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### TRIPS

- April 15 - Palm Sunday - No trip.  
 April 21-22 Easter Week - No trip.  
 April 28 - Little Cowhorn with Dorothy Leland. Should be a good rock climb.  
 April 29 - Spencers Butte. Join up with the Chemeketans today. Rose Marie Moffitt leading.  
 April 29 - Glide Flower Show with Ken & Robin Lodewick leading.  
 May 5 - Boeth Lake. Snowshoe in Three Fingered Jack area. Leading will be Lois Schreiner.  
 May 6 - Bike trip. Marcola way. Parker Riddle will lead this one.  
 May 5 & 6. This has been changed to May 19 & 20 & is overnite at Heceta House. Room for 30 and cost will be \$2 per person. There are 10 beds and kitchen equipment. Room for campers. Members & family only Dorothy Leland leader.  
 May 12 - Hardisty Mtn. Barbara Stiles lds.  
 May 13 - Mothers Day. Uncle Jemima may be baking hotcakes at Lodge.

### CLIMBS

- May 5 & 6 - Mt. Hood and leading will be Don Penrose.  
 May 12 & 13 - Diamond Peak. Snowshoes Only with Marriner Orum.  
 May 13 - Mother's Day. Princesses Annual Breakfast. This being Mothers day off Uncle Jemima will be on duty. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### SUNDAY APRIL 29 SUNDAY

#### POTLUCK DINNER Note the day "Sunday"

An evening of entertainment by Bob Cox and Company. You all know what Bob's entertainment does to you. No need to expand on that. Attend this and not be sorry afterwards that you didn't. Time!! This report I have on my desk says from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Put this on your calendar - SUNDAY - APRIL 29 - FIVE P.M.

#### APRIL GOURMET DINNER

All Obsidians welcome at Gourmet Dinner) Will be on April 19, Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at Casa Tol-Tec, 389 W. 6th (NW corner 6th & Lawrence) Call Mary Castellor for reservations - 344-5168 by April 17th.

### CHEMEKETANS-OBSIDIANS ONLY

and of course members of the familys. This is a joint hike, so lets come out strong. Meet at the Lodge at 1 p.m. with your sack lunch. We will eat at the Club House and coffee will be served. After lunch we will drive to the Butte & Rose Marie Moffitt will lead the hike to the top and back. If you intend to go please call Rose Marie, 746-5130 so she will have an idea of how many are coming. AND this same evening (April 29 Sunday) from 5 till 9 a potluck dinner and program is on the billboards. SO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! BLANCHE BAILEY-notify all your Chemeketan Friends of this fact- Maybe some of them would like to join us. And it would not be amiss if the Obsidians increased the amount of their food they will bring by a spoonful or two. There will be no sign up sheet of this event posted so call Rose Marie. Again her phone 746-5130

APRIL 14 Ray Sims is having a work party at the Lodge to cut up down timber and get it to the building. Also for those who desire, a chicken dinner can be had in the evening by placing your name before hand with Dave Zevenbergen, 747-2386. Cost will be \$1,60. If you plan on staying all night bring breakfast & bag

#### CLIMBING SCHOOL

Indoor Sessions - May 2 - 9 - 16.

Outdoor Sessions - May 12 - 19.

Graduation Climb, May 25/26.

Indoor Sessions will be had at Sheldon Meadows. Climbing School Fees are \$10.00 The School is operated jointly by Eugene Parks and Recreation and the Obsidians. For more information call Frank Moore, Phone 686-1223.

PRINCESSES WILL MEET for dinner and a short business meeting at Bon Marche's lunch room Monday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. Phone reservations 344-5168 or 344-8952.

#### NOTICE TO ALL LEADERS

Trips Chairman Dave Zevenbergen has in his possession all permits to Wilderness areas for this years trips, so leaders will not be required to get them.

## AND AT FRIENDLY HOUSE

- April 15 - Bonnie Ferrens on a tour of Nigeria.
- April 22 - Tony Harbour down in the South Seas.
- April 29 - Eva Burkhalter covers Alaska. Eva has been a teacher there for a number of years.
- May 5 - - Chris Jones-Mountains generally. Chris is a son of Holly Jones.

## MALHEUR BIRD REFUGE

This is not until May 26-27-28, but Lois Schreiner wants it mentioned now so you can be thinging about it. Anyone interested in going on this tour over Memorial Day may be interested in taking a canoe, kayak or row boat (no motors) as there will be a guided tour of the lake on Sunday. We may be able to explore other areas by boat too.

## NOTICE-KEEP SAVING FLAV-R-PAC

FLAV-R-PAC labels are worth 2¢ each during April-----so please turn in all you can to Bridgemans or Castelloes by April 25th. (or leave at Lodge) Remove both ends from juice cans and cut out front panels from food packages.

## THRU THE VIEWFINDER

ROXIE WALDORF after all these years in Eugene is deserting us. Roxie is moving to Portland where her address will be Calaroga Terrace, Apt. 1715, 1400 N. E. 2nd Ave. 97232. Her phone No. 234-8271.

FRANK & SUE RIEMER have irchy feet and will not see a doctor. Instead they travel all over the world. This time they are on a safari to Japan. When you see them again you'll know they are back.

DR. PATRICIA HARRIS NOYES is a member of the Willamette National Forest Advisory Council. The Council meets twice a year in the office of Supervisor Zane G. Smith, Jr.

WALTER YOUNGQUIST has a good place to establish a paper recycling plant. Walt takes the Wall Street Journal and has received as many as 36 copies a day. The addressing machine ev idently stutters as it comes to his name.

DAVID ZEVENBERGEN One of the big reasons for the success of Willamalane Park & Recreation are the volunteers to lead and teach in the various programs. One such is Dave who oversees in the chess program. The Chess Club meets every Tue. evening from 6:30 to 9:30 in the Brat-tain school.

BOB COX is back at the old stand all decked out in suit,tie and what it takes to be Headmaster of the Barber College. OUR MEMBERSHIP SHOWS-ADULTS 273-JRS-43

## GET A GYROSCOPE

BARBARA HASEK with her two grandchildren visited with her brother and mother up in Surrey, British Columbia. Barbara and Bob Medill both have brothers in Surrey and have often talked about going up to visit their brothers together, but your Editor, being the kind of Editor he is, always looking for news of that kind we decided that it would not look good advertised in the Obsidian. Especially the way the editor would write it up.

MARY CASTELLOE cut the stencils for the membership list. Many thanks, Mary.

LOIS SCHREINER Who would go clear across the Continent just to see a baby? Why, Lois of Course. Clear to Washington D.C. But it was a special kind of baby. To Lois anyway. It was a granddaughter.

DEAN PATTERSON with the same affliction as Lois, but she did not go as far as Lois to affect a cure. Dean just went as far as Medford. To see a new grandchild of course.

JOHN JOHNSON who left us recently to enter the service became very, very ill in Texas. After recovery somewhat he was given his discharge and is now back at home.

ALICE BISSEL took leave of no one and had herself a trip to the land of Aloha. Alice says she enjoyed it so much that she wants fo go back.

## AND THEN THERE WERE ZEVEN

DAVE ZEVENBERGEN thinks so much of the Obsidians that he has brot in the entier family. Welcome to:

LINDA ZEVENBERGEN, Mrs.

MICHAEL ZEVENBERGEN, son.

MARK ZEVENBERGEN, son.

CHERYL ZEVENBERGEN, daughter

BOB & DOROTHY MEDILL would like to tell all you people that the money placed on a money tree at the surprise party given for us has been spent. At the time not knowing what to do with the money,placed it in a savings account until recently. Finally deciding what to do with it they went and got the very latest in sound systems for their home which is now installed. We both think of you all often and want you to know how much we appreciate your thotfulness and kindness. ADD TO MEMBERSHIP LIST the name of Brian Hatch. (J) just ahead of the names of his brothers David & Wayne. Sorry Brian DEAR FELLOW OBSIDIANS:

Thank you for the Spray of yellow and bronze mums. They were still pretty last Friday when Katie and I stopped at the cemetery on our way home from putting Jean on the plane for Virginia. Sincerely, Vera H.

BOARD MEETING

Minutes of last meeting read and then bills read and allowed.

EWEB-----\$29.89  
 B. Postage-----\$13.40  
 Stencils-----\$ 4.45  
 Climb Postage-----\$ 8.00  
 Other postage-----\$ 4.00  
 FWOC Dues-----\$60.

After the bills were paid Treasurer C. Scherer said we were still solvent.

Trips - Dave. Z. reported 7 reports in with 94 taking part. Dave has given up on getting trip reports of 2 trips in 1972.

Outing- Helen Smith said that so far 3 have signed up and paid. 7 others have said they were going. Helen called attention to the Summer Camp potluck May 18th

Entertainment-D. Hayes told of many of the older members saying they would like to come to the various programs if they had a ride and suggested that those who could make themselves available to take passengers. It might be a good idea if those who could give these people rides called Dorothy and gave there phone no. and location she could line up some of the rideless persons with you.

Membership- Lois S. turned in applications of four Zevenbergens.

Conservation - Marriner Orum must be a very busy man judging from the material he digs up for his K. K.

C. Landes gave report in annexation saying it was turned down and how. Also he has had no response to requests on volunteers for work at the Lodge. He was told to get parking lot sprayed, but he says to be effective all the leaves must be raked off before hand. That sounds reasonable.

Next meeting - May 2nd with Donn Chase feeding the hungry bunch.

THE SEATTLE MOUNTAINEERS are discontinuing summer outings as such account of the wear and tear on the environment and the objections of the Forest Service. Instead they will have float trips, back pack trips and car trips of one to two weeks.

The tread to eliminate groups such as the Mountaineers, the Obsidians and all other like groups I do not believe is the answer. Outdoor organizations have done more direct education in the area of "Good Outdoor Manners" than all other sources put together. Total use of the Wilderness in growing. Which is best; go out with organizations such as ours, or go out by themselves and thru ignorance, or "don't give a damn" attitudes do the damage to the ecology and the littering that is the bane of Forest Service employees.  
 Polly Tickle.

KONSERVATION KORNER by Marriner Orum

From the National Wildlife Federation. Scientists aboard three National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ships have reported finding vast areas of the Atlantic choked with oil, tar & plastics. NOAA calculated that at least 665,000sq. miles of the Atlantic, Sargasso Sea and the Gulf of Mexico were covered with the chemicals, sometimes in heavy concentrations of fist sized gobs. Much of the plastic material was found off the US. coast with the heaviest concentrations southeast of New England.

Analysis of the microscopic plankton samples, young fish and their food which form the basis of the ocean's food chain showed over half "collected from surface

As a group interested in hiking and and with an appreciation of our great Northwest we also need to share our concerns with conservation efforts everywhere. We all live on one world: we all share the loss if the Atlantic becomes a dead sea - like Lake Erie; or if the Steelhead runs in the Illinois River in Oregon are depleted.

There is a 135,000 acre unroaded area in South Western Oregon. At one time the Forest Service considered it to be worthy of preservation but for various reasons. The agency is proposing that only 17,000 acres be studied for possible Wilderness classification.

The Siskiyou comprise what is probably the oldest land mass in Oregon. Geologically complex and unique, the Siskiyou are characterized by the presence of many species of flora found nowhere else in the world, including some unique relics of pre-ice age plant communities. The Siskiyou form a bridge between coastal, Cascade and California flora and fauna.

The Illinois River offers a wide range of opportunities for wilderness experiences-roaring cataracts to silent canyons. Accessible the year around the land will accomodate the day hiker as well as the rock hardened mountaineers. Trout and game fish abound in the streams making this one of the last areas on the coast where native fish can still be caught. Timber stands are mostly of poor quality and contain low volume. To complicate matters the slopes of this area are steep and the serpentine soils are exceedingly unstable. These factors increase the cost of road construction and timber harvest in monetary & environmental terms

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Your new membership list should show Carol & Susan Scherer as Juniors. Also Brad and Laura Stevens as Juniors.

A truly outstanding area it needs protection. This is a critical time for the lower Illinois River country-to be saved or to be lost. You can help be sending your comments to John McGuire, Chief

United States Forest Service,  
Washington D.C. 20250

Deadline for action is April 18, 1973. Mary Jane Arpin has been collecting signatures on a petition requesting the Forest Service to study this area for Wilderness classification.

There are a number of measures being considered in the State Legislature, some good ones and some bad depending on your point of view. One measure being considered is H.B. 2729. A Bill to abolish the Bike Path Program. Are they serious? The Bike Path Program hasn't even had a chance. Another one to raise your hackles is Section 2 of S.B. 630. This proposal would permit the use of electric motors for propelling boats on those lakes where motor boats are now prohibited- Gold Lake, Clear Lake, Opal and Timpanogas Lakes. Do we really need a motor to cross Opal Lake? Do we really want to see Gold Lake with a couple dozen electric powered boats buzzing around? Your State Senator and Representatives would appreciate your comments on these measures.

#### COBURG BIKE RIDE 3/4

Four pedal pushers pumped & rolled 16 miles on a bicycle round trip from Eugene to Coburg school. We rolled away at 9:40 a.m. from East Park block under cloudy skies in brisk, chilly air and returned to disband at 1 p.m. at Campbell Center.

We took direct route to Coburg; crossed Ferry St. bridge & proceeded to school on Coburg Road. Traffic almost disappeared from Eugene outskirts (Harlow Road) thru Coburg. We reached school by 10:30 School was closed but we held recess for 20 minutes rest and chatter. Refreshed we retraced our steps with a stopover for snacks in quiet Armitage Park. When we renewed our return trip a shower fell for several minutes.

All of us aged from 11 to 0000 agreed bicycling beats all ways to see rural areas and to get the feeling of being in countryside. We petted a gentle friendly mare in roadside pasture who was with a timid bull calf; viewed sheep flocks and dairy and beef herds on hoof. Taking it all in all and having a good time were: Joy Ledbetter, Lili Ledbetter (11) Jack Stolseth and leader Dave Cohen.

An Emmy Award goes to Myrtle Smith for the evenings entertainment. It reminded us of the times gone by when we used to have entertainment programs of a like nature. Boyd Morgan was M.C. and a good one he was. With Marge Beaman and Natalie Morgan singing duets (wish we could give you the words, they were so funny) and Blanche Bailey at the piano we even sang a lot of songs from the Obsidian song books, something we have not done in a long, long time. Games were played with audience participation. Sherman Carter brot his guitar & gave us several songs.

The theme Myrtle used was "Happiness Is" and the amount of work that went into the decorations was immense, but that is our Myrtle. All in All it was one night we will not forget.

Florence Githens did the dirty work and who all helped Myrtle and who all helped Florence we don't know, but everyone had no complaints about anything.

Bill and Marge Beaman & Blanche Bailey came down from Salem, Come again folks.

Did you see Dorothy Hayes there? She was with bells on but left early.

#### WEBFOOT LANES BOWLING 2/18

Sunday, Feb. 18 the Obsidians invaded Webfoot Lanes. Everyone had a good time and the following are the scores and average for the games bowled. average.  
Dave Cohen-----103-112-105-----107  
Harvey Harmon----157-190-151-----166  
Nellie Harmon----did not bowl  
Dorothy Medill---66-67-61-----65  
Alan Payne-----101-112-86-----100  
Don Payne-----118-169-126-----138  
Suzie Payne-----93-75-102-----90  
Lori Wright-----76-43-53-----57  
Mike Wright-----103-----103  
Dave Zevenbergen-128-146-140-----138  
Linda Zevenbergen-75-85-100-----87  
Tina Weathers Little Helper and Hostess  
Wesley Weathers - Host and Leader.

#### MERCHANT'S BEACH ROCKHOUNDING 3/10

Left Eugene at 7:30 a.m. with four cars. Going down we were alternately rained on and dried off all the way to Charleston, where we regrouped for the final part of the trip on to Merchant's Beach (listed on the signs as Seven Devils Wayside). We found the tide coming in and a number of people on the beach looking for rocks

We spread out over a small section of the beach and most people found a number of small but nice pieces of agate and jasper as well as large pieces of petri-

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PRINCESSES FAMOUS MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFASTS AGAIN THIS YEAR page 5

fied wood. We had no rain while we were hunting, but did get a short hailstorm while eating lunch. On the way home several cars drove out to Cape Aragon Park to see sea lions in the surf. Returned home about six. On this trip: Virginia Horton, Herbert & Evelyn & Lei McCornack Ione Peirron, Grace Smith, Jon Thompson, Merle Traudt, William and Alice Wilcox, Leaders were Kenneth and Robin Lodewick.

#### McKENZIE RIVER TRAIL 3/25

Thirty-six people enjoyed the nice weather and a beautiful trail along the McKenzie River on March 25. The trail, fairly new, starts a mile above McKenzie Bridge and is to go all the way to Clear Lake. This trip covered only the lower 6.6 miles. The trail follows the area between the highway, but is frequently near neither. When it is near the highway it is bad, when near the river it is very good and good even when back from the river. Access points are frequent, usually roads crossing, and there is even a picnic spot at Lost Creek. All streams are bridged, there was water only one small place on the otherwise smooth trail.

Wildflowers in season abound. We saw thousands of spring queen (*Syntherisma reiformis*) Many trilliums (probably *trillium revale*) and yellow violets as well as osaberry, sweet coltsfoot, etc. Birds were common including robins, varied thrush, chickadee and water ouzel.

Luckily we had two leaders available. The group had such a wide range of hiking abilities and background that we divided the group into two sections, most of the children and experienced hikers going ahead with Ken while Robin brought along the beginners with Dave Zevenbergen as rear guard. A car shuttle was used so that we could cover more trail without having to repeat any. For a single leader this trip should probably have a limited signup (possibly 18). The hoad following the leaders were Monty & Wendy Christ, Peggy Crowson, John & Peter Cecil, Martha Dean, Clara Emlen, Kari Ford, Lee & Wayne Hatch, Ann & Howard Horowitz, Joy & Lili & Lou Ledbetter, Dorothy & Ronald & John Leland, Ann Kemp, Jerry Mandigo, Sharon Mullins, Eleanor Payne, Hazel Peck, Arthur & Isabelle Porter, Nancy Randle, Joyce Robinette, Helen Smith, Cheryl & Linda & Mark & Mike Zevenbergen and the leaders Kenneth and Robin Lodewick.

#### GOLD LAKE 3/17-18

After leaving Eugene, headed up the Willamette Hiway and had to put chains on above Oakridge (boy! that was some Job. How did you get the cars over Oak-  
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ridge?) Arriving at destination and had a leisurely hike into Gold Lake. Had the shelter for our individual use. Had fun in the snow before bedding down for what proved to be a somewhat cold night.

Another leisurely trip out stopping for more fun in the snow at Marilyn Lake. Home by 5 p.m. Snowshoers and skiers were Melba and Karen eckhoff. Peggy Keith and the leader was Mary Bridgeman.

#### LAVA BEDS NATL. MON. 3/23-25

Drove the 250 miles to Park Headquarters Friday evening. On Saturday most of the party descended into the 8 lower levels of Sentinel Cave as well as exploring another dozen caves in the area. Some of the group hiked 3/4 mile trail to Lookout on Sconchon Butte in the evening to view the sunset which turned out to be much less spectacular than the brilliant crimson sunrise both mornings. Up to 10 bighorn sheep were observed in the rim rock at various times. The museum with its history of the Modoc Indian War was also on the agenda. Events of the war were especially interesting since exactly 100 years ago Capt. Jack used his strategy to outwit the U. S. Cavalry for several months in the very "Stronghold" that we ambled thru. Thousands of waterfowl were observed along the route too.

Those enjoying the beautiful week end were---Mary Bridgeman, Gail & Sue Boyum, Brenda Clingan, Allen Gardner, Clarence & Eugene & Janina & Steve Johnson, Kevin McClintic, Rich Temple, Bruce Uppman, Linda Wolford and Mary Young. Leaders: Frank and Wilma Moore.

#### PROXY FALLS AND FINGERBOARD PRARIE 3/31

It looked like another rainy day as we gathered in Eugene, but this improved some as we drove up the McKenzie. We didn't know whether we would be using our snowshoes and skis to get to Proxy Falls. We soon found that we could drive up the highway beyond White Branch Youth Camp right to the trailhead. There was a thin coating of snow on the upper section of the hiway. With the tree branches dripping on us we hiked in to both the upper and lower falls finding the trail bare in spots. We still wanted to use our snowshoes and skis, so after returning to the cars we discussed where we should go. We thot of the road up to Frizzel Point, but after returning down the hiway and then taking the Clear Lake cutoff for a short distance we were not certain there would be much opportunity even up there to use our equipment. We decided instead to go eastward toward the high country, so we drove up Scott Creek Road  
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ALMOST TO IT'S INTERSECTION WITH BOULDER Creek Road. We finally found snow too deep to drive thru so we got out our skis and snowshoes and started out. We had more bare road after a bit, but was soon back on deep snow and really had an opportunity to use slats and snowshoes. After a couple miles or more we stopped for lunch and then most of us went out for a ways further, while the other two headed back. While we didn't find the end of the road we did get some distance beyond Finger Board Prairie and we even found some sunshine up in the area. We had had some snow falling from time, but not much and most of the day was cloudy but pleasant. After returning most of the way to the car we met a storm coming in and were just in time to avoid a good soaking. It was a good day out in the snow with an opportunity to get close to nature again. Mary Bridgeman, Bert Ewing, Fred Froehner, Jean Hosey, Jack Nitzel, Steve Northrop, Helen Smith. Leader was Norman Benton.

#### SUMMER CAMP BACKPACKING TRIPS

by Helen Smith

Members who have backpacked or would like to should take special note of the Summer Camp brochure this year. There are two excellent backpacking trips planned for your enjoyment each week of the outing - Aug. 5 to 19. Parties will be held down to no more than 6 or 7 people each. Food supplies will be purchased and pre-packaged for you so that all you will have to look after is your own equipment pack, sleeping bag, clothes, etc. Before each trip, which lasts 6 days, your group will be given food packages and cooking gear to carry and each member of the party will be expected to take a turn at cooking or cleaning up.

Here is a fine opportunity to enjoy this type of activity. The trips will not be hard but will involve hiking each day some days with full pack, other days with just a day pack.

In order to be assured a place on one or both of these trips, sign up as soon as you can by sending in the Registra-

tion sheet attached to the Brochure. Non member registrations will be accepted after June 15, if there is room for them.

Remember May 18's potluck dinner at the Lodge. It will be an evening devoted to talking about the outing and these trips. Two items of equipment are recommended in the brochure which will be available for you to purchase at the dinner. Sierra cups and plastic wash basins and buckets.

#### NEWS RELEASE

from the Willamette National Forest give several sales in various parts of the forest, but a couple are here given for what interest they may have.

Approximately 1,650,000 board feet in the Lowell District went to the Zip-O-Log Veneer of Eugene for \$211 per 1000. There were 17 bidders. Another 1,770,000 in the Lowell District sold for \$250.00 per thousand to Kimball Bros. of Dexter. Looks like we may be going back to sod houses of by-gone days or teepees.

#### HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

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The year of 1967 seemed bright and clear on the Iron Mt. Trail of July 16th 1967 as the colors in the many pictures were bright and beautiful.

This annual flower trip always has a good turnout and it is always a pleasure to have Ken & Robin Lodewick, Helen Weiser and sometimes Mary Douglass Stovall or Dorothy Ieland and of course others who know the great array of wild flowers.

The Summer Camp in this year was not decided untill late and finally Mac McWilliams was camp chairman and decided on Todd Lake east of the Three Sisters, off the Century Drive.

Altho the east side of Todd Lake is crowdee with "Camp Trailers" but on the west side of the lake a more beautiful grassy meadow was the perfect spot to set up camp in a grove of trees.

Frank Moore took over as chairman as Mac was unable to attend. On Frank's committee were John Anderson, Bob Medill, Bruce Newell and the "Camp Moore" was established in 1967.

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