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APRIL

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April 17 (Sat.) Q

Trail #3310, Helen Smith

April 18

Barite Mine,

Leo Paschelke.

Also Crater Lake bus trip,

Virginia Horton, leader.

~~April 17, 18~~ Change to May 1, 2

Yachat Tide Pools, Charlotte Buck

(Postponed from April 3, 4)

April 17 Sand Dunes trip CANCELLED.

April 24 (Sat.)

Frizell Point (snowshoe)

Norm Benton Q (qualifying trip)

April 25

Glide Flower Show

Ken and Robin Lodewick, leaders

April 24, 25

Fort Rock, John & Lenore McManigal

May 1 (Sat.)

Ecology Succession, Dave Burwell

May 2

Silver Creek Falls, Joel McClure

May 8 (Sat.)

Cape Arago, Roger Bridgeman

TRIP FEES

Members: 25¢ per day trip

35¢ two or more days

non-members: 35¢ per day trip

50¢ for two or more days

family rates: maximum - three fees

Persons under twelve, free.

CLIMBERS PLEASE NOTICE!!

The new climbing schedule reads:

"Leader has authority to limit the size of party on any climb."

Please do not be offended if the

Sign-up Sheet is full when you get

there. - Climbing Committee

DON'T FORGET the potluck on Saturday,

April 24 at 6:30 P.M.

- at the Lodge, of course!

I wonder if the tides of Spring

Will always bring me back again

Mute rapture at the simple thing

Of lilacs blowing in the rain.

- T.S. Jones Jr.

PRINCESS NEWS

Natalie Morgan,
(Princess Lil' Warbler)
invites the Princesses
to meet at her home,

105 Alberta Lane, on Monday, April 19,
at 7:30 P.M.

1971 BASIC CLIMBING SCHOOL

Indoor sessions - Wednesdays,

May 5, 12, 19, 26.

Outdoor sessions - May 15 or 16, May 22.

Call Eugene Parks & Recreation 342-5221
for reservations and more information.

Obsidian Princess ANNUAL PANCAKE BKFAST

Where? At the Obsidian Lodge.

When? Sunday, May 9 - Mothers Day

8:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. All You Can Eat

Hotcakes Eggs Sausage

Coffee Tea Milk Juice

Adults \$1.00 Chilluns 12 and under 75¢

Princess Bob Medill will be Chief Cook!

FRIENDLY HOUSE

April 18 Ireland, by Mrs. R.C. Royston

April 25 Europe, by Betty Waddell

May 2 Yugoslavia, Mr & Mrs C. Elliott

May 9 South America, by Helen Weiser

NEW MEMBERS

Neal and Nina Kalez, 260 Cherry Drive,

Eugene, Ore. Phone 343-2029

Both are junior members.

"Welcome to hiking, Neal and Nina."

- and Joy Ballinger, 3715 Donald,

Eugene, Ore. 97405

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REMEMBER! Saturday, May 22 is

Summer Camp Kickoff potluck night.

Come see the slides of the "Desolation".

OBSIDIAN ORDER OF METBACKS

Boating trip charges will be as follows:

- 1 day float trips at home - \$2.00
- Week trips, E. Oregon, \$20.00

If you have your own boats and equipment, fees will be 50¢ and \$5.00

Only three persons to each boat.

Each boat will plan food and cooking as a separate party.

The main purpose of the one-day trips is to give experience in the handling of boats in rather quiet water.

Everyone will be given instructions in the use of oars and in reading currents.

Because of this being the first attempt at this kind of outing for the Obsidians, the above may be subject to change.

Committee members are:

- Ron Nunemaker Mary Carr
- John McManigal Donn Chase
- Bob Medill

Bob has a new 7 man boat, a new frame, painted, and equipped with oar lock blocks, oar locks and upholstered seats. To give someone a start, he will sell this for just what it cost - \$95. No labor charge. 'hy? Because Bob is anxious to help get this project off the ground (and into the water.)

FAUX PAX's and BOO BOO's

Please make these changes in your membership lists.

- Bob and Dorothy Medill's phone, 726-7496
- Ray Sims' address is 350 So. 2nd
- Gary Kirk's phone is 345-4087
- Darlene Burgert's phone is 345-3903
- Ina Foss's New Address is:
3450 Donald St.
Eugene, Ore. 97405

Fourteen Princesses met at Wilma Moore's (Pr. Pipsissewa) home in March, and continued plans for the May 9 Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Lodge.

John and Dorothy Leland are feeling very pleased upon becoming grandparents for the first time; it's a grandson.

Helmut (Hank) Plant will become resident director of the German Study Center at Stuttgart, Germany this coming July.

VICTORY FOR ENVIRONMENTALISTS

House Bill #1036 passed the House on Friday, April 9 by a large majority, partly due to the hard work of a few persons against the concerted efforts of the glass bottling, aluminum and beer industries.

If it passes the Senate, Oregon can be proud to be the first state to have control of throw-away containers, as this bill places a 5¢ deposit on pop and beer bottles and cans, and outlaws the flip-top cans.

Obsidians who have carried out many bags and pounds of such trash may see the day when cans and bottles are not found in parking and picturesque and picnicing spots.

HELP get this legislation through the Senate by writing to:

- Senator Ed Fodeley
- Capitol Building
- Salem, Oregon

Also write to George Lingard and Betty Browns, urging their support of the measure without amendment.

Do so immediately!

DELP CREEK March 7

Where the plowing ceased on the Delp Creek Road, we donned our snowshoes and continued in foot deep snow all the way to Delp Rock, experiencing rain, sleet, light and heavy snow, plus intermittent clearing with a feeble attempt from the sun. On the return trip we short-cut across snow covered, logged over areas to eliminate switchbacks on the road.

The snow depth was from two to three feet, but the surface was good for snowshoeing. Tink Gent did very well for her first experience on snowshoes, considering we traveled nearly six miles.

We were all glad to return to the car. Besides Tink, Mary Bridgeman, Don Payne, Helen Smith, and leader Lois Schreiner enjoyed the outing.

THE BRIDGEMANS generously donated a large pyrex teapot for use at potlucks, and THE MEDILLS donated a large china teapot.

"Thank you, folks, for your gifts."

REX STEVENS was given a write-up in the Reminder on his membership in the Eugene Mountain Rescue team recently.

OLD BALDY AND COBURG CAVES March 14

Weather included sleet, snow, rain sun and wind. The trails - er - the swamps, were swampy all the way. We were generally under some kind of cover as each squall blew in on us. We had a nice fire going at the Coburg Caves as the last heavy wind and rain storm came in, and we broke out two packages of weiners for the group, which we roasted over the fire with apple sticks which we cut a few minutes before arriving. We hurled numerous freshets, and picked ourselves some miseltoe from the oak trees on our way back. The plucky pluckers were:

Don Payne	Parker Riddle
Susan and	Helen Smith
Alan Payne	Tom Thompson
and Bob Cox, leader.	

CAPE PERPETUA March 21

This was a perfect day - not too hot nor too cold, and an intermittent soft breeze and good visibility. Lunch was enjoyed on the dry grass above the tide pools, at which time we celebrated Henry Oswald's birthday, complete with cake and song. On leaving the Cape, we were mindful of the "forces of nature"- often peaceful, occassionally violent but with that warm feeling that "It's good to live in Oregon". The leader thanks all the following for their contributions for making this a delightful trip: Hazen & Lorene Bressler, David Cohen, Mary Couch, Duchess Cox, Susan Christy, Ernest Patti Amy Valerie and Nick Drapela, Shoichi Fujita, Margaret Hess, Henry Jeppeson, Dottie Krizo, John Krizo, John Dorothy and Ronnie Leland, Dina, Wendy Eric and Sara Michener, Henry and Gertrude Oswald, Ben Ross, Tom Thompson, Margaret Wilson and Neal and Nina Kalez. - Mary Carr, leader

FAWN LAKE - RED TOP March 27,28

We didn't pick the best weekend for winter camping, yet it was a great improvement over our January trip when we nearly drowned in the rain. This time it was a cool, blustery day with 8" of new snow. Trail blazes were well buried so the last 3/4 mile was cross country.

Arrived at Fawn Lake late afternoon. The temperature was falling and it was snowing. We anticipated a stormy night.

The weather really moderated, so we went part way up Red Top on Sunday.

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The snow was soft, and considering many other factors, it was not prudent to go gung-ho for the top, so we kept the trip in the outing category and not an expedition. Clouds kept the mountains well obscured until we were leaving Fawn Lake. The more youthful members did some downhill skiing at the original Willamette ski area located along the trail. This slope has long been abandoned for the site on the highway.

I am enthusiastic about Fawn Lake area- a beautiful corner of the Diamond Peak Wilderness; little used but provides a lot of recreational opportunities - especially good for winter overnights because of the good access.

On the trip were Mary Bridgeman, Chris Jones, Steve Leipe, Bill Ross and - Marriner Orum, leader.

ROOSTER ROCK April 3

Beautiful spring day. Good steep trail. 20 beautiful hikers are now in shape for the season. Don, Joy Mike and Wes climbed the rock, signed the book, and enjoyed the rappel.

Non-members: Joy (belly roll) Ballinger Susan Christy, Neal and Nina Kalez, Marjory Kelm, Anita Kiger, Dottie Krizo, Dave Leeper, Shannon Ludden, Scott Mills, Nancy Ostberg, Clarence Story, Mike (first on summit) Sullivan.

Members: Dave (running trail) Cohen, Barbara Durchanek, Clarence Landes, Don (friction foot) Payne, Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith, and Wes (confused) Prouty, - the leader.

BUCK MOUNTAIN (Coburg Hills) Jan.24

This was a trip where forested trails, blocks of clear-cut land, and good views are near at hand. The first part of the drive up McGowan Creek Road offered several good views. We got out of the cars once to stretch, and take in a beautiful and breath-taking view of the Willamette Valley. We turned off to the quarry where we left the cars and proceeded by trail about a mile and a quarter to the top of the mountain.

Mist settled in, obscuring the view, but we enjoyed seeing the many rivulets from snow runoff, icy-coated trees and bushes, and snow on the ground for games, sliding and walking. The top of the mountain with its ice-coated relay tower was pretty windy, so we scurried to a lower protected spot - next page please

- for a small fire and lunch. Then after some frolicking in the snow, a walk back in the chilling drizzle, and home. It was a good group and a good trip, in spite of the rain. On the trip were: Kathy Brown, Bill and Linda Cooper, Laura and Steve Cooper, Tink Gent, Roger Long, Larry Mooney and sons Tom, Dave, Mike and John, and leader Louise Berkey.
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WILLAMETTE RIVER TRIP April 4
 (Dexter to Springfield's Island Park)

After pulling into the current we noticed one car with lights on, so landed downstream and owner went back to turn them off. Down river another half mile a boat developed oar trouble, necessitating a stop for repairs. Another mile downstream one boat took wrong channel, so occupants got out and towed boat back upstream. Water was exceptionally cold.

Next obstacle was a herd of seven deer standing on a gravel bar looking us over.

Person in lead, instead of keeping still and using his camera, yelled at the top of his voice to call attention to this unusual sight, at which time all deer took off for more private areas.

Water was fairly fast all the way. Leader took outboard motor to pull boats thru any still water, but used it only twice on short stretches. One boat got a six inch cut in the bottom, and all stopped for repairs and lunch. Several white faces looked us over, here and there, as did some people. The river divides into several channels at various times, and it took some guesswork as to which to take, but everything turned out well. On this first venture were: *Anne Cully, *Conny Myers, *Randy Myers, Nell Harmon, Dorothy Medill, Mary Bridgeman, Mary Carr, Ass't Harvey Harmon and the leader Bob Medill.

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

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS
 No. 83 by Ray Sims

On October 5, 1960 Bob Medill and I made a short trip down Obsidian Trail from Frog Camp to retrieve the large three foot sign "The Obsidian Trail" entering the Three Sisters Wilderness.

Between Dec. 20 and 24, 1960 the skylights of our new lodge were installed and by the 24th, heavy paper and steel wire was covering the main room. By the 27th the entire room was covered with cement, with bright sunlight shining thru the open sides. The ditch was still being completed for the water line, with the road so muddy that most cars were left outside. During the latter part of December the cedar siding was placed.

One of my pictures shows Margaret Hiese high on a ladder putting on stain.

The first plumbing was put in during early January, 1961, and the foundation for the fireplace was laid January 28.

A New Year's Day trip down to the coast was taken by the Obsidians to the north jetty. A picture of Jo Ann Wesley and Charla Eubanks near the splashing sea and beautiful blue sky was taken.

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DID YOU THINK that Ray Sims was a permanent fixture at Sacred Heart Hospital? If he worked till May it would have been 12 years, but as of April first (no joke) he is among the retired.

BIG GARAGE SALE September 25. SAVE articles and bring to Lodge or to Princesses.

SAVE Betty Crocker coupons, Gold Bond stamps, Flav-r-pak labels. Flav-r-paks are worth 2 cents during April.

C'mon, shake out your kitchen drawers now while premiums are high.

