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JUNE

No. 9

June 12 (Sat.)

Gold Point, Barbara Hasek

June 13

Mt. June, Fran Chapman

June 12,13

Q McFarland Lake

Davis Zevenbergen, ldr.

June 19

Gold Hill, Art Steele

Q Maiden Peak, Clarence

Landes, leader.

June 20 (Sun.)

Q Verdun Rock/Hell's

Half Acre, Don Payne

June 26 (Sat.)

Q French Pete, Paula Vehrs

June 27

Iron Mountain, Ray Sims

Q Craig Lake, Bob Cox

June 26,27

Q Horsepasture/ O'Leary, Mary

Bridgeman, leader.

July 3,4,5

Q Wildcat Swamp, Helen Smith, ldr.

July 10

Rebel Rock, Johnny Johnson

July 11 (Sun.)

Blair Lake, Grace Smith, leader.

July 10,11

Q Chambers Lakes, Wilma Moore, ldr.

Isn't it strange that  
princes and kings  
And clowns that caper  
In sawdust rings  
And common folk like  
you and me  
Are builders of eternity?  
To each is given  
A bag of tools  
A shapeless mass and  
a book of rules  
And each must build,  
ere life has flown  
A stumbling block or  
A stepping stone.  
- Anon

## CLIMBS

June 12,13

3 Fingered Jack, Norm Lee

June 19,20

Mt. Constance,

Tom McGeehee, leader

Diamond Peak,

Bob Holmquist, leader.

June 26,27

3 Fingered Jack,

Ric Craven, leader.

Mt. Washington,

Dave Burwell, leader

July 4,5

South Sister,

Marriner Orum, leader

July 10,11

Middle Sister,

Ed Harms, leader

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THE PRINCESSES are planning their annual  
'spre'e' in Salem on Saturday, June 12.  
They will meet at Meier and Frank at  
noon for lunch, then be the guests of  
Blanche Bailey at her home in the aft.

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## Another PANCAKE SUPPER.

It will be held at the Original  
Pancake House on Thursday, June 17 at  
6:30 P.M. Make reservations by  
calling Mary Castelloe, 344-5168.  
Do this before June 16th please.

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## FRIENDLY HOUSE

June 13 California - Fred Lowrance

June 20 Eastern Oregon, Howard Byerly

June 27 To Be Or Not To Be -

Wilderness areas, by Bob Cox

July 4 No program

July 11 Peoples & Cultures of the  
South Pacific - Jeff Clark

## A WORD TO THE WISE - - -

### Trip Rules

1. The leader's duty is to set the pace  
and keep the party together.  
Please help.
2. Rubbish - if it doesn't burn,  
pack it out.
3. Smoking while traveling - NO!
4. Dogs and firearms not permitted.
5. Fires - Build 'em in a safe place -  
Must be dead out before leaving.
6. Be on time. Leaders are not obligated  
to wait for late comers.

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Your contributions of Flav-r-pak labels  
are very much appreciated. - Princesses

**JULY 5th PICNIC**

For those who cannot:  
Climb the Sisters  
Sail to So. America  
Fly to the moon

The Sunday picnic will be at the  
Obsidian Lodge at 1:30 P.M. with Ray  
Sims in charge of activities.

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**Mt. Pisgah April 24**

Spring flowers encountered were:  
dogtooth violet, shooting star, butter-  
cups in profusion, yellow violet, a  
small white flower we could not identify,  
but which may have been a nemophila,  
balsam, a small pink flower (probably  
Spring Beauty) and several other small  
flowers of which we could make no  
positive identification though Dorothy  
Leland did very well. In addition we  
found the usual zeolites, for which this  
area is famous.

On the trip were: Amy Spencer with her  
youngest, Ann Bryerton with 3 children,  
Bob Capron, Dorothy Hayes, Phyllis Treinen  
and Cynthia, Dorothy Leland and Ronnie,  
non-members Mary Couch, Parker Riddle &  
2 boys, Connie Myers, Betty Wilson,  
Wanda Gilbert, Anita Kriger, Marjorie Kelm,  
Scott Mills, Robert Craig, Betty Conant  
with 2 children, and Jules Ficker.

- Dorothy Medill, leader

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**GLIDE WILDFLOWER SHOW April 25**

Left Eugene under sunny skies - got  
into clouds before Wilbur. We stopped  
along the road several places to observe  
flowers, including the meadow of blue  
camas that everyone thinks is a lake  
before they get to it. Arrived at show  
at 10:30. Left for Susan Creek picnic  
area for lunch. Up Fall Creek (mp 32,  
Umpqua highway) Then a beautiful hike to  
the falls. Another stop at the flower  
show, and one at Colliding Rivers view-  
point on the way home. Beautiful weather  
most of the day. On this trip were:  
Darst, Helen, Mike, Ben and Adam Atherly,  
Esther Callan, Nancy Durfee, Ina Foss,  
John Leland and Dorothy and Ronnie,  
Alelia Linscott, Ray Sims and Grace Smith.

- Ken and Robin Lodewick, leaders

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Larry Cash is the third Obsidian to join  
Toastmasters #145. It's getting to be a  
habit!

Keep on turning in Betty Crocker coupons  
and Gold Bond stamps. - Thank you.

**NEW MEMBER** Wesley Weathers Ph. 344-2768  
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Welcome to all the fun, Wesley!

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**FORT ROCK April 24, 25**

Arrived about noon in terrific  
gusts of wind. Passed through Christmas  
Valley to see Crack In The Ground, a  
fault about 2 miles long, 20 to 100 ft.  
deep, and 10 to 20 feet wide. After a  
windy night at Fort Rock, we drove to  
Blast Craters - two little volcanoes  
which exploded centuries ago. Then on  
to Derrick Cave, a lava tube, which we  
explored. After lunch, and some delicious  
cookies of Helen Landes, we started  
back for Eugene. On the trip were:  
Barbara, Cassandra and Ulysses Durchanek,  
Glenn Hosford, Clarence and Helen Landes,  
Clarence and John Johnson, Steve and  
W. Liepe, Helen and Alvin Lynch, Tom  
McChesney, John, Lenore, Richards, Kevin  
and Stephen McManigal, Donald, Alan and  
Susan Payne, Lois Schreiner and Mike  
Sullivan. - John & Lenore McManigal

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**What a Pancake Breakfast on Mothers Day!**

All thanks to Bob Medill and his  
efficient staff for their thought,  
planning and hard work which made the  
occasion such a success! The Princesses  
are sincerely grateful to each and every  
one who helped.

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**WATCH FOR the Astoria - Columbia River  
Boat Trip in September.**

A full account of it will be in  
the July issue, so watch for it!

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Bulletin Subscriptions have been received  
from Arlene Keasling of Portland, and  
Catherine Haight of Albany.

## ECOLOGY SUCCESSION TOUR May 1

1st area visited was virgin timber on Brush Creek. Origin of stand was discussed. Ecological relationship w/ fungi, insects, wildlife, influence of soil, topography, weather and fire.

50 year old Douglass Fir were being slowly replaced by hemlock. With over a thousand lightning fires a year, this is its eventual destiny.

2nd area 10 year old plantation on logged area. Many more species and their origin discussed, wind, birds, and seed stored in duff (Ceanothus).

3rd area - lunch and summit of Windberry. Mountain peaks identified - patterns of old burns traced. Lightning-killed trees noted, and hemlock dying from parasitic duff and miseltoe.

Four more areas visited with similar notations. On the tour were: Gene and Katie Barnes, John Benneth, Dan and Susan Biggs, Dave and Gale Burwell, Dick Campbell, Randy Chakerian, Fran Chapman, Dave Cohen, Kathy Compton, Nancy and Edith Durfee, Opel Forrester, Aleliz Linscott, Margaret Markley, Don Payne, Parker Riddle, Lois Schreiner, # Helen Smith, Frances Stilwell and Barbara Durchanek.

- Dave Burwell, leader

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DEXTER TO SPRINGFIELD via Willamette R.  
May 2 - Bob Medill

With four boats, everything went fine until we came to a rather difficult place where the water ran real swift and square into a big pile of trees, snags and broken canoes all piled up and smashed on the point of a gravel bar.

Entering this piece of water, one has to row like \_\_\_ across the fast current until almost through, then reverse the boat and row like \_\_\_ the other way. Two boats got through. Two did not. The other two eventually got back into navigable water with no damage.

This was Mary Carr's 2nd trip, and she enjoyed it more than her first.

The Gales were both enthusiastic about this kind of adventure, and plan on doing more float trips. Fishermen - men, women and children, were strung out all the way. Also we saw kingfishers and blue herons fishing too. Several fish leaped out of the water as if something was after them. On the trip were Charles, James, Louise and Martha Berkey, Mary Carr, Maradell and Richard Gale, Nell Harmon and the Medills.

## SILVER CREEK FALLS May 2

The weather was beautiful, and the trails were not uncomfortably crowded.

We passed South and Lower South Falls, and lunched near Double Falls. Near here an eagle's nest was spotted, as well as the best of many wild flowers. Earlier, a message in a bottle was recovered from the creek. After passing Middle North Falls, nine of the party took a trail by Winter Falls back to the cars, while the rest went on past Twin Falls to North Falls. From there six of the party made a side trip upper North Falls. All took the trail by Winter Falls back to the cars. Everyone was impressed with the falls. "Everyone" included: Dave Cohen, Silvia Conner, Duchess Cox, Helen and John Davis, Nancy Durfee, Neal and Nina Kalez, Arlene Keasling, Arlene, Andy and Jacquie McClure, and Joel, Don Payne, Hazel and Russ Peck, Lois Schreiner, Ann Taylor, Valerie Williams, and Cindy, Lori and Michel Wright.

- J.W. McClure, leader

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MT. HOOD May 9 (Climbing)

It was agreed to divide into two teams for the climb to the hogsback.

Then each team divided into four rope teams for the summit climb. There were a large number of climbers at the hogsback, so progress in this area was very slow.

The first rope teams reached the summit before 10 A.M., and the last one about 11:25. The condition of the mountain was excellent; the snow was quite crusty until about 11 A.M. Crevasses were beginning to open up between Palmer and White River Glaciers. The bergshhrend on the hogsback was large - about 30 feet wide and 75 feet deep. It was almost completely covered with snow bridges.

The temp. dropped to 26 degrees at 5:30 A.M. - estimated wind chill temp. was 0 degrees. The weather was perfectly clear and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by: Mike Adams, Bruce Bishop, Peter Bonkowski, Ben Bronfman, Gary Cage, Barb Hanen, Gregg Holt, Bob Johnson, Chris Jones, Tom Lewis, Ron MeSkimen, David Menyion, Bob, David, Dick, Larry and Paula Moffitt, Bruce Newell, Steve Northrop, Marv Ostberg, Terry Rader, Bob Reister, Kelly Renwick, Bill Ross, Mike Sharp, David Straton, Gene Thaxton and Constatine Tolson.

The leader was Robert Johnson

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CAPE ARAGO, May 9

A drizzly drive via Drain developed into a delightful day of 'driftwooding' and dawdling along the drying beach and the daisy covered cliffs and the rhododendron gardens. There were thousands of sea lions around the islands and coves along shore. In spots the water was brown with animals bobbing about.

Very pleasant guests were Carl and Murine Merryman of Newport, who have hiked with the Obsidians in past years.

Members along were Mary and Roger Bridgeman, Ina Foss, Lee Linscott and Keith Brunig. - Roger, leader.

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CASTLE ROCK May 15

The leader and events tried their best from having people on this trip.

First, the sign-up sheet was put on the wrong board. Then the Reg.-Guard didn't put the notice in till Friday.

Then the weather defied the weatherman's prediction of 'occasional showers' by pouring. All this cut the group to three cars and 16 people.

At Leaburg the rain increased, and we voted to go on at least to the logging road. There we picked up three more. We voted again to go on, so we donned our water wings and arrived at the top at 11:35. With no view and a cold rain and wind, we ate our lunches and left by noon. One of the non-members was Ann Korn, grand daughter of Henry Korn, one of the founders of the Obsidians and Chief #1.

Following Pat Patterson were: Pam Brodie, Mary Ann Constine, Duchess Cox, Robert Ctaig, Dorothy Hayes, Ann Korn, Jenney LeBarron, Renee LeBarron, Dorothy, Janice and Ronnie Leland, Dean Petterson, Susan and Nancy Turner, Thelma Watson, Wesley, Mary and Tina Weathers.

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TIRE MOUNTAIN May 16

We anticipated a day of wet hiking, but encountered snow at the trail head.

Due to a tree across the road, we parked about a half mile from the trail.

It turned out to be a good snow trip, and we reached the lookout shelter for lunch. Just as we sat down to eat, we were surprised to see a long, lanky figure leaning against the shelter. It turned out to be Don Payne. He followed our tracks after leaving the cancelled Diamond Peak climb. Tire(d) mtneers on this hike were: next column

Mary Bridgeman, Bob Capron, Dave Cohen, Jeanette Daletas, with Kenny, Mitch, and Steve, Barbara Durchanek, Tink Gent, Clarence Landes, Don Payne, Lois Schreiner, Velma Shirk, Helen Smith and Paula Vehrs. - Wes Prouty, leader.

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HUMBUG MOUNTAIN May 15,16

A hardy band of pioneers trekked the Oregon coast on this climb. Precipitous slopes gave way before the assault, and on the summit the little band lunched lightly. Banners of rain brought up from the sea far below by a passing squall dragged grey mists across distant surf, rock, and mountain and the group huddled briefly under ponchos.

Sudden, unexpected blasts of rain and hail broke the consultation of tide tables, and the band pondered the safety of the surf-swept beach ahead. Half way across that beach, white surf edge licking the foot of the cliff-rimmed beach made a stop for supper seem prudent.

Guided by Latham (Moses) Flanagan's study of the rhythm of the rollers, the band waited until the seas parted, then hurried past the rock point dry shod and on to safety. Pharoah's men were never seen thereafter. The sixteen survivors, wet and battered, packed a single station wagon at dusk back to the starting point singing a heartfelt "Show Me The Way To Go Home".

Facing mountain and sea, storm and hail were: Hazen and Lorene Bressler, Latham Flanagan Jr., Latham Flanagan Sr., Jenny Flanagan, Hans Jensen (from Holland) Ross McFadden, Earl and Mary Pomeroy, Margaret Raviol and Dino, Mary, Paul, Becky, Ruth and John Bascom, the leader.

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MT. JUNE May 22

We approached the mountain from the north-east, having driven up Lost Creek and used the Eagle's Rest Trail. The weather was beautiful, which was precedent shattering for troops led by Doug Spencer. We crossed several patches of snow on the north side of the mountain.

Haze in all directions impaired visibility. A few trilliums and avalanche flowers were in bloom, but not many. The leader considered it a first rate outing. With Doug were: Rolfe Anderson, Joy Ballinger, Norman Benton, Mary Bridgeman, Milton Hicks, Bill Korns, Charley Korns, Marshall Paklet, Alan, Donald and Susan Payne, Hazel and Russ Peck, Ruby Sanborn, - next page -

Mt. June, cont. -

Marianne Sandstrom, Susan Spencer,  
Barbara Durchanek, Robert Walden,  
Thelma Watson and Mildred Wilson.

- Douglass Spencer, leader

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#### VALSETZ Car Trip, May 23

Pausing first at Monmouth, we crossed rolling, oak-covered hills to Falls City, where we stopped to see the falls and discuss intrusive rock which caused the falls. Then over the mountain, stopping at Cold Springs to look out over the Little Luckiamute River Valley - discussed the distribution of rock types the extent of reforestation, etc.

We stopped about two miles west on the Fanno Ridge Road where we could look out over the Valsetz Basin. We identified all the geographical features - discussed drainage changes, history of logging in this area - rock types, etc.

Then we drove to the dam beyond Valsetz and examined the dike in which the dam is anchored, the lake, etc.

Then we drove to the forks of the Siletz River, had lunch, examined pebbles and returned to the new road from Valsetz to Ritner Creek in general paralleling the railroad. This presented new scenery. We reached pavement near Peedee and came home via King's Valley, Wren, Philomath, Bellfountain, Alpine, and Monroe.

The weather was perfect, everything went well, the company was congenial, and everyone was happy with the trip.

On the tour with Ewart Baldwin were: Margaret Baldwin, Mary and Roger Bridgeman, Eugene Barnes, Katy Barnes, Mary Couch, Ina Foss, Virginia Horton, Alelia Linscott, Frances Newsom, Clarence and Dorothy Scherer, Grace Smith and Walter Youngquist.

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Dear readers and trip leaders,

Because of the big influx of trip reports only a few days before the printing of the Bulletin, it is almost impossible to type the reports up word for word, even though they are very cleverly written and are masterpieces of artistry. Perhaps the offer of a set of nimble fingers for typing near press time would alleviate the problem, otherwise all I can say is "I am sorry," and can only suggest to those of you who are most disgruntled, Dial 343-6519.

#### MT. MCLAUGHLIN, May 29,30,31 Climb

Roads to Fourmile Lake and Calamity Camp were closed. Fish Lake Forest Camp was closed due to rebuilding. We camped at North Fork Forest Camp west of Fish Lake. We drove up Rye Spring Road to the spring. We hiked three hours cross country towards the mountain. The weather turned bad and we could not see more than 100 yards. We ran out of marking tape, and after a short conference decided to turn back. Since the weather turned worse, everyone left camp for home.

On this attempted climb were: Joy Ballinger, Norm Ostberg, Marshall Pallett, Donald Payne, Don Penrose, Wes Prouty, and non-members Bill Engs, Bert Ewing, Russ Hampton, Mike Sullivan, and Jeff and Judy Porter, with Howard Byerly, leader.

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#### COMMENTS from South Sister Register

"Four Peak Expedition",

Steve Schaeffers

Gary Grimm

Dale Moon

Gary Kirk

"On skis from Bachelor Butte to White Branch youth camp. It took seven days and the weather was very good except for 1½ days."

July 5, 1969 "Didn't mean to climb it, but the tracks led this way,"  
Mark Donovan, Bennington, Vermont.

"I was hiking from Lake Oswego, Ore. looking for girls, but I got lost trying to find the best sister and ended up here. Please call me if you are a girl 16 or 17,  
Mark Herersley."

7/28/68 "I WANT EATS!!" -unsigned  
"First ascent. Got sick 200 feet from summit." -Doug Blanton

7/8/68 "Washburn Patrol. Instructor, R. Washburn. Ass't. - Tom Custer.  
Night climb 4½ hours from Moraine Lake. Arrived 3:00 A.M. COLD, COLD, COLD!"

July 4, 1969 "Happy Birthday, America"! Cappy Porterfield,  
Shasta High School, Redding, Cal.  
(Lookout for 1970)

"Found this to be a good place to dump the rocks out of my shoes."  
- Walter Swartz, July 9, 1969

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

No. 35 by Ray Sims

In the Obsidian monthly paper of May, 1960 was a drawing of the Lodge-to-be and the floor plan. Also there was a story thanking the many Boards of the club for having such long range plans for the day that we would be in our own clubhouse

The Spring Banquet of April 23, 1960 was held at Ford's Dinner House. On the tables wer seven of Bob Medili's "little green cabins" with many colorful tulips and other spring flowers. The speaker of the evening was Tom Tayior, architect for our Lodge. All conceded that the lodge was on the way, but not until a Board meeting in October did V.A. Harding sign a contract to build the Lodge.

The April, 1960 bulletin announced the first Potluck in our new Lodge,, May 20, 1961, including picture night and "kick-off" for Little Redfish Lake Summer Camp in Idaho.

In June of 1961 word came to us that Bill Tugman, editor of the Reg.-Guard had passed away. In the early days of the club's history, Bill was in a position to give a new club lots of publicity. One of his own experiences was the climbing of the North Sister in 1929, and for all the State of Oregon to see were three inch headlines across the front page telling of the 29 of the 42 Obsidian members all on the climb.

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