

# Feathers

from the Duster

By The Over-time Editor

ONE SURE way to know that you will always be kept busy is to own a building, be it home or business. Not complex, just four walls and a roof—but what a number of things can go wrong one at a time. Over the years we conscientiously make the effort, when we build, to eliminate the chances of problems but the best laid plans always seem to be frustrated by the little things.

Ever count the faucets in any house in which washers must be replaced. Or the number of light sockets to be kept filled with bulbs. Or the number of assorted electric devices that can go wrong? By the time you have two or three establishments to maintain, a "head of the house" is reduced to maintenance man.

Remember this, girls, when shopping for a husband. Get one with a knack for fixing leaky roofs, faucets, drain pipes and basements. One who can patch up, put up, build up, straighten up. Tinker, solder, wire, plumb, paint, patch, carpenter, weed and seed. If he can do all this and still be handy around you as lover, provider and life-time companion, you have it made.

That is, if you can get him out from under that sink.

WE HAVE a heart-breaking fish story this week from Pete and Merv Peterson and Bill Monzingo, who returned last week from a fishing trip below La Paz in Baja California. They were at a small fishing camp and doing very well with the sport, except for one day. And that would bring tears to any sportsman's eyes.

Bill hooked onto a huge marlin, about a 600-pounder, and played it for over five hours. During which time the bait boy missed gaffing it at boat-side twice, the steering apparatus on the craft went bad three times with the fish about boated. All these with long intervals between as Bill ground away to hold the fish. Finally the marlin came in. The captain relieved the inept bait boy for the gaff, grasped the leader to bring the head around and had it come limp in his hand. Worn through!

It is said you remember best the one that got away. The fish will probably remember too, but he didn't have witnesses to tell how big Bill was.

## Special Driving Course For Elderly Persons

A special program of driving instruction for Skagit County's older drivers will be given on Mondays, starting this week, at the Cascade Natural Gas Corp. building in Mount Vernon, 1520 South Second, from 9 to 11 a.m.

The course, geared to help older drivers comply with regulations and demands of the current highway systems and complex automobiles, is sponsored by the Skagit-San Juan Unit of National Retired Teachers Association and the Skagit AARP. Instructors will be Mr. and Mrs. John F. Estes of Bow who are certified as instructors by the National Safety Council.

## BANK FACE LIFTED

Interior of the State Bank of Concrete has a new look this week with the office walls paneled in stained birch. Installation of the paneling was done in a crash program over the weekend by the Harman Construction Co. of Mount Vernon. There is some trim to be installed, which will probably be done this coming weekend.

Future plans call for some exterior work on the building.



## GOV. EVANS CALLS PLANNING SESSION

Governor Dan Evans has called a meeting of agencies involved in the North Cascades national park for Dec. 17 to discuss coordination of efforts on development of the park and completion of Skagit and Okanogan county terminals of the North Cross-State Highway.

Representatives of the U. S. Forest Service, the National Parks Service, the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, County Commissioners from Skagit and Okanogan counties, as well as state agencies including parks, game, highways, and planning and community affairs will meet in the governor's office at Olympia.

The governor said that, although the state will not be responsible for development of the North Cascades park, it will be concerned with the future of both ends of the North Cross-State Highway and the planning of park and recreation activities, scenic and recreational highways, and rest areas.

The Dec. 17 meeting will be the first of a series to be held on the development of the North Cascades area.

## Forest Will Again Issue Xmas Tree Permits

Christmas trees will be available for family cutting on all Districts of the Mt. Baker National Forest this December. Permits must be purchased at the District Ranger Stations, prior to cutting, for \$1.00 each.

The Darrington District will begin issuing permits on Monday, December 9, and will be open for this purpose through December 22; as will the Baker River District, five miles west of Concrete. The Skagit District at Marblemount does not plan to have any Christmas trees available this year.

Those wanting trees may stop at any of these stations to purchase their permits and obtain directions to areas designated for cutting. Permits are limited to one per family and must be attached to the tree while it is being taken from the Forest to the home. In all cases, harvest areas are marked for cutting.

Last year over 5,000 families cut their Christmas tree on the Mt. Baker National Forest. The largest number were cut on the Monte-Cristo District. Only areas which have sufficient trees are signed for Christmas tree cutting. Poorly stocked areas are left uncut.

## Shelletes Sweep Bowling Tournament

Kenny's Shelletes, women's bowling team from Concrete, swept the field in the Skagit Valley Women's Bowling Tournament sponsored last week at Riverside Lanes by the City Association, to take high team score for top cash award.

The local team outplayed some 50 teams competing during the week, to pile up a total of 2,831 points for first place. Delores Strand captains the Shelletes. Other team members are Brenda Hoyle, Lois Coon, Kathleen Hurn, Lucille Payne.

Engraved silver trays will go to the sponsor and each individual at the Dec. 11 awards night.

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



## Lone Star Employees Boost U. G. N. Take

The Lone Star Cement Corporation's plant at Concrete has come in for special mention as a United Good Neighbor supporter because, even though the plant is closing the end of this year, its employees are contributing to the Skagit County UGN.

George George, plant manager, reports that \$260 has been given by local plant employees to put Concrete well over its goal for this year's drive.

Bill Meador, county drive chairman, announced last week that the fund stood at 84 per cent of its total goal of \$91,000.

A no-host award banquet climaxing the county UGN campaign will be next Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 6:45 p.m. at the Gateway Hotel in Sedro-Woolley. The public is invited with reservations to be made through the Burlington UGN office, phone 755-2322, by Dec. 2.

## Air Pollution Board Meets Again Dec. 11

The Northwest Air Pollution Authority will hold a public hearing on Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. in the council room at the Mount Vernon City Hall on the adoption of proposed Regulations No. 1 and No. 2 under the authority of Washington Clean Air Act, R. C. W. 70.64.

Regulation No. 1 pertains to policies and ambient air quality objectives for the control of air pollution. Regulation No. 2 pertains to air pollution control procedures, variances, smoke and air contaminant emission standards in the counties of Skagit, Whatcom, Island, and San Juan.

## Rain Fails To Dampen Organ Enthusiasts

Some 50 adults and children turned out in a downpour last Thursday evening to hear a lively organ concert sponsored by the Upper Skagit Community Council in the CCD Center.

Dewey Kuhn, staff organist of the Baldwin Piano and Organ Co., displayed a wide repertory of popular selections and fulfilled all requests from the appreciative audience. He and another organist from Bellingham delighted the listeners with several jazz numbers.

Refreshments were served by ladies of the Council.

Next meeting of the Community Council will be Dec. 17 to plan future events for the community. Meetings are now scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month.

## BASKETBALL STARTS WITH JAMBOREE

Concrete High School will kick off the league basketball season next Tuesday night, Dec. 3, when the Lions are matched against Blaine in the traditional Jamboree.

The Jamboree will be at Nooksack Valley with game time at 7 p.m.

Concrete will play Blaine in the third game of the evening. Opening game will be Meridian against Lynden Christian, followed by Lynden and Nooksack, then Concrete and Blaine, with Mount Baker and Ferndale in the closing game.

Concrete's first full-time tilt will be next Friday night, Dec. 6, at LaConner. Darrington will play at Concrete Dec. 10.

League opener will be Friday, Dec. 13, with Blaine on the Concrete court. LaConner will be here Dec. 17.

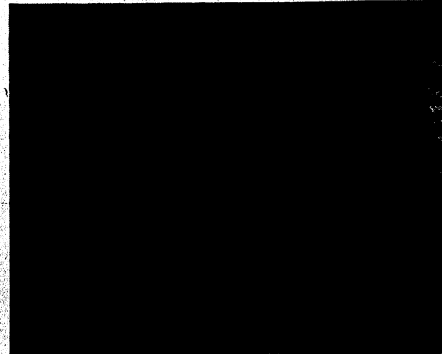
Concrete will play at Lynden Christian in the second league game on Dec. 20, last game before Christmas.

## Air Reseeding North Of Lake Chelan

Aerial reseeded and fertilizing of some 14,000 acres in the Forest Service district north of Lake Chelan has been completed recently by Forest Service planes.

About 50 tons of seed and 455 tons of fertilizer was dropped on the area swept by the Fourth of July Mountain fire last summer.

## State Flag Flies In Viet Nam For Local Soldier



A large Washington State flag is flying over the bunks of Marines in Viet Nam to remind the boys of what they are fighting for—home! Corporal Greg Gerrits, holding the flag, at right, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gerrits, expressed a desire for a state flag in a letter to his

## PLANS COMPLETE ON NEW HOSPITAL WING

Final plans for the construction of a new 60-bed wing on the United General Hospital were inspected and approved by the board of commissioners of Hospital District No. 304 last Thursday night. Edward Deeble, architect, presented the final drawings as the group went over proposed changes and corrections previously ordered.

Mr. Deeble stated that complete plans and drawings will be ready by January 1st for submission to the State Health Department for their final approval. They have already been over the preliminary drawings and made their suggestions. Following their approval of the plans the specifications of the project will be ready for bids. So far the program has been right on schedule and the building should be under construction by early spring.

The sale of bonds voted for the construction of the new wing has been held up because of a poor market, which is now easing. The sale will be completed and the funds made available before the start of construction.

The Hospital Board, at their Thursday meeting, also reviewed the applications received from their advertisements for a new hospital administrator. Over 100 applications were received from all parts of the nation and as far away as the New England coast. These have now been narrowed down to five or six prime candidates who are now being interviewed.

From this highly qualified group the selection of the new administrator will be made by December first. Charles Lampson, present administrator, will terminate his service with the hospital on December 15th.

## Logging Truck Fails To Make Curve

A logging truck, driven by Merlin Needham of Sedro-Woolley, received about \$8,000 of damages last Thursday when it failed to make a curve and went into a stump on the East Sauk Road, about 13 miles south of Rockport.

parents. They, in turn, passed on the request to Governor Dan Evans who instructed Secretary of State Kramer's office to send the flag to Greg. Helping Greg spread it for a photograph is his buddy, Don Mooda of Spokane. They are with the Marine Corps First Division.