Gertrude Glutsch Jensen speech on preservation of the Columbia River Gorge, circa 1981

Overview of the Collection

**Speaker**  Jensen, Gertrude Glutsch, 1903-1986  
**Title**  Gertrude Glutsch Jensen speech on preservation of the Columbia River Gorge  
**Dates**  circa 1981  
**Quantity**  .1 cubic feet, (1 audiocassette (22 min., 6 sec.) + transcript (7 pages))  
**Collection Number**  SR 31  
**Summary**  Remarks delivered by Gertrude Glutsch Jensen from her home in Portland, Oregon. In the speech, which was broadcast on KOIN radio, she discusses ongoing conflict over the preservation of the Columbia River Gorge.  
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Biographical Note

Gertrude Glutsch Jensen was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1903. She studied political science at Reed College from 1922 to 1923, but left before completing her degree. In 1929, she and Frederic Charles Jensen were married. They later had one child and divorced a few years afterward. Jensen was a freelance reporter for the Oregonian and Oregon Journal newspapers in Portland for 14 years, and worked as a real estate broker from the 1930s through the 1950s. When her mother became ill, Jensen left work to care for her. During this time, she became aware of large-scale logging operations in the Columbia River Gorge, and she soon became involved in conservation efforts. She sat on the board of the Oregon Roadside Council for over 25 years, was chair of the Columbia River Gorge Commission from 1953 to 1969, and was chair of the Save the Columbia Gorge committee. She received the Conservation Service Award from the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1961, the Distinguished Service Award from Oregon Governor Tom McCall in 1964, and the Woman of the Year award from the Portland Women's Forum in 1967. She died in 1986.

Content Description

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This speech by Gertrude Glutsch Jensen was delivered around 1981 to a group of people gathered at her home in Portland, Oregon, under the auspices of Senator Mark Hatfield. The speech was also broadcast on KOIN radio. In the speech, Jensen talks about the history of Columbia River Gorge preservation efforts and discusses her own preservation work. She presents arguments in favor of proposed legislation to designate the Gorge as a national recreation area, and advocates immediate action by way of a presidential proclamation to designate the Gorge as a national monument. She also describes the current state of the Washington side of the Gorge. She closes the speech by talking about Chanticleer Point.

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