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## ANNUAL MEETING

You have all received a notice of this meeting and a list of the candidates for election to the Board. The nominating committee has done an outstanding job of selecting candidates and has made it very difficult to choose who to vote for. The slate is one of exceptionally good choices. Come! Pay your dues! Bring pot-luck dish & plate, cup, pick and shovel. Coffee will be furnished. October 9, 1964. Doors open at six. The candidates are as follows:

Dot Dotson, John McManigal, Frank Moore, Rex Stevens, Natalie Morgan, Margaret Wiese. Present members who remain on the Board: Mary Castelloe, Robert Dark, Stan Hasek, Mary Jo Johannis, Wm Martyn, Mac McWilliams.

## OBSIDIAN DOINGS

September 20 - Saw Tooth Mt. Margaret Markley, leader

September 27 - Black Butte. Leader, Bill Martyn.

October 4 - Huckleberry Lake and the Island. Call Mac McWilliams for whos leading

October 11 - Maxwell Butte with Helen Hughes leading.

## CLIMBING

September 19 and 20 will windup the Mt. climbing for the year with a climb of 3 Fingered Jack with Bob Ashworth leading.

## PRINCESS DOINGS

The July 20 meeting was at the home of Pr. Many Ponies (Elizabeth Gullion) where the group enjoyed the lovely back yard with its newly installed fountain. A lovely dessert was enjoyed. The electric can opener purchase was cancelled for the present. The Princess Notepaper project will be completed by September. Next meeting will be Sept. 21 at the Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

## YELLOW JACKETS

A huge nest of them were discovered in a madrona tree near the Lodge. As they were considered as trespassers as none of them could furnish a paid-up card they were burned up in more ways than one.

Because of lack of space items that should be in this issue will be in the next..

September 18.

SUMMER CAMP reunion will be on this date and the dinner will be at Ford's at 6:30 p.m. with the Grande Finale at the Lodge. Because of limited space at Ford's and because Ford must be notified in advance as to how many to serve, an absolute deadline has been set for Sept. 15th. Those who attended camp will be given first choice. Dinner will be \$1.95. Mail check and reservations to Dorothy Towleron, 2531 Chula Vista Blvd. Remember DEADLINE is Sep. 15th. FRIENDLY HOUSE is back in business again after being out on vacation for a month.

Sept. 13 - Mr. Ellis of Ellis Studios will present Europe from Damascus to Holy Land.

Sept. 20 - Bob Medill - Oregon miscellaneous and Obsidian Summer Camps.

Sept. 27 - Helen Weiser and her tour of the Mediterranean.

Sept. 28 - Obsidian picture night.  
PAUL WEISER MEMORIAL

The memory of Paul Weiser was fittingly honored at the July 24 Potluck, put on by Hostesses Wanda Mountjoy, Chm., Elwina Meacham, Betty Herron, and Dorothy Towleron. Bill Martyn acted as M.C. The tables were gracefully set off with unusually charming bouquets of summer flowers. Three very entertaining movies obtained by D. Towleron were enjoyed: Destination earth, boating on the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, and Family Afoot in the Yukon. A beautiful Chrysanthemum plant was presented to Helen Weiser, who warmly expressed her appreciation to all Obsidian for making this memorial and to those who contributed toward its purchase.

## DISAPPEARED

From the top right hand drawer of the desk in the "Medill" room a pair of shears. These are top quality shears and do not belong to the Lodge, but are used there in connection with the mineographing work. They belong to one of the members of the Publications Committee and their return would be deeply appreciated. They were probably used sometime in decorating down stairs and inadvertently got put in some ones basket or hand bag and taken home.

WHERE IS OUR SIDE?

The lack of participation by hikers in the current trail scooter discussion is a cause for great concern. If we are to keep our wild areas and preserve the recreation opportunities we favor, we must speak up in their defense. We must not only object to major things we disapprove of, but make our support known on those we favor.

The arguments the scooter riders are using are so poor that it is amazing that no one has effectively refuted them. Some of us are unable to participate in the "Letters to the Editor" column because of our employment, but there must be many in the club who are not so limited. Why not point out that the trails the scooters can't use are only a very small portion of the trails available? Who can afford several hundred dollars for a scooter.

The scooter riders say they want only their fair share, but evidently think that their share is all. There are many other good points that could be made.

Just because we have a paid representative is no reason to think we can sit back and let him do it all. Mike has been accused of not really representing our viewpoint. We need to let the public and the Public Officials know what we want, by letters to the Editor and letters direct to the officials.

Unless YOU start participating and working at saving it, our wild type recreation is doomed to an early extinction.

WRITE A LETTER NOW!! but please be clear, specific, logical, and have your facts correct - even if it takes a little effort to check the facts and figures. Also write on the next things that come up.

Anonymous

Sorry we cannot give this writer's name - to do so would jeopardize him in his work. He has already been in hot water because of speaking out on his views.

MT. HOOD July 12

On Sat. afternoon we arrived at Cloud Cap Inn and packed in to camp about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile up the moraine. We left camp at 2:30 a.m. Sun. morning and arrived on top at 10:00 a.m. The weather was quite good-unusually warm. The ascent was made via the Sunshine Route - the descent by Coopers Spur. Everyone was back to camp by 2:30. Bob Ashworth was the only one not able to complete the climb. He was not feeling well and turned back before we got into the chopped up glacier area. Those making the climb were: Bob Napier, John Lindstrom, Charla Eubanks, Mike Gilbert, John Nosler, Bob & Tom Bauman, Bill Robinson, Norman Hasek, Norman Lee, Asst. Leader and Jim Harrang, Leader.

MCKENZIE SCENIC DRIVE

A move is on foot to keep the McKenzie Hiway classed as a scenic drive and the elimination of huge advertising signboards off. This would not work a hardship on any one now as there are no signboards up but applications are being made by various big outfits to construct some. They make the argument that they would be willing to omit a big portion of the Hiway if they would be allowed to erect their signs along portions of same. However the areas they are referring to are in the National Forests and these miles are already excluded from erection of signs. The various Garden Clubs are circulating petitions to be sent to the State Highway Commission and maybe the Obsidians should do the same. At least it behooves all of us who go along with keeping the McKenzie Highway a scenic drive to write the State Highway Comm.

BOARD NOTES

Bills allowed: EWEB \$17.01, Mishlers for printing material \$7.05, Postage \$22.00. Summer Camp costs were \$1620.25. There may be a few other small bills.

Resignation of Stan Hasek from the Board was read and reluctantly granted. Replacement will be made at the Annual Meeting, as pursuant Constitution.

Karl Onthank was appointed Obsidian Representative to the FWOC convention which will be in session when you receive this. Mary Jo reported the application for membership of Dennis Holverstott and this was accepted.

Gene Sebring's report on Summer Camp brought out the fact that the Summer Camp Committee had made so many savings, mostly in the area of food purchases and in the planning of keeping the packing dunnage at a minimum that a refund to campers can be made and at the suggestion of the Committee the Board voted in favor of a refund to those who made the camp a success of \$5 per week to adults and \$2.50 per week to minors.

MARIE O'NEIL WRIGHT - (Princess Snowflake) since 1933 gave the Lodge a visit and a party of Princesses and a few others were on hand at the Lodge to give her a welcome greeting and served coffee and cakes prepared by Elsie Dotson, (Princess Dawn).

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR Stewart L. Udall. It is circulated that he is to be dropped by the Johnson Administration after the November elections. No reasons are given, but one can use their imagination and probably come up with the right answers. No Secretary of the Interior has waged a more constructive battle to save some of our wilderness than Mr. Udall. Urgently requested that we write Pres. Johnson.

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MT. SCOTT July 18

Twenty-one Obsidians and Friends met the leaders, Harry and Lois Wesley at the Four Winds at 8:30 a.m. Six cars well loaded with passengers followed east to Mt. Scott. We enjoyed a nice drive thru a new stand of trees on old logged off land. Reached the summit about 10:30 and found flowers and greenery quite plentiful. The weather wasn't quite agreeable, but the sun finally did break thru. Several of our guests were real wild flower enthusiasts. Those making the trip were: Helen Weiser, Margaret Wiese, James and Mary Douglas, Stovall Joan and Danny Bray, Nellie McWilliams, Mary Castelloe, Louis and Roxie Waldorf, N. J. Arpin, Karl Onthank, Ruth Onthank, Margaret Markley, Frank Sipe, Ted and Mary Jo Johannis, Ella Carrick, Sue Hausotter, Pailine Whitney, and Jack Hausotter and Harry and Lois Wesley, leaders.

JEFFERSON PARK VIA WHITEWATER August 8-9

Left Eugene 7:30 a.m. Sat. arrived at the parking place at 9:45. After about 300 yards thru the edge of a logging unit and into the timber a fairly good trail is now beaten out. This trail takes a direct route up a rather steep grade to the saddle at the Sentinel Hills Trail and is generally close to the left hand side of the creek canyon as you go in. Survey stakes are now in place for a graded trail to be located generally in the area of the existing trl. The Sentinel Hills Trail is in excellent condition on a gradual grade and is thru timber most of the way with a close view of Mt. Jefferson in many places and with a good showing of Washingtonia Lilies about midway along this trail. Sentinel Hills Trail meets the Skyline Trail about 200 yards after crossing the Whitewater Creek and about 1 mile from Scout Lake in Jeff. Park. It is especially interesting to have Helen Wesier with us since she had been in Jeff. Park last at a summer camp in 1946, so some reminiscence was in order. Also the Ross's (Lawrence and his son Steve) were good fun with all their enthusiasm for a first trail trip into our good back country. We spent our time loafing around the Park and over into Park Butte. Lots of snow and water. And the flower crop was just getting under way. Left Sunday at 3 p.m. and arrived at the car at 6 p.m. with about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour of this time taken up by camera fans - hadn't had enough yet. Distance by car 110 miles one way and by trail  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles one way. "Drinking Water" at the parking place and near Whitewater Creek crossing about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles apart. This year

there was water about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the parking place but last year (probably normal) there wasn't. Pictures by all hands. The leader, Clarence Landes, accompanied by: Lawrence and Steve Ross and Helen Weiser.

TRAILS CLOSURE

Several trails in the Willamette National Forest will be closed this summer to motorized travel, the Forest Service reports. Forest Supervisor David R. Gibney said trails to be closed July 15 include all of the Skyline Trail in the Willamette National Forest, Trails in the Waldo Lake area, selected trails leading into wilderness-type area and the Minnick Trail near Hills Creek Reservoir. Trails within the Mt Jefferson Primitive Area. Three Sisters Wilderness Area and the Diamond Peak and Mt Washington Wild Areas are already closed to motorized travel of any kind. Motorized equipment is not allowed in wild, wilderness or primitive areas.

Gibney said the closure will help "maintain the primitive environment and solitude" characteristic of these areas. Closure of trails in the Waldo Lake recreation area follows earlier recommendations of the Waldo Lake Advisory Committee. The Minnick Trail is being closed to prevent conflict with bank fishermen.

The Forest Service will not use vehicles on these trails for routine administration and maintenance, but emergency use is authorized. Maps showing closed areas are available at Forest Service headquarters in Eugene, 210 East 11th. (The club has two lists showing the closed trails at the Lodge.)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF TRAIL COUNTRY. NCPTC for short is a National

Organization newly formed to cope with the use of motorized vehicles in Wilderness Areas and among the many officers selected are our own Karl Onthank and Richard Noyes. J. Michael McCloskey is regional chairman of the Committee in the Pacific Northwest.

FROM THE FOREST SERVICE

To the Obsidians with the compliments of J. Herbert Stone are two booklets, one is about research on the uses of timber and is very interesting. The other is titled, "Trees of the Forest. Their beauty and Use". Both at the Lodge. We are going to try and stamp all magazines and literature and books with the name, "Obsidian" on them so there will be no excuse for someone to take them out and then forget to whom they belong.

Another magazine received and at the Club House is "BioScience", A magazine published by the American Institute of Biological Sciences. page 6 Column 1

SUNSET BEACH AND CAPE ARAGO June 13-14

Because of weather and other factors such as the conflict with the U.O.F O Commencement this cannot be rated as a successful Obsidian trip.

The leader, Mildred Ball and her brother Bill left Eugene about 8 p.m. Saturday; arriving at Sunset Beach State Park about 11:00 p.m. too late to locate the Lynch family who had indicated on the sign-up sheet that they would drive to the coast area early afternoon Saturday.

Rain in the night discouraged many campers at the park. We heard their cars leaving even before morning. After cooking our breakfast we drove to Cape Arago arriving between 8:30 and 9:00 in order to follow the tide out as announced. We found no Obsidians. Weather was still not good. After a brief exploration of Middle Bay and then again looking for Eugene cars at the parking sites we felt no others were coming so we left.

Checking with the Lynch family on Monday we learned that there were 6 in this party Al & Helen, Their daughters JoAn & Betty and friends of theirs, John & Sue Rice (bro. & Sister). They arrived too late on Sat. to do much exploring in the tides but did go out to Shell Island on the North Bay At Cape Arago on Sunday morning when the tide was lowest about 10:00 Sunday and enjoyed "good hunting". Also it had been learned that two friends from North Bend who had been notified of the trip arrived sometime after 9:30.

The leader regrets that she did not tarry longer at Cape Arago Park. The weather was not that bad, however it was not good for picture taking.

COMMENTS: It is a worthwhile trip, but a difficult one to plan. Sunset Beach Park is very large. Cars should be taken to arrange some way to contact members arriving at different times.

CAUTION: Remember that it is necessary to get a permit from the Ore. Fish Comm. to gather marine specimens from the bays at Cape Arago and Sunset Beach as well as several other of the State Parks along the coast. Those on this trip were; Mildred Ball; Bill Ball, Catherine Dunlop, Helen Al, JoAn & Betty Lynch, John and Sue Rice Mrs C.K. and Frances Duryee, North Bend.

MT. FAIRVIEW June 28

This 5933 ft. Mt. has a very good but a very steep road right to the top where there is a lookout and an obsolete radar gap filler. Our cars could barely make it to the saddle between Fairview and Bohemia

Mtn. because of snow on the road. It left an easy one mile hike to the top. We also hiked down on the other side from the saddle to the Music mine and looked it over. If we had had more time or more energy we could have climbed Bohemia Mtn., too, an easy 1 mile climb in the other direction. Ray Nelson, owner of most of the mountain came up late in the day to tell us all about the history, geography and geology of the area, but arrived too late to meet some of the party who had gone home already. He would be most happy to meet any other group interested in the area. He is good.

Round trip by car-100 miles. But remember the 13% grade up and not overload your car. Take flashlights for the mine exploration and cameras and binoculars for good mountain viewing. Those attending were Bob Hungerford and Lila Wakkuri from Corvallis Lucy Poole, Marvin Girardeau, Mr and Mrs Ancil Leister (ryhmes with Easter) from Dexter, Helen Weiser, David Lent, Mac and Nellie McWilliams, Duchess Cox, Keena, Jim Steve, Mike and Bob Northrop, leader.

IRON MOUNTAIN July 12

This was a very successful trip -the day was perfect for hiking - not too cold and not too hot - visibility was quite good, so perhaps some good pictures were taken. A prime objective for this hike was to observe the many wild flowers. The flowers were excellent and a good majority of those on the hike seemed to take a keen interest, or at least were very patient with flower lovers. Three people were from Roseburg and 5 from Lebanon.

The leader talked with a Willamette Forest man (Mr Quam)-Larry Worstell wasn't in at the time. Mr. Quam talked to the Asst. Supervisor and learned that the Iron Mt. area was still being studied by the Forest Service as a "natural area" or some Other status. This information might be relayed to the conservation committee.

Persons making trip: Viola, James, Peggy Gordon, Sacksi, Duchess Cox, Barbara Johnson, Helen Weiser, Fay Holmstrom, Marvin Girardeau, Derald Himer, Ray Sims, Dean Patterson, Sterling Patterson, Kay Fahy, Thelma Watson, Irving Jackson, Lucy Poole, Mac and Nellie McWilliams, Marcia Harlacher Barbara Hasek, Steve Moore, Henry and Anna Jeppesen, Ken and Robin Lodewick, Evon and Evelyn Hull, Lucy Schattenkirk, Agnes Roth Jack Hausotter, Don Weigant, Kathy White, Les Cooper, John Taylor, Doug Taylor and the leader, Frank Sipe.

## CAMP DARK OBSIDIAN SUMMER CAMP AUGUST 2 to 15, 1964

CAMP DARK was set up in one of the most beautiful settings deep in wilderness of Mt. Jefferson by Gene Sebrings efficient committee on August 1 & 2, with even a little rain coming on Saturday.

But by Sunday the ones for the first week and those for two weeks, numbering 35 were all in camp and seated for the first dinner by 7:30. And Selma's magic touch began with the first meal.

The camp ideally situated between the two large Table Lakes, with a number of smaller lakes in the camping area for swimming.

Monday was the only rainy day that kept every one either under tarp over the table or by the huge campfire. It began clearing by the next day and by campfire time there was BLUE sky everywhere and how the stars did shine, even two of them started moving and it was plain to see Echo 1 & 2, one splitting the Big Dipper. And seen nightly thereafter.

On Wed. two trips were on schedule, some going toward Carl Lake, but Gene led the largest party up the 1000 foot wall to our south and up on the Table. This beautiful flat, 3 miles wide area, was dotted with lakes and Alpine trees with one of the best views of Mt Jefferson and across this area to the cliffs on the other side, we looked down upon Hunts Cove, a green valley with Hunts and Hanks Lakes as well as Bing ham Basin nearby.

As the first climb of Mt Jefferson was to be on Thurs., 6 of the party took sleeping bags and food Wed. evening and with a couple hours of traveling camped high on the South Ridge near Goat Rocks. The 13 who left camp in the early morning of Thur. also climbed the South Ridge but 4 did not go up the pinnacle. Those gaining the cherished right to write their names in the book atop the big Rock pinnacle were Gene Sebring, leader, Helen Hughes, her 10th. Becky Bascom, Dr. John Bascom, Helen Smith Dr. Robert Dark, Dorothy Towlerton, Norman Benton, Catherine Dunlop, Frank Moore, John Anderson, Lloyd Plaisted, and Dan Quick. Those who made the long climb, but stopped at the foot of the pinnacle, Mrs Ruth Bascom, Dr. Olin Byerly and sons, Robert and Larry.

Wed. the 5th was Tom Bascom's 7th birthday and at dinner he ate a whole cake - but with only one candle.

Trips were taken to "Hole-in-the-Wall" North Cinder Cone, Hunts and Hanks Lakes, Jefferson Lake, Patsy Lake, and Carl Lake

where fishermen Frank, John, Rick and some others furnished the camp with two fish dinners.

At the Sat. nights campfire with those in camp for the second week making about 50, the theme was to honor our Pres. Bob Dark, with a talk by Gene as head of camp and the presenting of the CAMP DARK sign. 21 returned home Sun., so the total for the second week was but 30.

Nat and Boyd Morgan visited for 4 days of the 2nd week and Margaret Markley, last years Pres. came in Monday for the week.

Three of Franks Scouts, Ron Funke, Rick Craven and Lee Cooley came in on Sun. and climbed Jefferson on Mon. getting back in mid-afternoon. Bob Dark took 8 more up Mt. Jefferson on Thur. and returned quite early. Besides Bob, John Anderson, Ron Funke, Lee Cooley, Scott Martyn (age 9), Brad Stevens (age 10), Bill Martyn, Rex Stevens and Kent Stevens also signed the book atop

Everyone being in better hiking condition made better time on the nine mile slightly down-hill hike out to the cars on Sat. 15t

Visitors to camp were horseback riders from Bend Hdqs of the Forest Service on 2 occasions and a lone man from Cal. on his way to Hole-in-the-Wall.

Selmas expert cooking is always a feature of Obsidian camp - just imagine - hot biscuits and honey - tender beef steaks - and lemon pies. The committee - too - for such forward looking planning.

And the campfires - such good entertainment. - the delightful family of 7 who lived high above Table Lake in a "Teepee" would come up with a song anytime. And in the 2nd wee just say "Bill".

Attending camp were Selma Vangsness, Comm Chairman Gene Sebring and other committee members, Frank Moore, Helen Smith, and Dorothy Towlerton, John Anderson, Bob Dark, Wilma McBee, Catherine Dunlop, Norman Benton, Kay Fahy, Everett Ow, Thelma Watson, Ray Sims, Virginia, Mark and Martha Sebring The Bascoms - Dr. John, Ruth, Cindy, Ellen Becky, Tom and Paul. The McManigals - John Lenore, Richie, Keven and Steven, Helen Hughes, Margaret Wiese, Lila Smith, Betty & Arthur Herron, Lynn & Mary Moore, Jane Hilt, Margaret Markley, Ron Funke, Rick Craven, Lee Cooley, The Martyns - Bill, Erline, Elaine and Scott. The Stevens - Rex, Shirley, Kent, Brad and Laura. Nat & Boyd Morgan, Lloyd Plaisted, Dr. Olin, Robert & Larry Byerly and Dan Quick.

by Ray Sims

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Sciences and it is devoted mostly to how we are poisoning ourselves and to the study of Ecology. Well worth reading.

#### NORTH SISTER August 2

August 2, 1964, 4:45 a.m. DST a party of 7 left Sunshine Shelter under an overcast sky to climb the North Sister. The route chosen was via Glacier Way, past Scott Camp where snow was encountered, thence via Renfrew Glacier to Collier Glacier. Shortly after 7:00 we roped up to cross Collier.

Due to the fact that fresh snow had covered all the crevasses we all practised self-arrest technique then proceeded with caution. As the party climbed higher, more snow was encountered. Snow and ice on the west slope of the South Ridge allowed us to make fast time up the usually slow score

We arrived in the vicinity of the Prouty Pinnacle shortly after 9:00 a.m. where we stopped for a rest and a quick lunch. All the time the weather was getting poorer. Winds were estimated to be 40 to 50 miles per hour, while the temperature was in the middle 30's. With Kirk McLaughlin left in charge of the party, Charla Eubanks and Howard Byerly, with ice axes, crampons and ropes proceeded to the snow field under the Prouty to try and find a route across the snow and ice to the chute below the summit. At 10:00 a belay point was secured on the south edge of the snowfield and with Howard on belay, Charla led out about sixty feet on the snow field. At this point the slope was about 55 degrees or more. About 8 inches of fresh powder snow covered hard ice. Charla was unable to cut steps with her iceaxe or kick steps with her crampons. In the meantime Kirk led the remaining group to the edge of the snowfield so that they could witness the problem also. All the time the weather was getting worse. The fresh snow had completely covered the Bergschrund making the snowfield look very smooth. By 11:00 a.m. we had found no safe way to cross the snow. Two members of the party, Betty Lynch and Mike Kennedy were having trouble because they did not have crampons. At this point it was decided to return without further attempting the climb. The wind was blowing rocks and ice on us from above and the fresh snow was starting to ball up under foot. We took shelter from the weather behind a Gendarme and had a quick lunch, coiled ropes, removed crampons and prepared for the return to camp.

All returned to Sunshine Shelter without incident. Goggles were necessary because of extensive glare. Everyone managed to

pack out to Frog Camp by 5:00 p.m. Down hill trip made faster by heavy snow on trail from Sunshine to White Branch Creek. The party included Howard Byerly, Ldr., Charla Eubanks, Kirk McLaughlin, Betty Lynch, Jack Donavan, Cal Crawford & Mike Kennedy.

Leaders comments: Lack of warm clothing, lack of required equipment by all party's, and lack of ice pitons and ice screws.

Howard Byerly, leader.

#### NORTH SISTER North Ridge Route July 25-26

On Sat., July 25th everyone packed in 5 miles on the Scott Trail to camp at Minnie Scott Spring. It was a very hot day and there were a lot of mosquitos for about the first two miles.

The climb began at 3:50 a. m. on Sunday morning from Minnie Scott Spring. The party went around the east side of Collier Cone, then mounted the North Ridge of the mountain which was followed to the bottom of the "chute" on the regular route. From here the regular route was climbed to the top. The summit was reached at 8:50 a.m. Time from Minnie Scott Spring to the summit - 5 hours. Tom and Bob Bauman and Bill Robinson climbed the north-east side of the summit pinnacle, arriving at the top at approximately the same time as the rest. Tom Bauman, asst. ldr. led the group back down the North Ridge to camp while the leader and Dan Quick went down the South Ridge to climb the Middle Sister. All descended to camp safely and hiked out. Very nice, warm clear day with a slight breeze from the west.

Those on this climb were: Bob Ashworth, leader, Tom Bauman, asst. ldr., Chet Bauman, Dan Quick, Ellen Thatcher, Bob Bauman, Lucy Schattenkerk, Bill Robinson, Steve Moore, Ed and Dave Trione and Larry Ball.

#### DIAMOND PEAK July 26

Camped at Summit Lake Sat. night. Started up the Crater Butte Trail at 6:00 a.m. with the usual heavy crop of mosquitos.

We had beautiful weather all the way. On top at 11:00 with a slight breeze and 80 degrees temperature. There were 30 in the party as follows; Wilma McBee, Rick Craven, Lee Cooley, Ron Funke, Barbara, Norm and Bob Hasek, John Nosler, Daryl Olspalski, Bill Zinicker, Paul Griffen, Andy Bartz, Howard Byerly, Art Johnson, Susie Wilkins, Doug and David Spencer, Ken King, Jan Whitney, Ed Lovegren, Derald Himber, Genevieve Hayes, Tim Rabern, Tim McKibben, Steve Norton, Fran Jeppesen, Charla and Roberta Eubanks and Frank Moore, leader.

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL MEETING-OCT. 9-64.



## CRISIS WITH TRAIL VEHICLES

MIKE McCLOSKEY

For a couple of years, it has been evident that a "tote gote" crisis would soon be upon us. Conservation leaders in outdoor clubs have been urging preventive action in the form of advance trail closure surveys, selective closures and improved enforcement.

Now all of these are being accomplished. Most of the national forests along the Cascade crest in Oregon and Washington have completed trail surveys to determine which trails should be closed to motor trail vehicles to preserve a primitive environment, to protect the soil or forest from damage, or for reasons of the safety of individuals or pack stock. Most closure orders have been modest, averaging only 16% of the national forest trail system in Ore and Wash. In some forests, such as the Willamette, however, as much as 1/3 of the trail system is closed, though much of this is in Wilderness Areas previously closed. For the most part, outside of Wilderness Areas only the Skyline Trail, feeder trails into Wilderness Areas, and trails in Limited Areas (being reclassified as Wilderness Areas) have been closed.

Finally, enforcement promises to be facilitated by H. R. 7588 just passed by Congress. This act authorizes U.S. Commissioners to try petty offenses such as riding vehicles on closed trails. Cases still no longer have to be prosecuted in a ponderous manner thru Federal District Courts.

These gains are all impressive. But they are being met with massive resistance by motor cyclists and other mechanized recreationists. Pitched controversies are rending many communities. Mechanized recreationists are, in some cases, opposing any closures outside of Wilderness Areas, and are even attacking the reservation of some of these areas. Full-time organizers are at work organizing chapters of such groups as Western Motorized Recreation, Inc. across Oregon to press for such a program.

In the face of this resistance, the response of outdoor club members has been most ambivalent. Individually most of them express a distaste for trail machines, yet they have not rallied to support the action which has been taken. The letters to the editor to answer unfounded attacks have not been coming in. They are not turning out at critical meetings. Recommendations and evaluations on specific trail closures are not being made. Useful information on violators is not being collected and turned in. cont. top of next column.

If outdoor club members want a certain portion of the public trail system reserved just for hikers and horsemen, they had better exert themselves now. The time of decision is at hand and powerful forces are working to overrule them.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

JAMES AND MARY DOUGLAS STOVALL are vacationing down south. Texas and other places MARGARET WIESE is vacationing back in Nebraska. HELEN WEISER is suffering from a very painful broken arm. Broken at the elbow.

GLADYS ASCONEGUY

Those of you who missed making the acquaintance of this young lady missed meeting a remarkable girl. She was an exchange student from Montevideo, Uruguay and joined the Obsidians and made several trips with us. We are sorry to report that she has completed her mission in this country and is now back home in Montevideo. Maybe the Obsidians could make a weekend trip to Uruguay and she could act as guide. Adios, Gladys, Tae A Mo.

LORENA REID took several prizes at the Lane County Fair. Among them were one 1st for Blackberry jelly, two firsts and a 3rd in canned goods and a 2nd in apricot preserve. How about that, Alan? And we all thought that Lorena was just a teacher.

SYMPATHIES are extended to Margaret Markley, who recently lost her mother.

Mrs LESLIE COOPER who has been on the sick list since April 1, is getting back to normal slowly, but reports that she is feeling much better.

POT-LUCK August 29.

Not many turned out for this—only about 20, but food was ample and real good. Two movies were shown thru our new projector and some slides. While we were all eating dinner a deer came down the road and looked like it was wondering what was going on. We all got a good look looking out at the deer while it was looking in.

FROM THE FOREST SERVICE

Is information on their latest installation for the fighting forest fires. This an Air Center equipped with Smoke-jumpers and all the necessary equipment for them and the training of the men. A descriptive folder with pictures is at the Lodge. Might make an interesting trip. Near Redmond.

CLIMBING ROPES are expensive and the Club is constantly investing money in ropes to replace ones that are not being returned. It is your responsibility and moral obligation, if you have had the use of the Club's ropes, to get them back.

## THE PUBLICATIONS STAFF

THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE thanks you for letting us serve you this past year and sends you with this issue our pictures taken from the police dossier of the Eugene and Springfield files. Going clock-wise from the top are Bob Medill, Nellie McWilliams, Dorothy Towlerton, the Mimeo machine Vera Heidenreich, Robin Lodewick, Mary Castelloe, Nell and Dorothy and in the center is Keith Brunig.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER NANCY LYNN came to live with Mrs. James Newsom while Jim is doing time in Korea. This event took place in New Jersey where Mrs Jim is making her home while Jim is away. Jim says only 257 more days to go.

FRANCES NEWSOM has just returned from a tour of Mexico. She traveled by bus and plane, peso and train. BOB AND MARY MEDILL have returned from a tour of Idaho and Montana and while making the trip they visited the Obsidian Camp site at Redfish Lake in Idaho and also one last year in Glacier National Park. The unprecedented floods this spring obliterated some of the Parks camp grounds and damaged some others.

LEE BURWELL is in solitary confinement on the summit of Mt Nebo this summer? acting as lookout for the Forest Service.

106 YEAR OLD WALKS 30 MILES

James Kennedy walked from Medford to Grants Pass to get his watch fixed because he could get it done cheaper there. Jim lives in a nursing home. Take note, ypu climbing committee. here is a potential leader for one of the more rugged climbs. Maybe some of us older grunTERS should go down and stay at this nursing home for awhile.

SEVERAL LOADS of loam are now in place in the flower bed next the sidewalk on the north side of the Lodge. This was donated by a Chief with the initials - B.M.

NOTICE to all leaders of trips and climbs. It is necessary, before committee chairmen can complete their annual reports, that must be completed by annual meeting time, that you get in your reports to the various chairmen promptly.

RUTH rode on my motorbike, She rode just back of me, I hit a bump at 65, And rode on Ruthlessly.

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