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TRIPS

- Sep. 21-Maxwell Butte up in the Santiam Country with Clarence Landes.
- Sep. 21 & 22-Little Brother cuddled mong the Three Sisters. Go along with Parker Riddle.
- Sep. 28-Mushroom, Hunt & Identify and go on this trip with Dorothy Leland
- Sep. 29-Eddeleo & Waldo Lakes country & John & Lenore McManigal leads.
- Oct. 6-To Little Belknap up the McKenzie with Mitchele Daletas leading.
- Oct. 6-Jasper and Trent bike trip & Dave Cohen in front.
- Oct. 12-This is a mystery and Clarence Johnson will solve it.
- Oct. 13-Carpenter Mtn. Have a look at Wolf Rock with Nerle Traudt.
- Oct. 19-Mt. Yoran up the Willamette and see who leads-Margaret Wiese.

POTLUCK

Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge. Bring both pots. Empty one-fill the other. Some entertainment will be provided, but at this time we do not know what it will be. Summer Camp may tell us some of the hardships they endured. But we will dig up something else too.

OBSIDIAN GOURMETS

That's everybody!!! will dine at The Original Pancake House, 659 East Brdy. 6:00 p.m. Thursday Sept. 26 - call 344-5168 for reservations.

FRIENDLY HOUSE OFFERS

- Sept. 15-The North Cascades & Vancouver Island with Oscar Norberg.
- Sept. 22-Mary Gearheart. Follow her all over Ecuador.
- Sept. 29-Dick Moffitt will take you on a bicycle tour of the San Jaun Islands.
- Oct. 6-Lois Schreiner will give you an overlook of Cities.
- Oct. 13-John Chrysler. Join him while he goes to Morocco.

Mt. McLouglin climb to be led by Dave Zevenbergen is now set for Sep. 14 & 15.

FOUND: One pair sunglasses on picnis table at Horsepasture Saddle, Saturday June 29th. Doug Appel 342-2880 phone.

FALL COLOR ONE DAY BUS TRIP!

Into the Three Sisters Wilderness area on Sat. Oct. 12th. The bus will leave at 7:30 a.m. from the South Eugene High parking lot and return home at 8:30 or 9. The approximate cost will be \$7.50, including trip fee and apyable to the leader, Grace Smith, 2160 Friendly St. Eugene 97405, Tlelphone 345-6567 for reservation

The bus will drive east on Hiway 58, Willamette Pass to Sunset Cove on Odell Lake for a 20 minute coffee break. From there to one of the most beautiful lakes in Oregon, Davis Lake to enjoy fall colors at leisure, walking and wading in the lake and your own sack lunch.

Other afternoon stops can be Crane Prairie, Bird Refuge or whatever the majority wishes along the Century Drive.

Two hours in Bend for dinner at your favorite restaurant. Home via Clear Lake Furhter information in Oct. Bulletin.

Leader: Grace Smith. Co-leader: Jane Hilt
HARMON PENNOYER, an Obsidian for over ten years, died August 6th. You never saw Harmon on the top of a mountain, but you never failed to meet him ad any function at the Lodge. He was the father of Mary Castelloe. Harmon would have been 94 in another 30 days.

THANK YOU

Mary & Bailey Castelloe and the Pennoyer Family warmly thank all Obsidians and friends for your kind expressions of sympathy and friendship which are much appreciated.

PRINCESS NEWS

SEPT 16 PRINCESS MEETING: At the home of Mary Gillespie, 277 Grand St., 7:30pm Florence Sims will be Co-Hostess.

TO ALL OBSIDIANS

The spray was so lovely and looked very beautiful on Myrtie's grave. We really appreciated the card with the special note from Mary Castelloe about how Myrtie had "helped" her father build the McMurphy house when she was a small girl. Clare, Daisy, terri, Nancy and Sunny Hamlin.

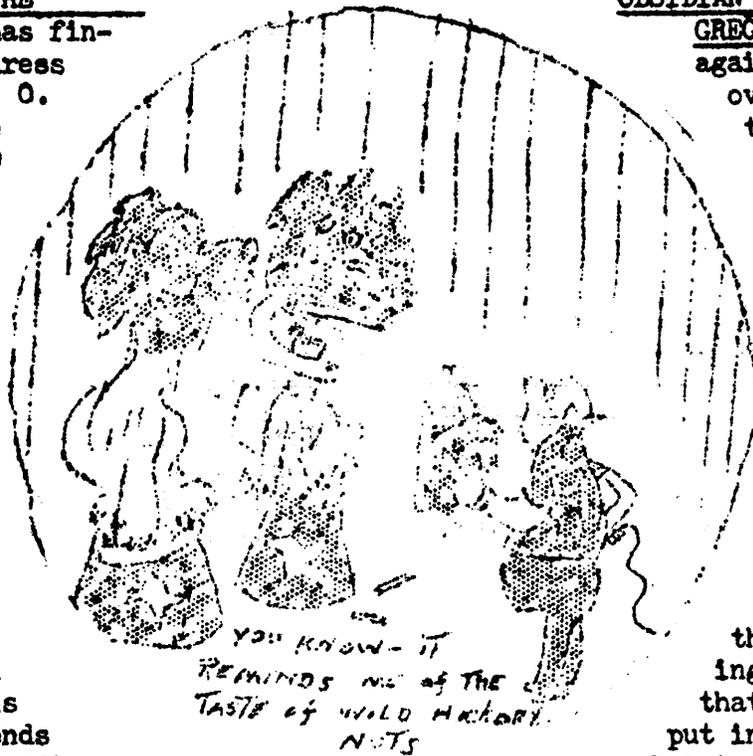
MARGARET MARKLEY has finally found an address she likes. It is P. O. box 158 in Florence and her zip 97439 and to get her by Phone 997-8552.

THE MORGANS all three of them, Boyd, Natalie, and Junior all lost in the crowd in Disneyland. Did you folks take in Knott's just across the road while there?

HELEN WEISER and JANE HILT are home after traipsing all over the green hills of Ecuador. Helen sends greetings to all Obsidians but shoe does not say, "Wish you were here".

DONATIONS TO THE ROCK WALL! As has been stated before, no all out dirve for donations to this fund is going to be made, but anyone who so desires can do so and they will be gratefully received. The following have made contributions in this amount. \$199.00 sent in by Florence & Glen Sims, Wesley Prouty, Clarence and Helen Landes & Pat and Dean Patterson. PATTERSON Mtn. & LONE WOLF SHELTER 7/14

This trip was a substitution for the scheduled trip to Fuji Mtn. Wanted to stay out of the snow which we succeeded in doing. Patterson Mtn. is the next highest point on the ridge east of Hardesty Mtn. and does not have any trail over it. However, it is not difficult to travel cross country and has an interesting rocky outcropping at the west end whcih gave a good view of the Willamette river with views of the 3-Sisters and Diamond Peak. On our way back down we went in on trail to the Shelter where we rebuilt the fireplace and tidied up a bit inside the shelter. The building is in good condition except for the need of a few shakes on the roof and there is a supply of them in the shelter so it just needs someone to climb up on the roof and put them on. We drove the Willamette Hiway to just past Shady Dell Campground where we turned off on road #2052, then on #2052N to the junction with #2151 and a short ways up #2151M which is a poor road. On our way back down we stayed with #2052 which took us past another shelter



GREG WANNIER is at it again, travelling all over the world to add to his education.. This time he is off to Bavaria having been awarded a Humbolt Foundation Senior Scientist Award. He will study at the University of Regensburg.

BEATRICE LEFEVRE
Are you a Grandmother yet?

DAVE ZEVENBERGEN could not attend the last Board Meeting, but left a wish that an item would be put in this issue explaining reason for so many trips being cancelled or rerouted. Too much snow and unable to get leaders on short notice for substitute trips.

THREE PEAK & TEN PEAK. If you have earned these emblems contact Don Payne at once. This so that Don can get busy making out the awards. The general rule is to present them at the Annual Meeting held the second Friday of October and it would be nice if all of you who are wligible to be there to recieve them. Prairie Camp, a waterfall and Krueger Rock. This shelter could be saved, however, it would take more extensive carpentry work, Mary Bridgeman, Clara Emlen, and Paula Vehrs chasing the leader Helen Smith.

TIDBITS LOOKOUT 6/16

7 people made their way over 8/10 feet of snow to climb Tidbits on a beautiful June 16. Even tho it is only 5 mi. round trip (so says the sign) it took 6 hrs to go from the cars and return. When snow covers the trail it makes the terrain steep and bumpy. We had to cut steps in 1 very steep snow drift. It is always amazing to leave the snowy north side of the mountain at the ridge and find an open trail among hot dry plants on the east side. As we hiked, we looked at other slopes in the distance and not a bit of snow on them. On the 5000 ft top we basked in the sun for an hour before we returned to the snow. On trip: Dorothy Leland, Charlotte Mills, Lois Schreiner, Gale Crawford, Merle Traudt, Greg Wannier and the leader, Phyllis Ford.

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

Where a lot of money went:!!!

June bulletin postage.....\$16.78
 July bulletin postage.....\$17.57
 Mishlers bulletin supplies.....\$54.35
 EWEB-electricity & water.....\$27.55
 Fred Miers Dinner plates.....\$23.52
 Bean insurance liability.....\$60.00
 Postage Membership.....\$10.00
 Postage Trips.....\$10.00
 Post Office box rent.....\$14.40
 Donn Chase---Bea LeFevre missing- Dave Zevenbergen missing. We know where Dave was, He is working in Junction City from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m..

TRIPS: 146 persons on trips reported. 6 cancelled and some not reported in yet
 CLIMBS: 6 cancelled.4 not yet reported and 64 persons made successful climbs.

CONSERVATION: Orum's report on another page under K.K.

MEMBERSHIP: Lois stold of increased interest of a number of people in joining with us and expects this to show up by the next meeting.

OUTINGS: Merle's outing still buried in stupendous quantities of snow.Helen's has changed locations.Helen told of several items missing from summer camp supplies and Merle told of stumbling across a set of nested aluminum pans hidden under some brush on the west side of the Lodge.Merle was not looking for any thing in particular when he found them. He was being chased by a savage mouse and ran into them.One thing that is missing and is needed very much is a meat & cheese slicer.

BUILDING" Clarence ordered to get the doors to the camp supply room equipped with locks. Clarence's report is found below.

ENTERTAINMENT: Bob reported on a bargain in plated he found and bot 48.

CLARENCE LANDES REPORT

Rock Wall (Mel Martinson-Cont actor)
 Contract (Labor).....\$2750.00
 Materials (Sand,Cement,Lime)...\$ 293.58
 \$3043.58
 Credit for materials returned..\$ 59.00
 Net \$2984.58

(This does not include the cost of the rock) which was purchased earlier.)

Power equipment use (donated by Rex Stevens)14 hours work accomplished-clean up "Rock Wall" areas--excavation at west

Unusual snow conditions have contributed to the uncertainty of climbs & trips this year and presenting no end to the problems connected with the same. B.EP

of Lodge Bldg. Grading roadways at parking areas, cleaning some areas along the roadways.

WORK PARTIES: July 22-23" A total of 52 hours by the following. Explorers; Bob Williams, Scot Calef, Kevin & Steven McManigal, Non-Exploreres Wes Prouty,Merle Traudt, Dorothy Hayes, Lee, David, Wayne & Brian Hatch, Al Lynch, Clara Emlen and Irene, Marriner Orum, Parker Riddle,John McManigal and C.Landes.Work accomplished clean up at north and west of the Lodge building and clean up along the road way
 Operator of equipment was Clyde Cochran and his services were paid for by Helen & Clarence Landes as an additional donation to the wall.

Fifty-four persons in six sessions have used the "Rock Wall".

THREE FINGERED JACK 7/13

At something called 3 a.m. the alarm woke four Obsidians & 3 non-Obsidians for the beginning of the climb of Jack. By 4:30 the last of the not-so-fast-to-get-up-and-ready was up and ready and we started up the Pacific Crest Trail. In a half hour we picked up the other 2 members of the party who had gone in Friday afternoon and camped along the trail on an island of bare ground amid the snow. For the next 6 hours the party negotiated bare ground, snow, tree wells and hidden Forest Service blazes-----but mostly lots & Lots of snow. By 10:30 we reached the crawl which was negotiated slowly & with out incident as a party of 5 Chemeketans approached from below. The next 1 1/2 hours were spent getting everyone up to the summit, signed in and rappelled back down the saddle. As we re-negotiated the crawl,the Chemeketans caught up with us and in the spirit of good public relations our leader stayed behind to let them use our fixed line as the rest of the party headed down to the snow line under the watchful eye of Parker Riddle. Going back to camp 4 of the party turned into horses heading back to the barn and split from the rest (with permission of the leder) while 2 not-so-fast members stayed behind with the Chemeketans.In du time the 3 in the middle arrived in camp only to find the rest of the party not yet there because of an apparent desire to take the scenic route out via Booth & Square Lakes--and followed the Chemeketans too. A long day, beautiful weather. A good climb, a good group. Parker Riddle, Lee & David Hatch, Dorothy Leland, Dave Zevenbergen, Chuck Haddad, Mel Wallis, Ken Ball and leader Bud Proctor.

KONSERVATION KORNER by Marriner Orum.

From Newsletter--Oregon Conservation and Development Commission, June 1974.

A comment on national values which may have importance today is contained in an excerpt from a speech made over 100 yrs ago by Chief Seattle of the Suquamish Tribe. The occasion was the transferral of ancestral Indian lands in the Washington Territory to the Federal Government.

"The Red Man has always retreated before the advancing White Man, as the mist of the mountain runs before the morning sun. But the ashes of our fathers are sacred. Their graves are holy ground, and so these hills, these trees, this portion of the earth is consecrated to us. We know that the white man does not understand our ways. One portion of land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger who come in the night and takes from the land whatever he needs. The earth is not his brother, but his enemy, and when he has conquered it he moves on. He leaves his father's graves behind and he does not care. He kidnaps the earth from his children. He does not care. His father's graves and his children's birth right are forgotten. He treats his mother the earth, and his brother the sky, as things to be bought, plundered, sold like sheep or bright beads. His appetite will devour the earth and leave behind only a desert".

MT. WASHINGTON 6/30

Rendezvoused at Big Lake. Parked a safe distance from the church camp (they don't welcome parked cars in their area) and started out over snow. Ate a noon snack on the North Ridge. Had an uncrowded trip up the pinnacle, everyone else was going down by the time we got there. Afternoon lunch on the summit. Beautiful weather & sunshine. Could see everywhere. Used radio control with walkie-talkies to coordinate the belay team with the "end of the rope" personnel at the bottom so there was no delay & shouting "off rope" etc. Could this be a "first" radio-controlled rappel descent? There was no snow on the pinnacle but plenty of it on the face. We had a steep, fast glissade. One of the best ever. Bushwacked straight back to the cars and home, all in one day. 14 radio controlled climbers were: Brian David, Lee & Wayne Hatch, Steve Joll, Kevin & Rick & Steven McManigal, Alice and Bobby & David & Mary Ann Moffitt, Marianne Sandstrom and leader Dick Moffitt.

JEFFERSON CLIMB 7/28

Left Eugene at 6 p.m. Friday, Arrived at trailhead to Pamela Lake and had our camp spots be 10. The party started up S. W. Ridge at 8 a.m. Stopped at 2:15 on a large flat snowfield on top of the ridge as near as we could tell we were just under 8000 ft. The party sunbathed, napped, visited, etc for the rest of the afternoon. Thunderheads had formed over the Sisters and other Mtn.s to the south so we watched with concern as lightning played off those peaks. After rising at 2:20 Sun. we started on up the ridge. At 3 a.m. reaching the red saddle at 5:30. The climb of the pinnacle took a little long because of the size of the party, but everyone made it up in good shape. We went around to the north side because of snow conditions & party size. After returning to our base camp at noon for lunch we returned to Pamela Lake where some took a dip & we were back in Eugene by 8:30 p.m. Sunday. I want to compliment each member of the party. It was a great group. 10 peak qualifiers were Cindy Bascom, Lee & David Hatch. On this climb were Eric Banks, Cindy Bascom Cal & Fran Crawford, Chas and Sue Dark, Dick Frankel, Mike Hahn, Dave & Lee Hatch, Glenn Meares, Parker Riddle, Rex Stevens and leader Bob Dark.

SOUTH SISTER 7/7

Drove to trailhead at Sparks Lake and got started up Green Lakes trail at 2:30 p.m.. After about 200 yards of trail the rest of trip was on snow to the lakes. We got to a good camp spot at lake at 6:30. Lakes and Fall Creek were completely covered with snow. Because it was freezing at night we started climbing at 8:00 a.m. to allow snow to soften & reached summit at 1:30 under clear skies. Returned to cars at 6:30. With leader Lee Hatch were 3 very good young climbers. Chuck Haddad, Wayne & Brian Hatch.

SOUTH SISTER 7/20

Left trailhead at Sparks Lake at 2:30 p.m. Mnd arrived at Green Lakes at 5:30. Camped overnight and started climb at 7:30 a. m. Weather clear and warm with very little wind. Arrived on summit 11:30 Lunch for ½ hour, then started for camp. We cut across Lewis Glacier to take advantage of snow and had great glissading. Got back to lake at 1:30 where we rested and packed till 3:30. Back at cars at 6 and home at 10. On this climb, John Hribernick, Paul Wittenborn and the leader Lee Hatch.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL 7/6-13

The Plan: Leave Green Springs summit on Hiway 66 on Sun. July 7 arrive Dry Crk. trailhead just south of Crater Lake boundary on Sunday July 14th.

The Trip: Left Eugene Sat. 10 a.m. Lunch at Chalet Cafe in Chemult. Left 2 cars at Big Lake Ranger station near Hwy 140 Party of 8 arrived Green Springs summit 5:30 p.m. Hiked 3 miles to Little Hyatt Reservoir via new temporary route of the Pacific Crest Trail. Nice camp-no mosquitos. We hiked on back roads the first 21 miles.

Sun: Broke camp at 8:30. Hiked 11 mi. to Howard Prater Reservoir. Made camp at 3 p.m. Jackson County Park Ranger went thru camp to collect \$2 fees but told us policy was no charge to Crest Trail hikers. (many thanks for their hospitality) Rained all night Sunday.

Mon: Rain!! Merle chopped wood - cut thumb and finger with axe. Party of 6 stayed in camp all day. Wes & Merle hiked back to vehicle at Green Springs. Drove to Ashland (18 Mi) for stitches in fingers Left car at Howard Prairie Lake.

TUES: No rain - cloudy & cool. Broke camp at 8:30. Hiked 8 mi. of Temp trail on roads to new trail over Griffen Pass. Hiked 6 mi. of new Trail to camp.

WED: No rain. Partly cloudy & cool. Br. camp 8:00. Hiked 8 mi. including 5 to 6 mi. of new trail over lava beds with no surface fill over lava (under const.) Merle & Dorothy picked up 2 cars at Ranger Station. Party of 8 filled all counter stools for hamburger & pie at Fish Lake Resort. Made camp at Cascade Canal across Hwy 140. Wes & Merle shuttled car from Howard Prairie Lake to Hwy 140.

THUR: Sunshine!! Dorothy felt fly bug coming on. Left for home. Wes & Merle shuttled car to 4-mile Lake. Party of 7 hiked 7½ mi. to Squaw Lake over new PCT which crossed Mt. McLoughlin trail above 6000 feet elevation--made camp--finally caught up with mosquitoes.

FRI: Sunshine & clear blue sky-warm day Grant and Pete stayed at Squaw L. Fished (no luck) Wes and Merle shuttled car from Hwy 140 to 4-Mile Lake. Party of five left C. at 11:30 with light packs. Made 13 Mi round trip hike over balance of new P Crest Trail to Jct. with old Crest (sky-line) Trail near Island Lake.

SAT: Broke camp 8:30. Hiked 2 miles to cars at 4-Mi L. Arrived Eugene 3:30 p.m.

SUMMARY: It was a pleasant trip but very strenuous due to pounding on roads and lava beds & long distances between lakes

& creeks for good camping. This trip will continue north next year, on soft trail thru the "Sky Lakes" area and Crater Lake Nat'l Park. Distance each day will be less. Join us with your 40 lb pack. And on this one were: Connie Anderson (age 15) Mary Bridgeman (age 17) Grant DeBauw (age 14) Derek Hawkins (age 16)--- Dorothy Hayes (age ?) Pete Stasney (age?) Merle Traudt (age 21) and Wesley Prouty-leader (age 21)

SCURGRASS Mtn. 7/27

This was another substitute trip to a mountain in the Fall Creek area. This Mt is a little over 4700 ft. in elevation & completely free of snow. It has a very large area on top where Bear Grass is blooming along with Tiger Lilies and other flowers. It also has a very good view of Diamond Peak to the left and to the right we saw Lookout Point Dam. The trail is an abandoned section of the old Alpine Trail. It starts out in a cutting area, then thru timber, another cutting area and timber again. We were a party of eight and with cutting tools we did a very good job of cutting back brush thus exposing a good trail tread. The following people were with Helen Smith, leader Mary Bridgeman, Peter Cecil, Chuck Haddad, Marshall Pallet, Barbara Ross, Will Ross and Virginia Wiles.

NORTH SISTER VIA VALLARD GLACIER 6/7-8

Vallard Glacier was in a glazed condition by the time we arrived so we moved over to the North Ridge about half ways up. We continued up the ridge to Glisan Rock and over directly next to the rock. Steps were cut out of necessity for the nearly vertical climb of approximately 100 ft. to reach a snow shelf which skirted the rock. The pinnacle was in poor condition but we managed to climb on the rotten rock on the right side of the upper shoot which was a 90 degree glazed over mess. The descending climb went well except for a few spots which were still icy and prevented any hell plunging. We were at the base of the glacier by 6 pm. An unusual amount of time was spent in safety precautions because of the amount of snow and ice. Everyone climbed very well and I was pleased with the climb as a whole. Because of my error we became lost on our way down to the cars. We had to spend an extra night out before we reached our cars. Everyone was exhausted I will remember to bring wands next time A great climb!! Steve Blowers, Eric Kersgaard, Glen Mears, Jack Nitzel and David Chase, the leader were the exhausted ones

CANCELLED The Sept. 14-15 trip to be led by Bert Ewing is hereby cancelled.

GREETINGS FROM THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL
Pine Knob Shelter, Maryland July 26, '74

Just that I should abolish the rumor that this trail is flat, gentle, easy & etc. It's the toughest trail I've ever seen. No switchbacks used-goes straight up the hill. Fairly well marked but in horrible shape much of the way overgrown very rocky. And horrible weather-22 days out of 33 rain in N.C. and Tenn. And (can you believe this) very few people up to now! It's much more crowded out west. Won't be done with this thing till mid-October. Am now only 100 miles short of the half-way mark, with 82 days of hiking behind me. I keep looking forward to them that snow capped Mtns. back home. And tall trees. Bert Ewing.

BLACK BUTTE 6/30

The wonderful music of the birds, cicadas, crickets, bees, marmots mixed in with an abundance of wild flowers provided a beautiful symphony as we enjoyed a sweeping view of the snow capped Cascades in all their regal splendor. There was a cooling breeze on top so we stayed longer than originally planned. The fire tower (maned by Susie and Jim Shotwell) sways approximately 6 inches in a breeze and the Forest Service prefers that visitors stay off for obvious reasons. This is a good conditioning climb if you start at the trail head which begins at the foot of the butte and certainly is aesthetically rewarding in all respects. Upon descent, we all drove over to the spring, which is the headwaters of the Metolius River and had ourselves some nice cool drinking water (beautiful view of Mt. Jefferson from this spot too). I sent Susie and Jim Shotwell (the couple that man the fire tower) our trip schedule as they may be able to join us on some snow shoe trips this coming winter. They plan to be in Eugene area at this time. A good trip with good people. And on the trip were David & Dennis Adkins, Al and Theresa Gamache, Barbara Mander-scheid, Charlotte Mills, Merle Traudt, Dorothy Turner and leader Parker Riddle.

OLALLIE RIDGE & HORSEPASTURE MT. 6/29

After a rather dismal week, the day dawned fine and clear for our trip. Leaving Eugene at 8:20 a.m., we proceeded to the Horse Creek covered bridge where we stopped to examine the hand-hewn truss members, of this now-bypassed structure. By 10 a.m. we reached the trailhead and set off up the Olallie Ridge Trail No

3529. The walk was very pleasant thru a mixed forest of fir, madrona and sugar pine, with profuse displays of rhododendrons, bear grass, white iris and many other flowers. By 1:30 p.m., having hiked almost $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles, we settled down for our lunch-only to be showered from dust from the construction of a new forest road 100 yards away! We then proceeded to Horsepasture Saddle where Dick & Barbara Jones turned back. The rest continued on to Horsepasture summit altho Gladys Grancorvitz and Helmut PLANT dropped out about halfway. We reached the top about 3 p.m., where we were rewarded with a clear view from Mt. Hood to Diamond Peak. After a short stay we returned, picking up our other members on the way. Those making the trip were Fred Berning, Gladys Grancorvitz, Derek Hawkins, Barbara Jones, Richard Jones, Dorothy Leland, David & Ed Lichtenstein, Ramsay & Tommy Mead, Marie Mulholland, George Peffall, Helmut Plant and leader Doug Appel.

FROM THE
WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST
WEEKLY

Forest visitors might enjoy driving primitive district roads, such as the old Central Oregon Military Wagon Road. The existing portion of the road takes off from Forest Road 211, in Section 21, T. 24s, R. 5E. The road, most of which is paved, passes a number of picturesque little lakes such as Sunset, Fir, Reflection and Hemlock. Then it continues to Emigrant Pass which also is the boundary between the Deschutes and the Willamette National Forest.

At Summit Lake the number of the Old Military Road changes from 2426 on the west side of the Cascade summit to 211 on the east side of the summit. From here the road wanders down to Crescent Lake, a very scenic side trip is possible by driving south to Summit Lake along the lake shore.

Starting at a point near State Hiway 58 signs are posted along the Middle Fork of the Willamette River pointing to probable locations of the wagon road. Many of them are in campgrounds which are as old as the road and were campsites for wagon trains which probably traveled only ten or twenty miles a day.

This Military Wagon Road is over 100 years old. It was built primarily to accommodate military traffic from Eugene to southeastern Oregon. It was used for the most part, by commercial traffic and settlers.

BOHEMIA Mtn. 7/4

Wanted: One snowplow. Found: one mountain bluebird. This trip was planned to drive to Bohemia Saddle and hike to the top of Bohemia Mtn., returning via Bohemia City and Music Mine. That is not the way it went. Snow blocked the road $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi east of Bohemia Saddle, so we walked the extra distance on the road, total 3 mi. Did not make it to the top of the mountain, snow on the trail. Could not go down from the Bohemia Saddle picnic area because of snow. However, a party of 20 did walk about 6 miles, $1\frac{1}{2}$ up the road on mainly clear road between the two big drifts in nice pleasant weather with lots of flowers along the way.

Then up the mountain until we hit snow (just over a mile up) and a nice place, back down the mountain, down the road to the upper Music Mine road and to Bohemia City and the mine. Then out the lower (electric tramway) road and back to the cars.. A number of questions were asked about the Club, so we tried to answer them and got four requests for membership as noted. Best hiker of the day; Mike Moore, age 5, who walked the whole way without a complaint and with a pack, and thanked us for the trip afterwards.

And with the non-complainer were: Marie Crawford, Tim Brinton, Kris Brooks, Doris & Robert Dezur, Kenneth Hixson, Stephan Hutchinson, Donnie & Ken & Mike Moore, Teresa Nutt, Bob & Maureen Olsen, Phyllis Freiner, Jeanette Overholser, Lois Schreiner and Leaders Ken & Robin Lodewick.

MT. WASHINGTON 7/5-6

Camped at Big Lake head of Skyline Trl Set a direct bushwack route to the north Summit Ridge. (tied tape & planted wands) Everyone climbed very well and sensibly; a good bunch of guys. The rappel off the pinnacle went slowly but easily with one incident: a following group of climbers knocked loose a rock which hit Mr Mears on the hip. After examinations his injury was found to be a large bruise and he continued the descent without further problem. Weather was partly cloudy, but warm. Visibility was excellent-the entire range to Mt. Rainier and south to McLoughlin. no wind. Snow pack about 6 to 8 feet in the woods. An 8 ft pack paralleled the ridge, but was useful for glissading on the descent. No ice axes nor crampons were used with the exception of the glissade. Approximately 10 hours round trip. Eric & Daryl Banks, Jim McCallum, Glenn Mears, Mike Townsend & David Chase, Ldr.

ERMA BELL LAKES 7/6-7

No one signed up for this trip, so I decided to take my 7 year old boy, Mark My oldest boy was sick with an infection

We left Springfield at 10:45 a.m. and arrived at the trailhead at 1 p. m. We started hiking at 1:25 and arrived at the Lower Erma Belle Lake at 2:15. We found a nice spot and set up our tent & put everything in order. We then hiked up to the other Erma Belle to see what they looked like. After that we came back and went fishing. We had dinner around 6 and then went fishing again but no luck fishing from the bank. Those that fished in the lake from a rubber boat were catching fish. 7:30 we built a small fire & played cards until going to bed at 9 p.m

We arose at 8:30 Sunday and had breakfast and then put out things back in the packsacks. Took the tent down, etc., and got everything packed. We then fished some more, but no luck. We left for the car at 11:35 and arrived there at 12:17. We left for home at 3 p.m. As to things we saw: 6 horses and riders; 6 motorcycles at Lower Erma Bell; a ten speed bike chained to a tree at Lower Erma Bell; nice 12 inch trout that got away and a couple chipmunks. We had beautiful weather and a good time. A father-son relationship like this is very healthy.

David Zevenbergen

NORTH & MIDDLE SISTER 7/26-27

8 of us left the Waltherville store at 1:30 p.m. Friday. We drove to the end of Pole Crk Rd. & hiked $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi. up the trl. We made camp by a small creek. We were up at 3:30 to start the climb. We went up Hayden Glacier. The crevasses were just starting to open up. In the saddle we met Frank Moore. He told us there were several people on the North so we decided to climb the Middle first. By the time we climbed the North most of the people had come down. We made it back to camp at 11 p.m. It had been a long day. Four of our party had to go out to their cars that night. 4 of us stayed at camp till Sun. morning which made it nice. And on this climb were Ken Ball, John Hribernich, Bud Proctor, Clarence Landes and Don leader Payne.

LOIS SCHREINER on July 27 flew over the Merle Traudt Summer Camp site. Lois said that, altho some parts of the road were visible most of the road was still under snow with evidence of drifts of various depths. She also noted that Green Lakes were still frozen over.

A WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Albert and Thersa Gamache, 3055 Alyndale Drive, Eugene 97404.

Kenneth Hixson, 512 Waite St. Eugene 402

Teresa Nutt, 1412 F St. Springfield 97477

Melville & Janice Pattison, 351 West 12, Eugene 97401

Wesley B. & Joanna S. Mendell, 1895 Kincaid, Eugene 97405

Grace Iseminger, 1601 Olive, Apt. 507, Eugene 97401

Kenneth Ball, 716 Anderson Lane, Eugene 97401.

Chris Luke, Rt 3 box 297, Junction City 97448.

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THRU THE VIEWFINDER

DAVE & GALE BURWELL off to Greece. Just why we do not know. Scouting an Obsidian hike maybe. But most Obsidians can get greecy enough climbing around here. Be careful Dave. You know the reputation of those Greeks.

BOB MEDILL up in Seattle for a couple of weeks mending his fences. Some were sure in need of fixen.

PAULA VEHRS was a causuality in Summer Camp. Understand that she fell out of a swing and broke a rib.

Oh! Many a mile I've travelled,
Ten thousand miles or more,
And swings in Summer Camps,
I never saw before!

INA FOSS AND LELIA pm the "Big" Island of Hawaii. Then they are going to Maui. What in the world are they looking for?

BEA LEFVRE, the Swiss Miss. She was in Switzerland and we Missed her. Nice to have you with us again.

RANDOM HOUSE sends us information of a new book, "THE COMPLETE WALKER" by Colin Fletcher. It is a new and revised enlarged edition and sells list at \$8.95. In quantities of 10 or more we can get it at a 40% discount plus shipping. Our own organization, The Obsidians, are mentioned in the book. If you would like a copy send in your order to Bob Medill or phon him, or put in your order at the Annual meeting October 11th.

NEW ZEALAND GIVES US A WELCOME

VENTURETREKS, an outdoor organization has written us estending an invitation to us anytime we wish to visit their land, and to join them on any of their treks when we are in New Zealand. Here is who to write to: Walter Romanes, 71 Evelyn Road, Howick, Auckland, New Zealand, Telephone HCK 44-844, Name of thlier organziation—Venture Treks, Ltd, Thanks.

FROM THE DUCHESS

Mary Couch, who frequently goes on Obsidian trips, and I left July 15th for a "Hike & Like It" trip from Stehekin, Wn. into the High Cascades for 9 days. We completely covered Grey Peak, Battle Mt. Boulder Butte and Purple Pass. Each of the camps were at 7000' elevation. Boulder Butte was described as a "high peak" but Purple Pass was so steep on both sides that when we reached the summit, could almost believe we were in Switzerland. Un-named snow-capped peaks in every direction. A great deal of snow and mud and 7 times over roaring, deep and often wide, Fish Creek without bridges, except where brush, old logs and the like had washed down. Quite often we saw signs of avalanches an as we got higher, the Crk. was smaller. As we started down to hunt for the trail, the horses had not passed us. They walk faster than people and leave good trail marks where many times it was almost impossible to follow the trail. We did not realize the avalanche signs would lead us to a completely covered trail, thru, over, under, thru and between broken and bent trees for 4½ mi. Exhausting, but the weather was lovely for the whole trip and a grand crowd of 16 to be with.

WONDERS OF THE MOUNTAINS

I must go to the hills again,
To the tall hills and the high,
And all I ask is a blazed trail,
With a river flowing by.
I must go up to the hills again,
To the lofty hills and true,
And all I ask as I tramp the trail,
Is a trusty friend or two.
For up in the hills is the strength to lift,
And carry our loads of grief,
And up in the hills is the peace of God
To cure our unbelief.
So we'll take the trail as it leads the way,
Thru the healing pines and the dew,
And I'll thank the Lord as I tramp the trail,
For my trusty friend or two.

Duchess Cox.

WY- EAST ROUTE ON MT. HOOD 5/11-12

Trip cancelled. Had 7 people signed up with a limit of 7. By vote of the group we decided to cancel trip before leaving town, after receiving very severe weather reports. As it turned out the weather was very bad. 11 people were injured that weekend on Mt. Hood Hiway alone.

Dale Moon

PRINCESS NEWS

JUNE OUTING: Decided to postpone this overnight trip---watch for news of this.

RIVER BANK TRIP: Mary Bridgeman led the hike on June 10, starting at Gillespie's home with Mary, Helen Weiser and Karen Echhoff and arriving at Alton Baker Park at noon where they ate lunch with Mary Castelloe and Bertha Anderson. Mary Gillespie generously provided everyone with a large delicious piece of her carrot cake. Sue Riemer and Ruth Nichols had already passed the park and crossed Autzen footbridge. We hope to continue these walks.

OBSIDIAN WOMENS PARTY: Princesses brot lots of potluck food and watermelon and about 26 ladies enjoyed it and took part in Edith Bridgeman's humorous game-----a story including many and varied adjectives-----spontaneously provided by the ladies. Then a demonstration of climbing teshniques rounded out the evening---put on by Frank Moore's Obsidian Explorers. This was appreciated very much by the onlookers.

TO TIMBERLINE AND BACK

The weather was perfect, the air clean and refreshing and the mountain beautiful for the Obsidians and friends who spent Aug. 10 and 11 at Timberline Lodge on Mt Hood. One of the highlights in which all could participate was the tour of the Lodge. The Naturalist, Marty Immerman pointed out the construction of the massive rocks and timbers of the area. The work was done by the W.P.A. during the depression. The rocks were chiceled an fitted by hand, the timbers have weath-ered to a beautiful silver gray. here is elaborate wrought iron work, much hand carving in Indian and animal designs and very interesting murals, all done on a massive scale as befits a mountain loca-tion. At that time labor was cheap--\$2.00 a day for stone masons. Now on the new addition they get \$9.00 an hour. At the time the building gave needed jobs to many and now it is a beautiful struc-ture of which all can be proud.

A special treat for the coffee break and lunch time was coffee and doughnuts, courtesy of Bronsons. There is still some snow around the Lodge, but there are flowers on the bare spots and many enjoyed riding the chair lift. Marty led a group up a near-by ridge pointing out small details of the ecology which often go un-noticed. on trip: Rolf and Bertha Anderson, Muriel Aufderheide, Lois and

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Perry Baker, Ray Cavagnaro, Glayds Gran-corvitz, Frankie Kardell, Margaret Mark-ley, Frances Newsom, Ruth Nichols, Dean and Pat Patterson, Russel & Hazel Peck, Frank & Sue Riemer, Reta Ridings, Myrtle Smith, Helen Weiser, Marie Carstensen, Mary Carter, Reva Dildine, Irene Flynn, Opal Forrester, Marion Fulkerson, Mae Hishon, Karen Loretz, Julia Lounsberry, Lorena Martin, Joe Silence, Carma Stocker

Our Bronson hosts, Ray & Joe made the trip enjoyable for every one. Leaders Frankie Kardell and Helen Weiser.

KONSERVATION KORNER by Marriner Orum
From the Sieera Club National News Report

EPA Proposes new, weaker Cleanair act
Regulations.....

The Environmental Protection Agency announced new proposed regulations for implementing the Clean Air Act. The reg-ulations contain many weak provisions & one significant loophole which makes the regulations essentially meaningless. The loophole would allow states to permit pollution up to the levels of the Nation-al secondary standards in all clean areas it it chooses. EPA also included a pro- vision deleting the essential require- ment that coal fired power plants burn- ing low sulfur fuels install pollution equipment--a provision which already exists in many states.

EPA has dropped the requirement that the best available pollution control technology be applied in all cases. They also exclude from these regulations four of the six pollutants for which National standards exist, covering only sulfur oxides and Particulates. EPA justifies the omission by saying that new auto emission controls will protect clean air regions from the others. Yet industrial sources are major sources for 3 of the 4 omitted pollutants. Industrial plants and all other sources of pollution are no longer required to monitor ambient air quality in their vicinity so there is no way to determine whether or not they are significantly degrading air quality ac- cording to Larry E. Mass, Sierra Club Director. The regulations clearly violate the law by ignoring the mandate of Con- gress, the courts and the people.

EPA also released the results of a poll that found that people are more in favor of fighting pollution than they were a year ago and that only 12% of Americans favored letting air pollution increase in areas that now have clean air, while 81% were opposed to that stra-

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ogy --- the strategy embodied in EPA's own latest clean air proposals.

The proposed regulations now go thru a comment period before final regulations are issued.

Here is an opportunity to ask EPA to revise the proposed regulations fo to maintain air quality. Ask that regulations be in accordance with the will of Congress, the people and the Courts.

We need regulations to protect and enhance the Nation's air quality.

Write your comments before September 21 to: Office of Air Quality, Planning and Standards, Environmental Agency, R^hsearch Triangle Park, North Carolina, 27711, Attention Mr. Padgett. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER BOARD NOTES

Bills - Always Bills -

- Bronson-Expo Bus Trip.....\$2416.00
- Bronson-Mt. Hood Bus Trip.....\$ 681-55
- EWEB.....\$ 27.55
- U.S.Bank-Box Rent to 10/'75.....\$ 7.00

TRIPS-Dave--9 reports in-5 cancelled-& 74 persons on the 9-2 trips made not reported yet.

CLIMBS-Don-6 completed-2 cancelled and Don says one leader he can get no report from, having made several requests.

MEMBERSHIP-Lois-Turned in applications from 12 persons who were all voted into the membership.

BLDG & GRNDS-Clarence-has two projects in mind for completion before the annual meeting--one--to complete rip-rap of the dirt bank left from building the "Rock Wall" with rock left over from same-two to give the inside of the Lodge a good cleaning. He needs volunteers as he does not like to resort to conscription.

Board adopted resolution to have short biography of each candidate nominated for positions on the Board to be made in the Annual Meeting Letter. Will do the best we can.

Everybody went home hungry as no refreshments were served.

Next Board Meeting will be the first Wednesday after the Annual Meeting.

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HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

Other trips in 1970 from the Summer Camp at Black Lake in the wilds of Idaho one north of camp at Satan Lake was a short trip, but the Mariposa Lily was found in the area and it was also good for swimming.

Another climb Henry Jeppesen and Imade passing two mine tunnels with their slag piles, but climbing towards the ridge top we were soon standing on the top of Pyramid Mtn. 8352 ft. one of the Seven Devils To the west we could see the Wallowa Mts in Oregon and on over the ridge was Horsepasture Lake whose trail came up the grassy hillside to meet the trails from our side of the wilderness. The silver mine close to the cold creek that ran thru camp, many silver samples were found and it became a test to find the best. Another road was taken on leaving camp, the town of Council in Idaho was the first town, then Baker in Oregon and Pendleton and home from another grand summer camp.

LAVA LAKE TO FROG CAMP 8/24

We left Eugene and drove to Lava Lake leaving one car at Frog Camp. We started on the Pacific Crest Trail at 9V30 and followed it to junction with Obsidian Trail. Beautiful fall day with blue sky. Took a slow and lazy pace, stopping often for great views as far as Mt. Adams. Meadows now in full bloom with Indian Paint Brush, Heather etc., making a great show

After sunning and foot cooling at Sunshine we decided to go on to Obsidian Falls and down Obsidian Trail to Whitebranch Creek. Much of the area between Sunshine & Falls still covered by snow. Arrived at Frog Camp 6:30. Too bad only four people elected to enjoy the great weather, beautiful views of mountains & flowers, plenty of fresh cold water and no sing of mosquitos. Those that did enjoy this day were: Bill McLead, Paul Seeman, Bill Joneschild and the leader Lee Hatch.

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