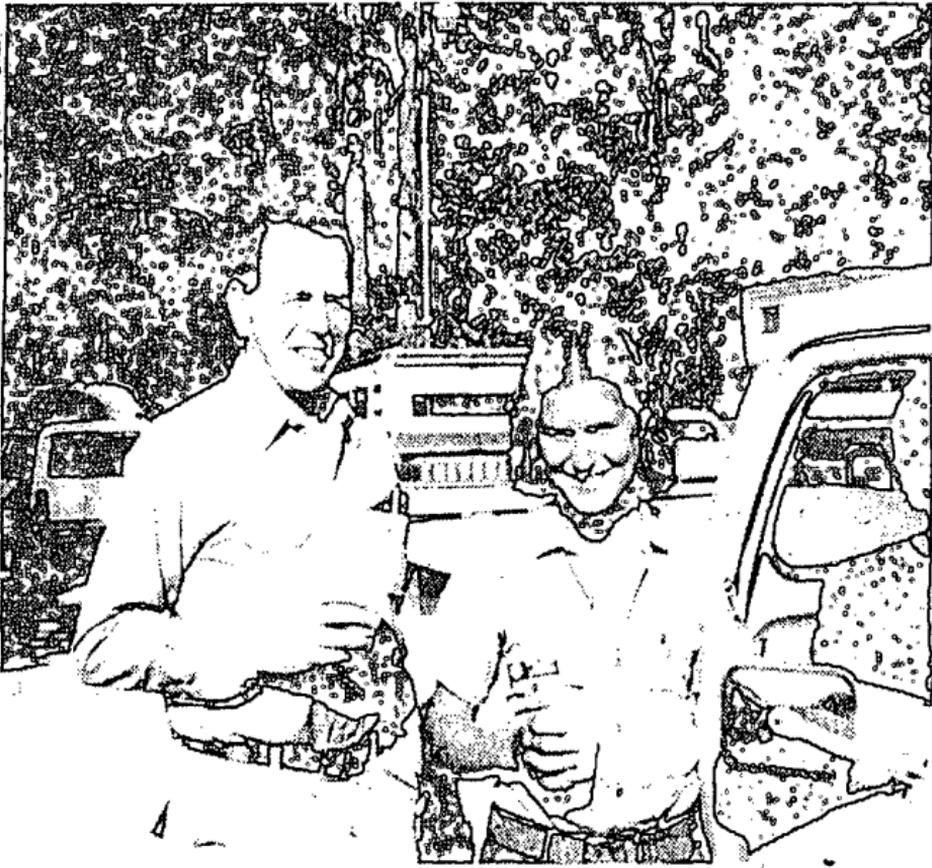




Bulldozing

by Jim Jordan

As in past years, this week in our BD we offer our 21-gun salute to new Oregon State Bar President **ARTHUR C. "Art" JOHNSON**, an attorney in Eugene with the legal firm of Johnson, Harang & Swanson.



OREGON STATE Bar President Arthur Johnson enjoys the great outdoors and so does his daughter Corrie. Here they are (with the rest of the family) near Sun Valley in the Sawtooth Basin of Central Idaho. The headwaters of the Salmon River here afforded good camping sites and excellent fishing.

Attorney Art Johnson happened to be in Portland last week to attend an annual conference, election and swearing in ceremonies. He was kind enough to take time out from his busy schedule to drop in at our DJC and listen to a different type of questioning than he hears in trying cases and representing clients around Eugene and Mighty Oregon.

In our BD last week, we mentioned that when we talked with Eugene attorney Johnson, we were going to ask him what happened to University of Oregon's football team in their first game.

We did ask him — as the first question in our BD seance — and bar president Johnson, a sports-minded fellow with short quick answers, fired: "Well, Jim, don't sell this Oregon coach Rich Brooks short!"

And in case we forget, Bulldozer Art Johnson played a good game of football for Eugene High School at 165 pounds, and he told us they won their share of the games.

Johnson was born back in



COOK ARTHUR JOHNSON
open fire cooking tops

Akron, Ohio, where his father **HAROLD VICTOR** (known as "H.V.") **JOHNSON** was a prominent attorney in the Buckeye State.

When son Arthur was all of eight, pappy "H.V." Johnson decided to "go West young man" so he selected Eugene, Oregon; he knew the university there helped make Eugene a good college town.

He told us that when the

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ANOTHER ONE man's family is that of Oregon State Bar President Arthur Johnson. All outdoor lovers, here they are up in the Cascades waiting for pappy Art to sound chow call. Left to right (front row): Mrs. Anita Johnson, daughters Andrea and Corrie. Rear row: Attorney Art Johnson, sons Derek and Bern.

family moved out to Eugene the population was around 18,000. Today, he said, it is nearing 118,000. Anyway, Art went through grade and high school in Eugene, graduated from Oregon, and later went on to the Harvard University Law School where he graduated with a JD degree (Dr. of Jurisprudence).

During vacations in Eugene while in high school and the university, Art worked in the "tall and uncut" (forests and logging operations) for Howard Hinsdale, known to many in the Oregon timber industry.

Before that at age 12 to about 15, he worked in the fields picking berries, fruit and doing miscellaneous harvest work.

When he was out of high school he was too young for World War II (about 1945) but his twin brothers **GERALD JOHNSON** and **HAROLD JOHNSON** became fighter pilots in the Pacific theater and saw plenty of action.

In fact, his brother Gerald was our number three ace in the South Pacific with 25 enemy (Japanese) aircraft to his credit. Ahead of him as number one ace, of course, was **RICHARD "Dick" BONG** with 40 planes to his credit, and number two ace was **CAPTAIN MAGUIRE** with 38 downed aircraft. Brother



FISHERMAN ART JOHNSON
big ones for dinner

Ralph Miller, now a professor at the University of Washington, was in the Infantry during World War II.

Coming back to our man-of-the-week Art Johnson, after graduating from Harvard Law School he returned to good old Eugene, Oregon. (During those early years the university had never heard of Fresno State?)

A lot happened with Art Johnson in 1953. It was the year he returned from Harvard Law School, immediately passed the Oregon State Bar exam, and has been active in bar work ever since.

Also in that year he married **ANITA HOLMES**, who came out to Mighty Oregon to major

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in journalism, and who became editor of the U of O newspaper, "Emerald." Later she went back to Washington, D.C., and worked on spe-

He's a "Fellow" (honorary appointment) of the College of Trial Lawyers; "Fellow" of the American Bar Foundation; and chairman of the governor's River Greenery Committee.

He must like birds (as we do out in Brentwood to the tune of five pounds of bird seed a week, for he is a member of the Audubon Society. He's a member of the Alpine Club of Eugene; belongs to Sierra Club and he must do backpacking in his sleep—eh, Art?

Going back a few years, he was City Attorney in Eugene from 1971 to 1974, and though he's not the big chief there today, his firm still does the corporate and municipal work, but Art personally doesn't handle any of that.

Today our pal Art sticks to trials practice, litigation, handling of claims, business litigation and liability.

Along with all of the hobbies of his we have mentioned, he also does photography, and naturally takes his equipment along in his pack when he heads into the hinterlands. And his jogging three or four times a week keeps him in good shape for forced marches around the Cascades.

All four of the Johnson children picked Williams College after high school in Eugene, and three of 'em plan to go on to law school . . . third generation coming up.

The children also follow in their pappy's footsteps by going out for sports. Son Bern turned out for football; son Derek went out for soccer and basketball; daughter Corrie goes in for ski racing and cross country jogs (on skis); and daughter Andrea sticks to ski racing.

Yow suh! It sounds like you will hear about Art Johnson and his "one man's family" as the years roll by, and even our new Oregon State Bar president isn't through in his forward progress. If he ever goes into politics . . . watch out, he may be governor some day. What a guy!

So as attorney Johnson builds up practice

Practice makes perfect says he;

Let's see how perfect old Pete has been

If he ever gets up a tree.



Old Skamokawa Pete was down in the dumps (not the proposed one at Wildwood) when called for his weekly bar-



BAR PRESIDENT JOHNSON
nothing undone in '81

cial assignments for the Washington Post, which we have been hearing so much about lately.

And also in 1953, to get in his military duty Bulldozer Art Johnson went in the Air Force like his brothers, but there was no war on, and he had to settle for legal work and training air crews in survival techniques.

After his Air Force stint of about three years, Art returned to the fold in Eugene and got down to business with his own legal firm . . . Johnson, Johnson & Harang. Art's father "H.V." Johnson, well known in the legal fraternity, retired in 1975. At the time there were four members of the firm including Arthur. They were brother Harold, father "H.V.," and Jim Harang. As Eugene grew, so did Art's legal operation. They now have about 20 associates and members of the firm, and on they go!

There seems to be nary a dull moment in the legal life of Bulldozer Art Johnson, and how he keeps up with his hobbies of backpacking, camping out in the mountains, snow skiing, fishing, jogging . . . we even get tired mentioning all of 'em.

Along with being the four-star (president) of the Oregon State Bar, he is also president of the Lane County Bar Association; chairman of the Uniform Jury Instruction Committee of the Oregon State Bar; he's a member of the Board of Directors of the Professional Liability Fund of the OSB; member of the Board of Governors of the OSB; and has lectured and written papers for continuing legal programs.