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#### THANKSGIVING DINNER

1:30 p.m. at the Lodge  
November 28th

\$1.50 over 12-12 & under 75¢

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy and coffee or tea.

Bring one dish: either salad, vegetable or dessert. You will be notified which. Reservations are a must in order to have the correct amount of food. Make your reservations to Dorothy Leland 688-4405, Bob Medill 726-7496, or Paula Vehrs-----344-0443.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY Dec. 14.

The Theme of this years part will be Holiday Old World. It will start with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30. There will be a "Tasting Table" on which you are invited to place any "Old World" dishes you may bring and all attending are invited to taste to your hearts content. On this specialty table will be Spekulatorius, St. Johannes Brod and other things that you may think of. One of these items on the table will be a cooked goose. (No! not an Obsidian) cooked up in a special way. A gift exchange will also take place as usual with handcrafted gifts preferred, not costing over \$1. There will be some entertainment by members. Again the date Dec. 14. Sat. Come and enjoy the dinner relaxing to the music of Seasonal Carols Mark your gift his or hers or child.

#### NEW YEARS

There will be a New Years party on New Years Eve. You are requested to bring slides of winter scenes. The annual liars contest will be held as well as other forms of entertainment. More in the Dec. Bulletin.

#### SUBSCRIBERS

We again call your attention to the notice you recieved in your last Obsidian. Several have already remitted. One Frank Manning sent in \$3 instead of the two dollars. Frank always does this as a way of showing his interest in the Club.

#### FRIENDLY HOUSE OFFERS

Nov. 17- A tour thru the Diamond Peak Wilderness with Tom Spaulding.  
Nov. 24- A sort of an Ollo Free-For-all. Everyone who can and wants to, bring some pics and show others where you have been.

Dec. 1--The Middle East with emphasis on Jordan. Mr. Stoddard Malarkey will show.

Dec. 8--Oregon High Desert country with Bob Mazaka. Bob is chairman of the High Desert Committee.

1974-1975 LIST OF OFFICERS & CHAIRMAN  
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There are people who do not make errors.  
There are the ones who don't do anything

SUE RIEMER has come up with a good idea and that is: Cloth napkins would be nicer than paper ones. She said that all persons having spare ones or cloth that would make napkins to bring them to her and she would make them into napkins, so all the washing of them and ironing. She has agreed to cut and hem any pieces of cloth that you may get to her. For use at the Lodge.

NOVEMBER BOARD NOTES, LTD.

Bills-Mishlers for printing cards \$21.65  
Landes - cement..... \$16.00  
Eugene Sand & Gravel..... \$49.31

Voted favorably on the application of Loene Ellickson as an active member.

Dave Zevenbergen said he had received 7 trip reports showing a total of 143 persons going on these 7.

Merle Traudt on outings said that in going over the yellow annual sheets, he found a number of requests for the kind of an outing he had set up for 1974 which had to be cancelled because of snow.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

BOB & MRS CAPRON have made thier annual winters move and are now in Tucson, Arizona. 5250 N. Oracle Rd. 85704. They always come back in the spring.

CLARA EMLIN moved to 1893 Alder-97401.

DELYN DUNHAM nee Dark hasn't moved but the P.O. has seen fit to change her address. It is now 570 N. 10th #79, Cornelius, Oregon 97113.

ALICE BISSELL has sold her house and is now living at 65 W. 30th Apt. 415.

LOENE ELLICKSON. Welcome to the Obsidians. Loene was admitted at the Board meeting November the 6th. Come join us at the Lodge and let us get acquainted.

HELEN SMITH. Neither has she moved but she has a new number. 1310 and the rest of her address is the same.

CHARLOTTE MILLS and

ALLEN & EULENNA NIEMS have made contributions to the "WALL".

HELEN WEISER has had her telephone number changed. It is now 345-2893. Seems the Ma Bell outfit gave the R-G a new number and it as almost identical to Helen's & she was getting almost as many calls as the R-G.

JOEL McCLOURE, professor of physics at the University is off for Russia & Japan for the academic year. In Russia he will be at the Ioffe Institute of Semiconductors in Leningrad and in Japan at the Nikon University in Tokyo.

NOTICE

On paying of dues, if you haven't done

so already, send to Mary Carr, 1601 Olive Apt. 407, Eugene, Oregon 97401. We have so many members at that address why not all you folks there charter a bus coming up to the Lodge?

CHESS

Do we have any members interested in this game? If so contact Dave Cohen as he would like to promote an Obsidian Chess Department. Sounds good.

BUD PROCTOR is going to have Moresco meetings at the Lodge December 7th & 8th. Moresco is the combined efforts of 2 or 3 groups in mountain rescue.

THE BRIDGEMAN'S SAGA

Or BRIDGEMAN'S CONFESSIONS

Our first weekend we spent in Brighton at the home of Miss Barbara Jenks who was an "Exchange" teacher at the Harris school about 6 yrs. ago and with whom we have kept in touch. Rented a car and started our "Catherdral hopping" tour.

Driving west, our first stop was Winchester which is a very old town of King Arthur fame - the Cathe dral was dedicated in 1093 and there are many parts where the original Norman building are in evidence. Then on to the Salisbury Plain where the beautiful Cathedral stands in its spacious setting of green lawns. All the Cathedrals were originally a focal point in a vast countryside, but the cities, in the succeeding years, have literally crept to their fron doors which makes one appreciate the beauty of the setting of Salisbury with its spire said to be the tallest in England. Continuing along the Salisbury Plain Stonehenge looms long before one reaches it.

Tho' the city has encroached on all sides, that is forgotten when one enters Exeter Cathedral with its exquisite "fan" vaulting and wonderful example of a Gothic structure. The old Guild Hall, built before the Cathedral is well worth a visit also. We continue thru' Devon and part way along the English Channel with a storm raging and the sea thundering on the Dorset shore.

The ruins of Glastonbury Abbey merit study and then to Wells Cathedral where we attended Service greatly enhanced with a men and boys choir.

The Cheddar Gorge, which Mary explored a bit, resembled the McKenzie Pass only that it was more steep, more winding and the English drive as if it were a boulevard.

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Bath is a very beautiful city with its many evidences of Roman occupation and the warm mineral waters still bubbling in some of the old Roman baths, the Abbey here is also an architectural gem,

Crossed the Severn river into Wales where some mountains were visible and the countryside closely resembled the rolling lands of England.

Still going north to the delightful city of Chester where we walked along some of the Roman wall which still surrounds the city.

Before getting into Edinburgh, we walked along some of the remains of Hadrian's wall in northern England and saw many farm houses and a ruined Priory built from the stones filched from the wall.

Edinburgh deserves much more time than we were able to give but we did visit the Cathedral, Holyrood Palace and Holyrood Castle.

York, which at one time rivaled London in size and population still has many reminders of its importance in Roman times with the marvelous Cathedral built over the ruins of the Roman fortifications.

In London we were regular "tourists"---took a 2 hr. tour of the city on top of a bus - a tour to Windsor Castle and Hampton Court and of course to Westminster Abbey, St. Pauls' Cathedral and the Tower of London.

Our trip differed from any that some of you have taken in that we did the "bed & breakfast" route. Homes all over the country have a room or two for lodgers and the lodging includes a most substantial breakfast. The good folk welcome you into their homes to share their living room in the evening with its inevitable "telly" - but it gives you a feeling of kinship which is lacking in other casual contacts.

Unfortunately the weather was unusual in that it rained most of the month which is supposed to be a very fine one but their whole summer has been cold and rainy. As our sojourn in Oregon has taught us to disregard the rain, we gloried in its antiquities and the memories will last our life time.

#### FALL COLOR BUS TOUR 10/12

- The weather was perfect for the entire Fall Color Tour, leaving So. Eugene Parking lot at exactly 7:30 a. m., traveling east on Hiway 58 with 30 Obsidians and 5 friends.

A coffee break was enjoyed at Sunset Cove at the east end of Odell Lake. The

Thank you Frank and Sue →

lake was beautiful and no wind. The next stop was East Davis Lake for walking and bird watching and an early lunch. An osprey was seen. No doubt the others had gone south for the winter to South America. Though the ice crystals were along the shore, it was delightfully warm in the sun.

Other stops were Cultus Lake, Crane Prairie and Quinn River Springs, which was recommended by a friend of the bus driver for something unusual to see. And it was! Some remarked that it was even more so than the Metolious Springs. The bubbling water flowed a short distance into Crane Prairie Reservoir. According to Lewis A. McArthur, in Oregon Geographic names,---"Mr. Wm. William was a pioneer sheep man of Brizzley and Quinn Lakes were named for him which are located about 9 mi. no. of Waldo Lake, as the crow flies. He was fatally injured in 1894 while hunting near Waldo and died near Crane Prairie while being packed out toward Deschutes River. He was buried on the banks of Quinn River."

Other leisurely stops were Lava and Elk Lakes for walking and picture-taking. All lakes had beautiful reflections.

Dinner in Bend at the Pine Tavern. Home via Clear Lake (but no stop) and McKenzie Hiway by 9:10 p.m., completing 297 miles with a friendly, accomodating bus driver. Traveling with leaders Jane Hilt and Grace Smith were Muriel Aufderheide Ruby Callison, Bernice Sallison, Mary Carr, Ella Carrick, Nelle Cline, Ann Connell, Angie Combs, Les Cooper, May Cooper, Duchess Cox, Reva Dildine, Geraldine Fehly, Ina Foss, Mae Hishon, Virginia Horton, Grave Iseminger, Pauline Layne, Alelia Linscott, Karen Loretz, Bob Medill, Dorothy Medill, Fred Miller, Marion Miller, Ruth Nichols, Reta Ridings, Sue Riemer, Mary Sands, Ernestine Schaffner, Myrtle Smith, Betty Waddell, Thelma Watson, Helen Weiser, and George Leber who was the driver.

MAY I SAY I PERSONALLY WISH TO ADD THAT the Obsidian Board & Chairpersons are to be commended for knitting and holding together, an organization that withstands the passage of time, yet provides something for everybody --- regardless of age and interest.

For instance, the bus trips fill a vital type of outdoor activity for our maturing members, now resting from the strenous life of hikes, campsm etc. and are still a sizable yet interested part of our club. (From the Riemer Press)

Mt. McLaughlin 9/14-15

SAT: Three other people signed up for this climb, but due to the illness of one of the three, they all had to cancel out. So, again I was fortunate to lead a hike with one of my kids, namely Mike, age 9. I had promised him this climb all summer, so I wasn't about to back out now. We left Springfield at 10:45 a.m. and arrived at the trailhead at 5:10 p.m., having taken a longer route through Crater Lake. We had dinner shortly thereafter, and then later on we had marshmallows on our small fire. After some card games we went to bed at 8:30.

SUN: We were up at 5:30 and on the trail by 6:20. The temperature was 60°. We had several rest stops along the way and arrived at Disappointment Peak by 10:45. We were on the summit by 11:45. Mike was in great shape, and sort of flew up the mountain. The temp. was 68° on the summit, and there were 17 people and one dog "Sarah Lee" there. We left the top at 12:45 via the scree slope and were back in camp by 4:00. We soaked our feet in the canal there, and it sure felt good.

Left for home at 4:30, arrived home at 10:30 after having dinner in Grants Pass. It was a beautiful weekend and I enjoyed every minute of having Mike along, on his first mountain climb. It was a time we will both long remember. Climbers were Mike and Dave Zevenbergen.

DIAMOND PEAK 9/7-8

Party of 23 gathered at Blue Lake camp Sat. p.m. Climb started at 7:15 a.m. Sun. After a leisurely trek, with several rest stops, the entire party made the 8,766 ft summit at 11:45 a.m. Weather was ideal with a light breeze on top. After lunch, maps, book signing and receiving summit certificates, the party started down at 1:00 p.m. - arrived in camp at 3:30. For such a large party the leader appreciated having a very cooperative group which included ten who were teenagers or younger. Also appreciated having balance of Daletas & Zevenbergen families and Rene' as camp guards during climb. The party: Ken, Steve & Mitch Daletas, Clara (Hats) Emlen, Al and Thersa Gamache, Dorothy Hayes, Cindy & Glenn Meares, Alice, Bobby, Larry Mike, Paula, Rea, John & Robert Moffitt, Barbara and Don Payne, Merle Traudt, Dorothy Turner, Dave Zevenbergen and Wes Prouty, Leader.

3 FINGERED JACK 6/21-22

We all Died. (But successful climb). Steve McManigal, Rick McManigal the leader, Haley Lanz and Randy Zustiac.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

BRYAN HATCH - LINNIE NIEMS - BUD

PROCTOR GETTING 3 PEAK AWARDS

DAVE HATCH - LEE HATCH - PAULA

MOFFIT - DICK MOFFITT 10 PEAK.

MT. HOOD 5/25-26

Camped Saturday night at Timberline.

Lee Hatch & sons stayed in the Lodge and we went swimming that night in the pool. Ken & Mitch Daletas & I stayed in Mitch's Camper. Rained all night and it did not look favorable at all. At about 9,500 ft everything blew away leaving blue sky. A lab-St. Bernard cross dog belonging to Timberline made its way up to the top.

Things were very slow & frustrating in the chute, as ice was falling off the steel cliffs. Ice about 4' thick covered the cliffs. We reached the top in about 8 hours, slow because we were held up by many other groups who were slow. Our party did quite well, except for one case of snow blindness which showed up a day later. Those climbing were Ken and Mitch Daletas, Brian, David, Lee & Wayne Hatch and Rick McManigal, leader.

3 FINGERED JACK 9/14-15

The party departed Eugene at approximately 3:00 p.m. Sat. afternoon and arrived at the Skyline junction with Hwy. 20 later that afternoon. We hiked up the Skyline about 2 miles and camped. Sunday morning we were up at 6:00 a.m. and on the trail by 7:30 a.m. Steve Johnson very capably took the party to the summit when the leader was unable to continue due to knee problems.

Climbers were John Hribernick, Steve Johnson, Annette & Glen Miller, Alice & Paula Moffitt, Marianne Sandstrom, Bob Williams and leader Ric Craven.

BROKEN TOP 9/28-29

Two beautiful days and a very comfortable night for camp.

Five other groups must have had the same - so there were about 35 "bodies" making room for each other. However the attitudes were very good - so no problems.

Our party went into Broken Top Basin from Century Drive, then by trail on the Ditch Line route. Climbers were Larry, Zotty & Jeff Cash, Chuck Haddad, Tom Landes, Al and Mike (Mrs.) Niems, Merle Traudt and leader Clarence Landes.

SAHALE FALLS - Sahale is a Chinook word for high.

### HELLS CANYON

PRESS FOR HOUSE ACTION TO PREVENT DAM-  
maing the deepest gorge on earth.

Hells Canyon and the Middle Snake River are among the greatest wild places in America. Dammed, diverted and controlled nearly everywhere else along its length, the Snake River between Oregon and Idaho near Washington flows wild and free in the spectacular depths of a gorge more than a mile deep.

The Senate has already passed a bill to establish the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, a 700,000 acre expanse embracing the gorge and protecting the last great free-flowing stretch of the Snake. House action is needed. If the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs is to approve this bill, it will have to do so during the post-election "lame duck" session beginning November 18

Utilities, power companies and other dam-builders in the Northwest want to dam the Snake in Hells Canyon. They are waging a hard last-ditch fight against this bill, for it would prohibit dams in the canyon. The dam-builders hope to carry the day in the Interior Committee and have the bill killed.

Despite power company "energy crisis" propaganda, public sentiment in the north west is overwhelmingly against damming Hells Canyon. Idaho Senators Frank Church and James McClure and Oregon Senators Bob Packwood and Mark Hatfield have worked for two years to perfect their bill, S.2233, the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area bill, to preserve Hells Canyon for all time. On September 26 the Senate passed it without a dissenting vote..

In the House of Representatives, Rep. Al Ullman of Oregon is the leading advocate of saving Hells Canyon. His bill, and the Senate-passed bill are broadly identical.

The bills would establish a 700,000 acre Hells Canyon National Recreation Area to be administered by the Forest Service, prescribe policies to preserve the natural environment and provide for outdoor recreation, and designate the inner walls of Hells Canyon itself as wilderness areas immediately (270,000 acres in the NRA). This "instant" wilderness provision is under attack, and needs special support. Other roadless lands in the NRA would receive later study for possible wilderness designation too.

mile stretch of the free-flowing Middle Snake River through Hells Canyon as a part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, prohibiting dams. The Rapid River in Idaho adjacent to the canyon would also be classified a wild river. Finally, the bills would deauthorize the proposed Asotin Dam in Washington State, an ill-conceived Army Corps of Engineers proposal approved by Congress years ago but never built. Like the dams proposed in the canyon itself, this downstream dam would pose a deadly obstacle to the salmon migration runs up the Snake and Salmon River systems.

The only antidote for the high-powered lobbying being brought to bear by the dam-builders is for people who care about the land to speak up from around the country. Action is now scheduled on the issue November 22nd in the Interior Committee's National Park and Recreation Subcommittee

Letters urging the protection of Hells Canyon and rebutting the dam-builders arguments are urgently needed through November (and into December if Congress remains in session) to House Interior Committee Chairman James Haley, House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20515. Send a carbon copy of your letter to your own Congressman at the same address. (Reprint from Sierra Club National News report, November 1, 1974.)

### ROMAN NOSE MTN. & ESMOND LAKE 10/20

Despite the end of good weather and drouth, 17 braved the weather to drive via the Siuslaw River to Esmond Creek and up to the top of Roman Nose Mtn. (2800') then back to Esmond Creek & up to a small lake near the head of the valley. The clouds parted and considerable sunshine showed through a partial cloud cover. From Roman Nose we could see a ridge composed of an intrusive dike of volcanic rock. Being more resistant it towers above hills that averaged approximately 1,000' lower. We could see the Oxbow Burn. Esmond Lake is a small, log strewn lake, caused by a landslide and maintained by beaver who control erosion of the outlet. All seemed to go relatively well. A stop was made at the Whitaker Creek Recreation area on the way back. Folks on the trip, were: Ewart Baldwin, Leader, Margaret Baldwin, Mary Bridgeman, Bob Capron, Steve Daniels, Loene Ellickson, Clara Emlen, Judy Jones, Bea LeFevre, Ruth Nichols, Theresa Nutt, Mick Paden, Wes Prouty, Sue Riemer, Clarence Scherer, Lois Schreiner, Merle Traudt.

board meeting 11/6

In completion of the areas north of the Lodge building the following people spent 210 hours (part of which probably included some visiting):

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Merle Traudt    | Lois Schreiner  |
| Parker Riddle   | Ted Stern       |
| Bob Medill      | Al Gamache      |
| John Leland     | Herb McCormack  |
| Don Payne       | Marriner Orum   |
| Wes Prouty      | Patty Howell    |
| Helen Hughes    | Frank Moore     |
| Charlotte Mills | Clarence Landes |
| Annette Miller  | Al Lynch        |
| Ken Miller      | Steve Johnson   |
| Alice Moffitt   |                 |

Note: 23 of the above hours by women

11 of the above hours by Explorers

Work completed:

--Rip-rap "cut bank" to west of area-- about 15 tons of quarry rock was used.

Also about 6,000 lbs. of sand & cement (10 sacks of cement)..

Surfaced the "Entry area" with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " crushed rock (15.4 tons) - a little more depth than needed but we will use this as a "borrow pit" to get rock to repair other areas..

Building clean-up (Dorothy Hayes, Ch.)

1st session 9/25      2nd session 10/7

Mary Castelloe      Dick Moffitt

Thelma Watson      Lee Hatch

Sue Riemer      Dot Leland

Bob Capron      Paula Vehrs

Dut chess Cox      Al Lynch

Merle Traudt      Helen Lynch

Wes Prouty      Bob Capron

Clarence Landes

Thanks to all Hands

Contributions to the Roack Wall.

Beginning 7/9/74 thru 10/23/74 the following people have given a total of \$309..

Florence & Glen Sims

Helen & Clarence Landes

Wes Prouty

Pat & Dean Patterson

Helen Hughes

Al & Mike Niems

Charlotte Mills

Alvine Amort

CARPENTER MOUNTAIN 10/13

Party collected at parking lot 19th and Patterson St., two people didn't show up. Left parking lot at 8:45 in four cars 16 people in party. Stayed well grouped on forest service roads up Blue River way, with lights on because of dusty roads, arrived at trail head 10:45.. Everyone

put on boots, packs, etc.. and started up trail, slowly. Everyone was watching the constant change of color around us, just bright colors to be admired, it was fantastic. A beautiful day, clear, bright and cool. Arrived at top 11:45 and everyone could only look and look some more.

Ate lunch and around 2:00 we tore ourselves away and started down the mountain, 11 people went around on the side trip on the mountain top, the rest went down to the cars to wait.. Around 4:30 we regrouped to go home --- the leader had a dead battery, Da-n! So got a start from another car and jumper cables and started down the trail.. Arrived in town at 6:00 tired but happy! Beautiful day, beautiful crowd, beautiful scenery, beautiful everything! Those accompanying the leader, Merle Traudt, were: Morna Bowman, Al Gamache, Lee Gonzales, Dorothy Leland, Theresa Nutt, Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith, Barbara Stiles, Liz Trombley Karen and Thatcher Trombley, Paula Vejrs Thelma Watson, Alex Ziel and Jane Zumba..

#### LAKES

by Ewart Baldwin

Lakes are seldom formed by normal erosion so when they are found they need some explanation. Oregon has many varieties. Crater or caldera lakes such as the one on top of the South Sister and Crater Lake owe their origin to volcanic action. Linnton and Clear Lakes are lava dammed.

Glaciers produce numerous lakes in cirques high in mountains, and some lakes farther down the valley such as Suttle and Wallowa Lakes are dammed by glacial till. Some lakes occupy fault troughs such as Summer and Klamath Lakes. Landslide lakes caused by debris, either in large blocks or as creeping masses dam streams. Two of the largest lakes are Loon and Triangle Lakes but there are many small ones such as Esmond Lake.. When situated near the headwaters such lakes escape dam removal by floods. Occasionally cooperative beavers maintain the height of outlet.

Oxbow lakes are perhaps the only lakes formed by normal stream action. They are usually crescent shaped, shallow, and confined to valley bottoms.

There are lakes that are difficult to classify perhaps owing their origin to a combination of the above causes. Man made lakes are becoming more common but are easily recognized..



WNF TOUR - OAKRIDGE DISTRICT 10/24

The Obsidians were represented by Helen Smith at an Invitational tour conducted by the Oakridge Ranger District, W.N.F. to show some of their newest forest practices.

There were about 15 people on the trip--the Ranger, Wayne Orr, with 3 of his staff 2 ladies from Oakridge, one man representing the Sierra Club, several young men from the U of O and a couple of ladies who were wives of the Forest Service men.

They drove us up the North Fork of the Willamette then up Cayuse Creek to show an older type road construction and logging unit. The road was the type where the earth and rocks had been shoved to the side and tree roots and other debris left beside the road. Lots of large logs had been left in the old cutting unit.

We came back to the North Fork and then up into the Christy Flat's area where they showed us some newer logging units. I was a smaller clear cut where the debris was left in piles. It was so scrappy that a logging truck could not haul it... it would have taken dump trucks. They took us past a thinning unit where smaller trees were being removed to allow others to grow larger. Then into a shelterwood cut where all of the trees were larger but some had been removed so that those remaining would provide shelter for young seedlings. We also stopped and watched a hi-lead rig in a cutting unit which yards logs by bringing them up on a high cable to the waiting trucks.

Attention was also called to their low impact roads which were narrower with turnouts. The dirt and rocks had been removed from the sides of the road and trees removed to make way for the road had been utilized.

I feel more confident that foresters are trying to correct some of the faults in road building and logging operations. We do like to use the wood products from our forests and in order to have them some of trees have to be cut. I am sure that these newer practices will make timber cutting a little less objectionable to us in the future.

It was a pleasant trip and I appreciated the opportunity to participate.

BUNCHGRASS RIDGE 10/26

This was a "Search & Seekers" trip to a ridge east of Oakridge which we have looked across on from Mt. David Douglas. It had several open meadows and an old trail. We drove the Willamette Hwy. to the railroad overpass then turned off on Rd #2158

(the Eagle Creek road), drove this to what we thought would be the end in an old cutting area but found out the road had been extended down into the Black Creek canyon. Managed to pick up the old trail which headed west along the south side of the ridge. The old tread was fairly discernable but with animal trails going off every little while which caused us to lose it every so often. By noontime we had reached an open meadow with a good view of "Hell's Half Acre" and surrounding mountains, so lolled in the grass eating our lunches and visiting. When driving back down the road we looked across to the ridge and saw that we had not quite gone far enough to enter the big meadows. Another time we won't have to spend so much time hunting for the trail and should be able to reach these meadows. Those on the trip were: Mary Bridgeman, Peter Cecil, Charlene Marshall, Don, Barbara & Susan Payne, Helen Smith (leader) and Paula Vehrs.

DOVE ROCK-(Mystery Trip) 10/12

A party of 5 departed Eugene on a nice clear Autumn Day. The Mystery trip destination -- Dove Rock via Staley Ridge trail. Left the cars at 10:30 a. m. on top at 12:15 p.m. It was a nice easy ridge trail with a good view from the top where there once was a lookout. The fall colors were out in full glory especially the Vine Maple. Thoroughly enjoying the trip with leader, John Johnson, were Vern Nelson, Russel and Hazel Peck and Paula Vehrs.

DIVIDE LAKES & MT. YORAN 10/19

This was a perfect fall trip--sunny, warm, no bugs, beautiful fall colorings, plenty of ripe huckleberries, and a great gang of 25 hikers. There were even several "swimmers" along who reported the 1 Divide Lake to be the coldest lake yet tried. Trip information for future reference: 65 miles by road up Hills Creek to Hemlock Butte area, 4 miles by good trail to Divide Lakes--a good lunch stop. A good steep scramble up the ridge to Mt. Yoran which commands an excellent view of surrounding country. Swimmers included Lee Hatch, Charlotte Mills and Lois Schreiner. Hikers included Angie Barta, Tom Benton, Mary Bridgeman, Mitch Daletas, Karen & Melba Echhoff, Wilbur Groner, Liz Grover, Gladys Grancorvitz, Chuck Haddad, Brian Hatch, Dorothy Hayes, Dorothy and Ron Leland, Aileen Lyman, Louise Osterloa, Don Payne, Velma Shirk, Helen Smith, Merle Traudt, Mike White, Margaret Wiese (leader)

by Ray Sims

Upper Velma Lake was the beautiful spot of our 1971 summer camp. We were told to begin our camp the last week in July, as it was the habit of campers in this Wilderness to come "en masse" on August 1st.

So being established a week early, we only said "Hello" to the hikers as they went by.

Our Velma Lake had "beauty", the middle lake was larger, and the "South Velma" lake was completely surrounded with trees and also "our lake" was very good swimming.

Lloyd Plaisted was "camp chairman" and as the packers unloaded the big stove, for this year, it also took a "big horse" as it did look large.

Sixteen were on the first trip "up the falls and Creek" that tumbled down from above, and was also our drinking water

Climbing up we came to another lake, small but beautiful and another bench, we could also see Lake Tahoe even though more than 5 miles away.

More lakes and following the creek we finally reached the top and found where the creek started and over the ridge was a large lake, with snow banks along its edge.

On a beautiful "point" on another lake was part of those hikers who had gone by on another day.

#### LITTLE BELKNAP CRATER 10/6

The group left the parking lot at trailhead on schedule. Weather was clear and sunny with enough breeze to make a jacket feel good. It took an hour and 45 min. to cover the 3 miles of slight up-hill grade. Beautiful view in all directions from the crater. No one ventured into the crater itself. The party was Ralph Barnhard, Mary Bridgeman, Ken Daletas, Steve Daletas, Evelyn McCormack, Herbert McCormack, Lei McCormack, Donald, Annette and Glenn Miller, Teresa Nutt, Richard and Ann Parnaby, Merle Traudt, Paula Vehrs, Helen Smith and Mitch Daletas the leader.

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#### APPRECIATION CONFERRED

In my eagerness to get the statistical facts of the 1974 bus trips correct, I woefully neglected to mention the names of the members of the committee who did so much to make these trips a success. First of all, it was due to the efforts of Helen Weiser that we had the trips at all as she was instrumental in having the trips reinstated. Other members of the committee were: Frankie Kardell, Jane Hilt, Grace Smith, Mary-Douglass Stovall and myself. These members of the committee put in countless hours on the planning and arrangements and I can't thank them enough. Thank you all again and I hope for a successful 1975.

#### PRINCESS NEWS

Sixteen Princesses were entertained by Bertha Anderson, Assisted by Helen Smith and Florence Sims, on Oct. 21. Lois Schreiner, Pres. presided at the meeting with Dorothy Leland, Sec-Treas. And Rose Marie Moffitt, Vice Pres. Plans were made for the Annual Princess Initiation

Mary Castelloe reported the Maltese Cross Committee met at Mary Bridgeman's home, N. McWilliams, D. Medill, T. Watson with Edith Bridgeman helping. Pres. Lois invited the Princesses to meet at her home (336 Ventura) for their Annual Christmas Party and gift exchange on Mon Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.

#### A BIG WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS WHO WERE VOTED IN AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

Helen C. Abbey, 65 W. 30th (Active)  
Bernice Callison, 361 W Brdy (Asso)  
Ruby Callison, 1601 Olive Apt. 505 (Asso)  
Jeff Clark (Jr) 3565 Knobhill Lane.  
Annette Miller (Jr) 710 Dorris.  
Mike (Betty) Niems (Active) 3380 Harris.  
Barbara Payne (Active) Rt 2 Bx 151 Spgfld.  
Jean B. Proctor (Active) 733 Maple St. J.C.

INTERESTED IN SKIING? The U of O is holding a seminar on the rudiments of skiing for the beginner. If interested inquire there. November 18th to 22nd inclusive. Or you could call Dorothy Leland 688-4405 who has all the dope. Dorothy is a very congenial person. don't be afraid

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