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NO. 2

HATS OFF

- To these folks who attained the 3 Peaks Award in '69.
Mary Bridgeman
Catherine Jones
Helen Lynch
Kevin, Steve and Lenore McManigal
Lois Schreiner
Ilene Yates

We are told by Ron Nunemaker that 275 climbers took part in 29 climbs this year. Wow!

Just because the trip schedule is over, don't think for a moment we have hibernated - no-sir-ee!

Keep your eye peeled for the "SNOWBUNNIE REPORT" this winter!

The Annual Xmas Tree Hunt on Mike Stahl's tree farm near Cresswell will be held Sunday, Dec. 14.

Mike will be glad to cut a tree the size needed by anyone unable to cut their own, and will have it at his house to be picked up. However, he needs 'your order' a few days in advance, so call him in plenty of time. There will be a small charge for each tree.
(Please pay at "branch" office.)

READERS! Did you know that if you want pertinent road or trail info about any trips or climbs since goodness knows when, you can have our librarian Edith Bridgeman find it for you or tell you where you can find it?

Bob Medill recently celebrated his 600th - no, he turned over his 600th Betty Crocker coupon to the Princesses.

LATE FLASH!

Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lodge, November 27.
Turn to page 6 for details now.

I mark the summer's swift decline;
The springing sward its grave-clothes weaves.
Oh, could I catch the sounds remote!
Could I but tell to human ear
The strains which on the breezes float
And sing the requiem of the dying year!

Many B.C. coupons were received from Edna Temple and others recently.
"Bob, hope this is not too late for the Nov. Bulletin".
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SAVE GOLD BOND STAMPS, BOOKS, AND REDEMPTION CERTIFICATES

SAVE BETTY CROCKER COUPONS AND FLAVOR*PAC LABELS!

(these can be used anywhere - we get credit for mentioning them in our bulletin - I forgot to give it to you the last time - thanks.)
"You're welcome - whoever you are."

CLIMB LEADERS!

Want to know how to make your Reports more interesting for the reading interest of the members?

Keep your reports short (200 words) and to the point. Keep mileage details and road info separate from the main report.

The gory details of the climb or hike is what they want to read.

HEY, YOU LEADERS! PAY ATTENTION!

Be Sure to get your reports in by the last day of each month, to insure that your report is current news. Who wants to read stale news?! Heavens-to-Betsy!

PRINCESS NEWS

Princess Meadowlark - (Charlotte Lemon) invites the Princesses to meet at her home, 1280 Mill St., at 7:30 P.M., Mon. November 17, 1969.

Twelve enjoyed homemade ginger bread with whipped cream at the home of Nellie McWilliams - (Lightning) on Oct. 20. New officers are: Thelma Watson - (Pine Tree), President, Wilma Moore (Pipsissewa) Vice Pres., Barbara Hasek (Sun-On-The-Snow) Secretary-treasurer. - next P. -

Princesses, cont.-

Plans were completed for Annual initiation. Decided to have committee meet Thurs. aft. to send out the Maltese Crosses.

"I deeply regret I must resign from the Obsidians, as I am moving away from Eugene."

- Barrett L. Tomlinson
- We're sorry, too, B.L."

Our ANNUAL MEETING was well attended as usual. The potluck was organized by Lois Schreiner, entertainment chairman, who was assisted by members of the entertainment committee. Lois takes this opportunity to thank the '68 - '69 committee for assisting so well throughout the year. "Thank YOU, Lois."

At the HALLOWEEN POTLUCK, Leslie Cooper entertained the Obsidians with stories and magic Nov. 25.

The program and potluck was arranged by Lois Schreiner with assistance of Bea LeFevre, Johnny and Clarence Johnson, and innumerable volunteers. The trip fee netted \$11.50 and the sale of Jack-o-lanterns (designed by and carved by Bea) totaled \$1.50.

Tar and Feathers Committee

Clarence somebody said that the Princess group did a yeoman job of cleaning up the inside of the Lodge, just before the Summer Camp Reunion. "We thank them, and for their good efforts they should be rewarded by having this job as a permanent duty."

I hear this new committee is out looking for this person called Clarence - .

C.L. "feathers" Landes says that 110 hours was spent this past year on the grounds, most of which was spent clearing and grading the road around the Lodge.

Long Tom River is said to be of Indian origin - a tribal name of Lung-tum-ler. It was once called Lumtum Buff, back in 1841.

Meet Your New Officers and
Committee Chairman.

President, Wayne Renfro
Vice Pres. Clarence Johnson
Sec. Mary Carr

Treas. Hazen Bressler

Publications Bob Cox

Entertainment Frank Moore

Trips Lois Schreiner

Climbs Ben Ross

Search, Rescue Gary Kirk

Outing Clarence Johnson

Membership Ron Nunemaker

Library Edith Bridgeman

Conservation Don Hunter

Science & Ed. Mary Stovall

Youth act. Frank Moore

Bld. & Grounds Clarence Landes

Your Christmas bulletin will have more complete information and phone numbers for you.

The Canadian Rockies

Did you know that Norm Benton spent some time this fall in the Lake O'Hara area in Canada?

He says "This is the place I would like to see Summer Camp sometime." - You bet, Norm!

In next month's Bulletin look for an article entitled

"Razor Blades for Cavemen".

This was passed in by Roger Bridgeman, and should prove to be a most interesting article about the Lipari Islands of Sicily, yet tells something about our own area here.

Ladies! Want to know how to make "Pink Frozen Salad" like you saw and ate at the Annual Meeting Potluck?

Well, Bob Medill is the culprit that put that scrumptious delight on the table, and he has consented to cut loose of the 'secret recipe' which has been in the family for centuries.

So look for recipe in next month's Obsidian Bulletin.

Of course, don't expect the recipe to be quite the same as his! His Pink Frozen Salad must of course be "just a bit better."

- It should be available to you in time for Xmas dinner.

NORTH SISTER Aug. 10

John Anderson's shockingly detailed climb report goes like this:

"Got up early and climbed the North Sister. Weather was good."

Helping him to the top were Larry and Roger Smith, John and Lenore McManigal, Ron Nunemaker and Question Mark Cox??.

MT. WASHINGTON Aug. 14-17

Take a note of advice from Leader J.H. Jeppesan - "Time should be definitely allowed to find George Lake on the way in." - and - "This route is much more tiring than the Big Lake Route."

Of the nine climbers, Rachel Roach was the only other Obsidian.

DIAMOND PEAK Aug. 23,24

This was a "No Good" climb. - NO mosquitos - GOOD party, and a GOOD climb. He says, "Weather partly cloudy, windy, and cool."

For once, leader did not get lost coming off the mountain."

Besides C.W. were members Roger Smith, G.H. Wannier, and non-members Jeanette, Kenny, Mitch, and Steve Daletas.

MT. JEFFERSON Aug. 23,24

Wow! Read this tantalizing tale! "Climbed via Jeff Park Glacier. Party stopped at approx. 8,500' level on glacier (at a large lateral moraine) where crevasse field starts, roped up and waited one hour for daylight. Climbed diagonally upward to left one-third of glacier and straight through the bare ice fall - very interesting and enjoyable climbing.

Passed lower 'schrund on left side and traversed entire glacier width to right side to avoid rock fall. Climbed steep (60 degrees) snow finger on far right side of upper 'schrund.

We were greeted at top of glacier by a blast of wind which at times threatened to blow us from the N.W. ridge. Blowing sand scoured our goggles and eyes - the strength of the wind at times required travel on the cleaver on all fours. - read on - -

-gasp, shudder, tremble! ! - -

"The upper 500 ft. of the mtn. was socked in solid, and the pinnacle had rime ice forming on the rocks. On top at 12:30P.M. - (10 hrs up, 5 down - a record for Obsidian Party on this route).

Exit by way of Whitewater Glacier - Mazamas and Chemeketans did not make it to summit this day.

- Tom Taylor

Other members on climb were Randy Cox and Bill Snell. 7 in all.

NORTH SISTER Aug. 30

(Notice that this report is to the point, as was the climb.)

Left Scott Camp 6A.M. on top about 11A.M. with a slight breeze on a beautiful day. *Don Cole and *Adell Wilkinson climbed the Middle also, while we were bringing the rest of the party down.

Leader Frank Moore

Other party-goers were Dennis Cole, Gary Jensen, Terry Jones, Bill Ross and *Craig Tupper

SOUTH SISTER Aug. 30,31, Sept.1

Hey! Read this report. Used Waldo Lake road, then 8 miles of graded but not graveled road to get to paved Century Drive. This cut-off is passable to passenger cars and is a time saver.

Hiked 5 miles from Ditch Cabin below Ball Butte to Green Lakes for camp. Up at 4:30, hiking by moonlight at 5:30 and on to Summit at 10:30 A.M. Sunday.

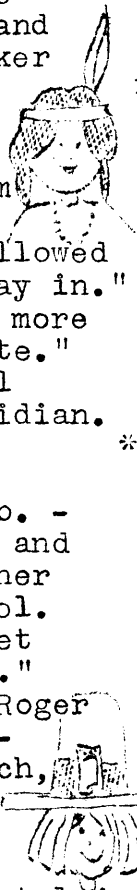
No wind. Beautiful day. Spent (*%#) on summit. Pat Golden, a 12 year old recently from Cleveland Heights, Ohio said, "I didn't know anything really looked like this except in pictures in books!"

Leisurely trip down, a swim in Green Lakes, meal and bed Sun. night.

Leader John Bascom

Other "Sutherners" were Cindy, Ellen, Tom and Paul Bascom, *Sue Brayton, *Olin and *Sandra Byerly, *Gary Tepfer and 'Hank' Plant, who is now a full fledged member.

Dumb-Bell Lake was not named for the stupe that found it, but because of its shape. Dee Wright found it 2 mi. so. of Horse Mtn.



BROKEN TOP Sept. 6,7

(The heart of this report, as explained by substitute Leader *Stuart Rich, reminds us all again why the Obsidians have so few accidents on their climbs - prudence and caution shall rule. -)

"x had never climbed a mountain before, y indicated a desire to remain at the saddle, and z seemed quite fatigued and displayed no rock-climbing skill.

The first steep pitch to the summit had poor holds and crumbling rock, and there was exposure on the summit. We were a small party with only one other experienced climber, who was a highschool boy, besides myself, to handle an accident situation in case it arose.

We had to proceed cautiously across scree slope on return and cross country, so I wanted to be down the mountain well before dark.

On the climb with Stu were Mary Bridgeman, David Harp, Jeff Huhns, Lois Schreiner and Claudia Wilkins.

NORTH SISTER Sept. 13,14

J.H. Jeppeson Jr. said, "On way in we met 4 or 5 men packing out airplane parts from a wreck, and a large group on horseback from Blue Lake, one being Ed Lovègren's brother. The evening was quite cold, so most of us went to bed early for warmth. We had mostly a rock climb except for top of glacier. Crossed some crevasses and would have been on top by 11A.M. but missed the rock shute entrance by following a well defined 'wrong trail'. There were trails all over the ridge on the way up, this late in the year.

Had a good time on top - cool but tolerable.

Of 11 climbers, members were Ed Harms, Dave and Glenn Mears, Wes Prouty and Rachel Roach.

Bend, Oregon was first known and named Farewell Bend by early travelers and immigrants, because it was the last view of Deschutes River as they were leaving.

Mt. Nebo Sept. 21

Art Steel says "The entire party went up the 3/4 mile mtn road to the lookout, and found that the girl who mans? it was in town for the day. After a half hour spent climbing the tower, looking and taking pictures, all proceeded to the true summit 1/2 mi. to the East. All but three made the final rock climb to the top, and after an hour spent for lunch, hiked back to the cars. Surprisingly enough, no rain fell and a wonderful distant view was enjoyed.

One deer, several grouse, small birds, ravens, squirrels and coon tracks were seen.

With Art was Arlene Steele, Mary Bridgeman,*Judy and Ron Faich, Dorothy Hayes, Wes Prouty, Lois Schreiner And Barbara Stiles.

MACDUFF PEAK Sept. 27

Mary Holland relates that at the foot of Saddle Trail on the East Fork Road her group hiked up and then North on the Olallie Trail at Horsepasture Saddle, following it until it met the O'Leary Trail.

This trail followed the ridgetop through forest and meadows of slippery, waist high grass. We reached helispot 415 about noon and pushed on, as the map showed MacDuff just a bit farther west.

When the trail began dropping off the ridge, the party decided that MacDuff was probably behind us and up hill, so there we went.

The top was not MacDuff, and because of the trees we couldn't see where we were supposed to go either. As it was well into the afternoon, and part of the group wanted to be back in town for supper, we ate lunch and headed back toward the trail and the car.

We missed the trail in a meadow, and discovered the fact an hour later and several hundred feet down the E. Fork drainage. Climbing to the ridge we found the trail and headed homeward. Everyone agreed that it was an enjoyable trip; an enjoyable variety of trail or non trail; and most of all an enjoyable party. With her were Mary Bridgeman, David Meyh & Lois Schr.

SOUTH SISTER Sept. 27,28

A party of 8 Young boys and 3 Old boys left Eugene in a light shower of rain, suggesting that the weatherman may not cooperate with our climb. We arrived at Green Lakes late Sat. aft. - no dust on the trail because it was after the first fall rains. We left camp 5:30 Sun. With the spirited crew we moved along at a good pace and were all on top in almost a record breaking 4 1/4 hrs.

We were in complete fog from about 8,000 ft. on up, and it was quite cold and windy, so the lunch stop on top was short. There was no view until we got down a thousand feet or so, and it really turned out to be a beautiful day.

John McManigal condescended to go on this trip as co-leader and he also supplied his big crew bus which comfortably carried 8 of us.

This was the first climb for several of the boys.

Trailing Marriner Orum were Terry Jones, Ervin and Steve Joll, Tim Loftis, John & Rick McManigal, Dan & John Platt, Steve Liepe and Craig Tupper.

GRASSHOPPER MOUNTAIN Sept. 28

- John Johnson sure hopped thru this report in a hurry.

"A real beautiful trip, and well worth repeating next July when the flowers are out. Part of the party went out a different way and every body was satisfied."

Hopping along with John were *Evelyn Abraham, Mary Bridgeman, *Yu-Larry Cheng, Dorothy and Roger Hayes, Clarence -Landes & Johnson, Lenore, Kevin & Steven McManigal, Frank & Wilma Moore, Bea LeFevre, Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith and Paula Vehrs.

BLACK BUTTE Oct. 4

Started 7:45 A.M., arrived home -? (played on the way)

A beautiful day and a happy group. A nearly-clear day with a few billowy clouds and New Snow in the high Cascade Mts. down to 4,500 feet gave us a "ringside seat" to a fabulous view.

- We were a little early (maybe two weeks) for the Quaking Aspen and Tamarac but the Maples gave us a good show of color.

- Clarence Landes, with Mary Bridgeman, Mary Carr, Elizabeth Glover, Wes Prouty and Paula Vehers right on his heels.

SCOTT MOUNTAIN Oct. 5

We were on the trail at 9:30 and got to the top at noon. The weather was perfect for pictures.

Snow varied from 1 to 6 inches.

Enjoyed an hour and a half - (a half of what, Mary?) on top.

On the way down we explored the Tenas Lakes, and two of the party swam in the lake - then headed on down to Benson Lake.

A delightful 'snowman' had been sculptured in one of the meadows - his name was 'Mr. Hi!'

Returned to Eugene with everyone declaring they had a wonderful time.

- Mary Bridgeman and Duchess Cox and Lois Schreiner and Helen Smith and *Fred Swanson and *Barry Tobias and Judy Tobias and Gregory Wannier.

FOUR IN ONE CRATER Oct. 12

I was very pleased to have a young lady on this trip whose dad hiked with me 15 years ago with the Mt. Baker Hiking Club in Bellingham, Washington. Her name is Bev Howell, and a good hiker, too. With one in four chances of finding the Crater, we broke trail in bright sunshine and ever deepening snow till we got to the blanketed lava beds on the Scott Trail. We scrambled to a high lookout point on the lava for a spectacular view of the Sisters with snow spindrift off the summits in high wind.

A seemingly new spirit pervaded the atmosphere as we all sang spontaneously to the tune of Hank Plant's tiny harmonica, and we crowded the campfire while we ate our lunches. We hurled ourselves pell mell over the steep pitches of the Scott Trail back to the cars, then headed over (next p.)



COME, OBSIDIANS AND FRIENDS!

T H A N K S G I V I N G
D I N N E R

NOVEMBER 27 (Thursday)
at the Obsidian Lodge - 1 P.M.

Turkey, Dressing, Gravy -
a la Selma.

Bring your own table service,
and choice of vegetable, salad
or pie.

Call Mary Carr for reservations
by November 24 (Monday).
Call evenings 344-1082.
Adults - \$1.50
Children under 10 - 75¢.

Members!

This is the first time we
have used our new (new to us)
addressing machine. All the
address plates have been remade.

If there is anything wrong
or missing with your address,
please notify either Mary
Castelloe, Gerry Fehly or Bob
Cox. We will be glad to hear
from you (like heck).

Did we mention that Steve Pitts,
a junior member of the Obsidians
from Medford, regularly turns
in Betty Crocker coupons?
"We thank you, Steve."

4 in 1 Crater continued -
over the summit and back the
Santiam, stopping to absorb every
view and every point of interest.
- Bob Cox, and his mother, Mary
Bridgeman, Helen Smith, Goddard
Smith, Lois Schreiner, Wes Prouty.

FALL COLOR TRIP October 18

Left Eugene 9 A.M. by Grey-
hound bus with 37 aboard - 18 non-
members and 19 members. Beautiful
fall colors and a bright, lovely
day. Stopped at Ice Cap Campground
where Ray Cavagnaro unloaded the
coffee tank and the "girls"
produced boxes and bags of home-
made cookies. Took a short trail
around side of camp for a beautiful
view of Koosah Falls and were met
at the junction by the bus.

Then on to Bend and Sunriver
Lodge where we had lunch in the
beautiful coffee room, quickly
explored facilities in the building
and were taken on foot and by bus
for a tour of the area. We left
Sunriver about 3 P.M. and came
home by way of Santiam Pass, which
put on quite a show of mountains
and autumn leaves. Stopped at
Cascadia Park for another coffee
and tea break with more cookies
which seemed to appear like magic.
Arrived home at 7 P.M.

-Ray Cavagnaro and Gerry Fehly

CARPENTER MOUNTAIN October 18

Ten happy hikers emerged
from the smog on the drive up, and
arrived at the Carpenter Mtn.
Lookout before noon. There we
looked down on oceans of white
fleece and marveled at the beauty
of the surrounding peaks. A chilly
breeze made the sunny side a
congenial place for lunch.

Half the group retraced their
way to the cars. The rest explored
the Blue River Trail and returned
via the crumbling road (1501)
and a steep cut-off area extending
the hike to about a 5½ mile loop.

A ruffled grouse and ice in the
spring added interest for the
hikers Gerald Fry, John Johnson,
Dorothy and John Leland, Francis
Radebaugh, Lois Schreiner, Helen
Smith, Stoddard Smith, Helen
Weiser and reporter Bea LeFevre.

BIG BELKNAP CRATER October 18

Originally scheduled for the 11th
but postponed because of illness
of leader. One foot of new snow
was deciding factor in canceling.

SADDLE BLANKET MTN. October 26

A party of twenty-six left the park blocks 8:15 A.M. .

Drove up Big Fall Creek to Andy Creek and on up to Little Saddle Blanket Shelter. Then by trail $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles to Saddle Blanket Lookout, arriving 11 A.M.. Had our lunch and enjoyed the view.

Visibility was fair, could see Mt. Jefferson and Three Sisters pretty well. Was a cloudy day, and we did get a sprinkle of rain.

Party then split up, some going on down trail to Winberry Road, and rest of us back to the cars. We then drove around down Winberry Road and picked up rest of our party and on out home.

On the trip were:

Lorene Bressler, Mary Bridgeman, Keith Brunig, *Bob Capron, Ina Foss, Dorothy & Roger Hayes, John Johnson, *Gary Kemp, Clarence Landes, 4 McManigals, 6 Moffitts, 2 Renfro's, 1 Schreiner, Helen & *Stoddard Smith and Paula Vehrs.

- Wayne Renfro, leader

HATS OFF!

Did you notice that we have two Obsidian ladies listed in the 6th Edition of Who's Who of American Women? They were chosen from from women from U.S., Canada, and foreign countries on the basis of meritorious service in civic or vocational endeavors.

Meet Phyllis Marjorie Ford, Re.D., Assoc. Professor of recreation & park management, Univ. of Oregon. Also meet Ila Pauline Layne, teacher of Spanish, English & social studies, Cascade Jr. High.

November Board Meeting

Bills approved:

P.O. Box rental - - - -	\$6.50
Real Property taxes - net	168.66
Greyhound - - - - -	151.23
Quick Service Litho - - -	24.00
Mischler's - - - - -	15.00
E.W.E.B. - - - - -	23.04
Domestic Laundry - - - -	4.75
Bulletin Postage - - - -	18.60

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

No. 69 by Ray Sims

In 1956 at the annual mtg. to be voted on, was to change the meeting night from the 'first' Tuesday to the second Tuesday in October. (now, it seems odd)

Also in February the news of the passing of J. Ed Turnbull, the Obsidians 3rd president.

And to me it was a great loss as Ed was one of the five of us in those rainsoaked tents, at Frog Camp in 1927, on the Ferry and Cramer search, that we first had plans to come back to town and plan the organization of the Obsidians.

The first sojourn on skis was held on February 12th when 9 members left the Willamette Ski Area, skied to the Odell Lake junction, swung onto the unplowed road past the summer homes all snowbound, soon past the partly frozen over Odell Lake.

The railroad tunnel was reached with ease, and reminded most of us of the ski trains that we Obsidians used to sponsor. One train in 1936 held 632 members. Needless to say but skiing was the winter sport in those days. Those on this ideal trip; Mary and Bailey Castelloe, Bernie Lehrman, Helen Hughes, Mary Cavagnaro, Merle Simmons, Henry and Dale Carlson, and Ray Sims, leader.

BEACHCOMBERS REST Nov. 1,2

27 Obsidians and friends enjoyed the beautiful warm sunny weather at the beach Saturday, ending the day with a delightful driftwood fire where we sang many songs, popped corn and roasted m mallows.

Sunday we visited Bob Imrie's agate-polishing water wheel on Tenmile Creek, although there was not enough water to run the tumbler this time of year. Then we all gathered at Bea LeFevre's Yachats cottage for potluck dinner. We wish to say Thank You to everyone for making this a grand weekend, and to Bea for entertaining us on Sun.

- Mary and Bailey Castelloe



PEOPLE OF THE WORLD!

ARE YOU LOSING YOUR GRIP ON LIFE?

Are you in a rut? Are you bored with your existence?

Is your life one of sluggish monotony?

Then We, The OBSIDIANS invite you - "Come Into Our World!"

Ours is a life of joy and song.

It is friendship and sharing - sharing the pleasure of finding a hidden flower; sharing the experience of hearing the song of a bird; sharing the almost elusive scent of Lupine, and the intoxicating odor of the mountain forests; sharing with each other the joy of living!

Join us on the mountain-tops as our hearts leap with joy at the incredible scenery at our feet.

Join us around our Lodge fireplace only ten minutes from the heart of Eugene, deep in a woodland setting suggestive of a wilderness area far from the noises and smells, and the cares of the city.

NOW is the time to enjoy life more!

Join us in God's "World of Nature".

We sincerely invite YOU!

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