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### TRIPS

- Feb 16 (Sat) Rock hounding at Cape Arago. The Lodewicks leading.
- Feb. 16 (Sat) Belknap Lava Flow. Clarence Landes leads.
- Feb. 23 (Sat) Proxy Falls on snowshoes & Mary Bridgeman leading.
- Feb. 24 (Sun) Coburg Hills. Rock practice Obsidians only. Wes Prouty
- Feb. 23 & 24 Tam McArthur Rim. Skis are required. Jack Nitzel lds.
- Mar. 2 (Sat) Yachats to Walport. Leader Lee Hatch. Beach Hike.
- Mar. 2 (Sat) Lookout Point Dam. Leader is Donn Chase.
- Mar. 3 (Sun) French Pete with Schreiner Lois that is, leading.
- Mar. 10 (Sun) Fall Creek Trail. Dorothy Scherer leading.
- Mar. 9-10 Gold Lake. Mary Bridgeman leads
- Mar. 23-24 Mystery Ski trip with Marriner Orum leading.



### AND AT FRIENDLY HOUSE

- Feb. 17-George Belshaw  
Movies of native animals of Montaaa,
- Feb. 24-Lois Schreiner  
shows pics of hikes

and climbs in the Canadian Rockies.  
Feb. 3- Jack Nitzel in Nepal trekking to Annapurna.

Mar. 10 - To be announced

WALTER YOUNGQUIST, ex-professor, petroleum geologist, world traveler, lecturer and writer, (I have read one of his books, "Over the Hill and Down the Creek" and found it well worth my time), will speak at the February 23rd pot-luck dinner. The subject of his lecture will be

"Our Changing Energy Base". Come out and get educated.

### PRINCESS NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: February meeting will be on Feb, 11 (2nd Monday) instead of the usual 3rd Monday, at the home of Wilma Moore, 830 Waverly, 7:30 p.m.

January meeting was hosted by Lenore McManigal. Helen Lynch assisted), who served a delightful strawberry dessert.

Plans for an overnight trip were discussed. New Chief emblems are being worked on.

December Christmas party was a treat at Mary Bridgeman's home, with Dorothy Leland assistant hostess, and Edith Bridgeman serving the traditional plum pudding. All enjoyed the box of chocolates from Mrs. Charles Adams, and the gift exchange.

### FRIDAY-MARCH 15th POTLUCK-FRIDAY

We are putting notice of this meeting in the February bulletin in case you do not receive your March bulletin in time to have this information. This notice will also be published in the March issue. Les Anderson, your Eugene Mayor, will show pictures of his recent Mt. Kilimanjaro trip. He will also speak and answer questions on the Loop Park System proposed circling Eugene. NOTE: This will be on a Friday night at 6:30 p.m.

### BUS TRIP TO KAH-NEE-TAH VILLAGE

March 30/31. Leave South Eugene High School parking lot Sat. 7:45 a.m. Over Santiam Pass to Warm Springs. Return Mt. Hood Hiway. Arr. Eu. 6:30. Transportation, dinner, Sat. night. Room all for \$22.25. Take sak lunch Sat. Checks to Gerry Fehly will confirm space.

### WHERE SOME OF YOUR DUES GO

The Obsidians are members of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. The FWOOC This makes for a united way to handle drives for conservation of one kind and another. Also sort of combines the wishes of a number of Clubs giving us a little more authority than if we had to go it alone. We are also members of the Oregon Environmental Council. They handle problems on a State level. Also have representatives at the State Capital. We also pay part of the salary of a lawyer who is stationed in Seattle. A lawyer who is devoted to the outdoors and conservation. That you would like to know



This is the month we celebrate George's birthday, but not on the day of his birth but on a day we shamelessly set aside as being more convenient to ourselves. Wonder what George would think of that? And if George could come back today, after taking a good look at politics, finances, bureaucracies and confusion, would he accept the title of Father of this Country? One thing for sure, he wouldn't throw dollars across rivers; they don't go that far anymore.

FROM DR. EWART BALDWIN

Now that snow is covering the landforms in the Cascades we might turn our attention to the Oregon Coast. Several well illustrated descriptions of the coast have been prepared by Dr. Ernest H Lund of the University of Oregon Geology Department and published by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, 1069 State Office Building, Portland. The study of the coast has been divided into sections. One is titled "Coast landforms between Florence and Yachats" and is in the February 1971 issue of the ORE BIN. "Oregon coastal dunes between Coos Bay and Sea Lion Point" appeared in the May 1973 issue, and "Landforms along the coast of Southern Coos County, Oregon" appeared in the December 1973 issue. "Coastal landforms between Yachats and Newport, Oregon" appeared in the May, 1972 issue. "Coastal landforms between Tillamook Bay and the Columbia River" appeared in the November 1972 issue.

Each of these issues is about 20 pages long with photos showing some of the interesting features and a description of

their formation. The issues sell for 25¢ and are obtainable at the University of Oregon Bookstore or may be ordered from the State Department of Geology.

AT LEAST ONE READER WRITES TO THE EDITOR  
Dear Editor:

I am referring to the article on page 4 Konservation Korner.

I just have to say that "The Obsidian" does a disservice to the whole energy problem to publish such inflammatory, largely incomplete information about nuclear power. You better hear from some of the "rabid" people on the other side, or limit your articles to dispassionate sources.

Sincerely,

W.E. Eaton

P.S. I know your publication is a labor of love. I am constantly amazed at the fullness of each page, humor and finish of product.

#### THE GAS SITUATION AND OUTDOOR CLUBS

There is no question but what the gas shortage is going to affect Obsidians and other Clubs that are organized almost solely for the purpose of getting out into the hills and mountains.

What effect this situation will have cannot be predicted fully at this time, but effect us it will. We can hardly set up plans at this time account of not knowing what the situation will be from time to time. If we had rationing and knew just what our ration coupons would purchase, or in other words, could we be sure of gasoline for our ration tickets, then we could come up with some concrete planning.

It might be that when we can make sure plans for a trip that trips be limited to Obsidian members only with an interchange of cars. Or non-members furnishing part of the gas. Or non-members taking their own cars.

One thing we can be sure of and that is "never again" are we going to see all the gasoline we want readily available.

#### PRESIDENTS-FEMALE

This seems to be the year the women take over the various outdoor clubs. The Obsidian has published three clubs that have elected ladies to this position. Here is another. The Washington Alpine Club of Seattle has Mary Lou Boyko running their outfit this year.

DOROTHY LELAND sends in the following-  
Mans heart away from nature becomes hard; lack of respect for growing living things soon leads to lack of respect for humans. Chief Luther Standing Bear.

SHANGRILA

Eugene is a big city. Springfield is a big city. Together they spread all over the place. Only a few years ago one could leave either city and in a very short distance be out where the West really began. Even between the cities of Eugene and Springfield via Ferry Street bridge, one was out in the quiet and solitude of the rural area.

Now to leave the city one is confronted with miles on miles of every kind of scenery from mobile home conglomerations acres and acres of apartment clusters, stores of every kind and description from nice ones to junk ones, to junk yards to shacks. You name it; they are about all one sees until one gets out miles and miles away.

Then on the way out these many miles one is faced constantly with trucks, cars motorcycles, cars hauling boats, cars hauling trailers, or just cars. Everyone seems to have gasoline except the service stations. Then when one gets out into God's Country he finds the areas set aside for camping to enjoy the peace and solitude that he went there for to be congested and noisy as where he came from, Or more so.

But. There is one place where this is not true. You would not believe it, but this place joins the City Limits of Eugene. Drive out 24th East to Columbia. Then turn south on Columbia to 27th. The air at once begins to take on a different aroma. One can smell the difference. Off to the south is a quiet, beautiful golf course. Proceeding on up hill to Spring Drive one notices a quietness and a peacefulness in the atmosphere, and nice quiet homes. On gaining Spring stop and view the view over the City of Eugen and far beyond. It is an experience. Proceed to the end of Spring. Its only two blocks in number.

One is immediately given the feeling that he is really out in the wilds. All one really sees here is a barn. But a house or two sits quietly by. Right near by one becomes aware of a road taking off thru the timber. This road, unfortunately is barred with a chain and lock. At times this lock and chain is removed. If so, when you get there and you drive in you cannot help but taking a deep breath and have the feeling that no one has ever been here before. A feeling that at last you are all alone. If you keep your eyes open you may even see a deer or two. Driving a short distance in

you come upon a building that blends in with the environment. The quietness is almost deafening. At certain times of the year wild flowers, unpicked, are to be found everywhere. This is the home of those who call themselves Obsidians after the rock that they claim to be as hard as. They are a kindly people and extend a welcome to others who are so unfortunate as to be non-members at any and all of their functions. Polly Tickle (The Obsidians are very sorry about the chain and lock. They would very much like to leave it open for people to drive in and enjoy the place. They tried doing this only to have the place used for a garbage dump ground and other vandalism)

WILLAMETTE RIVER PARKS SYSTEM

will be known now as the Willamette Greenway. The 1973 Legislature revised the Willamette River Greenway and issued a directive to the Transportation Commission to prepare a plan for development and management, so a firm from San Francisco has been retained to make a study

This study is to be in five parts viz:

- (1) Inventory Reconnaissance.
- (2) Policy Determination.
- (3) Analysis.
- (4) Design Development Methodology.
- (5) Implementation.

They are now at work and the whole study is to be completed by November '74

Under the 1973 law the total Greenway project contains 572 miles, taking in both sides of the river. Acquisitions now total 69½ miles and have been obtained as follows.

1. By local governments 8 riverbank miles
- 2 By States Park Branch 15 " "
- 3 by State Corridor Program 46½ " "

OIL EATING BUGS

From the Time-Life Nature/Science Annual - 1974. One million tons of oil is dumped into the ocean annually flushing out tankers. Time-Life said that; not me.

Two scientists from Tel Aviv University have isolated bacteria that lives on the paraffin content of oil. In tests carried out tanks emptied of their oil were filled with sea water and into the tanks was dumped 55 pounds of nitrogen & 2.2 pounds of potassium phosphates-then the bacteria were added. On arrival at destination the tanks were pumped out. The bacteria had eaten the wax content leaving only droplets of dewaxed oil and this quickly breaks down into harmless carbon dioxide and water. This will not work on oil spills. But the one million tons kind of got me.

BLACK SOUR CREAM RAISIN-CAKE

1½ cup raisins	1 c chopped nuts
2 c sifted enriched all purpose flour	1 tsp salt
1½ c white sugar	1 tsp baking soda
½ c cocoa	1 c thick sour cream
1 tsp cinnamon	2 eggs
1 tsp nutmeg	3 tbsps melted shortening or saldd oil
1 tsp vanilla	

Heat oven to 300-grease 8"tube pan-rinse raisins-drain. Sift together next 8 ingredients. Mix raisins and nuts. Add cream, eggs, shortening and vanilla all at once. Beat well. Pour into tube pan. Bake 1¼ hour, or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Invert on wire rack for 10 minutes. Loosen and remove from pan. Serves 12 to 16.

Out of the kitchen of Sue Riemer and she says that so many asked her for the recipe at the last pot-luck that this is her way of getting it to you.

An interesting story, in fact there are two interesting stories. One is that she got the recipe from a Good Housekeeping magazine, and when they moved from Germany it got lost. Sue says that when she and Frank were living in Texas they went to the U. of Texas and Started looking thru old G.H. magazines in the Library. They started with the 1940 issue and got to the 1950 issue and there it was. The other story she tells is that while living in New Zealand she baked one black sour-cream cake for a Girl Guide Bake sale. The other cakes offered all sold but hers did not, so she had to buy it. Asked her neighbor why and was told that "Maories won't eat anything with raisins in it".

Now we know what to do when caught by cannabilistic Maories. Have a pocketfull of raisins. When caught start eating.

WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST

Recreation Feature of the Week.

It is the middle of winter. One of the most exciting was to enjoy the forestland is to play in the snow. Whether visitors enjoy ski touring, snowshoeing, or snowmobiling, it is available in the Rigdon District. The extensive District road system provides miles of easy to follow unplowed roads which make ideal paths. These winter routes lead to all parts of the District, from lowest elevations to the highest. For example, Hills Peak Road #2428 is at 600 feet, while Road #2460-A leads to the top of Staley Ridge, an elevation of 5500 feet. There

is Road #2381 which reaches 6000 feet at the top of Bear Mtn. There are many places which can be reached by road, or trail most of them offering spectacular scenic views, especially at higher elevations.

Personnel at the Rogdon Ranger Station are always happy to answer any questions about winter sports activity in the District. Hours are 8 to 4:30 p.m. Office is located on Hiway 58 just east of Oakridge.

On the Lowell District they point out that last year damage from vandalism totaled \$3,600. And their budget for the year for recreational use was \$20,000. Using the \$3,600 for replacment of damage when it could have been spent in adding to or improving recreational uses amounts to, they say, taking away from improvements, or additions, the same as \$7,200 for these uses.

They also stress, especially at this time of year, the wisdom of axes, spare tire, a working jack, shovel, extra food extra clothing, waterproof matches, first aid kit, some blankets, tire chains and spare gas in a safe container.

SAUSAGE CAKE

From the cook book "Unusual Old World Recipes". I have tried it and can say it is "unusual" and very good. And not having too much to fill this Obsidian with will include it.

1 lb pork sausage	1 tsp baking powder
1½ cups packed brown sugar	
1½ cups white sugar	1 tsp baking soda
1tsp pumpkin pie spice	
2 eggs lightly beaten	1 cup strong coffee

3 cups sifted flour	1 cup raisins
1 tsp ginger	1 cup chopped walnuts

In mixing bowl, combine meat and sugars and stir until mixture is well blended. Add eggs and beat well. Sift flour, ginger, baking powder and pie spice. Stir baking soda into coffee. Add flour mixture and coffee alternately into meat mixture, beating well after each addition. Pour boiling water over raisins and let stand 5 minutes. Drain. Fold raisins and nuts to make batter. Pour batter into well greased & floured tube pan. Bake 1½ hours at 350. Pan should be about twice the size of the quantity of batter.

Polly Tickle.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF HARVEY HARMON

It seems that a party of Morons were holding a dinner function and each was served a whole baked rabbit. When asked why a whole rabbit to each person the reply: "We don't believe in splitting hares"

## CONSERVATION KORNER by Marriner Orum

From the Sierra Club. "The BLM ORGANIC ACT might be one of the most important pieces of environmental legislation in the '70s. Introduced by Sen. Jackson (D Wash) as SB 424, it is a long, complicated bill which reorganizes the BLM and spells out principles governing its operation. With some minor adjustments, conservationists could support SB 424 overwhelmingly were it not for the fact that the bill leaves out entirely a "Wilderness review provision" which would require BLM to inventory its roadless area and consider Wilderness as one of its management alternatives. Altho there can be Wilderness on BLM lands now, the 1964 Wilderness Act requires only the Forest Service, the Park Service and the Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife to make Wilderness reviews. BLM is thus exempt from making mandatory Wilderness reviews. There are no BLM Wilderness areas and only 7 Primitive areas. SB 424 passed the Senate Public Lands Subcommittee without a Wilderness Review provision.

15 National environmental organizations have endorsed proposals to study lands administered by the BLM to determine areas suitable for wilderness act protection.

The BLM Organic Act is now designated as S1040 and is being considered by the Senate Interior Comm. Montana's Senator Lee Metcalf will offer amendments calling for wilderness inventory and review procedures. The vote in the Interior Comm is expected to be close. Sen. Mark Hatfield is on the Interior Comm. His vote will be a key swing vote. Now is the time for citizens to express their views so that BLM land can be considered for wilderness. We might suggest that you write Sen. Hatfield asking him to support the BLM Organic Act S1040 only if it was a Metcalf amendment. Sen. Mark Hatfield, Senate Office Bldg. Washington D.C. 20510

FROM THE NEW YORK TIMESSCUTTLELAND REFORM

The Bureau of Land Management is little-known to the general public but it supervises far more of the public lands than do the better known Park Service and Forest Service. This obscurity has helped to keep BLM, and Interior Department agency, underfinanced, inadequately staffed and slow to adopt modern management practices. From year to year, it goes on routing large tracts to sheepmen and

cattlemen for grazing purposes and ignoring many of its responsibilities.

Under the leadership of Senators Jackson of Washington and Haskell of Colorado, the Senate Interior Comm. has been at work on a bill to change all that by modernizing and strengthening the BLM.

For the first time, its land would be properly inventoried and potential uses carefully charted.

From the desert scenery of Arizona and the canyon lands of Utah to the remote Arctic glaciers of Alaska the bureau manages some of the most splendid wilderness lands on the North American continent.

Originally the pending bill included language providing that the bureau could transfer land in accordance with procedures of the Wilderness Act including local public hearings, review at each administrative level of the agency and, finally, action by Congress on each proposal.

Senators Hansen of Wyoming and Fannin of Arizona, allied in fighting against any provision for wilderness protection in the bill, are threatening to hold up the entire bill if they are unsuccessful. These Senators are acting in behalf of the same grazing interest that blocked the BLM's inclusion in the original Wilderness Act in 1964. Unfortunately, they have found powerful supporters among high officials of the Department of the Interior. Their position is curious inasmuch as President Nixon has generally been a friend of wilderness values, most recently in his message to Congress saving wilderness in the Eastern States.

Notwithstanding the covert opposition from inside the Administration, it is important that the Senate Interior Comm. keep open the wilderness option for a reorganized, revitalized Bureau of Land Management. There are numerous safeguards for the economic interests of those who now use lands administered by the bureau. If Congress fails to allow for the possibilities of wilderness protection for those BLM lands deserving of it, the bureau's reorganization will have been tainted at the outset by the sordid influence of special interests.

CRESCENT MTN. 10/14/73

A beautiful serene day with a fine party. On trip were Bavat (last name) Mary Bridgeman, Clarence Landes, Man Wai Lau, Dorothy Medill, Connie Myers, Merle Traudt, Paula Vehrs, Clarence Johnson, Ldr.

REMEMBER February 15th IS THE LAST DAY TO PAY DUES WITHOUT PAYING A RE-INSTATEMENT FEE - REGULAR DUES PLUS ONE DOLLAR- LOIS SCHREINER.

## FEBRUARY BOARD NOTES

Bills read and ordered paid.

EWEB.....	\$48.41
Printing letter heads.....	\$32.45
January bulletin postage.....	\$13.49
Table legs.....	\$10.18
Mishlers-dues notices.....	\$ 4.25
Trips Comm. postage.....	\$ 4.00
Membership postage.....	\$ 8.00

Ray Cavagnaro, Helen Weiser, Dorothy Medill, Mary Douglass Stoval, and Jane Hilt attended this meeting re: the bus trips discontinuance. Bus trips are to be reestablished with Ray in cooperation with Bronson Travel doing all they can helping. Bob Bronson is not making any charges for this service and Ray giving up vacation time for each day spent going along as escort on these trips.

The Board gave birth, after long labor, to a plan making some bicycle trips as qualifying.

Also involved in long discussion over printing trips schedules as in the past. Because of the uncertainty of making up trip schedules and then cancelling them account of this uncertainty it was decided to not have trip schedules printed but instead, have them printed in the Obsidian from time to time.

Merle, Outing Chr. has the drive in Summer Camp all set up and handed in a brochure with all the particulars. This will be out later.

Clarence Landes on Bldgs & Grnds turned in report which is classified and the President, under no circumstances will hand it out to the public. But this much of his report can. Talked with Frank Moore about our insurance and after much discussion it was that wise to increase that to \$27,000. Clarence has received no word on fire screens as yet.

A representative of the Forest Service will attend the next Board meeting which will be on March 6th at 7:30 p. m. He will give us a talk on how we can be of service to the Forest Service. Members who are interested, please attend.

## ECHO MTN. SKI TRIP 1/27/74

Echo Mtn. Was reached by driving up the McKenzie and Clear Lake hiways to the So Santiam Hiway, then west a few miles to Lost Prairie Campground where we parked and began the trip. Most of the trip involved Echo Creek Road and then Echo Crk to a lovely basin at the east base of Echo. Mtn. The weather was not in our favor on this trip. Most of the day snow fell hard and wet, with the temperature remaining above freezing. The first  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi was thru a area torn up by a logging

operation, then thru a clear cut to Echo Creek Road. The rugged terrain at the start discouraged half the party, who turned back and spent the day touring on easier terrain south of Lost Prairie.

Meanwhile the other half of the group, the Tigers, continued up the road for 2 miles and then  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile cross country paralleling Echo Creek in to the basin. The leader, Jack Nitzel, can be faulted for underestimating the difficulty of parts of the route. The deep, wet snow was another factor that contributed to the difficulty. On trip: Chuck Berkey, Dave Dornbush, Dorothy & Roger Hayes, Mike & Velma Shirk, Greg Wannier, Linda Zook and the leader, Jack Nitzel.

## THREE MILE LAKE 2/2/74

This trip might almost not have made it, leader had been unable for days to buy gas. Finally decided to take a chance on 3 quaters of a tank. Nursed our way to Tahkennitch Lake Campground at around 40 MPH to save as much gas as possible for return trip. Other car, with full tank, brot up the rear. Campground now open in winter, dayarea only. Plenty of parking. Pit toilets available. 0.8 mile trail to sand dunes, then 1'5 hours hike south along vegetation line 'till we came upon a grassy "island" in the dunes with a snag or two on top directly in front of us.

Turned left (east) up a sand ridge and saw the beautiful lake below us. Built a fire with dry wood (most members brot a stick each), had lunch, kids horsed round till 2:30. Returned, stopped on way to pick up glass splinters from a bottle, apparently shot to pieces by some gun nut which were spread over the sand. Encountered several areas of Oregon quick sand. Heard faint roar of Pacific all the way in and out. Returned to cars by 4 pm Left for pierpont Inn to enoy dip in pool which was to have been arranged by Donn Chase. But word hadn't gotten to receptionist, so we left and headed for Gingerbread House instead where we enjoyed friendly service and warm gingerbread with softice (soft ice). nursed Jeep back home ot Eugene. Had 2 passengers walk away without paying their share of gas money--which, if it happens many more times--will make one more driver unwilling to use his car and precious gas for Obsidian outings. Other than that the trip was perfect; congenial group, wonderful weather and few cars on the road. "On the Beach" were Mary Bridgeman Leonard and Mary Dour, Jacki Dougherty, Karen Eckhoff, Glayds Grancorvitz, Peggy Keith, Vern Nelson, Rob Mordahl and the leader, Helmut Plant.

PROPOSED OBSIDIAN SPONSORED BUS TRIPS

The following are just proposed: In May to Southern Oregon Coast with overnight at Brookings.

Mid August to Timberline Lodge Mt. Hood. Mid Sept. to Spokane for Expo '74, and mid October a fall color trip to the 3 Sisters area and along the Century Drive. Details will be in later Bulletins. The first trip is on page one. On this Comm. are Helen Weiser, Mary Douglass Stoval, Grace Smith, Gerry Fehly, and Jane Hilt. The Committee says that any one having any wishes or wants to please get in touch with any one of the Comm. and make your suggestions known. They are open to suggestions.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

SUSAN ALICE SPENCER, daughter of Doug and Amy Lou, attending University of Missouri, has announced her intention of marriage to Robert Nolan Bettis, who is attending the same University.

SANDRA CHASE, daughter of Donn and Jean, went a little farther. She done got married. And her name is now Sanders. Sandra married Richard Sanders, Jr. of Portland. They are making their home in Eugene.

GARY KIRK in and out of the hospital after undergoing an operation.

ROXY WALDORF NOW IN Mountain Park Convalescent Care Facility, 4 Greenridge Ct Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034.

LOIS SCHREINER HAS BOUGHT A FANCY new home out on the south side of Eugene. It is reported to have 3 bedrooms. Should eliminate a weekly changing linen. Her new address 336 Ventura, Eugene 97405.

EARL HULL MOVED FROM Lebanon to Crabtree Oregon. Don't know where the tree is, but the Zip is 97355.

ERWIN PENROSE of Salem is still Salem but at a different place. Now at 11 Rafael st N. Zip 97303.

DONN CHASE off chasing Hula Girls where the chasing is best. Hawaii.

GLEN AND RAY SIMS. The Obsidians extend to you their deepest sympathy. Glen and Ray lost a brother January 14th. Herbert lived in Medford. Herb left a large family. A wife, 5 sons, 2 daughters and 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

JOHN DAY

Anything in Eastern Oregon with this name is attributed to one John Day of the Astor-hunt overland party of 1811 - 1812. John Day and another man got separated from their party and spent a most miserable time and suffered much hardship in this area.

PUSSYWILLOWS ARE OUT AT THE LODGE. YOU???

MAY COOPER recently lost a sister who resided in British Columbia. And we all extend to you, May, our sympathies.

SPEAKING OF Australia..... Paula Vehrs and Blanche Bailey have been there and SUSAN SCHERER is there visiting Rosemary Bathgate, a rotary exchange student who lived with the Scherers last year while a student here. Susan sailed on the passenger-cruise ship ORIANA. While there she will tour the "outback" and fly home in the spring.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Entertainment Committee, composed of Dave Zevenbergen, Bob Medill, Gerty Oswald, Mary Castelloe, Mary Bridgeman, and Myrtle Smith, account of the uncertainty of gasoline, will not, at least for the present time, be holding meetings as was the intention, but will try to organize programs by phone. This will, more or less, hamper us in bringing to you the programs we had hoped for. But you can help. Anyone that can add to the program; instrumental, singing, pictures short skits, or anything else that will add to the enjoyment of the evening or knowing of anyone who can, please call one of the Committee.

THREE PYRAMIDS 8/26/73

After a false start by the leader which led to a dead-end, the party was up and away. This was a new area, never before officially visited by the Obsidians. This was an interesting outing with switchbacks, a waterfall, a 500 ft sheer headwall and a lush, green meadow to add variety. Party members were Mary Bridgeman, Bob Capron, Wilber Groner, Al and Helen Lynch, Man Wai Lau, Helen Smith & Thelma Watson. Leader Clarence Johnson.

PENGRA PASS 12/30/73

We left at 8 a.m. in two cars and headed up hiway 58 and parked at Gold Lake Junction. It was a beautiful day with dry powder snow. Had lunch by S.P. track and watched two long freights pleasing 2 rail road "buffs" who were with us. As usual-good group-good day-good time. On train inspection duty were Sandy Boyson, Clive Ellis, Kevin McClintic, Wes Prouty, Helen Smith, Barry Siegel, Ted Stern, Dan Sander, Merle Traudt & Mary Bridgeman, Ldr

SEE WHERE PRESIDENT NIXON has asked Congress for 99 billion dollars for the coming year for defense. Now this is not intended as criticism, nor in favor of: just find out if you know how much a billion is. If my figures are right here they are. If you spent one dollar every second, to spend 99 billion would take three thousand, five hundred years.

## ADJECTIVES FOR CLIMBERS

The climber who would describe the problems in a given climb has long found himself limited by the paucity of adjectives acceptable to the trade—a trade given to such understatement evinced in the present classification system (as A CLIMBER'S GUIDE TO THE HIGH SIERRA) are not much more helpful. In the interest of clarity and broad understanding we submit the following as absolute definitions for common climbing adjectives.

**EASY**—The second party's appraisal of a pitch described as **DIFFICULT** by the party making the first ascent.

**MODERATE**—Ditto for a pitch the first party called **SEVERE**.

**MIDDLING**—Pertaining to a pitch you'd rather not climb again.

**DIFFICULT**—Obsolete; forced into disuse by second party's penchant for down grading climb so described.

**SEVERE**—Obsolete for same reason.

**INTERESTING**—Describes a climb one grade higher than you'd care to lead just now.

**FASCINATING**—One grade higher than you would care to lead over.

**IMPRESSIVE**—Pertains to a climb on which expansion bolts are required for direct aid but cannot be placed.

**IMPOSSIBLE**—This adjective, along with **INACCESSABLE**, is long gone into the limbo the 19th century writer used it to describe climbs subsequently made by girls in their teens and no one will repeat his mistake. Taken from the book "Belaying The Leader" an omnibus on climb safety" published by the Sierra Club.

Don Payne's contribution.

SPENCER BUTTE 1/20/74

from Hendricks Park. Now that gas supplies are limited "close in" trips have a lot of merit. A climb of Spencers is always a good, short afternoon hike from the parking lot on the west side. The Butte can also be approached from other directions. To make the trip more interesting we lengthened the approach by about 5 miles and started from Hendricks

**THE OBSIDIAN GOURMET CLUB WILL GET BACK IN ACTION NEXT MONTH. GETTING HUNGRY!!!!**

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Park. This year there were a few more **NO TRESSPASSING** signs, so we took a little different route. Our trek took us thru Hendricks Park, Past Obsidian Lodge, across 30th st., along some old logging roads, Past a water tank, thru a residential area with loud barking dogs and up old Dillard Road, past another water tank (no one could prove that it was the same tank). We continued on New Dillard Road, along power lines, down across the headwaters of the Amazon and up to Fox Hollow road. We climbed the butte from the north. This approach from the north was a better route than was planned. Thanks to the Tepfers who guided us on this last leg of the journey. The trail is quite steep and is longer climb than the more familiar route from the parking lot. The morning clouds lifted by mid afternoon and we were greeted by sunshine and clear skies on top. On this trip were: Mary Bridgeman, John & Peter & Paul Cecil Margit Castenholz, Gladys Grancorvitz, Clara Emlen, Clarence Landes, Joan Mezzco, Claudine and Kent Naffsiger, Wes Prouty, Bert & Sandford Tepfer, Merle Traudt and Margaret Weeks. Leader Marriner Orum.

THE JANUARY 26th PARTY

Some 50 people attended this evenings affair and added a layer of fat account of a sumptuous dinner somewhat better than the average pot-luck dinner.

Paula Vehrs pictures were above the average tourists pictures too. Her pictures, a great many of them, were taken, not of man made edifices so much, as of Australia in the out of the way places.

The movie, "Dammed Forever" was all that the advance publicity gave. The great number of dams on the Snake, The Columbia and other streams and rivers of this drainage system staggers the imagination. And a lot of the dams have many builtin placements for generators that have never been put in. A great deal of labor & expense went into the making of the picture and one could easily see why it has won so many awards. Beautiful!

Eunice Mickle came all the way from Sweet home for this event. And pussy-willows were also out at the Lodge, presumably for the same reason.

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