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MOTHER'S DAY

Don't eat worms! Come to the Lodge and enjoy the Obsidian's Annual Pancake Breakfast served from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. All you can eat of pancakes, ham, eggs, coffee, tea, milk and hot or cold water. Orange juice too. Prices are 10¢ per year up to 12. \$1.50 over 12. There will be a continuous picture show. Bring your mother; someone else's mother, your wife; someone else's wife; your lady friend or someone else's lady friend, or come alone and enjoy the day.

TRIPS

- May 12---McKenzie View Bike Trip--Rose Marie Moffitt leads.
- May 18---Silver Creek Falls and Hazen & Lorene Bressler leads.
- May 19---Gordon Meadows up the South Santiam with Wesley Prouty.
- May 19---Wendling Bike Trip---Leader is Paula Moffitt.
- May 25-26 Humbug Mt. This has been changed from May 18-19 and John & Ruth Bascom in charge.
- May 25 to 27-Lowder Mt. & Quaking Aspen Swamp with Mary Bridgeman.
- May 25---Coburg---Marcola bike ride with Clara Emlen out in front.
- May 25-26-27---To the Coast on bikes with Dick Moffitt in front.
- June 1---Little Cowhorn and Clarence lds Clarence Landes that is.
- June 2---Hardisty Mt. Hike this one with Lee Hatch showing the way.
- June 15---Mt. June and Rolfe Anderson in in the lead.

- June 16---Tidbits -Up Blue River & the leader will be Phyllis Ford.
- June 15-16-French Pete. A two dayer with Dorothy Hayes.

CLIMBS

- May 25-26-Mt. Hood-Leader Rick McManigal
- May 25-26-27-Tatoosh Range-Tom McGeehee, Leader.
- June 7-8-North Sister via Villard Glacier with Dave Chase. Saturday climb.
- June 8---Diamond Peak-Dick Moffitt, ldr.
- June 14-15-North Sister-Limited Climb... Sat. climb. Jim Harrang leads.
- June 15-16-South Sister via Moraine Lake. Merle Traudt leading.

CLIMBING BRUSH UP - BED ROCK

- May 11th - Saturday - Meet at 19th and Patterson at 9 a.m. Sign-up sheet a Y.

FRIENDLY HOUSE

May 19-Bea LeFevre will give you the low down on Guatemala. This country is joined on the north by Mexico; on the west by the Pacific and on the south by Honduras and Salvador. (See R-G for later ones).

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

If you feel like decorating on Decoration Day then decorate up a picnic basket and come up to the Lodge. Be there by 1:00 p.m. Enjoy the quietude and the companionship of whoever comes.

FIRST AID COURSE

A 21 hour course of NEW STANDARD FIRST AID on Personal Safety will be offered by the Instructors Frank Moore and Ric Craven. The first session will be 6:30 p.m. May 16th at the Lodge. The new text is \$2.00 and may be purchased at the 1st session. Those interested may call Frank Moore 686-1223 or Ric Craven 342-2295.

SUMMER CAMP RALLY

Potluck at 6:30 followed by a program and this rally will be different, we can assure you. Time 6:30 p.m. Date May 18th Place: Obsidian Lodge. Bring one empty pot and one full one. Empty the full pot and fill the empty pot, giving one that satisfied feeling.

WELCOME TO EXPO '74

OBSDIANS ARE INVITED TO JOIN SPECIAL
BUS TRIP FOR MEMBERS.

SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13 & 14 are the dates.

We have secured accommodations at an apartment hotel -- "Quad" rooms containing four separate beds, two rooms with connecting bath for \$73. Twin-bed room will cost \$85. Single rooms are \$113. This includes your travel and two admissions for each person to the fair, plus your housing.

There will be a surcharge of 10% for non-members.

Information as to time of departure and other details will appear in the next Bulletin.

For reservations please call Gerry Pehly 343-2784 or Grace Smith 345-6568.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

FRANK MANNING will be visiting Eugene all the way from Georgia. It is rumored that the tentative date of his arrival will be the week of May 19th.

REX STEVENS & FAMILY have moved. Seems as tho they moved out in a hurry. There was a hot time at their residence and it got hotter than they could take so they just left. We all hope that too many unreplaceable items were not destroyed and also hope that you are back again soon in your lovely home.

FRANK AND SUE RIEMER in the news again. They have moved from 1600 Adkins to 1010 East 18th No. 8, Eugene 97403, and

ELIZABETH GLOVER has also moved. This time to 2540 Alder, Eugene 97405.

BOB MEDILL'S baking school is over for this year and he wishes to say that, for the short time it was in existence, that it was very successful, having only two students and both graduated with the degree of Au Fait Chefess de Cuisine. The two graduating were Sue Riemer and Paula Vehrs.

MAXCINE WILLIAMS will have in the June issue of "ALASKA" magazine a picture story of the island ATTU.

WANDA MOUNTJOYBESSIE BRUNIGELWENA MEACHEM

all walked off with prizes won at the Fair Grounds in a contest in cooking put on by Drive and Save and Rubenstein's. The prize was a quantity of groceries including a five pound sack of sugar which probably explained their sugary actions at the last potluck program held in April.

MARY-DOUGLASS STOVALL'S sister from Pendleton was over visiting and the two gals were running all over the town like a couple of High School Girls.

MARGARET MARKLEY, according to Cy Wash, will be ending her service at the U of O the end of May and will be moving to the Coast near Florence where she is having a home constructed. Good Bye, Margaret. It was nice to know you.

AUNT CLARA has been found. Cy Wash was diggin' around in a lot of junk and located her. Anyone liking a copy just send us a card and we will get her to you.

BOB MEDILL is planning another float down thru the wonderful canyons of John Day River. He says he expects to be on his way the forepart of June.

FRANK MANNING while here in Eugene will be staying at the Bridgeman Friendly House. He would like to see all his old time friends.

HELEN SMITH has donated to the Board room an electric plate called "Presto Portable Range" and is it ever pretty. A new teakettle goes with it. Thanks, Helen. It will sure be put to good use.

THE HIKERS BIBLE by Robert Elman and published by Doubleday & Co., Garden City New York, 10 Chapters, 150 pages. Loads of pictures of places and equipment. Price \$2.50.

HELEN KILPATRICK SPEAKS

Dear Obsidians: Thank you for my membership card and the March issue of the Bulletin. Even though I cannot participate, I'm glad and proud to be a member of the group. Sincerely,

Helen Kilpatrick.

(Words are Helen's, but written by a friend),

FROM THE CHEMEKETANS

The Chemeketans are so pleased with the stand taken by U.S. District Judge Miles Lord of Minneapolis, Minn. for his stand in ordering the Reserve Mining Co. to compel them from further discharge of harmful material into Lake Superior that they are going to write his name in the summit books of all the mountains they climb this summer.

The Chemeketans have written the Obsidians and all other Clubs urging them to do the same.

(Judge Lord was later overruled by other Judges) (Ed.)

TO BOIL EGGS

Just before Easter the R-G printed a cartoon of a woman throwing up (her hand) because the eggs she had boiled had all cracked their shells. Now if the cartoonist had asked any woman he would have been told that to puncture the big end of the egg with a pin she would not have had any cracked eggs.

HUNGRY? EAT AT THE MOTHER'S DAY FEEDING

DON'T SQUAWK

If you have moved and haven't given us your new address and you do not receive your Obsidian bulletin. The Post Office WILL NOT forward the bulletin. This notice is put in from time to time and here it is again. But, on the other hand, it is kind of nice to have you squawk. Lets us know that you miss it, so squawk.

U. S. FOREST SERVICE wants to know how you view the future of the Willamette National Forest. They have issued a brochure called "Situations & Assumptions" which gives projections of future trends and asks for your opinions on these projections. Copies of the above can be obtained at the Willamette Forest headquarters, 210 East 11th.

HOWARD BUFORD RECREATIONAL AREA contains 2,400 acres, with an additional acreage proposed to bring total acreage to 3,540. Is State owned and County managed. It will eventually have 9 miles of river frontage. Located at the junction of Coast & Middle Fork of the Willamette River. Contains Mt. Pisgah and there is no intention of changing the name of this high point. Mt. Pisgah was so named by early Pioneers. Mt. Pisgah has an elevation of 1520 feet.

MAZAMAS of Portland classify all their trips A: less than 10 miles and elevation not over 1500 feet of climb: B. Trail steeper and longer than A. C: Rugged and strenuous. Hikers should be in good condition. Maybe the Obsidians should do the same.

The Mazamas also make a charge of \$2.00 for a climb with a Mazama leader for members and \$5.00 for non-members.

It looks like they are going to spend the whole summer on top of mountains. They have listed 209 climbs May thru September.

BUS TRIP TO MT. HOOD

To all you mountain lovers who can't go to Summer Camp:

The next bus trip will go to Mt. Hood August 10 & 11. We will stay overnight at Timberline Lodge where dinner, breakfast and snacks are available. Those who wish can take a sack lunch for noon.

There will be time to spend enjoying the beautiful mountain, the trails, flowers and birds and just being there. Rooms have twin beds. Price of \$22.00 includes transportation, room and trip fee.

We suggest an early sign-up for our other trips have been more than filled. Leaders--Helen Weiser 345-1234

Frances Kardell 344-4057

1974 MEMBERSHIP LIST CORRECTIONS

The following should have an (A) after their names indicating that they are active members as outlined in the constitution: Rolfe Anderson, Dr. Ewart Baldwin Margaret Baldwin, Richard & Elaine Barrar Norman Benton, Margaret Brittain, Kay Cox Delyn Dunham, Dr. Latham Flanagan, Lois Hopkins, Aletha McDonald, Dr. Marian Miller, Lynn & Mary Moore, Boyd Morgan, Everitt Ow, Dean Patterson, Don Penrose, Hank Plant, Roger Smith & Jack Shepard.

Adding the (A) is a new addition to the membership list, and has been done at the request of a few persons and we did not have a complete up-to-date card file.

Marge Brittain, Barbara Hasek, Rachel Husbands, Rose Marie Moffitt and Paula Moffitt should have a P after their name indicating that they are Princesses.

Dorothy Hayes has a phone number even tho the list does not. To get her dial 342-3108 and if she is at home you will be in contact with her.

And the worst error of all was that we failed to list Mary Mallory as a member, and left off Richard & Elaine Barrar as members and they are active, too.

ANITA DARK & DELYN DUNHAM, altho they were not listed as Princesses in the latest membership list, never-the-less, both of them are and are to be received by all with the courtesy granted to one of Royalty.

Boy! Did Cy ever catch Hale Columbia for such a sloppy job. His excuse was, "With the gal who helped out on the job, how could I keep my mind on the work".

FROM REX STEVENS

Ray Adams of the Associated Oregon Loggers came up with a danger area warning and Rex thot it may have some bearing on people cruising around in the woods and that is the use of candy striped ribbon to mark anything or any place that may present a danger. This to be used by the logging industry and also the Forest Service in marking anything or any location that may present a hazard.

BOARD NOTES

Everyone in attendance, even Frank Moore. Bills were paid as follows:

EWEB..electricity.....	\$34.49
April Bulletin..Postage...	\$16.23
Mishlers..Stencils.....	\$ 5.00
Corporation Fee.....	\$ 5.00
Gerry Fehly...Postage....	\$ 3.00

Minutes read and approved as every one was in very good humor.

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Dave reported 10 hikes heard from with 176 persons going on these and 2 trips had to be cancelled.

Took in \$3.00 from sales of schedules.

Frank Moore talked about the Explorers. His group runs in age from 14 to 20 and is made up of both boys and girls. Is mf about 40 members. He told of all the courtesies extended to them by the various military & National Guard establishments all over the country.

A lot of discussion arose over the proposed changes to be made in the constitution & changes in the changes in the changes as proposed. Once again, as the end of the day neared, it was tabled for further discussion.

Voted in the Club the following:

Perry & Lois Baker, 541 W. 16th Eugene

Robert Holmquist, 2585 Jefferson, Eugene

Reta Ridings, 1080 Patterson, Eugene

Faye Alexander, P.O. Bx 2384, Oakridge

Grant DeBauw, 1015 Randle, Eugene.

Earl & Dorothy Hole man (two timers) of P.O. Box 282, Oakridge.

Finished the rest of the day enjoying a two toned cake with excellent chocolate frosting, the old fashioned kind.

Next Board meeting will be June fifth.

WNF RECREATION FEATURE OF THE MONTH

The Detroit District invites you to see a collection of relics being displayed in the Reception Office of the Detroit Ranger Station. On display is a collection of bottles dating from 1830 to 1920. Also old pocketknives, rifle and shotgun shells, medicine jars, insulators and a lantern and other artifacts from the late 1800's to early 1900. These finds came from old miners' cabins and from long-abandoned homestead sites. Some were found at Chinese labor camps, existing at the time Col. T. Egerton Hogg was trying to build a railroad over the Santiam Pass around 1888.

Another display is one of animals and birds mounted by Glen Reinke, Forestry Technician at Detroit.

APRIL 25TH GOURMET DINNER

There were 20 showed up for this dinner at The Original Pancake House and it was one of the best so far. We had a room all to ourselves; a very efficient waitress and a most delicious repast. The owner and head cook paid us a visit and was most jovial and pleasant.

CY WASH pulled a boner last month. He had the month of May heading the April issue. Upon being questioned he replied he did it for an April Fool. The editor gave him to understand that there was only one fool connected with the bulletin

and that was the Editor. It required opening up all the bulletins and writing in April. Going to have to watch that new employee. He has a brother, Hog Wash that would like to work on publications, but we don't know yet whether we can stand both to them at the same time or not.

MAY TRIPS BY DR. BALDWIN

May trips present much of interest. Those going to Silver Creek Falls near Silverton will find Silver Creek flowing from a broad valley cut in Weathered Fern Ridge Tuff of Mio-Pliocene age then dropping over Columbia River Basalt in several steps. The Miocene flows dip gently towards the Willamette Valley.

There are weathered zones overlain by soil between flows and this softer rock erodes more easily leaving the solid rock flow above as an overhang. Thus one can walk behind some of the falls.

Humboldt Mountain along the Curry County coast is a complex area geologically. It has been described by R. H. Dott, Jr. in Bull. 69 of the State Dept. Geology in Portland (1069 State Office Bldg). The mountain is a mass of Early Cretaceous conglomerate and from the top looking southward you can see one of the largest landslides in Oregon. It has presented quite a challenge to the State Highway Department.

Lowder Mountain is made of flows of the High Cascades andesite of Pliocene age. It caps the mountain and presents a fairly flat surface. On the northeast side glacial cirques have carved an exceptionally steep face and small lakes are present, altho at this time of year they will be full of snow and ice.

Those interested in flowers should obtain "Wildflowers: the Cascades" by Elizabeth L. Horn, The Touchstone Press 1972, or "Wildflowers of the Pacific Coast", by Leslie L. Haskins, Dinsford & Mort, 1967. Both are well illustrated & will make flower identification much easier.

YACHATS TO WALPORT

Left Eugene at 8 a.m. and arrived at Yachats at 11. We started hike over rocks and under a huge rain cloud. Soon the sun was shining, and the sky had only patchy clouds most of the day. We were on the rocks about a mile and then walks on sandy beach the rest of the day to Walport where we arrived at 4:30. On this 8 mile hike were Mary Bass, Steve Ellickson, Barbara Floering, Gladys Grancorvitz, Lee & David & Wayne Hatch, Bob Nordahl, Ronnie Thomas, Dorothy Turner and Lee Hatch was the leader.

PRINCESS NEWSMT. PISGAH 4/20

Princesses will meet May 20th at the Medill Home at 2164 Laura St. Springfield Oregon. Dorothy will be Hostess aided by Vera Heidenreich. The April meeting was held at Thelma Watson's and she was helped by her charming sister Angie Coombs. We re-hashed previously announced plans for a hike along the Willamette River and an outing in early summer. Nothing definite has been decided on either plan. Our latest contribution was a new fireplace screen for the Lodge. After adjournment, several members told of recent excursions into other parts of the globe, both Domestic and Foreign. Thelma showed us some handiwork carved by a very old gentleman in her neighborhood and some interesting background about his life.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The fireplace screen, furnished by the Princesses, was installed by Merle Traudt with Landes keeping him company. We thank the Princesses for this much needed improvement and it looks good too.

The same day Parker Riddle and Charles Berkey repaired the entrance roadways, grading and gravelling to smooth it and to provide better drainage - our thanks to them.

NOTICE ABOUT PARKING

In using the park-in areas amongst the trees in the "North Areas" please park all the way into these drive-ways. Do not leave the rear end of your car out into the driveway so that other cars cannot be driven by. This has happened in a few instances causing some disruptions.

MCKENZIE RIVER TRAIL part 2 3/31

A beautiful trip along the upper McKenzie on an excellent trail with a few flowers, a few birds, a little snow on the trail and some rain. The trip started at Buck Bridge on the Clear Lake Hiway and followed the west side of the river to Deer Creek for lunch, then a short way along Deer Creek before crossing and rejoining the McKenzie to Trail Bridge Dam. Across the dam to the cars which had been shuttled up before the trip started. Trail Bridge Dam is currently the end of the trail. Continuation is dependent on pressures from the public and funds. Adding to the pressure were:

Catherine L. Brosseau, Larry and Zotty & Jeff Cash, Steve Ellickson, Barbara Froering, Rich Freeman, Stan Sweton, Dorothy Turner, Janet Woods and the leaders Ken and Robin Lodewick.

After leaving Eugene we took the Seavey Loop Road to the west entrance of the Howard Buford Recreation Area. Here we parked our cars at the caretakers parking lot and then started out on our two mile walk to the top of Mt. Pisgah.

Since the weather was damp and partly cloudy we didn't stay too long on the top. Just long enough to get some good views of the surrounding area. After lunch Vic Martin of the Lane County Park Dept. took us on a 3 mile loop around the base of Pisgah. The meadows were soggy, but there were lots of wild flowers to enjoy. More than 25 species were identified. We also found large pieces of zeolite mineral along the way.

We arrived back at the cars at 2:30 & thanked Vic for the maps of the area and for answering our questions of the Park.

As one hiker mentioned "this is great to know about. Now we don't have to always go up Spencers Butte for a close-in hike". Enjoying this first hike up Pisgah on newly acquired Park Property were:

Duchess Cox, Karen & Melba Eckhoff, Barbara Floering, Gladys Grancorvitz, Barbara, Genee & Tiffany Hasek, Bill Joneschild, Man Wai Lau, Ron Leland, Randy & Ted Lettkeman, Vic Martin, Bob Nordahl, Steve Ellickson, Sheila Nickoli, Barbara & Will Ross, Emily Samms, Merle Traudt, Robt. Walden, Mike White and the leader, Dorothy Leland.

STONY POINT 4/13

There were 23 hikers participating in this leisurely hike along BIM & IPC; and (Bureau of Land Management and International Paper Co.) logging roads. It was a beautiful spring day, altho a haze in the distance kept view of the Cascades to a minimum. We had lunch on the top of Stony Point, where there used to be a lookout. Now there is much Scotch Broom. Observed along the way were a few wildflowers; lots of buds ready to burst open chickadees, juncos, turkey vultures riding the warm air currents, drumming grouse and various mosses, lichen and fungi. Those hiking from Timber Ridge to Stony Point & back were: Kenneth Adams, Louise Berkey, Karen Billingsley, Maxine Flake, Duchess Cox, Belle Hendrickson, Faye Hill, Jane Inglis, John Lemay, Man Wai Lau, Clarence Landes, Dorothy Leland Ruth Nichols, Bob Nordahl, Don Payne and Family, Wesley Prouty, Barbara Ross, Will Ross, Merle Traudt, Paula Vehrs and last but not least Clara Emlen, the leader.

KONSERVATION KORNER by Marriner Orum

The U. S. Senate Commerce Comm., Sub-Comm. on the Environment, has scheduled hearings on the "Nonreturnable Beverage Container Prohibition Act" legislation introduced by Senators Hatfield and Bob Packwood. The measure is patterned after the Oregon law. Hopefully, the success of the Oregon law will lend impetus to adoption on the national level of similar legislation nationally.

ECONOMICS OF THE OREGON BOTTLE LAW

A couple of University business Professors have studied the economic effect of Oregon's law and have concluded that the law has not done the damage to the container industry and grocery stores that was predicted. The bill, which was opposed by business has paid off according to Prof. Gudger and Bailes of Oregon State U. They point out that the law has reduced bottle and can waste 88 per cent. They give this economic rundown.

Savings in trash handling and clean-up costs---\$700,000.

Losses in profits to can and bottle manufacturers---\$614,000.

Rise in operating costs to beer distributors---\$589,000.

Rise in operating costs to retailers--nearly \$3 million.

Savings to malt beverage brewers and pop bottlers because of reusing containers---\$8 million.

Effect on total business income--gain of almost \$4 million.

Employment-decreased in container manufacturing and increased in other sectors with a net gain of 365 jobs.

FROM THE SIERRA CLUB NEWS REPORT

Jack B. Robertson, regional administrator of the Federal Energy Office, admitted to a group of newsmen in Spokane, that a large portion of the oil which will be transported in the trans-Alaska pipeline prior to 1985 will go to Japan.

A conservation director of the Sierra Club, Larry Moss, charged, "this admission that a substantial portion of this oil will go to Japan confirms our version of the story which was presented to the Administration obviously misled Congress on this issue.....(Could this be a reason for not bringing the line down thru the Interior of Canada?)."

FROM OREGON STATE HIGHWAY DEPT

May 10, from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. the following members of Bicycle Committees next col. please

GOOD MOTHER'S DAY-GOOD FOOD-GOOD COMPANY

will conduct a hearing to provide a public forum to receive comments, ideas and suggestions concerning bicycling. Our own Ruth Bascom, Chairman of Eugene Bicycle Comm. will hold hearings at City Hall, 777 Pearl. Thom Chambliss, Chr. of Metropolitan Bike Comm. at LeOG, 135 East 6th. Jim Martin, Springfield Bike Comm. City Hall, 346 Main St.

We invite you or members of your organization, to express your views concerning bicycling at the hearing. The Committees will be receiving testimony all day so that interested persons may drop in at their convenience. Should you be unable to attend and wish to submit your comments in writing, please send them to the appropriate bike Comm. at the above add.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL 4/21

Eleven snowshoers enjoyed a 5--6 mile trek up the Oregon Skyline Trail north from Santiam Hiway. It was a beautiful, warm, sunny day which the hikers enjoyed by striking a leisurely, somewhat steady pace. Several of the party were on snowshoes for the first time and they enjoyed the experience. We met various small groups of cross-country skiers out to enjoy our chosen area. The majority of our trip was thru forest, however, we managed to find a small open spot to have lunch and view the magnificent view to the south. Near our turn-around point we did find some large meadows. The views were beautiful from this vantage point especially the view to the south. Broken Top, North & Middle Sister and Mt. Washington were splendid in their mantle of white. Other lesser peaks were identified in the panoramic view. People skiing at Hoo Doo appeared as ants scurrying down the icing of a large cake. I doubt we were actually on the trail as the snow was too deep to read blazes. On the upper meadows there were drifts forming trenches at least ten feet deep around the trees. Visible ground was non-existent, and probably another 5 feet or so of snow would have to melt from around the trees to expose terra firma. We deliberately took a circuitous route on the return trip for variety. No, we didn't get lost.

On the way home we all stopped at the Village Inn for refreshments. Our party trekking the Cascade slopes included: Karen Billingsley, Mary Bridgeman, Belle Hendrickson, Clarence Landes, Barbara Marshall, Art Moore, Don & Susie Payne, Merle Traudt, Paula Vehrs and the leader was Lois Schreiner.

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DEATH BALL ROCK 4/27

Left lot 8:35 in Lee Hatch pick-up and Rosboro crummy #14. Left Lees' pick-up off So. Fork Rd. at foot of rock. Drove up to Kotsuh Butte Trail & parked. Up trail occasional fire scarred old growth firs and sugar pines. Phased into dense 2nd growth stand about 150 yrs old from old fire. Many yellow violets, grouse flowers and pink orchids. One newly bloomed pure white orchid on trail. Up $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi to Rosboro Road. Up road $\frac{1}{2}$ mi to sharp ridge.

Bushwacked down ridge to top of Basalt Cliff 200' several isoboldncks, male blue grouse hooting in tree on remote rock.

Built small pitch fire to counter fog drip. Sun in McKenzie Valley below. View of Castle Rk. Blue reservoir, Saddle Pck Mt. & Lookout Ridge. Ate lunch. Duchess felt cheated. We were not going to the summit. She and Helen Smith did not want to descend steep, narrow crack in cliff. Ouch! They knew it was the only way back down rift on safety rope & around under beautiful overhang cliff, moss fern and sassifrage. Under un-named waterfall now Named "Duchess Shower". Very steep side slope below. George Petfall and Michael Hawkins (non-members) extremely helpful in belaying Duchess in trick spots. Down open rock ridge to 25 year old logging. Many cull logs left in stream all mossy Pine & Alders. To old landings overgrown. Found rusted broken choker. Down overgrown gravel logging Rd. between 30' Alder & fire. Initial erosion all covered with duff. No logging restrictions then, but beautiful new forest exists. Back to Hatch pick-up & down the hiway to home. Most wildflowers not yet in bloom due to late snows and weather. On this interesting trip were Mary Bridgeman, Duchess Cox Brian & Lee Hatch, Michael Hawkins, Geo. Petfall, Karen Ripperda, Helen Smith and Merle Traudt. Dave Burwell was leader.

LAVA CAVES 3/30=31

We left Eugene at 8 a. m. Sat. and regrouped in Bend where gasoline was available. Snow was encountered on the Pass making driving somewhat hazardous. Upon leaving Bend we explored Arnold Ice Cave Charcoal #1, Wind, Bat and Boyd Caves then drove to Skeleton Cave where we had our evening meal and then took sleeping bags and gas lanterns well into the cave to a flat sandy srea for a good nights sleep.

After breakfast on Sunday we met the Forest Service Girl in Bend and were escorted 45 miles south east to Lava Cy-MPH SPELLS MOTHER-PANCAKES-HAM

cle Cave. This cave is locked and entrance is gained only with a guide. The stalactites with droplets of water sparkling like gold make the ceiling of the cave beautiful. However the various stalagmite formations, up to three feet high make this one of the most spectacular lava tubes in existence. After touring the cave we stopped 20 miles east of Bend where Merle Traudt pointed out Indian Petrogliphs. We arrived back in Eugene at 6 p.m. Being escorted were Don Payne, Clare Englebert, Allen & Margaret Gardner, Sharon and Tori Gilman, Leith Hatch, Gerry and Jyl Henrickson, Steve Johnson, Neal Kalez, Barbara Marshall, Wilma Moore, Allen & Susan Payne, Marianne Sandstrom, Merle Traudt with Frank and Wilma Moore leading.

KAH-NEE-TAH BUS TRIP 3/30-31

There was sunshine at Kah-Nee-Tah. Some went swimming, some horseback riding and some hiked. Wild flowers were identified by Mary-Douglass Stovall; common names were yellow Bells, Foot-steps of Spring sometimes called Ragged Stars flower, even the rare Apache Rose, Found only on the R'servation (Apache thornes here and Apache thornes there). Added to interest Ewart Baldwin explained geological background of Cove Pallisades, besides other places enroute. Everyone enjoyed the very delicious and beautiful buffet dinner served at the Lodge.

Our route was I-5, Mt. Hood Loop, south on Wapinitia Pass to Warm Springs Indian Reservation and Kah-Nee-Tah Village.

There were tunnels of snow at Government Camp where there was Wild Huckleberry pie for us at Huckleberry Inn.

There were 38 enthusiastic passengers including our able, efficient #1 leader, Ray Cavagnaro.

Ray's helpers were: Florence Althens, Duke, Mary-Jane Arpin, Muriel Aufterhiede Ewart & Margaret Baldwin, Alice Bissel, Mary Bridgeman, Ann Connell, Reva Dildine, Melba & Karen Eckhoff, Gerry Fehly, Ina Foss, Florence Givens, Howard & Mildred Horner, Elizabeth Jungers, Alelia Linscott Mary Mallery, Margaret Markley, Jennelle Moorehead, Ruth Nichols, Ruth Norquest, Russel & Hazel Peck, Frank & Sue Riemer, Margaret Silliman, Myrtle Smith, Mary-Douglass Stovall, Edna and Greta Temple, Virginia West & Leader #1 Ray Cavagnaro, & No 2 leaders Jane Hilt & Helen Weiser.

PRINCESSES WANTS are never filled. They still want all the Flavor-Pac labels you can give them. Also still in the market for Betty Crocker coupons.

Tho we listed this as "Hike Optional" everyone went on the hike to Fall Creek Falls (2½ mi round trip) and enjoyed the nice sunshine and many plants along the trail. The flower show was excellent as usual and included, as usual, several new flowers with some of the old ones missing because of a late season in some areas. The show gets material from most of south western Oregon with scattered items from as far away as the Columbia River Gorge. Currently it is the biggest and best flower show on the West Coast & probably in the United States (wildflowers-that is). The only problem is that the last Sunday in April is also White-water Boat Parade day on the North Umpqua and since stopping of the McKenzie River Boat parade, this has become an impossible day to do anything along the North Umpqua. So hereafter the Wildflower Show day will be requested for Saturday, when the main traffic will be to the show. Smelling the flowers were Lorene Bressler, Ella Carrick, Gladys Grancorvitz, Lawrence Hawkins, Kenneth Hixson, Pauline Layne, Man Wai Lau, Phil McGovern, Frances Newsom, Ruth Nichols, Betty Wadell, Leaders were Kenneth and Robin Lodewick.

BICYCLE TO JUNCTION CITY 4/6

This bicycle route to Junction City is excellent as it is all flat and not much traffic. You go out River Road to Maxwell left on Maxwell to Prarie Road, then all the way to Junction City. Be sure you cross 99W at the R.R. tracks and continue into J.C. on Prarie to Maple. We had a little rain on the way and a healthy head wind on the way home. We had a nice rest stop at the Dairy Queen enjoying hamburgers and hot coffee. All riders appaered to enjoy good conversation mixed in with a lot of good exercise. Exercising it up were Bob & Sharon Andreasen, Charles Berg, Beth Maurer, Joe Walicki & leader Parker Riddle.

LOOKOUT DAM 3/23

Short look thru the Power House then into the Dam with an Army Engineer employee. The dam is honeycombed with passageways, many below ground level and water level with lookouts at various levels - very interesting. After going thru the Dam, hiked to the quarry on the south side of the dam. This is an interesting hike of a little over a mile each way. Lunch was eaten before the start of this hike. Eating lunches before hiking were:
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Chuck & Louise Berkey, John & Paul, and Peter Cecil, Wesley Dufek, Gladys Grancorvitz, Man Wai Lau, Ron Nunemaker, Carolyn Orum, Helen & Russ Peck, Parker Riddle, Richard Sanders, Helen Smith, Merle Traudt, Andy Moursand, and leader Donn Chase.

THE BUILDING OF THE OBSIDIAN LODGE CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH

Dec. 1955 saw the last meeting held in the Belknap Cabin. This was because of the high rent, cost of maintenance and general old age of the building. It was not without a bit of nostalgic reluctance however, as this place had seen a good many wonderful parties, Overnight parties, Chiefs & Princesses initiations, New Years parties, dances and the starting point for many, many trips. Parties in those days were always overnights.

In Dec. 1956 a meeting of the building Comm. was called and the pros & cons of building on the lot at 17th & High were discussed which ended with the feeling that nay thots of building should be delayed two months while we looked around for another site.

Sept. 1957 Gene Sebring, who was then Chr. of Comm. got all Obsidian members who would come out, to look at other places to build. A partly completed house at Mill & B in Springfield was looked at. This place had a lot 300x200 and another adjoining lot 100x100. The price was \$12 000. Then it was decided definitely to sell our lot at 17th & High & a price of \$15,000 was placed on it.

Nov. 1957. A building Comm. was appointed consisting of Tom Taylor, Gene Sebring, Helen Hughes, Dowell Callis and George Hermack.

April 1958 one of the most important trips of the year will be Sunday, April 15th when all members were asked to tour some likely sites for our Clubhouse. Five sites were looked at. 40 Obsidians turned out and looked at the place in Springfield, two sites in Glenwood, one at 3rd & Pearl on which stood an old abandoned two story house and our present site.

April, 1959, the Board authorized the purchase of our present location, the Brentlinger 4½ acres at a price of \$6500

Feb. 1960 the bldg Comm. then composed of Gene Renard, Chr., Bailey Castelloe, Mike Stahl, Ray Cavagnaro, Lloyd Plaisted. This Comm. was given authority to survey call for plans and contract. Tom Taylor drew the plans & we paid \$500 for same. Tom supervised all construction.

May 1960---Bldg. Comm. presented Board with plans & on Oct. 1960 accepted the bid of V.A. Harding to build for \$12,025 Before this our own lot had been sold.

Nov. 1960 grading and concrete work had been done. By March '61 the building was up, roofed, doors all hung, insulation in, painting well along and septic tank in with water lines in. By Sep. '61 we had suffered a cost of \$21,445.04.

By Jan. 1963 inside of building downstairs had been paneled and painted. What a work party we had doing this. So many people the work went amazingly fast.

May 19th-1963-Formal Dedication of the Club House was held all day. What a day that was.

Work was by no means finished and there still remains work to be finished, but A good deal of the unfinished work was completed this last year.

A few years later Mark McLaughlin, one of our foremost climbers, lost his life on Mt. McKinley and a donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, donated \$1000 to establish a memorium to Mark. For some time an addition to the building was desired so a Comm. was set up with Clarence Landes as Chr. and came up with plans for the addition we now have. This addition is to have a rock wall built to include several climbing problems where climbing school students can practice. The rock is there, all that is left to be done to the latest addition is build this wall.

For a few years we had no porch nor side walks, but a drive was put on calling a meeting of the Chiefs to plan this much needed improvement. Calls were sent out to all Chiefs for a \$5 donation and we even got contributions from women who wished to be in on it. Enough was raised to build the porch and sidewalks around both ends of the building and the steps.

For some time all persons attending a function at the new Lodge had to bring their own chairs and tables, but as time went on donations were received to build present tables. The Board on enquiring around for chairs located a factory, I believe in Iowa, where chairs could be purchased in lots of 100 for \$5 apiece, so a call was sent out that all who want chairs, to come across with the 5 bucks and have their names placed on the backs of the chairs. It did not take long until we had enough to send for the chairs.

The whole story of our Club House is one of whole hearted, unselfish contributions of both labor and money, a great

deal from persons no longer associated with the club, either dead or resigned.

Those of us who are now members owe a great deal to those who from away back at the beginning up to the present time who are still donating work and some times money.

To count all the hours of labor, the \$ that have been contributed, the material electrical and plumbing, the paint, lumber and the hours and hours that went into projects, such as dinners, rummage sales the projects put on by the Princesses to acquire coffee bands, Betty Crocker coupons and other things to get coffee makers, silver ware and a host of other things we have would be an impossible task, but can all be summed up as a labor of love and heartfelt desire.

There is a lot to say in favor of our present Lodge Building, but to the older members there is something missing and that is the memories we have of the all night wild times we had when the Lodge was far enough out to demand all night get-togethers.

THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA

Putting out pamphlets on mountain manners. Following are some extracts.....

Plan trip to minimize garbage. Avoid bottles and cans. Carry plastic bags for stowing garbage to be carried out.

Determine fire hazard before trip. It may be higher than you think. Get permit.

Minimize campsite construction. Avoid cutting boughs for shelter, using nails in trees and digging bed sites. Change tent location if on a long stay in one area. Try to leave campsite as natural as possible.

Keep detergent out of streams and lakes

Be responsible for you garbage. Use garbage cans if available, or burn what you can -- pack out the rest. It is the policy of the Alpine Club to pack out all garbage from huts.

ON THE MOUNTAIN:

Where feasible, remove hardware from routes, altho on frequently traveled routes, secure pins are best left in. this avoids enlarging cracks unnecessarily by frequent replacement.

Remove willow and other type wands in glacier travel.

Avoid knocking down rocks - vegetation is fragile, (So are heads, Ed.)

RENFREW GLACIER

On the Middle Sister is named for one of the incorporators of the McKenzie Toll Road, P. C. Renfrew.

REPORT FROM EASTERN OREGON FARMERS IS THAT THEY ARE WORRIED. SO MUCH RAIN THAT THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET THEIR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS GOING

FROM OREGON TODAY

The Malheur Environmental Field Station is offering the following under the direction of 17 Oregon State Universities and colleges, private and community colleges. The station is located 32 miles south of Burns, on the western edge of Malheur Wildlife Refuge.

All courses are field oriented and are taught at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Dormitories, food service & recreational facilities are available at the station.

Tuition is \$150 per course with registration prior to May 20. Room and board is \$90 for each 3 week session.

Three U of O faculty members will be on the summer staff: Steven Deutsch, sociology; Roy Halverson, journalism, Glen Love, English. Peter Simpson will also teach.

A variety of field study opportunities exist within a reasonable distance of the station. Malheur Lake, one of the largest inland marshes within the United States, covers about 50,000 acres. The lake, about 20 miles long and 12 miles wide, is within 5 miles of the station. Malheur Refuge covers 181,000 acres, including lakes, marshes and hot springs, with extensive stands of vegetation.

Students interested in participating are requested to write to Dr. Denzil Ferguson, Director Malheur Field Station, P. O. Box 989, Burns 97720. Registration deposits of \$50 are to be sent to him.

The first session, June 18 to July 7, offers courses in animal natural history and identification, herpetology, field mammalogy, waterfowl biology and natural history, field botany, field identification of birds, natural history of Malheur's insects, natural history photography and animal behavior.

July 9 to 28 - Environmental politics, avian ecology, news and feature writing about the High Desert area, rocks, plants and man; field entomology, natural history photography; field archaeology; introduction to primitive survival skills; plant ecology of southwestern Oregon.

July 30 to August 18 --- Cave ecology; freshwater invertebrate biology; volcanoes, local flora, biological illustration field experiences in biology, field archaeology.

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chaeology, natural history photography; vertebrate biology; vascular plants of Steens Mountain.

August 20 to Sept. 8: Environmental photography; environmental literature & writing; biology, man and the arid environment; wilderness survival; wilderness uses and values; algae of Steens Mountain; Western American literature; plant ecology of Steens Mountain; vertebrates of the northern Great Basin; vascular plants of Steens Mountain; field ornithology.

(We have put this in account of space knowing that time is short and costs be high, but this study course offers a great range of very interesting studies)

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

By Ray Sims

A very delightful trip by Greyhound was made on Feb. 6-7-8, 1970 to Mt. Shasta Cal. to ride the last trip by the "Huff & Puff" train out of McCloud. After the night at Mt. Shasta, we left our motel & traveled to McCloud to board the train with snow on the ground, up into the hills for a fine ride. Picture takers got out of the cars to take pictures of the train coming around the corners and also when the train crossed the river.

It was a grand trip, then back to Mt. Shasta for another night, then on the morning of Feb. 8th, our Greyhound drove to Shasta Lake, then going down steep steps to a waiting boat to take us across this large lake, and going up a trail on the other side to an opening in the hill side, where a beautiful "Marble Cave" opened up nearly like the Oregon Caves, so an hour and a half was spent inside before returning to our faithful Greyhound.

On the return we had dinner at "The House of Glass" and as the weekend was sunshiny and blue sky, many pictures of Mt. Shasta were taken as its winter beauty was always a sight.

JIM SIMS has gone into the landscaping business for himself as of April 1, this so Lee Hatch won't get all the business.

GOURMET LEFT BRANCH OF THE OBSIDIANS

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