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MCKINLEY PICTURES SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 15
Clarence Landes will show slides of the 1967 Mt. McKinley climb, at 7:30 p.m., with the help of Norman Benton, veteran McKinley climber. There will be no potluck but everyone is asked to please bring a dozen cookies. Betty Waddell is chairman of this event.

MARCH 29 POTLUCK - 6:30 p.m.

This Saturday program will be a showing by Maxcine Williams, long-time Alaskan resident and botanical collector, of her slides of Alaskan Wild Flowers. She has spent many years studying and collecting them. Lois Schreiner, Entertainment Chairman, will be hostess for this event.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 15 (Sat) 7:30 p.m.-Slides of Mt. McKinley Expedition, 1967, shown at Lodge.
- 16 (Sun) Barite Mines & Caves, Leo Paschelke, Leader(933-2594).
- 21 (Fri) Rummage Sale at Rummage Center.
- 23 (Sat) Tahkenitch Loop, John McManigal, Leader(345-2036).
- 29 (Sat) Wolf Point, Mary Bridgeman, Leader(344-8952).
- 29 (Sat) Potluck at Lodge, Slides of Alaskan Wild Flowers by Maxcine Williams - 6:30 p.m.
- 30 (Sun) Clear Lake & Dunes, Ken & Robin Lodewick, Leaders(344-6533).

APRIL

- 2 Board Meeting.
- 5 (Sat) Silver Creek Falls, Pat Patterson, Leader(345-9738).
- 6 EASTER SUNDAY.
- 12 (Sat) Carpenter Mt., Helen Smith, Leader(343-4720).
- 13 (Sun) Tour of Campus, Grace Smith, Leader(345-6568).

KAH-NEE-TA - April 19-20

This trip has 36 members and friends signed up (with a limit of 35) but with the possibility of last minute cancellations, we could put several people on a waiting list. Cost of trip including lodging and dinner the night of arrival is \$18.50. Remittances should be mailed to Geraldine Fehly no later than April 14, 1601 Olive St., Apt. 211, Eugene -- 97401.

NOTICE

Your 1969 Membership List is enclosed with this bulletin, prepared by Clarence Johnson and his membership committee, who spent a great deal of time checking to make it correct. However they realize that mistakes will creep in - so if you spot an error in your name, address or tel. no. - PLEASE call Clarence, 343-4014 or any member of the Bulletin Committee.
Thank you

FOUR PEAKS EXPEDITION

Gary Kirk was a member of the recent Four Peaks Expedition, which made the first traverse of Three Sisters Wilderness Area in winter. The traverse started at the Mt. Bachelor Ski Area on Feb. 16 and finished at White Branch Youth Camp on Feb. 22. Camps were made at Green Lakes, Chambers Lakes and the Col between the North and Middle Sisters. During the traverse Broken Top, South Sister, Middle Sister were climbed with an attempt on the North stopped at the summer snow field area below the pinnacle. The other members of the Four Peaks Expedition were Steve Schaefer, Gary Grimm, and Dale Moon.

Keep on saving Betty Crocker Coupons and Gold Bond Stamps and Flav-R-Pak Labels.
OBSIDIAN RUMMAGE SALE, FRIDAY MARCH 21

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cal Crawford
March 5 Bal. \$1643.07

Receipts

Membership 226.00
Trips 5.65
\$1874.72

Disbursements

Climbing 24.95
Publications 22.20
Lodge Expenses 339.61 386.76
\$1487.96
Savings Account \$2037.72
\$3525.68

Bills

Climbing-First Aid Sup. 10.65
Empire Prtg-Schedules 48.50
Publications-Postage(Mar) 31.00
Mishler's-Mimeo Paper 18.80
EWEB 21.23
Membership-C. Johnson 4.85
\$135.03

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Reported 3 changes of address and three dues payments; new membership list completed and ready to mail with bulletin; presented the new Obsidian brochure, attractively printed in brown ink on green paper, which will serve as an informational introduction for prospective and new members, making it easier for them to learn about the club's objectives and activities. These will be given to trip and climb leaders as a means of attracting new members. (Clarence did a neat job of composition and typing of subject matter, making a good looking folder).

TRIPS: Wayne Renfro

Reported on three trips, one cancelled, with 28 members, 3 nonmembers, \$5.10. Presented new trip and climb schedules, to be mailed with March bulletin; (these are also very good-looking and represent a lot of work by Wayne and committee).

CLIMBING: Ron Nunemaker

Working on arrangements for the Annual Climbing School starting in April.

SUMMER OUTING: (Trinity Alps) Bob Cox
Received a letter from Ranger at Sawyer's bar, Calif.--informational--and telling that Trinity Alps is one of the most scenic areas in California. Received a letter from Mrs. Patricia Harris, who says she will be glad to procure slides of Caribou Basin for us for our May Outing Kickoff.

Members please note!....You can join a "cut to the bone" expense sharing hike for 14 days for only \$148.00.

OR

come with us on an Obsidian Outing for 14 days for \$75.00. Cooks and food will be thrown in on either outing.

Trinity Alps Outing this year will be 10 days only, from August 5 to August 15.

ENTERTAINMENT: Lois Schreiner

Reported on Feb. Potluck (receipts \$4.46); announced March 15 McKinley Picture Night, and March 29 Potluck with Wild Flower slides by Maxcine Williams; presented invitation from Sierra Club to their annual dinner March 8.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Clarence Landes reported everything shipshape at present. Bulletin board investigation continuing.

SEARCH & RESCUE: Gary Kirk

Reported on the recent Rescue Practice, "Operation Deep Snow" with base of operations at Frog Camp; highly successful learning session; slides and discussion to be on March 13.

CONSERVATION: It was reported that Robin Lodewick represented Obsidians at a State House of Representatives hearing March 3, urging passage of House Joint Memorial 11, a request to Congress to ban logging in French Pete Valley. "Even in Oregon, we are running out of wild country. A half-cut forest is not a whole forest . . . and this is what we cannot replace."..... Robin Lodewick. Richard Noyes also testified before the committee, showing slides.

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Next Board Meeting April 2.

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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Dr. Ewart Baldwin, U.O. Geol. Dept., will show his slides of "A Grand Canyon Float Trip" on Friday, April 18, 150 Science. Here's your chance, Obsidians, to enjoy this beautiful trip again. 8:00 p.m.

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The Marine Science Center in Newport will hold open house on May 3-4.
PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT OBSIDIAN LODGE MAY 11

JACKSONVILLE - Saturday, May 17, 1969

One day trip; round trip fare on the bus will be \$7.50. This will include your trip fee. We suggest you take a picnic lunch to be enjoyed in the Museum picnic area. Historic Jacksonville, where gold was discovered in 1851, is so full of interesting things to see, that you'll want to be prepared for an active day. A few of the highlights are: Jacksonville Museum, Pioneer Churches, Beekman Bank, Masonic Hall, U.S. Hotel, Jacksonville Cemetery. Take your camera!

SAN FRANCISCO TRIP - May 30, 31 & June 1 Don't forget to make your reservation early for the beautiful Shasta Daylight Train Trip to San Francisco over Memorial Day. This is a special chartered trip --all expense: meals on train, hotel, -tips -- about \$120-140 depending on your choice of hotel. A deposit of \$25 should be sent to Bronson Travel to confirm your place, as space is limited. The Shasta leaves Eugene's S.P. Depot at 9:30 A.M. Friday, and returns at 9:50 P.M. Sunday. This is a last opportunity to ride the Southern Pacific Line on the "Shasta Daylight". After leaving Eugene, we climb "The Hill" at Oakridge, 3,634 ft. up the western slope of the Cascades, from which there is a breath-taking panorama of heavily forested Salt Creek Valley and the Cascade Mountains. (There's lots more to describe this beautiful trip--we'll continue in the April issue)

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Fred and Marian Miller recently returned from exploring Australia, with stops in Fiji and Hawaii.

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Bertha Deckmann spent Thanksgiving and Christmas in Mexico, returning with many beautiful pictures.

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The deep snows were the cause of a broken ankle bone for Mary Carr, but she is eagerly anticipating summer hikes!

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ASTORIA-COLUMBIA RIVER - Sept. 20-21

Cost of this trip will be \$35.00 or less round trip. There is a snack bar on the boat or you can take your own sack lunch and have a hot drink at the snack bar... Many interesting visits to historical sites are being planned for you and will be announced in a later bulletin. There are 39 signed up (with a limit of 35) but we will be glad to put you on a waiting list. Call 343-2784 or 726-7270.

Current Trip Reports will appear in April Bulletin

FRIENDS OF THE JOHN DAY RIVER CANYON

A group of some 20 people met in Salem February 22, to discuss ways and means for the preservation of the wonderful, exciting and beautiful John Day River and Canyon.

There is no question but that this river and canyon is one of the more outstanding pieces of Oregon's fabulous State and that it should be preserved along with our Crater Lake, some of our mountainous regions and our beaches.

The danger of losing this natural piece of outstanding geological wonder is, at the present, not imminent, but nevertheless the danger is there. And this newly formed organization is all out to see what can be done to put it to the best use.

Only one person from the Eugene-Springfield area attended and that was Robert (Bob) Medill. He did not attend as a representative of the Obsidians, not being empowered to do so, but as one who knows of the potential of preserving this area.

The next meeting is to be held at The Dalles, Oregon. Bob is one of three directors elected. It was mentioned that Bob retorted that when one reaches an age one-half-ways between 70 and 80 one does not know just how much time they do have.

Honors?..for coming to the meeting from the farthest distance went to Jack Steiwer who came all the way from Fossil.

FEBRUARY POTLUCK

An unusually interesting program was enjoyed Sat. Feb. 22 by about 60 Obsidians and friends. It was an exciting Colorado River trip that Dr. Ewart Baldwin took us on, and we'd "like to go again". George Washington was highly honored by Myrtle Smith's clever Cherry trees, patriotic table runners, miniature flags and Washington silhouettes on the walls. Chairman Lois Schreiner was the spark behind the whole event, assisted by Myrtle Smith, Huldah Yeiter, and several who volunteered for kitchen duty....Dorothy Towler, and granddaughter, Gertrude Oswald and others. Lois was MC and made announcements and introduced guests and friends.

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Our best wishes to Roy Temple who is convalescing at home after having surgery at Sacred Heart Hospital.

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Thelma Watson's co-workers at the Broadway surprised her with a birthday party on her day, Feb. 17. The Princesses also celebrated with her that evening with another decorated cake.

FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS!

Margaret Markley and Helen Weiser managed to elude our big January snowstorm, by leaving just ahead of it on their trip to Mexico. They had a pleasant trip all the way and are now happily settled in Guadalajara, where Margaret is studying Polish and other languages and Helen is perfecting her spanish. From Helen: Feliz Cumpleaños! I'll think of you on the 17th ...in Guadalajara are many wide streets, fountains, flowers, parks and statues... Margaret and I saw a ballet folklorica on Sunday. I appreciate so much that Florence(Fulton) put me in touch with her friend here. Through her I found a place to live in a beautiful home with two pleasant women. It is quite an elegant home...the people here speak no English. They can understand my poor Spanish, but I do not understand them very well. Am going to one school from 9-11, and will start where Margaret is soon. Breakfast here is at 8:30. La comida(dinner) at 2:30 and supper at 8. After la comida is la siesta. Everything closes from 2 to 4. This A.M. two house finches were billing and cooing outside my window. The sky is the most beautiful blue.....Today la comida here was very special. A young man, George, who lives here,had his girl friend and her mother. All three are delightful and attractive people. La Señora had an especially fine dinner ending with a wonderful sponge cake type dessert topped with strawberry whip! and liquer. Muy sabrosa! The cooking is delicious all the time - not peppery at all. Much fresh fruit. Usually dessert is fruit and plain cookies. Usually fruit juice - fresh, prepared in a blender for dinner. Coffee for breakfast and supper. For dinner a wonderful cream soup made from fresh vegetables put through a blender, then a dry soup which is a macaroni type dish but delicate and well flavored, then meat, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers and sometimes another vegetable. Today the meat was prepared with mushrooms. The meat is always very tender. The supper is mostly fruit and cheese.....You would like it here....the people are very kind and friendly...Love to all...Helen.

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Margaret and I took a trip by taxi to an Indian village where they make beautiful pottery, glass, etc. On Sunday we went to Lake Chapala, the largest Lake in Mexico. Had dinner in a beautiful restaurant. Saw a bright red bird--a vermillion *

flycatcher and lots of warblers. Then last night was one of the most thrilling experiences of my life. We went to a performance of Tchaikovsky's Concierto No. 1, done by the Guadalajara Symphony and a girl of 17 years at the piano. It was the finest music I've ever heard. The girl is slender but she played like a master. It was simply tremendous and filled the beautiful theatre. Margaret and I sat on the front row and saw everything! I'll never forget it! This Saturday we are going on a tour of the city. People here are so friendly and make you feel at home. There are 35,000 Americans living here - many of retirement age. Living is cheaper than at home...

Hasta la vista...Helen W.

WILD FLOWER CLASS STARTING APRIL 7

Classes will be held at Lane Community College in the Science Building, Room 110 on Mondays, April 7 through May 26, from 7 to 9 p.m., with Robert Saxton as instructor. Three field trips will be arranged between instructor and students. There is no cost for the course, except field trip travel expense. In this 8 week course on Coast and Cascade wild flowers you will learn the family, common and scientific names of our most beautiful wild flowers, Indian and Pioneer uses, proper methods for collecting, display and photography.

N.H.S. MARCH PROGRAM

will be on wildlife, starting at 8 p.m. March 21, in room 133 Commonwealth.

FIRESIDE FIASCO '69 PRESENTS

Pure Gold - A Melodrama in 1 act

The Bored Meeting

A "Mystery" with much act(ion)

COMING APRIL 26TH

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 * It is with deep regret that we ac- *
 * knowledge the loss of a member we have *
 * been so privileged to call "friend". *
 * Steve Norton, son of Dr. and Mrs. *
 * Henry Norton, always spurred us on to *
 * greater heights, with a helping hand, *
 * not only near the summit of a mountain *
 * but in many of life's other challen- *
 * ges. *
 * The lives of all of us are made *
 * richer by his continuing inspiration. *
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 * Frank Moore *
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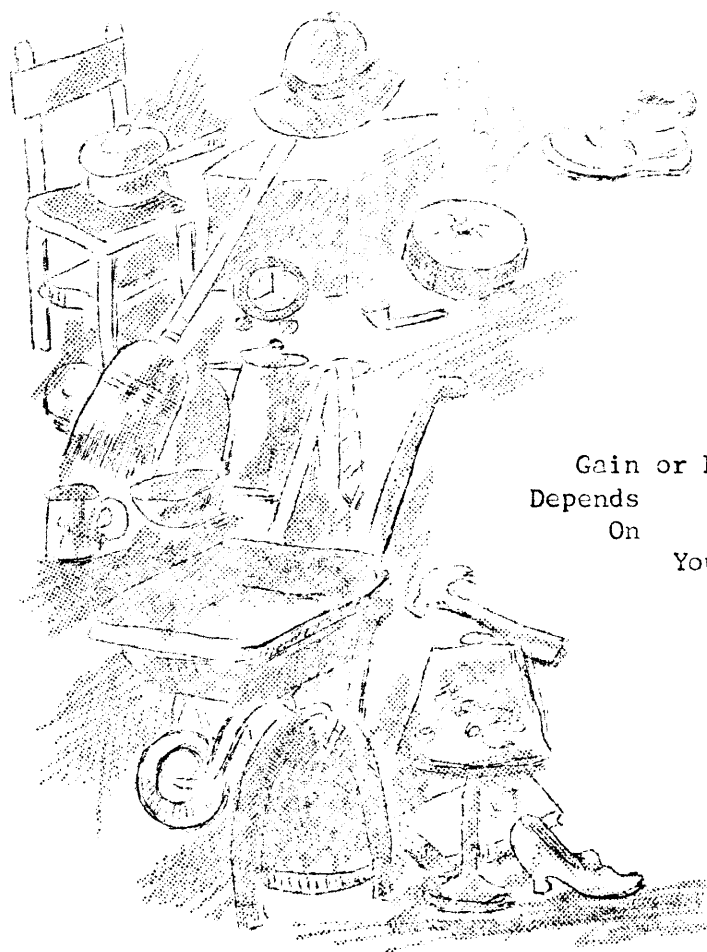
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MARCH 21, 1969



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NELLIE McWILLIAMS IS IN CHARGE OF THE SALE.
THE SALE WILL BE ON FRIDAY,
MARCH 21, 1969...

THE ABOVE PICTURE IS

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A MARVELLOUS ILLUSTRATION OF THE KIND OF THINGS WE NEED

TO

THE RUMMAGE CENTER
31 W. 7th Ave.

THE RUMMAGE CENTER
Thursday evening, March 20, 7 PM

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

No. 62

By Ray Sims

Going-to-the-Sun Highway in Glacier National Park in 1953, was a delightful way to travel to beautiful St. Mary's Lake. This was another of our very good camps, and Clarence Scherer as President of the club, made us all more than welcome.

One of our excellent hiking trips was the one up the trail to Ice Lake, where many small icebergs were floating in the ice blue water. But what made it so unique was that Clarence Scherer, Ray Cavagnaro, Clarence Bankhead and Bob Barber jumped out onto one of the "bergs" only to have it "sink" and then they would have to jump onto a larger one...well...when all four were doing this I took some wonderful pictures.

We had all been driven by "Clancy" in his Greyhound bus over to the "Many Glacier Hotel" before going to "Ice Lake", and we also toured this beautiful hotel.

Another trip by Greyhound and then by boat was to "Trick Falls" on "Two-Medicine-Lake". These boat trips were a lot of pleasure and the many sunsets and views of beautiful St. Mary's in its several moods, as well as Lake McDonald and its fine campground, made beautiful memories that we will never forget.

It was not surprising that the Obsidians would return to this same Glacier National Park in another 10 years.

PRINCESS NEWS

Princess Lil' Warbler (Natalie Morgan) invites all the Princesses to the March 17 meeting at her home, 105 Alberta Lane at 7:30 p.m. Final plans will be made for the March 21 Rummage Sale. 10 Princesses attended the Feb. meeting, with Princess Orange Blossom as hostess. "Princess "Robinson Crusoe" (Bob Medill), chairman of the May 11 Pancake breakfast, made a brief report on some new ideas for this event, and offered to bring back some real Maple Syrup from Quebec. This was heartily approved by everyone. Other business included Rummage Sale, letters from the Temples and from Helen Weiser, and a contribution for the Princess Scrapbook from Princess Blue Water (Florence Sims - a story she wrote when the club was new, describing the origin of the Princess Club, when she became the first Princess. This will be inscribed on the first pages of the scrapbook.

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The February 9 Open House in honor of Blanche Bailey on her birthday was a huge success and a complete surprise to her, according to the Obsidians who attended. Daughter Marjorie Beaman and her husband Bill and their children were hosts for this event, and they greeted Blanche's many friends from Eugene and Salem, including Obsidians, Chemeketans, and members of the Salem First Methodist Church. Mae Beaman, Natalie and Boyd and David Morgan, and Blanche's sister Eloise Keller (Chicago) also helped make it a success.

BUS REUNION

35 Obsidians (about one busload) and friends ignored snowbanks and attended the reunion party for bus trippers on February 8. Roxie and Louie Waldorf were our pleasant hosts at their recreation hall at Midway Manor, assisted by Ray Cavagnaro & Geraldine Fehly. Everyone enjoyed the slides and movies of the trips, and then reminisced happily while enjoying Roxie's good coffee and the many cookies and sandwiches filling the table.

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* Sponsored by EVERYBODY WELCOME AT THE OBSIDIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST Bob Medill*
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