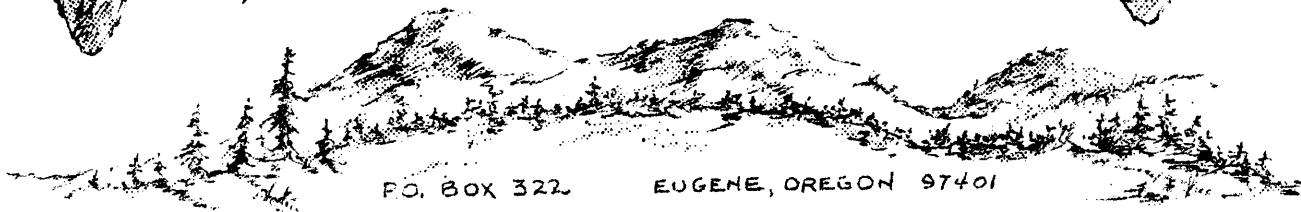




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COMING EVENTS

TRIPS

JULY

- 12 (Sat) Lamb Butte--Helen Smith. South Fork McKenzie.
 13 (Sun) Patjens Lake & Sand Mt.---Hazen Bressler. Santiam Area.
 19,20(Sat-Sun) Dillon Lake---Mary Bridge-
 Q man. McKenzie Area.
 20 (Sun) Waldo Meadows--Lorene Bressler. Willamette Area.
 26,27(Sat-Sun) Skyline Trail-Arrowhead
 Q Lake to Frog Camp--Ron Nunemaker.
 27 (Sun) Yoran Lake--Bruce Newell. Near Diamond.

AUGUST (Linton Lk.rescheduled Sat.Aug.2)

- 2 (Sat) Substitute Point--Mary Carr.
 Q Foley Ridge Area.
 3 (Sun) Obsidian Loop-Ken & Robin Lode-
 Q wick. A Favorite Trip.
 9 (Sat) Black Crater--Helen Smith. Mc-
 Q Kenzie Pass Area.
 10 (Sun) Dome Rock--Joel McClure. Above
 Q Hills Creek Dam.
 16,17(Sat-Sun) Horse Lake--Nysa Norman.
 Q Three Sisters Area.
 17 (Sun) Ermabelle Lakes--Bette Hack.
 South Fork McKenzie.
 23,24(Sat-Sun) Seven Lakes Basin--Marriner
 Orum. Lake of Woods Area.
 24 (Sun) Olallie Mountain--Lois Schreiner
 Q East Fork of South Fork McKenzie.
 30,31-Sept.1(Sat-Sun-Mon) Collier Glacier
 Q --Ray Sims. Three Sisters Area.
 30,31-Sept.1(Sat-Sun-Mon) Jeff Park--Alvin
 Q Lynch. Old Favorite.
 30,31-Sept.1(Sat-Sun-Mon) Painted Hills,
 Grande Ronde--Bob Medill. Car Trip.

SEPTEMBER

- 6,7 (Sat-Sun) Park Meadows--Frank Moore.
 Q East Side of Broken Top.
 7 (Sun) Red Top--Marriner Orum. Diamond
 Peak Area.

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CLIMBS

JULY

- 12,13(Sat-Sun) Middle Sister----Marriner
 Orum. Regular Route.
 12,13(Sat-Sun) Mt. Washington--Dale Moon
 From Cache Creek.
 12,13(Sat-Sun) Mt. Washington--Cal Craw-
 ford--Limited. Southeast Buttress.
 19,20(Sat-Sun) Mt. Rainier--John Nosler.
 Via Camp Muir.
 19,20(Sat-Sun) Middle Sister--Ed Harms.
 Renfrew Glacier.
 19,20(Sat-Sun) South Sister--John Ander-
 son. West Side From Heart Lake.
 26,27(Sat-Sun) Mt. Washington--Stu Rich.
 North Ridge.
 26,27(Sat-Sun) Mt. Index--Don Thomas.
 26,27(Sat-Sun) Mt. Adams--Jim Harrang---
 Limited. Adams Glacier.
 26,27(Sat-Sun) North Sister--Manfred
 Bauer. South Ridge.
 26,27(Sat-Sun) Middle Sister----Clarence
 Landes. Saturday Climb.

AUGUST

- 2,3 (Sat-Sun) Mt. Adams--Lew Krakauer.
 2,3 (Sat-Sun) Broken Top--Pat Crowder.
 2,3 (Sat-Sun) Mt. Jefferson-Dave Burwell
 Limited.
 9,10 (Sat-Sun) North Sister-John Anderson
 9,10 (Sat-Sun) Mt. Thielsen--Gene Thaxton
 West Side.
 9,10 (Sat-Sun) Rabbit Ears--Mel Jackson.
 Crater Lake Area--Rock Climb. Be-
 ginner to expert.
 16,17(Sat-Sun) Mt. Washington--Jim Jeppe-
 sen.
 16,17(Sat-Sun) South Sister---Anton Van
 Stokum. Devils Lake--South Side.
 23,24(Sat-Sun) Diamond Peak--Clarence
 Johnson.
 23,24(Sat-Sun) Mt. Jefferson--Tom Taylor.
 23,24North Sister--John McManigal. Three
 Peak Qualifying Climb.

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TRIPS(Continued from Page 1)

SEPTEMBER

- 13 (Sat) McFarland Lake--John McManigal.
 Q South Fork McKenzie
 14 (Sun) Obsidian Loop--Randy Harp. A
 Q Favorite Trip repeated.
 20,21(Sat-Sun) Hunts Cove--Allan Pierce.
 Q West Side of Mt. Jefferson.
 21 (Sun) Mt. Nebo--Art Steele. Up the
 Mohawk.
 27 (Sat) McDuff Peak--Mary Holland. Mc-
 Q Kenzie Area.
 28 (Sun) Grasshopper Mt.--Johnnie Johnson.

PAUL LAFFERTY SHOWS SKI OUTINGS

Paul Lafferty presented slides of skiing in the Caribou Range and the Bugaboos of Canada at the June Potluck. His running commentary was most informative and the audience was very responsive to his comments. The last potluck of the 1968-69 season was headed by Lois Schreiner who was assisted by Paula Vehrs, Mary Carr and several volunteers. Myrtle Smith made the table and wall decorations carrying out the program theme, and was assisted by Gerry Fehly in decorating the Lodge.

 * WELCOME OBSIDIAN LADIES *
 * All Obsidian Women are invited to *
 * come to Obsidian Lodge on Monday, *
 * July 21, for a dessert at 7:30 P.M. *
 * There will be some great entertain- *
 * ment, planned by Wilma Moore, Chair- *
 * man. The Princesses welcome every- *
 * one to this party. *
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Mary Holland is spending the summer at Ely, in Northeastern Minnesota, where she is a counsellor for the Outward Bound School. Activities will include canoeing on the many lakes and streams of the area and in Canada. Mary was tapped for membership in Mortar Board, the U.O. Honorary for Senior women.

Lei, daughter of Herbert and Evelyn McCornack, received her B.S. degree in Recreation Management at the U.O. commencement June 15, and will be a counsellor this summer at the girl scout camp at McCall, Idaho. And Julie McCornack Vertrees achieved Mortar Board Membership.

Don Hunter showed his new color production twice recently at two conservation rallies held at Harris Hall. "Oregon Cascades" is unique and unequalled among conservation presentations. It is a 3-screen panorama with multi-plex sound.

CLIMBS(Continued from Page 1)

AUGUST

- 30,31-Sept.1(Sat-Sun-Mon) South Sister.
 John Bascom. From Green Lakes.
 30,31-Sept.1(Sat-Sun-Mon) North Sister--
 Frank Moore.
 30,31-Sept.1(Sat-Sun-Mon) Middle Sister--
 Ron Nunemaker.

SEPTEMBER

- 6,7 (Sat-Sun) Broken Top--Bruce Newell.
 From Park Meadows.
 6,7 (Sat-Sun) Three Fingered Jack--Rick
 Craven.
 13,14(Sat-Sun) North Sister--Jim Jeppe-
 sen. Regular Route.
 13,14(Sat-Sun) Mt. Yoran--Mel Jackson.
 Two Rock Scrambles.
 20,21(Sat-Sun) Mt. Thielsen--Derald Him-
 ber.
 20,21(Sat-Sun) Diamond Peak--Donn Chase.
 Saturday from Summit Lake.
 27,28(Sat-Sun) South Sister--Marriner
 Orum.

PRINCESS NEWS

The Princesses had such a wonderful treat at the waffle supper given by Princess Blue Waters(Florence Sims). They're still talking about it. Those marvelous waffles were accompanied by luscious little pig sausages and some of that grand Canadian maple syrup, and for dessert...the most beautiful strawberries we ever saw...with whipped cream. The coffee made by Chief Little Brother(Glen S.) was superb too, as well as the punch and iced tea. The weather turned summery and it was delightful on the patio. Enjoying this grand treat were: Nellie McWilliams, Vera Heidenreich, Bertha Deckmann, Margaret Markley, Thelma Watson, Natalie Morgan, Blanche Bailey, Myrtle Hamlin, Florence Fulton, Wilma Moore, Charlotte Lemon, Mary Gillespie, Helen Weiser, Mary Castelloe and Hostess Florence Sims. A couple of Chiefs came along to keep Glen company among all those Princesses. Discussion centered mostly on plans for the Obsidian Womens Party July 21 (This will replace the regular Princess meeting; Chairman Wilma Moore is planning some grand entertainment. A beautiful Gloxinia was presented to Hostess Florence by Vera Heidenreich, who grows them expertly in her home greenhouse.

Richard Moffitt, Springfield dentist, replaces Ruth Bascom as new president of Eugene Junior Symphony Board of Directors.

BOARD NOTES - July 2, 1969Treasurer - Cal Crawford

Beginning Balance \$1208.79

Receipts:

Membership	\$ 30.50
Trips	234.35
Climbing	22.25
Outing	66.00
Entertainment	13.80 366.90
	\$1575.09

Disbursements:

Outing	\$132.31
Publications	60.10
Lodge Expense	23.95
Conservation	50.00 266.36
	1309.33

Savings Account Balance	2037.72
	\$3347.05

Bills approved for payment:

Postage	\$12.00
E.W.E.B.	18.74
Miscellaneous	5.85
	\$36.59

OUTING - Bob Cox

No more overnight reservations are available at the Mountain Meadow Resort. Camper registrations and deposits are coming along nicely. All summer camp business has been transacted except minor details like: buying food, renting truck, getting butane tanks, buying and bundling lumber, sorting, weighing and tagging 1½ tons of camping gear. This will be done the last few days before camp. If you plan on riding in, your reservations should have been individually made by now. Wes Prouty has volunteered for the task of buying and cutting the lumber for summer camp. No small task!

TRIPS - Wayne Renfro

Wayne reported nine trips, 2 cancelled, with 92 members and 42 nonmembers. Fees collected \$27. Linton Lake rescheduled for Sat. Aug. 2, with Keith Brunig as leader. Mary Carr will not be able to lead the Substitute Point trip but a substitute leader will be found. (no pun intended.) One of the 2-day trips paid only 15¢ and 25¢ trip fees. Two day trip fees should be 25¢ and 35¢.

PUBLICATIONS: Geraldine Fehly

Editor leaving on trip to Washington State July 8, to be gone a week or ten days. Any news or complaints can be called in after July 18.

CLIMBING - Ron Nunemaker

Nine climbs were scheduled and two were cancelled. Sixty-one signed up and seven climbs were completed with 41 people reaching the summit. Fees collected \$18.50. There were 13 members and 17 nonmembers. Two did not reach the summit.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Clarence Johnson
Clarence was absent but Gary Kirk reported in his place. Membership application was received from:

Dr. Latham Flanagan, Jr., and Elizabeth Flanagan (Mrs. Latham), 4495 Pinecrest, Eugene, Oregon, Phone 345-4900. Welcome to the Obsidians and we hope to see you at the next potluck.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Clarence Johnson moved to:
2327 Grant St., Eugene, 97401

Mary Carr moved to:
963 Ferry Lane, Eugene, 97401

Next Board meeting will be Sept. 10.

COLUMBIA RIVER TRIP - Sept. 20-21, 1969

If you have not already confirmed your reservation for this trip, please do so. We have pleasant surprises in store for you. The plan has been changed some --- We will leave Eugene and head for the Coast for a leisurely trip to Astoria, and the trip the next day will be UP the river instead of DOWN the river. By reversing our path of travel we will have the boat exclusively for our own group. This will give us more freedom and room, more chance to visit among ourselves. We can thank Ray Cavagnaro for thinking up this delightful change.

We leave at 7 a.m. from South Eugene High School grounds. A sack lunch is suggested for picnicking on the beach on the trip to Astoria.

Your check for: Members \$32.25 and for nonmembers \$35.00 should be mailed to Geraldine Fehly, 1601 Olive St. Apt. 211 Eugene, 97401 by September 1. Save Betty Crocker coupons for the Princesses. That is where our serving spoons and many kitchen accessories come from.

MT. ST. HELENS - Forsythe Glacier

Stephen C. Moore

6-15-1969

When the weather is nice in June, as it has been this year, St. Helens is a popular mountain and consequently, 12 Obsidians spent Sat. night at Timberline with some 100 other climbers. Fortunately it was somewhat less crowded on the Forsythe Glacier the next day. Our party began the climb at 4:00 a.m., reaching the summit before noon, with a lunch break on the crater rim. Two weeks of heat have melted much of last winter's snow already revealing many old crevasses and icefalls, but only two areas of the glacier required much skirting of crevasses: below the Hog's Head at the bottom and below the Bergshlund at 8000 ft. The Schruns are already 20-30 ft. wide, so we traversed right to reach the summit. Descent was via the Dog's Head route. Spectacularly large crevasses, and a few jumps and bridges along the way make this an enjoyable ascent, swarms of climbers notwithstanding. On this climb with Stephen Moore as leader were: Norm Benton, Tim Benton, Dan George, Ron Nunemaker, Donna Slattery, Rex Stevens, Gene Thaxton, Don Thomas (Ass't. Leader) Stu Rich, John Rich and Craig Wester. Eight non-members and four members.

MT. MC LOUGHLIN - 6-22-69

Left Eugene at 10 a.m., Saturday, with six climbers. Traveled to Medford, then Eagle Point to trail head near Four Mile Lake. Camped at start of Mt. McLoughlin trail and Road 350. We left at 6:25 Sunday morning. Weather overcast, about five miles along a well-marked trail it started to rain and finally snowed as we reached summit at 10:30. We returned to car at about 1:30 and arrived in Eugene at 6:00 p.m. With Gene Sebring on this climb were Bill Ross, Terry Jones, Martha, Virginia and Mark Sebring, Ass't. Leader.

JACKSONVILLE - 5-17-69

Dressed in our wash-and-wear attire we sped down the freeway in a new Trailways bus, giving little thought to the fact that soon the scene would change to days of old at historic Jacksonville.

The stage was set at an old Jackson Co. Courthouse which is now the Jacksonville Museum, filled with an interesting and

excellent assortment of items to display the culture, elegant tastes, skills, livelihoods, and hardships of our pioneer ancestors. Using the picnic facilities on the lawn there, we reminisced over our sack lunches prior to further explorations. Those taking the stagecoach tour enjoyed the narration on the history of the old town structures and points of interest along with related tales.

Time marched on and we hurried to again board the bus for a short drive to the cemetery to view some of the old graves, the earliest of which was 1859.

With songs and stories the tired travelers relaxed & enjoyed their ride home from another successful, fairweather bus trip.

Mary Carr

CASTLE ROCK LOOKOUT - 6-21-69

It was a bright, beautiful day for hiking and a pleasant drive up the South Fork McKenzie to starting point of trip. We left cars half way up rocky entry road. To shorten distance we cut across the clearing to tree line and up a steep stretch to the trail. We enjoyed the woody trail and it was in good condition except for a few small trees across near the summit. There is a nice stream on lower trail & a spring above the saddle. Maxcine Williams and Helen Weiser stayed on lower trail as planned. We found Phantom Lilies and Peppermint Stick, both rather rare. There were many varieties of beautiful flowers near the summit. We enjoyed a wonderful view from the lookout of forests, the valley, and the McKenzie. Clouds hung over the mountains. After lunch and basking in the sun we hated to leave this lovely spot to descend. We picked up the rest of our party by the stream and followed the trail out. We had a good group and enjoying the outing were: Forrest Babcock, Norman Benton, Richard Burcher, Mildred Clark, Duchess Cox, Art Johnson, Diane Letsom, Pat Pattison, Roger Smith, Ann Taylor, Douglas Taylor, Marjorie Taylor, Helen Weiser, Maxcine Williams, Alvin Lynch and Helen Lynch, Leader.

When cashing Gold Bond Stamps, be sure to ask for your "Redemption Certificates" -- then turn them over to the Princesses.

Save Flavorpack wrappers from frozen foods.

YANKEE MOUNTAIN SHUTTLE, 6/15/69

Fourteen enthusiastic hikers left Eugene a little after 7:00 Sunday morning in a heavy mist. By the time we reached the beginning of the trail, the sun was beckoning us to enjoy a warm walk through the forest and meadows of the Lowder Mt. Trail. Starting time for the hike was 9:45 as considerable time was spent prior to the hike shuttling cars and people between the end and beginning of the trail. We had some excellent views of the mountains to the east and south as the trail follows the east and south facing slopes of the French Pete drainage. The 'rock garden' about a mile in on the trail was profuse with wild flowers, and the view of the high mountains to the north and east from this saddle was magnificent. We continued along a fairly even contour enjoying the weather and the excellent views of the French Pete Valley for another three miles. By then everyone was ready for lunch and we enjoyed a restful break under the trees in the welcome shade. Continuing on after 'refueling' we reached the Yankee Mt. Trail about 2 p.m. At this point we decided to take a side trip to Tipsoo Butte which was well worth the time spent as the view of the high Cascades as well as the lower mountains was excellent. Patches of snow were still apparent in the swales below the butte. The beargrass so prevalent on Tipsoo was not in bloom this year, but other flowers were showing their colors. At 3 p.m. we were back to the Yankee Mt. Trail to begin our 3000 foot descent to the French Pete Campground. We were hot and tired traveling this steep trail for two miles through open meadow. The last three miles were mostly in forest but still a steep grade for 14 weary travelers. It was along this last stretch that the party divided as some of the hikers needed to descend at a slower pace. The first group which included the drivers arrived at the end of the trail at 6 p.m., the second group about 45 minutes later. In the meantime cars were shuttled and at 8 p.m. everyone finally received a welcome ride for the trip back to Eugene. Non-members on the trip were Ron Bramble, Ellen Finkenbiner, Ann and Gerald Morsello, and Joyce Webber; members included Mary Bridgeman, Mildred Clark, Clarence Landes, Diane Letsom, Clarence, Dorothy and Nancy Scherer, Helen Smith and Leader Lois Schreiner.

LETTER FROM MIKE McCLOSKEY, Sierra Club

June 23, 1969

Mr. Gary Kirk, Mrs. Helen Lynch, Obsidians:
Dear Gary and Helen:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 18 congratulating me on my new position with the Sierra Club. The confidence you expressed in me and your offer of support will be a source of strength as I undertake my new duties.

I am looking forward to continuing my work in meeting the important conservation problems that face us, and I look forward to continue working with all of my friends in the Obsidians. Please give them my regards.

Yours truly,

Michael McCloskey, Conservation Dir.

BUCK MOUNTAIN, 6/7/69

Weather was warm, dry, but overcast. Visibility was poor. Rhododendrons and other wild flowers were in great profusion and in full bloom. We had a pleasant trip enjoyed by everyone. Leader Doug Spencer took Anthony & Caroline E. Andrews, Joy & Elizabeth Ballinger, Mary Bridgeman, Duchess Cox, Susan & Will Devereux, Clarence Landes, Diane Letsom, Helen Smith & Gene Tennison on this trip.

McKENZIE HIGHWAY TO PROXY FALLS, 6/14/69

About 65 miles up the McKenzie, off the old road, lie these two unusual and very interesting falls in a secluded and heavily timbered region. The water was high, the weather was ideal, and the rhododendrons were in bloom. These falls make a nice trip, but it does not occupy the whole day, so we explored both Sahalie and Koosah Falls and the accessory falls above and below. We ate our lunch at the water's edge about 100 yards downstream from the observation platform of Sahalie. I had never seen the water so high nor so inspiringly beautiful. This clear blue water was rushing so furiously that the whole area was a solid gleaming mass of blue white foam. The best time to see these falls seems to be at this time of year about noon of a bright sunny day. With the leader, Herbert McCornack, were: Ruth Baker, Mary Bridgeman, Keith Brunig, Ina L. Foss, Anne Laerman, Peter Szymanski and Mrs. Szymanski.

In Switzerland they call skis "Shees", because they are so hard to manage-W.Alp.

HUMBUG MOUNTAIN, 5/17/69

This is a glorious trip in May. The day was unseasonably hot so we climbed the north side through the wooded slopes via the Forest Service State Park Trail. Flowers in abundance; 2½ hrs. climbing time. Brief stop on top for snack, then descended southward "cross country"--first through open meadow, then through dense tangled forest blow-down, then steep descent over rocks and meadows, always with spectacular view of coastline and ocean. Rested in soft green meadow peppered with yellow and white flowers. Then sauntered through green sheep pasture. Dropped down to rocky beach via rather difficult rocky slope. Hiked rocky beach 1½ miles, then sandy black crescent beach another 1½ miles as sun set. Hillside above beach solid lupine. This trip is worth repeating every May when the flowers are at their peak and the meadows still spring green. (While it is not actually an overnight trip, the distance from Eugene requires that it take 2 days altogether) With Ruth and John Bascom, leaders, were Ellen, Tom, Paul & Mary Bascom; Latham and Betty Flanigan; Alvin & Helen Lynch; Virgil, Emily, Linda & Dan Samms; Mary Bridgeman; Helen Smith; Evan McFadden.

TIDBITS, 5/25/69

Tidbits is always a good trip, and this time it had several enhancements. The road was in very good condition, leaving time to admire the scenery and take a very near view of a logging operation that was set up in the middle of the road. The trail is somewhat hard to follow for a short distance at the beginning because of down logs and cat tracks, but this gave our woodsmen a chance to show their abilities. The trail was clear and good for about a mile, but then we hit snow--more and more of it. Near the top there was still more than six feet. We were grateful for Clarence Johnson's ice axe. The debris from the lookout has been cleared since the last trip, and the concrete slab made a wonderful sun deck for lunch. There was sun, too, and before leaving time the clouds cleared from the mountains. A little warmth made the snow fine for glissading on the way home. With Helen Hughes, leader, were: Mary Bridgeman, Dorothy & Roger Hayes, Clarence Johnson, Terry Jones, Clarence Landes, Margaret Markley, Clarence & Dorothy Scherer, Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith, Thelma Watson, Margaret Wiese, Bob & Ilene Yates.

SAVE FLAV-R-PAC LABELS

FRIENDLY HOUSE

July 6 Howard Byerly, Northeastern Oregon
 July 13 Charles Hallin, to be announced
 July 20 Mrs. Wallace Baldinger, Japan,
 Old and New
 July 27 "Free for All", Bring some slides
 - we have a projector
 Friendly House is closed during August--
 First Fall program September 7.

MALHEUR GAME REFUGE, 5/30,31 & 6/1/69

Leaving Eugene and rainy weather at 6:15 a.m. our group took to the Hiway at their own speed, regrouping again at Hines Public Park for lunch together. I'm sure everyone was glad to see sunshine and blue sky from the Santiam the rest of the way. There were not as many birds and wildlife as was expected but enough to make you keep your binoculars out of the case. Our first nite was spent at the Refuge Headquarters where we were invited to the showing of "Wings Over Blitzen", put on by the Headquarters for the U. of O. group. Saturday was moving day to Page Springs campground near French Glen. Everyone was left to do as they wished, exploring Fish Lake, Harney Lake, the dikes and for some the Community Bath House. Sunday we departed for home starting about 9:30 with a few side trips to see the Round Barn and to hunt Lava bombs that rattle. You should have seen all those "Rock Shakers". With Leader Wilma Moore and Frank, were: John Anderson, Roger, Edith & Mary Bridgeman, Ina Foss, Jim, Carolyn & Patty Howells, Jane Hilt, Art, Lillian & Debbie Johnson, Clarence & John Johnson, Alvin & Helen Lynch, Margaret Markley, John McMahon, John-Lenore-Rick-Kevin-Steven McManigal, Dan & Ella McManigal, Lois Schreiner, Helen & Ada Smith, Dorothy Towler-ton & granddaughter Marilyn, Helen Weiser.

CORRECTIONS AND APOLOGY

March Bulletin: a line omitted from a story by Bob Medill on Friends of John Day River group. June Bulletin: Princess meeting at Florence Sims' was to be a waffle supper(not waffle dessert). Omitted name of Thelma Watson's assistant hostess--her sister Angie Coombs. My apologies for these, (Mary Castelloe).

SUMMER PICTURE

The sharpness of sun on pine.
 The rhythm of heavy hob-nailed boots
 Swinging forward.
 The warmth, the stillness; the patches of
 old snow in the shadows.
 The feeling of being high--and free--and
 far..... Princess Red Feather

MT. WASHINGTON - 6-28-69

While four members of the party hiked in and camped at Cold Water Springs, Manfred Bauer and I stayed at Big Lake. We left Big Lake at 4:00 a.m., and meeting the rest of the party, proceeded to the North Ridge. The whole mountain had much new snow and the pinnacle had much ice on it. We belayed up the "nose" and because of the snow and ice we belayed each other clear to the summit. We reached the top at about 1:00 p.m. Very little time was spent on top before we started down. We rappelled off the "nose" and had a nice glissade down the west slope. The weather continually tried to close in on us but the day remained quite clear. The party was a nice size and everybody had a good time. The only mishap being when Glenn Meiers lost his helmet.

On this trip were: Manfred Bauer, Ron Nunemaker, Ron Gervais, Glen Meiers, Fred Merrill, and Duane Muetzel, Leader.

THREE FINGERED JACK - 6-21 & 22 - 69

We camped Sat. nite on the ridge just south of Jack Butte and went there via the new Skyline Trail which when completed (and on a clear day) can be a wonderful route.

Sat. p.m. was windy at the start of the trip (which is right at the Santiam Pass summit) and this wind stayed with us all night and grew worse Sunday a.m. By Sun. 6 a.m. there was some rain and this increased so that by 9:30 a.m. the wind at 40 to 50 mi. per hour and the rain at the same speed along with a rate of about 1½ in. 24 hrs. made further progress impractical, and with the mutual agreement of all hands we ate some of our lunch at the cave (about 10 minutes from the crawl); and then splashed our way back to camp, built a fire, ate some more lunch, packed our gear and set out for the cars at the Santiam Pass ----- arrived there about 5 p.m. -- still wet!

I especially thank the people on this trip for their good humor and attitude.

Clarence Landes led this trip with the following climbers in his "wake": Robert Burns, Latham (Lath) Flanagan, Phyllis Ford, Ron Gervais and Lenore Glenn.

TIPSOO BUTTE - 6-22-69

Liz Glover, Connie Myers, Wes Prouty, Helen Smith, Dorothy Towler, Ilene Yates and Bob Yates, Leader, left the Park Blocks at 7:30 in a light drizzle. They began the hike up at 9 a.m. with an overcast sky and light intermittent mist falling. The first four miles of the trail is steep but since it was a cool day the climb was not exerting. Underbrush at the sides of the trail was dripping wet and they all got wet feet and pants legs. It rained on top during the lunch period and they all rushed for cover to finish eating. There was no view on account of the low clouds. Arrived back at the car at 3 p.m. It was a good outing and congenial group and all enjoyed the trip.

SANTIAM LAKE - 6-29-69

What makes a hiking trip so rewarding? Enjoyable companionship as it is found in the Obsidians. This and an always beautiful section of the Skyline Trail as is found going north to Santiam Lake. We found eleven different flowers in bloom or in bud. We found burbling streams in normally dry beds. Fat snakes, miniature hoppity frogs colored brown, green and yellow. Humming birds, one fat trout, and six graceful deer. In fact, we saw everything but the Partridge in a Pear Tree! We slipped through dense forest, along a pumice dust trail, and over lengthy snowfields. Three Fingered Jack was a spectacle to behold with its mantle of new snow plastered on its sheer, jagged edges. Lower Derley Lake was so serene and lovely that we didn't want to come home.

Yes, we were intoxicated with high country loveliness. It's a rare brew that I would recommend to you all.

With Robert Cox as leader were Mary Bridgeman, Liz Glover, Chris Howard, Leah Kay James, Wes Prouty and Helen Smith.

Bob Medill, upon being asked what they did on the old-fashioned Fourth of July when he was a boy, replied that mostly they sat around and asked whatever happened to the old-fashioned Fourth of July.

Irritated mother to teen-age daughter:
"You behave yourself, or I'll let down all your hems!"

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

No. 66

By Ray Sims

October 17, 1954 was an eventful and beautiful day for eleven Obsidians who were making their first trip into Waldo Lake.

Cars were left at Gold Lake where we took the high trail. These were all good hikers so we made good time and it seemed big Waldo Lake loomed before us in the glistening sun before we knew it.

Though the Three Sisters mountains were far to the north of us they were reflected in the lake and making a scene so beautiful that it made the trip worthwhile.

Those in the party were Betty Hack, Margaret Markley, Paul & Helen Weiser, Mary Cullen, Bernice Laramore, Doris Sims, Helen Hughes, Mary & Bailey Castelloe and Ray Sims.

J. R. Druckart, Supervisor of the Willamette National Forest, who was a good friend of the Obsidians, retired on June 30, 1954, and was a guest of ours at a picnic in Weiser's Oak picnic grounds. A special cake had been baked and decorated for him for the occasion.

In the fall of the year 1953, we made a late trip into Collier Glacier. Ruth Hopson was with us and we went in to the terminal moraine on the Scott trail.

We had powder snow most of the way but brilliant sunshine made up for the snow underfoot. The glacier was reached by lunch time.

The Glacier was unusually beautiful that day with the whole area covered with the fresh fall of snow which was about 2 ft. deep around the Glacier. The white snow and intense blue of the sky that day gave me the opportunity to make one of the most beautiful pictures I have ever taken.

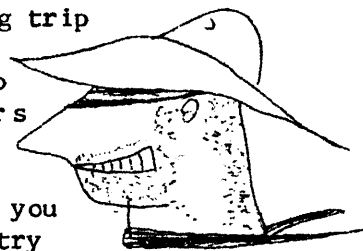
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LABOR DAY TRIP COMING UP

As this will be the last Bulletin before my August 30, 31 and Sept. 1 trip I want to acquaint all who may have desires to make this trip with some facts: It will be strictly a driving trip consisting of some 1000 miles. Costs to riders in other's cars will be around \$15. This is a long trip, but to most of you it will be thru country that you have not seen, the Leader and most of it is quite spectacular. I will try to space our camps as nearly as possible to divide the miles per day evenly. Present plans are to go East to Mitchell, then over the hills to Service Creek, thence thru Spray, then thru the ghost town of Hardman; Pendleton and on East thru La Grande to Wallowa. Then north over some rough roads to Troy. From Troy up the hill to Flora. Another ghost town, but some people still live there. On back on Hiway 3 to Enterprise and back via Ukiah, Long Creek, Mt. Vernon and home. These plans may be altered some, but trip will be essentially as outlined above. Hope nobody signs up. Bob Medill



FOURTH OF JULY AT THE LODGE

Twenty-six adults and one sweet little baby brought by Marj Erickson attended this potluck. The dinner contained the usual assortment of goodies which were eaten on the veranda in lovely, warm sunshine. The baby slept through all the noise and racket. Help was enlisted from the group to assemble this bulletin.

Selma Vagsnes has recently been elected Secretary of the Eugene School Food Service Association.

Myrtle Smith is disabled with a sprained ankle. Do you suppose after drawing all those clever little skiers for the showing of Paul Lafferty's pictures that this could be a Psychosomatic condition?

