



NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST will be out next month. If you wish any changes in your address, please notify the Editorial Staff. Please include your ZIP code too.

"SKI TOURING". Did you see the Book Review on it by Gary Kirk in the mag. section of the Sunday paper of Feb. 22? If not, you really missed something.

"THE OBSIDIANS". Did you see the big history and background writeup of our club in the March 1 edition of Expo '70, with the large picture at the heading? - - and also the well-done Wilderness writeup? If you didn't - Shame On you!

SHELDON COMMUNITY CENTER has cross-country skis, poles and boots for rent, if you members who are not so equipped want to join us on our winter trips. They rent for \$1.00 per day or \$1.75 for weekends. - so no more excuses for not joining us in the mountains this winter!

BOB COX IS BUSTING to tell of having won the Toastmasters Int. Speech Contest for the Eugene area on Feb. 19. His next competition is the Regional Contest March 21 in Albany.

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES go to Florence Fulton, whose brother passed away this last February 20th.

GET YOUR PENCIL OUT! - and eraser. On your new Trip and Climb Schedule for 1970 - turn to August section of trips. The one being led by Mary Bridgeman should read "Black Crater" - NOT Black Butte. Make your change.

THE NEWEST REPORT from the SEVEN DEVILS MOUNTAINS, our Summer Camp location this coming August, is that there is NO LIMIT on the fishing. It has been rumored that for this reason there will be no meat brought in as there will be no need of it. Rainbow on Monday, Eastern on Tuesday, Cutthroat on Wednesday, German on Thursday. - Pancakes on Friday! Yeah!

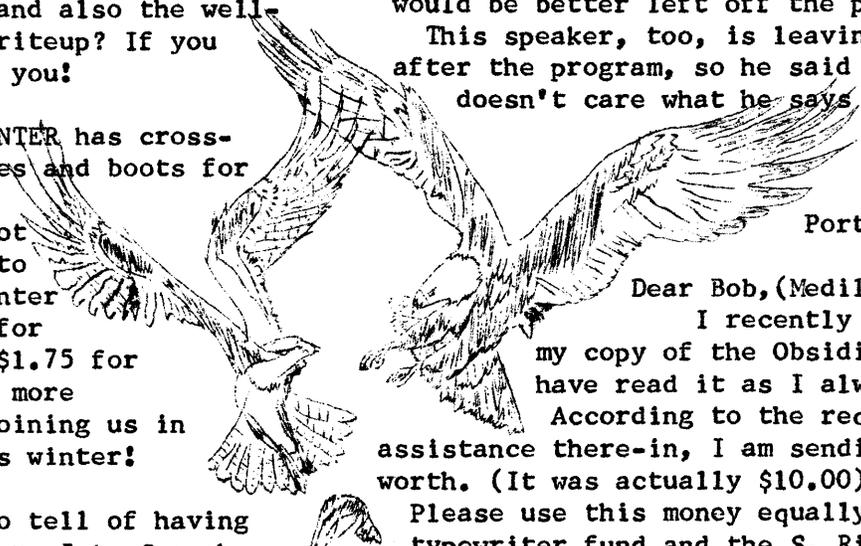
MARCH POTLUCK- the 28th

Travel with Nils Norman. This man has been places that you would not even DREAM about! - And he is willing to take us with him.

Come and get the lowdown on one member of the Obsidians. The truth and only the truth will be told. Nothing like it out of Peyton Place. (The person leading this will hold back nothing as he is leaving the country right after the program.)

A low spot in the program will be a recital of odds and ends that probably would be better left off the program.

This speaker, too, is leaving right after the program, so he said that he doesn't care what he says either.



Portland, Ore.

Dear Bob, (Medill)

I recently received my copy of the Obsidian and have read it as I always do. According to the request for assistance there-in, I am sending my 10¢ worth. (It was actually \$10.00)

Please use this money equally for the typewriter fund and the S. Rivers Bill. (Scenic Rivers Initiative Petition fund) - or any way you feel it will do the most good. I have been living away from Eugene for over 10 years and notice the Club has many new members that I don't know. I still enjoy coming back whenever I can. I will be retired in a few years and then will have more time to participate in the activities.

Keep up the good work.

I remain, C.A. Bankhead  
"We all thank you for your very nice letter, Clarence." - Editor

As the check was made out to the club, Bob Medill sent \$5 of his own to the Scenic Rivers fund. As Clarence didn't really send \$10 to the T. fund, and as Bob didn't really donate to the Scenic Rivers fund, this confusing but pleasing situation stands this way:

- Typewriter Fund -
- Clarence Bankhead - \$5.00
- Bob Medill - \$5.00
- Scenic Rivers Fund -
- Clarence Bankhead - \$5.00

## MT. JUNE AND SAWTOOTH Feb. 8

This beautiful, exciting day was scheduled for a hike to Bear Mountain, but when we reached the access road we discovered the gate was locked. (We had been assured it would be open.)

Well, never let it be said that such a mere detail would stymie (stymie?) a bunch of Obsidians who were prepared for a day in the wilds. We went up the road a ways and found the gate to Mt. June open, so that became our destination.

There were a few patches of snow on the upper trail to the summit, but of course this did not deter us. We spent a wonderful lunch hour on top, basking in the sun, with a gentle breeze in our shirt sleeves. Believe it or not, it was 68 degrees on that 4,600 foot peak.

We had an ecstatic view of the snow-covered mountains from Mt. Hood to Mt. Bailey, including the rim of Crater Lake.

Since the day was still young, we decided to hike over to the Sawtooth between June and Hardesty, and spent an enjoyable time there. We arrived back at the cars about 5:00 P.M. One of our party, Joy Ballinger, did not go to Sawtooth, but returned to the cars to rest. She is getting her hiking legs back after last summer's mishap, and didn't want to overdo. More power to her. Those enjoying the trip besides Joy were Mary Bridgeman, Mary Carr, Fran Chapman, Margaret Hart, Clarence Landes, Helen Smith and the - - -

- Leader, Lois Schreiner

## MT. SHASTA, CALIF. Feb. 6,7,8

We boarded our Greyhound bus, to be greeted by "Skip" Clark, our favorite driver. He held a tight rein on the bus awaiting the arrival of our three librarians who came on the dot of 6 P.M. as promised.

Chicken dinners were served shortly after departure, and our congenial hosts Ray Cavagnaro and Bob Krebs plied us with hot coffee and chocolate according to taste.

At a short rest stop in Medford all got out, stretched their legs and gulped in fresh air. Though we left Eugene in rain, that was the last of the "high humidity" condition for the remainder of the trip. - next col.

## Mt. Shasta, cont. -

Mt. Shasta was reached shortly before 11 P.M. Rooms had been reserved for us at the Mountain Air Motel.

Saturday morning the bus took us to McCloud where we boarded the Huffen Puff train for Pondosa. A feature of the little Huffen Puff was an open flatcar, made into an 'observation' car by the simple process of putting a wooden railing around it and installing benches.

These were crowded throughout the trip. The view of Mt. Shasta in sunshine was spectacular, seeming like a beautiful dream.

Sunday morning the bus took us to Shasta Lake where we were taken by cataraman to a dock on the other side of the lake, here to board another bus to the entrance to Shasta Caverns. It would take pages to describe the unusual formations to be viewed here, which are truly awe-inspiring.

We arrived back in Eugene at 7:30 P.M. on Sunday. Obsidians on the trip were: Mary Hanson, Ray Sims, Mary Jane Arpin, Ina Foss, Frances Kardell, Maxcine Williams, Virginia Horton, Grace Smith, Ruth Norquest, Virginia West, Gerry Fehly, Ione Pierron and Ray Cavagnaro.

Non-Obsidians from Eugene were: Florence Althen, Marlys Lay, Mary Mallery, Grace Miller and Ann Connell. Leaders, Ray Cavagnaro & Gerry Fehly

CAPE ARAGO Feb. 15

Because of heavy coast rain, the group agreed to drive up the coast from Reedsport to Florence to enjoy lunch at the Gingerbread Village at Mapleton.

We had a courageous group but did not want to put the fishermen to shame by eating out when all of them were pulling up their lines and giving up.

Squishing up the coast were Henry and Gertrude Oswald, Ina Foss, Duchess Cox, \*Opal Allen, Mary Carr and the Leader, Mildred Holm

GOLD LAKE (Snowshoe) Feb. 14

We donned our showshoes at the Gold Lake road head and found the snow well packed. Got to the Shelter at 11:15 and found it a MESS! (Carried out one large sack of stuff. Hiked half way around the lake and had lunch. - Lots of open streams. - more on next page -

DEVIL'S ELBOW STATE PARK Feb. 21

The weather was sunny and comfortably warm. The tide was high when we arrived, and it was windy there, but no uncomfortably so. Mary Bridgeman was the fire builder, and there was enough food for a much larger group. As the tide receded we all picked up rocks and driftwood for Ione's fireplace.

Mary Bridgeman and Ina Foss found several agates, but they were more fortunate than the others. Just before we were thinking of going to another beach farther north, Roxy and Louis Waldorf surprised us. They were spending the weekend at the coast and so came over for a visit.

With the weather being so perfect, we kept wishing others had come along to enjoy it too. We stopped at the Gingerbread House on the way home for chowder and gingerbread and icecream.

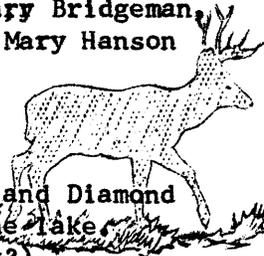
The beachcombers were Mary Bridgeman, Ina Foss, and the leaders Mary Hanson and Ione Pierron.

GOLD LAKE continued

We could see Mt. Fuji and Diamond Peak from the middle of the lake. (It was frozen, was it not?)

The group had a good time and the weather was sunny, cloudy, and warm.

In the middle of the lake were: Bette Hack, \*Dave Mention, \*Bob Houston, \*Lois Morse, Helen Smith and Leader, Mary Bridgeman

MT. PISGAH December 28, 1969

A pleasant stroll through lush meadows up to a promontory overlooking Springfield and Pleasant Hill.

Fog-filled valleys below shining in the winter sun made for a pleasing panorama. Strolling along with the leader, C.W. Johnson, were Mary and Roger Bridgeman, Al Coons, Wes Prouty, Lois Schreiner, Heken Smith, Cindy Trien and Paula Vehrs.

THAYER GLACIER, on the East side of the North Sister, was named by Professor Hodge in honor of Eli Thayer, Congressman from Massachusetts who pushed the bill admitting Oregon into the Union.

THE WESTERN SERVICEBERRY  
FROM

The Science and Education Department  
by Maxcine Williams

A small tree on the Obsidian Lodge grounds is the Western Serviceberry - (Amelanchier Florida). This tree is a coastal species from the Alaska Peninsula to northern California. There are several species of this genus ranging from coast to coast and having various common names in each area.

Lewis and Clark found the Indians using the fruit in a variety of ways.

They ate them raw, but their usual method was to crush the fruit, shape into cakes, and dry. This dried fruit was often cooked with meat or vegetables.

Another way was to mix the fruit with pounded seeds of balsam-root and lambs-quarter into a sort of bread. It was also used for pemmican, which consisted of dried meat pounded fine, mixed with the dried fruit and animal fat and formed into cakes. The early pioneers found them a welcome item of food.

Present day pioneers in Alaska can them (if they find enough) or make it into jam or pies. The University of Alaska Extension Bulletin gives recipes for these methods. The blue-black fruit is sweet and pulpy, but needs acid, such as lemon juice, for best flavor.

Birds and animals also relish the fruit.

Haskins gives an interesting old Klamath Indian myth in his "Wildflowers Of The Pacific Coast". They believed that "Old Martin" made people from the Serviceberry bushes! The straight, slender shoots were used by Indians for arrow shafts.

This plant favors open woods, but near Anchorage it grows at the base of cliffs around Turnagain Arm. It can reach a height of 30 feet but is often a shrub two to six feet. A very similar species, and by some botanists considered to be the same, is *A. alnifolia*, found from interior Alaska to the lower 48 states. The main difference is the shape and texture of the leaves according to Dr. Hulton's 'Flora of Alaska'. When you see this tree in bloom in April, or find the fruit in June, think of the many uses it has had in our early history.

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March Business Meeting	
Beginning cash balance	\$1120.00
Total receipts	40.06
Total disbursements	107.22
Balance	1052.84

Bills

Bulletin postage	40.80
Duplicating products	25.56
EWEB	26.66
Empire Printing	56.55
Fire insurance	400.00
Packer Scott	19.15
Membership - stamps	6.00

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Keep in Mind the April Potluck !!  
Dr. Krakauer will tell of his trip  
through wild and primitive Indian  
country of Old Mexico.  
- Bet there will be standing room only.

February 28 Potluck

Dr. Walter Youngquist took us touring  
to Arches and Canyonlands of Utah. The  
photography was terrific of a most  
beautiful part of our country.

With his vivid descriptions and  
usual wit, Dr. Youngquist made this a  
most interesting evening as the ninety  
Obsidians and friends who were there  
will attest. Thanks to Lenore McManigal  
for a great evening. - Frank Moore,  
Entertainment Chairman

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- by the way, I saw Frank at LCC on  
Wed. the 4th. Forgot what course the  
psychology prof. there told me that  
Frank was taking. -Might come to me yet.

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CAP HAGEN Feb. 22

French Pete fizzled out - not enough  
snow. Fawn Rock fizzled out - too  
much snow. Finally celebrated Wash-  
ington's birthday by going to Cap  
Hagen. Beautiful weather,  
congenial party, magnificent  
views. Previous Obsidian trips to  
Cap Hagen had left ribbon signs which  
kept the leader from going  
astray. Party included Bob Cox,  
Bob and David Mention, Mary  
Bridgeman, Helen Smith, Ann Taylor  
and slightly confused leader,  
- C.W. Johnson



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CENTENNIAL BUTTE March 1

A very nice short trip in cold,  
wintery weather, which turned to sun-  
shine and blue skies as we returned to  
the cars. Leaders Mary and Bailey Cas-  
telloe escorted the group to the bottom  
of the "Pioneer Hill", and said "There  
it is - go to it." And they did, with  
Ken and Robin Lodewick recounting the  
Pioneer background of this historical  
spot, and pointing out interesting land-  
marks in all four directions - this spot  
having been part of the original Mitchell  
Wilkins Donation Land Claim before  
Oregon became a state. The leaders thank  
the Lodewicks for their valuable  
'pioneer background' assistance.

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PRINCESS NEWS

Jane Hilt (Silver Birch) has invited the Princesses to meet at her home Mon. March 16, 7:30 p.m.--1012 E. 22nd Ave.

Twenty Princesses enjoyed the Feb. 16 meeting at the home of Margaret Wiese (Prairie Flower) with Catherine Jones (Blue Columbine) as Co-Hostess. Dessert was delightfully seasonal, with luscious red cherries topping smooth-as-silk (m-m-m good) cheesecake.

Pres. Thelma Watson (Pine Tree) was heartily welcomed back after long absence, and V.P. Wilma Moore (Pipsissewa) warmly complimented for filling in during that time. Business: Thank you notes read; Nellie (Lightning) was asked to secure date for Rummage Sale in April; Thelma reported BC coupons counted and ready for mailing; Nellie reported 5 free slips for extra GB stamps; Accepted invitation from Blanche Bailey (Singing Waters) for April 18 (Sat) and from Florence Fulton (Humming Bird)--date yet to be set; Charlotte Lemon (Meadow Lark) suggested Obsidians should visit Pioneer Museum to see Cy Fulton's painting of "Breaking Camp" (Jefferson Park, Camp Weiser, 1946)--Florence feels some Obsidian should own this picture; Lois Schreiner (Monadnock) reported contacting R-Guard about publicity ; Princess History by Florence Sims (Blue Waters) was read aloud by Sec. Barbara Hasek (Sun-on-the-Snow); decided to make a copy for the minutes book.

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Remember to keep on saving Betty Crocker Coupons, Gold Bond Stamps & Certificates, and FLAV-R-PAC Labels. Thanks to all.

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Louise Berkey in the Hospital March 5 . . . what for? Dorothy Scherer in and out of same - now out and Happy!

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Obsidians extend deepest sympathy to Florence Fulton, whose brother died.



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F I R S T C L A S S M A I L

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS  
No. 72 By RAY SIMS

From the very beginning all trips had to be scouted so that the leaders would know where they were taking the parties.

So, too, the summer camps also had to be scouted. Of course, on some of the longer trips, a letter from the areas was sufficient.

I know that Ed Turnbull scouted Obsidian Camp in 1928 after the snows were melted. Also in 1942, Glen Sims and Cliff Stalsberg made a trip around Bend and the Century Drive to scout the camp at Husband Lake.

Then in 1949, Glen and Louie Waldorf drove up into the State of Washington to Spirit Lake to make plans with Jack Nelson for his big boat to transfer our large group and dunnage to Donnybrook Camp.

As to the five camps we have been to in the Wallowa Mountains, both Glen and I have been over there fishing before the Obsidians.

And Jefferson Park was scouted for the 1930 summer camp at Marion Lake, when a small group took an overnight trip into the beautiful Park for the first time.

I am sure that of all the California and Canadian Camps, many letters have been written for information.