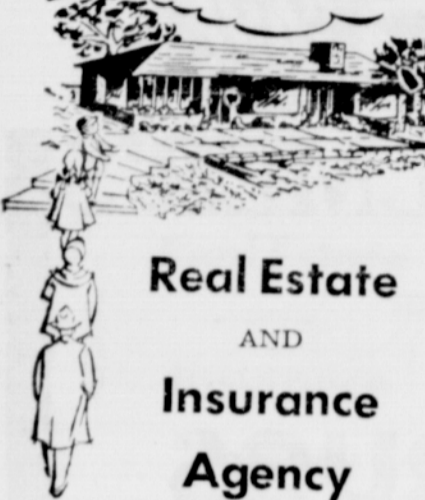


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Explorer Scouts Hike Into Vulcan Peak Area to Explore Old Plane Wreck

Seven members of the Rod and Gun Club Explorer Post No. 32 hiked into the Vulcan Peak area over the 4th of July week end to visit the wreckage of a Navy PBV which crashed during the World War II years. They left Brookings by pickup Saturday Morning and drove to the Vulcan Peak turn-around, and then hiked about five miles down into Cottonwood Camp, where they spent the rest of the day making camp and swimming. The next morning they hiked about two miles down the river bed of the Chetco river, crossing it 25 or 30 times to get down stream, and found wreckage of the huge airplane on both sides of the river. They found the bulk of the wreckage on the north bank of the river, and also the rock covered grave of eight servicemen who gave their lives for our country.

Each boy found souvenirs of the plane wreckage, but the prize was a 30 caliber machine gun, somewhat battered and bent and rusty, and fairly heavy too, to pack out five uphill miles. But each one took turns carrying it back up the rocky river bed to Cottonwood camp.

Those taking part in the hike were Marvin Bullock, David Gates, Larry Hannan, Philip Kessler, Jerry Smith, David Bushnell, Senior Crew Leader Dick Fadling and Explorer Advisor Howard Crane. David Gates and Philip Kessler had quite a thrilling experience that night. They had crawled into their sleeping bags and were talking over their experiences of the day, when Philip felt something land on his sleeping bag, and looked to see an animal staring him in the face. Philip pulled his head under the covers like a turtle, held his breath till it got too heavy, thinking maybe the thing would go away. It didn't go away, so finally he decided he must do something, so he reached out and grabbed it. It let out a hissing sound, and so Philip thought he didn't know how a skunk sounded when it sprayed, but the hissing sounded like it might be spraying, so he let it go in a hurry. He gave it a shove thru his sleeping bag, and finally got rid of it. In the meantime, David Gates was talking to Dick Fadling, unaware of Philip's predicament, when David suddenly felt something land on his sleeping bag.

He looked, saw an animal staring at him, and likewise did the turtle disappearing act. Finally he decided to do something, and reached for his flashlight to get a better look at the animal, but in his excitement couldn't find the flashlight, so grabbed the animal by the scruff of the neck and gave it a heave. Apparently the animal didn't appreciate this kind of treatment, so left the country. David said he didn't know what he had ahold of, and some of the boys asked him how he knew he didn't have hold of a cougar's tail.

Next morning after breakfast, the problem of the machine gun was solved by packing some of the gear in the other fellows pack, leaving a packboard for the machine gun, which they took turns packing up the long hill.

The boys saw some rugged and beautiful country, many small waterfalls and wildflowers found only in the back country. They were pretty tired when they got

Municipal Records

Clyde W. Losey, no operator's license. Fined \$10.00.

James W. Fetch, VBR, forfeited \$10.00 bail.

Clarence E. Myers, driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, fined \$150.00.

Leslie R. Lent, reckless driving, fined \$25.00.

Lloyd Watkins, no operator's license, forfeited \$5.00 bail.

Gerald W. Hendricks, reckless driving, fined \$25.00, ten days jail sentence suspended.

Nyal G. Parmenter, VBR, forfeited \$10.00 bail.

Earl D. Wilson, VBR, \$10.00 fine.

Donald Warnock, excessive noise, surrendered driver's license to court for 10 days.

Kenneth J. MacDonald, disorderly conduct, forfeited \$30.00 bail.

Clyde A. Morris, disorderly conduct, forfeited \$30.00 bail.

home, but had a hike they will not soon forget.

A. W. Mathes, disorderly conduct, forfeited \$30.00 bail.

Lee Schley, disorderly conduct, forfeited \$30.00 bail.

Jack C. Bryan, disorderly conduct, forfeited \$30.00 bail.

John Showers, drunk in public place, \$20.00 bail forfeited.

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