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If you are too weak to journey  
Up the mountain steep and high,  
You can stand within the valley  
While the multitude go by.  
You can chant in happy measure,  
As they slowly pass along;  
Though they may forget the singer,  
They will not forget the song.

- Ellen Gates

April 11 -- 12 Pamela Lake,

Snowshoe or ski trip, Marriner Orum

April 18 (Sat.)

No. Umpqua country, Roger Smith

April 19 (Sun.)

Barite mine, Leo Paschelke

April 25 (Sat.)

Rooster Rock, Jim Jeppesen

April 26 (Sun.) Saddle Mountain,

Joe and Vera Heidenreich, leaders

May 2 (Sat.) Gold Hill, Art Steele

May 3 (Sun.) Mt. June, Barbara Hasek

May 9 (Sat.)

Santiam Summit, Margaret Wiese

May 10 "Happy Mothers Day"

**Notice!** If some of you did not get your  
Summer Camp Report or 1970 Trip

Schedules in last month's Bulletin,  
please let us know, and we will see that  
you get them Poste Haste.

Phone Lois, 344-9848 or Bob, 344-0038

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1970 Climbing School starts May 6.

All you folks who want to learn how to  
stay on the cliffs when they are  
crumbling all about you, get in touch  
with Ben Ross, 343-5362.

You won't regret it.

Our club has a good record of hanging  
onto the cliffs. Don't let us down.

April 25 Potluck 6:30 P.M.

Dr. Krakauer will bring you into  
some of the most remote country on the  
North American continent. You will see  
pictures of primitive Indian tribes of  
the southern Mexico wilderness - an area  
seldom seen by white people. You will  
x hear of how they were met by each tribe  
with open arms, who knew they were coming  
by communications known only to them.

It should be a stirring evening - a  
memorable account of an adventure few  
people have had the fortune to undertake.

Oh, yes - you must make an investment-  
a few hours of your time is all. You have  
the fortune of being an Obsidian to see  
this marvelous adventure without cost.

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Grande Ronde River Boat Trip May 30-Jun 7

A bit early to advertise? Not at all!

Make your plans ahead for this dandy  
excursion. When you come back, you  
will have a better idea why Bob  
Medill is pushing the Scenic Rivers  
Initiative Petition - an action to  
Save Our Beautiful Rivers for US!

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Did You Know that over twenty Obsidians  
helped with the publication of the  
Bulletin last month? That's dedication.

Castle Rock March 7

Arrived via new road which is passable as far as the saddle south of Castle Rock. Took three mile round trip to Cougar Creek down the old trail on the west side of the ridge. Then took the three milr round trip to the lookout on Castle Rock, where lunch was eaten.

Relatively short trip from the road to the lookout, but steep in parts. The side trip to Cougar Creek was interesting for the scenery in virgin timber and patches of hardwoods.

Weather was cool. Raining continually turning to heavy snow near the summit of Castle Rock. About 3-4 inches of snow on the ground at the lookout. One break in the clouds permitted sighting of Tokatee Golf Club; otherwise  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile visibility. Those on the trip were David Mention, Andrew Nelson, Robert Reister, and Roger Smith, leader.

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Cloverpatch Butte March 8

Well, we finally found Cloverpatch Butte! Thirteen Obsidians and friends followed a seldom-used trail that switchbacked along the palisades overlooking the Willamette River above Lookout Point Reservoir. Eventually we reached a ridge which leveled the trail somewhat, so that we could get a breather from the uphill climb along the north slope. After traveling over two miles, we reached some signs that indicated we must be near our destination. At this point we left the trail and hiked cross-country, following red ribbons up the hillside. Some thoughtful soul had provided us with a route to Cloverpatch Butte. We had fire-builders along, so we ate lunch by a crackling, warm bonfire, then were entertained by Hank Plant playing his harmonica.

On the way to the Butte, and also on the return we took a side trip to a mossy-covered rock knoll, which gave us a good view of the Willamette drainage. It was delightful there in the sun, and we hated to leave. We were unable to see much of Diamond Peak because of heavy clouds on the skyline.

The weather on the whole was quite enjoyable as the sun shone a good share of the time. However it was a little chilly, and we did have a little rain and one experience of hail. -up -

- more Clover -

There were only a few skimpy patches of snow. The Forest Service had very conveniently marked the trail with sticks and ribbons where the overgrowth had practically obliterated any semblance of a path. We were grateful for that. This would be a delightful trip any time of the year. Those enjoying the outing were Mary Bridgeman, Carol Burke, Mary Carr, Dorothy and Roger Hayes, Clarence Landes, David Mention, Hank Plant, Mary Proir, Wes Prouty, Helen Smith, Fred Swanson and

Fees Collected \$2.35

Sig. of Ldr L.M.S.

Received 3-8-70

Lois Schreiner, leader

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HEINZ Got Nothing On Us!

We have a trillium on the Lodge grounds that has 57 blossoms - er - that is, it did have until someone picked five blossoms from it.

PLEASE, folks, please don't picka da blossom! It will have five less flowers on it next year because of the picking.

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Remember The Name - MOUNTAINCRAFT!  
It is mail-order mountain-climbing equipment (back-packing & outdoor too).  
Ph. Gary Kirk, 345-4087 9-7 weekdays.

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Remember the story of Dutchman Flat, over by Broken Top? Well, it seems now that the real version is that it was named for 'Dutch John' Felderwerd, a pioneer of the Bend area. He was the first man to divert water from the Deschutes River for irrigation. He grazed his sheep in the Sparks Lake area and also built several cabins in different locations for convenience.

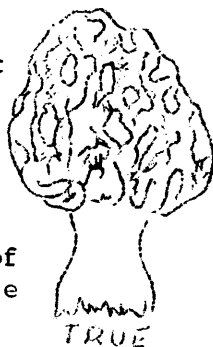
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Yknow the tiny glacier on the North side of Three Fingered Jack? Well, the Obsidians wanted to call it Adams Glacier, for Elmer Adams, who drowned in the Pacific, but the Mazamas thought it should be called Jack Glacier. Yeh - they had the edge on us.

## THE ELUSIVE MORELS

from the  
Science and Education Dep't  
By Frank Sipe

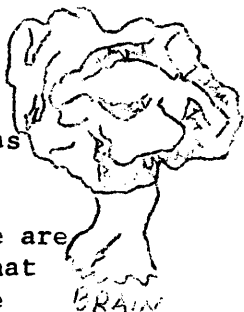
Attention, all of you mushroomers! It won't be long now until the morels should be appearing. Some of you already know of possible sites. I only wish I could tell you just when and where the 1970 crop will begin to appear.



Year after year some morels appear in the same location. Other years, going back to where you found some, not a solitary morel is to be seen.

Apparently it can be said that "Morels are where you find them."

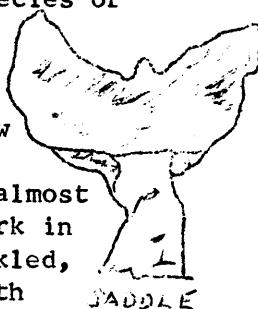
Some hunters say that they can often be found growing under cottonwood trees. Forest land that has been recently burned over sometimes will yield an abundant crop. Since there are several kinds of morels that are often found during the mushroom season, it might be well to describe briefly the ones most frequently seen.



The TRUE MORELS are usually more or less conical in shape, light or dark brown in color, and deeply and irregularly pitted (see sketches).

There are several species of so-called FALSE MORELS.

Often found in the higher mountains, sometimes just where the snow has melted away, is the BRAIN MOREL. The top is almost spherical, often very dark in color, and somewhat wrinkled, but never pitted, and with a smooth stem. Another false morel, the SADDLE MUSHROOM, does have a remote resemblance to a saddle - it is usually grayish, the top with two or three large lobes, and the stem is deeply fluted. The False Morels are edible, or not edible, depending on their age when collected, and sensitivity of some individuals. To some people they are somewhat poisonous. The best way to test them is to try eating some.



( After you, Frank. - Ed.)

PRINCESS NEWS

Princess Singing Waters (Blanche Bailey) invites the Princesses to Salem on Sat., April 18; we are to meet her at 11:30 A.M. at M&F Shoe Dep't., and from there will go to lunch at some exciting Salem restaurant, then to her home at 1520 Jefferson N.E. For more info or help with transportation call Thelma at 345-5496, or Natalie 688-7837, or Mary 344-5168.

Princesses Silver Birch (Jane Hilt) and Tiger Lily (Helen Lynch) entertained at Jane's home March 16; Jane and Helen had made a fluffy mint-chocolate dessert with a little touch of St. Patrick green, which everyone enjoyed immensely.

Attending Princesses: Penstemon, Drifting Cloud, Meadowlark, Pine Tree, Lightning, Alpine Phlox, Blue Waters, Pine Squirrel, Rainbow-on-the-Fog, Evening Star, Melody, Prairie Flower, Pipsissewa Goldenrod, Equestria, Monadnock, High Sleeper and Orange Blossom.

Pres. Thelma (Pine Tree) opened the meeting; Business included: Penny Drill; Rummage Sale discussed and volunteers listed (This is the last sale of the Rummage Center as it will soon be razed by the Urban Renewal); Pr. Hummingbird (Florence Fulton) sent greetings and Betty Crocker coupons, clippings for the scrapbook, two Obsidian emblems and her new address in Corvallis; Princess Goldenrod (Helen Weiser) turned in some left-over Maltese Cross supplies; Pr. Monadnock (Lois Schreiner) will continue to contact the Register-Guard about publicity; Thelma reported that there were 4,000 BC points left after paying for the two electric griddles, and a motion passed to send for six more tablespoons and as many knives as our credit will buy; Nellie reported 3 full Gold Bond stamp books plus several certificates; Motion passed to look into possibility of getting a speaker system with microphone installed at the Lodge (wiring for it is already installed by Don Hunter), Dorothy Medill (Pr. High Sleeper) will work with Don on this project; Helen Kilpatrick (Evening Star) offered an extra hot water tank for the Lodge if needed; Dorothy Medill suggested having a picnic at Silver Creek Falls sometime this spring - time to be decided later.

## L A T E F L A S H E S ! !

## ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST ! !

At Obsidian Lodge, 29th & Spring Blvd.

8:30 A.M. to Noon

Sunday, May 10 - - - Mothers Day

EVERYBODY WELCOME...bring your families  
...bring your neighbors...Chief "Robinson  
Crusoe" and his comely Princess "High  
Sleeper" are in charge.. "Official Hotcake  
flippers"... Adults \$1 - Under 12-75¢

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Watch for exciting news next month about  
Lois Schreiner's recent 7-day adventure  
running the rapids of the Colorado River!  
Also Margaret Markley's week-long trip  
to Death Valley!

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Obsidians extend deepest sympathy to  
Helen Kilpatrick, whose brother died re-  
cently...a man who was still following  
his life's work in the logging industry  
at the age of 80.

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We are also saddened by the death of Ray  
Cavagnaro's father; he often participated  
in Obsidian events, and all who knew him  
loved him.

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Dear Marilyn: Please forgive us for not  
mentioning for 3 months that you are a  
new Junior Member, and we heartily  
welcome you to our club! Miss Marilyn  
Myers, 2530 Sharon Way, Eugene, 97401,  
343-1552.

Next Bulletin will report on trips to  
Finley Wildlife Refuge, Clear Lake  
Dunes Co. Park, and Forest Park in  
Portland. Enclosed is your 1970  
Obsidian Membership List.

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

## HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

No. 73 by Ray Sims

In the 1957 camp at Husband Lake,  
with inclement weather, and a question  
about starting out, the camp committee  
did a wonderful job of making members  
comfortable. Ray Cavagnaro was chair-  
man, with capable helpers Gene Sebring,  
Mac McWilliams and Nellie McWilliams.

And of course Husband Lake was one  
of the many favorite camping spots. At  
the Annual Meeting later that fall a  
rather interesting event took place.

Only seven wanted to go to the Grand  
Canyon, Bryce Canyon and areas about.

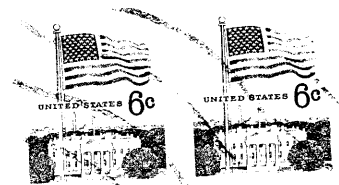
Twenty-two wanted to go to the mount-  
ain, but not over six to the same place.

Gene Sebring was chairman in 1958,  
so early in the year began to gather  
information of those areas. At that  
Annual Meeting I was honored with being  
president for 1958.

- Ed. note: Reports show that 59  
members attended camp. Hikes were made  
to Eileen Lake, Linton Falls, Middle  
Sister, Obsidian Camp, James Creek  
Shelter and Chambers Lakes. - And -  
Selma Vangness was camp cook, as she  
will be this year (1970).

## THANK YOU

"MBC" wishes to extend his sincere thanks  
to The Medills, and Haseks and all who  
helped make his night memorable. To  
Ray Cavagnaro and Clarence Scherer and  
others who spoke kind words in his honor.  
His "I move we adjourn" is an old Obsid-  
ian custom, meaning "I'm embarrassed".



BOARD NOTES April 8, 1970

Minutes of meeting of March 4 read and approved.

All normal bills for current expenses were approved for payment.

TRIPS - Lois Schreiner

Lois reported six trip reports received showing 49 members and 36 nonmembers participated in trips, for a total of 85 people. Two trip reports not returned as yet. There was \$14.80 collected for trip fees.

BEN ROSS announced that the University of Oregon Outdoor Club would welcome any Obsidians into their activities at any time. He said it is important to them that we know we are welcome there.

CLARENCE JOHNSON - Summer Camp

Selma Vangsnes will not be able to cook for the camp this summer but Gwen Renfro has accepted (reluctantly) the task.

He has collected \$95 in deposits on reservations for camp.

CAMP RENFRO PROGRESS REPORT

To date, nineteen people have signed up for the Obsidian summer outing -- nine for two weeks and ten for one week. We have one jet boat trip chartered and filled.

Indications are that this will be a successful summer camp.

Keep those reservations coming, folks!

C. W. Johnson, Outing Chairman

KAH-NEE-TA BUS TRIP - April 4 & 5

Frankie Kardell showed real talent as a tour leader on this trip and we hope to draft her for future bus trips. This was the usual delightful excursion to this area, with 24 attending, and an added pleasure was the lunch stop at Timberline Lodge. Weather was ideal for the trip home with beautiful views of the glistening white mountains. God has surely been good to Oregon!

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KEEP ON SAVING BETTY CROCKER COUPONS AND FLAV-R-PAC LABELS. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP - Ron Nunemaker

Ron received letters of resignation from Robert E. Yates & family  
Manfred Bauer  
Charles Dark  
Don White  
Frances Freedenburg & Janice  
Ed Trione & family  
Myron & Dorothy Stahl.

Membership applications received from Miss Rachel Smith, 451 13th Ave. W., Apt. 3, Phone 343-7916.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS - Clarence Landes  
Bookcases and cabinets for supplies and records will be installed in the Board room soon.

ENTERTAINMENT - Frank Moore

March 28 Buffet - Nils Norman's excellent film and slide coverage of his family during their stay in Africa while he was building a sawmill was exceedingly interesting. We enjoyed seeing the mill go up with all of Nils' ingenuity and he is loaded with it.

The beautiful handmade items, especially the hand-carved ivory articles were much enjoyed.

Thank you, Barbara and Bob.

For Everyones' Information re: Potluck Buffets, the trip fee will be collected at the food table, before you DIP UP!! Please have your 25¢ ready in the future. Please bring a main dish plus salad and/or dessert for each additional family member. THANK YOU - ENTERTAINMENT.

EXPLORER POST (Obsidian) Frank Moore

Our group recently had Pizza at Pietro's Pizza Parlor with 30 boys and girls present. Our Post made quite a splash recently at the Semi-Annual Conference held here in Eugene. This unit is very active, with some organized activity each week. The Post was re-chartered in March.

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Congratulations to Bertha Deckmann, who was married to Rolfe Anderson, March 28. Her new address is: 1823 Brentwood, Eugene, 97402, Tel. 688-9139.

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SEE YOU AT PANCAKE BREAKFAST, SUN., MAY 10

# WILLIAM L. FINLEY WILDLIFE REFUGE 3-15-70

We arrived at the Refuge headquarters at 10:30 and the Refuge biologist explained to our group that this refuge was established primarily as a wintering area for dusky Canada Geese. But as eleven of us later found out this is not just a goose and duck marsh but a complex of varied habitats that draw in many different types of birds and animals.

For about an hour, we all walked around the large marsh area, saw some waterfowl and had lunch at 12 o'clock at the storage building along the way. Those who came for just a short hike circled around along the road back to the cars. The rain stopped and the next four hours proved to be the most interesting part of the day for those of us who decided to make a longer loop through the wooded end of the 4,330 acre refuge.

We followed our guides along fire lanes, through meadows, then up along Mill Ridge (so called because of an abandoned lumber mill). The next part of the trail led us through an unusual natural forest of lichen-coated trees along Muddy Creek. Here we stopped frequently to observe and admire the wild flowers, trees, "old man's beard" lichen, a silver grey squirrel, salamanders, deer tracks and numerous species of woodland birds. Just a few of the birds identified were evening grosbeak, winter wren, Alaskan robin, towhee, tree swallow, hummingbird and horned lark. The latter part of this approximately 7 mile tour went by an old quarry, up across Pigeon Butte for a view of the surrounding area (even though it was cloudy), then back down along the marshland to headquarters.

We thanked our guide and left at 4:30, pleased that a short easy hike turned out to be such a varied, longer and enjoyable one--one that could be worth repeating.

Among the nature lovers were the following: Members Mary Bridgeman, Helen Dumbeck, Judy Faich, Ina Foss, Virginia Horton, Pauline Layne, Ada Smith, Grace Smith, Helen Smith, Helen Kilpatrick, Barbara Edmonson, Helen Weiser, and John, Dorothy, Ronnie, and Joyce Leland (the leaders); Nonmembers Helen, Ben and Mike Atherly, Al and Joan Bray, Ken Craven, Tink Gent, Philip McGovern, Isabelle Porter, Rachel Smith Irene Flynn. Dorothy Leland, Leader

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SAVE GOLD BOND STAMPS AND CERTIFICATES.

\* \* \* \* \* Francis Koenig, Mae Mace, Dave Reynolds; Guests Rose Crutchley and Carol Walpole; Obsidians Catherine Dunlop and Helen Weiser, Leader.

# HERE'S SOMETHING GOOD!

If you'd like to enjoy a wonderful Smorgasbord Dinner, beautifully prepared and served by Sonja Lodge of Sons of Norway, 1836 Alder, on Sunday, April 19, you may call the following for tickets: Norwald Nelson at The Broadway 343-8811 (or Valley River) or Ellen Eklund at 345-5795...but hurry! Selma Vangsnes says don't miss it!

# CLEAR LAKE DUNES COUNTY PARK 3-22-70

A beautiful day enjoyed by all, including sliding down sand dunes, looking at trees standing in ponds and eating lunch in front of a fire. This trip is a nice, easy one for starting out the year. Coffee and cake were served by the Scherers at their coast house before the trip.

One bat, two tree frogs, and various mushrooms and mosses were inspected, and we found that the stump of the old landmark tree at Clear Lake is now home for several pairs of barn swallows. Development is taking place on the east side of Collard Lake at the north end of the trip, but this will not interfere with hiking. Dune buggies may become a problem. Members on the trip were: Mary Bridgeman, Keith Brunig, Robert Cox, Duchess Cox, Catherine Dunlop, Anna Pechanec, Clarence and Dorothy Scherer, and Kenneth and Robin Lodewick, the leaders; Nonmembers were: Jean Claska, Terry Corliss, Tink Gent and George Gent. The Lodewicks

FOREST PARK--PORTLAND 3-28-70. Four people from Trails Club in Portland met two Obsidians, two Chemeketans, and two guests at OMSI to lead us through beautiful Forest Park. There are 30 miles of trails. We drove to Inspiration Pt. and took Wildwood Trail, through unspoiled forest, and although in the City of Portland, there is no sight or sound of civilization. It was early spring at the start with small buds and leaves, but soon there were great masses of the largest Trillium and Yellow Violets I've ever seen, also other spring flowers, Flowering Currant, Dogwood. Except in mountain meadows, I've never seen so many flowers on one hike. After 5½ mi. we came to a road. The Trails Clubbers had two cars there so we rode back to our starting point--Skyline Blvd. I was overwhelmed with the hospitality of their group. At one point we passed a shelter and they invited us to come again next year and they would have hotcakes and bacon waiting for us there! My only regret is that there were not more Obsidians. Hikers were: Chemeketans Anne Noland, Bob Scholl; Trails Clubbers Rosella Danzer, H.W.