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### TRIPS

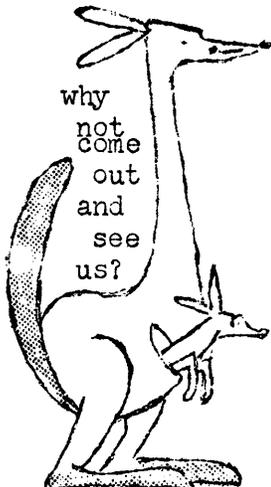
- April 17 - Linton Lake - Catherine Jones
- 25 - Cove Palisades - James Stovall
- May 2 - Lowell Butte - Rex Stevens
- May 8 - Cap Hagen - Keith Brunig
- May 9 - Oregon Caves - Ray Sims

### ON MIDWEEK CLIMBING

Gary Kirk has to work on weekends and so he has to climb on midweek days. Do you? Gary has climbed Washington and one other this early spring, but does not like to climb alone and is having difficulty to find others like him who has to take their Sundays in the middle of the week. If you like to climb and have the mid week off contact Gary Kirk, 1901 Jackson - 345-4087 Myrtle Smith made some new Bulletin headings which will appear with the next issue of the Obsidian Bulletin.

### PRINCESSES TOUR MEXICO VIA SLIDES

After enjoying cake, ice cream and coffee served by Hostesses Barbara Hasek and Mildred Ball, around the glowing fire at the Lodge March 15, the Princesses enjoyed a showing of slides of Mexico by Bertha Deckman, who spent 3 weeks there at Christmas-time. Bertha had prepared a descriptive dialogue to accompany the slides. The many colorful scenes showed how inviting Mexico can be for a tourist holiday. No business was conducted at this meeting.



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### BRUNIG'S NIGHT

April 24th will be a Pot Luck. Dinner will be set for six-thirty, so try to be there by seven.

Keith and Bessie have been able to book Joann Isaacson, who has been engaged in Peace Corp work in Malasia. She will talk on Peace Corp work and about Malasia and will also show us pictures she has taken while on the job there.

Remember: Bring both pots and be prepared to eat at six-thirty. Bring a friend if U have one.

PRINCESS SINGING WATERS HOSTESS FOR APRIL  
Princess Singing Waters invited the group to meet at her home, Sat. April 24; this, was accepted with pleasure. Meet at 1 oclock for a no-host lunch in the Timber Room at Meier & Franks, then go to Singing Waters' home at 1520 Jefferson, N.E. for the meeting. Reservations will be needed for the lunch, so please call Natalie Morgan 343-5468, or Barbara Hasek 747-2458, by Monday April 19 - so that Singing Waters will have time to reserve a table for us. DONT FORGET PLEASE CALL NOT LATER THAN MONDAY APRIL 19

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### RUMMAGE RUMMAGE

Wondering what to do with all the excess stuff you have taking up the room? Remember the OBSIDIAN RUMMAGE SALE!!!

Call Bob Medill, or Mac McWilliams for pick-up.

Help will be needed Friday evening, May 7 for the unpacking and display of goods and also on Saturday, May 8th for selling and a cashier will be needed. This will be the last notice!!!!

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### FIRESIDE NIGHT

Our excellent movie and sound projector which was presented to the Obsidians in memory of Paul Weiser, is being used by the Firesiders. Some films have been provided by Dorothy Towlerton, who operates the machine - and have been very much enjoyed -- All Obsidians and friends are invited to attend- Wednesday, April 14.

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Keep turning them in, along with validated back covers. Thanks to all who have given.  
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### FOR SALE

Zeiss Ikon camera, size 120 with case and some accessory lens. \$20. See or call Selma Vangsnes, 747-9689 624 N. 18th. Springfield.

MAZAMA LODGE April 3

Evryone left at different times Sat. 3rd but many arrived soon enough to get in some skiing on Saturday at Timberline Lodge. Twenty-one people signed up, however, sixteen turned out to be the travelers. They included Ken and Robin Lodewick, who took Dorothy Manning and Steve Ross in their car. Bill Martyn and his son Scott arrived with Dennis Holverstott. His wife Eroline and daughter Elaine could not come because of a last, winter case of measles. Clarence, Dorothy and Nancy Scherer came in Saturday evening in time for Clarence to get in some night skiing under the lite on the Mazama rope tow behind the Lodge. The only casualty was Dennis, who sprained a leg on Mt. Hood.

The Mazamas were having a climbing school at the Lodge so approximately 80 people stayed in the Lodge Saturday night. We had a lovely roast beef dinner Sat. evening.

Skiing was available that evening, but only Clarence had the strength to wrestle his skis up the hill.

Breakfast was served at 8 o'clock the next morning. Most everyone went skiing at Timberline. The Lodewicks did some snow-showing. By the middle of Sunday afternoon everyone had checked out and left for Egn.

In case you counted the names and found only ten the other six were the Stevens clan, Shirley, Kent, Joan, Brad, Laura and myself, Rex. Rex Stevens, leader.

CASTLE ROCK March 28

Thirteen Obsidians and friends met at the Park Block at 7 a.m. and after introductions and the collection of the trip fee we got into three cars and started the fifty odd miles to the starting point.

To get in as far as possible we did some road repair, and got in about a mile farther than previously possible.

We left the cars about 10 a.m. and hiked the six miles onto the top, stopping to look at Cougar Dam and to eat, rest and take pictures on the way. We got to the top a little after 2 p.m. and left again about 2:45 p.m. The weather was overcast but the sun came out as we neared the top and to our delight it came out and shined on top. Some snow was encountered, but was never more than 6" deep. We were back to the cars at 5 and drove back down the road that we had so carefully fixed on the way up.

Castle Rock climbers were: Howard Byerly Elleda "Duchess" Cox, Sterling Patterson, Helen Smith, Dorothy Towler, Scott Van Fossen, Joy Ballinger, Dorothy Manning, Austin McLaughlin, Lois Schriener and Mark McLaughlin, leader and Clarence Landes Asst.

Our own LILA SMITH was one of five teachers honored by OEA for contributions to education. She received OEA's Award for Professional Services.

LORENE BRESSLER NIGHT

April, the third, was attended by about 75. Lorene and her helpers had the tables beautifully decorated and also the whole room. Flags of almost all the different nations were represented with their flags set in holders around the walls. Peter, Paul and Mary, represented by John Refsnider, Rhonda Johannis and Mr. John Rice, dressed in beatnik style put on a half hours entertainment.

The main speaker of the night was Mr. Atcheson who is from Oxford, England and is a professor of Chemistry at the U. of O. Mr Atcheson showed pictures of climbing in the Swiss Alps, Himalaya mountains and some on climbing in Wales. He got his early training in climbing while attending college in England by climbing some of the buildings and had pictures of same. He showed one picture of a church, very high and very steep and having a very high and steep spire. He told of some of the younger embryo climbers who would get in their climbing experience climbing this spire and as there was no book up there to sign they would slip the handle of a bed chamber over the point. This bothered those in authority somewhat, but they would solve the problem with a small calibered rifle shot. This worked until the boys got to using iron pots. All in all a very nice eve.

RICHARDSON BUTTE March 21

Twelve adults and six juniors made up the party. These were Mr and Mrs Ross and his two boys, Chris and Steve, Mr and Miss Dorothy Manning, Lois Schriener, Mr and Mrs Bill Dollimore and son Douglas, Ray Sims, Bob Ralson, Mark Castelleo, John McManigal, Ldr. and Lenore, Kevin, Steven and Richard McManigal.

It was a beautiful day and we walked to the small private graveyard and examined some of the older headstones which date well back into the 1800's. Many were very small children.

We went to the top of the knoll and walked around some of the very large old oak trees which had been blown down. The younger set enjoyed petting a small gentle shetland pony which was grazing on the hillside. We then returned home our separate ways each hoping our nice spring weather would continue.

HURRAH-HURRAH

Clarence Scherer sent in a check for \$18.70 which wipes out the balance that was due on the Purch Fund. We all thank you Clarence, and everybody else whose contributions made this project possible.

BOARD MEETING

Bills allowed EWEB.....\$24.88  
Bulletin Postage.....\$ 8.00  
Climbing reports that there will be in the neighborhood of 30 climbs listed this year and along with the trips committee the years trips and climbs will soon be out.

Frank Moore's Explorer Scouts, sponsored by Obsidians created quite a sensation at the Scouts recent Skill Show. Seems they put on a climbing show by upending a 2x6 and climbing to the top by the use of different climb equipment and then would rap-pel down. They won a perfect score award and also the coveted blue ribbon.

Karl Onthank reported for Don Hunter who is confined at home account of sickness. Karl's report on the Conference appears in a separate article.

Because of rising costs of printing the wisdom of putting out the summer schedules was discussed and means of putting out the schedules in a different and less expensive manner was also talked over. Final decision was to go ahead another year with the former type.

Gary Kirk of the Library Dept. says that finally all records have been brot up to date. He also read off the list of books now in the Library which includes books on birds, flowers and the bees, climbing and geology and numerous other things of interest to Obsidians.He was given instructions to order the book "Freedom of the Hills" by the Seattle Mountaineers.

Mac reports that plans are being drawn up for the bookcase and drawers to be put in upstairs in the Board Room. He was ordered to begin planning the enlargement of the parking lot and outlet driveway.

NINTH BIENNIAL WILDERNESS CONFERENCE?????

Obsidians attending this conference sponsored by the Sierra Club, this one on "Wilderness in a changing World" at San Francisco April 2-3-4. Don Hunter, Ruth Hopson, Ruth and Karl Onthank. Don was on the program with his famous production of pictures and sound on wilderness---mostly our own Three Sisters Wilderness, which made the usual deep impression. For this he was introduced and thanked at the great Conference Banquet at which Senator Clinton Anderson, one of the principal authors and major supporters of the Wilderness Bill, now the Wilderness Act, was the speaker. The Conference was addressed mainly to the topics: Wilderness in Crisis, Outlook for Wilderness, and What Wilderness Means to Man. It drew over 1200 registrants (plus many others) enough to pack the great San Francisco Hilton auditorium, many of them Margaret Wiese & Helen Hughes spent Spring Vacation in Arizona too . . .any others?..

important people from a wide range of back ground. Speakers were mostly men with national recognition who spoke with authority on the importance of wilderness from their respective backgrounds.Their contributions will be published by the Sierra Club and available in the fall.

This Conference will be reported in the Quarterly of the Federation of Outdoor Clubs which comes to Obsidians who are members-if you aren't send in \$2 to FWOCTreasurer, 13641 S.W.Fielding Rd., Oswego, Ore.

The next Wilderness Conference, thats put on in alternate years by the FWOCT on North west Forest Wilderness, which comes next April in Seattle. Obsidians have figured importantly in this here-to-fore. Plan to attend.

MORE ON MOTOR BIKES

And bikers. See where they have put on war paint and intend to bring their battle into court.Well, why not, they do not have anything to lose. We, who love some peace and quiet, who love to hike the trails on foot in solitude, or at least, the feeling of solitude, are the ones who will lose.We have already lost 70% of our trails which we used to hike.

Most Obsidians must have noted the recent press reports of the activity of an organization fighting the closure of a few Forest trails to motor bikes. Maybe also the pertinent editorial comment of the Register-Guard recently. The Forest Service is being put under pressure not only to close no more trails but also to reopen those already restricted. If outdoor people --specifically Obsidians,mean what they say about motor bikes on high country trails, now is the time to say it where it will do some good--namely to Forest Service Officers, and soon. Personally and by letter, particularly to Mr. David Gibney, Supervisor, Willamette National Forest, Eugene. Mr. Herbert Stone, Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service, Portland, Also to our representatives and Senators, all who are hearing from the opposition.

And regardless of what bikers have to say about riding the trails for to see the scenery, this is not so. One only rides bikes on the trails to get from one place to another. It is impossible to see anything while riding one of those machines on a trail but the ground immediately in front of you.

ZIP CODE

We have most of the zip-code numbers now Please look at your address label and see if we have yours there. If not would you please send it in.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER  
WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

LOIS SCHREINER of 339 Taylor, Eugene  
JOHN C. NOSLER of 1007 - West 18th Place.  
DERALD HIMBER has left Eugene, and is now  
living in Roseburg. His new address is Rt  
4, Box 361 F, Roseburg, 97470

OLGA MORTENSEN has sold her home where she  
has lived, lo, these many years and is now  
living at Lane Towers, Apt 407

JAMES AND MARY DOUGLASS STOVALL spent  
spring vacation in Death Valley. This makes  
about their 16th tour of the Valley.

KENNETH AND ROBIN LODEWICK also vacationed  
in Arizona.

MAC AND NELLIE McWILLIAMS made a trip to  
Wyoming to visit with Mac's mother who is  
quite poorly.

LOUIS & ROXIE WALDORF are now back home  
after having spent the winter down in  
Arizona. While there they witnessed one  
of the rare snows they have at Mesa. Get  
Louie to show you the pictures he took  
of orange trees covered with snow. It was  
such an unusual sight that he shot pic-  
tures all over the place. This wont take  
long as he had no film in his camera.

MARY JO JOHANNIS, along with her sister  
spent school vacation down in Arizona.

HOLLIS OXLEY

Sent in \$4 for a two year subscription  
to the Bulletin. He says they enjoy it so  
much that they do not want to miss a copy.  
Says they may be in Eugene for a visit in  
July. Hope we can all have a visit with  
you two at that time and hope we also will  
have something going on at the Lodge then.

JIM SIMS having completed two terms at  
Portland State, passed thru Eugene at the  
begining of Spring Vacation with his Kelty  
pack on his back hiking thru Oregon and  
California to acquire a bicycle in L. A.  
and bicycle thru Mexico and South America  
during this summer.

HELEN WEISER is also touring Mexico and we  
all hope she will bring back a lot of pic-  
tures. She takes such good ones.

CHEMEKETANS Are having their summercamp  
at Todd Lake this summer.

MOUNTAINEERS of Seattle will hold a "Gypsy"  
Tour, what they call Campcrafters Annual  
in the Green Lakes area July 31 to Aug-  
15. Their charge is \$2 for the two weeks  
you take in your own grub and do your own  
cooking.

RESOLUTIONS

It is imperative that all resolutions to  
the FWOC Covention be in the hands of Don  
Hunter not later than July 19th. Earlier  
would be better, but July 19th is the dead  
line. Get them in earlier if you can.

RODGER W. PEGUES

Rod is filling Mike McCloskey's shoes as  
Northwest Conservation Representative. He  
was born in Juneau, Alaska. Graduate of law  
school in Seattle. Is married and the fath-  
er of four children and makes his home in  
Seattle. He has had lots of experience par-  
ticipating in and also sponsoring local  
action committees. Has had experience in  
obtaining legislative and executive action  
on several projects. Rod was raised in and  
took an active part in wilderness life and  
is dedicated to saving what can be saved  
of what we have left. His office is Room 3  
1314 N.E. 43 Building, Seattle 98105

EDITOR IN DOG-HOUSE AGAIN

And this time he is not coming out. Not  
until some color leaves his face.

Obsidian Editor says his hide is not as  
thick as the Seattle Mountaineer Editor  
says his is, so this is why you have not  
seen much of him lately. Anyway it was  
Polly Dyer, past President of the FWOC who  
was a recent visitor at Obsidian Lodge. And  
we do hope she comes this way again.

THE TALE OF THE VANISHING ROPES

Every year the Obsidian Club has to renew  
their supply of climbing ropes at no little  
cost to us all. Some of these become so  
worn that they can no longer be used for  
hazardous climbs, but the biggest loss is  
the failure of these responsible to return  
ropes that the Club has so graciously fur-  
nished to climbers. This will ultimately  
lead to it becoming more difficult for you  
to obtain ropes and will work a hardship  
on everyone, including those who are depend-  
able. This is an urgent appeal for all of  
you who have climbing ropes to get them to  
the Lodge, or to Bob Dark. And do IT NOW.

OBSIDIAN SUMMER CAMP

Nowhere will one get more for their money  
than two weeks attendance at one of the  
Obsidian Summer Camps. It has been noted  
that one outdoor club is having their camp  
this year in Glacier Park. Cost for 11 days  
\$125.00. And this does not include trans-  
portation. And from my own experience no  
one, and I mean no one feeds better than  
our own Obsidian Camps. I could add, not  
as good, but I wont. And this outdoor club  
above mentioned is a big one and limits  
attendance to 70.

MAZAMA SUMMER CAMP

Of interest to the Obsidians is the fact  
that they are going to hold theirs at Red-  
fish Lake this year. Their charges are  
members: two weeks, \$60. Non-members \$84.  
one week, \$44 and \$68.

ALICE CLMSTEAD is among those moving, She  
is now living at 126 Mayfair. River Road.

MT. PISGAH

Feb. 28 left the Park Block at 1:10 p.m. in 3 cars, with sunny skies. Left cars at end of Seavey Road across the bridge. After crossing the fence we walked our way up the hill. Later 3 more people arrived to join us. They met us on top. Saw a few spring beauties, queen of the spring, dandelion and salt and pepper blossoms. Also enroute a few sheep, fox and coyotes had lost their lives. Sheep in great numbers grazing over the hills with their lambs.

Several took home crystal samples found near the top. Clouds prevented seeing the Sisters. After a short siesta on the top we made our way back to the cars. Those on the walk: Helen Smith, Mildred Ball, Jerry and Elaine and Carolyn Berg, James, Louise, Charles and Martha Berkey, Beth Botch, Hann Saches, Duchess and Vernon Cox, Dorothy Manning, Lois Schriener, The Bascom family were to join us at the starting point, but lost the way. They arrived late and were on the hills when we came down. Thelma Watson, leader.

IT'S GOOD TO BE LIVING IN OREGON. TODAY.

But not as good as yesterday. What is it going to be like tomorrow? That will all depend on what we can accomplish today in the way of preserving what we have left.

And as the population increases the area of what makes it good to be living in Ore. diminishes. In only a few years the population here is expected to double. What are our streams and all outdoor areas going to be like? Our streams, especially the larger ones, will never be the crystal clear waters that we knew yesterday. Vegetation above a certain elevation takes years to recover once it has been destroyed, and vegetation here does not offer much resistance to trampling. We are continually being pushed farther and farther up into this area by the shrinking of areas that are lower down. Trails in this higher area are being subjected more and more to erosion, until in time the slopes could be cut by ugly gashes. With our population doubled and our play time the same means that there is going to be four times as many beer cans, four times as much garbage four times as many carelessly left campfires, four times as many lit cigarettes left lying around to burn over what is left for posterity. Makes me glad that I have lived yesterday and not tomorrow.

NATIONAL SYSTEM OF FOOT AND HORSE TRAILS

The newly formed National Committee for Protection of Trail Country circulated a questionnaire last October to leading members of conservation organizations in order to determine the interest in the estab-

lishment of a national system of trails for foot and horse use and bicycles where appropriate. Subsequent memos, Elaborating on a concept first presented to Congress as the Hoch Bill in 1945, suggested that provisions of the Appalachian Trail Bill introduced in the last Congress and reintroduced this session, include other north south transcontinental trails in the Rocky Mountains, Pacific Coast ranges and other appropriate interstate trail country areas. Eastern conservationists felt that the separate bill rather than the omnibus approach should be adopted with the Appalachian Bill passed first. They believed that once the precedent of federal protection for interstate trail systems was confirmed by passage of the At Bill similar measures for other areas would have a better chance to pass.

President Johnson, in his message to Congress devoted a section to trails: "The forgotten outdoorsman of today are those who like to walk, hike, ride horseback or bicycle. For them we must have trails as well as highways. Nor should motor vehicles be permitted to tyrannize the more leisurely human traffic.

"I am requesting, therefore, that the Secretary of Interior work with his colleagues in the Federal Government and with State and local leaders and recommend to me a cooperative program to encourage a national system of trails, building up the more than 100,000 miles of trails in our national Forests and parks...".

The Outdoor News Bulletin of the Wildlife Management Institute reports, "Of the 99,074 miles of trail in the national forests in the six regions west of the Great Plains, 22,920 miles, or 23%, are closed to all motor vehicle use. But of this total 18,221 miles of trails, or 18%, are located within wild, wilderness, and primitive areas which always have been closed to motorized equipment. This means that less than 5% of national forest trail mileage has been closed to scooter traffic in recent years in the west. About 30% of the trail systems in our eastern national forests is closed to vehicle use".

IN THE READERS DIGEST

For April, 1965 is the best article on what is happening to the great American Heritage yet to be published. We cannot over emphasize the strong language used in describing what is happening and strongly recommend reading it. As one British magazine calls, "the mess that is man-made America". "America down the Drain"; is the name of the article.

## HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

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The climb of Mt Rainier was the main objective of some of many trips were taken in this new North side wonderland, such as Skyscraper Mt., Burroughs Mt., and Mt. Freemont and a delightful trip into Grand Park where the bears live.

Most all of the camp went on these trips and another conditioning trip was the daily trip to Sunrise Ridge to get the mail and an ice cream cone.

A trip to Winthrop Glacier gave us a good idea as to what might be encountered on a high snow covered Mt. when the fog rolls in. The party had reached about 8000 feet when they had to return to camp. A two day trip to Mystic Lake was made during the first week.

Gene Pearson and his mother returned home at the end of the first week, but were replaced by Percy Brown, the Club President Merle Saunders, Mildred Jacobsen, and Mildred Henshaw.

As two days are taken for the big climb the Park Rangers advised us to return after climbing up to Steamboat Prow, if the clouds were still above, but on the day picked for the climb, Ed Johnson, Ray Sims Louis Waldorf, George Corey, Clifford Stalsberg, Carl Knowls and Percy Brown climbed over Burroughs Mt. across St Elmo Pass and up Inner Glacier to the top of Steamboat Prow to find the weather clear & cold

After the sun set behind Mt. Rainier it became quite cold and the evening meal as well as breakfast were eaten in our sleeping bags. It was six o'clock in the morning when we climbed down off the rocky Prow & started our 8 hour climb on the ice, but being well equipped, four having ice axes and crampons, one an alpine-stock and one just an ice axe. Percy Brown stayed with the sleeping bags on the Prow as not being in condition, but watched the climb intently. Reaching the summit of this 14,408 ft. Mt. at two o'clock an hour and a half was spent near the warm air vents, but the long trip back to the Prow and Percy, then down into Berkley Park was reached at 11 p.m.

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BACKPACKERS

Remember to try some of the dehydrated foods this summer to hold down on the weight of your pack. Folks who attended summer camp last year will remember the applesauce, peaches, apricots, prunes, dates, carrots and peas we had - all dehydrated. These items can be purchased in small packages from Porters on West 8th or send away for them. The Co-op in Seattle is a good source and quite inexpensive.

Here is a good one dish meal which I worked up last year that gives an idea of what can be done.

Put some of the dehydrated green beans to soak about an hour before you intend to cook them. Then place them over the fire with lots of water on them. Use a dried cheese sauce mix which can be purchased at the grocery store, mix it with your green beans keeping it thin and watery, add ham bits (purchased from Dri-Lite) or bits of ham or Spam prepared at home. When all have cooked to the desired tenderness add some instant rice and set on the edge of the stove. In a little while your meal is ready - the rice will have absorbed all the extra liquid.

Helen Smith  
FOR SALE - used sleeping bag with air mattress-----\$10.00

Gray goose down, nylon cover with woolen blanket and cotton sheet blanket sewn inside. Has been thoroughly washed and dry cleaned. Weighs about 15 lbs. complete. Too heavy for back packing but is fine for car camping or horse packing. Will make someone a comfortable, warm bed. Call 343-4720, Helen Smith, or see at 950 Hammock Road.

MARJORIE BYERLY. Ever wonder how some people happen to join us and live so far away. She was born in Oaklawn, Illinois. Only left once and then she came to Oregon. Had never camped out. With her brother she made some Obsidian trips. Camped out overnight at Green Lakes without a tent, Climbed the South Sister. She was so elated with her experiences in Oregon and with the Obsidians she applied for membership. Come back and see us again, Marjorie.

