

Feathers
from the Duster
By The Over-time Editor

THE MOST frustrating thing about working all the plans into a busy summer is that there are just not enough week ends and too many Mondays. Like for fishing at Baker Lake. In the first couple of trips the trout came to know the wife as the girl who always patiently fed them lots of fat worms. So I like to take her back once in a while. Only it was so long between trips that Saturday they seemed to have forgotten her. I banged on the side of the boat and yelled down to them, "that girl with the fat worms is here" but they ignored her completely and only three hooked a ride on my line to see who I was talking about. You gotta keep in contact—fish are fickle.

Same goes for getting out in the woods or up the hills. Once you lay off a couple of weeks to do the chores at home, you've lost the touch. Takes a while to get organized and get going.

By the time you do, here it is August 14. People talking about school clothes, football games and storing the trailers. It's not only later than you think, it's beyond what you would imagine!

THE POPULATION explosion makes itself felt in odd places. This week it crowds us out of "Feather" column space.

Births

JEFFREY A. BANKS
Jeffrey Arthur Banks, the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Banks, arrived, almost full grown, last Friday, Aug. 9, at the United General Hospital. He tipped the scales by 11 lbs., 12 oz., to make him one of the largest babies recorded at the hospital. He will soon catch up with his little sister, Joanne, two years old.

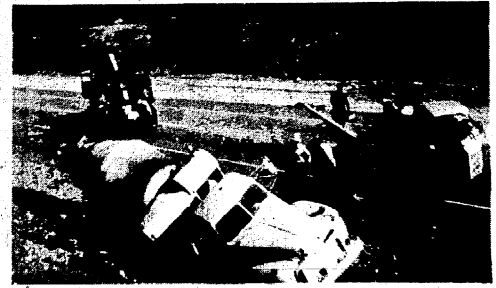
ERIC DEWEY CRINKLAW
Word was received here of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crinklaw of Richland, on Aug. 2. The young man has been named Eric Dewey and was 7 lbs., 11 oz., at birth. He joins a sister, Dani, five years old. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Smith of Hamilton and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crinklaw of Concrete. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pressentin, also of Concrete.

COLLEEN GWEN STEWART
A new arrival is little Colleen Gwen Stewart who was born Aug. 1 at United General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stewart of Route 1, Concrete, who have recently moved here from Seattle. The little miss weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., and was 19½ inches long. She joins five sisters and brothers, Donald, 12, John, almost 11, Kelly, near 10, Shannon, 8, and Erin, 6. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Prentiss of Seattle. Mrs. Prentiss is here now helping out with the family. The Stewarts purchased the Sauk Ranger Station on Sauk Valley Road west of Concrete the first part of June.

Resisting Arrest
Roger Lee Gregory, 20, of Concrete will be tried in Whatcom County District Court next week, Aug. 20, on charges of illegal possession of liquor and resisting arrest during a fracas in Newhalem a week ago Friday. He was released on \$120 bail following a hearing last week in Bellingham.



DITCHED MIX TRUCK IS WEIGHTY PROBLEM



Jammed solidly into the soft dirt of the ditch along the highway on Sauk Hill, a loaded cement-mix truck belonging to Valley Ready Mix of this city, proved a problem in engineering for owner Ray Ross Monday morning. The truck, driven by Ervin Cress of Rockport, went off the highway when a front wheel dropped over the edge of the blacktop and threw the vehicle out of control. The mixer held a full load of concrete, ready to set up. The Rural Fire District truck was called to put a few gallons of water into the mix to keep it liquid while the wrecker and a couple of logging trucks labored for several hours before truck, load and all was salvaged and on the way to pour the concrete at Darrington. No great damage—just expense.

Chas. Stones Observe 45th Wedding Date

The 45th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stone Sr. was celebrated last Sunday afternoon a month ahead of time so that most of the family could be together.

A family picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Stone of White Horse with 39 present. Highlight of the occasion was a five-tier white cake decorated with red roses on top. A second cake was served in honor of the 12th birthday that day of Miss Cynthia Stone of Kennewick. Cynthia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stone who are visiting a couple of weeks at the home of Mr. Stone's parents.

All of the Stones' children were present at the family gathering with the exception of a daughter, June, who is serving at a missionary nurse in Ippy, Republic of Central Africa. Of the 29 grandchildren, all except five attended. The Stones also met their great grandson for the first time.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stone and family of Kennewick, Mr. and Mrs. David Stone and son of Auburn and their daughter, Mrs. Dennis Strimple and baby son of Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Stone and daughter of White Horse, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trueman and daughters of Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stone and family, Jack Stone and daughter of Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Coffell and son, and the honored guests.

Ray Ross Named To County Planning

M. Ray Ross of Concrete has been named a member of the Skagit County Planning Commission by county commissioners to fill out the term of William Knechtel who resigned. The term will end this month and Ross will be reappointed for a full four-year term, according to commissioners.

Ross manages the Shell Co. distributorship here and also operates the Valley Ready-Mix Co.

Primary Registration Deadline Aug. 17th

Deadline for registering for the primary election is this coming Saturday morning, Aug. 17, with Mrs. Marie Miller, Concrete town clerk, accepting new registrations in the City Hall until noon.

Anyone who has changed addresses or names since the last general election must re-register to vote. Newcomers must have been in the state 11 months and in the county 60 days to be eligible to register.

Mrs. Miller said that the number of residents applying for registration has stepped up with at least a dozen registering in the last week.

She may be contacted by phone at 5-2141 or 5-4635. Mrs. Bonnie Boyd is also registering city residents and may be reached at 5-4582.

In surrounding areas registrars are Mrs. Bill Cupples, Baker precinct; Mrs. Kenneth Balzar, Birdsvie; Mr. E. V. Presentin, Rockport; Mrs. Mabel Presentin, Marblemount.

Out-of-town persons also may apply for registration at the Skagit County Court House in Mt. Vernon this week.

Coach Calls For First Grid Turnout Aug. 28

Concrete High School's football team will begin practice on Aug. 28, announces Coach Jack Bradley.

A squad meeting will be held on Saturday morning, Aug. 24, at 9 o'clock. Equipment will be issued after the meeting. A prize will be awarded to the player who reports in the best physical condition.

All new players also are invited to attend the meeting. The junior high schedule will be announced within the near future.

SALMON BARBECUE

This Sunday, Aug. 18, is the date for the annual salmon barbecue staged by the Marblemount Community Club in the Marblemount clubhouse. Serving will start at noon and continue until 4 p.m. Proceeds go to further civic activities.

Bernice Glover Dies In Everett Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Bernice Glover, formerly of Rockport, will be held today, Wednesday, from the Solie Funeral Home, 3301 Colby Ave., in Everett, at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Glover passed away Sunday in Everett where she had made her home since moving from Rockport about nine years ago. She is survived by a son, Bob Glover, and a daughter, Mrs. Jackie Dreyer, and six grandchildren, all of Everett.

County Road Jobs Get Under Way

Several county road jobs are now in progress in the valley. The contractor has started on the Grandy Lake cut-off for the Baker Lake highway. An olling contract has been let for the Larsen section of the South Skagit highway, and approaches to the new bridge across Grandy Creek on the hatchery road are now being filled in.

Some road patching jobs are being done by the county crew.

Grade Registration

The Concrete Grade School office will be open for registration of students who have never attended Concrete schools tomorrow, Aug. 15. Parents of these students must provide birth certificates on registering.

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by or on Sept. 15, and first grade students must be 6 years old also by that date.

Lightning Sets Many Fires In High Country Of Baker Forest

Lightning storms early last Saturday sparked 25 fires in the Mt. Baker National Forest, including to in the Skagit District and eight in the Baker River District, which could have devastated acres of timber if they had not been brought under control through combined effort of Forest Service and local ground crews, smoke jumpers and private logging crews. Fifteen of the fires were in the Glacier District.

Largest of the local area fires was at Maiden Lake in the Baker District, covering half an acre before it was controlled.

All of the Baker blazes were out by Monday, said William Knechtel, district ranger, and the most stubborn fire in the Skagit District, the quarter-acre fire on Jack Mountain, was in the mop-up stage at press time and should be entirely exhausted by today, according to the Marblemount ranger station. Bryce Lausch heads this district as ranger.

24 SMOKE JUMPERS

Twenty-four smoke jumpers were airlifted in from bases at Winthrop, Wash. and Missoula, Mont. Some of the jumpers were dropped to help on four Baker District fires and both of the Skagit District fires. Nine Washington Logger employees helped control fires on

School To Use Old High Bldg.

Part of the old Concrete high school building will be used for classrooms this fall, according to a decision of the local Board of Education following much thought and discussion on elementary school housing problems.

Two meetings on the pressing need for more classroom space were held during the last month with the Board and the new Concrete school superintendent, Fred Culbertson, deliberating on possible solutions.

Decision to use the building was influenced by the need for a remedial room, an audio visual room, an inside play area for children in kindergarten through the fourth grade, and the difficulty involved in attempting to renovate parts of the grade school areas for classroom and library use.

According to present plans, the library will be left in its former location. Grades five and six will be moved to the old high school building to open up two rooms, one for remedial work and one for audio visual use. This arrangement will leave the play area in the grade school available for the lower grades so that the smaller children will be under cover in bad weather.

Superintendent Culbertson said, "It is to be understood that this action is a stop-gap only and that discussions aimed at solving the growing building problems of the district will be held in the near future."

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Hearing Set On Road Up Jordan Creek

A hearing to consider the vacation of an unused part of Jordan Creek Road off the Cascade wagon road near Marblemount will be held by the Skagit County commissioners on Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. in the county court house. It was decided at last Tuesday's commissioners' meeting.

The commissioners also took action last week to separate the offices of the Planning Department and the Building Department, previously combined.