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LAST MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER!

Identification before and after meeting.

Our Vice-Prez, Dave Schmitt, has assured us that we are going to have a real bang-up meeting, featuring a documentary slide show. Because of the high quality of this show, we'd like to have a big turn out - it will start promptly at 8:00 P.M. Come early and get a good seat.

This show with a commentary on the efforts of a few dedicated people to reestablish sea otter colonies on the Washington coast will be presented by - Ken McLaughlin, former camera newsmen on King TV and - Jack Barton - narrator - also a former news man on King

They have started their own company - Audio Visual Associates, located in the Sweet Wing Inn - this was done so they would have more latitude for their research in wild animals and be able to make more trips.

You are going to watch the first successful efforts to transplant these fascinating animals from Amchitka, Alaska to our area. Previously, the mortality rates were extremely high. Five otters made the trip without loss and all lived for six months. Four died later, but not from any fault of the transportation.

One of the original group of otters is still on display at Woodland Zoo, the first time these animals have ever been placed on exhibition.

The Atomic Energy Commission recently announced that another group of otters will be shipped from Amchitka to the Northwest coast in the near future.

Regular Society business will follow -- and there's more
Coffee and cookies -

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NOTE -

SPECIAL MEETING-

Bob (Ramrod) Ramsey has scheduled a "Retreat" for the Board of Trustees and all chairmen of committees for June 6th to replace the regular May board meeting. This will be held at the Foster Library, 4205 S. 142nd from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and is billed as a "No Nonsense Meeting" (whatever that means). A no host gourmet luncheon will be available - if you bring your own brown bag.

We expect that Bob will have a report on this for the June meeting.

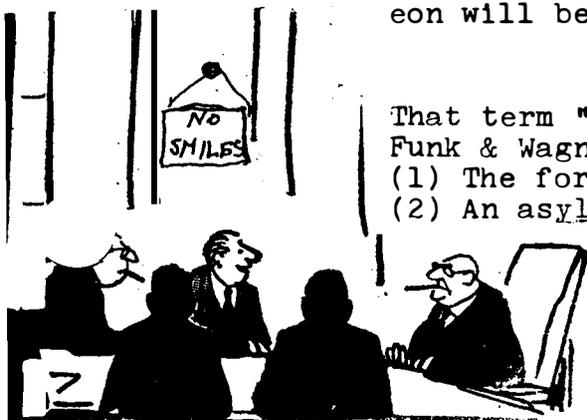
That term "Retreat" intrigued us, so we looked it up in Funk & Wagnalls, who define it thusly - "Retreat"

(1) The forced or strategic withdrawal before an enemy.
(2) An asylum for the insane" - Take your choice! (RMN)

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The Prez sez "We should killium
Anyone who plucks a trillium"



Barbara Lensinger

An article by Barbara is going to be a feature every month and she is a valuable addition to the enlarged staff of "Spore Prints". Most of you may know Barbara for some of her activities in the society:- to cite a few of them. Last year she was one of our secretaries; she has written a couple of previous articles for our bulletin which have been well received; has always helped on typing jobs when asked; had charge of the labeling at the exhibit a couple of years ago and always gives a positive response when asked to help. It is incredible that in addition to being a housewife, mother and piano teacher that she has so much time and energy to devote to other things. Her first series of articles will deal with little known facts about well known members. Here is the first one.

PROFILE OF A PRESIDENT (P.S.M.S. that is)

Bob Ramsey was born at Byron, Washington - which is now a ghost town - in 1920 and was raised in the Yakima Valley. He saw action in both World War II and the Korean War, serving a total of six years in the army. Two years after obtaining a degree in architecture from Oregon State, Bob opened up his own office in Tacoma.

Bob is well known to all the members because of his excellent educational classes last year. He is also a VIP in other organizations:- Chairman, Conservation Committee of Professional Society of Landscape Architects; Director of the 250 member Tahoma Audubon Society; Secretary-Treasurer of the Associated Conservation Council and member of Washington Environmental Council.

Botany is Bob's thing and in the summer he piles all his gear onto a burro and goes off into the high country to explore. All of these interests have paid off for us because Bob acquired the know-how to give us several interesting talks at our meetings - in addition to the above mentioned educational classes.

Now to the distaff side of the family, Georgia - our gracious first lady shares in all Bob's activities, but in all modesty she keeps in the background. When she was approached last year to run for secretary she remarked that she and Bob always did things together - came to the meetings together; outside of their individual vocations, it is always a team project. This was neatly gotten around by having Bob run for the board. The rest is history - because of their joint activities, they were readily recognized as great assets to the club. Both Georgia and Bob have been active at all our exhibits. Georgia is executive secretary to the executive vice-president of Nalley's Fine Foods at Tacoma.

The roster which was passed out at the last meeting is a splendid example of her work (she also did this work last year.) It is the best one ever issued with more information than mere names and addresses; the addition of the year joined or "C" indicating charter member was a real good idea. From a typing standpoint, it is truly a work of art. And gotten out in record time!

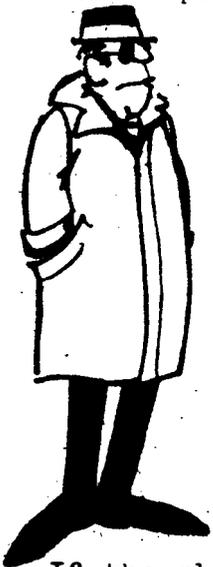
Georgia and Bob have one son, also named Robert, who is an artist and electrician.

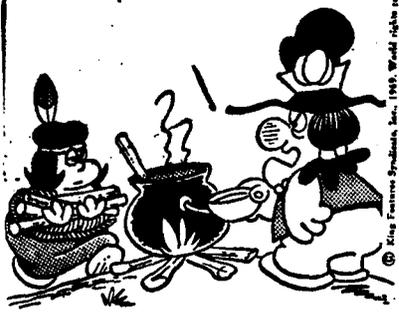
When asked how they became interested in the club, Bob said after attending the exhibit in 1966 - "We were hooked."

If the above picture is not a true resemblance it is because Bob lost his sunglasses at the outing at Tumwater.

Although a search was made, they were not found; if anyone found a pair of ground lens sun glasses with dark plastic rims, please bring to the June meeting.

If you would like your portrait "painted" by Barbara, get in touch with her and she will furnish you with a questionnaire.





Another spring season of outings, potlucks, get-togethers and chasing the elusive mushroom has ended. In spite of the inclement weather (most of the time) and the scarcity of fungi, the outings were well attended. As stated many times we don't guarantee mushrooms, but we sure have good times and the best food this side of heaven. It was encouraging to see so many newcomers appear this year and we only hope they will join us again in the fall. There were so many members who contributed to the success of these outings that it would be impossible to list them all. But again we say to Carol and Paul Nestell - "Thanks and have a pleasant summer. You have earned it."

TUMWATER OUTING

By Jesse & Shelleah Conn

Neophyte Notes from the TUMWATER Trip May 23d: By Potluck time on Saturday, the verdict from Paul Nestell, Field Trip Chairman, was "not too good, and not too many," 21 varieties being displayed. Those lucky enough to be air-drying morels had found them at the Roslyn Burn on Friday. Beautiful weather and delicious potluck compensated for poor hunting. By 8 p.m. Saturday, 77 had signed in, including four from a Wenatchee group. Several people voiced the opinion that we were a little early for the area.



(Ed. Note) It has come to our attention that the youngest member ever was present at this outing. James and Rosemary Gray of Bothell were brought to Tumwater by their new son (first name unknown) who was just about three weeks old. That's the way to get 'em - when they're young. The closer they are to the ground the more mushrooms they find. Congratulations!

May 16/17 - No regular field trip was scheduled for this week-end. However quite a group gathered at Nolan's Nook at Pine Meadows in the heart of the mushroom country. Thursday, Belle and Bernie Swaffield arrived; Friday, Hildah showed up with ye old host, Ralph coming directly from work that evening. Saturday, Don Peterson and his son Mark (more about him later) joined the happy throng; shortly after Ella Hamilton and Ed Cantelon came along. So after hunting mushrooms (not too successfully) we had a potluck that evening. It may not have been as large as some of the others, but the gourmet cooking was present, especially with Don coming up with some unusual hors d'oeuvre and Swiss steak. Sunday morning, Don, Mark and Hildah set out for the burn to hunt morels. This was Mark's first hunt and he not only found the first one, but also outpicked the adults. The morels were returned to camp where Ralph turned out an appetizing breakfast of bacon and scrambled eggs, WITH MORELS. Yum-yum.

This might give some of you an idea that you don't have to wait for a scheduled trip. Get together and form your own trips and get in practice for next fall.

May 9/10 - Cle Elum - Fireman's Park Pavilion. Once again these quarters sheltered the hunters from the ever prevalent wind. Hunting was excellent for those who got out and worked. The camper bus of the HEILMANS looked as though it were decorated for a holiday. Festoons of morels were draped on cords from one end of the bus to the other. It was figured at about 40 pounds.

About 80 signed in - 20 didn't. Again we say, it would help with the statistics if you'd sign the register when you first arrived. 75 for potluck - I've run out of adjectives to describe the many and delicious dishes served on these occasions. You'll just have to come and see for yourself. About 35 types of mushrooms identified and one of the largest morels yet this year - it was easily a foot long - the cone was more than 5 inches in length and about 3 inches across. A good time was had by all.



NEW EDITOR (See, we told yah there was some one)

We are happy to announce that a new editor will take over the publication of "Spore Prints" beginning with the September issue.

He is Lyle Mercer, a onetime newspaperman on Renton and Ballard weeklies; was also executive secretary of the state veterinary medical association and edited its regional magazine.

Currently he is the western director of a group concerned with educational-political action work dealing with First Amendment freedoms. Mercer serves as a trustee of the Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound and is the board secretary of the American Civil Liberties Union of Wash.

"My parents took me on morel trips as a youngster" Mercer said, "but it was my first PSMS field trip in 1968 that excited my interest in the fantastic world of Northwest fungus. Now, my wife, Bobby (a practical nursing instructor at Seattle Community College) and I are out in the field at every chance. We are indebted to the Society and Professor Stuntz's mycology class; without their patient teaching we might never have made it to the Survivors Banquet. (Ed Note-upon passing our examination, Mercer took off to Hawaii*)

With the ever-expanding membership and activities of the Society, we feel that the monthly publication should reflect the views and ideas of a broader cross section of the membership; so in addition to the editor, a staff of assistants and reporters is being set up:-

Editor-	Lyle Mercer
Associate Editors -	Jesse and Shelleah Conn
Reporter & Feature Writer-	Barb Lansinger
Gossip Columnist-	Hedda Nolan
Poet Laureate-	Ralph Nolan -sample below
Mailing-	Bernie Swaffield
Envelope preparation-	Thelma Larson

The editor will welcome the assistance of all members in submitting items of general interest, clippings, articles, poems, humor, rumor, tall tales, rimes and suggestions. If you can't write, telephone to one of the above.

We are still looking for a volunteer artist/cartoonist for the staff; maybe our new editor doesn't own a pair of scissors.

I found a glade in the high Cascades
Where only the eagle dwells
Where the Verpas abound, like the
fleas on a hound
Interspersed with giant Morels

The morels in this fabulous valley
Are a species not common at all
The smallest found weighed seventeen
pounds
And the largest was seven feet tall

I started to drool like a slaving fool
As I greedily gathered them up
And sack after sack I piled onto my back
And then, dammit, I woke up

In our final note as editors we wish to express our gratitude to all those who so ably assisted us in our puny efforts to get the bulletin out on time. It required a lot of effort by many members, and we have enjoyed (?) every minute of it, even the monthly trips to the marriage counsellor. (Hildah said we had to quit now-she ran out of correction tape.)

Goodbye
Ralph and Hildah



* Mercer will return
June 8th



Information of interest to the general membership gleaned from the board meeting of April 27, 1970

WASHINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

P.S.M.S. finally has a representative on WEC - the appointment of Curtis Stucki was announced.

= Chuck Woodruff is running for the board of WEC and if he is successful, it will be like having two representatives.

\$100.00 was contributed to this excellent council. Few people realize how much this organization does for us. They were responsible for six major bills being passed - the citizens spoke out on environmental concerns - and the legislature listened. A deluge of telegrams, letters, phone calls, and citizen lobbyists descended upon Olympia during the closing weeks of the session and opened the gates for passage of many environmental laws. A brief review of the six above mentioned bills:-

OIL SPILL CONTROL: Washington now has the toughest oil spill law in the nation.

THERMAL POWER SITES: ---this law contains protection features found nowhere else in the nation. A counsel for the environment will be appointed to represent the public at all hearings.---

SURFACE MINING: First steps were taken to require that mining operators re-claim the land they strip.

EFFLUENT STANDARDS: For the first time penalties and controls can be imposed upon polluter based on the effluence emitted, rather than on evaluation of the water quality level---this law will contribute to a substantially better anti-water-pollution effort and cleaner water.

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY ----this new department will be charged with consolidating and coordinating efforts to improve environmental quality in the state.

OPEN SPACE----a law which provides tax incentives for preservation of open space---

Any who are interested in reading this full report contact the editor who will either give it to you to read or tell you where a copy may be obtained.

"Pollution is a crime compounded of ignorance
and avarice" -Lord Ritchie-Calder.

The Fall Exhibit will be held on October 24th and 25th. It is not too early to volunteer your services. We need you! Contact Vic Nendza, Exhibit Chairman.

When bringing in specimens for identification, please attach a card showing:-
1. Name of person bringing in the specimen.
2. Where the specimen, information concerning habitat - and date found
Be prepared for the specimens to be kept for further study.

It's amazing how often the tools of the writer pop up - like above - the "W's", Who, What, Where, When.

HELP! Paul Nestell would like a cabinet maker (or good carpenter) to get in touch with him for the purpose of building shelves and storage space in the Society's trailer. If you have the ability and time, please contact Paul.

If you are not part of the
solution -
You are part of the problem.

AT CLE ELUM ----- MUSHROOM CONTEST

Flash! The mushroom picking contest is on again. It started Thursday, May 7 and will end July 1. It is being sponsored by the Sons of Italy Lodge No. 1968. This is the 8th annual contest and is open to all entrants without restrictions as to age and nationality. No entrance fee is required.

All mushrooms entered must be Boletus (Italian variety.) They must be edible and in a good state of preservation. The heaviest in weight (dirt free) single stemmed mushroom, entered and officially judged, will be the winner.

Prizes will be: First, a trophy donated by the Sons of Italy and a \$10.00 cash prize of \$10.00 donated by the Pioneer Days committee. He or she will earn the title of king or queen and will ride in a float in the parade on the 4th of July.

Second prize of \$7.50 cash, third prize of \$5.00 cash, and fourth prize of \$2.50 cash, will be donated by the Pioneer Days committee.

This contest ends just before the big 4th of July celebration; there are many events, including an impressive and colorful parade, a loggers' breakfast at Fireman's Pavilion (and it is a breakfast well worth attending.) During this time you will find many citizens attired in pioneer dress. It is a big event and Cle Elum works hard to make it a success. P.S.M.S. salutes you!

P.S. On Sunday, May 10th the first official entry was brought in by a sailor home on leave; he found 2 mushrooms weighing about 1/4 pound each, in the Teanaway.

Somehow a rumor was started that the morocycle races would be held in Loggers' Field on Sunday, May 10 which would have been pretty noisy for our outing. When tracked down, it was found that it would be the following week.

Which reminds us of the fellow who reported a terrible loss at the office where he worked. The guy who has spread the most exciting rumors for 40 years has retired.

Critics of the media are reminded that bad news just happens, good news has to be chased after.



"Bastards!"

A woman needs two men in her life- her husband and a guy to compare him with

A preposition is a word you should never end a sentence with



If you are out of town and did not receive your new roster, write Fay Melsen, 23106-58th Ave. W. Mountlake Terrace, Wa. 98043 and she will mail one to you.