of the present football field now held by Lone Star Cement Corporation.

Superintendent Culbertson was instructed by the board to take necessary action to minimize electrolysis in the boiler of the high school heating plant. The board approved changes in the superintendent's office in the high school with a folding parti-tion and more telephones install-

ed.
Disposition of the teachers'
house at Marblemount and the
Rockport school property was
tabled for further investigation.
Financial report showed that
cash on hand at the end of May

was \$159,138.94; warrants out-standing, \$94,541.48; balance at end of June. \$64.597.46.

County Commissioners Oppose Drop In Forest Land Available For Timber

on their proposals of management on their proposals of management methods for the Mt. Baker For-est turned into the usual division of speakers who want everything left as a wilderness and those who feel that the best use of the for-ests is one which allows harvest of timber and other job-produc-ing ventures. In Mount Vernon Saturday the preserge were about Saturday the speakers were about evenly divided and no unusual de velopments were introduced by either side.

Speaking for the forest industry were Bill Pearson, of Sedro-Wooland Howard Miller, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Dr. F. Darvill of Mount

The Forest Service hearings -Vernon and Patrick Goldsworth their proposals of management of Seattle spoke for the conservationists.

As their contribution to the hearing the Board of County Commissioners submitted a resolution in opposition to a portion of the proposal, as follows: "We, the Skagit County Board

of Commissioners, voice strong opposition to that portion of the orth Cascades Recreation Plan which expands the Mt. Baker Re-creation Area by 70,200 acres with classification Scenic Area and designates the following areas Management Units (Scenic) Lake-Nooksack Area (53,-

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Baker Forest Fires Controlled; Still Serious On Park Lands

The worst forest fire season in the history of the state, set in action last week by a series of lightning strikes over the Cascade Range. According to unofficial estimates there are about 40,000 acres afire, national forest, park and private lands. The largest fires are on the eastern side

Concrete Has "Fight Night" With Amateurs

Gerald Johnson of Rockport and Allen Bridge were apprehen-ded Sunday night and charged with 3rd degree assault after a long chase by law officers. The victm of the assault was Daniel H. Hine of Anacortes. He filed the charges following a fight with the two in the town parking lot in which he was badly cut on the right eye and hit in the arm with a shovel.

Marshal Hiatt started out to find the pair, saw and lost them twice in the chase before calling in the Sheriff's Office and the State Patrol who trapped them on the Fruitdale road about mid-

In court Monday night Johnson was found guilty as charged, fin-ed \$50 (\$25 suspended) and given a 30-day jail sentence, also sus-pended providing he is not pick-

ed up in Concrete again.

Bridge secured an attorney and was released on \$250 bond. His trial will come up in two weeks.

NIGHT NOT OVER

Following the Sunday night incident and chase two more calls (Continued on page two) of the mountains in Okanogan

and Chelan counties.

In this area the Baker River
District lived up to its name as
the "asbestos range" by getting a number of small fires from the storm, but none of large propor-tions. The Baker River Station reported yesterday that all fires, with exception of three were out and the total acreage burned so far will be about 100 acres.

Still being fought in the higger "Lucky" fire at the head of Kindy Creek on the Cascade. This is in high country but there is some commercial timber involved. There is no water at the site and it is in difficult terrain. A heli-copter landing was built by smoke iumpers and some 30 men have the situation under control.

Fires seen from the air on Mutchler Creek and Illabot Creek have not been found by ground crews so are not manned at the moment. They are both small spot blazes

The Baker District has been The Baker District has been handling all the Mt. Baker Forest fires and so far has listed eight at Baker Lake, besides those above. State crews have worked on Deer Creek, East Jordan, White Creek and Lyman Hill.

Smoke jumpers have been used on most small fires and immediately assigned to others when one job is finished.

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The North Cascades National Park reports some 18 fires with the situation still bad. One on Thunder Creek has spread to nearly 900 acres and has 100 men battling severe conditions. Another 100 acre fire is burning at Silver Creek at the head of Ross

Eagles Lodge Observing 64th Year In Concrete This Week



The photo above was just one of the highights of an illustrious 64 years of the Concrete Aerie of Eagles No., 1444. This band, organized and directed by Percy Lindbeck, played regular concerts here during the 20's and accompanied the lodge members to the various conventions and visita-tions during the time it was in existence. The lodge also at one

time had a large drill team, costumed in Turkish style.

The Eagles will share their 64th Anniversary Celebration with the general public this week for all events outside the lodge hall. This amounts to a big time for the youngsters, 1 to 13 years on Saturday when a field day will be held with free ice cream and

pop, games, contests, races and prizes—with free admission to the adults who wish to visit the school field. The games will start at 1:00 p.m.

At 3:00 there will be a women's softball game at the field and at 5:00 the action will move uptown where there will be a tug of war between the Concrete Eagles and any other challenger between rete and Anacortes. There will be a salmon barbecue and concessions on north Baker St. In

ge street dance. On Sunday, July 26th, there will be more outdoor activity with a women's nail driving and women's log bucking contest for prizes starting at 4:00 in the after-