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Watch the newspaper!

Although the Club
Trip and Climbing
schedule has been
completed for the
year, if the

weather continues to hold, there will
be Saturday and Sunday hikes, which
will be publicised in the newspaper.

To A Fringed Gentian

Thou waitest late and com'st alone,
When woods are bare & birds are flown,
And frosts & shortening days portend
The aged year is near his end.

- Bryant

THANKSGIVING DINNER!
Obsidians and
friends - "We welcome
you!!"

It will be held
at the Obsidian Lodge

on Thursday, November 26 at 2 P.M.
Main course is turkey, dressing and
gravy. Bring your own table service
and choice of vegetable, salad or pie.
Adults - \$1.50 Children under 10 - .75
Call Roxie Waldorf for reservation by
November 22.

- Hazen Bressler, Chairman

SNOW TRIP TO CRATER LAKE

Bus leaves South Eugene High parking
lot at 6:30 A.M. on Sunday, Nov. 15.

Complete cost is \$6.75 per person.
Bring sack lunch if you wish, warm
clothing and footwear, skis, snow-
shoes, sled, etc. (no snow=mobiles)
There will be a breakfast stop, hot
coffee at Rim Village, and a dinner
stop enroute home.

Call Virginia Horton, 344-6383 for
reservation no later than Nov. 12.



WANTED! Companions for a walking trip
thru Spain and Greece. Average 15 mi.
per day. Avoid large towns. Lv. Dec. or
Jan., take three or four months.
Sign up early - avoid rush. Call Bob Rowe
at 342-8564 from 5 - 7 P.M.,
1650 Pearl, Apt. 10, Eugene, 97401

- THE WAY I HEERD IT -

A trip was scheduled for the research
ship "Yaquina" on Sunday, November 8,
but by the time the vessel had moored
after her long voyage, there was a
great deal of housekeeping to be done
in order for it to be fit for visitors,
so the trip was canceled. I hope and
expect that as soon as things are
"shipshape" we will be offered the
opportunity to visit her. It should be
a valuable experience for us all.

Aristotle, you know, was the first
marine biologist in 400 B.C., but when
he died, all his works and books died
with him for over two thousand years.

The next significant study of the
ocean came with the oceanographic
voyage of H.M.S. Challenger in 1872.

During the recent International
Geophysical Year the Soviet ship Vitiaz
plumbed the deepest spot yet found -
36,056 feet, in the Marianas Trench.

Today, of course, oceanography is a
full-fledged science, and the Harrison
Brown committee of the U.S. Academy of
Science has recommended a 651 million
dollar expenditure for it over 10 years.

PRINCESS NEWS

The Princesses are invited to meet at the home of Charlotte Lemon - (Princess Meadowlark) on Monday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 P.M. at 1280 Mill Street.

Nellie McWilliams and Margaret Markley were co-hostesses at Nellie's home on October 19. Business included plans for the Annual Initiation.

SPECIAL INVITATION (Renewed offer)

If any of you Obsidians show up here (in Hawaii) with reasonable advance warning, I will lead you on your choice of an Oahu hike. We've still got a little wilderness in Honolulu!

(signed) Gene Renard,
3288 Pamakani Place,
Honolulu, Hawaii, 96822
Ph. 808 - 988 - 4939

Catherine B. Yocum, who died Oct. 14 at 82 years of age, was a charter member of the Obsidians, along with her husband Harry (former head of the U.O. Biology Dep't.). She was a mycologist, - "whose watercolor paintings of a wide variety and many unusual types of mushrooms native to Oregon were noted for their scientific exactitude". -
- (quoted from the Register-Guard)

Lois Schreiner took a trip to Washington D.C. this summer to attend the wedding of her daughter, Penelope Ann.

MR. C. Edward and Emily Graves, who live in Carmel, California, visited their son Ted and his wife in Ashland, Oregon, and while they were there they spent their 55th wedding Anniversary at the Shakespeare Festival. They have been to a number of our summer camps.

YOUR EDITOR is making excuses for shoddy work (again).

Please note his new address change.

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Another New Address Change:

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TEN LASHES for not getting these new members in the last bulletin -

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224 Lilian Street
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Re-instated -

Darlene Burgert
(I have no address for you, Darlene)

Honorary Member
Stewart P. McLaughlin
2480 Laurel Hill Drive
Eugene, Oregon, 97403

- Any corrections needed? Call your Ed.

SOUTH SISTER Aug. 29,30

We discussed an alternate route into Green Lakes from point SE of Broken Top. Road not too bad so we decided to try getting to trail.

Believe it or not, the 3rd car also went to this point, so we all hiked in together although the meeting point was Green Lakes. This route is picturesque - three creeks for water, and little or no climb in elevation and at least one half mile shorter. At lake in 1½ hours.

Had a pleasant evening in a night camp just above the first lake alongside a creek and plenty of firewood. It tried to rain slightly in the evening and lightning flashed far to the south.

On our way at 7A.M. We hit Lewis Glacier about 8:45 A.M. Were on top in 5½ hours via route right of creek and onto glacier. The glacier was rough and crevassed, but no threat.

I have to comment on the tremendous increase in the use of the mountains.

We saw camps all around us in the meadows but fortunately the area is large, so we all had privacy.

The lack of litter in the back country is very much appreciated when I think back to when large piles of cans were lying around most popular camp spots. Hats off to those who cleaned up, and to the anti-litter campaign in general.

On the climb were James Breeden, Dave Croft, Allan Curtis, Barbara Durchanek, Pat Harris, Ken McGoffin, Marvin Ostderf, Gerald Penegor and
- James Jeppesen Jr., leader

BLACK BUTTE Oct. 3

We got to the trail head about 10:15 and spread out on it at it was very dusty. Last one on top about 1:30.

Temperature stood at 94 degrees - the sky was a bit overcast but we could see Mt. Washington, Three Fingered Jack and Mt. Jefferson. Plenty of hunters thrashing about!

Good day - good trip - good group.

Hiking were John Alhertus, Robert Brooks, Duchess Cox, Mary Holland, David Korn, Robert Rowe, Lois Schreiner, Mrs. Vi Tucker and Mildred Willison.

- Mary Bridgeman, leader

THE PRINCESSES SAY - SAVE BETTY CROCKER LABELS, GOLD BOND STAMPS, AND FLAV-R-PAK LABELS, SO THEY CAN BUY ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE OBSIDIAN LODGE.

ERMA BELL LAKES Sept. 26,27

Of all the wonderful Obsidian trips, this one would rank very near the top. We packed in from North Waldo at a liesurely pace, stopping often to drink in the beauty of Waldo Lake, the purple red huckleberry brush and the unusually bright, clear day. We camped at Wahanna Lake under a jillion stars.

The next day on to Taylor Burn where we met Clarence Landes who hiked in from Skookum Creek. At Kiwa Lake we decided to make a shortcut by cutting through by Rigdon Lakes - one of those shortcuts that take twice as long and three times the energy. Clarence suggested making it even shorter by climbing Rigdon Butte. This turned out to be more of a rock scramble than a shortcut, but well worth it to be able to look down on Kiwa Lake, and Rigdon Lakes which shone like jewels under the bright sky.

Back to Waldo, exhilarated and tired. Those enjoying the trip were Phyllis Treiner, Charles Martin, Lois Schreiner, Mary Bridgeman, Clarence Landes, Paul and Christopher Orum and Marriner Orum, the leader. There is a good chance that a similar trip will be scheduled late next summer or in the fall - Don't miss it!

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EGYPT IN OREGON Oct. 4

The leader kept the title honest by switching to Pyramid Mountain (from some rock obelisks above Elk Creek which were rough to get to). All the hikers made it to the top of this 5,601 ft. know overlooking French Pete valley. The day was warm and "smazy", but the barren Three Sisters were enticing in their sinewy outlines.

After a welcome respite on top, three decided to be liesurely on the trip back along Pyramid Ridge, while everyone else hooped 'n hollered down the side of Pyramid, scurried around the circuit beneath Rebel Rock, and down Rebel Creek. This is country worth saving! It is truly wilderness.

Its charm is the undefiled and uncut virgin timber, deep glades, and feeling of remoteness - most of it at an - - -

CAPE PERPETUA AND YACHATS Oct. 24,25

The 17 who attended the beach trip were delighted to be the guests of Bea LeFevre at her cabin in Yachats. We used a neighboring cabin for sleeping, plus the big yard for trailer and camper. We want to express our appreciation to Bea for inviting us to use her house as headquarters.

Sat. and Sun.

potlucks were held there, and the walk to the beach was short and easy. Needless to say, the potluck food was outstanding - especially JoAnne's freshly made cider and Lucy's homemade bread and home-churned butter. We enjoyed various kinds of weather and unusually high tides, with giant waves caused by storms far out to sea. No matter what the weather, the ocean is always beautiful! The whole group went out to Sunday breakfast at the Adobe Motel just north of Yachats.

The drive to Florence on Sat. was unusually beautiful, with bright sun on the golden maples.

Our thanks to Bea LeFevre and Marjorie Erickson for helping to lead this trip.

- M & B Castellloe

Other Obsidians along were Mary Bridgeman, Helen Kilpatrick, Mac and Nellie McWilliams, Pat and Dean Patterson, JoAnne Sand and her two small sons Howard and Wesley, Lucy Schattenkirk, Myrtle Smith, Helen Weiser and JoAnne's mother Lois Wesley.

VIVIAN LAKE Oct. 31

Nine hikers waded across Salt Creek and on toward the lake with wet feet. ½ mile later that day one hiker fell down when her footing gave way. It was a sad twist when we learned that Paula had broken her wrist. Trips chairman Lois took over the trip while Paula, Joy and Wes made a fast car trip. Our victim complained very little on the way to Sacred Heart Hospital. Joy and Wes returned to the trail, where we met our party of six as they returned across

Vivian Lake, cont.-

the S.P. tracks. They had hiked about half way to Vivian Lake but they found the snow too deep to take. There was still plenty of sun to have some fun, so after some discussion we decided to try "Too Much Bear Lake" for our new destination. After an hour of snacks and tall tales by the lake, it was time once more for the Salt Creek crossing that we all hated to make. Creek waders and snow hikers were Joy Ballinger, Faye Glenn, Shannon Ludden, Bob and Steve Rowe, Lois Schreiner, Paula Vehrs, Dave Zevenbergen and Wes Prouty, leader and ambulance driver.

REBEL ROCK GEOLOGICAL AREA Nov. 1

The "Mystery Trip" became a ten mile round trip hike, as 17 hardy souls enjoyed the beautifully sunny fall day.

We began our trek at 2100 ft. elev. and hiked for four hours to 5300 ft. elev.

The forest was beautiful along the duff-covered trail, bordered by tall conifers, colorful vine maples and

golden chinquapin. Beyond the 3 mile marker at about 4300 ft.

we began finding snow, which became progressively deeper as we trudged upward. In the meadow approaching the top the snow was well over a foot deep,

making trail-breaking somewhat difficult, but we took turns to make the going easier for those who followed. The view from the top was magnificent with Mt. Jeff, the Three Sisters and Bachelor in their mantle of winter white. We enjoyed the view in a

brisk, cold wind while we bundled up to eat our lunch. After spending an hour in the area (we were able to find shelter in the trees) we started our return trip and arrived at the cars at 5:30 almost in darkness. Happy with a good trip were Mary Bridgeman, Bob Cox, Barbara Durchanek, Karen and Kitty Miller, Marian and Joe Millican, Bobby and Rose Marie Moffitt, Nancy Ostberg, Don Payne, Pete Pomeroy and

- Lois Schreiner, leader

EGYPT, cont. -

elevation that can be enjoyed nine or ten months of the year. This leader recommends that the Obsidians run at least one trip a year into this area to acquaint as many as possible with this beautiful country. Those hiking were:

Fran Chapman	*Anne Anderson
Mary Holland	*Dave Cohen
Dorothy Leland	*Barbara Durchanek
Rose Marie Moffitt	*Howard Berge
and Alice	*and Jodi
and Bobby	*Cheryl Huff
and David	*Bev Leach
and Paula	*Mary Ann Sandstrom
and Dick	*Shelley Stark
Helen Smith	*John Stamm
Lois Schreiner	*Jake Veldhuisen
Virginia Vincent	

- and leader Holly Jones

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The Story of DR. ALEXANDER RENFREW
Part 2.

Dr. Renfrew's wife sold the hotel after his death to Henry and Jim Hoffman in June, 1877. Becoming then the "Hoffman House", it continued in use until it was torn down after a fire on March 2, 1960. In 1962 it was replaced by the Equitable Building.

Dr. Renfrew was quite interested in the upper McKenzie River, and made several trips into the area. No record was found of his ever practicing medicine, and apparently one of his chief interests was gold mining. He made a trip in August, 1860, with J.H. McClung, A.S. Patterson, A.J. Welch, Joel Ware, C.H. Moses and Joseph Stevenson to explore the area. The doctor was the uncle of a well-known pioneer woman "Auntie Frizzell". He worked several mining claims in the area near Gold Hill, about four miles north of Blue River on the McKenzie. He was a party in forming a corporation on Jan. 14, 1871 named McKenzie Salt Springs and Des Chutes Wagon Road Company together with M.H. Harlow, John T. Craig and P.C. Renfrew. According to the notices in the papers in the early summer of 1876 Charles Baker turned the management of the hotel back to Dr. Renfrew who immediately ran large ads stating that he was again in possession and had refurnished it. -(more in December)

MT. DAVID DOUGLASS Oct. 11

This trip is a first ascent for the Obsidians. Proceeding up the trail, we gradually climbed for about 2½ miles to a point on the trail which was nearest the top of the mountain. After taking a compass bearing on the top, we left the trail and climbed cross-country for about a half mile and 1,000 feet of elevation. We came up to a rocky face which we tried to climb, but upon deciding it was getting too steep, we dropped back down and went around through the timber to the top of the ridge and a nice little rock climb to the top.

We ate our lunches with a nice view of the country and started back down the trail about 2 P.M. On the way back we found a pretty meadow which we explored and then headed back along the trail to the cars. All decided it was a good trip and well worth repeating. On the mountain were: Dave Cohen, Barbara Durchanek, Phillip and Marianne Sandstrom, Clarence Landes, Mary Bridgette, Dorothy and Ronnie Leland, Pat Widney and Phyllis Trowbridge. - Helen Smith, leader.

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CARPENTER MOUNTAIN Oct. 24

Four Obsidians and two non-members headed up the McKenzie River chasing a storm front just ahead. Caught up to it on Blue River Reservoir Road.

At about 1800 feet, driving rain changed to swirling snow. Leader's Rambler had to have chains put on while the Story's beetle made it on snow tires.

By the time we reached the old burn at about 3500 feet, the Rambler slipped so badly in spite of chains we stopped to pow-wow: leave cars and hike a few more miles to trail head? Snow already a foot deep and coming down fast: cars might not plow their way out later. Leader suggested party return to his house for lunch with hot chocolate and popcorn by a crackling fire. Arrived back in Eugene by 2 P.M. Leader learned lesson: list 'snowshoes or skis' under 'equipment needed' for late-season hikes above 2,000 feet, and/or prepare for substitute hike to lower level destination. The snowmen and women were Chuck Berkey, Mary Holland, Carolyn and Clarence Story, Vi Tucker and

- Hank Plant, leader

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BILL IN YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Lloyd Plaistad is our new Outing Chairman, and from a preliminary investigation it appears that we will have a humdinger of a location for our 1971 Summer Camp, but we will let Lloyd tell you all about it.

Don Hunter is again our Conservation Chairman, and there is no question about his ability as a leader in this field. We feel quite happy about having him in this position.

FALL FOLIAGE PANORAMA TOUR Oct. 16,17,18

All indications are that this was a very successful tour, inasmuch as we have not yet had a report on the trip, but we do know for certain that quite a number turned up for the tour and every one of them returned.

WHO HAS LODGE AND GETE KEYS TO THE LODGE?

Grounds and Building Chairman Clarence Landes would like all of you who have one or both keys to please let him know so that he can keep an accurate account of where they are.

Please phone him 344-4500 and let him know which keys you have.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

By Ray Sims

No. 78

Because of being on the shady side of Mt. Rainier after the sun went down, "Camp Jeppeson" Summer Camp (1959) got really cold, so parkas and coats were put on at the dinner table and at the evening campfires.

Many evenings were spent at Park Ranger headquarters, where many colored films of wild life of the area were seen.

On one climb to a lookout, a small group of mountain goats were seen as they clattered down a steep ridge below us.

A trip to Burroughs Mountain was taken by the entire camp - it took us near the great Emmons Glacier near St. Elmos Pass.

The Oregon Centennial was also held in 1959, in North Portland. I am sure many from Eugene attended. I spent the day there on June 6 and saw many interesting things, but the climate came late, with the first showing of the beautiful Ice Follies.

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