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TRIPS

- Feb. 14 (Sun.) Fall Creek Trail. Mary Bridgeman, leader.
- Feb. 20 (Sat.) Cape Arago. Ken and Robin Lodevick, ldrs.
- Feb. 28 (Sun.) Snowshoe trip, Skyline Trail north from Santiam. Holly Jones, ldr.
- MAR. 6 (Sat.) Petrified forest. Sweethome area. Mary and Bailey Castelloe, leaders.



Valentine

April 13 (Sun.) Crater Lake.

This Charter Bus Trip is the one rescheduled from last November, so plan ahead if you wish to go on it. We will need a minimum of 27 paid reservations to charter a bus. The \$7.00 charge will include round trip bus fare plus your trip fee. A space cannot be considered reserved unless we have your check or money. Deadline for reservation and payment is Thursday evening, April 15.

For more info, call Virginia Horton, 344-6383, or Mary Bridgeman, 344-8952. Mail or bring check to 2696 Portland St., Eugene, Oregon 97405.

TREKKING IN KASHMIR

This is the theme of the February 27 Potluck, at the Obsidian lodge. Potluck will be at 6:30 P.M. and the program at 8 P.M.

Norman Benton, a master at taking slides, will be the orator. Kashmir is a state bordering India, Tibet and Pakistan, and has been a disputed territory between India and Pakistan since 1947. Mark the date. You may not get another chance to see this.

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The Editor wishes to thank the TRIP LEADERS for putting the addresses of the non members on the Trip Reports before they mail them in. This way they can get a complimentary bulletin the following month.

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THESE OBSIDIANS SPENT TIME:

- in local hospitals, that is, this past month. - Myrtle Smith, Natalie Morgan, Mary Hanson, and Susan Scherer twice. (Watch it, Susan! Remember what the young farmer did after whispering "twice" in his horse's ear.)

And Smith Mountjoy was in a Portland hospital about a month.

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Margaret Silliman retired from the County Assessor's deeds and mapping section on January 31. Although the retirement is official, she will be working there until mid-April.

DON'T FORGET - to save Gold Bond Stamps, Betty Croker labels, Flav-r-Pak labels.

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NOTICE of LAST BULLETIN

- To those of you who have neglected to keep current on your dues (which run from October to October), you are hereby notified!



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OBSIDIAN GARAGE SALE

Please start saving all salable items for our Garage Sale to be held on September 25, 1971. Obsidian Princesses will be glad to pick them up, or you may bring them to the Lodge.

PRINCESSES are invited to meet at the home of Lenore McManigal, 741 E. 38th, at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, Feb. 15.

- DON'T FORGET!!

Mt. Adams CLIMB

Our Climbing Chairman, Wes Prouty, informs us that the Mt. Adams climb committee, (sponsored by the Yakima Greater Chamber of Commerce) has informed him of their annual Mt. Adams Climb on July 10, 11, 1971.

If you don't like crowds (this is a mass climb - 400-500 people) you are hereby warned to stay away from the South side of Mt. Adams on that weekend.

If you are an experienced climber 18 years old or older, and you would like to help them lead or assist a group of 20 climbers, contact Wes Prouty for further info.

CLEAN WATER FOR FISH SURVIVAL is a 30 minute slide show which will be presented by the McKenzie Guardians on Thursday, Feb. 11 at Harris Hall at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Chris Christianson, district Fisheries Biologist for the Oregon State Game Commission will show it. A question and answer period follows.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL PROPOSAL

John Kemp addressed members of the Obsidians recently, presenting the proposal to build or improve the Crest Trail to high standards for horse travel. The Obsidian Board wishes to go on record as responding negatively to the proposal, after careful deliberation, for fear of interference of wilderness protection.

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After considerable confusion, Dale is now a bonifide member. Sorry about all the delay, Dale.

MARILYN LAKES Jan.9

The snow at the road entrance to Cold Lake was well packed, which made for good trail traveling. We had lunch at the lower Marilyn Lake, then hiked back to the road. As it was still early, we decided to hike into Gold Lake. Here we picked up and carried out a bag of litter left by another group.

The weather was warm, with snow and rain mixed.

Good Trip -

Good Group - (Don Payne, Allen Payne, Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith, Phyllis Treinen)

Good Day!

Goodbye, Mary Bridgeman (Leader)

FAWN LAKE Jan. 16,17

This was a wet, wet, winter trip - for snowshoers, skiers and ducks.

Everyone was thinking, "Why doesn't that stupid leader call the whole thing off?", as we left Crescent junction in a downpour of rain, and started trudging up the trail toward Fawn Lake.

We pushed our way through the slush for 4½ hours, going almost full throttle making about ½ mile per hour - and the rain continued every bit of the way.

We had hoped to get as far as Fawn Lake, but trail blazes, energy and time all ran out 1/3 mile from the lake. - But not the rain. We set up camp as the wind and rain increased - if that were possible. During the night the rain did let up, but it was replaced with snow. - The drippy, wet, kind, just in case something might still be partly dry we were sure to get clobbered with a glob of wet snow.

By morning all were thoroughly uncomfortable, and none had any aspirations to continue to Red Top - not even that "stupid leader", so we headed back down the trail. The trip re-emphasized what we already know - the need to use wool, wool, and wool when rain is possible. Those tolerating the trip were Mary Bridgeman, Donn Chase, Ron Munemaker, Donald Payne, Wes Prouty and Marriner Orum, leader.

GERRY FEHLY received on her birthday, January 25, the best birthday present ever. On that date Jennifer Ann Applegate was born to Marilyn and Robert Lindsay Applegate of Klamath Falls, grandson of Gerry. Jennifer is her first Great Granddaughter. She has one Gt. Grandson.

HELP WANTED!!

The people of Oregon have shown that they are very much concerned about the rivers that are being lost at such a rapid pace, and when the opportunity presented itself, they voted to save all the streams that were on the ballot. There are still some waters left that were not included on this ballot which, according to a lot of people, should have been included. One of these is the Minam from its confluence with the Wallowa down to where these two streams join the Grande Ronde and then the Grande Ronde down to the Washington State border.

There is no water left in Oregon that is as wild and as pretty for a float trip, not to mention the marvelous fishing. This water is strictly wild, with most of it in National Forest.

I have been in conversation with Senator Don Willner of Portland regarding this piece of water, and he urgently recommended writing letters to the Oregon Highway Commission, and the Department of Parks and Recreation in support of this. Letters to your State Legislators and Senators would also help.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to tell you all that the person selected to head the Department of Rivers (created by the people voting for measure No. 9) is no other than Bob Potter of Portland. I have known Bob for many years and believe that no better man could have been chosen for this work. Bob has been asst. mgr of the Portland Public Docks for many years and has taken quite a cut in salary to take this new job, but he did this because he is so dedicated in saving some of our rivers.

- Bob Medill

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JOE STUKE, retired caprenter, is a volunteer instructor at Willakenzie School, helping kids to learn carpentry with donated tools and materials.

FOR SALE - Ice axe, crampons, size 42 - both made in Austria. Carrabiner - locking type. \$10 takes all. - Bob Medill

THREE MILE LAKE Jan. 23

Our party of nine arrived at the Tahkenitch Campground at 11 A.M. where North Bend-ers Jim and Marilyn Aird joined the Obsidian party. We left in a light drizzle on an easy trail through rhododendron and Douglass fir stands.

After 1/2 mile we reached the dunes, hiked south along the vegetation line for two miles, always in splendid view of silently raging Pacific, 40 feet below and 1 mile west of us.

We arrived at the lake at 12:30. The lake is east of an 80 foot high sand ridge, has a sandy beach and deep water.

Built fir (leader cheated; had brought starter fluid) and fiesta'd. Returned to the cars at 3 P.M., stopped at Pierpoint Inn for a swim (Thanks, Donn Chase) and snacks, arrived Eugene by 6 P.M.

Getting lots of liquid sunshine were Jim and Marilyn Aird, Mary Bridgeman, Fran Chapman, Dave Cohen, Roger Nicholls, Helen Smith, Merrily Smith and

- Hank Plant, leader

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FRIENDLY HOUSE

- Feb.14 Alaska Earthquake, Harold Dunn
- Feb.21 Holy Land, Joan Ives
- Feb.28 Mountain Rescue, Mel Jackson
- March 7 Greece, Joy Ballinger
- March 14 Oregon, a movie, Vic Viers

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CASTLE ROCK Jan. 30

There wasn't much snow on the 'rock' and we found out why. A week ago there was plenty on this route. We were encouraged as we drove onto Kings Road enroute to the trail because the roadside puddles were frozen over, with frost along the road and on the trees, thinking that the snow had not melted. By 2500 ft elev. the entire roadway was in a thaw condition and was moreso as we came to the end of the road at about 3000 ft elev. Two men working on their logging equipment told us that this temperature inversion had existed all week - so we were short of snow. At the summit there were some good patches of snow, so it was not a complete washout.

Besides, one fellow (Bishop from Australia) was on snow and handled it very well for the first time in his life- had his picture taken with snowshoes on, plus some other clowning. - next page -

Castle Rock, cont.-

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS
No.81 by Ray Sims

It was a beautiful day with a handsome view of the Three Sisters and of the many other areas that is our blessing to see on these special days like Saturday. Further, it is a joy to be with such an appreciative group and to be able to share this beauty (this includes the group), and I thank you all for being there.

On June 25, 1960, Tom Taylor and I were appointed by the Board to attend the dedication of the new Mazama Lodge at Mt. Hood and present our Obsidian plaque. Many persons were in the Lodge that night, and most of the coast clubs presented plaques.

Sharing the view were:

Back in Eugene, early in November, the first item of our own lodge to go up was the west wall, and waterproofing it took a lot of tar. Margaret Markley, Ray Cavagnaro, Mike Stahl, Gary and Wayne Hunter and I spread the tar, and Bob Medill watched.

- Bruce Bishop Nancy and
- Mary Bridgeman David Resnick
- Fran Chapman Ben Ross
- Nancy Gieson Paul Slovic
- Clarence Johnson Lois Schreiner
- Catherine Jones Helen Smith
- Shannon Ludden Margaret Wiese
- Judy Newlun and
- Clarence Landes, leader

Work went fast. By Nov.30 the rafters were up and the front door was framed.

By Dec.7 the Lodge was well shaped.

On Dec.11 we had another "christmas tree trip", this year to the Rosboro area with Dave Burwell in charge. There were 50 people with about 20 cars - one of the largest groups in our quest for time for some time.

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Obsidian CHARLES RIMPLEY died Jan. 22 in a private plane crash in the Cascade mountains southeast of Oakridge. He was manager of user services at the U of O computing service center.

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"He had an appreciation of the outdoors and the adventure it offers" and was known as "a champion of better environment".

PRINCESS NEWS

Thirteen Princesses were entertained by Lois Schreiner at her home Jan.18.

Besides the Obsidians, he belonged to the Sierra Club, the McKenzie Guardians and the Oregon Environmental Council. We wish to express our sympathy to his family.

Good progress was reported on current projects, and such annual events as a garage sale, pancake breakfast or dinner, and the party for all Obsidian women were tentatively arranged for, with further plans to be made next meeting.

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MARY HANSON is convalescing at home. She has taken early retirement from her job and will enjoy telephone calls and letters from friends.

Another overnight party may be scheduled soon.

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