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No. 8

May 16 (Sat.)

Lowder Mountain,
Mary Holland, ldr.

May 17 (Sun.)

Silver Creek Falls
Virginia Horton, ldr.

May 16, 17

Humbug Mountain
John & Ruth Bascom

May 23 (Sat.)

McGowan Creek Road
Recreation Area
Alan & Lorena Reid

May 24 (Sun)

French Pete
Dorothy Hayes, leader.
Also - Golden and Silver Falls,
Car trip, Coos Bay area, Grace Smith.

May 30, 31

Redwoods, Lorene Bressler, ldr.
MacDuff Peak, Helen Smith, ldr.

May 31 thru June 7

Grande Ronde River Boat Trip,
(Leave Sunday) Bob Medill, ldr.

June 6 Painted Hills, Don Hunter, ldr.

June 7 (Sun)

Wildcat Mountain, Wes Prouty, ldr.

June 13 (Sat)

Lamb Butte & The Potholes
Helen Smith, ldr.

June 14

Linton Lake and Proxy Falls,
Clarnece and Dorothy Scherer

SAVE GOLD BOND STAMPS, BETTY CROCKER
COUPONS AND FLAV-R-PAK COUPONS FOR THE
PRINCESSES (Lodge embellishments)

What is this life if, full of care,
have no time to stand and stare?
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep and cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide
their nuts in grass.
No time to stand, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars,
like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet,
how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this, if full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
- Wm. Davies

Portland

ROSE FESTIVAL PARADE

Trip

Scheduled for June 13.
A chartered bus,
reserved for Obsidians
and their friends, will
leave So. Eugene High
School at 7:00 A.M.
Bring a sack lunch.
Coffee stops will be
made enroute.
Fine reserved seats in
the Memorial Coliseum
are included in the
Tour Price of \$8.85.
Make reservations with
Roxie Waldorf 726-7082
or Ray Cavagnaro, whose
phone is 345-8434. Full payment should be
made by June 1. Call early as possible.

LOOK AHEAD!

to the Memorial Day
weekend Car Trip to
the Redwoods, including
camp-out and overnight stops Fri. & Sat.
at Jedediah Smith State Park in the heart
of the Redwoods, and Whiskeytown Reservoir
near Shasta Lake. Other points of
interest will include Mt. Shasta and
Shasta Dam, Patrick's Point, the famous
Del Norte Coast Redwoods, Brookings and
Gold Beach. Sign up at the "Y".
Transportation costs are \$12.00 per pers.

CAMP RENFRO SUMMER CAMP RALLY Sat. May 23 at the Lodge.

Dessert only - NO POTLUCK. Each of
you - bring a dessert.

Wear your CAMP CLOTHES or HAT!
There will be slides of the Black Lake
campsite area and Six Lake Basin.

There will be an "After The Campfire"
skit called "LIGHTS OUT - OR ELSE!"

There will be music, singing, and
Lots Of Fun! Don't be left out!

Join us at the Summer Camp Rally 7:30 P.M.

BOARD NOTESTRIPS - Lois Schreiner

Lois reported 7 trips completed with 43 members and 49 nonmembers participating for a total of 92 persons. Trip fees collected - \$18.35.

TREASURER - Hazen Bressler

The normal monthly bills approved for payment, plus payment for the lumber & materials used in our beautiful new cabinets in the Board room. We received a donation from one family in the amount of \$20 "to be used where necessary." The Board would be glad to accept donations toward payment of these exceptionally beautiful and utilitarian cabinets.

ENTERTAINMENT - Frank Moore

One hundred ten members and friends attended the showing of Dr. Krakauer's pictures of the Mayan jungles in Mexico showing many ancient Mayan Temple ruins. It was a rewarding evening for those who attended. Trip fees collected \$21.75.

SUMMER CAMP - Clarence Johnson

Clarence reported that 30 have already signed up for camp and some have paid in full. Two boats have been chartered and we may have to have a third one. There may be 50 in camp at the rate reservations are coming in.

Summer Camp Rally will be a dessert meeting at 7:30 on May 23rd. This promises to be a very interesting evening.

MEMBERSHIP - Ron Nunemaker

The following membership applications were approved and we welcome into the Obsidians:

Miss Florence Althen 345-6132
2921 Lincoln St., Eugene, 97405

Mrs. Robert Aufderheide 344-6646
(Muriel)
2240 Friendly, Eugene, 97405

Miss Mary Mallery 343-4354
2839 Kincaid, Eugene, 97405

Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead 345-2777
2683 Potter St., Eugene, 97405

Mrs. Alvin Bray 345-5377
2155 Monroe St., Eugene, 97405

Stoddard Smith

1026 W. 7th Ave., Eugene, OR 97402

Greg Holt 689-3756
320 Blazer, Eugene, 97402

Mrs. John Gent
Rte. 5, Box 1397, Eugene, OR

Mr. Fred Merrel, P. O. Box 126
Cedar Crest, New Mexico 87008

Doris Lyon (Reinstated) 344-4465
1039 E. 21st Ave. Eugene, 97405

BUILDING & GROUNDS - Clarence Landes
Obsidians have need of a permanent bulletin board at the "Y". This has been arranged for at no cost.

Look for complete Building and Grounds report from Clarence on another page.
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ROSE FESTIVAL TRIP

If you want to go on this bus trip it is important that you call Roxie Waldorf soon.

ROGER AND MARY BRIDGEMAN are leaving for the Navaho Indian Reservation at Bluff, Utah on June 28, to help with repairs on buildings, or to make themselves generally useful in any capacity where they may be needed. This is a missionary gesture on the part of people from all over the United States, is non-sectarian, and is participated in by many different religious groups. Roger and Mary are going with a group from St. Thomas and St. Mary's Episcopal Churches in Eugene. They are asking Obsidians for aluminum T.V. trays and old clothing for children. Leave at the Obsidian Lodge. They expect to be there about a week and will be two days traveling each way. Obsidians wish you both a successful trip.

RUTH NORQUEST left May 8 for Kansas to visit with her mother, and other members of the family for about two weeks.

NEW MEMBERS - Members of the Obsidians are welcome to attend Board meetings and see how their club operates and how about some of you "old timers" showing up once in a while with your words of wisdom.

SAVE: Betty Crocker Coupons, FLAV-R-PACK labels and Gold Bond Redemption Certificates.

OBSIDIAN FLOAT TRIP yes, Sun., May 31

Don't let the McKenzie Water Parade debacle and tragedy influence you in making a decision on whether to go or not. We are not going to float down in inner tubes, bathtubs or barrels. The leader has drifted some 1600 miles down rivers with members aged from 5 to 70, and has lost no-one, not even to upset a boat, and the river we are going to run is relatively smooth, but extremely beautiful.

A charge of \$10 a person will be made for rent of equipment, except for those who may have their own. An Obsidian trip fee will be collected from everyone. Also the usual Obsidian transportation charge will be expected by those with whom you ride. Full instructions will be given later to those making the trip. The leader will assume no responsibilities, but will do all he can to insure a most wonderful new experience. No dogs, cats nor liquor (known in the country where we will be as likker) will be allowed.

This trip will be limited, being half filled now, so if you are determined to go - be sure to get your hat in the whirlpool - er ring, now. - The earlier the better. The leader is Bob Medill, Ph. 726-7496. I wish I could impress the necessity of early sign-up. Having promised four boats, it may be necessary to go up into Washington to get the fourth boat, and it will be necessary to make plans well beforehand for those going.

"THE SQUIRREL'S CAGE"

All of you at last summer's outing in the Trinity Alps know what I am talking about.

This was the location of all the brews, concoctions and meals served for ten days without a let-up by our cook, GWEN RENFRO, who didn't even take her 'day off' as she was allowed.

This job is always done under obvious handicaps, and yet we are given nothing but the finest treatment in food, such as 'steaks as you like 'em', hot buns, and lemon meringue pie.

"Thanks, Gwen, for consenting to be our cook again this year at Summer Camp."

- As I heard one satisfied member put it - "A better vacation bargain than I have ever had in my life. Anyone who thinks otherwise is a crackpot."

ALL YOU POTLUCKERS NOTICE!

The Sarge has now given you fair notice - The Lodge Kitchen is OFF LIMITS to all except the Kitchen Committee and helpers.

At the last Potluck, the kitchen committee was climbing the walls because the Thundering Herd came in to wash their dishes, get a glass of water, or to tell the latest news. Before it was over, we had to call in the Mountain Rescue Service and help rope down the members - they had climbed the walls clear to the roof, and had to be helped down from the heights.

For your convenience - place your sacks, bags, food pans on the shelves provided under the dessert counter.

A waste receptacle will be provided for your garbage near the fireplace. Clean off your plates with a napkin, and take them home. There is just too much congestion in the kitchen.

If you want to gripe about this little inconvenience, tell it to the Editor - this is the only department he hasn't heard from yet.

**SEVEN DEVILS MOUNTAINS, IDAHO
Camp Renfro briefings**

Twenty-five members have already signed up for Summer Camp. Eighteen of them have paid a deposit. One jet boat trip has already been scheduled for the Snake River Canyon.

Be sure to tell your friends - They are welcome to come to camp too, and join us in the fun and doings.

The Full Amount of the Camp Renfro fees must be remitted by July 20. Why? The money is needed to purchase the required food, lumber, and equipment.

When the fees are unnecessarily delayed by the campers, a hardship is created on the camp chairman to complete his books, which is a job in itself after the camp is over.

If you have never been on a Summer Camp committee, you have no idea how much dedicated effort goes into making the Summer Camp a success.

You have heard it before, and you will hear it again - "I will never serve again". - And for a good reason.

A tremendous amount of work is done by a very few, most of which goes unappreciated. Be Fair. Help your Committeemen make a good camp.

PRINCESS NEWS

Lenore McManigal (Princess Twin Flower) invites the Princesses to meet at her home, 741 E. 38th, at 7:30 P.M., Monday May 18.

Fourteen Princesses spent a delightful day in Salem on April 18 as guests of Blanche Bailey (Singing Waters); an exciting day was topped off with a Bailey - Beaman creation - a delicious ice, moulded in the shape of Apollo 13, complete with whipped cream parachutes and flotation ring, served with chocolate candy cookies, nuts, turtles, mints, etc. Our most sincere thanks for a wonderful day to our hostess Blanche and her assistants Marge Beaman (Golden Slippers), Natalie Morgan (Lil Warbler) and Dorothy Medill (High Sleeper). Meier & Frank Shoe Dep't was a busy place when 14 Princesses assembled there; lunch at Golden Pheasant (arranged by Blanche) was so tasty and efficiently served. A scenic tour of the city took us to Dorothy and Bob Medill's neat apartment (where Bob was making cookies), then to Marge's handsome home atop Red Hill - a beautiful spot.

We admired Salem's gorgeous spring blossoms, their colors heightened by the rain. A brief business meeting at the Bailey home: A check from Betty Crocker for \$33.50; letters from those unable to attend; Nellie McWilliams (Lightning) expressed sincere thanks to everyone who contributed rummage and helped with the very successful sale; Plans completed for Annual Pancake Breakfast May 10; Contribution of \$25 to McLaughlin-Clark Memorial Fund; Lodge speaker system to be installed right away; suggestion from Blanche, Marge & Dorothy that we sponsor a showing of members' slides annually, as the Chemeketans do.

YOUR HELP WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Nellie McWilliams, chairman of the recent successful Rummage Sale, wishes to thank sincerely all members who contributed their time to pick up, sort and sell the myriad items.

The Obsidians send their sincere sympathy to Myrtle Smith on the death of her mother, and Edna Temple who lost her brother.

C A M A S

from the

Science and Education Committee

by Helen Weiser

The beautiful soft blue color that we see now along many highways is the Camas or Camasia, a member of the lily family. The specie Quamash grows at our Lodge. The name was given to the plant by the Indians for whom it was a very important food. Tribal wars were fought over the meadows. In fact, one of the causes of the Nez Perce War was the destruction of the Camas fields by the whites. The early western explorers also used the bulbs for food.

Camas grow very deep in mucky, gumbo-like soil, and since the Indians had only pointed sticks, the digging was difficult. I once tried to dig some with a spade without success.

Haskins describes the cooking process as told by a young descendant of Chief Joseph. She said a pit is dug and lined with flat stones. Then a fire is built in it. When the rocks are red hot, the fire is raked out and the rocks covered with certain grasses, the bulbs put in and covered again with grass and, in later years, gunny sacks.

Then the pit is filled with dirt over which a fire is built and kept burning for 36 hours. Only the most experienced women were permitted to perform this task. Many years ago the Princesses used the same method to cook a dinner of meat and vegetables in a grove near the Camas bed on our place. We invited prospective Princesses and used foil in place of grass. Since our food was more tender, it cooked in about four hours.

POTLUCK AND ENTERTAINMENT April 25

The program put on by Dr. Lewis Krakauer was one to remember for a long time. The interesting Mayan structures that the party discovered, the pictures of what they had to endure, and the pictures of the natives were all most interesting. His party was only the second that had been given permission by the Mexican government to traverse this area, and it would assume no responsibility for the outcome of this trip. What they went through in the matter of reptiles, insects, lack of water, poisonous plants and just plain hardships left no desire among those present to make the trip. -next p.

DR. KRAKAUER cont. -

The doctor's verbal description, too, left nothing to be added.

We thank you, Dr. Krakauer, and your pretty wife, for coming from Corvallis to present your experiences to us.

SANTIAM SUMMIT April 5

On what was to be one of the most beautiful days in the Cascades this spring, 17 Obsidians and friends snowshoed or skied up, up and away! Six favored skis, while 11 put on assorted shapes (and colors) of the "webbed" extensions. Starting from the Skyline Trail take-off point at the Pass, the 5 gals and 12 fellows, with some grunts and groans from the snowshoers who wondered if the leader had lost his mind in not following a more gentle trail route, climbed the first rise and then followed a consistently upward but not too difficult walk up the ridge.

The views back to Mt. Washington, Three Sisters, and Broken Top were superb, with judicious tree frames for the several photographers aboard. Of the 17, 12 made it to the 5,800 foot level and were rewarded not only with views of the peaks to the south, but with that far away look into Eastern Oregon, and a kind of 'under the chin' picture of Three Fingered Jack.

The sun was very warm - bringing forth shirt sleeves and one pair of shorts. The snow was a bit soft in spots, but this didn't seem to slow the skiers who made tracks returning - nor one of the younger snowshoers who seemed to prefer lying down on his back, head downhill, and 'sliding' home. There was one exciting moment when Helen Smith stepped into a 'tree hole' and had to be 'excavated' by the two Clarences! Slightly reddened faces, perhaps a few sore muscles here and there, but oh, what memories everyone carried home of the magnificent Cascade environment. It was a glorious day to be alive in the wilderness. The "live" ones on the trip were: Mary Bridgeman, Dorothy & Roger Hayes, Clarence Johnson, Holway and Terry Jones, Clarence Landes, Ken and Robin Lodewick, David Mention, Andy Nelson, Wes Prouty, Bill Ross, Lois Schreiner, Gerald Seeley, Helen Smith and Doug White. - Holly Jones, ldr.

PAMELIA LAKE AND HUNTS COVE April 11,12

Oh, for the peace and quiet of the wilderness of the Mt. Jefferson area - Pamela Lake in spring is an excellent place to find solitude.

There was no sign of snow at the trail head, but we religiously carried our skis and snowshoes because the leader said that it was to be a ski and snowshoe trip. At the lake there were a few patches of old snow and a skiff of new. The night was quite cold and we woke up Sunday to see blue sky and frozen ground, and ice forming on the lake. A bright and early start of 9 A.M. and up the trail we went. We soon entered the world of new powder snow, and we obtained some excellent views of Mt. Jeff. About $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Hunts Cove there was enough snow for skis and snowshoes. As the others waxed up, Dave and Marriner started off on snowshoes only to find that they didn't work on the steep side hill. Andy had decided on that excellent climbing wax called Klister. Each ski soon had 40 pounds of snow and ice firmly glued to the bottom so he carried his skis. One way or another we got to the edge of Hunts Cove. After lunch we started down.

Since Klister doesn't work going down hill either, Andy continued to carry his skis. Marriner and Dave carried their snowshoes too, and only Hank was able to do some sliding.

Andy carefully explained that he likes to carry skis, so if some time next summer a certain young man is seen carrying his skis up Red Ridge on South Sister, it's just because he likes to carry skis - "Andy, Klister doesn't work on skree either."

There might be some appropriate comments for the trip leader who called it a ski and snowshoe trip in the solitude of the Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area. Since the trip leader is writing the report, the comments are withheld.

On the overnight trip were: David Mention, Andy Nelson, Hank Plant and Marriner Orum, leader.

POTLUCKERS! At the May 23 Summer Camp Rally - Bring a dessert, bring your plate, and bring eating utensils.

Oh, yes! And bring your Trip Fee to help defray Lodge expenses. Okay?

WALKER POINT April 11

The assistant leader and four other eager hikers met the leader and his wife at 9:30 A.M. at Hendricks Bridge Wayside.

All seven were consolidated into two cars and headed up the Deer Horn Road on the south bank of the McKenzie. After three miles up this road and eight miles up the GP road system, through, at times very muddy stretches, the top of the ridge directly below Walker Point was reached. Though the sky was overcast, no rain fell, but some 'corn' snow fell now and then. The little band made their way along several logging roads to a point east of Deer Butte and then back to a point NE of Walker Point.

Then up a short road to the summit ridge and then along the ridge to the top. The view was excellent for about 5 to 10 miles in all directions. The remains of the lookout were found at the top, along with a small grey squirrel and a few frost-edged trees.

After about an hour for lunch, talking and looking, all proceeded back to the cars and thence retraced their way back home, arriving at about 3:30.

On Walker Point was Norman and Tom Benton, Elaine and Martha Oculis, Lois Schreiner, Arlene and (leader) Art Steele.

TIRE MOUNTAIN via Alpine Trail Apr. 12

Due to logging on Tire Mountain, we used the Alpine Trail this year. We hiked two miles on this trail and three miles on the Tire Mtn. Trail. Six members and twelve non-members reached the lookout shelter after three hours on the slightly snow-covered trails. We enjoyed the results of Clarence Landes' fire building ability for a leisurely lunch break. On the return trip 14 hikers traversed the ridge above some beautiful rock formations (volcanic tubes of the original Cascade Range).

Avalanche lilies and paintbrush in bloom, and a good view were the rewards for the effort. Non-members were Jan Beals, Carol Burke, Carol, George, Jeanette and Nora Gent, Annette, Elizabeth and Glenn Miller, Donald Payne, Phyllis Treinen and Erdmann Wanick.

Members were Mary Bridgeman, Elizabeth Glover, Clarence Landes, Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith and Wes Prouty, leader.

PALISADES above Larason Cove March 14

This was a simple winter hike to explore the small meadows and cliffs in this area above Hills Creek Reservoir.

The weather was alternating rain and sunshine and really not too bad.

Lunch was held in a pleasant, sunny cove near the top of the cliffs. After several hours of rock exploring, the group followed deer trails down to a creek and back to the cars.

A very pleasant group.

Along with Donn Chase, leader, the pleasant ones were: Hazen Bressler, Lorene Bressler, Mary Carr, Clarence Landes and Wes Prouty.

KAH-NEE-TA Resort April 4, 5

We left South Eugene High School on schedule and proceeded north on Highway #5 across to Timberline Lodge for lunch.

Arrived at Kah-nee-ta about 3 P.M.

We had a pleasant afternoon swimming and relaxing. At 7 P.M. we all enjoyed a typical Kah-nee-ta dinner. An evening gathering at one of the motels was spent in mind reading and such. Sunday morning was another of relaxation and following the Indian dance exhibition we started on our return trip by way of Redmond and Sisters and the Clear Lake cut-off. It was a most enjoyable trip, wonderful travelers and it leaves us with many happy memories.

Those following Frances Kardell

Indian file were: Flip Abell, Florence Aithen, Duke Arpin, Joellen Arpin, Mary Jane Arpin, Muel Aufferbride, Dorothy Cook, Angie Coombs, Meta Mae Coleman, Gerry Fehly, Jewell Geiger, Florence Givans, Mary Hanson, Virginia Horton, Vera Hart, Mary Mallory, Jonnelle Moorhead, Ione Pierson, Cora Pirtle, Glenn Pirtle, Myrtle Smith, Ardash Vicary, Thelma Watson, Helen Weiser.

JUNE POTLUCK

Old photograph night! Do you have old photographs of yourself - of old times? Do you have old photos of Camp scenes 'way back when'? How about old color slides of Camp scenes?

The old photos will be able to be transferred onto the screen for all to enjoy, so don't hesitate to bring them.

It may take you a month to dig the good ones out, so go to it!

BUILDING and GROUNDS Report
By Clarence Landes

There have been many improvements to the Obsidian Property by various groups and individuals since the Main Building was done. It has been good to see the excitement and delight of both the viewers and the participants as each event has occurred. To name some of these events of the last ten years (and they are events), it would include the finish walls at the Banquet Room; the Finish Walls at the Board Room; the Concrete Porch, steps and walk; the Additional Parking Areas; and the Addition to the Entry (partly done).

But now we come to an effort that is the result mostly of one person, Wes Prouty, and this is the Cabinet Work, now in place, in the Medill Board Room.

There were some hours of "Coolie labor" getting the Board Room cleared out so these cabinets could be placed, and some "strong back" work helping Wes carrying the cabinets into the building, and some more hours spent in replacing the material to be "filed" in these new cabinets, - not "piled" in the corner as before.

Eight different people upon two occasions spent 36 hours to accomplish this shuffle. In addition, Mark Castelloe did his usual thing by furnishing the labor and material, plus some sage advice, to install the electrical outlets at the Cabinet area.

The Obsidian Lodge paid for the material furnished by Wes at one-third less than the retail price, but all the labor of construction and finish and most of the labor of installation was done and donated by Wes, and a marvelous job it is!

Thank you, Wes, from us all for each and all of the 152 hours you spent on this project.

SO I WAS TOLD -

Overheard was a Board member talking to another Obsidian:

"You think all the fun and action is at the Potlucks and on the trips?

Then you have never been to an Obsidian Board meeting!!"

Come on up, folks, and see us sometime - we invite you. The Board Meetings are always open so you can see how the Business is conducted.

BARITE MINE - CAVES TRIP April 19

With a variety of weather - cloudy, rainy, snowy and sunny, 19 hikers headed up past Lookout Dam to Leo Paschelke's Barite Mines. Taking turns, we went into the tunnel and marveled at the interesting barite formations. Mr. Paschelke gave an informative geology lesson of the rock columns along the road. Then we hiked to the Indian Caves and were back in Eugene by 3 P.M.

Following Mary Bridgeman into the mines were: Dorothy, John and Ronnie Leland, Leo Paschelke and his two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Betzel, Frances Chapman, D.H. and Steve Gard, Donald, Elizabeth, Annette and Glenn Miller, Eugene and Everett Reynolds, and Mrs. Phyllis and Cindy Treinen.

GLIDE WILDFLOWER SHOW April 26

Who ever heard of a wildflower show in a snowstorm? Reggie Miller put on a very successful one at Glide and on Sunday it snowed. Both water snow and people snow, over 2,000 people in two days! We spent about three hours at the show, seeing also, besides those on the trip, Frank Sipe, Thelma Watson, Art and Lillian Johnson, Mary Jane Arpin and husband plus Natural History Society officers Bill Eaton, Herb Wisner and Addi Dayl.

We went in from Wilbur and stopped along the road to look at flowers. For noon hour we went up Little River to view special flower areas along the way and had lunch in a rain and hail storm at Wolf Creek Recreation Area before walking as far up Wolf Creek trail as was open, observing plants along the way. On the return we had dry pavement until Creswell, where Ray Sims had prepared a special, welcoming hail-storm for us. It really came down hard and big for a short time.

There is a little question where this trip started. It could have been Wilbur - our get-together stop at 9:10 A.M. as we started watching for flowers then - it could have been at Glide, where we arrived at 10:20 A.M., or it could have been at the trail at Wolf Creek which we started on about 1 P.M. With Ken and Robin Lodewick were: Irving & Hazeldean Brandt, Mary Bridgeman, Irene Flynn, Ina Foss, Roberta Lathrop, Helen Weiser, Helen Kilpatrick and Ray Sims.

NOTES FROM MEMBERS:

Letter from Judy Sartor(formerly Judy Radabaugh) states: "Although I live too far away to participate in many club activities, I always look forward eagerly to receiving the bulletin each month and news of the club's activities. I guess I'm just an Oregonian at heart, even if I do now live in California."

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Holly Jones and his family also spent spring break from the U. of O. at Death Valley.

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Note from Mrs. Earl M. Pallett says that Marshall is at the University of Waterloo, Canada, at present.

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Letter from the Martyn family..."Our two little boys, Peter, now 4, and John. 2½, have kept us tied down and except for one major trip to Florida for the Christmas Holidays, we have been relatively quiet. I have left the outdoor work and conservation activities in your capable hands and have become politically active in the little town of Fircrest(5000 pop.) ...It is certainly encouraging to see all of the public concern about our environment."

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The Princesses wish to thank all who attended the May 10 Pancake Breakfast, and will report on it in next bulletin.

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McKenzie Guardians are planning to join the August 9 trip to Proxy Falls and Linton Lake, leader Mac McWilliams..... and possibly another later trip.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

No.74

by Ray Sims

Before I get into the year 1958, for those in the club who have known only the present lodge I will note the places where we met before.

In the early 1930's we had all the meetings at the original log cabins above Lost Creek Ranch. At a number of New Years parties more than 100 persons attended. On one occasion we celebrated Washington's Birthday with a ski meet and races on top of Deer Butte. About 80 persons attended.

During the summers, one of the favorite picnic spots was Dorr and Myrtie Hamlin's cherry orchard on the north bank of the Willamette River. We later held many picnics at Paul and Helen Weiser's oak grove on the Coburg Road.

Other meeting places were the College Crest Community Club House, the Electric Office on Franklin Boulevard, and the Eugene Water Board office.

Board meetings each month were usually held at the President's home. In later years we moved out of the cabins up the river and down to the Belknap CCC camp where the Forest Service let us use the Officers Club house. This we used nearly to the time of our present Lodge in Eugene.

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Ina Foss is attending the National Audubon Society Convention in Seattle this week; this is the first time it has met in the Northwest.

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