



HARBINGERS OF SPRING

Mother Nature heralds in each spring with subtle gestures like soft, warm rain, budding trees and blooming crocuses. Early cults like the Druids of England performed ancient rites to guarantee good crops. Pixes, Trolls & Elves entered the picture along the way as constant reminders of Nature's beauty.

In modern times we still celebrate with occasions like the Scandinavian Festival in Junction City.

The Obsidians celebrate in April as we have for 45 years, with our own Fireside Fiasco. It is a spoof of ourselves and our antics. This year, if you have some tricks to play, a poem to recite, a family or group skit, or plays, or just plain fun for laughs, then call Bob Cox, 746-2712 & have him fit you in the scheme.

It's going to be a gas, so watch for the date - in April.

IN THE BOARD ROOM

All the drawers (not wool) in the Board room have been numbered. On the post at the cabinets has been placed a directory list of the numbers and spaces to write in opposite the numbers what is in drawers of corresponding numbers. Now all you people who have stuff in these drawers will get on the job and mark on the directory what you have in them will curtail the job of looking. We do not know who did this job and done so neatly, but it is much appreciated. Thank you.

A PARKING PROBLEM

So many new members that a word on our parking set up may be in order. And the layout is: drive straight to the Club house, unload passengers, then drive to where you park by continuing down hill and around to one of the two lanes going up grade thru the trees and park in one of the cleared out areas for one or two cars. All the cleared out areas are slanted to be entered by driving up the grade. If you park by going down grade you would have to enter one of the wider spaces made for two cars, thus taking up space made for tow cars. AND - you will note that there is a lane coming from the parking area for travel between the cars to the Club House. Please do not block this lane. It causes people walking from their cars to wander thru the brush. We thank you.



Two of our Presidents were both born in February. George Washington is remembered mostly because of his being our first President, Abraham Lincoln is remembered for a lot of humanitarian reasons that made him popular with some and unpopular with a lot of other people at that time, but one thing that is not commonly known today is that he signed the Bill making Thanksgiving Day a National Holiday. Both Presidents were involved with war, like so many of our Presidents have been, but none I believe was more saddening than the one on Honest Abe had on his hands.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

RICHARD NOYES & PATRICIA HARRIS for whom wedding bells were ringing January 26th. Pat is from Corvallis. They were wed at the home of Dick Noyes.

LOST

KAY FAHY COX lost at the New Years Party a set of 6 or 8 camel bells on a string. She has been sick in bed ever since. Help her get well by locating these bells.

PHYLLIS FORD of the UP Dept. Recreation & Park Management, attended the 1972 Nat. Rec. and Park Assn. Congress in Anaheim, Calif. and was elected to the Board of Directors.

RAYMOND MIKESELL, UO Prof. Economics, attended the annual meeting of International Monetary Fund and World Bank in Washington, D. C.

NORMAN BENTON we are most sorry to learn of the death of Norm's mother and all Obsidians join in extending to you, Norman, and to your brothers and sisters their sympathies. Clara Benton died Feb. 4th at the age of 80.

WILDERNESS CAMPING

A new magazine devoted entirely to camping out, backpacking, skiing, boating or bicycling is published at 1255 Portland Place, Boulder, Colorado 80302, is published bi-monthly and subs are \$4.00 a year.

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PRINCESSES STILL WANT BETTY CROCKER'S LABELS OR COUPONS.

Mountain climbing is increasing in popularity. Thousands of Americans are getting away from it all by climbing mountain peaks, and many of the climbers are leaving behind a pile of garbage.

Where the climbers go, park rangers and conservationists must follow to clean up the litter. Discarded paper, tin cans, bottles, discarded equipment and other wastes. At the Grand Teton National Park rangers return from the peaks with sacks full of junk. The Appalachian Mountain Club, which maintains campsites in the White Mountain National Forest of New Hampshire, is using helicopters to fly out wastes in 55 gallon drums. Last year an expedition from the University of Oregon climbed the upper slope of Mt. McKinley, but not just for adventure. The climbers goal was to eliminate the monuments of litter left by previous climbers. The clean-up crew on North Americas highest mountain burned or threw into crevices about 300 pounds of junk and they came down with about 100 pounds more - all they could carry. The problem of human wastes at the summit of Mount Rainier is becoming so acute that the Park Service is thinking of crowning the snow-capped peak with a privy.

Mountaineering is no longer the lonely pursuit of a few. Estimates of the number of climbers in the U.S. range from a quarter of a million to one million people. The number of people climbing the Brand Tetons has doubled in seven years. Overnight campers in New Hampshire's White Mountain National Forest have almost doubled in three years. Park Rangers report that campers at lower levels are becoming more careful about not littering. However, the high altitude problem is getting worse. The Rangers attribute this partly to what they call the expedition psychology that prevails among mountaineers on the higher peaks.

When the going is rouge, with raging winds, freezing temperatures and treacherous footing, survival is uppermost in the climbers' minds. They'er not worrying about the niceties of disposing of all their trash and excess gear. The consequence of the expedition psychology is especially apparent on Mt. McKinley. 3 summers ago a group of climbers from Tacoma, Wash. had scarcely begun an ascent of the mountain when they came upon the campsite of an Italina expedition that had left a few weeks earlier. A large tent was still standing, surrounded by folding aluminum chairs, gasoline

lamps and cans of food. Such littering on Mt. McKinley is not unusual. At seventeen thousand feet on McKinley the U of 6 clean-up expedition found a trash dump that spread over an area of some 100 ft. At such altitudes where the air is thin and freezing material will not decay and helicopters are unable to go to such heights for cleanup work, McKinley Rangers try to talk with members of every expedition before they start out. If They don't the mountaineers tend to turn wilderness peaks into trash heaps.

(copied from a tape by Don Payne)

MTNS. WITH TWO NAMES  
from the Oregonian.

When the early day explorers, drifting with the winds, first noticed the mountains of Oregon and Washington they were promptly given names the exploreres thot were more or less appropriate not knowing that the snow capped peaks allready were named. There is no doubt the names given to the mountains by the Indians had more meaning to them than the names which we now know them mean to us.

Mt. Rainier was known by the first settlers (Indians) as Tacoma. The different tribes had various ways of pronouncing, some as Ta Choma. Others as Ta Ko-Man. Some called all mountains Ko Bah and called Rainier Ta Ko Bah which meant Ta Ko Bah was higher than Ko Bah.

We all know that Mt. Jefferson was so named by Lewis & Clark in honor of Jefferson who was President at that time. But the Indians had already named it. They called it in their language Slide-down-and-get-stuck-in-the-mud mountain.

The Three Sisters, named by early settlers Faith, Hope and Cahrity were called by real early settlers as Klah Klah-nee, the mountain with three points.

USE COMMON DEDUCTIONS

In reading the contents of the Obsidian consider the person you have for editing the bulletin.

In the January issue a couple of trips were listed as being on a Sunday. The date as mentioned was accurate, but the day was wrong. If you were interested in going you would check the day and date with a calendar, finding that they did not check you would call the leader and ascertain the correct day.

And in the same issue time given for the pot-luck dinner for January 27 was given as 7:30 when everyone knows that the dinner time is and always has been 6:30. So, use common sense in reading the items in the Bulletin. The Editor is growing older fast so the likely-hood of

SATURDAY NIGHT - JANUARY 27th

BOARD NOTES

It was a wet and muddy night for those who attended this picture showing of the float down the Colorado River. Figuratively speaking, that is. After the dinner was over and the tables cleared away the trip was on the way with Lois Schreiner, who has made this trip twice, running the show and giving detailed accounts of the trip. The pictures were from the collections of four different persons, so only the best slides from these collections were shown. This meant a truly wonderful series of pictures. Our thanks to Lois & Dorothy Hayes for an entertaining night.

CARAVAN SUMMER OUTING

As reported in Helen Smith's summary of Summer Camp one was listed as a caravan sort of an outing. This was listed as July 15-21. Dorothy Medill is the leader and because of so many showing an interest in this it becomes more apparent than ever that a limit will be necessary as to the number that can be accomodated, so it is of the utmost importance that those who really intend to take is this novel kind of summer trip to signify there intentions soon. And as soon as the company is organized a meeting will be held to plan just where we will be going, where we will be making camp, etc.

WANTED FROM LEBANON

Mr. Payne:

My wife and I are going to be climbing the three major volcanoes in Mexico this summer. We would like to have tow other couples climb with us and thot of your Club members as possible recruits

We will be climbing the first three weeks in June, 1973. If you might know of interested people, could you have them write to: Tom & Katie Smith

Route 2 Box 401  
Lebanon - Oregon 97355  
Phone 259-2167

ENDANGERED PLANTS AND ANIMALS OF OREGON!

Brochures on these can be obtained by writing to:

- Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife,  
Oregon State University,  
Corvallis, Oregon 97331
- I - Fishes; Special Report 205
- II- Amphibians add R ptiles  
Special Report 206
- III- Birds:  
Special Report 278
- IV- Mammals:

Special Report (soon to be published)  
From Oregon State Game Comm. Bulletin.

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Bulletin sub to non-members is \$2 yearly

Feb. meeting was on the 7th with every one present. Wes Prouty at the head of table keeping all in line. Called on the various officers and Chairpersons for their reports and are as follows. (Not in there entirety by any means)

Don Payne (climbing) and Dave Sevenbergen (known hereafter at the suggestion of Donn Chase as Dave Z.) tripshave their calendar for the year already for the printers, only having to wait on one other person to finish. Don and his crew have 34 climbs scheduled for this year.

Dave said three hikes reported and four not reported-the three reported in showed 10 members - 9 non-members along.

Helen Smith (summer camp) told of all the ifs and ands from the Forest Service this year and to put it all short the places we want to go they do not want us there and the places they want us to go we don't. We want to do things the F.S. wont let us do and the things the F.S. tell us

what we can do we dont want to do. They told Helen that we will only be allowed a small camp and want it moved about to other areas every 3 days or so. She has problems.

Bob Medill (publications). Wes read 2 complaints about two climbs reports that were not published. All Bob had to say was that all reports that came into his hands were published. Another complaint he had received was not having the annual questionnaire enclosed with the Obsidian last Sept. His excuse was to the effect was that, with the annual meeting notice, including the questionnaire would have made for overweight costing an extra \$24 postage. With our new postal rate we will be allowed this ectra weight without penalties.

Clarence Landes (buildings and grounds) still hasseling with the owner over the damage done to our waterline. REquested gravel for our road due to holes showing the urge to develope and was given the go-ahead to do so. Clarence has some 50 tons of rock at the Lodge for the completion of the rock wall. Also h has lumber there to finish the insides of the upstairs rooms.

Clarence Scherer (treasurer) reported checking balance of \$431.

Dorothy Hayes (entertainment) has her years program about completed with sever- al innovations added.

Donn Chase had one of his men come up and fix the water closet in the Bucks

OUR YEAR ENDED WITH A FABULOUS

6 WKS. TRIP "DOWN UNDER"

by Helen Lynch 12/26/72

With Betty (Lynch) and husband Les living in Ciffs Harbour Jetty, Australia, this was the one year to go visit. (on the way home, I stopped over for a few days in Del Mar, Cal. to be with JoAn. Christmas cards bought in the beautiful Capital City of Canberra, are still in our suitcase.)

Nov. 5 we flew from Portland via S. F. to the Fiji Islands. A highlight was our day's outing on a sailing ship to Vomo Island 90 min. out from Latoka, north of Nandi. Had a barbecue feast, then using fins & snorkels, got to see colorful fish and coral. All 30 of us got sunburned! Half of the group were BOAC stewardesses & crew. Just two families were living in the native village. In Nandi we were thrilled that a young, educated Indian invited us to share an evening meal of lambcurry with him and his wife in their tiny cabin. We learned some things about each others country and culture.

In Sydney, by taking a ferry trip, we saw the harbor and shore line. Then we caught a plane a day earlier than planned to see our kids. They live in a beautiful spot 300 miles north on the coast. we had such a happy week together. It's a lush, hilly sub-tropical area with small banana plantations. Summer is the rainy season; but we had sunny days too.

New to us were Kaola bears, Wallabies, emu, dingoes & kangaroos with babies in their pouches. Either a head or feet hung out. In the wild we saw lorikeets (like parrots) in vivid colors of red, green, orange, yellow and blue combinations. Later, in drier areas, we were thrilled to see pink and grey cockatoos, called galahs. There are 500 kinds of gum trees but we learned to distinguish only a few. There are many flowering trees & shrubs. The Jacorandi trees covered with lavender, bell shaped blossoms were truly beautiful. Tropical passion fruit, pawpaws, mangoes and pineapples were a treat to us. We all took a hike in a rain forest in nearby Dorrigo Mts. Tho' Betty works a.m.'s at Social work & Les teaches math in the H.S., they found time to show us a lot. After a week she drove us up the lovely "Gold Coast" to Brisbane. We camped one night at Byron Bay & jumped breakers.

Alvin & I flew to Great Keppel Is. at the south tip of the Great Barrier Reef.

That tropical isle was great--to relax for 3 days. To save time we flew to Canberra, the Planned City, built around a huge lake, with many trees, parks & open spaces. We were impressed! We visited the modern National Library and toured the Parliament buildings patterned like the British. We drove by a number of Foreign Embassies, each different in architecture. It was great to see our flag flying over USA's colonial style brick one & to walk inside thru courts & flower gardens. In our rented Falcon we made a 1200 mi. loop trip--So. to Cooma, then NW to Narradnera. Australia is nearly as big as U. S., so we didn't get in to true outback desert country, nor did we see the aborigines. We did enjoy seeing the scenic Snowy Mtns. And the Blue Mtns. We saw lots of sheep!

After 2 fun days in Sydney we flew over the Southern Alps to Christchurch on New Zealand's So. Island. The Islands together are narrower but about the length of Cal. They are beautiful. We wished we had more than a week for each. We rented 'Morris Mini' cars; and you drive on the left with steering gear on the right. We stayed in motels, cabins, or trailers (called Caravans) in motor camps & pitched our little tent a few nights. Milford Sound with its Mtns. and fjords is really spectacular. We flew over and between Mtns. from Queenstown in a small plane on a sunny day. Exciting! The boat trip was too! And reminded us of Norway & Alaska. No. Island is more thickly settled. It is hilly and green, with cattle & many sheep. We drove thru 3 mountainous Nat. Parks & saw glaciers; some on rainy or cloudy days. We saw ski areas, active volcanoes, the thermal areas near Rotorua; also limestone caves. From a little boat we saw the one lighted by glowworms. It's amazing!

Our 1 hr. airport stop in A., Samoa on the flight home seemed strange. Temp. was 82 at midnight--humidity so high the air was misty. Dark-skinned people & the police all around. 1 day & night in Honolulu gave us just a taste of Oahu Isles.

People were friendly & helpful. We were on the go a lot; each day was a new adventure. We didn't know where we would be or where we would be putting our heads that night, but just let it happen. Our suntans are fading but memories of our travels will last, as we reluctantly return to the world of work. Our 400 slides are sorted and labeled now and we are pleased with them (How bout showing them Al and Helen?)

room and donated the costs. Seems that the inlet valve was plugged up due perhaps to the breaking of the water line.

Marriner Orum (conservation) has been doing a lot of work along this line for the Club attending various F.S. meetings

Bea LeFevre (librarian) is up to date in her work. Is in need of another scrap book and wished to get one the same as one just filled, which is an unusually large one and was told to get it.

Lois Schreiner (membership) getting final notices out for dues before name dropping. Read the application for membership of Dick Converse of Corvallis. Dick has climbed several mountains with us. Application accepted.

Donn Chase (secretary) read minutes of last meeting. Donn was down in Mexico at the time of the last meeting was why we did not see him then.

Bills allowed were: Rock, \$117.50 and hauling, \$90. This came out of the Mark McLaughlin fund. EWEB \$54.86: Mishlers, Bulletin \$49.97: Postage Bulletin \$13.64, Postage, Membership, \$8, Mishlers, membership, \$4.30.

Dave Z. treated with a sourdough apple cake heavily coated with a chocolate covering. Um - Good.

Next meeting March 7th.

PLACES TO SEE

Arnold Ice Cave & Lava Cast Forest. Both off the beaten path and both quite interesting. South of Bend 17 miles take right hand road. About 10 miles on this and you are at Lava Cast Forest. A good parking area. Has every thing found in the desert including the absence of water. Lava has spread over several acres of what at one time was a forest, to a depth of 3 or 4 feet. All that is left now are the impressions of the trees in the lava.

Arnold Ice Cave is a truly interesting place and definitely cannot be explored in the late summer months unless one takes crampons, ropes and ice axes and by all means several companions. I might add: good lights too. There is a stairway leading down (steep) indicating the ice at some time of the year is much less, but when we were there it was all the way to the entrance and slipperier than any ice we have ever seen. The stairway being all covered, with a sign at the top saying KEEP OFF. This is out in the sage brush desert and NOWATER. And last but not the least by any means is: if one intends to stay in the cave for any length of time take along winter clothing.

These two places can be seen making a loop trip. From Arnold go east about 16 miles then back NW about 10 miles to the Lava Cast Forest. Signs are plentiful but don't do as we did. We took a short cut of 16 miles. It took us 2 hours to cover this 16 miles and as far as we noticed there were only 3 places one could pass another car in the 16 miles. Carry water.

A REQUEST FOR SNOW REMOVAL ON PART of the McKenzie Hiway was sent to the Hiway Comm. by L. E. Ward, Jr. of 3150 Emerald st., Eugene. A few more letters might, just might get some action.

His letter in part as follows:

I would like to request that the Hiway Division consider plowing the McKenzie Pass Hiway in winter to a somewhat higher elevation than is done at present.

My reasons are: The public use in winter of the out-of-doors is increasing dramatically. Families who formerly went to Hoodoo and batchelor are turning in increasing numbers to cross-country skis and snowshoes. The resulting pressure on the Santiam and Willamette Passes is mounting sharply. If the McKenzie ...was open a few more miles then an immense wilderness would be available.

If you feel likewise write to:

Mr. William Anhorn,  
District Engineer,  
Oregon State Highway Division,  
P. O. Box 1269  
Eugene - Oregon

KONSERVATION KORNER

From the National Wildlife Federation. Impoundments Hits Environmental Funds.

"Projects relating to the environment are taking a heavy beating in funds impounded by the Office of Management and Budget. OMB has impounded \$12 billion in funds voted by the Congress, a figure likely to rise". The biggest cut was Environmental Protection Agency with six billion cut from water pollution grants.  
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The State Legislative Session is in full swing and we have received a couple "Legislative Alerts" from the Oregon Environmental Council.

Our Nancy Fadeley is Chairperson of the House Environmental and Land use Committee. The Senate Environmental Comm. is Chaired by Ted Hollack of Portland. Our George Wingard is also on the Senate Comm. These Legislators had an excellent voting record during the last session of the Legislature according to O.E.C. However not all members of those Comm.s are so oriented. If you care about Oregon and hope to keep our State from becoming

Californianized then follow this Bill as it contains many excellent features for sound land use planning.

Members of the Senate Environment Comm. will need your thots on this Bill. George Wingard is listed as a probable supporter

Members of the Comm. who are more likely to oppose are:

- John Burns - Multnomah Co.
- Jack Ripper - Coos Co.
- Vistor Aliyeh - Washington Co.
- Michael Thorne - Umatilla Co.

Letters can be addressed to State Capital Building, Salem, Oregon 97310.

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To keep up to date on activities of the Legislature contact John Nelson, O.E.C., 2637 SW Water Ave. Portland, Ore. 97201

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Wilderness The Forest Service has announced the tentative list for new study areas for possible inclusion in the Nat. Wilderness Preservation System. On a National basis the list includes 235 areas covering 11 million acres. For the Willamette Nat. Forest the Chief's tentative list includes 10,880 acres. These 2 additions to the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness totlaing 5650 acres, 530 acres to the Mt Washington area and one addition to the Three Sisters Wilderness that would cover 4700 acres.

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Other proposed Wilderness study areas for Oregon are

National Forest	Area	Gross acres
Siuslaw	Cummins Creek	6100
Rogue River-Winema	Sky Lakes	107,900
Deschutes	Diamond Peak	8000
"	Three Sisters	23,390
"	Mt Washington	4700
Siskiyou	Kalmiopsis	17,400
Mt Hood	Mt Hood	15,500
"	Zigzag Mtn.	17,990
Malheur	Strawberry Mtn.	17,800
Wallowa-Whitman	Lower Minam	55,500

Oregon total including the 10,880 acres to be studied on the Willamette 285,520.

Washington includes 15 areas totaling 694,840 acres.

A draft of an environmental Statement covering these areas was submitted to the Presidents Council of Environmental quality. The public has 90 days (from Janaary 18) to comment on the proposals. Changes can be made. After that time a final list and final statement will be prepared (comments should be directed to the Chief Forest Service, Washington D.C.

Meanwhile, all inventoried areas which are not selected for study will be managed without developement activities which will impair their physical ability for consideration as Wilderness. This management will continue untill a fiaal environemntal statement has been processed for all of the undeveloped areas.

Marriner Orum.

ROCK MESA

The Forest Service entered into a contract last August with a mining engineer concerning the value of the Rock Mesa mineral deposit. Based on his studies and analysis he concluded that the block pumice there is valuable. His conclusion about the validity of the mining claims is based on his professional opinion of these factors.

Acceptance of the contractor's conclusion by the Government does not in any way imply agreement or disagreement with the engineer's opinion.

Deschutes National Forest Supervisor, Earl Nichols and I will now proceed to consider the report's conclusions and other available information and findings to determine whether contest proceedings are appropriate. Altho this decision is clearly a Forest Service responsibility opportunity will be made for other interested groups and individuals to offer additional data and comment prior to a decision. The Bureau of Land Managment which is assigned unltimate jurisdiction in matters of mining dispute is cooperating with the Forest Service where appropriate. Zane G. Smith, Jr.

HENDRICKS PARK - SPENCERS BUTTE 1/21/73

This is more than just an easy hop-skip & jump over to the Butte from Hendricks Park - the way we went. The Ribbon Trail is more of an idea than a reality. There are ways to get thru and it is an interesting hike right near town - without 2 hours of driving to get to the starting point.

The route is part on a trail thru Hendricks Park that was constructed by volunteers, We passed the Obsidian Lodge where it could be noted that Clarence Landes had finagled what looked like 100 tons of large basalt rock waiting for some strong backs to build a wall.

We jogged down a power line up over 30 th st. along an old logging road, thent on to Spring Blvd., past a reservoir, another back road, then up over the top of the bald grassy hill that is os visible from town; 1/2 mile of the Dillard Rd. more logging Rds., Fox Hollow Rd; another

## SANTIAM PASS SKI-SNOWSHOE TRIP 2/2/73

JASPER &amp; TRENT BY BIKE 11/5/72

We advertised as a beginners trip so we had some new-comers to cross country skiing & snowshoeing. All managed those unwieldy appendages to their feet quite well. There were quite a variety of skis and snowshoes. We toured south east from the Santiam Pass across an open area, then along an old railroad grade which makes an excellent winter trail.

The weather was mild and cooperative, but the mildness did not help the snow conditions; it only frustrated the skiers who never did seem to determine the rite wax - except the smart ones who had skis with the fish scale bottoms which requires no wazing. Our route took us past an open slope where the skiers had a bit of downhill sliding. Those on this trip: Mary Bridgeman, Margit Castenholtz, Tim Cook, Clair & Peggy Kieth, Kris Merfield Ron Nunemaker, Jack Roberts, Joyce Robanetta, Cindy Ruttencutter, Dian Person, Robert & Clair Trotter, A. E. Walker and Helen Smith. Leader - Marriner Orum.

## OLD BALDY-COBURG HILLS 12/2/72

To the top of old Baldy and into a driving rain. Ate lunch in the lea on top then return to cars. Nice trip but very wet. All wet were Joy Ballinger, Mary Bridgeman, Mary Couch, Clara Emlen, Betty Jones, Charles Korns, Helen Smith, Merle Traudt and leader Tink Gent.

## FAY LAKE MEADOWS 1/20/73

We drove to Santiam Junction and turned left for about 4 miles to Swampy Rd. (stop) - Hiked up road #110 on right. Stopped at Fay Lake Meadows for lunch - not much snow in this area as of this date. It was snowing however on the way out. On trip: Evelyn Abraham, Don & Karen Cundy, Jack Goodman, Kris Merfield, Merle Troutd, Helen Smith, Mary Bridgeman, Ldr

Spencer butte story  
another logging road, a steep one this time - a cow path then up into the clouds we just kept going up after while there was no more up and we were on the top of Spencers Butte. Well, don't ask how we got there.

We left Hendricks Park a bit after 9 and on top of Butte at 2:30. By 3:30 we were down out of the clouds and at the parking lot with transportation waiting.

Those on this trip were; Angie Barta, Mary Bridgeman, Clara Emlen, Ernest Garrett, Lesle Gischell, Dorothy Hayes, Ann Kemp, Marjory Kelm, Anita Kiger, Clarence Landes, Rin Nunemaker, Donald Miller and three little Millers, Paul Orum, Parker Riddle, Lois Schreiner, Jack Sjolseth, Bet Tepfer, Dorothy Leland & Ldr M. Orum.

Two Obsidians pedalled to Jasper Park and Trent on Sun. Nov. 5 on a 38 mile circuit ride. We rolled away at 9 a. m from the east Park Block and rode in there at 5 p.m. Huge buttermilk clouds boiled across the bright blue background of a sunny sky. The air was crisp & clear

Our hopes for good weather were fully realized on one of many fine weekends of a dry Eastern Lane fall.

After pumping for one hour on Franklin Blvd. & Hiway 126, chiefly sparse, one-way traffic, we rested first on 57th Ave in Springfield. Ahead of us climbed and dipped a hillside road which paralleled the Jasper Rd. & overlooked emerald pastures full of grazing cattle & horses. We moved leisurely up and down this private paved logging road. Barriers at 57th St. at Wallace Crk Rd. created a traffic-free preserve. On the open-ended segment to Hills Crk. Rod. we met only two moving vehicles.

From our hillside route we experienced the grandeur of a sweeping view south ward of the valley below, coursed by an unseen Willamette River. Many bunches of Black Angus & Herfords steers grazed or lolled on the verdant expanse of hill side pastures stretching toward the S.P. tracks along Jasper Rd. We showed a curiosity in the meaty denizens of these lush green fields. The animals seemed to reciprocate our interest in them. With inconclusive results we tried to communicate by frequent exchanges of prolonged "moo's". Such efforts were even more ineffectual when we tried to "get thru" to grazing horses by "whinnying" at them. By now we were fully relaxed from our exertions and splendid sights & we felt at ease enuf to engage in these bellowing exchanges & to accept the results without frustrations.

Our passage distracted horses & cattle from grazing or aroused them from lethargic sunbathing. Yet, most held their ground. Not so for many coveys of quail quartered in the dense roadside thickets. Our approach shattered the security of these bushy shelters. If our approach curtailed calm for the quail, then their noisey escape ended our sense of stillness. The startled quail crashed thru the brush to take off for a new, secure shelter, as their many pairs of wings thumped the still air.

The prevailing stillness as punctuated further by the sound of shotgun

shells bursting from the guns of two hunters, who repeatedly fired their weapons in the woods to the north of us in the hillside above the road.

Stained a brilliant yellow, large leaves of maple trees adorned the hillside, their color accentuated in the sun shine. The maples stood singly or in clusters, chiefly above the road, like a gathering of yellow-handed giants.

We again rested & snacked at Hills Crk Rd. Then we rolled down hill on the road racing Hills Crk. as it bounced southward towards the Willamette River. We spotted several shady sites suitable for picnicing (in warmer weather) at streamside.

After a brief ride thru Jasper on Jasper Rd., we crossed the bridge over the river and headed for Jasper Park on the Jasper road. We reached Riverside picnic tables in the Park's "reserved" section at 11:30 a.m., ate our pack lunches, rested & gazed at the flowing, wide waters in an aura of peace & calm (which prevailed until a foursome of teenage girls & boys arrived to share the scene). Refreshed and vitalized by our rest & meal we opted to ride to Trent rather than to return to Eugene in mid-afternoon after a mere 26 mile ride.

We traveled the tiny town of Trent over the Jasper Park & Wheeler Rds. & returned to Jasper on Wheeler Rd., the Ridgeway & the bridge. On most of this flatland circuit we passed thru more cattle country. We pedalled up bumpy Wallace Crk Rd to the barricaded segment of the private paved logging Rd. which we quickly walked up and sailed down to 57th Ave., in Springfield.

In the late afternoon sunshine we pumped west with mounting fatigue on Hiway 126 and Main st., 14th Ave. C & D sts. Garden Way, Baker Bike Path, Stadium foot-bridge, Franklin Blvd. & 11th Ave. to return at 5 p.m. to the East Park Block.

Thanks to the tenacity of Clara Emlen, whose company made this a twoperson trip & permits us to say that Dave Cohen was the trip "leader".

David Cohen, leader & Clara Emlen asst.

#### NEW MAILING SYSTEM

Did you notice the new stamp on your latest Bulletin? Everyone is happy except the Editor. The Publication Staff is happy that they don't have to stick on all those stamps. It can get quite sticky after a few hundred stamps. And the Post Office clerks are happy. They do not have to hand stamp upwards of 300

Bulletins each month. And the Obsidians can be happy that they save around \$9 a month on postage. But the Editor does not know whether to be happy or not. Making out the mailing report that the P.O. requires entails considerable mathematical figuring to comply with the mailing directions. The weight of each piece must be given. You take 100 copies and weigh them. Take this weight and divide by 100. This gives you the weight of each piece. The January issue came out .515 ounces. The number of pieces plus the number of bundles and the total weight of each issue must be given. Then the mailer, not the post office, must figure out the total mailing fee. And your Editor, who can not figure out his own age, you can see what a problem it can be.

#### HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

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The many trips and climbs as each year brings new faces and in these years around 1966 we were honored by a couple who were with us for such a short time, but Frank Manning led us in songs and he and Dorothy added so much to our "well being".

In our "very large" summer camp in the Wallows, the campers most all hiked up the 7½ miles on the beautiful Lostine Creek Trail, having driven to the start of the trail.

The horses under the guidance of John McManigal, with all the food, camp equipment and dunnage all came up the very steep Hurricane canyon.

So many fine trips can be taken in this beautiful country with the snow laden Eagle Cap (9675) at one end of the valley and the marble white Matterhorn (10,004) at the other with the tallest Sacajawea (10,033) just on down the rocky ridge from the Matterhorn.

Then looking down the steep side of Eagle Cap is Glacier Lake, which from camp, hikers must drop down in to the Lake Basin and cross Moccasin Lake on the trail to one of the most beautiful lakes, Glacier Lake with its many little islands of trees.

#### SOURDOUGH BISCUITS

1 Cup starter	Mix well - knead a-
¼ cup oil (10-20 wt)	bout 20 times or
1 cup flour	more - cut into bis-
2 tsps B. Powder	cuits - put in oil
¼ tsp soda	ed pan - let stand
¼ tsp salt	1 hour- bake at 425
	for 15 minutes

JANE HILT also down South of the Border and returned home with Helen Weiser and Blanch Bailey arriving here in sub zero weather. Sorry, Jane that we missed you but our glasses were so frosted over we missed. Now you get personal billing.

HELEN ROBBINS & GLADYS GRANCORVITZ on their way to the Lodge Sat. Jan. 27th when hit by a car. Helen was driving So. on Columbia when a car came down hill & slammed into Helen's car which was completely wrecked. Helen was seriously injured and on arrival at the hospital was found to have a broken blood vessel in the brain. Helen was operated on, the blood clot removed. Helen, as we go to press, is still listed as on the critical list. Helen's nearest relatives are a brother and sister in England.

NOTES ON FOREST SERVICE BREEFING ON THE STUDY AREAS UP FOR WILDERNESS

CONSIDERATION by one who attended.

Study areas environmental impact study to be completed by 1975. No timber sales in those areas in the meantime. No roads All roadless areas of WNF of over 5000 acres will be treated similarly until impact study is complete.

At these hearings it was noted that the most sensible comments were coming from the timber industry with facts and figures to back up their position. That the environmentalists were too antagonistic and had no facts nor figures. Maps charts and other information are on display at the Forest Service (upstairs lobby) during the week. Saturdays by appointment only. If interested why not get in touch with Marriner Orum. 342-4527

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DICK CONVERSE - A hearty welcome to you. Dick is living in Corvallis at 3401 N. W. Crest Drive. Dick has climbed several mountains with us. Hope you can come up see us

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FOR SALE

Lenticular screen 40 x 40 - \$10. Also Voice of Music stereo console 40 inches long. 4 speakers. No scratches. \$50. Bob Medill. 726-7496, 2164 Laura, Springfield  
NEWS ITEM An Obsidian Princess handed us this report. Her collie dog gave birth to a litter in her melon patch. This gave rise to the saying, "Come to me, My melon collie baby."

BIENNIAL REPORT 1971-1972

OF THE OREGON STATE GAME COMMISSION SENT TO THE Obsidians and is at the Club House. It contains much interesting information to those who may be interested

The Commission has a number of movie films covering a wide range of subjects that can be obtained for showing to various groups. Two new ones were made this period with sound. One "To Reclaim a Lake" the other "Fish Factories".

In the chapter on game harvesting it gives the number of bears killed in 1971 at 1876. Cougar killed as 18. Didn't know that there were that many of each left in the State.

Total receipts for the period were \$17,746,545. Of this amount \$3,127,468 was transferred to the Oregon State Police for game law enforcement. In other words between 15¢ and 20¢ of every dollar you spent for a license or tag went to a policeman to see if you had bought one.

NONSENSE

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I know for sure I need it  
But now I have a problem  
I don't know what to feed it

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