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JULY - AUGUST

No. 10

July 17 (Sat.)

Bohemia Flower Trip.
Ken & Robin Lodewick.

July 18 Scott Mountain. Q

Ray Martin, ldr.

July 17,18 Park Meadow. Q

Dale Carlson, ldr.

July 24 (Sat.)

Sourgrass Mountain.

Bob Holmquist, ldr.

July 25 Yoran Lake. Q

Nils Norman, Jr., ldr.

July 24,25 Linton Meadows Jaunt. Q

John Nosler, leader.

July 31 Open. No' hike.

August 1 (Sun.) Rosary Lakes. Q

Bette Hack, leader.

Also - Peterson Rock Gardens.

Henry Oswald, leader.

July 31, August 1 Mt. Bolivar.

Ernie Drapela, leader

August 8 (Sun.) Mt. Fuji Q

Marvin Ostberg, leader.

August 7,8 Collier Glacier Q

Rose Marie Moffitt, leader.

August 14 (Sat.) Olallie Butte Q

Bob Moffitt, leader.

August 15 Mt. Bachelor Trail Q

Mary Bridgeman, leader.

August 21 (Sat.) Elk Mountain.

Art Steele, leader.

August 22 (Sun.) A Day At Rex Stevens'.

Also - Obsidian Loop Q

Ron Faich, leader.

August 21,22 Canyon Glacier Meadow Q

Wes Prouty, leader.

August 28 (Sat.) Bohemia Train Trip.

Dorothy Medill, leader.

August 29 Marion Lake Q

Lorene and Hazen Bressler, leaders.

August 28,29 Pearsoll Peak Q

Ernie Drapela, leader.

September 4,5,6 Collier Glacier Q

Ray Sims, leader.

Strawberry Mountain Q

Lois Schreiner, leader.

I heard a song at break of day

Sung from the budding trees-

A song so mystical and calm

So full of certainties,

No-one, I think, could listen

long

Except upon his knees.

Yet this was but a simple bird

Alone, among green trees.

- Wm. A. Percy

September 11 (Sat.)

Sawtooth Mountain Q

Clarence Landes, ldr.

September 12

Black Crater Q

Paul Slovic, leader.

Also - Windy Lakes Q

Bob Cox, leader

CLIMBS

July 9, 10 Mt. Hood

Clarence Landes, Leader.

August ? South Sister

Father, son climb, Gary Kirk

is leader. Date tentative.

July 31, Aug. 1 Three Fingered Jack

Norm Lee, leader.

OBSIDIAN SUMMER CAMP will be from

July 26 to August 1 - one week only.

Check the dates with Sandra Sheperd,

Outing Comittee Chairman.

JULY PRINCESS MEETING will be at Nellie

McWilliams', July 19th, at 7:30 P.M.

FRIENDLY HOUSE

July 18 Vietnam, Dr. Glenn Gordon

July 25 Olympics and Mt. Rainier,

by Kenneth Horton

NO programs in Aug. or September

except - September 12 (tentative)

Great Smokey Mtns. Mt'l Park, by

Thomas Beall.

NEW MEMBERS

Aaron Park (Jr.)

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We are glad to have you with us on the trails, folks. Welcome aboard!

"OLD FASHIONED CHOO - CHOO"

On August 28 "The Goose" will take you on a 2½ hour tour through the historic Row River Valley. We will leave the depot at Village Green near Cottage Grove at 9:30 A.M.. Round trip fares are: \$3.90 for adults

2.75 Jr. High up

1.95 children to 12

Watch newspaper and sign-up sheet for additional details. The Medills will lead. Phone them at 726-7496.

Change of Address:

Alan and Susan Payne Ph.686-9464
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c/o Patricia Cole

COLUMBIA RIVER LAUNCH-BUS TRIP

The Trips Committee will again schedule this fascinating weekend trip in mid September. You will travel by chartered bus from Eugene along the coast to Astoria - overnight Astoria, then take the 100 passenger sight-seeing launch up the Columbia River to Portland.

A bus will meet the boat and return the group to Eugene. Saturday, September 18 leave 19th and Patterson early morning by chartered bus, taking a scenic coastal route to Astoria. A stop will be made for a picnic lunch (own sack lunch).

Overnight will be at a fine waterfront motel in Astoria, with a special dinner included. Sunday mid-morning the launch will travel from Astoria to Portland. It is equipped with snack bar and restroom.

Dinner will be in Portland, then we will return to Eugene by special bus.

You may invite your friends, but space will be limited. Cost will include bus and boat transportation, motel and two dinners, and twin accommodation. Add \$3.50 for a single room. Your reservation should be accompanied by a \$10 deposit, fully refundable in case of cancellation.

Make checks payable to Obsidians, Inc. and mail to Gerry Fehly, Ph. 343-2784, 1601 Olive St., Eugene, Apt. 604, or Ray Cavagnoro, Ph. 345-8431, 136 Broadway.

Reservations will close September 1.

SIT-IN at an EAT-OUT

Obsidians who would like to eat out at the Villa Roma Restaurant on Thursday, July 22, 6:30 P.M. call Mary Castelloe by Wednesday, July 21.

MT. CONSTANCE CLIMB June 19

"We turned back one lead from the summit, halted by lack of piton protection. We all returned in a happy mood as the good climbing conditions, the classic elements of the climb, and good companionship had all blended to make a memorable climb. While camped at the lake, a herd of aggressive mountain goats tried to take over our tents and food. Anyone know where to buy 'goat repellent'?"

Climbing were Mr. and Mrs. Terry Rader, Lorraine Sanborn and Tom McGeehee, leader.

MT. THIELSON June 5,6

The entire route was snow-covered, except for the pinnacle. Ice-axes, ropes and crampons were used. The summit was reached at 1 P.M. Everyone made a safe return to their cars. All were out by 7 P.M. The weather and view were great.

Ideal temperatures and snow conditions made this a most enjoyable climb.

Special thanks to Phil Settles for helping with the ropes. Climbing were: Ben Bronfman, Bert Ewing, Chris Jones, Clarence Landes, Wes Prouty, Bill Ross, Lois Schreiner, Barbara and Phil Settles, Mike Sullivan, Bruce Utsey and Greg Wannier. - Howard Byerly, leader.

MT. ST. HELENS June 12

We had a very leisurely and enjoyable climb via Porsythe Glacier. We had hard snow, a gentle breeze and sunshine all the way up. Finding a protected place from the wind at the summit, we devoured some food, then proceeded down the Dog's Head route. We had an excellent sitting glissade off the Dog's Head, carrying us, in one sitting, far out on the flat below the steep slopes. We completed the descent about 2:15 P.M. and headed home.

On the climb were: Bill Ross, Steve Northrop, Dale Steinhaver, Tim Benton, and Norm Benton, leader.

Gerry Fehly left July 7 for Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin to visit her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Gebhardt.

They will visit relatives in northern Wisconsin. Gerry plans to be gone three or four weeks.

Welcome back, Phyllis Ford! We hope to see you on the trails soon!

MT. SHASTA May 29

No report.

Climbing were: Mike Bauer, Bruce Bishop, Chris Jones, Marv Lickey, Jim Nading Jeff Signey and Kevin Harrang, Paul Slovic, Bill Ross, Bob Horn and Steve Northrop. - John Nosler, leader.

MT. WASHINGTON June 27

Arrived at Northridge timberline saddle and camped on ridge. Wind and fog during night put 1 - 6 inch rime frost all over exposed areas. Climbed Northridge, arrived at saddle below summit chimney. Heavy rime on face, and severe chill factor made summit attempt unsafe.

(Midway back to timberline saddle heard cry for help. Found another climber from a separate party in shock from a fall. Four members assisted in bringing him out to 7 Day Adventist Camp, where he was fed and warmed.)

Other members from official party arrived and disbanded for homes.

Climbing were: Paul Fry, Chris Jones, Dennis Kreff, Steve Lyford, Mervin Lichey, Julie Meissner, Charlotte Mills, Bud Proctor and Doug, Roger Robinson, Bill Ross, Gene Thaxton, Barbara Wickelgren, and Gale Burwell, who kept base camp fire going.

- Dave Burwell, leader.

BICYCLE RIDE May 23

By pure luck we picked a beautiful day, touring in the residential area north of the Ferry St. bridge and in the River Road area. The route kept us pretty much in the back streets where the traffic was light. We kept out of traffic all right - till we got to River Road - and that is where it all was. The leader promised a 10 - 15 mile tour, but someone with an odometer reported that we had ticked off close to 25 miles. Those enjoying the trip: Brett Brittain, Frances Chapman, David Cohen, Nancy Durfee, Jim Jacobson, Clarence Landes, Larry Tom Mike and Dave Cohen, John Gillilan, Ray Martin, Wes Prouty, Parker Riddle, Mary Ann Sandstrom, Lois Schreiner and

- Marriner Orum, leader

PLEASE SAVE all second hand articles for the big OBSIDIAN GARAGE SALE to be held Sat., September 25. Bring to Lodge or call any Princess for pick-up.

SMITH ROCK - PAINTED HILLS June 5

At our first stop - Sahalie Falls, Al Masengil joined us. A short side trip from Sisters to a rocky promontory rewarded us with excellent vistas of Broken Top, The Sisters and points north ward along the Cascade Divide.

At Smith Rocks State Park we were joined by Lois Wesley, who had assembled a group from Vancouver, Lebanon, Springfield and Camas Valley. After a second stop along the canyon rim for pictures, we headed east through Prineville to the Painted Hills area. Sunshine, vari-colored rocks and hills, wildflowers, including the delicate yellow-pink cactus blossoms, all combined to provide interesting subjects for cameras or for just visual enjoyment. On the trip were: Nancy Durfee, Jack Hausotte, Cris Higgins, Cybele, Dick and Kam Higgins, Edith Hull, Akinori Kubo and Mutsuko, Betty Leeson, Evelyn Leshner, Naomi Leishman, Al Masengil, Ed Rounds, Evelyn Slehsler, Grace Smith and Evon Weigand.

- Don Hunter, leader.

DOVE ROCK June 6

This was a substitute for Waldo Mtn. which we couldn't get to because of snow.

We were stopped a half mile short of the trail head because of bad road conditions and a massive land slide. We gave up the idea of getting across the slide, but found a pretty waterfall beside which we stopped for lunch.

Fresh oil on the road to Echo Creek tr. forced us back. Two cars then drove up the Staley Creek Road to snow level, where we were turned back. Weather was excellent, but the day was rather frustrating because of snow, landslides and fresh oil. Hiking were: John and Peter Cecil, Dave Cohen, Barbara Durchanek, Mary Bridgeman, Dorothy Hayes, Neal and Nina Kalez, AR Martin, Marshall Pallett, Parker Riddle, Phyllis Trienen and Cynthia, and Paula Vehrs. - Helen Smith, leader

PRINCESS MEETING June 12

Our delightful Annual Meeting with Blanche Bailey in Salem was preceded by a noon lunch at Meier and Frank. The Chemekatan guests were Mae Eeaman, Edith LaBorde, Barbara Mail, Frances McCarter, Margaret Piper, Bessie Smith and Harriet Smithson. Their presence added greatly to our pleasure.

CLARK CREEK NATURE TRAIL June 6

"What is so rare as a day in June?"

And rare the day was - warm enough to be very comfortable with the bright sun making interesting patterns as it filtered through the tall tree tops. A very leisurely trip along an easy trail in this charming piece of woodland. With the song of the creek in our ears, our information of the wild flowers, shrubs and trees was greatly enhanced by the knowledge of several members of the group. A late and jolly lunch was enjoyed as the wind gently sighed a Sunday prayer of thanksgiving. Roger's 'harem' consisted of: Mary Carr, Mary Couch, Duchess Cox, Margurite Entler, Ina Foss, Alelia Linscott, Virginia Horton, Grace Smith and Betty Waddell.

- Edith Bridgeman, co-leader

GOLD POINT June 12

It was a well-kept trail with many wild flowers, rhododendrons, and the odd dogwood tree, still blooming.

The undergrowth was such a green variety of ferns, moss, sal - we reached a moss-covered rock formation that overlooked the area and decided to eat our lunch there. But first we would go on and see if we could find the remains of the lookout. After a mile or so we abandoned the idea and returned to the rock for lunch. At the same time the clouds rolled in, socking in the valleys and amking everyone put on their extra clothes. O the group, five decided to stay and try to find the remains of the shelter, and they were successful. It was a very enjoyable group - would be even greater with sunshine. On the trail were: James Aldrich, and Sherman, Jerry and Linda Burke, Duchess Cox, Fran Chapman, Wanda Gilbert, Alvin and Helen Lynch, Joe Moran (Jr. and Sr.) John and Mrs. Rude, Andrew, Mark and Mary Sandstrom, Lois Schreiner, Karen Seidel, Marshall Pallett, Dave Wilkerson and

- Barbara Hasek, leader.

Marilyn Myers (granddaughter of Dorothy Medill) was married to Gary Glen Watkins June 19 in a garden wedding at her home.

Dorothy helped serve at the reception. They are at home in Corvallis where Gary attends Oregon State University.

MT. JUNE June 13

Hikers ranging in ages from almost three to lamost 39? took the Eagle Rest trail, which branches south to Mt. Hardesty a mile from the summit.

The weather was fairly crisp, but the sun filtered through the trees most of the time on the ascent. The view from the summit was splendid, with curtains of rain sweeping the surrounding valleys and hills. An icy wind discouraged lounging, and on the descent the ra in hit just as the last few reached the end of the trail. Non-members were: Gene, Katy, Kay and Shelley Barnes, Ruth Caron, John, Paul and Peter Cecil, Mary Couch, Jeanette, Kenny and Steve Daletas, Steve Horsman, Nancy Durfee, Larry, Pat, Dave, Tom, Mike, Joan, John, Charlie and Kate Mooney, Marcus Riley, Jill and Carrie Ostberg and Susie and Nancy Turner. Members were: Bob Capron, Mitch Daletas, Neal Kalez, Ken and Robin Lodewick, Al and Helen Lynch, A.R. Martin, Marv Ostberg and Fran Chapman, leader.

MAIDEN PEAK June 19

A beautiful day and a variety of activities. South Rosary clear of ice. Middle Rosary, 75% ice. North Rosary, 100% ice. From the cars to S. Rosary there was snow on the trail 50% of the way - up to five feet deep.

At the turn-back point we decided it would be better to climb Rosary Rock than go on to Maiden Peak. With the help of a good belay and some coaching, 18 got to the top of the Rock. We had a rappel set up that was going at the same time, and 16 came down on that, but two decided to climb down with a belay on.

It was a handsome view from the top - Scott Mtn., part of the Crater Lake rim, Thielson, Diamond Peak in all its glory, six lakes, South Sister and Broken Top - and all the scenery in between. On the trip were: Bertha and Rolfe Anderson, Jody Berge, Mary Bridgeman, Barbara Durchanek, Linsey Graham, Dorothy Hayes, Nina and Neal Kalez, Bill and Mike Korn, Charlotte Mills, Sue Morse, Mike McClellan, Joe & Joe Jr. Moran, Don and Alan Payne, Dan Peters, Cynthia and Douglass Pierce, Marianne Sandstrom, Lois Schreiner, Clarence, Mrs., and Keith Story, M.A. Fraudt and Mike Wright.

- Clarence Landes, leader

VERDUN ROCK - HELL'S HALF ACRE June 20

We left the cars at 10 A.M. and started to hike the two miles into Heli's Half Acre. The trail started UP right away, and it sounded like a steam engine as everyone huffed and puffed. After a few stops we shifted into low gear for the last half mile. We arrived two hours later. The snow was about gone in the meadow, and the flowers were starting to bloom. We ate lunch, then went up to Verdun Rock. Instead of going out the same way we came in, the main group went out a less steep trail, there being no complaints. Cars were brought around to the other trail. (Some scouting was done by co-leader Alan Payne to keep the group on the trail which was under considerable snow on the return trip.) On the trip were: Mary Bridgeman, Susan and Ken Christy, Dave Cohen, M. Couch, Bob Cox and his mother, Barbara Durchanek, Nancy Durfee, John Johnson, Alvin and Helen Lynch, Sue Morse, Nancy Ostberg, Alan Payne, Parker Riddle, Lois Schreiner, Del Short, Helen Smith, Wes Weathers, Mike Wright and

- Don Payne, leader.

CRAIG LAKE June 27

Yes, you guessed it! A tremendous snow pack with drifts above 25 feet meant that this trip had to be changed, so instead we went to Linton Lake, at the foot of Dead Horse Grade on the old McKenzie Pass road. It was an easy hike with no snow whatever, up over a hump, and down into the lovely lake. A heavy rain a few days previously swelled the lake to perhaps 10 feet above high water mark, putting the trail 'under' in many places. We set up lunch camp at the far end of the lake while some fished and others went on to explore the noisy waterfall which cascaded over the bluff above the lake. Mr. Hall, one of our guests, told us that he had surveyed this region 45 years ago, and had not been back since. He was impressed to have lived long enough to see a geological change in the area by having the bottom of Campers Lake go out, and seeing it turn first into a meadow, then a forest. He named it thusly, because he thought that some day it would be a nice place for campers to stop. He also named Melakwa Lake - it is the Indian name for 'mosquito', and no-one would doubt the appropriateness of the name.

- next column -

After lunch and a warm-up at the fire, because it was cool and slightly overcast we started back the slippery trail along the lake, and made our next stop at Upper and Lower Proxy Falls. Mr. Hall had never seen these falls and was quite impressed, saying that this alone was worth coming to see. And, of course, to top the trip off, we stopped at the Whitewater Cafe in Blue River for some lip-smacking wild blackberry cobbler.

On this trip were: Britt Britton,, Ruth Caron, Emma Lee Davis, Barbara Durchanek, Bill Engs, Mr. Hall, Don Ingle, Catherine Miller, Karen Miller, Ellen Newell, Paula Norman, Marshall Pallett, Parker Riddle, Brian Schreib and Wes Weathers.

- Bob Cox, leader

IRON MOUNTAIN June 27

The second ICE AGE is coming!

On this trail were many long stretches of packed snow nearly three feet deep in the shady spots. Upon arriving at the parking area at the trail head, who should greet us but Blanche Bailey, and with her were forty members of the Sierra Club, a number of Chemeketans from Salem, and 15 members of the Corvallis Mountain Club. There were also many small groups with children, so the lookout had many visitors for that day of beautiful sunshine.

The return trip was by way of the McKenzie Falls, which were at their fullest. Because of the very late spring, only about a third of the recorded number of wildflowers were in bloom.

On this trip were: Dorothy Hayes, Ken and Robin Lodewick, Ina Foss, Dorothy Leland and John, Jan and Ron, Mary Couch, Elaine Barnes, Nels Foroman, his wife, Claire and Dorothy Lematta, Alelia Linscott, Julianne Reed, with Rod and Bonnie, Mr. and Mrs. Peck, Pat Pattison, Linda Smith, Gail Souther, Don, Nancy and Susan Turner, Herle Transvelt, Donna and Darla Watkins, L.Dow Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, and

- Ray Sims, leader.

TAHITI KAY just got out of the hospital, we hear. Don't tell anybody - doesn't want anyone to know. After working in Summer Camp she plans to rest up from the ordeal by going to Tahiti for a while in October. (Don't everyone sign up for Summer Camp!)

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS
No. 86 by Ray Sims

The year 1961 was so eventful that it is hard to mention only the highlights. (Like the saving of the hundreds of MJB and Folger "winding bands" for our 'yet to have' very fine coffee pots. In April an article told of the passing of David R. Simons. In the Sierra Club bulletin of April, David Brower said "I never saw so much talent cut off so short". Many of us knew David well. One day in our summer camp at Little Red Fish Lake, one of Idaho's beauty spots, we all motored down to Sun Valley. It was nice to see this resort in the summertime. The ice-skaters were the big attraction and very colorful. To show how much time it takes, the saving of the Minam River had just started. Of course we are glad that we had the cooperation of all conservation clubs of the many areas. Skiing was indulged in by many this year. The Haseks and Fremburgs were seen at the Santiam ski area, and Bob Hasek and Julie and Jane Meissner took places in the kiddie races. Also Kitty Lou Shaw said "hello" from the Bachelor ski grounds out of Bend. The Willamette area was closing with too much beautiful sunshine. Also back in late 1960 the membership was saddened by the passing of Dorr Hamlin, one of the tireless workers in the club's long history. In late 1961 the roster listed four members of the Bob Dark family, Eileen Wilson and Robin Brant.

ILAO HEAD, on the rim of Crater Lake, was named by a Mr. Will Steel in 1885. The name is derived from an Indian deity of the Klamath Indians, which was supposed to be associated with the lake.

CAPE PERPETUA, on the coast, was another place where we go on trips. It was named way back in 1778 by Captain James Cook because it was sighted on Saint Perpetuas Day.

DILLER GLACIER, on the east slope of the South Sister, was named by Professor Edwin Hodge in 1924, honoring Meriwether Lewis.

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