

Seasons Greetings

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TRIPS

Dec. 15-Barite mine and the Paschelke Ranch. Leo Paschelke leads.

Dec. 30-Snowshoe trip with Mary Bridgeman.

Jan. 5-Mystery Cross Country ski. Dorothy Hayes.

Jan 12-Potato Hill (like in spuds) snow shoe and Mary Bridgeman again.

Jan. 19-Big Lake ski and/or snow shoes. Dorothy Leland

Jan 20-Ribbon Trail. Marriner Orum Hendricks Park Spencer Butte.

CLIMBS

Mt. Hood with Steve Ross the last two weeks in Jan. Limited to people that have winter climbed. Call Steve at 343-0013 by mid January. Exact date to be set later.

Jan 27- Echo Mtn. This on skis. Jack Nitzel leads this one.

ENTERTAINMENT IN TROUBLE

Seems like everyone wants to be entertained, but no one wants to entertain. However, there will be a Christmas party and a New Years doin's. Details on the last page. Dave Zevenbergen - Bob Medill, the Board having gotten them both drunk, decided to take on this job for the coming year. So watch out.

SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL PARISH-13 & PEARL

If there is anyone who hasn't been to church since the remodeling of the interior, it will be quite worth your while to pay a visit to the Chapel to look at and admire the beautiful painting entitled "The Christ of the Universe", painted especially for the Chapel by the prominent Eugene painter, Elizabeth Gough who is one of the parishioners. It depicts an entirely spiritual Christ, standing within the circle of eternity bathed in light, with open hands, inviting all to "come to me". Gerry Fehly

10 PEAK AWARD

Alan Payne and Randy Zustiak both were awarded the Ten Peak honor this year. SEE YOU ALL AT THE CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEARS PARTIES. BE SURE TO BE THERE. O.K.

FRIENDLY HOUSE

Dec. 16-The Holy Land with Betty Waddle.

Dec. 23-Nil.

Dec. 30 Dinner and Program. Richard Noyes will show a tell about the Noyes trip to the Brooks Range north of the Arctic Circle. Dinner will be semi potluck. Call Kenneth Lodewick for details. Phone 344-6533.

NOTICE

All of you who have not PAID your 1973-1974 dues please do so before January 1974. This payment will save you the embarrassment of receiving a letter of "delinquency" and it will also save your Membership Chairman a lot of time since she will not have to send out scores of letters of delinquency. Thank you - Lois Schreiner.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

DOROTHY LELAND suffered major surgery and the whole club wishes you a speedy recovery, Dorothy. (Should have been in the November Obsidian).

FRANK REIMER spent some time in Sacred Heart Hospital, but we can say he is at home now doing quite well.

ANN CONNELL, we are glad to report, is back at home after being in the Eugene Hospital and Clinic with a bout of the pneumonia, and

MARY SANDS at the same hospital recovering from surgery. Expects to be back at her apartment in Lane Towers in time for Christmas.

Both Ann and Mary are new members and that is what you get from associating with such a lousy bunch as the Obsidians

MAXCINE WILLIAMS has an article "Alaskan Wildflowers for Pacific Northwest Gardens" accompanied with a number of pictures in the U of W "ARBORETUM BULLETIN" published quarterly by the U of W.

Maxcine has contributed a copy to the Obsidian Library. Thank you Maxcine.

KEITH & BESSIE BRUNIG off for the land South of the Border. They are flying as both of them have good wings.

SAND DUNES 10/3

The beginning and the end of the trip was wet, but other than those two "one half hour sessions" the conditions were pleasant. The sand on the main ridge on which we usually travel, has been blown enough to interrupt the ridge at several places. At the beach, the level of the sand against the "beach dune" is 6 or 7 feet higher than it usually has been; thus a lesser bank down to the beach and also a steeper slope to the surf line. This sand "fill" has covered most of the logs and floatsam, but plenty of fire wood is still there close by. We were there at approximately low tide. Those emptying sand out of their boots were--- Helen Hughes, Henry Jeppesen, Margaret Markley, Ted Stern, Merle Traudt, Jon Thompson, Paula Vehrs, Gregory Wannier and the leader Clarence Landes.

BOOTH LAKE 10/20

It was not raining when we left the city, but was pouring when we reached Santiam Summit. The rain let up to a drizzle, so we made it into Booth Lake where a fire was started and we enjoyed a wet lunch. A few deer were seen by some of the group. It was nice to have a walk in the rain with such a pleasant group of hikers. One does gain an entirely different perspective of wilderness beauty on a rainy hike. On the way home the weather cleared a bit and we were able to enjoy the beauty of our fall foliage, which was in abundance. Out in the rain: Stan Bonat, Martha Botkin, Mary Bridgeman, Marg Brittain, Les & Marian Cone, Rich & Ruth Clarke, Karen & Melba Eckhoff, Bruce Ellis, Maragert Hallet, Corinne Hunt, Vi Johnston, Wai Lau Man, Dorothy Island, Helen Smith, Merle Traudt, Vincent Throop, Vivian Wiles & the leader Parker Riddle.

CARPENTER MOUNTAIN 9/27

The week before when I took 18 UO students up Carpenter Mountain to scout it out it was all pea-soup fog. Today Obsidians and 9 non-members were able to admire snow-capped Hood, Jack, Washington, the Sisters, Bachelor and Diamond under a sparkling blue sky. Obsidians Gloria Hanan and Mary Bridgeman deserve 3 stars for hauling big bags of garbage off the look-out (that was garbage, my 18 students hauled their own stuff away). Perfect Indian Summer weather. Still I'd recommend moving this hike down to the early part of October (I got snowed out, and/or in a couple years of age on a 24 of October). Only dissapointment of whole trip: White Water cafe in Blue River was out of Boysenberry pie when we stopped

on our way back to Eugene. On top of the mountain were: Mary Jane Arpin, Carleen & Elliott & Mary Bridgeman, Jacki Dougherty Gloria Hanan, Virginia Horton, Bev & Lynn Rich Juilfs, Wai Lau Man, Ruth Nichols, Doug & Judy Robertson, Grace Smith, Helen Smith, Merle Traudt, Paula Vehrs and the leader, Helmut R. Plant.

CASTLE ROCK 9/28

The group left town at about 9:15 a.m. under heavy skies and a bit of precipitation. Arrived at the 2 M trailhead at 10:45 and at the peak at 12 noon. The trail was easy and the weather tolerable for hiking but a wee bit cold and wet at the top with visibility nil. Clarence Landes got out his camp burner to use & made a pot of boiling water for a spot of tea. After 45 minutes everyone was set to leave which must have made the sun angry, because half way down he came thru the clouds. Back at the cars by 2 p.m. and parting company cheerfully. Those who braved a little Oregon "Mist" were: Stan Banat, Elaine & Shelly Barnes, Clarence Landes, Lynne Miens, Annette and Glenn Miller, Parker Riddle, Merle Traudt, Roxanne Thompson and leader Paula Vehrs.

BOARD MEETING FOR OCTOBER

New President, Helen Smith, called the meeting to order (as usual, out of order) and it was soon evident that she has gathered up the reins and has the program well in hand.

Lois Schreiner will begin reviewing the Constitution with view to revisions.

Treasurer reported beginning balance of \$68.62. Income from trips \$59.10, and \$36.50 from climbs. Membership \$718.70, Entertainment \$18.35 and \$5 subscription to the Obsidian.

Climbing Comm. will be Don Payne, Chairman, Clarence Landes, Wes Prouty, Bert Ewing and Jack Sheppard.

Conservation Comm. was asked to give special attention to the French Pete negotiations.

Some Comm. were not yet filled. Complete lists may be ready for the next Bulletin.

NEW GARBAGE DISPOSAL--The Board favored the plan of each bringing a litter bag and carrying ALL garbage home to your own garbage disposal. The fireplace was considered not the proper place and since there is no garbage pick-up service at the Lodge each must share responsibility just as if on a trip or climb.

This is not impossible. Many of the members already do this and wash their dishes at home....so please, please make arrangements to see that this is done.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN HELEN SMITH & THE
FOREST SERVICE

Mr. Philip H. Mahone,
Blue River Ranger District,
Blue River, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Mahone:

I appreciate being included in the mailing of letter #7730, dated Sept. 11, I am quite familiar with the two trails you refer to - #3326 and #3253.1 - and think limited maintenance for both is adequate for hikers.

I think you could expand this idea for determining needs for trail maintenance. Those of us who hike the trails a lot could take notes of bad spots and report them. Perhaps, if you were to send us a list in the spring of the trails earmarked for maintenance, we could save your people considerable time by reporting on the condition of these trails.

Last spring and summer some of us noticed trail maintenance being done or planned on trails where we could not see any need for it. We wondered if money was being spent for this maintenance and if so, it looks like it was being wasted because the trail didn't need any attention. One incident was on your district another on the Lowell district.

If you can, let us help more in determining need for maintenance and perhaps we can make limited funds go farther.

Helen Smith.

Dear Miss Smith:

I am attempting to determine how much, if any, use is made of two trails located upon the Blue River Ranger District to see what reaction we would receive to a plan of not performing annual maintenance on these trails.

Trail #3326 - Saddle Trail - Southern terminus is the East Fork Road #1778, Northern terminus is the Olallie Trail #3519 at O'Leary Mtn. This is a steep Trail, difficult to maintain; a newly constructed road approaching from the north side of O'Leary Mtn. (McKenzie Ranger District) approaches within 100 feet of the Northern terminus of the Saddle Trail. Access to the Olallie Trail may also be gained by the upper East Fork trail which intersects the Olallie Trail between Taylor Castle & Horsepasture Mtn. Trail #3523.1 - McBee Trail - Southern terminus is a spur road off the Skookum Camp Road; Northern terminus is Coral Flat in the Wilderness. This trail is crossed by the Crossing Way Trail #3307. The trail head of #3307 is only 1.2 mile from the intersection of #3307 and #3523.1, hence most traffic originates at the

Crossing Way Trailhead. The segment of McBee Trail between Skookum Camp Road & Crossing Way Trail is crossed numerous times by logging spur roads. The Southern most mile of McBee is very steep and shows little use.

Should this inquiry which is being sent to hiking and riding clubs, result in little interest in the continued use of these trails, I propose to sign each trail with "Limited Maintenance", use at your own discretion" signs and utilize the limited funds which we receive to better maintain our other District trails.

Sincerely, Philip H. Mahone.

Mr. Philip H. Mahone,
Other Resource Assistant,
Willamette National Forest,
Blue River, Oregon.

Reference: Letter #7730, dated Sept. 11.

Dear Mr. Mahone:

Your letter addressed to the Obsidians Inc. was referred to me for answering as I am, perhaps, one of the best informed members they have on trails in our area. I am quite familiar with the two trails you mentioned - #3326 and #3523.1. Limited maintenance for both of them is quite acceptable with us.

We have used the Saddle Trail, #3326 many times and probably will continue to use it in the future because we like to go up the East Fork Trail to the Olallie Trail and then after going to the top of Horsepasture Mtn. come down the Saddle Trail. It is quite alright as it is for our own use.

I don't think the Obsidians have ever used the southern section of the McBee Trail, #3523.2. I traveled it a few yrs to see what it was like and, except for one spot, had no trouble following it. I met a Forest Service man who was trying to reestablish the trail thru that spot and, if he succeeded, the trail needs no further attention for hikers.

You are to be commended for this approach to trail maintenance with limited funds.

Sincerely, Helen Smith.

ADDENDUM TO THE FWOOC CONVENTION

Obsidian Conservation Comm. sent suggested resolutions to the FWOOC Convention on: Saving more Wilderness, including French Pete; making Iron Mtn. a botanic area; preventing mining of Rock Mesa.

WELL - WHADA YA KNOW?

A Federal Judge has ruled that the practice of clear-cutting in the National Forests is in violation of an 1897 law. This ruling leaves the Forest Service personnel up a snag.

CHUCKSNAY MT. 10/6

Five "Webfeet" left Eugene at 7:30 and headed up South Fork to Box Canyon. Parked cars at Guard Station and started up wet trail. This was very steep but gained the top where it was now dry. While eating our lunch we enjoyed a good viewing of the surrounding country. We retraced our steps on the still very wet trail, then home. On trip: Norman Benton Wilbur Groner, Tom Knight, Helen Smith & leader, Mary Bridgeman.

BINGHAM LAKES 9/30

"We found it! We found it! That's what we thot the members of the wagon train of 1853 might have exclaimed as they stopped at Pinwan Lake and got their first look at Crescent Lake. Well, that's what we said when we finally found the fourth lake. The first lake had a broad avenue right across the middle. As we went across, we looked back to see if the Egyptians were after us. We took a compass sighting on the second lake and hit it right on the nose. Not so lucky on the next, but after reaching it there seemed mighty little evidence of humans having been there. No trails, no campfires, no sawed nor chopped trees, no trash. The color was nice, a little overcast, a little sun, and generally a very nice trip. On trip: Mary Bridgeman, Duchess & Bob & Kay Cox, Bob Capron, Chuck Haddad, Helen Smith, Ted Stern, Merle Traudt and the leader was Bob Cox.

WILLANETTE NATIONAL FOREST
RECREATION FEATURE OF THE WEEK

More and more winter recreationists are becoming interested in cross-country skiing. The Sweet Home Ranger District will offer some challenging snow areas to these skiers, about Dec. 15th, when snow gets deeper. The Parks Creek, Lava Lake and Parish Lake areas east of Sweet home should provide opportunities for exciting cross-country skiing. These areas are made up of about 10,000 acres of gently rolling terrain, with at least 50 miles of road. The roads will not be drivable because the District does not plan to plow them. However, these roads will provide recognizable paths to follow. There are 3 primary access points to these areas. (1) Forest Road 1349 off U. S. Hiway 20, 40.5 miles east of Sweet Home Ranger Station. (2) Forest Road 1349F which goes west from Hiway 22, about five miles north of the junction of Hiway 20 and State Hiway 22. (3) Forest Road 124 about 9 miles north of the Santiam Junction on State Hiway 22.

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Few persons use these areas. Maybe the reason is that most skiers just haven't found them yet. Maybe because Hoodoo Ski Bowl is only a few miles further east on Hiway 126. These fine areas are easily passed up.

Check with the Sweet Home Ranger District office at Sweet Home for further information about these ski areas. Phone is 367-5168.

THE ROGUE WALKER, a monthly bulletin put out by the Rogue Group Sieera Club, in their November issue has an article by Jim Collins, Oregon State Game Comm. dealing with the value of snags in the forests as homes for a variety of birds.

He says, "Nearly all snags, regardless of number on the site, will be used by certain birds and animals for nesting, feeding or perching. No snags or potential snags should be felled without good justification from the standpoint of fire or safety".

A LETTER TO THE FOREST SERVICE

Presumably to the Lowell Ranger as the answer is from there.

Dear Sirs: On Saturday, Nov. 10th, I am leading an Obsidian trip. We thot we would like to "clean up" a small area and would appreciate your suggestion as to the location. Also could we depend on some labor and/or equipment from your department? A place which would be a short hike in, then spending all day cleaning up.....very truly,

Mary Bridgeman

Their Answer

Thanks for your offer! Here are a couple suggestions;

(1) Cowhorn Lookout.

Scrub inside of building with strong Clorox solution to remove mildew caused by leaky roof. Put shutters over windows. Burn old roofing material. Remove unburnable trash. Access to lookout by $\frac{1}{2}$ mile steep trail. Backpack water and cleaning material. Good job for a nice day. Very difficult to handel shutters in strong wind. This is a must job for us before winter snows.

(2) Elk Camp Shelter.

Remove old barbed wire from general vicinity of shelter, trail an meadow. Replace old or missing shakes on roof. Another volunteer has started the job, but has not finished. Shakes are at the shelter. We can supply tools and materials but not labor - recreation budget too limited. When you reach a decision please contact me to make definite plans

Dan Wilt, Lowell Ranger Station.

BANANA NUT BREAD

To me a new recipe from the Everitt, Washington daily newspaper, THE SUN.

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ c sugar	1 c mashed bananas
3 eggs separated	$\frac{1}{2}$ c butter or oleo
1 tea s vanilla	$\frac{1}{2}$ c buttermilk
1 cup nuts	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c flour
1 tea s soda	

Dissolve soda in milk - cream butter and sugar - add eggs yolks - mix - blend in banana, milk, nuts - stir in flour - beat egg whites stiff-fold into flour mixture add vanilla - pour into loaf pan well greased and floured - 350 - 1 hour.

I have used several different recipes in making banana nut bread, but this one is the best. In case you do not have butter-milk handy add 1 tea s vinegar to milk.

Polly Tickle

EUGENE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY NEWS

has in the November issue of their publication a most interesting article on Blue Birds and the reasons fro their apparent practically being an exticnt bird The article states that their only nesting places are in the cavities of old dead trees and sangs. That these are not only being cut down, but also being taken over by sparrows (English) and starlings

The article also says that at one time Blue Birds were one of the most common birds in the valley. The article gives a complete, easy to build nesting boxes to accomodate the Blue Birds. An issue of this bulletin is at the Lodge.

PRINCESS NEWS

Mary Bridgeman, Equestria, invites the Princesses to meet at her Teepee, 375 Cherry Dr. for their Christmas Party Dec 17th at 7:30 p. m. (Don't get there any earlier. They may not be up yet). There will be a gift exchange. (no meeting in November).

October meeting at Mary Gillespie's (pine Squirrel) was well attended with the new officers in charge. (Mary's famous dessert took the spotlight----cream pies-3 flavors). Business included: Maltese Cross project completed; plans made for annual initiation; decision to purchase a firescreen for Lodge. It to be supervised by one Clarence Landes.

LAST CALL for dues this year. After the first of Jan. you will be penalized 1 buck. Please send in dues to membership Lois Schreiner, 339 Taylor, Eugene 97402 Send in subscription to the Obsidian to the Obsidian either Obsidians, Inc, P.O. box 322, Eugene 97401, or Bob Medill 2164 Laura, Springfield 97477. Sub \$2 per yr.

WHOOPEE-DO! THE BOARD HAS DECIDED TO RAISE THE EDITORS PAY-DOUBLE LAST YEARS PAY....

WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST

has mailed two documents to more than 400 people as part of its continuing efforts to increase public participation in planning management of the Forest. The documents are also available to anyone who notifies the F. S. by mail, telephone or by personal visit, according to Zane G. Smith, Jr. One brochure outlines the land use planning process that will be followed by the F. S. during the next 16 months. Included with this document is a information sheet outlining the Forest's views on the principal issues and concerns for future management. The public is asked to respond to these issues and a form is provided for this.

LOIS'S PIE SHOP

Lois kneads the dough. This is the most difficult time of the year for our membership Chairman. You can make it much easier if you either send in your dues or a note saying you do not wish to be a member any longer. The membership chairman is required to send out two to three notices to delinquents telling them that they are in arrears.....Send to Lois Schreiner, 339 Taylor, Eugene 97402.

CHIEF S BIG POW-WOW

Nov. the 17th Chiefs Bantam and Smoke-turner opened the Lodge early and soon were joined by Chief Spruce-up who came with his chain saw and sawed up enough down timber to last a couple years, to be brot up in Springs good weather.

At 6:30 chicken dinners were delivered to the 13 assembled and chocolate, mince pumkin and apple pies were added for a bountiful meal.

In the initiation to follow Glen Meares became Chief "Hot Seat" and Parker Riddle became Chief "Confused". Others attending were Bill Beaman, Dave Zevenbergen, Wes Prouty, Lee Hatch, Art Johnson, Keith Brunig, Irv Williams, George Korn, Bob Northrop, Alvin Lynch, Dick Moffitt, Jim Jeppesen and Ray Sims.

THE POST OFFICES decision to place a certain section of the Eugene District u under different zip-code numbers made it necessary for the publications department to go over the mailing list and try to get addresses of those concerned made out with correct zip-code numbers. Please see if we have omitted to make the correct change and if so please notify Obsidians PERMISSION is hereby given for any Club to use any material in our publications that they may find of value to their membership.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

RUTH BASCOM was interviewed by Wink Guthrie on KVAL-TV on Nov. 14 on North west Noon News. Ruth was recently appointed to the State Bicycle Advisory Comm. by Governor McCall.

WALTER YOUNGQUIST interviewed, same man same place, different date. Nov. 28th by Wink on NW News. Walt gave the listeners the low down on the oil situation.

RICHARD NOYES appeared on the evening news on Nov. 14 speaking in defense of French Pete.

SUE REIMER has a hobby, which to say the least, is most unusual. She mounts Christmas cards that are appropriate on a card backing to make place mats for on table use.

HERRONS TO HAWAII, BOTH OF THEM, Art & Betty. Don't know what on earth any one would want to go there, especially in the winter time. But have an aloha of a time anyway.

MOVED FOR VARIOUS REASONS

Gloria Hanan from 4660 Franklin to 1035 West 19th in Eugene.

Frances Kardell from 1152 Olive to 350 Pearl, Ya-Po-Ah Terrace - Eugene.

ROBERT AND EMER CAPRON have gone where the wild geese go - that is south for the winter. Only the Caprons didn't go quite that far. Down to southern Arizona. It is said that they will be back.

WHO TOOK A BRISK HOURS WALK AROUND 16 acres each morning? How many miles is it around 16 acres? First correct answer gets a prize.

Dutchess Cox

HAZEN & LORENE BRESSLER making a winter trip way down south. To Mexico to be exact. They will eventually return home if they have not already done so by the time you get this issue of the Obsidian.

ARE OBSIDIANS CHEAPSKATES?

The California Alpine Club's Christmas party is listed as \$4.75 for members and \$5.25 for non-members with a request to bring a \$2 gift marked male or female.

IF YOU FIND MISTAKES in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We try to publish some thing for everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes. And if you find some things in here that are not easily read just consider what it would be like if it were all done by my hand writing. Can't read it myself. Happy daz 2 U.

MT. ST. HELENS SCENIC AREA

Some 52,000 acres in Southwestern Wash would be closed to most logging and designated as the Mt. St. Helens Scenic Area under a proposal by the U. S. Forest Service.

BOARD NOTES FOR DECEMBER

Called to order by Helen Smith and all Hands were on deck.

Bills read and allowed:

EWEB.....\$34.64.

Stamps (Membership).....\$ 8.00

Mailing November Obsidian.....\$13.25

TRIPS: Dave turned in 2 reports and reported 3 not turned in.

CLIMBS: Don has one lined up for in December and mentioned on for February.

OUTING: Merle has a tentative spot all picked and also reported plans for some major changes in the operation of Summer Camping that should be most favorably acceptable to the majority of the member ship. More concrete information later.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Clarence has 3 or 4 jobs needing to be done soon before snow flies up there and will like to have some help. Clarence also brot up the subject of a wood-shed and was given a go-ahead to furnish the Board with plans and cost Will need some help digging up dirt (not of a moral nature), just dirty dirt.

CONSERVATION: Marriner's say-so is in another place in this issue.

LIBRARIAN: Bea reported all work up to date.

SCIENCE & FICTION (er I mean Education) Dr. Baldwin is looking forward to anticipating trips on which the services of a botanist, geologist, etc. would be of a benefit to those going on the trip and try to arrange such. This is a field that could add a great deal more interest to a trip.

OUBLICATIONS: Bob turned in subscriptions of \$6.50. Reported either a feast or a famine in material for Obsidian.

SPECIAL COMM. on revision of constitution and bylaws: Lois and her Comm. have finished this onerous job and the Board talked it over some and will take it up for further discussion at next meeting.

RICHARD NOYES attended and spoke on the French Pete battle. He gave the Board a comprehensive picture of what has been done and what may be coming up. Looks like a court battle is coming up with the Sierra Club taking the lead to once and for all, finding out just what is the meaning of multiple use. Dick told of a great many Clubs and organizations in the area who are giving their support and asked the Obsidians to do so. Board went on record giving their support.

We will not be implicated financially unless the Board later decides to.

Don Payne treated with delicious cake and cream.

Wes, we miss you. Clarence, we miss you. Lois wasn't missed. She was there.

KONSERVATION KORNER with Marriner Orum
ALTERNATIVES FOR FRENCH PETE
WILDERNESS OR LOGGING

French Pete, a 19,200-acre Western Cascade drainage 60 miles east of Eugene is a unique de facto wilderness. Of 65 Cascade valleys ten miles or more in length French Pete remains today one of three not already roaded and logged. Over five miles of French Pete Creek lies below 3,000 feet and is available to recreation trail use the year around. The views from the surrounding ridges out over the uncut virgin forest of French Pete are also unique: no other place in the Cascades is so easily accessible.

In 1968 the Forest Service proposed 11 clear-cut units in the heart of French Pete. Conservationists protested and to date have prevented any developments in French Pete. The history of this area goes all the way back to the mid-1950's and the decision of the Secretary of Agriculture in 1957 to remove 53,000 acres from the Three Sisters Primitive Area---including French Pete and adjoining roadless areas in Walker and Rebel Creeks. The controversy over these 53,000 acres was, in fact, a prime mover of the drafters of the first Wilderness Bill in Congress leading to the passage 10 years later of the Wilderness Act; to take administrative discretion away from the Forest Service and give Congress the final authority for wilderness decisions.

To date French Pete has been saved by a series of administrative appeals. Unfortunately, in 1971, Assistant Secretary Cowden ruled that a modified plan for French Pete must include harvest of 3 million board feet annual allowable cut, about enough raw material to run the local Weyerhaeuser mill half a week. The Forest Service now considers the French Pete issue closed. No consideration was given French Pete for wilderness study in spite of the fact that public response to the draft EIS on roadless Areas was overwhelmingly in favor of wilderness study for French Pete.

Zane G. Smith, Jr., Willamette National Forest Supervisor, declares that he has his "Marching Orders" from the Secretary (the Cowden decision) to go ahead with timber harvest. The allowable cut from French Pete will be 3 million board feet per year. No small volume - but compare- we are exporting 3 billion board feet per year. That's the allowable cut from 1000 French Petes! and we can't save one French Pete. Something doesn't jibe.

Senator Bob Packwood on October 30 introduced S. 2627 to add French Pete and the adjoining roadless areas (Walker Rebel and Mosquito Creeks) to the Three Sisters Wilderness - an area of 42,000 acres which would correct the mistake made in 1957 and give permanent protection to these unique wild lands.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Senator Hatfield is not co-sponsoring this bill. Congressman Dellenback also favors the logging alternative. As a matter of practical politics, if French Pete is to be saved, our entire delegation will need to support the Packwood Bill. You can make your views known to:

Honorable John Dellenback Honorable
 House of Representatives Mark Hatfield
 Washington, D.C. 20515 United States
 Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510

BIKE TRIP 7/7

It's only 13 miles from the SEHS parking lot to Jasper. But 3 bicyclists rolled 42 miles to reach the heart of quiet downtown Jasper. It was an almost perfect example of the "you can't get there from here" idea. With leader on sturdy Raleigh Sports 3-speed, followed by 2 impatient 10-speeders, the 3-some departed from 19 & Patterson at 8:15 under grey skies in cool weather. Billed somewhat misleading as a "roughly 40-mile tour of park and recreation sites", the cyclists visited such places, all after the sun burned thru overcast at 10:30 to heat up the clear country air.

After an 11 a.m. stop for extra goodies in a Fall Creek grocery, we made an "optional" 10-mile round-trip on an excellent road to Little Fall Crk Picnic area.

During our entire noon hour sojourn, we ate lunch on a steep sunlit bank of the creek, watched white water foam by and walked thru much of the area (a pleasant picnic on grounds or tables await in uncrowded sites). During lunch & enroute Unity Park the trip, each trained in a different branch of technology (chemistry electrical engineering & physics) tried to rehash school days teachings of the 3 basic laws of, appropriately, the science of heat transfer (thermodynamics).

About 2 p.m. we sheltered from midday heat, in Unity Park along Fall Creek. We rested at one of several picnic tables set on green grass carpet in shade cast by huge, old maples whose green leaves filtered out the hot, bright sunlight.

Somewhat rested from hot sun & soothed

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BY LUSH SHADY SURROUNDINGS, WE HEADED FOR Unity, past a commune & rolled over (or under) the covered bridge to the Fall Creek Dam enclosure for a good view of the spillway west of Unity.

We returned to Unity & stopped for a high priced bottle of soda pop in the Unity Market & pedalled west for Jasper.

Enroute past irrigated pastures with grazing herds of steers, cows and some horses, we picked up the pace to suit the ten-speeders, who suddenly grew anxious to return home. In the process we chased a long SP freight train up a mild grade for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile making a contest of the race until the laboring engines fore and aft reached level ground & pulled away (or was it we held our own on the level and lost out on the grade).

After logging 42 miles, we split up in Jasper at 4 p. m. Slow leader on his 3-speed headed into Jasper Park for a $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour siesta while 2 10-speeders, despite looking tired, red faced & breathless, sped for Eugene. Fearless leader left Jasper Park at 5:30 & arrived home by 8, by way of Baker Bike Path & Autzen Foot-bridge to end a 52 mile ride. Amen. 10-speeders were Glen Fortner (an E.E for EWEB & Jack Sjolseth (physicist turned computer man for IBM) following & leading was Dave Cohen.

SUBSTITUTE POINT 9/23

Gloria Hanan and Dorothy Turner followed leader Ron Nunemaker. Lovely.

GREETINGS TO new members from Roseburg Juniors all: Ellen, Lester, Stephen and Martha and William McGehee. Wish you all were not so far away, Could put you on a shovel handle up at the Lodge.

SCOTT LAKE & MOUNTAIN

These were named for Felix Scott, an early day settler and explorer and one of the promoters of the McKenzie Toll Rd

YOUR NEW ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE WILL NEED HELP: SOME HELP, PERHAPS SOME PITY AND A LOT OF ENCOURAGEMENT. IF ANY OF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS DON'T KEEP THEM TO YOURSELVES. THESE TWO NUTS WHO HAVE AGREED TO TAKE ON THIS TASK WITH THEIR OTHER WORK IN THE OBSIDIANS MUST HAVE SOME HELP.

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HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

The Trinity Apls in Northern California was the 1969 site of the Obsidian Summer Camp. The $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles zig zagged up thru dense timber but opened at the top to a granite basin with many, many lakes and our camp site was in a beautiful green area on the shore of snowslide Lake.

Almost daily pack horses went by camp taking campers to other parts of this wonderful area of big lakes. Besides our Snowslide Lake there were three large Caribou Lakes. Our lake was the best swimming lake the Obsidians have ever had, as any depth and the ideal granite steps down to the water was "out of this world".

With the usual camp set up, four of the boys took an overnight trip into another valley to Emerald and Sapphire Lakes and brot back fish for an evenings dinner and for a week fish for breakfast.

Besides the fine swimming lake, theree never was a cloud in the sky in our two weeks, nor was there a bug of any kind, the 70 or 80 degrees is what campers like. To me it was the only perfect camp we have ever had.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

Potluck & Christmas Cheer Dec. 22nd & Santa Claus will be there with his sack. Bring a gift marked man, woman or child to put in the sack. Time being so short and new Enterchairmen not having time to really get organized, can't give details but with your help by turning out will have something to offer.

NEW YEARS will be something else. The evening will be filled up with games.

Everyone is requested to bring a White Elephant wrapped up for prizes. No potluck, but you are asked to bring treats of one kind and another to nibble on.

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