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No. 8

May 15 (Sat.)

Castle Rock
Pat Patterson, leader

May 16

Q Tire Mountain, Wes Prouty

May 15,16

Humbug Mountain
John and Ruth Bascom.

May 22 (Sat.)

Hills Peak, Doug Spencer

May 23

Valsetz car trip, Ewart Baldwin, ldr.
Bicycle trip, Marriner Orum.

May 29,30,31

- to be announced

June 5 (Sat.) Marion Mtn. (Q) Al Lynch

Painted Hills and Smith Rocks,
Don Hunter, leader

June 6 Waldo Mtn. (Q) Helen Smith, ldr.

Clark Creek Nature Trail,
Edith Bridgeman, ldr.

June 12 (Sat.) Gold Point, Barbara Hasek

June 13 Mt. June, Fran Chapman, leader.

I hope that every morning sun
Finds me prepared to go
Where unfamiliar pathways run
And where strange waters flow.
I never want to see the day
When I no longer thrill
In prospect of the joys that may
Lie just beyond the hill.

- Lawrence Hawthorne

CLIMBING SCHEDULE

May 8,9

Mt. Hood, Dale Moon

May 15,16

Diamond Peak
Frank Moore, leader

Mt. Hood, Steve Moore

May 29,30,31

Mt. McLaughlin
Howard Byerly

Mount Shasta, John Mosler, leader

June 5,6

Mt. Thielson, Howard Byerly, leader
Mt. Jefferson, Rex Stevens, leader.

June 11,12

Mt. Hood, Clarence Landes
Mt. St. Helens, Norman Benton

June 12,13

Three Fingered Jack, Norm Lee, leader

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CAMP ROSS NOTES

Saturday, May 22 is Summer Camp Potluck night, so will see you there to view slides of the camp area around Velma Lakes. These slides were taken just last year by the Ray and Betty Harris family who live near Sacramento.

Sign-up Sheet will be posted at the Lodge now, or you can call any committee members for reservations.

Cost will be the same as last year or very close. Camp info sheet will be forthcoming next, with reservation deadline July 1, and balance of payment before departure. We need this time for pack-in arrangements.

We will try to balance out the camp this year, so you one-weekers please specify if you can go either week. This way we won't have 40 one week and 20 the next. Your early sign-up will help.

Thanks,

- your Camp Committee

REMEMBER - POTLUCK, May 22, 6:30 P.M.

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PRINCESS NEWS

The Princesses will meet at the Lodge on Monday, May 17, at 6:30 P.M. for a Potluck Dinner.

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FRIENDLY HOUSE

May 16 Bring a few slides and join us.
Projector is supplied.

May 23 Peoples and Cultures in the South Pacific. by Jeff Clark

May 30 No program.

June 6 Grand Canyon hike, Paul Simpson

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Clarence Landes is curator of the club's climbing equipment. Will Climb Leaders please call him for it when they need it?

Please need it only after 6:30 A.M. till 10 P.M. - Thank you.

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OUR PRESIDENT, Ben Ross, was appointed to an ad hoc 'Sales and Trails' committee to study the proposed timber sales and the trails involved in the Willamette National Forest 5 year plan.

Clarence Johnson was appointed chairman with John Johnson, Lois Schreiner, Clarence Landes, Charlotte Mills and Helen Smith as committee members.

Ben and Lois attended one of the Committee Breakfasts held by the WNF on April 30. This meeting was the first of several to be held between the Forest Service, timber industry, conservation groups and others to broaden public participation in timber management decisions. These meetings consist of discussions concerning the proposed sales and the trails involved.

SEVENTEEN PRINCESSES met at Natalie Morgan's in April. Blanche Bailey was present, and invited the Princesses to come to Salem for a meeting on Saturday, June 12. (Those planning to go in time for lunch, please call Pres. Vilma Moore, 686-1223 or Sec. Mary Bridgeman 344-8952. The meeting will be at Blanche's house after lunch.)

Progress was reported on the two current projects at the Lodge, and another order for Twin Star stainless forks was approved. Also approved a transfer of money from savings account to checking account. Final plans were made for the May 9 Pancake Breakfast.

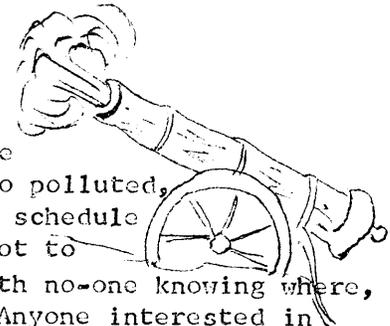
Report on April 24 POTLUCK

Mr. C. Fred Zeillemaker, biologist from William L. Finley Wildlife Refuge, presented a most interesting and informative program on conservation and wildlife.

The environmental film "So Little Time" was shown first, followed by color slides of wildlife refuges and wildlife in Oregon. There were close to 60 people in attendance.

" SUMMER CAMPS ARE THE PLACES THAT LITTLE BOYS GO FOR MOTHERS' VACATIONS."

NETBACK REPORT



Because of the weather being so polluted, the river trips schedule has been all shot to pieces, with no-one knowing where, what nor when. Anyone interested in trips please call Bob Medull. He may not be able to tell you anything, but at least he can put your name on a list - (and then probably lose it.)

Anyway, call him. On Sunday, May 9 and May 16 he will be floating the Owyhee, so it will be after that before he could schedule any more float trips.

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CHANGE: Charlotte Buck to Charlotte Mills

"Welcome to our outdoor haunts, folks. It's a beautiful world out there."

A RETURN LETTER from the Forest Service to Ben Ross goes thusly:

"Our work plans this summer include further cleanup work on Gold Point and Tipsoo Mountain. In other cases, Rangers assure me that they will look into the problem and take necessary action. This includes Rooster Rock, Tidbits, Buck Mountain and Maxwell Butte.

I welcome your comments, and together I hope we can assure the best management of these public lands."

AN EVENING IN BUENOS AIRES

By Helen Weiser

We felt right at home here - the streets are all torn up! One evening Blanche Bailey and I walked several blocks from our hotel to a large park on a hill surrounded by business. Side-walk very narrow and full of people, street excavated, intersection muddy with piles of dirt, big rocks and open ditches.

The plaza is beautiful with huge trees, grass, flowers and many benches also filled with people. It was very warm. We crowded onto a bench next to two stern-looking men. On the next bench were five women. They all smiled. We smiled back and soon they were telling us in Spanish and sign language that they were friends who worked together and lived in the same house.

They were cleaning women. One said she washed. One was Spanish, one Italian, one Basque and two Argentinian. The men next to us were Basque. They wanted to know all about us. They emphasized the thought that they were friends and also our friends. The farewells were very warm and effusive, and I think they wanted to kiss us but we, being stuffy 'Norteamericanos' hastily backed away. Shame on us!

SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

By Mary Douglass Stovall

Probably not many Obsidians had the privilege of knowing Dr. Louis F. Henderson, professor of botony and curator of the herbarium at the U of O, who died in 1942 at the age of 89. He was a dedicated man in his field of work, and his name appears frequently in the literature of western botony. In 1886 he was honored when the scientific name of Dodecatheon hendersonii was given to a species of flower commonly known as bird bill or shooting star and which is found on the Obsidian grounds.

You will easily recognize the blossoms with their reflexed purple petals and sharp beak-like cluster of stamens and pistils closely resembling the bill of a bird. The leaves are thick and richly green and hug the earth in basal clusters. This member of the Primrose family is quite widespread and you can find it from British Columbia to Central California, largely west of the Cascade Mountains but in a hospitable habitat it also grows in eastern Oregon and Washington and parts of Idaho. The naming of this lovely flower after Dr. Henderson was a fitting tribute to a true conservationist, a mountain climber and a lover of all nature.

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The above refreshing article was reluctantly withheld for this issue as a 'spring opener'. Mucho bueno, no?

This is the final article of the 1970 series. If you would like more, let your Science and Education Department KNOW!

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CENTENNIAL BUTTE April 4

Centennial Butte cont.-

A little bit of history was described to the 37 hikers who climbed the butte. Ken and Robin Lodewick had written the story of this Pioneer Landmark which originally belonged to the Mitchell Wilkins donation land claim, and Ray Sims read it aloud after we reached the top on this most beautiful day of the year! This day also marked Ray's birthday and the beginning of his retirement. We were accompanied by 75-year old Mrs. Grace Small, Eugene's Grandma Hitch-hiker, who is continually adding to her historical knowledge of the Eugene area, as well as her experiences in travel. Centennial Butte stands on the present day Stoneburg

farm, a Century farm, and the leaders secured permission from the Stoneburg's to cross their land. Members along were: Keith Brunig, Duchess Cox, Jane Hilt, Anna and Henry Jeppesen, Pauline Layne, Dorothy Leland, Ray Martin, Marvin Ostberg, Parker Riddle, Marrienne Sandstrom, Ray Sims and Helen Weiser. Non-members were: Mrs. Abraham, Susan Christy, Mary Couch, Cheri and Jack Goodman, Dolores Haddad, Zula Kickbush, Dotty Krizo, David Leeper, Janet Leland, Marie McLean, Isabel Porter, Grace Small and Cyndie White. Juniors * were: Susia Haddad, Ron Leland and friend, Jill & Terry Ostberg, Kevin & Arran Riddle and Andrew Sandstrom. - Mary and Bailey Castelleo, ldrs.



Wildlife Refuge cont.-

along Gray Creek to observe the trees, wildflowers, beaver dam, "old man's beard" lichen, breeding newts, hawks, woodland birds and an Indian arrowhead. Some unusual lichen was collected by Annette Miller, which helped her win first prize at the Science Fair. Before the end of our 6½ mile tour we did see several small flocks of geese overhead.

Thanks to our guide what might have been just another dismal, rainy day turned out to be a day well spent on a worthwhile and informative hike. With Dorothy Leland were: Alvin and Lou Ann Anderson, Charles, James and Louise Berkey, Ben and Lois Bronfman, Mary Couch, Donn and Jean Chase, Barbara Durchanek, Rich Groseup, Dottie Krizo, Susan Christy, Bea LeFevre, John and Ronnie Leland, Carol and Hank Plant, Vera Mahendra, Dina, Eric, Sara, & Wendy Michner, Annette, Betty, Don and Glen Miller, Ray Ranjan, Parker Riddle, Ann, Dene, John and Paul Sihler, Helen Smith, Ann and Doug Taylor, Joe and Nora Tigner, Phyllis Trowbridge, Harold and Vale Thoenig, Pat Widney and Mildred Wilson.

CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK April 18

We left promptly at 6:30 A.M. Our driver was Larry Miller from Salt Lake City, and he had never been to Crater Lake, but he was a fine driver used to the mountain driving. We took 30th Ave. out of Eugene to I5, then #58 to Chemult where we stopped for breakfast at the Chalet. The drive to the park was sunshine from then on in. We arrived about 11 A.M. - left about 2 P.M., so the interval was taken up by hikes, snowshoeing, lunching at the coffee shop, etc. We left via the West entrance and followed route #62 till we reached #227, which we took to Canyonville. We made a dinner stop at the 3 J's in Canyonville, after which we proceeded north on I5 to Eugene, arriving at SEHS parking lot about 7:40 P.M. We had a wonderful day for weather and scenery.

With leader Virginia Horton were: Muriel Aufderheide, Mary Bridgeman, Bessie and Keith Brunig, Anna Connell, Gerry and Mary Sue Fehly, Ina Foss, Elaine Gauthier, Zelda Hayes, Charlotte Heldobler, Joanne and Ken Horton, Frances Kardell, Alelia Linscott, Ken and Robin

Lodewick, Karen Loretz, Mary Mallery, Elwina Meacham, Doris Meyers, Fred and Marian Miller, Jennelle Moorehead, Henry Oswald, Edrie Stewart, Edna and Shirley Temple, Jean Thompson, Paula Vehrs, and Virginia West.

FRIZELL POINT April 24

After moving a log and some rocks on the Frizell-Carpenter Road, we proceeded to get stuck in a snowbank. After checking the map, we determined that we were too far down the road to be able to get to Frizell Point, because of the road not having been plowed out. Returning to the Clear Lake Cutoff, we proceeded up the Boulder Creek Road about 7½ miles, actually going up Scott Creek. When we came to the end of the plowed part, we proceeded on snowshoes (skiis for the leader). After about two miles we stopped for lunch. Mary Bridgeman proved to be a good 'scout' and built a fire on top of the snow. Mary Weathers and Richard Sobzcak waited at the fire while the others went on to a junction. Signs indicated we were still one mile from Fingerboard Prairie and three miles from Irish Camp Lake. We turned back, and after stopping at the campfire we returned to the car.

It was cloudy with poor visibility most of the day, and as we neared the car, wet snow began to fall. Although we did not reach our destination, we had a good outing in an area new to us all. In the group were Wes and Mary Weathers, Richard Sobzcak, Helen Smith, Mary Bridgeman and Norm Benton, leader.

YOU ARE MISSING SOMETHING

- if you have not been on the North trail of Spencer Butte from the Fox Hollow Road entry. There are vine-covered alders, and an archway of moss-laden saplings. Stop at the Four Brothers, a group of big firs almost hugging each other. Then The Portals - two big firs that the trail slips between. Then pause at Old Grandad, a huge old gnarled fir that measures 22 ft. 8 inches around.

Suddenly you burst into the open, with the whole world below you. This is a joy unparalleled and a revelation of beauty. It is a bit of Heaven, and it takes but a few minutes to get there.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS
No. 84 by Ray Sims

The building of our Lodge moved right along during December 1960 and early 1961

The covering of the waterline was done Feb.4. By the 8th the septic tank was installed. also on the 8th, three men built the entire fireplace. By the 11th the chimney was finished. On June 17th a group of Obsidians went over to Bend to dedicate the new Phil Brogan Trail.

Among the many notables there was Tom McCall. The Annual Summer Camp was at beautiful Little Redfish Lake in the Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho. The sign on the post office read, "U.S. POST OFFICE, OBSIDIAN, IDAHO."

As it was a drive-in camp, trips were made to Stanley, on the Snake River, to an old mine in the White Mountains, and a short trip to see the taking of salmon eggs. 'Horseshoes' was a daily game, and one day red-headed David Spencer got in the way of a wild toss, and required a doctor to give him a patch.

On the beautiful 4th of July, a large group of Obsidians toured Black Canyon Forest Camp, and had dinner at their camp tables.



WHAT IS IT?
WHERE IS IT FOUND?
WHEN DOES IT BLOOM?
WHAT COLOR IS IT?

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