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COMING EVENTS

- Dec.28 (weather permitting) Boulder Cave trip. Call Brown RO3-9094.
- Dec. 31. Oregon Grotto invitational potluck and New Year's Eve party-
Larsons, 13402 NE Clark Road, Vancouver (west on 134th from the
freeway into their driveway, one-half mile). 695-4143.
- Jan. 1. Theoretically. Oregon Grotto invitational snoeshoe cave trip,
Mt. Adams area. Wildcat Cave and others. Yr editor suspects
this is more likely to be Jan. 2; doubtful if anybody will be up Jan. 1.
- Jan. 21-22. Carlsbad Division of the Cascade Grotto. Mapping trip: Nichol-
son's Lost Pit. Smith, 1-505-885-2709.
- Jan. 25. regular meeting, Cascade Grotto. Program: Cass Cave. NOTE:
THIS MEETING ONLY IS POSTPONED ONE WEEK. 8 PM, Hallidays.
1117 36th Avenue E., at East Madison St. EA 4-7474.
Maybe also a movie of Euclataz Cave, B.C.

CASCADE GROTTOS OFFICERS
for 1971

Chairman: Ron Pflum ME2-4898
Vice-chairman: Jan Roberts PR8-8503
Sec.-Tr.: Chuck Coughlin PA5-9127

MASTHEAD CONTEST

Winner by acclamation of the contest for a new Caver masthead was Charley
Anderson. We hope to have it in print next month - also we hope to have the
Caver again multilithed by then, on the new Larson press.

DANGER!!!!

The old wooden logging bridge about 1/4 mile from the main Horne Lake Caves
parking area is decaying rapidly. It is very convenient to have this bridge
standing as a foot bridge. Please do not collapse it with your car.

THE GROTTOS INVITATIONAL REGIONAL POTLUCK

was an overwhelming success. At least 56 attended. It was especially great
to have so many from Vancouver Island. With the weather as it was, it was
understandable not to have had anyone from eastern Washington or Idaho this
time, but we'll hope for better travelling conditions next year.

JOINT REGIONAL MEETING WITH CALIFORNIA?

Officers and members of the California Regional Association have expressed
interest in a joint regional meeting, perhaps in the Shasta Lake area. Present
plans for the 1971 Regional are for SE Idaho. Should this be changed?

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FIELD TRIP REPORT

On November 28, Bob Brown, Ron Pflum, Barbara McCloud and Dave Albert joined the Vancouver Island Cave Exploration Group in exploration of the cave Ron had located the previous trip, between Horne Lake and Port Alberni. The cave is still nameless, by the way. Shall we refer to it as Nameless Cave?

The cave is entered by a 25-foot pit. Thence a slope leads into a room 5' high. Here a small crawlway leads into a passage 15 feet high plunging moderately steeply and somewhat reminiscent of Papoose Cave. It looks great, but then it quits. The cave breaks up into numerous vertical slots, some of which are blowing. They are discouragingly tight at this point. There is a confusing hydrological pattern; the cave stream has an overflow channel into a flowstone pit about 100 yards up-cave from its final sinking. The area has not been checked out for other caves, or even for the extent of the limestone.

On the following day, the Seattle contingent went cave-hunting on Mt. Mark with Ken Sinkiewicz, on the lower slopes facing the Horne Lake caves. Ken had directions that involved following a stream upward to a cave, but unfortunately there were at least two streams. The group found an interesting area, however, with a line of huge sinks as much as 50 feet across and deep, on a small plateau. The stream they were following resurged from rubble down-slope, however, not from a cave. Next time, next stream...

OTHER CANADIAN NEWS

Clarence Hronek and Gerrit Van der Laan called to regret inability to attend the potluck; they hope to visit Seattle in February. They have located and partially explored a curious vertical volcanic structure, and begun investigation of what be a major glacier system with several orifices. Subsequent to the reorganization of the Canadian Speleological Society (see below), their group is now the B.C. Mainland Cavers.

Excessive administrative burdens and lack of enthusiasm from eastern Canadian cavers caused the Canadian Speleological Society to inactivate itself. Its Victoria nucleus is now the Vancouver Island Cave Exploration Group (chairman Ken Sinkiewicz) and the B.C. Mainland Cavers also is now in existence. The Victoria group has expressed the hope that some of the eastern Canadian caving groups (anywhere east of Vancouver Island) will pick up the ball and reconstitute the CSS; they will assist in any way possible.

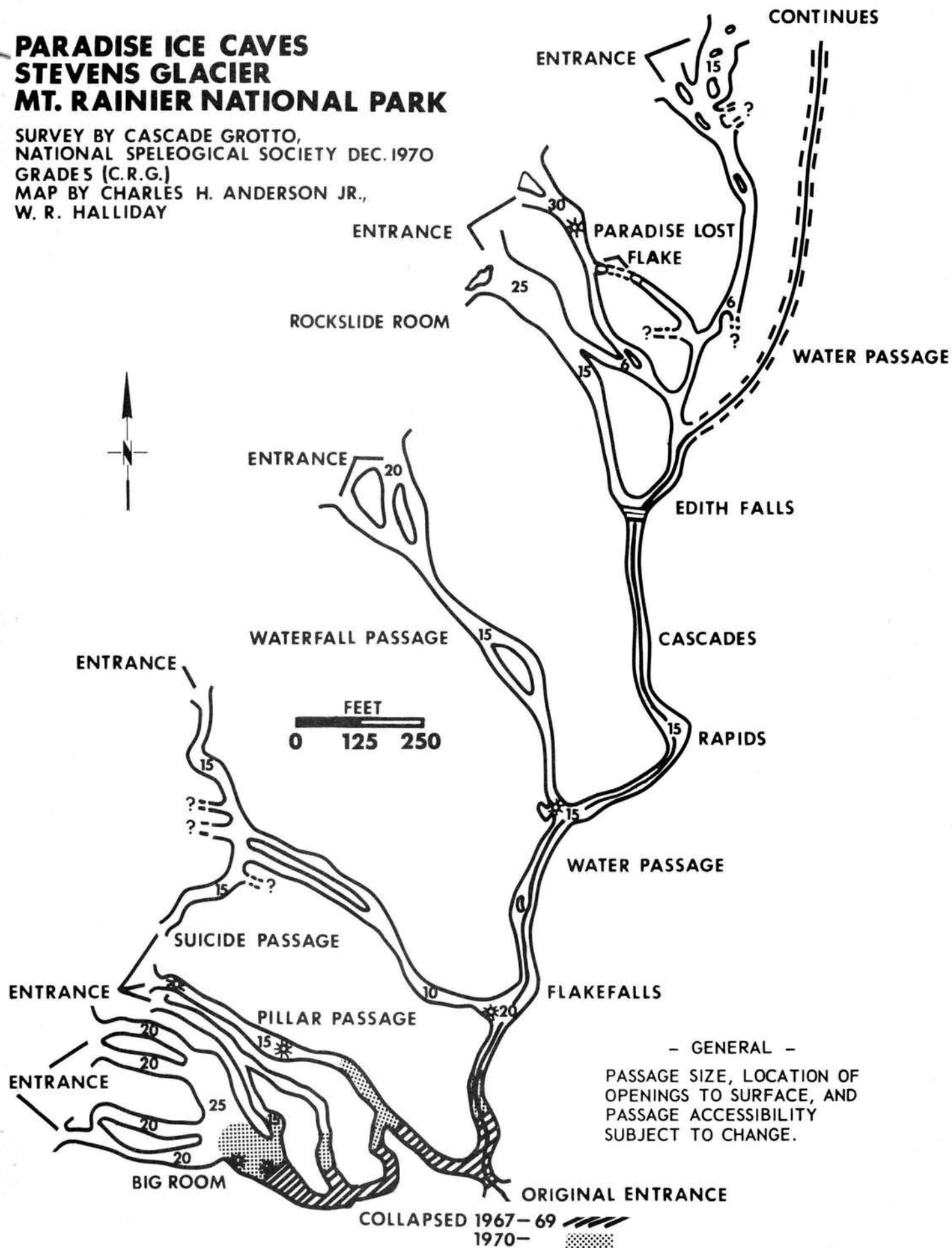
SCRATCH ONE OREGON CAVE

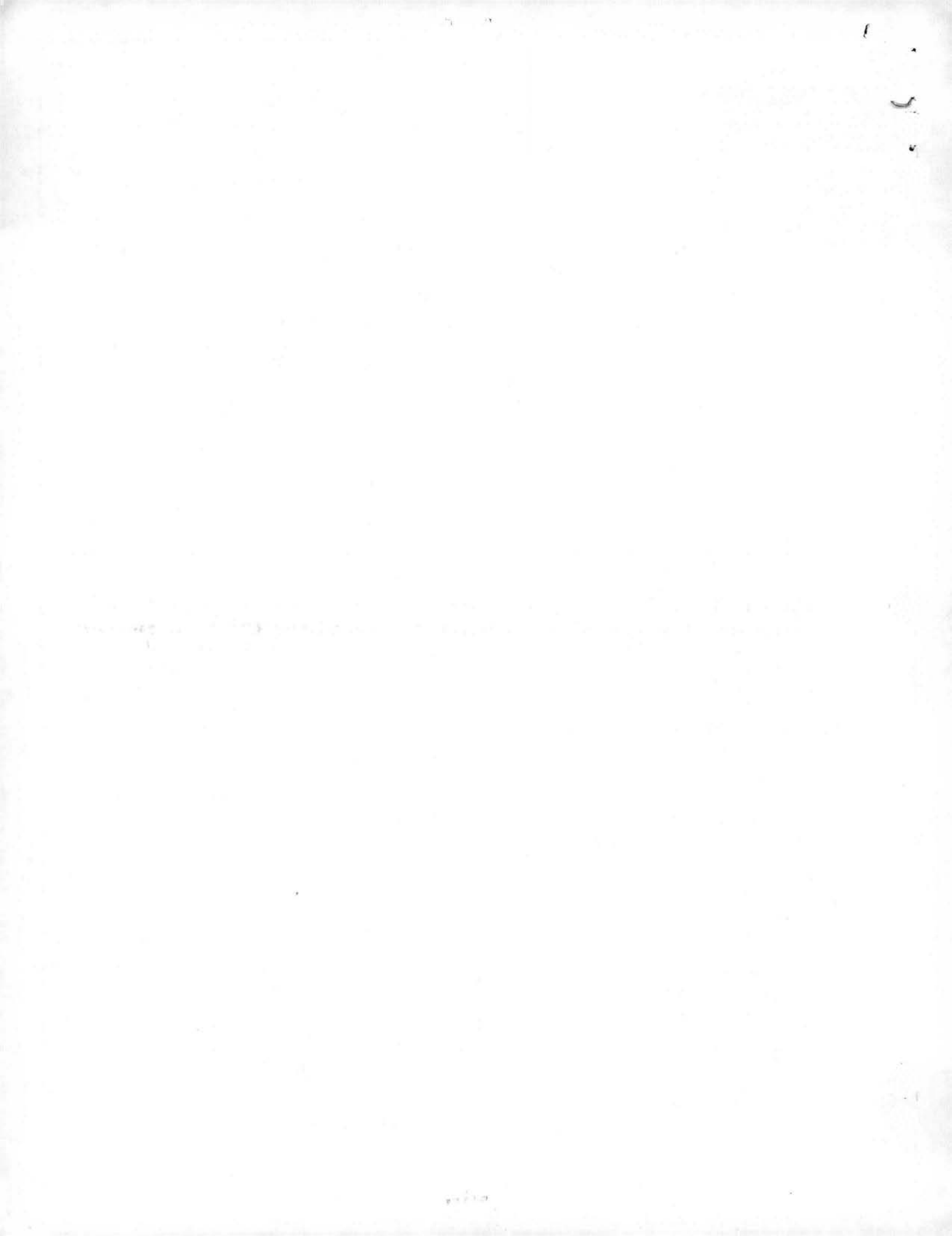
Frank Walsh of Grants Pass writes:

"Jack Sutton, historian of this area, informed me recently that there was a cave near Gold Hill. A cement company, however, quarried it out and no trace of the cave remains. The area is just north of town on the old highway and overlooks the Rogue River. The hillside is badly scarred from the diggings." (This is definitely NOT the Wilderville quarry - W.R.H.)

PARADISE ICE CAVES STEVENS GLACIER MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

SURVEY BY CASCADE GROTTO,
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GRADES (C.R.G.)
MAP BY CHARLES H. ANDERSON JR.,
W. R. HALLIDAY





THE NEW MAP OF THE PARADISE ICE CAVES

is included gratis through the generosity of Charley Anderson. Yes, we both know about the typographical error. It's still much appreciated.

VULCANOSPELEOLOGICAL ABSTRACT - by W.R.H.

Vandiver, Vincent W. 1936. Sunset Crater Geological Report. Southwestern Monuments, Supplement, pp. 291-298, April.

This obscure but useful report by the regional geologist of the National Park Service has only one paragraph on Sunset Crater Ice Cave: ... "this type of cave is typical of lava flows where the lava has drained away, leaving the solidified roof standing..." but indicates its location on a map of the area, and its relation to the local flows. It is also of value for its inclusion of other references to the local vulcanology.

VULCANOSPELEOLOGY COMES INTO ITS OWN

A supply of new N.S.S. brochures has arrived, and the cover illustration is a fine photo (I suspect by Charlie Larson) of a well-known (to cavers) lava tube cavern in the western Mt. St. Helens group. Dunno who was responsible back at NSS Hq, but we appreciate his perception!

NO WESTERN NOMINEE FOR N.S.S. BOARD - AGAIN!

The report of the Nominating Committee has been received - and again lists no westerner. Last year when this happened, we nominated Charlie Larson and were most pleased by the outcome. The year before when it happened, we nominated yr editor and were most pleased by the outcome. (Length of term is 3 years) The committee quite properly has been under attack for this kind of thing (and some others) and seems to be making progress in some areas, but not this one. Fortunately, its power is easily overridden by petition. Do we want to nominate anyone THIS year?

Actually it isn't quite that bad. Even if much of the west does consider that the San Francisco area is a transplanted bit of the northeastern establishment, there are two SF cavers on the board (albeit one is on the current dues expired list), and Doug Rhodes who is listed as being from Maryland actually is best known for his caving in New Mexico and Okinawa; it was in El Paso that I met him. Come to think of it, as new NSS office manager, he may be the one who put the lava tube on the front of the NSS brochure mentioned above.

RADIO CALL LETTERS OF MEMBERS OF THE NW CAVE RESCUE ASSN.

KCU 0364 NCRA
KRD 0350 Halliday
KBY 5417 Brown
KRD 0496 Frahm. Any others?

Incidentally, your editor was impressed by the rescue part of the recent joint King County Search & Rescue operation - well, most of it, anyway - even if everything else did go wrong. My own toes hurt for almost a week from that near-knee-deep slush. If nothing else, the operation was an excellent lesson in the need for US to take charge in any cave rescue operation.

And next time anybody suggests a practice rescue in a mine, let's find out AHEAD OF TIME if it floods/leaks/freezes....

