

# Feathers from the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

IT'S FALL, no beating around the vine maple or arguing that summer has just run into a bit of early bad luck. The tinge of ice in the air on the mornings of even the sunniest days gives it away. Not that there is anything wrong with fall but, as usual, nobody was quite ready for it. Summer is getting to be such a big deal now that there will have to be some legislation passed to guarantee a minimum of eight or ten weekends entirely free from obligations and engagements that keep one away from the lakes, the beaches or the mountains. Declare a moratorium on duty visits, weekend callers, growing lawns, home upkeep and business travel.

In a country like this there are too many things to do to have them upset by having to do too many things.

RAY ROSS has been looking for a sports column to run as an ad for his business for some time. Finally we think we found one for him so this week he is sponsoring "The Hungry Sportsman" by Eddie Meier, a popular outdoors writer from Arizona who digs up ideas of fish and game cooking, as well as notes and tips to those who love the outdoor life. We are going to give it a try and will welcome your comments.

WE PLAN to be with those who make the first official mass trip over the North Cross-State Highway Sunday. For us it has special significance because our participation in the campaign for a road over the hump started in 1930 and has continued unabated since that time. Thousands of words, hundreds of trips to meetings, news stories, editorials and letters have been a

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## Births

### DEBRA JANE CLAYBO

Debra Jane is the name chosen by Mr. and Mrs. Grady Claybo Jr. for their new baby daughter which arrived on Thursday afternoon, September 19, at the Skagit Valley Hospital in Mount Vernon. The young lady weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces on her arrival and was 20 1/2 inches long. Waiting at home for her are two brothers, Billy, 8, and David, almost 5, and sister, Barbara, 6. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pritchard and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Claybo Sr. and great-grandparents include Mrs. Susie Carpenter of Concrete, Mrs. Monroe Deitz of Lyman, Mrs. Nancy Presley of Sedro-Woolley, and Mrs. Shelton of Cullowhee, North Carolina. Also on that list are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pritchard. The younger Claybo family now live at Everson.

### GREAT GRANDSON

Word was received here this Monday of the birth of a new great grandson to the C. P. Cunninghams. The young man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Cottrell of Iowa City, Iowa. Mrs. Cottrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howlett of Kirkland. Mrs. Howlett flew to Iowa last Friday to spend about three weeks with the Cottrells.

### RITA MARY ZITKOVICH

A daughter, Rita Mary, was born Sept. 18 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Bellingham, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Zitkovich. She weighed 8 lbs., 12 1/2 oz., and was 19 1/2 inches long. She joins five brothers and two sisters.



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## LIONS FAIL TO CRACK BIG MERIDIAN LINE

A big Meridian line kept the Concrete Lions from pay dirt in the first league game of the season last Friday night when the local boys were blanked, 14 to 0.

The Lions were stopped twice inside the five-yard line and moved the ball down the field for 12 first downs, but they couldn't move where it counts.

Concrete punted five times with Rod Buchanan averaging 23 yards a kick and Craig Knechtel averaged 35 yards on the kickoffs. The Lions returned three Meridian punts for 31 yards.

Concrete pass receivers Ernie Allen, Dennis Brown, Scott Culbertson, and Charlie Messer gained 73 yards in the air. The Lions fumbled twice but recovered three Meridian fumbles in return. The local squad was penalized 30 yards.

In total rushing, Rod Buchanan went through for 36 yards in the game, bringing his season total to 56 yards. Ernie Allen totaled 19 yards, Robin Buller 18 yards and 53 for the two games this season, Charlie Messer, 7 yards and Keith Pyatte, 2.

Defensive stand-outs were Robin Buller, Dennis Brown, Jim Crookshank. On the offensive team Mike Pulice at center did a fine job filling in for the injured Rich Hundahl who was out with a shoulder injury, said Coach Jack Bradley. Larry Comstock also will be able to return to action in the Stanwood game this Friday night on the home field.

The Junior Varsity, high school players who do not play in varsity games on Friday, will meet Nooksack Valley Oct. 14.

## Ray Beazizo State Patrol Graduate

Raymond Beazizo, son of Mrs. Chet Comstock, was one of the 48 trooper cadets graduated this Monday from the Washington State Patrol Academy at Shelton with the 43rd cadet class.

Governor Dan Evans was main speaker at ceremonies held in the Tye Room near Olympia. Attending from Concrete were Mrs. Comstock and Mrs. Perry Rickabaugh. Stu Reynolds, formerly of Concrete, now with the State Patrol at Ephrata, came for the occasion.

Raymond has received his assignment with the patrol office at North Bend, Wash., and will move his wife and son there as soon as possible.

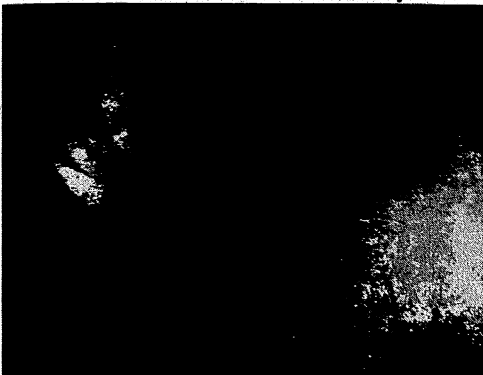
## CALVIN REECE GIVEN TWENTY YEAR TERM

Calvin Reece was sentenced to not more than 20 years in the state penitentiary last Friday by Superior Court Judge Walter J. Deierlein Jr. for the shooting of Dale Gardner in the parking lot of the Log Cabin Tavern May 25.

Reece pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter Thursday, changing his plea from innocent to charge of second degree murder.

He has been committed to the State Reception and Classification Center at Shelton for placement in an institution.

## Ron Nicholson Receives Second Army Medal



Army Specialist 4 Ronald D. Nicholson (left, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Nicholson of Route 1, receives his second award of the Army Commendation Medal in ceremonies August 15 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He received the medal for meritorious service while serving with the 7th Artillery 1st Battalion in Vietnam, from February 1967 to February 1968. He has been in the army since August of 1966.

Spec. Nicholson is a 1966 graduate of Mount Vernon High. His wife, Marie, lives at Rockport.

## Many Accidents On Upper Valley Roads

A couple of recent accidents near Concrete saw cars turned completely over on their tops without injury to the drivers.

The 1968 Ford hard-top driven by Jack Holliday of Bellingham received \$1,000 worth of damages Sept. 10 when Holliday apparently fell asleep about four miles west of Concrete on Hwy. 20 at 9:15 p.m. The car traveled across the center line and off the north side of the road, coming to rest on its top.

The next day, about 2:30 in the afternoon, Larry K. Whalen of Seattle lost control of his 1967 Ford Mustang on Hwy. 20 five miles east of the Hamilton turn-off. The car skidded off the roadway to the right, over the railroad tracks, and onto its top on the roadway. Damages were estimated at \$500.

Dennis Hosheit of Marblemount struck a cow which jumped out onto the roadway from the left shoulder in front of the logging truck Hosheit was driving. The cow belonged to Ray Johnson.

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## 1st Fire For Grasmere Rural Firemen

Grasmere's new fire department had their first real workout early yesterday morning when they responded to a 2 a.m. alarm to extinguish a fire in a rental garage owned by Mr. and Mrs. Isala Cugini.

Fire Chief Wendell McDaniel said that he was more than pleased with the performance of his men who were able to control the fire and pronounce the danger past within an hour and a half. Fire damaged about half of the building. The blaze was apparently caused by an electric light bulb igniting a car seat in the shed adjoining the garage. The light had been left on to warm a litter of pups bedded down in the shed. The playful puppies knocked the bulb onto the flammable material to start the fire.

## School Budget Up Next Term

The 1968-69 budget for the Upper Valley School District has been set at \$478,012—almost \$100,000 over the amount budgeted for the past term. The increase in expenditures will be met with increased revenue from taxes and state support to balance the two.

According to Supt. Fred Culbertson local taxes will bring in an estimated \$243,730 next year, due to increased valuations of property and the fact the Puget Power now has their Baker plant back in operation. Other income items are \$11,000 from county administered funds, \$174,555 from state funds, \$19,700 from federal sources, and the balance from local non-revenue receipts.

On the outgoing estimates the largest amount will go for teaching salaries—a total of \$319,359. Administration costs are estimated at \$21,037. Restored items in the budget of plant operation and maintenance, community services and library bring the other proposed costs upward from the last two years.

## MORE LIBRARY BOOKS

Lunchroom operations, which cost \$11,213 in 1966-67, will remain low due to discontinuation of the hot lunch program as then in progress. The library program has been stepped up from a cost of \$16,370 last year to a proposed budget of \$21,859. A small portion of this is in salary increase, but the major item is \$6,000 for books. Only \$1,800 was spent for this purpose last year.

## COUNSELOR ADDED

An item of \$9,846.00 has been added for counselors salary, \$450 for employee benefits and \$1,300 for supplies and materials for this department for a total of \$11,396. This item had not been included in the budget for the past two years.

Plant maintenance is up to \$32,850 over \$21,000 for last year due to necessary repairs needed on the buildings.

## Quick Draw Is Not Fast Enough For Boy

Vernon Taylor, 20, of Edmonds accidentally shot himself Sunday while target shooting with his father in a gravel pit near Marblemount.

He told officers that his father had gone to the car parked nearby and he was practicing fast draws when his small caliber pistol discharged, shooting him in his right thigh.

He was taken to the United General Hospital for treatment.

## Logging Equipment Thefts Continue

About \$650 worth of logging equipment was reported stolen last Wednesday night from the Lundquist Bros. logging works on Seldon Ridge in the Baker Lake area. The report to Whatcom County Deputy Bill Hiatt listed the loss of a butt rigging assembly, two axes and two chokers. The loss was discovered when the crew reported for work Thursday morning.

## Limestone - E Street Paving Job Completed



The Town of Concrete got quick service on their request for blacktop paving last week. The council approved a quotation Monday night for Associated Sand & Gravel Co. to pave Limestone and E Streets to complete a job started last year but stopped for lack of funds. Two days later the job was done. The company had a job at Marblemount and stopped by on their way back down river. Cost of the project will come partly from state arterial funds and partly from the street fund.