



VOL 33

JUNE

1973

No, 9

### TRIPS

- June 16-Bike trip with Dave Cohen. Dave hasn't been seen for some time but suppose he is still around.
- June 17-Up the South Fork to Rebel Rock Phyllis Ford will lead.
- June 23-And this up the South Santiam to Cone Peak with Clarence Landes.
- June 24-A trip for handicapped persons. The Fall Creek Trail-Lee Hatch.
- June 24-Iron Mountain-Ray Sims leads. to some of the most interesting Mountain scenery in Oregon.
- June 30-Boulder Creek in the Umpqua National Forest. Holly Jones leads. Above is for June 30 & July 1st.
- July 1--Quacking (thats the way it is spelled in the trips schedule) Aspen Bog in the French Pete Country. Dave Burwell leading.
- July 4--Up to the Bohemia Mines country. Ken & Robin Lodewick honors you.
- July 7--Open date.
- July 7-8-9-Rosary Lakes. This is a trip suitable for small children. Dave Zevenbergen in charge.
- July 8--Blair Lake. Up the North Fork of the Willamette. One can return via Oakridge thru interesting cuntry. Grace Smith leads.
- July 14-Three Fingered Jack area to Martin & Summit Lakes. Clarence Landes will honor you.
- July 15-Gold & Rosary Lakes up the Will. Pass with Don Payne leading.
- July 14-15-Bachelor Butte and Parker Riddle & Marge Brittain will get you there and bring you back.
- July 21-Marion Mtn. This in the Santiam with Al Lynch showing the way.
- July 21-Olallie Lookout. Up the east Fork McKenzie. Robert Moffitt leads.
- July 21-22-Ermabelle Lakes. "Fish-In"./ This in place of July 22 as advertised and Dave Zevenbergen will lead. Some hiking.
- July 4th-Potluck Picnic at the Lodge & Ray Sims leads. One o'clock p.m
- PRINCESSES MEETING WITH HELEN WEISER MONDAY-JUNE 18 AT 7:30 p.m. please be there.

### CLIMBS

- June 23-24-South Sister-Burt Ewing will replace Bruce Newell leading.
- June 30-July 1-Bachelor Butte. Rich Temple doing the hard work.
- June 30-July-1-Diamond Peak. Bob Holmquist doing the hard work.
- July 7-8-Mt. Thielsen and your President leads this one.
- July 13-14-Mt. Hood. Hurrah for Hurrang. Jim is leading this one.
- July 14-15-Little Tahoma. Trip schedule says in the frying pan with Steve Ross.
- July 14-15-Mt Jefferson. Dick Moffitt leading. He should be able to PULL you thru. And Maybe fill some cavities.
- July 20-21-3 Fingered Jack with Norm Lee via Footh Lake. Sat. climb.
- July 21-22-Middle Sister with Don Payne leading. This has been set up from August 25-26.
- July 21-22-South Sister. Jim Jeppesen in front. Via Green Lake.
- July 21-22-Mt. Stuart (wherever that is) Latham Flaagan knows-he lead
- Boy! These Trip & Climb Comm.s sure been busy.

### FRIENDLY HOUSE

- June 17 - Gordon Obie. This to be movies taken in the Mediterranean.
- June 24-- Fred Lorange. All the way from Zaire in Africa. Used to be th the Congo.
- July 1 - Rodney Hinds will show scenes of Guatemala.
- July 8 - Mr and Mrs Keith Cobbin in add around Oregon.
- July 15 - To be announced.

### POTLUCK

- June 22 - At the Lodge - Time 6:30 P.m Bert Ewing will tell of his trip on foot over the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Oregon and will have pictures of this trip he made all alone. This should be extra interesting.

DIAMOND PEAK ON SKIS SOME SIGHT

(that means all Obsidians) will get together for dinner at North's Chuckwagon 29th & Willamette, on Thursday, June 14, at 6:30 p. Call Mary Castelloe for reservations - 344-5168.

#### PRINCESSES MEETING

will be held in the home of Helen Weiser on Monday, June 18, at 7:30 p.-Jane Hilt co-hostess. Jane will also give a talk of her recent visit to Greek Islands.

#### CYRUS J. FULTON

The older members will remember Cy. He was an artist and a long time member of the Obsidians. Obsidians are invited to attend a Sunday reception on June 24, 2 to 5, which will open an exhibit and sale of oil paintings of this former Obsidian who would have been 100 years old on June 26. Obsidian Florence Fulton will be honored guest. The reception and sale will be held at Glenda Kupper's Fine Arts Restoration Shop, 6th and Van Buren 1100 West 6th.

ANNUAL OUTING FRIENDS OF THREE SISTERS will be held July 6-7-8 on the east shore of Charlton Lake about two miles east of the north end of Waldo Lake.

Camp area is about two miles from the road. Each person or group furnishes his own food and camping gear. Saturdays hike will be south of the lakes and meadows near Gerdere Butte. Swimming, canoeing, fishing, bitching and loafing can be enjoyed. Campfires in the evening will feature speakers on the biology and geology of the area.

Trip fee: \$1.00 per person or \$2.00 per family. Reservations and/or information may be obtained from President Ernest Lund or Margaet Wiese.

#### NEW AND REVITALIZED MEMBERS

PEGGY KEITH pf 1920 Tabor, Eugene. Lets get acquainted with you, Peggy. Come up to our Lodge building. Bring mom and dad DOUGLAS & AMY LOU SPENCER lost along the way somehow have re-entered and we are most happy to have you back. We have not seen you folks since your children are no longer children. Must be quite grown-up by this time.

#### CARAVAN OUTING MEETING

will be held at the home of Helen Weiser 945 Coburg Road June 20 at 7:30 p.m. All interested are asked to attend to talk over where we will be going, where to spend the evenings and in general to discuss the trip, the gas problems etc. The Service station man lament. "We can't fuel all the people all the time".

REMEMBER THE MAINE-REMEMBER THE ALAMO

REMEMBER JUNE 14th

CHARLOTTE MILLS Where were you on the night of May 19th? You know the Obsidians already have a Robinson Crusoe. Or are you one of the Swiss branch of Robinsons?

PETER CECIL sends a card to Dorothy Leland and the Obsidians from London. Says he and his father are touring the Sussex country and London.

THELMA WATSON lost a sister, Martha, who died Friday, May the 18th. All Obsidians offer their condolences to you, Thelma. Martha was 93 years of age.

ROXIE WALDORF and an automobile met on a street in Portland. Roxie went to the hospital. We do not know the extent of her injuries at this time, but dearly hope not too serious.

GLEN SIMS met with an accident at his home and is now in the Sacred Heart hospital. Glen was washing his car and became entangled with the hose, fell and broke a hip. Glen, for goodness sakes, don't you know that is a womans job?

HARVEY HARMON elected President of his bowling league "The First Nighters". The First Nighters have a membership of 48.

LESLIE AND MAY COOPER Have you missed them lately? Reason is that they both have been very sick and in and out of the hospital.

#### WHALES DON'T LIKE PEOPLE

And that was demonstrated years ago when a whale swallowed one and immediately coughed him up. An Obsidian woman tried climbing on the whale while taking in Climbing School outdoor climbing session up in the Coburgs and the Whale showed it by bucking and heaving until the poor woman lost her hold and fell breaking a bone in her foot or leg.

LILA SMITH Some people are pleased if their name is just mentioned in the local paper, but Lila got hers plastered all over the front page of section F in the Register-Guard Sunday, May 13. The whole page was devoted to Lila and her 40 years of teaching in Lane County Schools, the last 15 at Santa Clara.

PHYLLIS FORD DR. has been elected to the Board of the Society of Park and Recreation of the National Recreation and Park Association in Arlington, Virginia.

RICHARD M. NOYES was the first William Albert Noyes, Jr. visiting lecturer at the University of Texas at Austin Feb. 12th to 16th.

SKI HUT CATALOG just arrived and is at the Lodge. Ski Hut is located at 1615 University Avenue, Berkeley, California.

Condensed from Scientific American

This humane and efficient machine played a central role in the evolution of the ball bearing, the pneumatic tire, tubular construction, the automobile and the airplane, and even the hard surfaced road. The development of the bicycle played an important role in the evolution of modern technology and was indirectly responsible for substantial social and economic changes. A remarkably efficient machine, both structurally and mechanically, the bicycle continues to offer distinct advantages as a means of personal transportation in both developed and undeveloped countries.

As with most epoch-making inventions, many men and many nations can claim a share in its development.

The earliest bike dates back to about 1816 to a two-wheeled pedestrian hobby horse propelled by the feet pushing directly on the ground.

The French Velocipede produced in 1863 was the first commercially important machine on the way to the modern bicycle. This "bone-shaker" had cranks with pedals fixed directly to the hub of the front wheel like a child's tricycle. This machine suffered from the limitations of having too low a gear ratio. The high wheeler was then designed to overcome the low gear ratio while retaining the simplicity of direct drive. This was a most difficult machine to mount and stay aloft, which led to a period of intense technical and commercial development, that resulted in not only the bicycle's achieving definitive form but also in the emergence of the motorcycle and the automobile. Two major developments were the introduction of the ball bearing and the tubular frame. Some remarkably light weight frames were achieved at a very early date. Then came the pneumatic tire. Another important advance was the adoption of the bush-roller chain and sprocket drive. This seemingly simplistic invention of metallurgy and lubrication.

The bicycle had a major effect on the acceleration of technology because with the aid of the bicycle, man's energy consumption for a given distance was reduced to about a fifth as much as walking. At the same time it increased his speed by a factor of three or four. The man on the bicycle is by far the most efficient machine in terms of energy consumption for moving a unit of weight over a given distance. In order to make

this excellent performance possible, the bicycle has evolved so that it uses the right muscles in the right motion and at the right speed. The bicycle design transmits this power efficiency by means of ball bearings, roller chain, pneumatic tires and light weight. Every part of the design is related to the human frame.

A further result of the growing popularity of bicycles was the demand for better roads. The bicycle quite literally paved the way for the automobile. Soon a mechanically propelled vehicle was wanted instead of a foot propelled one. The technology of the light weight bike seemed to offer new possibilities and the steam driven motorcycle was built. Later an internal combustion engine was used. A motor driven tricycle was the next step, and finally the automobile.

Many pioneer automobil makers started as bicycle makers. Henry Ford first used bicycle wheels and chains. The Wright brothers were bicycle makers and early flying machines benefited from bicycle technology. Near the turn of the century there were 312 factories in the U. S., producing a million bikes a year. Bicycle manufacturing is still big business, accounting for a world wide production of 35-40 million vehicles a year.

Europe and North America are in a minority in relying so heavily on the automobile. The true cost of doing so is becoming increasingly evident, not only in the consumption of resources, but also in pollution and other undesirable effects on urban life. For those of us in the over developed world, the bicycle offers a real alternative to the auto.

Two important factors must gradually force a reappraisal of the hypertrophic role of the automobile. First, the diminution of fossil-fuel resources and accompanying increase in fuel prices. The second is the sheer inequity in per capita energy consumption between automobile using and non-automobile using countries.

It is inconceivable that 800 million Chinese will ever become users of energy in the per capita scale of 200 million Americans.

The end result must be a gradual reduction of energy consumption in the U.S. To this end the bike can play a significant part. We might as well go all out in encouraging its use. If one were to give a short prescription for dealing rationally with the world's problems of development, transportation, health and the efficient use of resources, one could use the simple formula, cycle & recycle.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT

From "The Beaver" a magazine published by The Hudson's Bay Co. An article about an artist living in the far north of Ont by the name of Walter McFarlane, Also author of several books. A field mouse named by McFarlane Mr. Farnsworth took up residence in Mc" cabin. Fed regularly at meal time the mouse became quite a chum. But then one day Farnsworth, who turned out to be Mrs. chewed up the sleeve of Mc's Pendleton wool shirt to make a nest. Farnsworth would have to go

She was carried in a small birch-bark tube filled with moss to a lake several miles away. The next morning at breakfast Mrs. Farnsworth showed up. She was permitted to stay.

## ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A most beautiful day and a very good crowd enjoyed breakfast at the Lodge. And how the pancakes, sausage and ham disappeared. After eating everyone seemed to enjoy the slide show, which ran continuously with a timer controlled projector. Two sky lights were darkened over the projector making for a most satisfactory showing.

Marge Erickson was missed from her egg cooking detail. Marge has had a rather long spell of sickness and was unable to make it this year. Alice Bissel was at her usual place deep in sausage and ham country with Mary Castelloe and Nell Harmon taking Marge's place with the eggs. Bob & Dorothy Medill kept the pancake griddles going almost continuously.

Helen Weiser brot the pancake batter, which was furnished free by The Original Pancake House and also acted as waitress. Don't know what we would do without Helen. Mary Bridgeman, Lois Schreiner, Jane Hilt Nell Harmon were waitresses. If we have missed anyone we apologize here.

## VISIT VICTORIA - JULY 16, 1973

## OBSIDIAN BUS TRIP

Join your Obsidian friends in this grand four day outing at a very reasonable price. The itinerary is a dandy-leaving Eugene at 7:30 a.m., Monday, July 16, (So. Eugene High Parking Lot) and will follow route to Chehalis and Port Angeles to Victoria. All day Tuesday for playing in Victoria, Wednesday, July 18, you will go to Hurrican Ridge, Lake Crescent, the Hoh Rain Forest and then overnight at Lake Quinalt, Thrusday, July 19 return via Chehalis and Portland -arriving in Eugene about 5:30 p.m. Cost is 83 dollars and includes 3 nights lodging & all transportation in private Obsidian bus. The group will necessarily be limit-

ed to 35. Your non-member friends are welcome. Call Gerry Fehly 343-2784 for reservations, and mail payments to her at 1601 Olive, Eugene 97401. Full Payment is necessary by July 2, and checks should be made to Obsidians, Inc.

## GOLDEN EAGLE &amp; GOLDEN AGE PASSPORTS

The Golden Eagle Passport entitles one entrance into any National Park, Recreation area and National Monument with all who may be riding in the same non-commercial car. It does not admit to National Forest Campgrounds. The Golden Age Passport allows one over 62 (proof of age must be given) free admission to any of the above except to Forest Campgrounds, but this passport does admit one into these for half price.

The above passports do not apply to campground in any area where the camping area is privately operated.

## FROM THE FOREST SERVICE

## TO THE FISHERMAN AA NN DD WOMAN

Opal, Indigo and June Lakes are stocked with Brook trout. Timpanogas and Lower Timpanogas Lakes are stocked with Rainbow. Opal Lake is reached by a trail 1/8 mile long off Road 250. The trail to Indigo Lake is two miles long and is an excellent one for hikers. The area is reached via Rigdon Road #211 for 38 mi. and Road #250 approximately two miles.

## PROGRESS REPORT

ON WORK AT THE Lodge building for May this year prepared by Clarence Landes.

Eight people worked a total of 239 hrs on building improvements during the month of May. The construction on ceiling the upper areas and building the shelves is approximately 3/4 complete.

Lighting and switching and outlets, done by Merle Traudt: that work is included in the above hours.

The painting, done by Bob Medill, is approximately 3/4 done - this includes the paint on his clothes.

Included in the above hours is the work done on drainage, foundation and steps as a part of the Rockwall project.

## FROM DON PAYNE

## Climbing School Graduation Climbs:

Mt. Hood - May 25/26 attending 12

Mt. Thielsen - June 2/3 attending 10.

Climb leaders that do not want climb notice in paper call Don Payne 746-1964, or Dave Zevenbergen 747-2386 before Monday before the climb.

If you are eligible for the Three Peaks Award or the Ten Peaks Award you are requested to contact Don Payne 746-1964.

And his August 25/26 climb of the Middle Sister has been set up to July 21-22

Is about completed. It has cost a lot of money. It has cost a tremendous lot of work. I cannot tell you how much time and effort, both doing the actual labor but also in the amount of time figuring and planning that Clarence Landes has put in, but it is a lot.

There are shelves and built-ins galore for all the junk that may accumulate and the boss says that from now on, there being a place for everything, if there is any thing not put in its place, the boss says and I am not going to tell you who the boss is, that the so-called junk will be dispatched to the Good Will/Amen

#### THE HIGH COST OF LUMBER

In the Obsidian mail recently came another list of timber sales. Among them was the sale of 7 million feet in the Lowell area that brot \$235 a thousand. another sale in the Oakridge Ranger Dist brot \$224.05 per thousand. Another sale brot \$231. Another \$245. Others listed \$250, and the highest was for a million and a half in the Lowell District which brot \$320.05 purchased by Delbert King of Lowell.

#### ON TRIP MILEAGE FEES

Altho we have been told that there will be no rationing of gasoline I have read that the National Government has already printed millions of cards. Just a thot Suppose Obsidians, instead of charging a cent nad a half per mile they get the notion of sharging ration stamps. As I have said; just a thot.

ARIZONIANS FOR QUALITY ENVIRONMENT An organization with headquarters in Tucson in a recent publication of theirs cited the Willamette River in Oregon as an example of what can be done and what the people of Arizona should do.

OUTDOOR CLUBS all over are more and more, getting involved in bike trips. Even big outfits like Seattle Mountaineers are indulging in this manner of seeing the outdoors.

LIKE EXPLORING BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS?

Shirley M. Barrow of Whitefish, Mont. 59937 sent us several pamphlets describing back packing trips thru this country They list trips thru July, Aug. & Sept. Cost \$100 if they furnish everything. 75 if you furnish your own pack board and sleeping bags. They furnish all food.

#### LATE OBSIDIAN

July 4th and Board Meeting come on the same day. Can you beat that? So the Board wont be meeting until July 11th, so your bulletin wont get mailed until July 16th

Think it was about a year ago Tlorence Fulton delivered coupons to you from me Here I go again with thanks to the Obsidians for all the pleasure my husband & son have had on outings with them.

Am going to very hesitantly ask a favor of you this time. I do considerable community service work for the inmates of the State Penitentiary at Salem. Also a new work release house opens here May 1. Should any of your ladies have used paper backsthey'd like to get rid of, I'd most appreciate having them for the prison. Westerns, science-fiction, mysteries Christian material, GOOD fiction (not pulp), historial and non-fiction would be most welcome.

They can be left in the garage of my sister's home in Eugene, Mrs. James Cummings, 1130 Hodson Dr. Phone 688-5866,

Please phone her before dropping them off. Thank you.

#### FROM DAVE ZEVENBERGEN

- 1 - If a leader wants an expert on geology or nature, flowers, etc. to go on a hike call the Science Comm. head Walter Youngquist or Dave.
- 2 - Please call your trip reports to me, to go into the Register-Guard early in the week. Don't wait until 10 p.m on Sunday. I go camping, too!
- 3-- All hikes in June call the info to Dorothy Leland 688-4405, as I am going vacationing.
- 4 - Please send your trip reports within a week or two after your trip, as a two months old or a year old is a little old to read.

#### BOARD MEETING

As usual bills and more bills. Moved to be paid were the following.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| EWEB.....                    | \$24.63  |
| May Bulletin postage.....    | \$12.82  |
| Will. Graystone (bldg).....  | \$25.22  |
| Mohawk Cab. Shop....(paint). | \$42.70  |
| Hammer Kbr. Co. (bldg).....  | \$144.16 |
| Envelope.....                | \$ 3.00  |

Donn Chase READ the minutes of last meeting. We are amazed at how he gets it all down as no one seems to see him writing while the meeting is in progress Donn joins in all the conversation and laughs and jokes with the rest of us.,

Board talked over the feasibility of raising the fee for non-members on climb to \$2.00. As this is a by-law change no vote of the memberships is required to do so, but Board devided to bring this up at the Annual Meeting to allow others to have an opportunity to express their

opinions. Also talked over the necessity of raising the mileage fee to 2¢ account of higher costs to the car owner for gas and other things.

Dorothy Hayes brot up the question of styrofoam cups we are using, they being classified as a great poisonous polluter. As the Club has on hand \$11.00 worth of these decided to use them and hereafter get other kinds. Paper probably.

Because of several requests for Obsidian transfers to go on car windows as of long ago decided not to reorder account of all the crooks traveling the highways on seeing a car so equipped, saying they are all up in the mountains and wont be back 'til night so lets.

Walt Youngquist has several people who are experts in geology, flowers, salamanders and woods, etc. lined up willing to go on trips to give talks on above subjects if leaders of trips would like to have the benefit of these peoples services call Walt or Dave.

Reported a need of register box on the summit of Thielsen. Going to get in a hassel with the Mazamas of Portland.

Lois gave a resume of her talk at Prof. Ron Simpson's outdoor class. Said the class was very interested in activities of the Obsidians and her talk was well received. Prof. Simpson needs more speakers who can deliver on fly fishing, boating and in general subjects concerning the outdoors.

Board granted to Lois \$40 to enter the Recreation National Trails Symposium to be held at Colorado Springs. This was brot to our attention from the Oregon State Highway Division.

Clarence Landes needs tow yards of concrete and told the Board that if he can arrange to have it delivered as a drop off the cost will be \$36. If a special delivery is made the price will be \$46. If a drop off he will need to have some one able to come up at a call on the phone. He was told to make the best deal or arrangement that he can.

Next meeting July 11th account of the Fourth of July coming on the first Wed.

#### DIAMOND PEAK ON SKIS 5/12-13

Diamond is a good climb to start the year-Before the mosquito season. Considering the light snow-pack this year it might have been better to have had our trip a month earlier. The snow line was about 5500 feet and we had to carry our skis for a steep  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to reach that elevation. We skiid up thru open timber

and moderate slopes to a campsite on a bench at 6800 feet----a nice sheltered spot we thot, but a strong east wind came up during the night and two of the three tents required some restaking. Approach was by Pioneer Gulch and the Southwest Ridge. Our camp was well up on the mountain, so the next morning it was an easy 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  hours to the top. We carried our skis most of the way, but decided it was more prudent not to attempt to ski the summit ridge. The weather was beautiful and we had a fantastic view all the way to Mt. Shasta. We skied down across some big open slopes and on out to the road for a rather early return to town. For a gung-ho crew and good travel conditions, this trip could be made in a day. If the objective is to enjoy the mountain, then the two day jaunt is better. Climbers-- Steve Northrop, Bruce Utsey, Paul Orum, Fred Froehner, Rudy Messner and leader Marriner Orum.

#### HUMBUG MOUNTAIN 5/19-20

This was the fifth annual May climb of Humbug led by John and Ruth Bascom---and it was the best one yet. The weather cooperated, being bright and beautiful with cool winds. The party numbered 2 dozen & included ten children under ten years of age. All of them proved to be excellent hikers, even two who were only 3 years old. The group assembled at 1:30 p.m. Sat. noon at Humbug Lodge and began the usual ascent from the southeast corner of the mountain. It was a "dry" hike, the usual water filled ravine being stilled by the unusually dry spring. Everyone shared water bottles on top and we napped & rested there in the sun for an hr.

Descent began at 5 p.m. and was brisk. The green meadows leading to the ocean were splashed with scampering children. Aching feet rested on the black sand of the beach and waded in COLD water. Horns made fro dried kelp provided music.

At 8 p. m., as the south end of the beach was reached, clouds and chill winds arrived to send us scurrying to two shuttle cars parked conveniently nearby.

Come join us next May.

Following the leader on this trip were: John & Ruth & Tom & Mary Bascom, Chuckie & Jennifer & John Bonunge, Elizabeth Benjamin, Mickey & Gayle & Garth & Damon & Susan & Trevor Gulick, Marge & Jon king, Kent & Gonya Loobey, Merle Traudt, Greg Wannier, Alexander Rauh, Latham & Jennie Flanagan, Jane Sahlfeld. The leader was Ruth F. Bascom



CHALRES SCRIBNER'S SONS

May 18, 1973

Dear Obsidians:

I would like to call your attention to THE HALL OF THE MOUNTAIN KING by Howard H. Snyder, an eye-witness account of a tragic mountaineering expedition where seven men lost their lives. As the author states, "This experience, gained at such a fearful cost, should help safegaurd future expeditioks on Mt. McKinley and elsewhere, If not, our lost friends have surely died in vain". We are publishing it on July 5, 1973.

As you can see from the attached list, members of the expedition belonged to your mountaineering club.

I hope you will want to bring THE HALL OF THE MOUNTAIN KING to the attention of your members. Sincerely,

Susan Richman, Pub. Dir.

The above covers the climb on which Mark McLaughlin and Jerry Clark lost their lives. The book contains 32 pages of photographs and 2 maps. Cost is \$8.95.

If you wish to write to them address, 597 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017 and call to attention of Susan Richman.

MALHEUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 5/26-28

The weather was beautiful for the Memorial Day week-end trip. We left Eugene at 8:30 Sat. morning and had the opportunity to travel the McKenzie Pass since that road was opened early this year. It was a treat to see the high mountains in their mantle of snow, altho there was very little snow along the road. We continued on thru Bend and Burns, then turned south to the Refuge, arriving about 4 p.m. Denzel Ferguson of the Malheur Environmental Field Station greeted us with hospitality and provided us with campsites which we had reserved prior to our arrival. We stayed at the Field Station 2 nights, rather than move on to the Frenchglen area. Since we could not go into the steens this year because of snow, we opted for more perusing of the refuge.

The high point of the week-end was a 13.7 mile canoe trip to Donner and Blitzen River on Sunday. We began the river run about 8:15 a.m., with 3 canoes and 12-man rubber raft-13 people in all. Jeff Fleischer, a very personable young man of the Refuge Staff, guided our tour, giving us invaluable information about the Refuge, the river, the animals and birds. We were surprised to find rapids in the first mile of our trip, and proceeded to get wet on the very first one. But it was smooth canoeing the remainder

cont, next col.

of the way. we were blessed with close-ups of muskrat, beaver, porcupines and great-horned owls, besides many smaller birds along the river. Other flying 'things' (droves of mosquitos) greeted us whenever we went ashore, which wasn't very often, obviously. We reached the end of the route at 4 p., but it was another hour before reaching camp as we had to wait for the cars to be shuttled. The day was overcast 'til after noon, but we felt this an advantage as the sun was hot during the afternoon. We all got a bit of sunburn. Since there were not enough canoes for everyone on the trip, four of our party enjoyed themselves touring the Refuge.

Monday we all went our seperate ways to enjoy the surroundings. Everyone had a chance to see Frenchglen and to visit the 'P' ranch. Many birds were seen including sandhill cranes, common egrets, yellow-headed blackbirds, yellow warblers cinnamon teals, killdeer and a swan along the Patrol Road. But the trip was over and we returned home Monday evening. Our birdwatchers were: Phyllis Ford, Bob Hilmquist, Lori Jackson, Stan Keil, Ed & Joy & Lili & Louie Ledbetter, Charlotte Mills Marilyn Moore, Bob & Maureen Olsen. John & Rhonda Refsnider, Merle Traudt with Lois Schreiner leader.

MT. HOOD 6/2-3

After a thrilling ride from Eugene along I 5 we signed in at Timberline and started up Mt. Hood at 1330 Sat. The weather was broken, bordering on cloudy the forecast was for good weather. We reached our camping spot at Illumination Saddle at 1700 in cloudy weather, about 10 mph wind gusting to 30. We started to set up camp in the saddle, but were forced to move off down the slope by high winds. We dug out tent platforms for 3 tents, then got down to the business of melting snow. The temperature was around 28 F. Bud was unable to leave at the same time with us because of a commitment in Eugene. He left the Lodge at 1615 in a whiteout to meet us. At 2015 we heard his yells from up the hill from our camp. After about an hour of route finding in a 50 ft. visibility whiteout he found us. Not a bad bit of climbing for Bud., from Timberline to Illumination Saddle in 4½ hours in strong winds without a compass bearing. That night we were entertained by high winds that tried to tear our tents apart. By morning there was 2 inches of rime ice covering everything. We had planned to get up at 0300, but upon hearing a sound like the ocean

cont. page 8

surf from up above, we decided that this was not the ideal time to get started.

At 0600 Bill got up and found the wind had died down and that there was fair visibility below, still windy above. We looked over the saddle at the windy west face and decided it prudent not to fight the winds in the couloir and at the top of Cathedral Ridge. We saddled up to go via the southern route. We angled up on the west side of Crater Rock and headed directly up the SW gully on the west of the regular well travelled route. This was a fun variation that found us on steeper slopes than the Hogback. We left the saddle at 0830 and were on top at 1030 where some members had a tinge of altitude sickness--generally loss of appetite. We left the summit and headed down to camp in clearing weather, then down to Timberline in the sun arriving 1430. Having fun were: Bob Horn, Bill Pardee, Bud Proctor, Stu Rich and leader Steve Ross.

#### OLALLIE MOUNTAIN - FRENCH PETE 6/3

Nine persons met at the Park Blocks, including Herb Kareil who was a member almost 20 years ago, but is now lives in Calgary. We left the cars in Pack Saddle and started south along the Olallie Trl. about 10 o'clock. Weather was pleasantly cool with light overcast that gradually broke. We reached the summit of Olallie Mountain about noon and had fine views, altho clouds came and went on the summit of the Sisters, Broken Top, Bachelor, etc.

Trail conditions were good, altho there were a few snow patches near the summit.

The old lookout still intact and the flowers included daffodils that had obviously been planted. The summit was a fine place to discuss the French Pete issues.

We then went on south along the Olallie Trail past the Guard Station to the trl. down Olallie Crk. This is not maintained and a little hard to follow is smoe meadows but no real problem. At Olallie Creek crossing we could see markers for the sales that were offered in 1969 and then withdrawn under pressure. The rest of the route went thru lovely forest with flowers well out. The total trip may have been just a bit longer than some people expected and most were tired by the time we got back to the cars. However, nobody was really pushed and they seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Along with Dick were: Keith Hatch, Gerry Mandigo, Chris Mulder, Herbert Kariel, Dick and Pat Noyes, Joyce Robinette, Velma Shirk & Gregory Wannier. Richard Noyes was the leader.

#### MT. HOOD 5/6

Eleven cool climbers braved high winds and low temperatures to start off the Obsidian climbing schedule for 1973 by ascending Mt. Hood on May 6, 1973.

Seven hours were required from parking lot to summit. Three hours down. Everyone agreed that it was the coldest they had ever been on a climb. The water in our canteens in our packs almost froze by the time we got to the summit. Whiteout conditions prevailed most of the way down and only a few moments of visibility allowed us to see the Steel Cliffs. It was a good conditioning climb and we will improve our cold weather gear before doing one like that again. Those on this climb: Ken & Mitch Daletas, Mary & Steve Elle, David & Lee Hatch, Tom Lockhart, Alice & Dick Moffitt, Bill Pardee, Gene Thaxton, Dick Moffitt, leader.

#### THIELSEN CLIMB 6/3

Camped south shore Camp ground Diamond Lake. Up at 6 a.m Breakfast South Store Cafe. Drove to trailhead 7:30. Overtook Climbing School party below Skyline trl. Fog frost on trees & rocks 8500 feet and up. Climbed slowly to let sun melt frost

On summit at noon. Climbing School in saddle as we descended. Out 3:15 Beautiful day, beautiful climb-no problems. On climb: Dave & Gale Burwell, Brian & Lee & Wayne Hatch, Parker Riddle, Merle Traudt The leader - Dave Burwell. Hello Dave.

#### BICYCLE - TO MCGOWEN CREEK PARK 5/6

Weather was a bit overcast and sprinkly but not uncomfortable. On the way out to the park we were treated to two nice refreshment stops at the Moffitts and Wes Prouty. There was a group shooting at the rifle range at the park, and Bobby Moffitt picked up some good targets for his bows and arrows. A lot of green long the way with cows and sheep as our witnesses that we made the trip. We all had a good ride and finished in good shape. This loop trip out Marcola Road to McGowen Park returning via McKenzie View Drive and Armitage Park is an excellent medium length bike ride, beautiful pastoral countryside, and not too many cars to cope with. Bicyclists were Dorothy Hayes, Bobby & Rose Marie Moffitt, Jack Stolseth & Parker Riddle. Parker Riddle the leader this time.

#### HECETA HOUSE 5/19

15 of us arrived Sat. afternoon at the Heceta House and some of us explored around the trails to the lighthouse and down along the beach before dinner. Bea and Florence joined us for a real pot-



June 1973

THE OBSIDIAN GIMLET

page 9

luck dinner. Afterward Henry showed us some beautiful slides which he brot along

Sunday morning Chief Chef Dave & Bob served up sour dough pancakes & waffles for breakfast along with sausages & eggs. We did some more beachcombing and hiking and spotted salamander eggs in a stream nearby and brot some back home (they hatched and we now have salamander tadpoles!). After lunch and cleaning up the place we locked the house and left about 3 p.m. All of us enjoyed the weekend. Good weather, pleasant company - Good food and ample facilities for sleeping & cooking. We could try this again next year. All Obsidians except one were Lorene and Hazen Bressler, Florence Given, Bea LeFevre, Dorothy and John & Ron Leland, Bob and Dorothy Medill, Henry Jeppesen, Paula Vehrs, Mike White, Mark and Mike & Cheryl & Dave and Linda Zevenbergen with Dorothy Leland as leader.

#### HARDISTY MTN. 5/12

For most of us this was strickly a city Slicker walk in perfect weather; warm under the trees, hot as blazes on top.

From 19th & Patterson we drove 30 miles east on route 58 & 5 miles on Patterson Road 2046. At this point 5 members took to their feet while the rest drove 3 mi. more to the beginning of the trail. The trail is clear, wide and with a very gradual slope. We were veterans and newcomers, sun worshippers and wearers of shade hats, Flower lovers and those who climbed for the view. Ina Foss and Lanella Garber told us more about the flowers than we can remember. These two ladies must be the State's experts on Ore. flowers! Clarence Johnson gave all the helpful hints the leader requested, if not saving lives, at least giving us a happy frame of mind. From the top we had a nearly perfect view. All the snowcapped beauties seeming near enough to touch and Mt Hood peeping thru a distant haze. The sun was so hot that a few took to the shade for lunch. Some took siestas & Duchess Cox played us some melodies on her pipes of Pan. After eating, relaxing and getting acquainted with the highlights of our panorama, each other and the maps, we took off downhill, arriving home shortly after 3. The "Hardy" 5 followed trail 3463 from the summit, arriving Eugene much later but all safe and sound. Happy. Mtn-eers included Joy & Liz Ballinger, Duchess Cox, Ina Foss, Lanella Garber, Ernest Garrett, Gladys Grancorvitz, Clarence & Jania & Vi Johnson, Marge & Rick Lindholm, Charlotte Mills, Charlene Phillips Art Porter, Joyce Robinette, Merle Traudt John Uhrhammer and leader Barbara Stiles

#### SUMMIT TRAIL TO BOOTH LAKE 5/5

Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day the other side of the Santiam Pass. We had a small congenial group of hikers plodding across the snow past Square Lake. Yes, folks, we found Booth Lake without any trouble this year, but then we didn't have the challenge of the past two years. The deepest snow we found was only five feet deep so we were able to find blazes all the way. Last year there was 20 feet of snow. Booth Lake was still frozen at 5060 feet, while Square Lake was mostly open at a bit lower elevation. We were able to navigate the snow without much sinking in, so it was a wise choice to leave the snowshoes home this year. There were many spots of bare ground, which proved to be a welcome relief from the snow trodding. After having lunch at Booth, we decided to return to Square Lake, then take a side trip over to Long Lake. Long was completely open with much of the surrounding area bare of snow.

We enjoyed watching several water dogs in a small sink-hole we found. Our party also collected several bags of trash (probably left by the thotless last summer). After basking in the sun on the rocks be Long Lake we pulled ourselves away from that pleasure and returned to Square Lake. We followed its east shore back to the Summit Trail at the south end of the lake. It was quite a trudge up the slope, but knowing it was only a short distance back to civilization we were eager to push on. We arrived back at the cars at 6 p.m. 8 hours after we had left them. Those enjoying the hike were: Kevin Chambers, Clarence Landes, Steve Morse, Joyce Robinette, Helen Smith and Merle Traudt - Lois Schreiner, leader.

#### MT. SHASTA 5/26-27-28

Our party of eleven endured the long drive on Memorial Day weekend to Mount Shasta. We also encountered gasoline shortages while coming back and high winds on the mountain. Made base camp at 9200 feet where gusty winds tore at our tents all Sat. night. The wind collapsed my tent Sun. morning just as I crawled out and it sustained several bent and broken tent poles. Two other tents went down shortly. We started up the mountain late because we were hoping the weather would get better later in the day and hopefully the winds would die down.

On the way up we got reports of 60 mph winds on the summit, and several large parties turned back. At 11,000 feet we had to go up a long shute - right into the gusty winds coming down. Everybody got windburned here. Lunch was celebrat-

ED AT 12,000 FEET AND THE SUN CAME OUT in full force. From here on we all got sunburned. By 14,000 feet everyone was slightly nauseous and headaches abounded. The hydrogen-sulfide fumes from the crater didn't help either. We reached the summit at 3:30 p. Good view if you felt well enough to look around. It took us  $7\frac{1}{2}$  hours up from base camp. The return down took 1 hour and 40 minutes! We were all prepared with a plastic sheet to sit on to come down. One stretch of a mile took less than 5 minutes - non stop. This new method we called the "Plastic Glutinous Glissade". Back at base camp we rebuilt out battered tents and spent another night. Hiked out on Monday and drove home, glancing at our gas gauge and the closed gas stations. The eleven Glancing Glutinous Glissaders were: Don and John England, Tom Lockhart, Kevin and Rick & Steve McManigal, Alice & Paula & Richard Moffitt, Marianne & Phil Sandstrom, and the leader, Dick Moffitt.

#### BELLINGER'S LANDING 3/22

It's not true that you can't get there from here, despite what they say on the streets of New York City to lost motorists & walkers. But 5 bicycling enthusiasts proved on Sat. that you don't necessarily have to go there from here.

We road on Camp Creek Road toward Walterville as far as Bellinger's Landing, where we ate lunch at 1 p. in the water-side serenity of the McKenzie River. However we had taken the long way out on our 33 mi. circle jaunt from Eugene. We left at 9 a.m. from the 19th & Patterson parking lot and returned at 3 p.m. on a beautiful bright blue sky sunny Sat.

Our circuit included sets of 3 consecutive right turns and of 3 lefties.

Here is a long & scenic way to Bellinger's Landing (and Walterville). Coburg Rd. right onto McKenzie View, at Hill Rd (Mohawk Rd. to and from landing; lefts on Marcola "Q" 7 5th (or Market, 2nd etc) to "D" - Garden Way & the A.B. Bike Path Autzen bridge & home. Enroute we made a SORRY-NO ROOM FOR RAY'S HISTORY IN JUNE.

photo and communication check stop with ducks, geese & horses on Coburg: several halts for vivid views of lovely spring-fresh McK. R. & valley from the McK. R. drive 11:30 a. snack stops with 2 local pooches at Hill Rd. A parliamentary break at the Mohawk-Marcola Camp Creek junction & a rest stop in Island Park. Spring field on the homebound leg. Taking part on this bike trip were: Clara Emlen, Stan Keil, Larry Magid, Jack Stolseth and the leader - Dave Cohen.

#### ON THE GASOLINE SHORTAGE

Walter Youngquist is a man who knows just about every thing when it comes to the oil situation and Walt had this to say. "We use 17 million gallons of oil a day. By getting all the oil out of the ground that can be forced out we only produce 10 million. And the spread between what we produce here at home and the amount we use is getting greater day by day. We import the 7 million mostly from one country. This country now has over 80 million of our dollars which are getting worth less day by day. And this Arabian country does not want any more of our money. Walt says that if and when the Alaskan pipe line is put in it will at the most produce 2 million gallons of oil a day. That still leaves us short"

AND THE SERVICE STATION MAN SAYS HE IS SORRY HE CANNOT FUEL ALL THE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME.

PHYLLIS FORD has received a big award in camping knowledge. She was given the Hedley S. Bimock Award of the American Camping Asso. The award is given in recognition for her contribution to camping. Only two such awards are given annually and to get one speaks for its self.

MURIEL AUFDERHEIDE has been in the hospital for minor surgery. She is home now and we are told, doin' fine.

#### JULY FOURTH PICNIC

at the Lodge. Picnic pot-luck. At one o'clock. Bring your picnic basket and try a safe and sober Fourth for once. Ray Sims to be in charge.

OBSIDIANS, INC.  
P.O. BOX 322  
EUGENE - OREGON 97401

|                |
|----------------|
| bulk rate      |
| U.S. Postage   |
| PAID           |
| Springfield    |
| Oregon         |
| Permit No. 151 |