

A memorable country jaunt

by Nell Howe

Persons with rummage items for the Hoodland Women's Club annual sale should leave them at the Women's Club or call Pic Erickson at 622-4762. Proceeds from the sale are used in the community for special projects such as for persons who have been burned out of their homes or for playground equipment.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Bill Spencer. Bill was killed in an automobile accident last week.

I was handed a note that attorney Bud Johns, a former resident of this area was running for justice of the peace in Florence. Bud moved back to Florence after his wife died, and we lost track of his whereabouts. Now all I have to do is find out who won the election. Three were running.

The first grade pupils, 26 strong and charges of teacher Gerry Owens and aide Freda Tyler, left Cottrell school May 19 for the day accompanied by parents for a trip to Mt. Hood and further points.

The day's outing had been postponed a week because of continual inclement weather. While the sun was out with temperatures in the low 70's, conditions at Timberline were not cooperative. Wind gusts hovered at 50 mph, making any kind of children's activities impossible.

The class retraced its route down the mountain earlier than planned. Receiving prior permission, the group was allowed to park its bus behind Ted's Brightwood Store and the post office.

Here the entourage reassembled and hiked the hill trail to the Bob Freeman residence. A bonfire awaited the group along with hot dogs, buns, wiener sticks, peanut butter celery stalks, graham crackers and lemonade.

Everyone fired up his or her hot dog, adding whatever gourmet touch possible under the circumstances. It is suspected that some of the black images stuck between buns were not meat.

Later, a Cracker Jack hunt took place along the path in the woods. Sharp eyes and nimble fingers recovered the hidden boxes in short order.

Before boarding the bus for the return trip to school, the class was introduced to Olmar, King of the Goochies.

Olmar, a mystical stump living nearby, relates through a human counterpart nature tales of bygone days. The class left wondering about "Truthie," the first skunk off Mother Nature's assembly line that was allowed to stink.

The class outing consisted of the following students: Aaron Wilson, Taina Watts, Jennifer Stone, David Sanders, Dawn Rigby, Patty McClure, Candi Peterson, Tracy Morten, Tracy Knapp, Judy Orr, Nat Moffet, Eric Ford, Lea Seymour, Chucky Kordosky, Mike Anderson, Kim Barnhardt, Troy Darter, Bill Ferguson, Miracle Daves, Rene'e Gillette, David Hirschfeld, Lori Heintzman, Keith James, Robert Kock, Mike Redmond, Kristal Lee.

Adults included: Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wilson, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Kordosky, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Orr, Mary Mattison and myself. Traveling the longest distance was Mrs. Lucille Scarborough from Gearhart.

The above report was given to me by Bob Freeman. Bob is a fantastic story teller and the children were delighted with Olmar the Stump. Bob had Olmar all rigged with a tape recorder so it seemed the stump was telling the stories and the children were fascinated.

I don't wish to make anyone that stayed on this side of the mountain envious, but the weather on the other side was beautiful all weekend. There was a crowd of 29 people all at one time in our 12 by 20 foot living room.

Clyde, Tulla and Krissy Phelps, Jim and Lorraine Lyne from Corvallis, our son and daughter and assorted other people were at our place, 13 in all, and the others were drop-ins.

There were a couple of casualties though. Son George piled a big bike he was riding into a pile of large rocks and had to have six stitches in his elbow. It didn't do the incision on his neck much good. Also, one of the gals broke her thumb, so I was kept busy making hospital runs.

Outside of that everything was fine. I must give a large thanks to the doctor who was in the emergency room at Madras Hospital. He was great but none of us got his name. It is really a nice hospital.

The best thing of all was that George said he is riding bikes no more. It pleased us greatly because he went too fast and scared me to death.

Veteran benefits available

Veterans receiving pensions from the Veterans Administration may be eligible to receive a special monthly allowance if they are housebound or if they require the aid and attendance of another person due to physical disabilities. Also included for this additional allowance are widows, widowers, and parents of veterans who are receiving either death compensation or dependency and indemnity compensation.

Application for the special allowances can be made at the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Portland, or at the nearest American Red Cross Chapter.

American Red Cross caseworkers are available to make home visits to assist with completion or applications for individuals who are unable to go to one of the above offices.

For details call American Red Cross, 243-5260. Collect calls are accepted.

Slides slated at garden club

The Sandy Garden Club will meet 9:30 a.m. June 7 at the home of Mrs. Leslie Wallace 19901 SE 395th Ave. This will be the club's last meeting until September. Guests are welcome. Call 668-4254.

The program will be slides taken by Marge Jacoby of club activities throughout the year.

Several women members recently worked at the Garden of Enchantment at Oral Hull Park for the Blind in Sandy, planting annuals to beautify the garden for summer.

Anyone wishing to attend may call 668-4254 for more information.

Volunteers sought

The Sandy Senior Center is seeking volunteer drivers for the mini-bus, station wagon or private car.

A spokesman for the center said drivers are needed to transport seniors to medical appointments, shopping and to the Senior Center.

A valid Oregon drivers license and safe driving record is required. Training will be provided for all new drivers.

To volunteer, call 668-5569.

Since our phone number was not included in the phone book, it is listed here for your convenience.

Dr. Tom Wright
Chiropractic Physician
666-4531
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"YOU SEE, there was this porcupine over there who made it rich by selling his quills for acupuncture patients," says Bob Freeman gesturing to a distant place in the woods near Brightwood. Freeman entertained a group of students from Cottrell School

telling his tales through Olmar, a talking stump and the residing "King of the Goochies." Other tales included Whattie the Owl who couldn't say "who" - just "what"; Snevil Primevil, a daredevil crow; Rosilla the toad who won the beauty contest and many more.

Five attend TOPS confab

Five members of the Sandy TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) attended the annual state Recognition Day conference in Bend and two of the members received honors from the organization.

Kathy Mohr was named chapter queen for Sandy for having the greatest weight loss for the past year.

Florence Unger was honored as a two-year TOPS member in good standing

and stood in the Circle of Light.

The Sandy chapter grew by six members in May, according to a club spokesman. Two of the six are former members and four are new.

Persons seeking help with a weight problem are invited to drop in for a visit at the Wednesday meetings which start at 9 a.m. in the basement of the Community Center. For more information, call 668-4802 or 668-4589.



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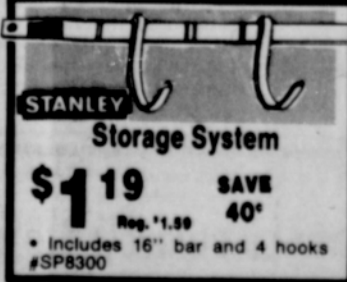
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