



Face Mask from the Etoi Culture, Wiekom Group of the Cameroon Rain Forest area is made of wood and wool and measures 18" in height.



Face Mask and Head Crest from Bamun area of Cameroon. Bronze and brass face mask is by Fumlan Community of Casters. Head crest is made of raffia fibers dyed in Kola juice. (Photos: Portland Art Museum)

## Museum displays African masks

Boo! Here are two masks made by Africans of some time ago. Both of them came from the Cameroons of the Western areas of that vast continent and both were used in ceremonial activities of their separate groups.

The happy looking one is carved of wood and is topped by a handful of wood. Some woodcarver of the Wiekom group who lived in the Rain Forest near the Nigerian border and the Cross River must have had a real sense of humor. It is about 18" from top of the head to the chin whiskers.

The other mask is a very heavy piece of brass measuring about ten inches. A smooth piece of metal

sculpture, it was made by a man from the Bamun area. This area is in the part of the Cameroons towards the highlands and grassy areas commonly referred to as the French Cameroons. These people, generally, were exceptional brass casters and used their traditional lost wax method in their castings. A bushy top knott was made of raffia fibers dyed in Kola juice. This particular group of casters was known as the Fumlan community of casters.

Masks, such as these pictured, are a part of the permanent collection in the "Cameroon Room" at the Portland Art Museum.

## Bits & Pieces

by Ruth Spencer

The NAACP Youth Council is sponsoring a *Disco Dance* November 18th, 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Esquire Club. The purpose of the dance is to promote the sale of Christmas-Freedom Seals.

The *Oklahoma Club* had its annual formal dance, Saturday, October 28th at the Memorial Coliseum.

Mrs. Moore is visiting her nephew, Ron Brewer, Trailblazer rookie. Mrs. Moore resides in Fort Smith, Arkansas, Ron's hometown.

The Literary Research Club had its October meeting at the home of Mrs. Bernadette Plummer. Mrs. Irene Cranford is president.

The Oregon Minority Educators Organization's guest speaker at its October 30th meeting was Rocky Johnson, coordinator for the Community Coalition for School Integration.

The Reverend Cortlandt Cambric, former pastor at Hughes Memorial

Church, will be a guest speaker at that church Sunday, November 12th.

Two University of Illinois scientists have calculated that if the energy used to sustain the fat on overweight Americans were generating electricity instead, it could power Boston, Chicago, Washington, D.C. and San Francisco.

Mrs. Irene Cranford is recuperating at home after a stay at Kaiser Hospital.

More Americans are getting married, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. During the year ending May, 1978, there were 2.1 million marriages. The newly released figure represented an increase of 36,000 over last year.

A new health study by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health produced a list of the top twelve stress jobs by pinpointing the incidence of heart and artery disease, hypertension, ulcers and nervous disorders in 22,000 workers in 130 occupations.

The persons most likely at risk are, surprisingly, unskilled laborers.

Boredom, fatigue, and a fast pace are the problems that cause stress for unskilled workers according to the study.

The twelve in order, are: unskilled laborers, secretaries, assembly line inspectors, clinical lab technicians, mid-level office managers, foremen,

managers, administrators, waiters and waitresses, machine operators, farm owners, mine workers, and house painters.

The Social Odd Ball Club and friends enjoyed a lovely weekend in Reno.

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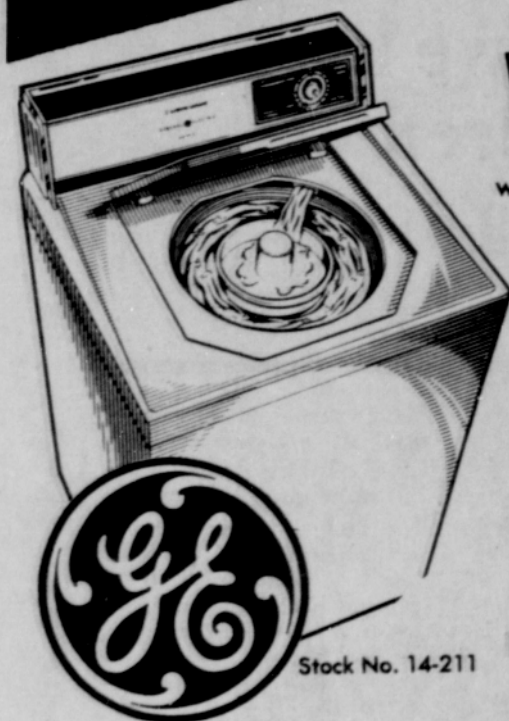
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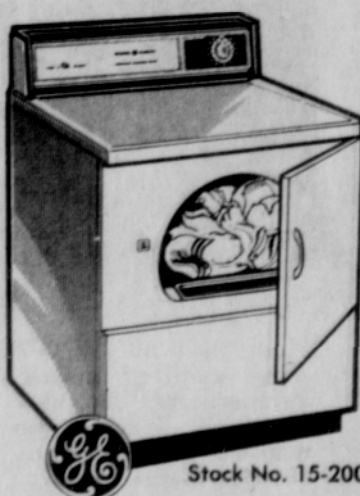
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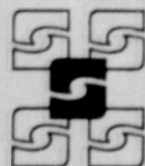


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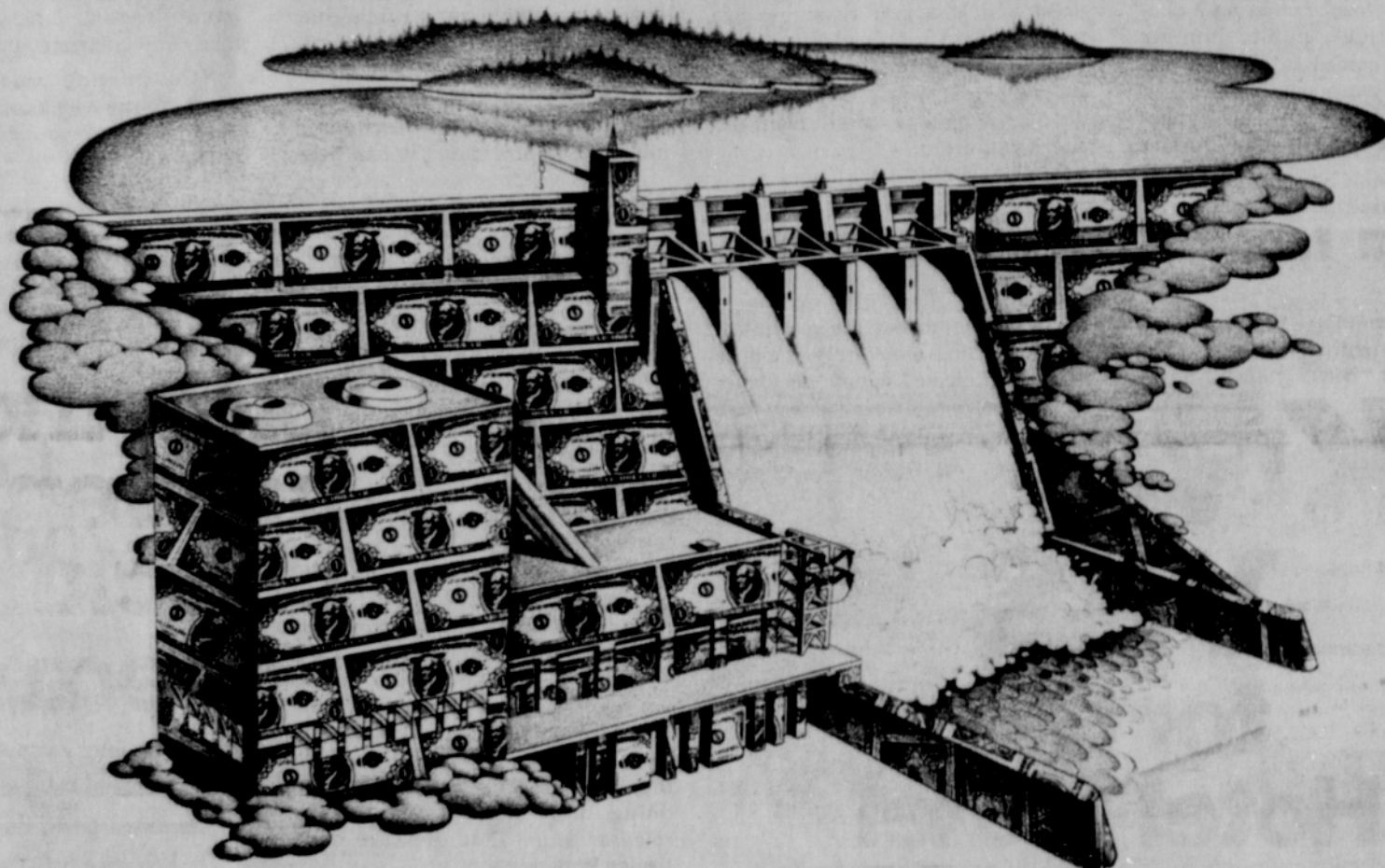
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