



THE OBSIDIAN



MYRTLE DID NOT DO THIS HEADING

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No. 9

TRIPS

June 17-Sat. Lowder Mt. Walker Creek. Shuttle Trip. Don Payne, leader.
 June 18--Sun. Tidbits. Phyllis Ford leader.
 June 24 - Sat. Mt.. June. Another Phyllis - Treiner, ldr
 June 25-Sun. Duff Lake. RoseMarie leader.

June 25-Robo Breakfast. Meet at Park block, Eugene 8 a.m. The Castelloes, ldr.
 July 1-Sat. Linton Lake. Betty Hack.
 July 4, Bohemia Mt. Tuesday. Originally scheduled for July 9. Ken and Robin Lodewick.
 July 8 9-Iron Mt. Ray Sims. Leader.
 July 8-9. Rebel Rk Ron Munemaker lead

CLIMBS

June 17 - 18 North Sister. Tom Taylor
 June 17-18. 3 Finger Jack. John McManigal, leader.
 June 23-24-25. Mt McLaughlin, Pres. Ben Ross leads.
 June 24-25 Diamond Peak Bob Holmquist.
 June 24-25 Mt Wash. Rick McManigal leads you.
 July 1-2 Middle Sister with Joel McClure keeping you out of trouble.
 July 1-2-3-4. Goat Rocks up in Washington. Tom McGehee will lead.
 July 8-9. Broken Top up in the Green Lakes country. Rick Temple leading. and new member

JEAN CHASE of 2590, Lincoln, Eugene
 Judi and Rachel are two timers. Going to try it again



HAVE YOU HEARD?

JUNE 17

POTLUCK

June 17

45th ANNIVERSARY

ALL- OLD MEMBERS - NEW MEMBERS - FORMER MEMBERS AND FRIENDS - are encouraged to take part. Our program will be in two parts.

1st - showing of pictures - either slides or snapshots- you are encouraged to send in 6 of yours (properly labeled) to cover any trip or summercamp or items of special interest to you THIS must be done in the next few days-then be on hand to use the new P.A. system and tell us about them when they are shown on the screen. NEXT! Charter member Ray Sims will have a tray of slides on building the club house from the survey of property to completion - some of the members might even see themselves-helping with this great project - these have not been shown before.

Also it has been requested that you tell a story of some incidence thats funny or tragic or have some bearing on some event at camp or climb or trip.

Send slides & pictures to Mary Castelloe or H. S. Bressler

JUNE 17

AT THE LODGE

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in by the Board and how they were taken.

MELBA T. ECKHOFF of 30 Woodlane Drive, Springfield and daughter

KAREN LEE ECKHOFF.

RACHEL ROACH HUSBANDS, of 2211 Olive Eugene and

LOIS L. CHASE, 175 Green Acres Road, Space 95, Eugene, and

JUDI HURST LESTER, 2923 S.E. 20th, Portland, Oregon 97202, and

MERLE A. TRAUDT, 1243 14th Ave. West

JULY FOURTH

Picnic

Sunday 2 at 1 pm
 At the Lodge.
 Bring picnic bill of fare.

GOURMET CLUB

Agrouop of hungry Obsidians will not have a feed this month acct. of going on diet.

SUMMER CAMP

June 15 marks the time when the entrance list will be open to the public and Helen Smith says there are more than enough applicants to fill the quota so if you are still hemming and having about going better make up your mind and let Helen know at once and make it binding with a check.

FRIENDS OF THE 3 Sisters have picked the top of lowder Mt. as the site for their annual Fourth of July camp. Yes! there are two springs on top.

NEW MEMBERS

taken

BOARD MEETING

Seems as tho there are always bills to be paid. Here they are:

EWEB.....\$24.39
 Postage, Bulletin.....\$24.00
 Postage - Trips Comm.....\$ 8.00
 Postage - Climbs Comm.....\$ 8.00
 Stencils - Bulletin.....\$ 3.35

Lois reported that she had received reports of 13 trips attended by 189 and 4 trips cancelled.

Wesley on climbs said so far 5 climb made but only one reported in and that 1 was cancelled.

Quite a discussion on liabilities and insurance covering the same took place. Secretary Bea directed to write attorney Ed Harms to give us information on same.

Clarence Landes on buildings & grounds called attention to the spraying done on the south parking area and recommended the same be done on the north area. This to be done in early fall. Plans to get a another crop of hay cut before the 45th anniversary doin's at the Lodge.

Mary Carr, librarian reports her work up to date.

Don Hunter on conservation work report on French Pete. Don made trip to Wash.D. C. to cover meeting and hearing there on French Pete and one in Eugene. Said that Sen. Mark Hatfield had made a visit into the French Pete area, but had not comment at that time. Don said he came away from the hearings in Wash. much encouraged.

French Pete was at one time included in the Sisters Wilderness area, but had been taken out when the area was reduced by 53,000 acres.

Prof. Baldwin told of a book, which he said was the best he had seen, on the flowers of the Cascade Mountains, mostly because of the beautiful pictures which are in color. "The Flowers of the Cascade Mountains" by Elizabeth Horn. Can be had at Walden Book Store, Valley River, \$5.95

Gerry Fehly sent a card from Scotland to Mary Carr with the statement that the Board might like to see it. It has a picture of an imposing rock called In-accessible Pinnacle, Sgurr Dearg in the Cuillin Hills, Isle of Skye. Gerry says she thinks some Obsidians could climb it. Looks mighty interesting. Will be on the bulletin board at the Lodge.

Geraldine Fehly off to the land of kilts, bagpipes and Kings and Queens. In other words she is, or was if she is not back when this bulletin comes out, in England and Scotland. At least that is where she said she was going.

DICK NOYES sends us this note:

I want to thank all of you for the letters you sent me. I had hoped at first to answer all individually, but the number climbed toward a hundred purely on the basis of the inefficient way the news is spreading that I find it impossible.

Now I'm trying to pick up the pieces and to carry on the unfinished work..... there is never an end to the list of conservation issues that deserve to be fought for. Win felt that her short time on this earth should be devoted to accomplishing things useful, and I intend to carry on.

MAXCINE WILLIAMS last reported in Juneau, Alaska where she is spending two weeks, then on to Anchorage.

ROBERT PASCHELKE son of Leo has suffered a promotion to specialist fifth class in Karlsruhe, Germany.

HELEN KILPATRICK was confined in the Sacred Heart hospital for awhile. She is now at the Good Samaritan Rest Home and enjoys having company.

LESLIE AND MAY COOPER taking turns in the hospital not believing in both being there at the same time. Both are now at home, but still not feeling as good as they should.

NELLIE HARMON in & out of the hospital for minor surgery. Above the neck. She should be showing improvement from now on.

BILLIE BURWELL As soon as Billie came out of diapers he put on climbing gear and went with Obsidians climbing mountains. Some of us older members remember little Billie, first on the simpler mtn. climbs, then onto the more difficult as just a little boy. Now he is a senior at the University and has announced his coming marriage to Sue Mikkelsen who is employed at the Sacred Heart Hospital. Now little Billie is known as William David Burwell, son of Dave & Gale Burwell.

A BLOW TO ENVIRONMENTALISTS

The Supreme COURT this week (April 22) narrowed the terms under which conservationists can challenge projects on environmental grounds. In a 4-3 decision it ruled that the Sierra Club had no standing to seek an injunction against Walt Disney's \$35-million resort development in California's Mineral King area. The majority said that the club's members can use the courts only when they can show direct, "individualized" damage not just to "vindicate their own value preferences". from Business Week.

PRINCESSES MEETING

On June 19th at 7:30p.m. the Princesses will meet at Lelen Lynch's home on Co-burg Bottom Loop Road - Rt 2 Box 364 B Eugene - phone 344-4415.

A luncheon May 30th was held at Mier & Frank's in Salem, arranged by Hostess Blanche Bailey. From here Helen Weiser, Thelma Watson, Dorothy Medill, Jane Hilt Mary Bridgeman, Myrtle Hamlin, Mary Castelloe attended. Joining them from Portland were Catherine Dunlop and Anna Pechanec. Florence Fulton came from Mt. Angel and Myrtle Smith was a special guest from Eugene. Dessert and a business meeting followed at Blanche's home.

President Dorothy Medill reported that \$131.68 was taken in at the Mother's Day Breakfast, clearing \$53.00.

It was decided the Obsidian Women's July Social will be a picnic the evening of July 17th.

MCKENZIE GUARDIANS

On May 6th, in spite of heavy rains and in the interests of conservation, Bob and Dorothy Medill journeyed to Blue River to the home of Elle Woods where they were introduced to Jim Barker of the McKenzie Guardians. They were shown plans and proposals for the area and given a tour of some of the more vulnerable points. Even in the rain, the beauty of the region is inspiring and stimulating. Usually we are not especially enthusiastic about golf courses, but if we were, we surely would want to play at Tokatee.

A delightful rain-forest type area along Swamp Creek was carpeted with ferns and mosses and we found quite a number of lady slipper orchids. These dainty forest flowers are becoming more & more scarce: indeed may be in danger of extermination, we were told. We crossed the stream on a hugh log, covered with a moss blanket so thick that it rivaled our most luxurious rugs. Raindrops were caught in its foliage reflecting sardonyx-like in the subdued light.

Our main objective, of course, is the preservation of the fine forests now being so ruthlessly destroyed. Much may be said for some of the attempts made by the lumbering industry for reseeding and reclaiming the clear cut areas, but much, much more must be done! There were evidences of cutting across streams: cutting areas visible from the scenic highways cutting trees important to the maintenance of the river bank. Sales are also planned for the entire Tamolitch Falls Valley. The devastation of the Castle

Rock mountain is alarming. Already cuttings have been allowed well over the northside in view of the highway and the maps show timber sales planned well down the face of this favorite peak of so many Obsidian trips.

One cannot help but believe a way must be found to harvest forests, so necessary to our daily lives, with less devastation and less waste of young timber. We noticed areas where young timber would be well along to harvesting if that now ready could only be taken without the complete destruction of the young growth.

We know, of course, that today's methods would leave nothing of this. We know, too, that if replanted forests are adequate, it would be unnecessary to cut into the scenic resources.

Since the scenic portions are part of the multiple use program, we desperately need well-defined guide lines established to permanently determine what is what!

COOS BAY WAGON ROAD 5/13

Left 19th and Patterson 8:00 a.m. and proceeded by I-5 to Roseburg, then Howard Ave. to Looking Glass road to L. G. Stopped & viewed Looking Glass, then to Flournoy Valley, Reston then Judge Buserback County Park for a rest stop. We proceeded to Sitkum, then Dora & on to Flora County Park for lunch. Then over hill to Cherry Creek, Kinley & pp Middle Creek to Alder Creek & north to Coos Ridge Rd. to N. Fk. Coquille, Cox Creek & to the main Coos River, then west to Dillwood & Coos Bay where the party disbanded near 4:00 p.m. Many stayed but some returned to Eugene. The weather was excellent. The country traversed was in part by private road upon which logging trucks move during the week. On this trip were Mary Jane Arpin, Ewart and Margaret Baldwin, Ina Foss, Roger & Edith Bridgeman, Jane Hilt, Virginia Horton, Molly Lay, Alvin & Helen Lynch, Ben & Marlane Shuford, Grace Smith, and Helen Weiser. Ewart Baldwin was the leader.

MT. JUNE 5/20

We had a mild overcast day, but no rain until we were in the cars starting home. We were fogged in at the top. Everyone made the trip without difficulty, including 4 year old Tommy Perry. Those making the trip: Carolyn Brown, Tink Gent, Tom Lockhart, Rachel Husbands, Clarence Landes, Betty Field Lockhart, Sherry and Tommy Perry, Lois Schreiner, Brenda Spinning, Cynthia and Phyllis Treinen, Mildred Wilson, Alex Biel and leader Souglas R. Spencer.

SUNRIVER BUS TRIP 4/8

Thirteen non-members and twelve members enjoyed the trip to beautiful Sunriver on a Graylines bus with expert driver, Lew West at the wheel. Our driver had to cope with all kinds of weather, rain, sunshine, snow, sleet and wind. During a magnificent traffic tieup on Santiam Pass the bus had to be equipped with chains or be stuck in the snow. We could not go any place in any event as there were cars all over the place which were also at a standstill. Ray was out helping "chain" the bus while Roxie, Gerry and other volunteers poured coffee from thermos bottles, passing out napkins, cups and homemade cookies. In spite of the delay we arrived at Sunriver Lodge on time had a delightful lunch, were taken on a bus ride around the area and then left for the drive home. Willamette Pass put on a real blizzard for us so Lew parked the bus in the first available spot and we had another "coffee clutch" with the remaining coffee and cookies, after which we continued the trip to Eugene. We came into bright sunshine at Oakridge and arrived in Eugene half an hour before our scheduled 6 p.m.

Signups are already coming in for the June trip to Lake Chelan so call early and be sure of a reservation if you are planning to go. This trip were:

Mary Bartholemew, Myrtle Cadman, Bailey & Mary Castelloe, Lois Campbell, Mary Carr Ray Cavagnaro, Duchess Cox, Reva Dildine Harry & Dorothy Evert, Geraldine Fehly, Walter Gerhardt, Catherine Griffith, Worth Harvey, Hetty Moxley, Ruth Nichols, Cora and Glen Pirtle, Morine Sitzman, Viola Volkens, Roxie Waldorf, Hazel Wiltshire, Bertha & Rolfe Anderson, Leaders were Ray Cavagnaro and Gerry Fehly.

BIKE RIDE 5/7

In spite of the leaders best efforts to have good weather, it was cloudy, gray and a cold drizzle. At least no one got sunburned and there were no bugs.

We took to the hills in the Bailey Hill area south west of town and returned via Lorane Highway. This involved two long grades. The tops of the hills seemed to be up in the clouds, but there was no snow on either Gimple Hill pass or Crest Drive summit. It was cold enough so that Clarence Landes kept his green beret well hidden under his parka.

Bob Cox, the blue racer, brot up the rear with a caboose sign and a tire pump that failed to put air in Lois Schreiner's tires, which were as soft as some of our

muscles. Fortunately, Don Payne had a more efficient air compressor and we had no further bike adjustments. Wes Prouty and Bill Price used old style bikes with big tires and no gears. They claimed that the added exercise would get them in better shape for the climbing season. We returned by early afternoon. The trip was really quite enjoyable. There were 18 people on the trip indicating an interest in bike riding. Wheeler Dealers were Anne Anderson, Dave Cohen, Bob Cox, Maurits de la Rambelje, Mary, Peter and Stella de la Rambelje, Marja D'Hollisy, Clarence Landes, Don & Alan Payne, Bill Price, Wes Prouty, Lois Schreiner, Susan Spittler, Nancy Durfee, Eaul & Marriner Orum, etc.

BERLEY LAKE-MAXWELL BUTTE 5/27-28

Memorial Week End Ski Tour. This was a good week end for a Grand Finale of the ski season.

This trip was originally scheduled as a three day ski trek thru the Three Sisters Wilderness. Due to a lack of interest it was changed to an overnight trip into Three Fingered Jack area. Hopefully to Duffy Lake.

We had an eager party of mostly young people. We toured from the Lodge on the Santiam Hiway and got as far as Berley Lake. The next day we skied on to Maxwell Butte hiking the last 1/2 mile. With such youthful and eager companions guess who was the last one to reach the top of the Butte? What a view from the top! Bounced off the top with some excellent glissading to the tune of shrieks of joy.

On the way out we stopped at Jack Shelter. The shelter was burned out earlier this spring to the point that it can no longer be used. Most likely it will be completely disposed of this summer.

The country north of Jack Shelter is more open and provides an excellent area for ski touring. There are also some open slopes for downhill runs. And no left lines. On this one were: Maryann Sandstrom, Brian Lematta, Rod Seeley, Paul Orum and leader Marriner Orum.

HARDESTY MOUNTAIN 3/11

Small turnout because of threatening weather for what was supposed to be an overnight trip. Made leader change to an afternoon outing. Group parked truck at saddle and snowshoed and skied up road to head of trail. Lack of snow on trail forced walking rest of way to top. Rainclouds reached Mt. June and group headed down. On trip were: Mary Bridgeman, Lois, Mary Holland and Donn Chase - leader.

CLARK CREEK NATURE TRAIL 5/6

Cypress Gardens in Florida haven't anything on the Oregonians. The moss covered trees, ferns, skunk cabbage, ladies slippers, bleeding hearts and trilliums show us a beautiful time and were out to greet us in their most beautiful coats. The trail has indian caves and six bridges to cross with good cold water to drink. The children delighted in finding snails and wood centipedes and caterpillars and other bugs, trying licorish roots and finding pork chop fungus which some of them took home to fry for supper.

We got back to the cars at 12:00, had lunch, went up to the cabins on the camp grounds which were nice. Then 6 of the group wanted to climb Clarks Butte so another 5 miles up and back. Didn't think we would make the top but we did. The scenery from the top was very pretty. Spotted one lightning fire on one ridge.

Mr. Bridgeman decided not to make the trip, but wouldn't take back his 25¢. On this trip were: Mary Bridgeman, Duchess Cox, Melba Eckhoff, Tresia Holms, (12) Dorothy Medill, Ruth Nichols, Frank and Sue Reimer, Helen Robbins, Helen Weiser, Bryan Wall and Chris (4) Andy (2) Wall. Hellei Harmon, leader.

SILVER FALLS STATE PARK 4/30

Sunday, April 30, 1972, 19 hikers took to the Park Trail as Silver Falls State Park. We hiked from North Falls to South Falls. The weather was clear and sunny.. A beautiful day. We began our hike about 10 a.m. so missed most of the other hikers (and their dogs) until we neared the end of the trail at Double & South Falls.

Frost had damaged some vetch and false Solomon's seal. Wild ginger was in blossom in several patches near end of North Falls. Also Indian Peach, Lambs Tongue, currant, salmonberry, huckleberry, oxalis and skunk cabbage. More wild ginger in blossom this years hike compared to last.

A great day for our hike and drive thru the countryside going to and returning from our days outing. Due to unexpected company, and to my regret, I was unable to go on this trip which Joanne and I planned to lead together, but she took the group after I went down on Sunday morning to see them off. Ahead of the hounds were: Snnie Anderson, Mary Bridgeman, Dave Cohen, Bob Cox, Duchess Cox, Gladys Grancorvitz, Joanne Horton, John, Dorothy, Janet, Jim, Ton Leland, Connie Myers, Jim Newton, Donald, Alan, Susan Payne, Parker Riddle, Thelma Watson, The leaders, Virginia and Joanne Horton.

LITTLE COWHORN MT. 4/29

The opening day of the fishing season and a good number of people with fishing pole in hand were trying their luck on the many streams and lakes that are located near Eugene, but not this hardy bunch.

We left Eugene at 8:20 for a short, pleasant drive past Fall Creek Reservoir and the numerous fishermen (and women) who lined the banks on this beautiful day, to climb to the top of Little Cowhorn. We traveled as far as we could by car before taking to the oldest form of travel, thru the 4 to 6 inches of snow increasing in depth as we decreased the distance between us and the gate at the bottom of the trail.

Looking up from the gate towards the top, we knew the hardest part of the climb lay ahead. We reached our goal, the lookout on top of the mountain in 1 hour and 45 minutes. The door was unlocked for us so that we could eat our lunch inside.

The view from the lookout was superb, even with the low clouds. After lunch and the pictures were taken, we left with much regret the beauty that surrounds this mountain.

I would like to offer special thanks to Bill Pratt, Lowell Forest Ranger, who phoned me Friday to inform me of the condition of the trail and that he and two other Forest Rangers hiked up to the lookout to unlock the door for us..

Those who made the trip were: Thelma Watson, Barbara Stiles, Helen Smith, Bill Price, Pat Pattison, David Nelson, Wayne Hatch, David Lee, Brian Lee, Mary Bridgeman, and leader Wesley Weathers.

HARDESTY MT. - SAWTOOTH RIDGE 5/13

We left Eugene at 8:20 and about one hour later parked our cars at the end of Crale Creek. Road where it crosses the Hardesty Trail. After 2½ miles of steady climbing we reached the top 2 hours later - enjoying the many wild flowers, the view and the warm weather.

One group left early and the rest of us hiked over to Sawtooth Mt. Climbed around the rocks - finished eating our lunch on top - had "snow cones" along the way - then came back down to the cars ending a pleasant long 8½ mile hike.

"Hardy" hikers were Kaze Bressler, Lorene Bressler, Duchess Cox, Rhonda Ferguson, Lee, Brian, David and Wayne Hatch, Janetta Overholser, Vickie Puterbaugh, Helen Robbins, Helen Smith, Thelma Watson, Dorothy Leland, the leader.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

No. 96

The Table Lake Summer Camp in August 1964, being the 35th annual camp, was Camp Dark - was in the heart of the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness.

Leaving cars at the end of the road on the east side, made a nine mile hike, first over a smooth log with a rope railing over a rushing creek, then by many creeks, Patsy Lake and finally a glimpse of Mt. Jefferson.

The two long Table Lakes, side by side looked "blue" as the trail passed by to our camp at the west end. It was so green with the tall trees everywhere made it one of the "most wilderness" of the many camps so far.

"Day time camp fires" was in order as an early thunderhead cloud really meant business as a gentle rain came at intervals. This camp was one of the first of "modern day camps" that noticed the weight of the heavy tarp over the camp table, so Gene Sebring, camp chairman, provided a black plastic which was real light and altho keeping the rain off, did go up and down with the wind.

A day hike "over the ridge" past Bear Point afforded a lush valley with many flowers. Then the hike up on a plateau a thousand feet above camp afforded a look down into Hunt's Cove. Then finally Gene led a climb of Mt. Jefferson from the south side, with a party of nine.

MAY 20th POTLUCK

And the rains came and four trips were scheduled for this weekend and one climb but in spite of all the distractions 35, or 40 showed up.

Hazen Bressler was sort of put on the spot as this date has always been left to Summer Camp Comm., but this year the SCC. were not interested, so Haze had to get busy and fill the evening which he did very interestingly, too. Haze had Maradell Gale show pictures with sound put out by the McKenzie Gardinas of the McKenzie country. The show as put together by Don Hunter from pictures that Elle Woods had gathered together. Even for those who have traveled up the McKenzie for years, this showing presented scenes one never saw, or presented them in a new light.

MT. HOOD 5/20

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We met Friday night at Timberline about 9:30 p.m. The mountain was overcast and the winds were east 20 - 40 mph. The weather bureau gave us a gloomy report at 10:30 p.m. for the next day and Lol and Behold!, at 2:30 a.m. when we met to climb, they were right! The rain was coming down horizontally with the wind still in the 40 mph category. Everyone followed my suggestion that we scrap the climb and stay dry. A later start at about 6 am would have provided a good climb as the storm subsided and the sky cleared about that time, but most of the party had left the mountain by that time. Non-climbers: Jim Cagle, David German, David Hart, Dennis Kneff, David and Glen Meares, Marshall Pallett, Don Payne, Cordelia & Ken Pinner (Chemeketaans) Wes Prouty, Don Thomas, Don Penrose, Leader. Ye Editor, also a non-climber.

HUMBUG MOUNTAIN 5/20

An overcast day, windy could have proved unpleasant but didn't. We reversed our usual trip to hike with our backs to the stiff S.W. wind. An easy beach walk led to tide pools filled with anemones, hermit crabs and snails. A few scrapes of a shipwreck showed. A snack on the sheltered shore refreshed us for climbing thru the rolling pasture. Just as hard, wind driven misty rain swept up-slope toward us, we gained shelter under dense myrtle trees behind a protective ridge. Here we had our evening meal.

At this shelter we regrouped. One part of the party led by Lath Flanagan scrambled to the blustery summit and down the tree tunneled, State Park path on the other side of the mountain. Then they hiked back on highway 101 to rejoin the rest of the group about 9:00 p.m. The others marched out thru swirling fog past lush lupine, wild iris, buttercup and wild lilac to Humbug Lodge by early evening. All sought their own shelter... most in motels.... and returned home Sun. John, Ruth, Cindy, Tom, Paul, Mary Bascom, Elizabeth Benjamin, Cliff, Ruth, Erin, Belinda and Leah BreMiller, Cindy Carlson Pete, Lath and Jenny Flanagan, Marge and Jon King, Judy Moore, Pat and Janice Pattison, Chuck, Dorae, Leslie, Sheila and Elizabeth Pyfer, Grace and Steve Smith, Donna, Bill and Pam Wilson. Leaders were John and Ruth Bascom.

THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The day could not have been nicer, nor the crowd more appreciative and pleasant for this years Mother's Day whether you came out to the breakfast that the Princesses put on, or went some place else.

As far as the breakfast went it was a big success, with pancakes, sausages, ham and eggs all over the place. Those coming visited, ate and visited again, reminiscing about this and that. The walls were covered with old time Obsidian pictures, which the breakfasters enjoyed as well as Ray Sims colored slides.

Alice Bissel, an expert with the sausage and Marge Erickson, an expert with eggs, were both on the job again this year. In the sink was Nellie Harmon. Helping out were Edith and Mary Bridgeman, Nellie McWilliams, Mary Castelloe, Dorothy Medill, Virginia West, Lenore McManigal and Charlotte Lemon and if I have missed any I will be dreadfully sorry the rest of my life. Harvey brot up 4 or 5 boxes of kindling wood for use in the fireplace. He also acted as cashier. Just been informed that Natalie Morgan, Wilma Moore, Lois Schreiner helped. Frank Moore helped in setting up tables.

Besides the colored slide show we had music over the new speaker system that the Pricesses bot and had set up by Don Hunter. Thelma Watson was also around to help.

CHUCK BERKEY entered the Eastern Oregon Half Marathon Race. The race extends from a little north of Service Creek to Spray and is 13 miles long. Around 60 persons entered from various parts of the Unites States and Canada. It seems this race has been going on for the past 7 years, being sponsered by the city of Spray. The racers were divided into groups depending on age. Times ranged from 1:35 to 2:20. Chucks time was 1:44.

Chuck said that the town had stands along the way where one could get water or orange juice and showers at the end of the race.

MARY ANN MOFFITT one of three Springfield Hi students selected by the Springfield Rotary Club as an exchange student to some foreign land. Where she will go has not been selected yet.

LOUISE BERKEY reported in the May issue of the Obsidian as being in Iowa. Last we heard was that she staying in Boston visiting friends there.

CASCADE HEAD 5/6

The overcast skies did not dampen the spirits of our party of ten. We left Eugene at 8:10 and arrived at the trail head at 10:40. About the first mile of trail is thru a lovely rain forest being preserved by Nature Conservancy. The rest of the trail is along open hill side and cliff. The trail is well marked and not quite the same as described in 100 Oregon Hiking Trails. We arrived at the head about 12:15. After enjoying the spectacular views we retreated to a sheltered spot for lunch. We started back at 1:30 with the last of the party reaching the cars at 3:30. Along the way many wild flowers were observed, including columbine, fairy bells, larkspur, lupine and Indian paint brush. A sparrow hawk performed for us, wrens and chickadees were sighted and the song of a varied thrush was heard. Snails and wooly caterpillars were out, and a red squirrel demonstrated how to eat a spruce cone. One carload returned by way of Dailas and the Buena Vista ferry. Our happy group included Kay Fahy, Ina Foss, Bea LeFevre, Marshall Pallett, Hazel and Russell Peck, Karen Seidel, Frances Stillwell, Thelma Watson and the leader Joel McClaure.

TIRE ME. 5/20

The sky was overcast as we left Eugene arriving at the trail at 10:00. Found first part of the trail well covered with fresh cut logs, in spite of a large sign warning "Not to skid logs on Trail" Trail very muddy, mush mist. Made a fire where we ate lunch and got warm. Down from top at 4:30 p.m. As usual - Good trip - Good Day - Good group. I was substitute leader for Dorothy Hayes. Thank you Dot for this pleasant opportunity. Kathryn Phibbs, Velma Shirk, Helen Smith, Parker Riddle, Meria Trout, Mike Wright, Mary Bridgeman, leader.

GERRY FEMLY back from among relatives in Scotland. She says they do not live up to their reputation for being stingy. They gave unstintedly of thier time showing her all of Bonny Scotland, but she can give no enlightenment on whether they do or do not have anything under their kilts.

EDITOR forced to flee the country. He missed getting in the Bulletin two trips scheduled, which aroused the wrath of the trips committee chairman to such an extent that the Editor felt it wise to leave until things got safer for him to return. He went clear up into Canada

With apologies and a thank ypu to the Idaho Alpine Club from which this was taken.

COURAGEOUS COOKERY

or

WHY NOT ENJOY BACKING by John Echo

Once the convert backpacker has accepted the subtle gustatory nuances associated with sustained operations beyond the chrome, he should try the advantages of ultra-fringe living so that he will realize what he is paying for his nested pots and pretty pans carried so diligently and brot home so dirty after every "wilderness experience".

The following system works. It is dependable and functional. It even works on the big rock. It even works when the weather has gone to Hell, you are wet and cold, and the wind is blowing a Dirty Degan right down the back of your neck.

It is not for the timid. It consists of a 6 in. sauce pan, A primus stove, a plastic cup and a soup spoon. If you insist on a metal cup, you must never fail to mutter, I'm having fun, I'm having fun, every time you burn your lips and spill the soup on your sleeping bag.

BREAKFAST: Instant wheat cereal - sugar and powdered milk - ready in two minutes after the water boils. Eat from pot. Do not wash pot. Add water, boil, add powdered eggs and ham - you'll never taste the cereal anyway. In three minutes eat eggs. Do not wash pot. Add water or snow and boil for tea. Do not wash pot. Most of the residue eggs will come off in the in the tea water. Do not wash pot.

DINNER: Boil pot of water. Add Wyler's dry vegetable soup and dried beef. Eat from pot. Do not wash pot. Add water and make potatoes from dry potato powder. Add dry gravy mix to taste. Eat potatoes and gravy from pot. Do not wash pot. Add water and boil for tea. Fish and meat can be cooked easily. You do not need fat or oil. Put water in pot. Add clean salted fish. Do not let water boil away. Eat from pot when done. Do not wash pot. Beginners may be allowed to wash pot once a day for three consecutive days only. Put water in pot for tea water. Make it strong and add sugar. Tastes like tea. Do not wash pot. With reasonable technique it should be clean.

Pack pot in rucksack and enjoy last cup of tea while others are dirtying entire series of nested cookware. Enjoy sunrise or take morning stroll while others are washing, in cold water, entire series of nested cookware.

LUNCH: Boil pot of tea. Have snack of rye bread, cheese and dried beef. Continue journey in ten minutes if necessary.

AND AT FRIENDLY HOUSE

June 18 - David Simpson will tour Latin America.

June 25 - Tour the Southwest with James Hensen.

July 2 - Closed for the Fourth.

July 9 - Hopes to have Howard Byerly.

July 16 - An olio. Free for all. Bring your own slides that you want others to see.

July 23 - Lodewick trip to the Wallowas

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