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June 20 (Sat.)
Tidbits Mountain
- Catherine Jones

June 21
Ecology Succession
tour.
- Dave Burwell

June 27 (Sat.)
Hills Peak
- Doug Spencer.

June 28
Iron Mountain, Ray Sims, leader.
Wolf Rock, Ben Ross, leader.

July 4 (Sat.)
Buck Mountain, Mary Carr, leader.

July 5
Chimney Peak, Johnny Johnson, ldr.

July 11 (Sat.)
Iron Mountain, Barbara Stiles, ldr.

July 12
Sourgrass Mtn, Bob Holmquist, ldr.

July 11, 12
Dillon Lake, Mary Bridgeman, ldr.

CLIMBS

June 13, 14
Mt. St. Helens, Tom McGehee, ldr.
Via Lizard route.
Mt. Jefferson, Rex Stevens, ldr.

June 13, 14, 15
Mt. Rainier, Steve Ross, ldr.
Limited, via Tahoma Glacier.

June 20, 21
South Sister, Bruce Newell, ldr.
Mt. Washington, John McManigal, ldr.

June 27, 28
Mt. Jefferson, Tom Taylor ldr.
Limited, via East side.
Mt. Thielson, Darrel Humber, ldr.

July 4, 5
Diamond Peak, Greg Wannier, ldr.
From the West.
Mt. Rainier, Mel Jackson, ldr.
Via Camp Muir.

July 10, 11, 12
Mt. Shasta, Rex Stevens, ldr.
Via North side.

Oh, to hike the trail at morning,
When the breeze is blowing clean,
And the yellow daisies fling their gold
Across a world of green.
For the breeze it heals the heartaches,
And the sun it dries the scars,
On the trail to Vagabondia
That lies beneath the stars.

July 11, 12
Mount Adams, ldr
Tom McGehee
Middle Sister, ldr
Pat Crowder
North Sister, ldr
Dave Burwell

- Dana Burnet * * * * *

-- TO ALL OBSIDIANS, SHORT AND TALL -
Join the Gang June 22nd!

Remember those delicious pancakes
you enjoyed at the Obsidian Pancake
Breakfast? Come join us for some more of
those on Monday, June 22, 6:30 P.M. at
the Original Pancake House, 659 East
Broadway. Call 344-5168 (Castelloes) to
make your reservations. (By June 20 pliz)

JUNE 27 POTLUCK

6:30 P.M.'is the time, at the Lodge.
Bring a dish, bring 25¢ trip fee to
help defray Lodge operating expenses,
and bring old pics of yourself or your
friends, or old color slides of club
trips of past years. We should have a
"howling good time" so we are told.

JULY FOURTH POTLUCK PICNIC

- will be on the Lodge grounds
on Saturday the 4th. Ray Sims will be
the Host and he will have coffee ready
by 1 P.M. Bring your friends too.

- FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH -

Animules - all kinds of 'em - are
on all the trails now. Saddle horses,
pack horses and long and short-legged
mules and burros. Give them lots of
room. They are sometimes skittish. Don't
be responsible for breaking up a pack
string, throwing a pack, or dumping a
rider just so that you may get a picture.
This is one way that YOU can show
courtesy and share the trails. Trail
courtesy is a two-way street.

BOARD NOTES - June 3

CLIMBING - Ben Ross, Chm. 58 climbers took part in the first four climbs of the season. Board approved purchase of two needed 150' climbing ropes. Committee will meet next month for a wand workshop.

SUMMER OUTING - Clarence Johnson, Chm. Camp Renfro Rally on May 23 was well attended and much interest shown. Another attraction offered for Hells Canyon River trippers...a visit to Indian House Pits where Indian artifacts may be found if you secure a digging permit. Committee will have a work night in the next two weeks to go over equipment. An excellent article on the Hells Canyon area is in the May 1970 Holiday Magazine.

TRIPS - Lois Schreiner, Chm. Nine trips completed in May, one cancelled, total of 100 people.

MEMBERSHIP - Ron Nunemaker, Chm. Two new members approved:

Miss Frances Chapman 342-1953
353 Mary Lane, Eugene, 97405

Mrs. Lee Carter(Dorothy V.) 746-7935
4531 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, 97403

Welcome to these new members.

CONSERVATION - Don Hunter, Chm. Reviewed some of the most recent conservation developments and strongly urged that Obsidians take more active part in these matters. A 50% increase in loss of Forest Trails has occurred in the last 10 years.

Next Board meeting is July 1; members are invited to attend - it's a good way to see how club business is handled.

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Former Members Robert, Ilene and John Yates send greetings to Obsidians, and an invitation to visit their Book Shop at 522 S. Washington St., Olympia, Wash.

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A 3/4 page article with pictures appeared in the May 24 Eugene Register-Guard, entitled "Obsidian Princesses...social climbers, they" -- Four fair Princesses posed for climbing pictures--Barbara Hasek, Lenore McManigal, Wilma Moore and Lois Schreiner. Sally-Jo Moan of the Register-Guard interviewed the Princesses, wrote the story, and arranged for the pictures by Wayne Eastburn. Our compliments to her for doing an excellent story on the group.

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* There will be a Potluck Picnic at Obsidian Lodge on Saturday, the Fourth *
* of July; Ray Sims will be Host and *
* will have the coffee ready by 1 P.M. *

MT. McLOUGHLIN - May 23-24

By Mary Holland

We found the trail head with some difficulty as the Forest Service has re-numbered the roads--or at least the numbers do not correspond to the ones on the map. There were patches of snow--many of them--as we started toward Freye Lake. By the time we reached the lake, the snow was continuous but there were enough bare spots around trees that no one had to sleep on snow if they didn't want to.

We left camp about 6:30 the next morning. Considering the soft snow we encountered on top it would have been better to have left an hour or so earlier. We followed the trail blazes as much as possible. The snow had become mushy by the time we reached the ridge but enough rocks were bare that going was not difficult. The first people reached the summit about 12:30, the last were on top by 1:30. The hut was almost completely buried. The wind was fierce and the last arrivals didn't have a long stay. The view was good although the horizon was ringed in smog.

We descended through mush to the lake where the earlier arrivals were sacked out. We were back to the cars by 6:30 p.m. Of the 13 people who started the climb, 11 made it to the summit. Don and Carol Penrose turned back about 2/3 of the way as Carol was very tired. Members climbing were: Mary Holland, leader, Chris Jones, David Mention, David Moffitt, Dick Moffitt, Lois Schreiner and Stoddart Smith. Nonmembers: Natalie Maxwell, Bob Mention, Don & Carol Penrose, Kelly Renwick.

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REPORT ON MAY 10 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Princesses were pleased with the attendance at the breakfast and wish to thank all those who came; also thanks to all who helped with the work. They said they enjoyed doing it. Princesses are using the money to further some needed projects at the Lodge, such as the public address system, and installation of a drinking fountain.

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Geraidine Fehly is in Sacred Heart Hospital battling an infection, having postponed her trip to Ireland and England with Ann Connell. Our best wishes for speedy recovery, Gerry.

SAVE FLAV-R-PAC LABELS

MT. HOOD(South Side) - May 9-10

By Dale Moon

This climb of Mt. Hood was conducted under very adverse weather conditions. There was adequate leadership, skill and experience in the party to allow us to climb as far as we did, with safety and without risk or danger to anyone who was along.

The climb was scheduled to begin at 2:00 A.M. Sunday morning; extreme wind conditions, blowing snow and whiteout made it not practical at all. I told people I would look at the weather again at 5:00 A.M. By 5:00 the wind was down to humanly tolerable and visibility was somewhat improved. I decided I would get people up and we would climb as high as weather and comfort of the individuals would allow. Because of weather, time of day, etc., I had no aspirations of anyone making the summit. But climbers had come to climb and I was going to take them as far as was safe...it was better than the entire weekend being a complete washout. Out of 23 people camped with us at Timberline Lodge, 17 got up and climbed with me. We finally started climbing 6:40 A.M., May 10th, 1970.

Approximately 400 yards from the lodge David Meares, son of Glenn Meares, said he wasn't feeling well. Good visibility and view of the lodge allowed David and his father Glenn to return to the lodge safely on their own. The rest of us continued climbing. Wind pounded at us at a steady rate of 25 MPH, with gusts up to 35 or 40. Snow fell constantly, or rather the wind drove it at us sideways. Above Silcox Hut whiteout conditions cut visibility to a varying 175 feet to 400 feet; 300 feet from Silcox the hut could not be seen at all. Above Silcox wands were closely spaced to mark our ascent and the orange flags showed up consistently at 200 feet. Following snowcat markers and compass bearings we ascended toward Crater Rock at 10,000 feet. No landmarks or land itself was visible at any time. At very frequent intervals I would stop and check on the condition and comfort of all those in the party; many were inexperienced but surprisingly they were dressed well and continued to stay warm in the wind. Their spirits were good and considering many of us not knowing one another, we were a very cohesive group. We had to be careful and protect the left side of our faces, the side exposed to the wind(two girls in another party reportedly suffered frost-

bite on their faces that day). Andrew Nelson suffered from upset stomach from the 7,000 foot level on up. He finally vomited at 8,000 feet and then felt better.

We reached the end of the snowcat markers at 9,500 feet at 10:15 A.M. and all was going well. Three or four climbers were showing just a little tiredness but everyone was still warm. We set Crater Rock as our goal. With no more markers we traveled strictly by compass. At 9,800 feet two climbers tired out and rear guard Don Banton stayed with them. Randy Cox became rear guard. At 10:50 A.M. we got a brief 10 second glimpse of Crater Rock and we were standing at its base. We were approximately 300 yards west of the regular route at that point, but we had traveled blind and did hit what we were aiming for--Crater Rock. We traveled for 10 more minutes to reach a very honest 10,000 feet on the mountain, then turned back at 11:00 A.M. ... four hours and 20 minutes to Crater Rock wasn't bad. I told everybody they had just climbed a 10,000 foot mountain, and the only catch was that this particular one had another 1,245 tacked on the top of it. In spite of conditions everyone was in a good mood, and I believe they were proud they had gone as far as they had.

We descended in approximately an hour and a half, getting back to the lodge about 12:30 P.M. We picked up the three men we left at 9,800 feet and the entire descent was uneventful. Weather and visibility finally improved enough by the time we reached Silcox Hut that I let three guys with skis separate from us and ski down the regular chair lift ski run on their own. They had started skiing at 7,000 feet, but I had made them stay right with the rest of the party. Everyone got back to the lodge o.k. and I verified everyone had returned in good health.

Obviously we climbed on a very marginal day. I believe it was a safe climb and also believe the experience for all was much better than just staying in bed. I called on the leadership, strength, and experience of Don Banton and Randy Cox to help me with the party throughout the day. Assistant leaders like that are very very valuable. Don is one of the most dependable men on any mountain
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MT. HOOD (Continued)
anywhere.

Climbers were: Members Randy Cox, Dr. Latham Flanagan, Terry Jones, Glenn Meares, David Meares, Dick Moffitt, David Moffitt, Dale Moon, leader. Nonmembers: Scott Bengé, Gary Cage, Don Banton, Doug Knecht, Garry Lewis, John Misner, Andrew Nelson, Gerald Seeley, Peter Sstrom, Kelly Renwick.

MT. THIELSEN - May 30-31

By Dale Moon

Left Eugene by car at 3:00 P.M. Saturday, and made leisurely afternoon trip to Diamond Lake Resort. One car of the caravan broke a radiator hose on the Willamette Pass, adding an extra hour of travel time while it was being repaired. At Diamond Lake we took a gravel road that cut off the first mile of the Skyline Trail and saved us a mile of hiking. We parked at the roadhead at 7:30 P.M. Saturday evening, hiked the Skyline Trail for an hour and set up base camp at 8:30 P.M.

Sunday we got up at 3:30 A.M., started climbing at 5:00 sharp. I set a slow pace that everyone could follow and we made very good time because no one got exhausted and we all kept moving. The large party of 29 stayed together very well. Most of the morning we climbed on snow, hard-crusted from many days of melting and freezing. At the base of the pinnacle I left Marilyn Reiser and Bob Campbell in a safe protected place; they had decided beforehand that they were not experienced enough for the rock scramble on the pinnacle. The other 27 of us started up the pinnacle on a fixed line I had set in, seven of the 27 did not make the summit because they got very very cold waiting for their turn. Twenty of my party reached the summit with the first signing the log book at 8:45 A.M., just 3 hours and 45 minutes after leaving base camp. Andrew Nelson was sick almost the entire climb. He felt better by the time he reached the pinnacle and was one of the 20 to make the summit. Tom Taylor and Chuck Solin helped belay and give supervision on the pinnacle; they got very very cold (the wind was gusting up to 65 MPH) belaying and they did a fantastic job. Their help is greatly appreciated. Descent and trip home were very routine.

Participants seemed to have a good time. They were: Members Greg Holt, David Moffitt, Dick Moffitt, Dale Moon, leader, Bill Ross, Stoddart Smith, Brad Stevens, Rex Stevens. Nonmembers Mike Adams, Scott Bengé, Darlene Burgert, Bob Campbell, Rune Carlson, Bill Engs, Mike Gardner, Dave Harp, Randy Harp, Gary Jensen, E. C. Joll, Steve Joll, Jim Lunke, Tom Lewis, Andrew Nelson, Ken Reiser, Marilyn Reiser, Gerald Seeley, Chuck Solin, Tom Taylor, Terry Wilson.

PRINCESS NEWS

Princess Humming Bird (Florence Fulton) invites the Princesses to meet at her home in Corvallis on Monday, June 15. We will meet at the Gay Parfait Restaurant between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. (340 N.W. 5th Ave.) for dinner, then go to Florence's (285 North 35th St.) for dessert and meeting. Please call Thelma, 345-5496, or Mary, 344-5168, for reservations and transportation arrangements. Call by Friday, June 12.

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CAMP RENFRO

A memorable wilderness experience at Black Lake in the Hells Canyon-Seven Devils scenic primitive area, August 2 to 15, 1970. For members, 1 week is \$40, 2 weeks \$75, per day \$7. For nonmembers, 1 week \$45, 2 weeks \$80, per day \$8. Send your reservation accompanied by a \$10 deposit to C. W. Johnson, Chairman, Outing Committee, 2327 Grant St., Eugene, Oregon 97405, or phone 343-4014.

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WATCH JULY BULLETIN for news of the ALL-OBSIDIAN-LADIES-PARTY at the Lodge, Monday, July 20. All ladies invited.

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Save GOLD BOND STAMPS and REDEMPTION CERTIFICATES ... and BETTY CROCKER COUPONS ... and FLAV-R-PAC labels.

Thank You!

CLARK NATURE TRAIL May 3

Ten people met at the parking area at the beginning of our hike through the Nature Trail. The scenery is beautiful and easy hiking for all ages.

- So many different trees, shrubs, and flowers. - Even saw one garter snake - no-one panicked. Roger Bridgeman picked up the new snake and put it on the other side of our trail.

Everyone should make this hike - it's a must. Snaking along the trail with Henry and Gertrude Oswald were Roger and Edith Bridgeman, Mary Carr, Geraldine Fehly, Elizabeth Glover, Dorothy Carter, Keith Brunig, Edwin Green.

SUMMIT TRAIL TO BOOTH LAKE May 9

The day was cloudy and cold when we left Eugene, and on the Summit Trail we had clouds, wind and snow. After leaving the cars, we tramped by snowshoe to Square Lake where we found a sheltered spot for a partial lunch.

Since it was cold we didn't stay long before marching toward our goal of Booth Lake. Somewhere along this part of the trail we took a wrong turn and by-passed our goal. The snow was very deep, and the blazes were nearly obscured in this area. After snowshoeing some distance past the hour we should have reached our destination, two of our party scouted ahead, while the remainder stopped for another bite to eat. The scouts returned in an hour and informed us we had by-passed Booth Lake nearly a mile.

Since it was getting late we returned to the cars rather than find the lake.

It snowed enough while we were out that our incoming tracks were obliterated before we returned. Instead of the expected four mile round trip, we actually snowshoed six miles. Those weary snowshoers were Mary Bridgeman, Dick and Maradel Gale, Liz Glover, Clarence Landes, Don Payne, Wes Prouty and Lois Schreiner, leader.

Becky Bascom leaves June 24 for South Africa where she will spend the school year on an American Foreign Service Scholarship. The school term starts in early July, and she will be living with a Jewish family who have 5 children, in a small town near Capetown. What a marvelous experience - our best wishes with you, Becky.

MT. JUNE May 11

After four or more weekends of inclement weather, it was with great surprise and joy to be greeted by a beautiful, sunny, warm and clear day for our trip. This terrific weather probably had a lot to do with our turnout of 25 hikers. We did have some snow to hike through on the north side, and occasionally some on the south side, but it wasn't too bad, although a little more tedious than if we had a clear trail.

One of the most exciting aspects of the trip was seeing bear tracks at the junction of the Mt. June trail and the Sawtooth Ridge trail. We had a beautiful view from the top and were able to see all the major peaks from Mt. Hood on the north to Mt. Bailey on the south. After our lunch break and resting on top we started down, as some of our group wished to hike to Sawtooth Ridge. It was here that Jim Lunke saw the bear, and from his description it was a full size bear. He was able to get a good look at it before it ambled off into the brush.

It was a very congenial group and the leader was especially glad to see so many newcomers. It was especially nice to meet Joy Balingier, who had spent some time before in a two year stay in Nepal, and we did some reminiscing together and compared experiences.

Bearing up under the hike were Evelyn Abraham, Joy Balingier, Mary Bridgeman, Gerry and Lynn Burke, Bob Cox and Duchess Cox, Tink, Nora, Jean and George Gent, Chris and Doreen Jones, Stan Hasek, Jim Lunke, Jr., David Moffitt, Donald Payne, Kelly Renwick, Lois Schreiner, Dale Schultz, Helen Smith, Fred Swanson, Paula Vehrs, Erdmans, Wansete and Barbara Hasek, leader.

Lynn Moore has been elected President of the Lane County Bar Association, and will be installed during the Bar's regular weekly luncheon June 9.

Ray Cavagnaro recently returned from Expo '70, but spent the next few days recovering from a very bad cold. He is o.k. now.

Watch your July Bulletin for news of the All-Ladies Obsidian Party at the Lodge on Monday, July 20. All Obsidian ladies are invited.

Dig for arrowheads this summer? Read on!

LOWDER MOUNTAIN May 16

Weather: clear and comfortable. We parked our cars at the curve below the last clear-cut due to a drift of snow in the road, and walked from there to the Lowder Mountain trail head. The trail was not difficult to find or follow although it was frequently buried under deep, mushy snow. Only in the shade of the trees was it at all icy, though that's not to imply that the ice wasn't slick.

We made the top for lunch, then slogged across to look at the Sisters, Broken Top, Bachelor, Diamond and Washington. We detoured into Quaking Aspen Swamp on the way back - lots of gurgling water and singing frogs.

Squishing through the swamp were Fran Chapman, Mary Bridgeman, Lois Fosback, Irene Holland, Alvin and Helen Lynch, Kevin, Steven and Lenore McManigal Dale Schulze, Helen Smith and Mary Holland, leader.

SILVER FALLS STATE PARK May 17

We took three cars on our trip. Left Eugene about 8:10 A.M. Left one car at So. Falls parking lot, took everyone in the two other cars to No. Falls lot.

The day was beautiful, sunny and warm. Trail good, tho wet in places from recent rains. We began our hike by walking up to Upper North Falls (3/10 mi.) then back to beginning of regular trail at North Falls. We saw all the falls, taking short side hikes to Winter and Twin Falls. We ate our lunch before we ventured to Winter Falls as this was about 12 noon. We took our time hiking, stopping to identify flowers, shrubs, and for taking pictures. Everyone felt we had a wonderful day and hike, weather so good. We took I5 to Albany, H20 to a turnoff to Crabtree, 226 thru Scio, Stayton and Sublimity, then #214 to the park. Falling in line with Virginia Horton were Mary Carr, Sandra Carrick, Dorothy Carter, Mrs. "Duchess" Cox, Joanne Horton, Ken and Robin Lodewick, Rachel and Grace Smith and Milton Wannier.

Doodle Grotto - have you ever seen it?

It's on the French Pete trail - a beautiful moss and fern-lined punch bowl with a small waterfall spilling into it. - Actually two bowls - on Doodle Creek only a few steps from the trail, but well concealed from hasty hikers.

WEST SLOPES COBURGS, via McGowan Creek Road May 23

Using old logging roads, deer trails and some "brushing it", we headed north generally along the west slopes near the top of the Coburg Ridge. Mainly explored for flowers blooming at the time, particularly wanting to note the transition from normal blue *I. tenax* (that's Iris) to the yellow of *I. tenax* (*gormanii*).

This form is found also along Scoggins Creek and at Monument Peak where it blooms in June and early July. The transition was seen, but we were too early by a week or two to see the (later blooming) pure yellow forms.

Other flowers seen (and recognized) on the trip were: *Erythronium* (nearly gone), *I. tenax* (lots) *Silene*, *Calochortus*, *Lovely Dogwoods*, *Ribes*, *Oregon Grape* (with fruit) lots of wild strawberries, and *Oregon Lilies* (not in bloom so couldn't tell if they would be *L. washingtonianum* or *L. columbianum*).

Beautiful views of the entire Willamette Valley for most of the time was quite inspiring...

We took the road down the west side of the ridge in returning to town after lunch (back at the cars). This road is fine for going down, but is not recommended for ascent!

Floral students were Neta Ashworth, Ethel Gustafson, Ricky Reid and Paula Vehrs. - Teachers Lorena and Alan Reid.

FRENCH PETE CREEK May 24

A beautiful day for a beautiful trip to French Pete. By the time we had walked (would you believe crawled) across 3 or 4 of the logs spanning French Pete Creek, they were almost fun.

It is a gorgeous place, and after seeing it, it is easy to see and understand why there is so much effort spent to keep it as it is.

Balancing the logs were Sally Bethel Marne Benedict, Lorene Bressler, Marcia Brooks, Carol Burke, Bob Cox, Catherine Dunlop, Ina Foss, Tink Gent, Roger Hayes, Don Jacobson, Judy Jacobson, Bev Leach, Lenore McManigal, Donald Payne, Anna Pechanec, Paula Vehrs, Virginia Vincent, Erdman Waniek, Gregory Wannier and Claudia Wilkens.

- Leader Dorothy Hayes,
co-leader Mary Bridgeman

FRINGE - CUPS

by Maxxine Williams

- from the Science and Education Dep't.

The large Saxifrage Family includes many different kinds of flowers, some showy, some not so showy, and the subject of this article belongs to the latter type.

Sometimes common names are not very descriptive, but this is not true of this plant. It's name, Fringe-cups (Tellima grandi-flora) is descriptive of the very small, greenish petals that are cut as finely as fringe.

The green calyx is cup-shaped and the petals bend back over the cup.

The lowest blossom blooms first, and the flowers open progressively up the long stem, giving the plant a long blooming time. As the flowers age, they often turn pink. The basal clusters of roundish leaves are long-stemmed, and the flower stalks are from 12 to 36 inches tall. In Gilkey and Dennis "Handbook of Northwest Plants", part of their key gives this species as not fragrant, but in SE Alaska they are.

It grows in wooded areas and al along streams, and is found from the Alaska Peninsula south to mid-Calif., east to northern Idaho. It was originally found on the northwest coast of North America, and was given its present name in 1828 by the early naturalist, David Douglass. It is an attractive plant with its neat cluster of leaves and tall, wand-like flower stems. If you have a moist, shaded place in your garden, it would make a nice addition. It is also found on the wooded Obsidian Clubhouse grounds.

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"OBSIDIAN PRINCESSES...NO SOCIAL CLIMBERS THEY" This heading above a 3/4 page article with several pictures appeared in the Sunday, May 24 edition of the Register-Guard.

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Obsidians extend their deepest sympathy to Barbara Stiles, whose mother died on May 25.

Obsidian Jenelle Moorhead is Int. Programs Director for the Div. of Continuing Education of the State System of Higher Education, and sends info on two 22-day travel study tours of West Africa with a stop in the "gold city" of Timbuctu which are being offered this summer. Any adult U.S. citizen is eligible to apply for the tours but preference will be given to Oregon citizens.

Application deadline for the 2nd tour is July 1; write DCE office, 1736 Moss, Eugene, Oregon.

DIG FOR INDIAN ARTIFACTS!

Yes, on our boat trip up the Snake River, at Summer Camp this August, we will be given a chance to dig for Indian artifacts and arrowheads, by our boat guide, who will drop us off at a known Indian camp.

Chairman Clarence Johnson also says that if a "mint" is made on camp fees, all extra moneys will be returned to each summer camp patron.

Now how can you beat that?

DON'T LET THE SST BE BUILT.

C. Edward Graves, of Carmel, in his 153 page book which he sent to Ray Sims, says to write to Senator Hatfield, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., or Congressman Dellenback, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. He says that if built, the SST (supersonic transport) will crisscross the U.S. with 50 ft. wings that will carve swaths of shattering sonic booms which will break windows, knock dishes off shelves, and crack plaster from the walls, as well as kill and frighten animals in our great Wildernesses.

- All of this destruction for a few people who have to ride FAST across the country. Please write.

FRIENDS OF THE THREE SISTERS WILDERNESS

will be holding their Annual Outing the 3rd, 4th and 5th of July on Foley Ridge at Rainbow Falls Viewpoint up the McKenzie River from Eugene.

Your editor has directions to get there, as should other club members.

Indicate before June 27 if you would like to participate.

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HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

No. 75 by Ray Sims

The Board meeting of July, 1958 was held on Doris' and my patio on Washington Street, and when Gene Sebring came, he lay the Summer Camp data on the table and said "I wash my hands of summer camp this year."

As seven people wanted to go to the Grand Canyon area, and 22 members wanted just to go to the mountains, the 1958 summer camp was held at Green Lakes.

We had 12 for the first week, but 18 were in camp that weekend. Then nine were in camp the second week. Before camp started, I met with the packer at the start of the Green Lakes trail and told him how many pounds we had to pack.

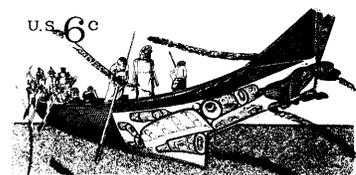
He said, "That will take only four horses, so I will tie up the other six horses and pick them up on the way out."

And I mentioned that we would need only three horses at the end of camp.

This was agreeable to everyone, and a delightful summer camp was held at Green Lakes for the fourth time.

TRIP CHAIRMEN!:

If you will send your Signup Sheets to your Bulletin Editor, he will see to it that all participating non-members on the trips will get a complimentary bulletin the following month. This is but one small way to entice people to join our Club. They too, want to see their names in print on the trips that they participated in.



Haida Ceremonial Canoe