



Nordic skiing offers winter splendor



LORI VAROSH on the Barlow Trail.

On a clear day... Well, once in awhile you can find one of those clear days up the Barlow Pass trail, where the Nordic skier can find the peace of a fresh fallen snow and combine it with the challenge of the narrow paths that wind their way through the forest.

Mt. Hood was silhouetted against the crisp winter blue sky, clearly visible when the trail opened to the valleys laying south of Oregon's tallest peak. Few persons traveled the trail. A bit of solitude. Absolute silence when one stops to listen for it. A lunch in the snow-covered firs.

And back down the slope — a much faster trip than the slow pace up the trail.

Photos by
Tony Kneidek



MT. HOOD stood clearly against a crisp blue sky. Picture was taken from the Barlow Trail, a cross country skiing favorite for wintertime buffs.

Nell's notes

Found pets restore faith

by Nell Howe

In case you have lost your faith in human nature, this following story should return it to you. Glenda Barbre and family

had a 12-year-old dog when they moved up here from California. Shortly after arriving the dog disappeared. They looked everywhere.

Glenda had to return to California to take care of some business. She looked down there, thinking that possibly the dog had returned home. No such luck.

After Christmas Glenda took a carload of kids up skiing and left them off to catch the shuttle bus to Timberline. While in Government Camp the dog recognized the kids and came to them.

Then there is the saga of Thunder. While at Trillium Lake Mrs. Robert Finn found an emaciated dog which was bleeding and suffering from a bullet wound. She coaxed it into the car with some hamburger and took it home. As she couldn't care for it, having a number of dogs herself, Obie and Morf of Government Camp took over. They took Thunder to the veterinarian where he was sewn up and given medicine.

They reasoned that the dog belonged to someone in the area, and if they had him out

in front his owners would recognize him. The dog beat them to it and did his own recognizing. If that doesn't restore your faith in the human race, not much will.

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I'm on a big hunt and hopefully someone who reads this column will be able to help. I am looking for a book entitled "Old Portland." It is out of print and the Oregon Historical Society is also out of any copies. If anyone has the book, and would be so kind as to let me look at it, it would be greatly appreciated. Or if you have a copy that you would sell, that would also be appreciated.

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It was brought to my attention that the adults of the community have been worn out from all the holiday parties. However, the children are not because most of the entertainment was geared to adults. There is a lack of amusement for the small and medium sized people. It seems there are parents that would like to correct this situation. I'm sure you will be hearing more about this.

Basic forestry class offered

A basic forestry class will be offered for six consecutive Wednesday evenings at Eagle Creek School beginning Jan. 18.

The classes, offered by the Oregon State University Extension Service, will be taught by Clackamas County Extension Agent Dan Green.

The basic forestry course is offered annually with an emphasis toward teaching small landowners a few forestry facts that will help them make better decisions

about their property.

Green said topics will include property tax options, planting and growing trees, proper harvest and sale of timber, federal cost-share programs and elements of Christmas tree culture.

"The course is designed to accommodate persons with different backgrounds, different reasons for owning forest land and different philosophies about forestry," he said. Class sessions will last from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The course is free except for an optional fee for materials. Reservations and additional information may

be obtained from the Clackamas County Extension Office in Oregon City (telephone: 665-8631).

'Lip' service offered

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Possee will sponsor a lip tattoo identification session for horses at Hadley's Arena on Saturday, Jan. 14.

Lip identification is done by using a sharp needle which is impregnated into the lips of the horse with iodine.

The same means of identification is used for race track horses, said Dean Fitzwater of the sheriff's

possee. The sheriff's department suggests that horse owners use their Oregon driver's license number as the identifying number.

Fitzwater said possee members will also mark saddles with license numbers.

The Saturday session will begin at 10 a.m. Hadley's Arena is located at 36520 SE Deming Road in Sandy.

County to hold budget hearing

Sandy Community Action Center board of directors will meet Thursday, Jan. 12, at 8 p.m. The center is at 38500 Pioneer Blvd., Sandy.

Chairman Pete Sulzbach reported a busy month at the center. Food in the amount of \$534.63 was donated to 50 families. Donations to the center came from Clackamas County Community Action Agency, Tri-County Food Bank, Cub Pack 248, Sandy Presbyterian Church and Sandy Lockers.

Patrons of the center also contributed items. Sixty-six persons applied for

Christmas baskets and a family whose home had caught fire was helped, according to the chairman.

Sulzbach noted that \$1890 was received by the center from its proposal to the Clackamas County Coalition for Social Services. A freezer and typewriter were purchased from these funds.

The center is attempting to become involved in alternative sentences (work hours) for juvenile offenders. Call Sulzbach, 668-6187, if you would like to help with the program.

Verbal fireworks tops session

Some verbal fireworks accompanied the appointment of Ralph Groener as chairman of the Clackamas County Commission last week.

A controversy came to head between Commissioner Stan Skoko and former Chairman Bob Schumacher when Schumacher

nominated Groener to fill his spot.

"It's been our policy to rotate the chairmanship," Schumacher noted as he nominated Groener.

Skoko declined to second the nomination, and told Schumacher that he should retain the chairmanship.

"You got us into the mess we're in, and I think you should stay until it's resolved," Skoko said to Schumacher.

"I appreciate your worldly comments," countered Schumacher, "but I'm not going to stand your slings and arrows anymore."

Groener finally came forward with a second to his own nomination and was then elected chairman by a 2-1 vote.

The squabble didn't end after the votes were cast.

"You don't know what the hell you're talking about, you rumbum," said Schumacher in an aside to Skoko.

"If you think the county's in trouble, you're out of your mind," he later said.

"I don't think the county's in trouble," Skoko snapped. "I think the commission is."

"Well, I don't," replied Schumacher. Skoko later said he feels "no animosity" toward the newly elected chairman. He told an Oregon City newspaper that the commissioners have separated themselves from the electorate and that county policies are not as openly discussed as they should be.

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