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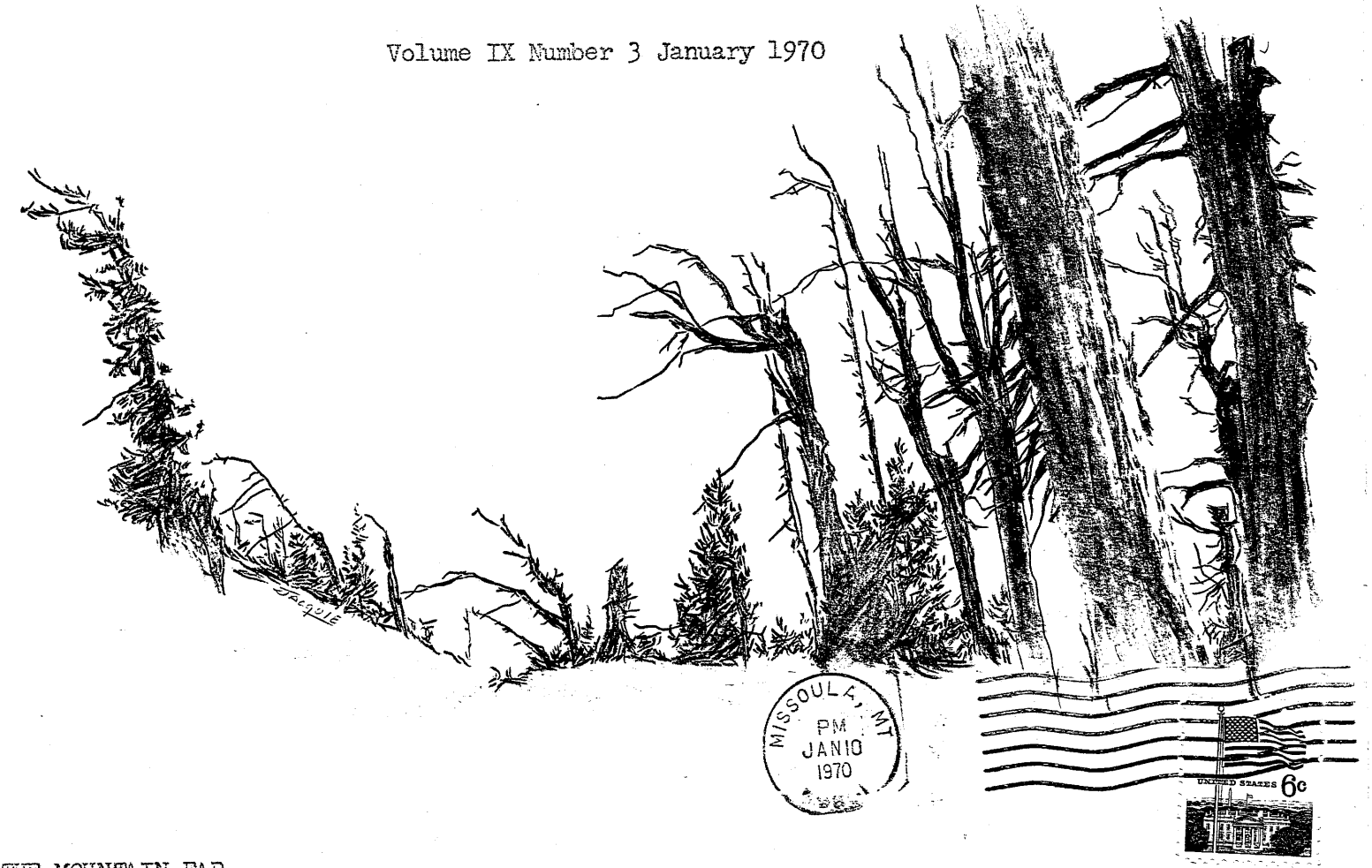


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The Rocky Mountaineers were formed in 1960 by those interested in the mountains in this area. Activities now include hiking, climbing, backpacking, canoeing, floating, ski-touring, winter camping, snow shoeing, bicycling, conservation and just arm-chair mountaineering.

Membership is open to anyone who is interested in the above activities. Meetings are held monthly-- the 2nd Wednesday, at the Western Federal Savings and Loan Bldg. on the south side on Hgwy 93, at 7:30 P.M.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Wednesday, Jan.14th

7:30 P.M.

southside Federal Savings & Loan Bldg. across from Trempers.

PROGRAM

Short slide presentation of Europe and the Alps taken by Bill Myers and family last summer.

Rick Graetz will talk on Glaciers

Rick and Jim Lowe will give a report on the Montana Wilderness Association Meeting in Butte Jan. 9&10.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

COME AND BRING A FRIEND

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WE NEED BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOS FOR THE SPECIAL ISSUE GOING TO PRESS ON THE 26th. Also it is never too late to submit a story about your trip, an article on your experience with some outdoor equipment, a recipe you would like to share, a poem, a cartoon, or what have you.
WE WOULD LIKE MORE MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR NEWSLETTER.

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Jacquie is also the artist for this cover illustration and the nice one on our December issue.

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January 19th there will be a meeting at the home of Nancy Fritz at 636 E. Central in the evening for those interested in organizing a Sierra Club Chapter(primarily for conservation purposes).

## SNOWSHOE & SKI TOUR PLANNED FOR PACKER MEADOWS

JANUARY 17 - family snowshoe or ski tour in the vicinity of Packer Meadows at Lolo Pass will be lead by Bob and Jane Benson, 2325 Valley Dr., phone 543-8629.
Meet at southside Federal Savings &Loan Bldg. at 10:00 A.M.
Bring light lunch and bathing suit. The Hot Springs Pool is convenient on the way home.

## MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATING COUNCIL WILL MEET

JANUARY 15 - The council will meet at 1 p.m. in Room 360 of the Univ. Student Center with current environmental issues and the election of officers on the agenda. Bob Carroll of the Montana Fish and G me Dept. in Helena will discuss the use of the news media.

This group is open to all interested citizensin Montana who are concerned about actively doing something about solving environmental problems. Dale Burk in his outdoor column in the Missoulian reports,"thus far the group has worked as its originators intended, the MECC consists of interested individuals and representatives from various organizations. It has no "formal" membership and it operates entirely from funds offered by those attending meetings or from $5 contributions per year from participating organizations. The by-laws state that it shall remain an informal group designed to promote the exchange of information on environmental issues. The delegates then return to the home club to apprise its members of the overall envoronemental situation in Montana. The group will in no manner undertake to control the policies or actions of independent autonomous organizations." Editors' note: Shouldn't the Mountaineers have a member present at these meetings?

## GALA ANNUAL SNOW BALL TO BE THIS MONTH

JANUARY 24 - Everyone, skier or non-skier is invited to the annual Missoula Ski Patrol Snow Ball at 9:00P.M. at the Missoula Country Club. Semi-formal or cocktail dresses are the attire and it is one of the nicest ski season functions. Money raised from the $5 per couple ticket sales(tax deductible) is used for rescue and first aid equipment.
The Missoulian Cup, an annual award, is made at this time to some person in our area who has contributed much to the sport of skiing.

## DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

AT last months meeting there were about 40 people present. The program was presented by Keith Yale and Dave Line showing slides of winter trips in the Bitterroots andthis past summer trips in the Missiona. Members and friends gathered around a book exhibit afterward to browse and talk.

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THE MOUNTAINS SPEAK IN WHOLLY DIFFERENT ACCENTS TO THOSE WHO HAVE PAID IN THE SERVICE OF TOIL FOR THE RIGHT OF ENTRY TO THEIR INNER SHRINES.

Sir Arnold Lunn