

OUT OF THE PAST

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Seneca Rope Jumpers Off to Nation's Capital

Traveling on their way to Washington, D.C., for a performance in the nation's capitol, as guests of the Oregon congressional delegation, are members of the Seneca Rope Jumpers. The 11-member group left Wednesday for a two-week cross-country trip with a special stop in Chicago. Wednesday, the Seneca Rope Jumpers performed at Treasure Valley Community College at noon before members of the Ontario Kiwanis club. During the afternoon the rope jumpers toured the college and Ontario.

Main Street of Ontario was closed at 4 p.m. for a public performance by the jumpers. Covering the show were an Ontario radio station



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From May 28, 1992: NEWSLETTER RECOGNIZED: Exalted ruler Rick Miller (right) and Tom Winters of John Day Elks Lodge #1824 display plaques and congratulate Catherine Gibbs for her efforts in producing the monthly newsletter. The lodge won second place in the state for lodges under 1,000 in membership. She and her husband, Bill, produce the monthly newsletter, which is judged on content, composition and quality.

and a Boise television station. The jumpers were featured with a dinner at TVCC before leaving for Chicago by train on the Union Pacific. The

rope jumpers will be traveling both ways on Union Pacific. Public relations officials of Union Pacific will be working with the rope jumpers. Chicago will be the first stop of the trip for the Seneca Rope Jumpers.

The group will tour the Windy City and will eat at the Palmer House as guests of the Edward Hines Lumber Co. A representative of Al Ullman will greet the rope jumpers when they arrive in Washington Saturday morning. The group will perform in the evening for the National USO Club as special guests. After a day off Sunday, the group will jump Monday in the Caucus Room of the Cannon Office Building at 10:30 a.m. for the Oregon congressional delegation and other guests.

The rope jumpers will have lunch at the White House with Congressman Ullman. In the afternoon the

group will visit both the Senate and House while in session. Tuesday, the rope jumpers will be featured with a congressional guided tour of the White House. Ullman is attempting to have the rope jumpers appear on television in Washington. The rope jumpers will leave Washington June 8 and will return to Seneca June 12. Performing for the jumpers are Nan Sproul, Lori Smith, Glenna Thissell, Karen Griffith, Sharon Thissell, Darlene Lissman, Linda Smith, Georgene Hansen, Sherry Walker, Patty Tout and Pam Boswell. The group will be performing under the direction of Mrs. Esma Reynolds, who has been with the jumpers since it was formed in 1946. Assisting with the rope jumpers are Mrs. Dorothy Klabo, Mrs. Jean Sproul, Mrs. Phyllis Lissman, Mrs. Zora Thissell and Mrs. Nadine Lissman.



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