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## COMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 14 - (Sat) Mt. Yoran - Bruce Newell(344-Q 2155); Near Diamond Peak.
- 15 - (Sun) Clay Creek - Mary Jo Johannis (345-8073); Upper Santiam tributary.
- 20-21 (Fri-Sat) Rogue River Trip (See P. 2)  
Note Change in Schedule:
- 21-22 (Sat-Sun) - Skyline Trail Traverse  
Q - Dick Moffitt. (A change from Sept. 14-15--Dick is in the Naval Reserve and their monthly meeting time in Seattle has been changed from the first weekend of each month to the second weekend of each month..Dick, maybe you could have taken the "Reserve Group" with you by having them come here on the 14-15(that bunch of "flyers" could use the walk)..C.L.
- 21 - (Sat) Lava Falls(Cancelled).
- 22 - (Sun) Cowhorn Mt. - John & Ruth Bascom(343-4167); near Summit Lake.
- 28 - (Sat) Summer Camp Reunion Dinner - See Story.
- 29 - (Sun) Belknap Crater -- Alan Pierce  
Q (345-7769); McKenzie Pass.

### OCTOBER

- 5 - (Sat) Yankee Mt. Shuttle ..... Lois  
Q Schreiner(344-9848); From Lowder Mt. to Tipsoo Butte.
- 6 - (Sun) Buck Mt. - Elizabeth Glover  
Q (342-1963); Blue River Drainage - Mona Creek.
- 11 - (Fri) ANNUAL MEETING

## OBSIDIAN ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, October 11, 1968

At Obsidian Lodge....payment of dues and voting from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. Potluck Dinner at 6:45 p.m., followed by the Annual Business Meeting. (If unable to attend you may request absentee ballot if dues are paid; call or write Helen Lynch, Secretary, Rt. 2, Box 364B, Eugene, Oregon, 97401.- Only Active members may vote).

## SUMMER CUTING REUNION DINNER

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, at the Lodge, by those delightful camp cooks - Selma Vangnes and Gwen Renfro. Camp Chairman Bob Cox says all who attended Camp Mark McLaughlin are especially invited to attend and bring colored slides. Bob also says this is an open meeting and invites all Obsidians and friends to come and enjoy it. But please make reservations by Sept. 25---call Kay Fahy 746-2712 or Bob Cox 344-0038. \$1.75 per person.

## SEPTEMBER PRINCESS MEETING

The Princesses will meet on Monday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. for dessert ..... at Obsidian Lodge. Business of the evening will be discussion of new officers, new Princesses & new projects.

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Watch for the announcement soon of plans for another chartered bus trip to Warm Springs Resort.....exciting Kah-Nee-Tah! in Eastern Oregon.



## ROGUE RIVER TRIP

PREPARE TO BE SPLASHED!

Another fine bus-boat trip has been arranged by Ray Cavagnaro and Geraldine Fehly for your pleasure. This will be the scenic 64 mile round trip on the famous Rogue River from the Port of Gold Beach to Agness, at the confluence of the Rogue and Illinois Rivers, where you will find a delicious dinner awaiting you.. "Ride the Rogue's Riffles" with the Obsidians, Saturday, Sept. 21. Our chartered bus leaves South Eugene High Parking lot on Friday, Sept. 20, at 1:00 P.M.

Total price of \$22.50 includes round trip on bus, motel accommodations Friday night, round trip on boat and dinner at Agness, and Obsidian trip fee.

Don't miss this adventure --- call right away to make your reservation: Ray Cavagnaro 726-7270; Geraldine Fehly 343-2784; Mary Castelloe 344-5168.

Those two popular Greyhound drivers, Skip Clark and Chuck Salinas will be with us again! Aboard the green and white jet-boats, "friendly pilots make an enjoyable trip by pointing out historical markers and places of interest. Wild game, of which Deer, Bear, and Raccoon are the most common, are very often seen along the river banks. Boats are stopped for passengers to take pictures and view nature in its primitive setting. The Bald Eagle, Blue Heron and many other creatures of the forest charm you in this wonderful wilderness."

Sun hats and glasses are advisable on the trip; fog is no problem upriver--however bring a warm jacket for starting your trip. Relax and enjoy yourself on this exciting river trip--jet-propelled!

MORESCO's Annual Fall Glacier Training Session will be Sept. 14-15 on Elliot Glacier, Cloud Cap, North Side of Mt. Hood. Write P. O. Box 801, Portland, Oregon 97207

## PRINCESSES YOUR ROYALTY IS SHOWING(G.F.)

Forty-seven attended the get-together for all Obsidian women held at the Lodge Mon. July 15, sponsored by the Princesses. Dessert of ice cream, homemade cake, nuts and candy was served at 7:30. Bob Cox joined the group to give some of the details of Camp Mark McLaughlin, 1968, Aug. 4-17, Goat Rocks, Wn. Each one present was asked to give her name and when she joined the Obsidians, and a few observations on why she joined. These short reports proved to be very interesting and entertaining; so many nice things were said about the Obsidians. The Princesses wish to express their thanks to all who attended, and feel that this should be an annual event. Some out-of-town members came, and messages of greeting were sent by Catherine Dunlop, Ruth Keen and Arlene Keasling and Lucy Schattenkirk. Florence Sims was the only Charter Obsidian member present, but there were several who started with the club at its beginning. Nellie McWilliams, Princess President, and Florence Fulton, V.P., and Thelma Watson, Sec. were in charge of the party. M. Castelloe

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Thanks to Frank and Dorothy Manning for their letter of July 14 in answer to a round-robin letter written to them by the July 4th picnickers. The letter is posted on the bulletin board for all to read. We all miss you very much, F & D.

N.H.S. SCHEDULES AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILMS  
A series of 3 color motion pictures with personal narrations will be shown in Eugene in the coming months. Tickets may be obtained at Mattox Pipe Shop, 135 E. Broadway, or by mail from the Eugene Natural History Soc., Box 3082, Eugene 97403  
Single Adult \$3; Double Adult \$5; Family \$7; Student \$1.25.

Saturday -- Sept. 28, 8 p.m. at Sheldon High School---John Taft of Camarillo, Calif. presents his film "Land That I Love."

Saturday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m., North Eugene High School; Robert W. Davison of Bountiful, Utah, narrates "The Vanishing Sea."  
Tuesday, March 4, 8 p.m., South Eugene High School; film by Chester P. Lyons of British Columbia, "The Right To Live."

BOARD NOTES - September 4, 1968TREASURER - Betty Herron

	Disb.	Rec.
Columbia Riv. Bus Trip		\$843.00
Bronson Travel	\$813.26	
Bob Cox, Summer Camp		436.00
" " " "		761.75
E.W.E.B. Aug.	19.86	
E.W.E.B. Sept.	19.08	
Mischlers, Paper	20.41	
Climbing Fees		54.05
Trip Fees		48.90
Subscr. to Bulletin		2.00
Summer Camp		196.25
M. Williams, Postage	18.00	
C. Landes, Postage	3.00	
Balance in Bank	\$1193.25	

MEMORIAL ADDITION - Clarence Landes

A Motion was made to appropriate \$500.00 toward the new addition if further funds are needed. This would be deposited in the Memorial Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Cost to date for material:

Permit (County)	\$ 9.00
Hammer Lbr. Co.	573.65
Tractor Oper. (Clyde C. Cochran)	55.00
Gravel	41.18

Hours donated by membership:

295 hours (Inc. 9/3/68)

Donations of Materials:

Chase Co.  
Hammer Lbr. Co.  
Roy Roe, Roofing  
Gene Thaxton  
Mike Stahl  
Mark B. Castellloe

Use of Equipment:

Rex Stevens - Back Hoe  
Ron Nunemaker - Power Saw  
Gene Thaxton - " "  
Bob Yates - " "

Trips Report 9/4/68 - July & August

Clarence Landes

Four trips cancelled - rain - no signup. Fifteen trips completed (Includes Columbia River Boat Trip). Two hundred twenty nine people participated, 107 of whom were nonmembers.

Fees collected - (net) \$48.90  
Trips material mailed to leaders including October 6, Sunday.

Hallowe'en party will be Friday, Oct. 25.

Yard Improvement:

Ray Harris and family cleared about 1/2 the area for back road and is now back from K. Falls so will resume cutting as soon as we call. He will clear & grade.

Membership Chairman - Clarence JohnsonADDRESS CHANGES:

Dorothy Towleron  
169 Courtway, Monmouth, Ore. 97361  
John Leland, 12553 S.E. Salmon St.  
Portland, Ore. 97233  
Judy Radabaugh  
Box 848, Mt. Shasta, Calif. 96067

REINSTATEMENTS

Alfred Baker  
2010 N. Main, Gresham, Ore. 97030  
Joe McClure

CLIMBING - Cal Crawford

27 climbs scheduled, 17 summits reached. Ten scheduled trips were not made due to a number of causes, leader failures or weather, etc. Some leaders were students who had not foreseen inability to make trips. Completed climbs of:  
North Sister, Rainier, Washington, Middle Sister, South Sister, Mt. Stewart. Collected \$54.05 for 5 climbs. We did two new mountains this year, Mt. Baker and Mt. Stewart. Bob Dark led both of these successfully.

SUMMER CAMP - Bob Cox

Cost	\$1809.86
Receipts	1845.95

There were 43 people in camp. There is still \$44.75 owing to the camp fund. The Summer Camp Reunion will be on Saturday, Sept. 28. See announcement on Page 1.

ENTERTAINMENT - Lois Schreiner

Called attention to the conflict between Obsidian potlucks and the Natural History Society showings for the coming season. Tentatively decided to schedule potlucks to avoid these dates. Schedule to be announced later.

LIBRARIAN - Edith Bridgeman

Reported Scrap Book and records up to date according to her usual efficient manner.

Be sure to save Betty Crocker Coupons for the Princesses. You are all using and enjoying many nice things in the Lodge which they obtained with these.

Watch for announcement Oct. Bus Trip!

GOAT ROCKS WILD AREA - August 4-17, 1968  
Morning dawned bright and warm Aug. 4 as our first Summer Camp guest, Ray Sims rose from his sleeping bag to behold two tons of food and supplies ... which had seemingly been deposited magically in a beautiful meadow.

Mt. Adams loomed mystically at our doorstep each morning, and an endless waterfall cascaded over a mountain slope just beyond our camp view.

Every morning brought new and spectacular revelations as our campers sallied out onto the trails into areas like Goat Ridge, Elk Pass, Cispus Basin, Klickitat Basin, McCall Basin and Packwood Saddle. Spectacular peaks were also climbed, like Old Snowy, Ives Peak, the Black Thumb, Mt. Gilbert, Hawkeye Point and Johnson Peak.

At least half a dozen wild goats were spotted and recorded by camera in numerous places. Goat hair was found in the meadows, on the trails, on the peaks, and even in the chimneys where one could honestly say the route was "hairy."

After a few hairy climbs with no major injuries, we are sorry to report one casualty - a broken wrist - happening a few yards from the campfire.

Our campfires turned into all-day affairs toward the end as we tried to dry out our gear from endless drizzles, wind, rain & even snow.

Let me say this for the record - everyone was wonderful. The cooks did a marvelous job, and just everyone helped in so many ways. The packer was great, and you know what? The chairman gets all the credit, which he really doesn't deserve. Tell him I said so. Bob Cox

#### MANNING'S LETTER

7-14-68 122 Cedar Grove Road  
Savannah, Ga. 31406

Dear Friends of the Obsidian Club,

Both Dorothy and I were delighted when we received your July 4th picnic letter and it was so good of you to remember us in this, at present strange land, although it is becoming less so every day as we learn to understand the language they speak down here.

We had a very nice trip down here, as you know we took about 10 days to do it, we do not drive fast. The first part from Eugene to Juntura in eastern Oregon we passed through some of the most beautiful scenery I have ever seen.

We made a short stop in Boise, Idaho, but were unable to get inside the capitol building, it was closed, so we had to be content with viewing the outside. Leaving Idaho behind we entered Utah and after passing through several Mormon Villages, we conceived a great respect for the wisdom of the early Mormons in their choice of places to settle, to say the least the villages were just beautiful. ....the house is about a 6 minute drive from the college, so Dorothy is able to get home for lunch...most of all we miss the Obsidian Club and all you nice people there. The church we attend is about 3½ blocks away, so we have no excuse for not going...and there are plenty of shopping plazas within short driving distance. The one thing we both enjoy, is, we are so close to the ocean....and the beaches are sandy and extend for miles and the temp. of the water is 82 degrees.....I spent nearly three hours sitting in the water and letting the waves roll over me, while Dorothy swam in the deeper water.

Best wishes to you all, Frank & Dorothy  
PS. I forgot to mention, Amby, our cat stood the trip very well and appears to like the climate here, but he doesn't like the ticks that get on him when he goes in to the woods across the road from our house.

#### NOTES ON GOLD BOND AND BETTY CROCKER GROUP PROJECTS

There is no time limit on Betty Crocker Coupons--if you have some old ones--they are just as good as recent ones\*\*\*\*\*Same is true of Gold Bond Stamps, Gold Bond Book Covers, and Pink Gold Bond Donation Certificates...these count just the same as recent ones\*\*\*\*\*Betty Crocker tells us that the bottoms of boxes of "Daisies" ...those delicious snacks...are worth 25 points each until Dec. 31, 1968---so if you have any Daisies, or get any, please save the box bottoms for us\*\*\*\*\*THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU...\*\*\*\*\*Save MJB Coffee lids too.....we can get free coffee!\*\*\*\*\*Some very large contributions to the Betty Crocker and Gold Bond Group Projects have been made and the Princesses wish to thank these donors especially and to thank ALL who are contributing.

MAXCINE WILLIAMS continued on her Alaskan trip -- from the Taylor highway we went to Valdez, the town that was moved and rebuilt because of the 1964 earthquake. Building is still going on. We stayed with friends in Anchorage and had a most unexpected pleasure while there. We were privileged to meet and go on a flower trip with the Norwegian botanist Dr. Gjervoll, who was spending 6 weeks in Alaska. This was the worst weather of my whole trip and we went up a Pass which was just barely open. In fact, we met a bulldozer near the top and had to wait until the road was cleared.

A side trip took us to Homer, Kenai and Seward on the Kenai Peninsula. Lupine lined the road in many places.

Mt. McKinley Park was our next stop on July 3rd. The motel where we had expected to stay hadn't opened so spent the night in a hunting cabin and were lucky to get that. One bed was without springs and the other may as well not have had! (Ever try washing dentures in a cheese glass?) Here we had perfect weather and along with hundreds of Alaskans and tourists, were treated to the Mountain in all its beauty. It was visible for three days and could be seen from every viewpoint, and almost all day. The Ranger said it was most unusual for it to be fully visible for so long. This was my third trip and the first time I saw the entire mountain.

We stayed at Camp Denali, just outside the west boundary of the Park, and could lie in our bunks and view the mountain top all night. We got very little sleep the first night, not wishing to miss any more of this beauty than necessary. We arose early to try for reflection pictures in the various lakes, and these were good enough to make it worth our while. We saw moose, caribou, bear, fox, sheep, ptarmigan, porcupine and ground squirrel. At Fairbanks we visited the Museum at the University of Alaska and their Expo 67 were the main attractions.

We returned to Juneau via the Richardson, Glen, Alaska and Haines Highway to Prince Rupert, ferried to Kelsey Bay and on down Vancouver Island by car to Victoria for a one-day stay.

Many tourists come to Alaska with too little time, rushing from place to place trying to see it all and usually end up seeing very little. They drive on the gravel roads (Alaska, Taylor, Denali, Haines, Steese) as if they were freeways and cars just won't take that. Even the paved roads in Alaska are not built for freeway speeds. They are posted for 50 in most places and that is what they should be driven if one is to enjoy the scenery and the trip. We drove much slower, of course, in order to look for flowers and animals. We had no flat tires or car trouble and only a tiny nick in the windshield from flying rock from a hurrying tourist.

If you go north, please don't be like the California tourist we talked to----- "Nothing to see, just up hill and down-hill." He had eyes and saw not.

RHONDA JOHANNIS and LIEUT. JOHN LEWIS REFSNIDER were married Aug. 17 in the Unitarian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore B. Johannis and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny S. Refsnider are parents of the couple.

Rhonda made her own charming wedding gown and carried white gladiolus and yellow roses. Her Grandmother Johannis came from Claremont, N. H. for the wedding.

Attendants were Mrs. Jon Rice and La Fern Rust. Bob Refsnider was his brother's best man. Jon Rice and Gale Banry were ushers.

The couple traveled to Fort Rucker, Ala. where the groom is attending the army helicopter school. Rhonda expects to teach school this coming year.

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Karla Vangsnes has set her wedding date for November 16th.

Lee Burwell will be married on Sept. 7th.

MARTHA BERKEY is on a world tour. We hope to hear more about this later.

LOUISE BERKEY has recovered from an operation at Sacred Heart and is getting around again.

DOROTHY TOWLERTON has moved to Monmouth, Oregon; her address is 169 Courtway, 97361

# HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

## No. 56 By Ray Sims

When those in charge of summer camp planned and wanted to go to one of the most talked-of areas of the United States, it seemed right in 1950 to go to the TETONS, and YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK.

With Clarence Bankhead as driver of our Greyhound bus, 48 happy people left on August 6 for our camp. We stopped in Hampton in eastern Oregon for lunch. As a member of the committee I had made motel reservations in Boise, Idaho for everyone.

The next morning we drove for an hour before stopping for breakfast. We entered Teton National Park by the southern route and in one place the entire group had to walk across a makeshift bridge. Clarence drove the bus across with cheers from all of us.

Our campsite was at String Lake and the area was secluded. The lake was fine for swimming and boating with our 10-man rubber boat.

Ernie and Arlene Keasling came in their own car, making 50 in camp. Forty-three made the climb of St. John (11,417 ft.), everyone reaching the summit. From our viewpoint we could look down on Jenny, Leigh and Jackson lakes.

We had a fine trip of 9 miles to Solitude Lake at the foot of the towering Tetons. The lake was beautiful and partly frozen over. We had a large campfire at lunch time.

(more next month)

## IRON MOUNTAIN - 6/7/68

We arrived at Iron Mountain about 9:35 a.m. It was very foggy, with visibility limited to no more than 25-30 ft. Arrived at the top around 11 a.m. Built a fire & had lunch. The snow was in drifts on the north side of the mountain. We left the area between 12:30 and 1 p.m. & arrived in Eugene at 2:55. On the trip were Mary Bridgeman, Douglas & William Dollemore, Charles Garner and Marvin Peterson.

Leader, William Dollemore

VIRGINIA HORTON and GRACE SMITH (new members) drove to Portland the morning of July 20 to accompany the Obsidians on the Columbia River boat trip which was a wonderful trip in perfect weather. Good weather followed us right along on our fine-tooth comb trip around the Olympic Peninsula. We stayed over at Lake Quinalt Lodge for two nights exploring on many side trips the river valleys into Olympic National Park. We drove, hiked and explored - saw an elk at dusk, grouse, rain forests, and many beautiful waterfalls and rushing rivers. We went up the Hoh Valley, then on to Lake Crescent and into Port Angeles from where we took a ferry to spend a day in Victoria, B.C. The highlights of our day there were a visit to the Butchart Gardens and having High Tea in the lobby of the Empress Hotel.

While in Port Angeles we also drove to Hurricane Ridge to see the fabulous snow-capped Olympic Mountain range. We saw many deer in this area.

Considerable time was spent in Port Townsend with a tour map of the town showing its old houses. We saw them all. Many are architectural wonders to be seen nowhere else north of San Francisco. One is a state-cared-for monument filled with beautiful antique furniture.

We took a ferry from Port Townsend to Keystone, driving the length of Whidby Island and took a ferry trip around the San Juan Islands from Anacortes.

Sat., July 26, we were back on the Hood Canal and headed south toward Olympia and home. Virginia Horton & Grace Smith

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Gene Renard and family visited in Eugene for a week in July, and many of their friends greeted them at a reception in their honor at Central Presbyterian Church, Friday, July 19. Gene went on Ray Mikesell's Linton Meadows trip; He also visited Obsidian Lodge (he was Chairman of Building Committee when the building was started). An expression of gratitude was made to him on behalf of the club, for his efforts in starting this clubhouse which is used and enjoyed by so many.

IRON MOUNTAIN - 7/7/68

The weather was sunny and warm -- the crowd was wonderful and the flowers were beautiful. The trip was perfect from beginning to end. Enjoying this perfect trip were 22 nonmembers and 8 members: Mildred Ball, John Leland, Kenneth & Robin Lodewick, Gertrude & Henry Oswald Ray Sims, Leader, Walter Youngquist and nonmembers: John and Mary Armes, Cindy, Jesse, Maxine and Wayne Bell, J. M. Blackford, Merritt Cross, Harold M. Dunn, Charles E. Hallin and Lee P. Hallin, Jane & Kathy Jones, Dorothy and Ronnie Leland, Oscar and Elsie Norberg, Martin Oosterkamp from Holland, Marjory Smith, Jean Wellenaar, and Karen and Louise Youngquist.

HORSEPASTURE MOUNTAIN - 7/14/68

A group of nine traveled up the East Fork trail to where it joined the Olallie Trail, then to the top of Horsepasture Mt. The trail was overgrown most of the way and wet with an early morning rain but the plant life fascinated all of us, particularly many very tall Washingtonia lilies. We were joined at the saddle by Helen Smith and Mary Bridgeman who had been on the trail for 7 days and felt it was time to return to civilization. The descent from the saddle was via the Saddle trail which was criss-crossed with elk trails many times, but the Homo Sapiens were discreet and all kept to the one trail blazed for their use. Enjoying the plant life on this overcast, viewless trip were: Carlene Burgert, Mildred Clark, Bob Cox, Christy Howard, Chuck McDonald, Lois Schreiner, Dorothy Towler, Greg Wannier and Phyllis Ford, Leader.

CARL LAKE - July 28, 1968

Wilma Moore lead this trip with Margaret Markley, John, Lenore, Kevin, Rick & Steven McManigal, Frank Moore, Mike Oard, Wayne Renfro, Helen Smith, George Sprenger, Joanne Sprenger, Don Stolberg, Paula Vehrs, Helen & Dr. Milton Walker, and Bob Yates. Wilma reports a good trail for a hot day with shade most of the way. There were several different varieties of wild flowers in bloom to keep it interesting, as well as excellent views of Mt. Jefferson. Swimming was enjoyed in Carl Lake..

OBSIDIAN LOOP TRIP - July 21, 1968

This trail was in good shape and there was lots of Paint Brush in bloom in the meadows. Return trip was by Skyline trail to Sunshine Shelter. We met John Anderson at Obsidian Camp where he is working for the Forest Service as Wilderness Ranger. We met quite a few Mazamas who were returning from a climb of the Middle Sister, and some Obsidians on a climb of the South Sister. Making the trip were Martha, James and Louise Berkey, Mildred Ball, Ray, Betty, Phil, Karol and Jeff Harris, Brian Barney, Mildred Clark, Chris Howard, Leah Kay James, Don Stump, Judy Lindsay, Dale and David Carlson, Helen Smith and Mac McWilliams, Leader

SUBSTITUTE POINT - 7/20/68

We hiked along the upper trail to the charred rubble that had been Gold Creek Shelter, to the junction with Foley Ridge Trail and east to Substitute Point. We encountered the Three Sisters Wilderness Guard on the trail and were accompanied by him (John Anderson) until our return. A hard rain the day before and frost during the night kept dust and mosquitoes to a minimum, and with weather perfect for hiking everyone enjoyed the trip. On the trail were Dale, David and Henry Carlson, Anne Grillot, Chris Howard, Barbara and Howard Hoyt, Jeri Ingerson, Leah James, John Johnson, Catherine Jones, Kathy Macdonald, Frank Mersdorf, Frank and Wilma Moore, Mike Oard and Margaret Weise. Frank Moore, Leader.

IRON MOUNTAIN - 6/29/68

An unseasonable snow made the cross-country trip to Cone Peak inadvisable. Iron Mountain could be seen through the fog & mist and was chosen as substitute trip. Thirteen hikers enjoyed seeing the wild flowers framed against the snow. The trail was satisfactory, a bonfire on top during lunch was cheerful and the snow did add an unusual touch on June 29. Hikers were Mary Bridgeman, Mary Carr, Roger Hayes, Jane Hilt, Helen Hughes, Karen Kenyon, Clarence Landes, Margaret Markley, Charmaine Smith, Helen Smith, Barbara Stiles, Bruce Tunell, and Catherine Jones, Leader.

Redemption Certificates for Gold Bond Book

COLUMBIA RIVER - July 20, 1968

Promptly at 7 a.m., July 20th, 34 Obsidians and 29 nonmembers boarded two Greyhound buses and headed for Portland. After the confusion and fun of transferring themselves and their belongings to smaller buses, these 63 happy travelers were taken to the dock at Jantzen Beach Park and boarded the 30' x 65' boat constructed to Greyline's specifications for the purpose of displaying the elegance and wonders of the Columbia River, which river is rated among the ten greatest in the world. As we leisurely cruised in perfect weather up this mighty waterway, delighted with the regal greenery and spectacular views often obscured, speedily passed, and unnoticed from the highways, our navigator pointed out and explained the beauties of unusual rock formations, water falls, canyons, gorges and natural vegetation. One little bonsai fir tree has lived atop a cone-shaped rock for 15 years without obvious growth. The skipper often called attention to numerous historical points of interest including the remains of old and abandoned manmade projects such as outlawed fish wheels, Indian fish ladders, boat landings, etc.

At the end of the 4-hour, 50-mile trip the river seemed to come to an abrupt end as we neared the huge concrete structure known as Bonneville Dam. A bit of disappointment was expressed at the decision not to wait the hour or more for the locks to clear before our boat could go through to the upper level.

After an inspection of Bradford Island, the fish ladders, fish hatchery, and an interesting observation of the huge Sturgeons in a pond, we headed for Portland, the Boulevard Restaurant ---- and then Home Sweet Home.

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And how lucky we are that Gerry Fehly, Mary Castelloe and Kay Cavagnaro are so generous with their time and experience in planning such delightful trips for us. Credit must also be given to our drivers "Skip" Clark and "Chuck" Salinas, who contributed much to the day with their helpfulness, congeniality, ready wit and tolerance of the many songs in our hearts. Roxie Waldorf and Mary Carr

BALM MT., UMPQUA DIVIDE- 7/21/68

All arrived on time;  
Good trip;  
Good party;  
Weather clear;  
Fine view from top;  
Lookout burned down; (Who dunnit??)  
Old barn below lookout still there;  
Good cold spring on Calapooya trail;  
Wild flowers in bloom.

Hikers were led by Roy Temple: Fred McEvoy, Hilda McEvoy, Helen and Milton Walker.  
(Pulitzer Award for shortest trip report with most information!!)

LINTON MEADOWS - 7/20-21/1968

Four Obsidians and twelve nonmembers went in from Frog Camp, camped at Eileen Lake. Several members went swimming in Lake. Visited small lakes on ridge above Eileen Lake. All good hikers. Lou and Larry Ward stayed over at Eileen for an extra day. Weather was beautiful. Enjoying this trip were Jocelyn & Ron Billingsley, Eaton Conant, Al & Helen Lynch, Chuck McDonald, Tom Mapp, Ray Mikesell, Bill and Sue Parks, Gene Renard, Tom Tomanek, Larry & Lew Ward, Jim & Marshall Wattles.

SAVE your Betty Crocker Coupons for the Princesses. They also want Gold Bond Stamps.

