



JOE TATRO, mayor of Boardman and owner of a restaurant there, is shown with a whopper of a salmon caught in the Columbia near Boardman, helping to prove the town's claim that some of the world's best fishing is to be found there. (G-T Photo)

Ski Club Has Long Season

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Skilling from early December into April awaits the ski fans who travel to the Blue Mountains of Morrow county southeast of Heppner. Enthusiastic promoters of the winter sport are members of Baldy Butte Ski Club. Under their sponsorship a new ski area development on the northeast slope of Arbuckle Mountain 27 miles from Heppner is proposed. An application to the Forest Service for a use permit has been filed.

The area may be easily reached by a rock surfaced Forest Service logging road usually plowed free of snow. Base elevation of the area is 5300 feet which insures a dependable snow pack of from 30 to 40 inches of dry snow.

The summit of Arbuckle Mountain is 6150 feet with additional snow depth. The beginner area will be served by a 500 foot rope tow and ultimate development of the area will see a T-bar or plater type lift to the summit. From here the skier will have a choice of downhill runs varying from intermediate to expert and up to a mile and more in length.

From the summit of the mountain may be seen Mt. Hood, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams, the Wallows, the Anthonys, and the

Strawberry range. Sunsets from this vantage point are long remembered. Back at the base shelter the skier may warm up and enjoy good food. No overnight facilities are planned but Heppner has several fine motels for the skier who wishes to stay several days.

Present ski facilities are at Cutsforth Forest Park on Willow Creek 21 miles from Heppner. A rope tow and a warming hut are provided. Nearby may be found a sled run and ice skating ponds. Visitors are always welcome.

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