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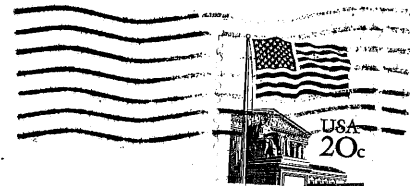
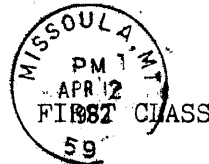
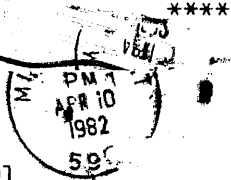
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14: Meeting at the Montana Power Co.,
1903 Russell, 7:30PM. Program to be announced; refresh-
ments will be served.

Please be thinking about trips you would like to lead
this spring and summer. We need trip leaders for these
trips.

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March 13 & 14 Wisherd Ridge Trip

Bob Benson's Wisherd Ridge trip felt a little like a past-presidents' convention with Bob, Myra Bair, and Jerry Kogan along as well as four lesser luminaries. The crew hadn't skied together in a while and there was a great deal of nostalgia.

"Remember the time you skied into the fire before we built the cabin on Little St. Joe?" and other such memorable reminiscences abounded.

Jerry and Bill Morgan provided much of the entertainment the first day as they vied to show off their new equipment. They were like a couple of salesmen at a ski fair. They both had fancy new underwear that doesn't get wet when you sweat, and other amazing stuff like ski poles that screw together to make an avalanche probe, and climbers that you glue to the bottom of your ski.


We made camp about 3PM on the ridge just south of Sheep Mtn., and after a tea and soup break some of the crew skied to the top of the peak. The exposed ridges made for beautiful wind patterns with rime plastered on the trees and delicate snow sculptures. Later Jerry demonstrated how to make a fire pit in nine feet of snow. The resultant smoke filled amphitheater was a wonder to behold.

We didn't have much visibility in the morning and Bob warned us that we were likely to have a little trouble finding our way over to Marshall Bowl. He was right. I'll spare you the details, but we got lost three times. Folks were starting to lose their sense of humor by the third time. First time I've ever heard Myra cuss, "Why doesn't somebody look at the blinkity-blank map!"

We made it though, and Gene Stuart and Marlene Squires joined us for pizza and beer at The Godfather. That beer sure tasted fine. Signed, Don Baty

March 20 Squaw Peak Trip

On March 20 eight skiers participated in a curtailed, but thoroughly enjoyable ski trip. New and old snow prevented us from driving more than two miles beyond the Nine Mile Ranger Station. It was then generally agreed upon that the trip would be a leisurely ski up the road. We turned around at the clear-cut about a mile before the summer trailhead. The new snow was great if one weren't breaking trail, and the downhill return was quick. Oh well, it was fun anyway! Signed, Nancy Schrader.



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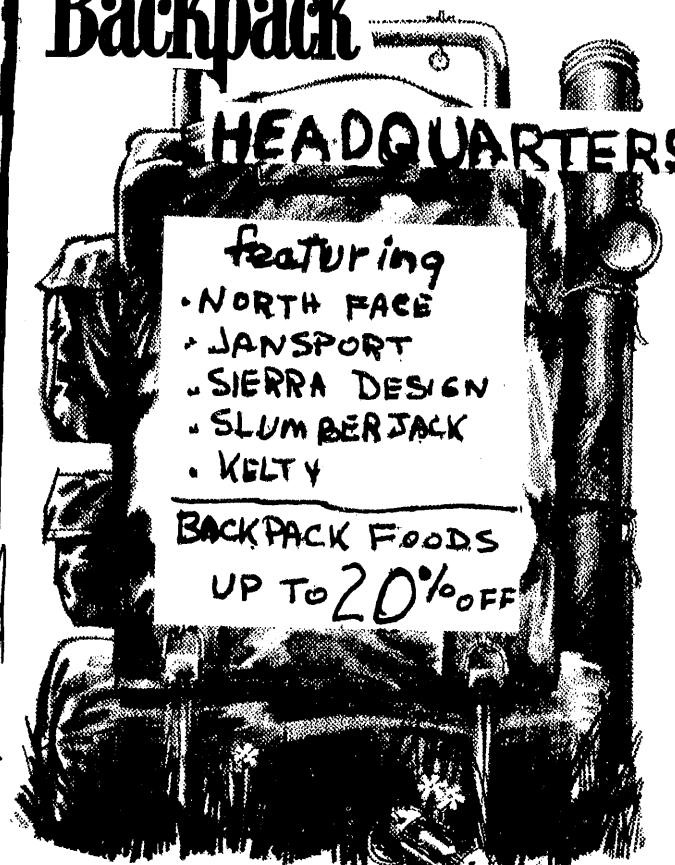
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