

# The Concrete Herald

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**YOU WOULD NEVER** expect the month of August to take a vacation itself. Even if it is traditionally vacation month for everybody else. But it did, and we had three weeks of substitute weather, which seemed to be borrowed from either September or October.

We just have to be sure now that those three missing weeks of warm sunshine are returned to us later in the year. Late September would be an excellent time. See about that will you, August, old boy.

**THE HUMAN** race, which is infiltrating the wilds with all the trailers, campers and river cabins, is not making too much of an impression on the animals who have had to move over for us. Like Sunday when we watched a pair of buck deer wrestling with their horns in a field just a few yards from several trailers. The show went on for about ten minutes as they pushed and parried, rested and then went on with the game. Finally a car came by and stopped to watch and they also stopped to stare back. Bored with it, they soon bounded off together for a more private arena.

At our place we have entertained an inquisitive and scolding squirrel and a friendly rabbit recently. Regular checks of the river sand bar have revealed the presence of a bob cat, one or more raccoons—and last year a huge cougar. So far they seem to figure they have to live with us and are making no protest.

## Births

### DIANA LYNN ICE

AO/3 and Mrs. Roger Ice are the parents of a daughter, Diana Lynn, born Aug. 31 in the Unk'd General Hospital. Diana was weighed in at 7 lbs., 4 1/2 oz. at birth and measured 19 inches long. She joins an older sister, Lisa Marie; 2. Mrs. Ice and daughters are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernith Weir, while her husband is completing his tour of duty with the Navy. He is now assigned to the USS Independence with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. Paternal grandparents of the new arrival are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ice of Smithfield, West Virginia, and great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weir of this city.

### JOLANDA MARIE KNECHTEL

A daughter, Jolanda Marie Knechtel, was born August 13th to Mr. and Mrs. Jon Knechtel of Sedro-Woolley at the United General Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs., 12-oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Phil Jorgensen of Bellingham and Mr. Richard Wojno of Poland. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Knechtel of the Baker River Ranger Station.

### HEIDI ANN SINES

Mr. and Mrs. John Sines of Mount Vernon are the parents of a daughter, Heidi Ann, their first child, on Aug. 27th at the United General Hospital. The little miss weighed in at a whopping 10 lbs. 3-oz. and was 20 inches long. She and her mother stayed a few days this week at the home of her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder of Rockport. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Eldred Loop and C. M. Sines, both of Sedro-Woolley.

## High School Football Schedule Announced

Football Coach Jack Bradley started his regular turnouts this past week with about forty boys showing up to draw equipment. The squad is expected to reach about fifty when full enrollment at the high school is complete.

The turnout this year includes the Junior High boys, who will be playing in their own league this year against most of the some schools that will be meeting the varsity squad.

The first game of the season will be Friday, Sept. 13th, with Langley here. This is a non-league practice game. They will play their first league contest the following week, Sept. 20th with Meridian, here, and follow with the third home game—a practice with Stanwood on the 27th.

After a practice game at Sultan on October 4th the Lions start a five-game league schedule, as follows:

October 11th—Nooksack Valley at Concrete.

October 18th—Lynder, there October 25th—Mt. Baker, there November 1st, Lynden Christian at Concrete

November 8th—Blaine, there November 15th—Granite Falls, there; non-league

All games will be played on Fridays. Home games will be at the Memorial High School Field starting at 8:00 p. m.

## Wayne Crinklaw Is Mayo School Graduate

Wayne E. Crinklaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crinklaw of this city, was graduated this week from the Mayo Clinic School of Physical Therapy in Rochester, Minnesota.

He had completed a two-year program that prepared him for a career as registered physical therapist, which is the treatment of ill and handicapped by physical means such as light, heat, cold, water, electricity, exercise and mechanical agents.

## New Forest Bridges To Open Nooksack

A new access road into the Mt Baker area is under way on the Middle Fork of the Nooksack river. The Forest Service in conjunction with Washington Loggers is building two double lane bridges on the river. These will ultimately provide access to trails leading to Mazama Park and the south side of Mt. Baker.

Clear Water Bridge, four and a half miles from the Mosquito Lake Road, is 146 feet long and has a main span of 65 feet. It cost \$74,368. Warm Creek Bridge is eight and a half miles further on and is 109 feet long with 75 feet of span. It cost \$59,720. Both bridges are stressed to carry 70 tons.

## NEW MEETING DATE

The commissioners of Rural Fire District No. 10 have moved their regular meeting date from the last Tuesday of each month to the last Monday of each month.

Patty Frank has been named as the new secretary for the district. She will replace Vi Lund, who has been secretary for the past few years.

## THE MAD VANDAL RIDES AGAIN! PLANTER HIT



This Garden Club planter in front of the bank building was apparently deliberately struck by a car some time early Tuesday morning. Tire marks show the car ran up on the curb to smash the planter with a glancing blow, missing the mail box.

## Tree Saves Driver From Plunge In River

A Diablo resident, David Van Meer, 18, escaped drowning in the turbulent Skagit river at Shovel Spur last week when his car left the highway on the river side. As it rolled down the steep bank above the water it caught against a small tree and hung solidly enough for him to make his escape unhurt.

The accident occurred about 6:30 Wednesday morning. His 1963 Lancer was hauled back on the highway by a wrecker. It was a total loss.

The river at that point is very swift and deep. Had the car gone into the water there would have been little chance of the driver getting out.

## Fire School Starts At Grasmere Station

A Fire Service training course has been arranged for the volunteers of Fire District No. 10, starting Tuesday of this week. The classes will be held each week at the Grasmere Hall on Tuesday evening, starting at 7:00 p. m.

Veteran fireman Earl Brower of Everett will be in charge of the course. Prime subject will be the operation and care of Unit II Pumps, which is the type used in the rural district. The course is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

## County Museum Now Open At LaConner

The Skagit Historical Museum at LaConner was opened to the public last Sunday and will be on a regular schedule of public visiting hours on Sundays and Wednesdays, from 1 to 5 p. m.

## Deer Hides Stolen

Two tanned deer hides were stolen from the home of Lillian Walker, on the Dalles Road north of the Dalles Bridge, last week. Sheriff's office is checking the theft.

## MASTER'S DEGREE

Mrs. Robert Sjoboen completed requirements for a master's degree in elementary education during the recently completed summer session at Western Washington State College. Mrs. Sjoboen is a first grade teacher in the Concrete grade school.

## School Starts With Good Enrollment

A total of 559 youngsters in the Concrete School District answered the call of school bells with the opening of the fall term yesterday morning, Sept. 3.

The first kindergarten incorporated in the school system swelled the total by 39, a much larger number of five-year-olds than were expected from advance registration. The kindergarten is being conducted in the basement of the old high school building where the small children have their own inside playroom.

The first through sixth grades at the Concrete Grade School have an enrollment of 198 with 40 entered in the Marblemount Grade School.

Registration by last Friday at the Concrete Junior and Senior High School, which includes seventh grade through senior class, was 282. That figure was expected to be increased by as many as 10 new students reporting on opening day.

Of the total number attending classes in the high school building, 135 are girls and 147, boys.

By class the breakdown for both grade and high schools are: Concrete—first, 48; second 26; third, 35; fourth, 34; fifth, 34; sixth, 21.

Marblemount—first, 7; second 9; third through sixth, 6 students each.

High School—seventh, 42; eighth, 33; freshmen, 87; sophomore, 59; junior, 46; and senior, 45.

## LOG HOUSE INN IS GAY NINETY ATTRACTION



A complete remodeling job has transformed the Log House Inn Restaurant at Marblemount into an attractive, well-appointed dining place with a flavor of the gay Nineties of a century ago.

Operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Greene since September of 1949, the pioneer log house, strategically located at the turn to Newhalem, has long been a drawing place for local and out-of-town diners. Now, after the extensive renovation, it is equipped to handle groups of up to sixty for banquets in the Fire-side Room; has a new dining space called the Parlour Room for family dining; and an added cocktail room, the Middle Cabin Room.

The name for the new cocktail lounge was adopted from the name of the original way station of Jack Durand, built in 1863 about 13 miles up Thunder Creek, and well-known among



the miners and packers of that era as the Middle Cabin.

The decor of the restaurant was planned by Micki McDaniel, Seattle designer who has been recently publicized in Northwest publications as the "designing woman".

Choosing the theme that best suits the log exterior, Miss McDaniel coordinated decorations, color scheme, directive signs and menus in a modified mid-1800 style. The main dining room, and cocktail lounge are papered in embossed red design with the leather booths in black and ceiling highlighted with scalloped partitions of wood painted brown and trimmed in red.

Light fixtures in both the Parlour Room and Middle Cabin Room duplicate the gaslights of the '90's with controls to turn the "gas" up and down. Old-time newspapers and brightly-painted wooden plaques add in-

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