

Feathers
from the Duster
By The Over-time Editor



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REGULARS and visitors at Thunderbird Lane were a little shaken over the weekend as the Dwelleys put up an addition on their log home from Friday to Sunday. Sort of instant housing, as the pile of logs and lumber was sitting there Friday morning. By that evening all the logs were up. Saturday the beams and roof boards were on and Sunday the shakes were on the roof. Chuck Gifford and the editor did the work, with Helen breaking into the building racket by hammering on a row or two of shakes. All that remains now is to set in a couple of windows and the doors and it is ready for paint and occupancy. The new bedroom opens the former house into a complete horseshoe with only the bath room enclosed in the center. A picture window will give a new view to the river. Object—may be someday a retirement home instead of just a summer cabin.

MYSTERY reported by Elmer Helland and wife after a hike to Hidden Peak over the weekend. Up high on the rocks they found a smashed suitcase that could only have got there by falling from the sky. Nothing in it, but the article itself brings to mind a missing airplane that might have crashed on the peaks nearby. The Hellands plan to return and do some more searching for other evidence of a crash. The plane that carried Seattle councilman, Wing Luke, on a trip over the Cascades has never been found. It would have been way off course to be in the Cascade River area, but would understandably be a reason why searchers from the air failed to find it.

FOR THOSE who have been around long enough to make mental notes on the day the small, stubborn triangle of snow hanging to the side of Mt. Sauk disappears from a crevasse just below the lookout—better keep watch. On Sunday the triangle appeared as only a small dot and seems about due to vanish completely. We don't have any records to go by, but a great many speak of its disappearance as a weather sign—meaning the end or beginning of some sort of season. Might even be the start of real summer. Will check.

Fred Culbertsons Buy Tom Stokes Home
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Culbertson have purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stokes across the Skagit River south of Concrete. The Culbertsons, and their son Scott, moved into their new home the first of this week while the Stokes moved over the weekend into the former Presbyterian manse on west Main St. Mr. Culbertson is the new superintendent of schools in Concrete.

Births
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lindall of Marblemount received word Monday evening from their son, Sgt. Ervin Lindall and his wife, Ruth, of birth of a 6½-lb. girl born that morning at Anchorage, Alaska, where Sgt. Lindall is stationed at the Army Base. The new daughter, their first child, has been named Marsena Estelle. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Burton Brown, formerly of Rockport, now of Sedro-Woolley.



Fred Shular, Of Valley, Dies In Everett General

Fred R. Shular, a life-long resident of the Upper Valley, died last Tuesday at the Everett General Hospital. Services were held Friday at the Lemley Chapel in Sedro-Woolley with the Rev. Don Hardenbrook of Anacortes officiating. Interment was in the Fern Hill cemetery in Anacortes.

Mr. Shular was a son of the pioneer Ep Shular family who settled on the Skagit river about 1900. He was born June 14, 1905, at what was then known as Faber, the landing just west of Rockport, and lived in that area most of his life. Some ten years ago he built a home at Van Horn and lived there until he moved to Lake Stevens four years ago. He was in the logging business in this area but had gone into the construction business with his son as the S & L Construction Co. at Snohomish.

He was widely-known for his interest and participation in community and civic affairs throughout his years in this region. He served on the Concrete School Board, the State Directors Association, the Skagit County School Directors Association, and was a member of the hospital board of commissioners who planned and built the United General Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Myrtle; two sons, Theodore and Dale, both of Snohomish; two sisters, Mayrel Biggerstaff and Marie Prater, both of Sedro-Woolley; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Road Job Started On South Skagit Highway

A contract for the subgrading of a one-mile stretch of the Sauk Road on the south side of the Skagit River was awarded last Tuesday to the low bidder, Commercial Excavating Co., Burlington.

The winning bid of \$9,132.20 was lowest of four bids with the highest, \$23,752.

Work will be completed within two months of the letting of the contract and consists of the moving of 13,000 yards of material. Following the completion of subgrading, the county will gravel grade with one foot of gravel and 2 inches of surfacing and will oil the road next year.

The stretch of road to be worked on ends at the east end of the Steelhead Tracts along the Skagit River.

James Mills Of City Light, Deceased

Funeral services were held last Wednesday for James C. Mills, 45, a former Newhalem resident who died Sunday, July 14, in the Skagit Valley Hospital following a long illness.

The Rev. Tom McCormick of Sedro-Woolley officiated at the rites in the Lyman Baptist Church. Interment was in the Lyman City Cemetery.

Mr. Mills was born Oct. 6, 1922, in Sylva, N. Car., and had been a Skagit County resident 18 years. He worked for several years for Seattle City Light at Newhalem and more recently had operated a service station and grocery at Lyman.

He was survived by his wife Nancy, two sons, Michael and Jeffrey, and a daughter, Donna, all at the Lyman family home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mills of Lyman; two brothers, Lee and Tom Mills, Newhalem; three sisters, Mildred Moler of Richland, Madelyn Keppler and Dorothy Sanders of Seattle.

Eagles Observe 62nd Anniversary Weekend

Festivities to mark the 62nd anniversary of the Concrete Eagles Lodge start this Friday night with a Fun Night and dancing in the Lodge Hall. Jim Benfield and his Melody Mountain Boys start playing at 9 p.m.

- Saturday's program:
 - 1 p.m.—Field events and games, Grade School Field.
 - 4 p.m.—Water fight, Grasmere and Concrete Fire Departments.
 - 6 p.m.—Men's baseball game.
 - 9 p.m. Dance at Eagles Lodge. Norm Ejsberry and orchestra.
 - 9 p.m.—Teen-age street dance, Main St. The Bitter Ends.
- Sunday:
 - 2 p.m.—Dance at Eagles Hall. Jim Benfield and Melody Mountain Boys.
 - 4 p.m.—Tug of war. Concrete and Anacortes Fire Departments. Grade School Field.
 - 6 p.m.—Women's baseball game.

Buyers Now Choosing Cedargrove Lots

New lot owners in the Cedargrove subdivision across the Skagit River south of Concrete, and all new subscribers to the Concrete Herald through courtesy of the Clifford and Tulloch Land Co., are:

- Henry E. Salmon, George Rowland, William D. Moore, William R. Freeman, James M. Fritz, W. L. McGuire, Arnold Lervold, Kenneth G. Wise, Charles D. Hilsinger, William H. Martens, all of Seattle.
- Thomas D. Boulton, Lynnwood; Virginia L. Skene, Kent; Phillip M. Sheets, Edmonds; Carl A. Martens, Tacoma.

Deer Causes Wreck

Donald L. Wild, 29, of Seattle was lucky to escape serious injury when he drove off the road near Marblemount Saturday evening to avoid running into a deer.

He struck a power pole when he went off Highway 20 and did about \$1,000 worth of damage to his pickup truck.

TO BE MARRIED



STEPHANIE BUCHANAN

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Buchanan of Newhalem announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie, to Mr. Jack B. Karterman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Karterman of Anchorage, Alaska. Both attended Skagit Valley College for two years. No wedding date has been set.

Man Arrested For Driving Car Into Lake

Rodney Lynn Britt, 25, Route 3 Mount Vernon, appearing before U. S. Commissioner Richard Flesson in Bellingham was fined \$50.00 for driving his vehicle off the Colonial Creek Campground parking lot and into Diablo Lake on July 4.

Mt. Baker National Forest Supervisor H. C. Chriswell announced that this was the first conviction of a violation of the Secretary of Agriculture's new regulations.

These regulations were designed to protect the campers and forest users from acts which would mar their enjoyment.

Contract Let On Baker Highway

Contract for the first step in construction of the final connecting link of the Baker Lake Road was let last week to J. J. Welcome Construction Co., of Redmonds who submitted the low bid of \$107,874.50, according to an announcement by Skagit County Commissioner Howard Miller.

This bid was the lowest of nine bids received by the State Highway Department. Highest bid was \$200,960.

The contract calls for clearing, grading, grubbing, and draining to sub-grade 2.05 miles of the last section of the 6.71 miles of construction by Skagit County during the last three years. One section of 1.23 miles near Bear Creek was constructed before the present three-year program. Three new concrete bridges are included in the route.

The principal purpose of this construction project is to bypass Burpee Hill, a three-mile hill north of Concrete which has grades up to 15 percent. The old road will be kept open and maintained by the county after the new road is completed.

The new road is planned for a surfaced 22-ft. roadway and a full 8-ft. shoulder to accommodate the parking of trailers, trucks, and cars.

The new maximum grade on the road is 5.5% compared to the present 15% grade. The newly-constructed road is adjacent to Grandy Creek and Grandy Lake for approximately five miles, making it a scenic route.

Skagit County plans to award a contract for the ballasting and surfacing of the 6.71-mile stretch later this year, with an oil surface to be applied in 1969.

LAUSCH - FRIED WEDDING HELD AT RENTON



MR. AND MRS. KELVIN KEITH FRIED

Sandra Jean Lausch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryson A. Lausch of Marblemount became the bride last week of Kelvin Keith Fried of Billings, Mont., in ceremonies performed at the Highlands Community Church in Renton, Wash., officiating

were the Rev. Bill Roberts of Machias, Wash., and the Rev. Paul Steele of Lacey, Wash. The bride wore a gown of silk organza with a cathedral train. The yoke and sleeves were of lace flower petals as was the

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