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# Weather Watch

## Cave Junction

	<b>Thursday, Aug 14</b> Partly Cloudy High -- 85 Low -- 55
	<b>Friday, Aug 15</b> Clear High -- 90 Low -- 58
	<b>Saturday, Aug 16</b> Clear High -- 92 Low -- 59
	<b>Sunday, Aug 17</b> Clear High -- 92 Low -- 59
	<b>Monday, Aug 18</b> Clear High -- 93 Low -- 60
	<b>Tuesday, Aug 19</b> Clear High -- 95 Low -- 62
	<b>Wednesday, Aug 20</b> Clear High -- 95 Low -- 63

Following are the high & low temperatures, and rainfall recorded at The End of the Road in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson:

Aug	High	Low
25	99.9	53.2
26	98.6	55.2
27	88.2	60.4
28	92.5	56.7
29	91.9	60.6
30	93.2	54.0
31	96.1	53.8

July Rain: 0.00" YTD Rain: 48.11"  
 Average Yearly Rain Total: 72.00"

# Winding Trails: by Al Hobart

Thursday, August 13, 1964 – Illinois Valley News, Cave Junction, OR –

## Never Neglect a Mountain or Canyon

Ten years ago, on the densely wooded, nearly brushless shore of Kelly Lake, on the Indian Creek drainage below Poker Flat, I found an odd little saprophyte growing in the forest mold that somewhat resembled the snow plant, except that it was whitish instead of red. I brought it home, picked it apart under my magnifying glass and determined that it was the fringed pinesap, *Pleurocospora fimbriolata*. This is a different plant from the hairy pinesap found here in the Valley, which is *Hypopitys lanuginosa*.

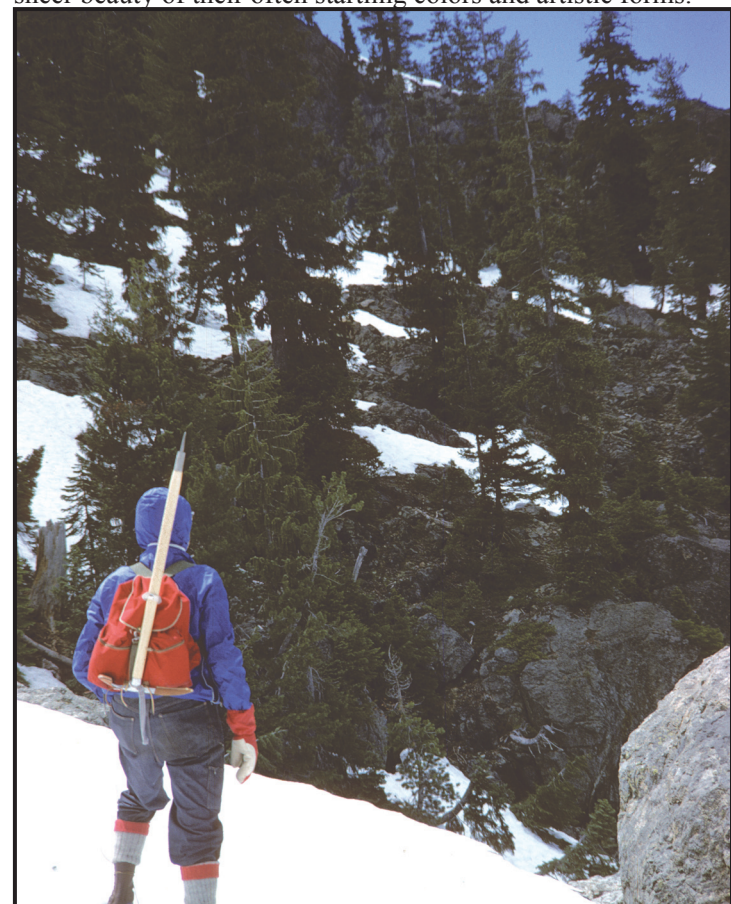
Until this spring I had never run across another one of these strange plants. Then one day, I decided to investigate a couple of my near mountains that I had never climbed before, Chicago Peak and Little Sanger. Near the top of both of these mountains I found a number of fringed pinesaps hiding in the woods near the rocky summits.

Another little stranger that I found near the 5,200-foot top of Little Sanger is Howell's draba, an attractive little yellow-flowered member of the mustard family. In Abrams' Illustrated Flora of the Pacific States the type locality of this wee draba is given as Preston Peak and that is the only place I had seen it till I climbed Little Sanger. And the 4-inch high Siskiyou fritillary, with its large dark-purple, yellow speckled nodding flower and few broad whitish-green leaves that I have seen before only near Tennessee Peak, is in bloom on Little Sanger. On both Little Sanger and Chicago Peak I found the rich waxy-red snow plants just pushing up through the forest duff. I really hit the jackpot on these two peaks, and in the future I'll try to remember the lesson they have taught me: never neglect a mountain or canyon just because it happens to be in your own backyard

There is something extremely fascinating about these saprophytes, flowering plants that thrive in deep shade where ordinary flowers can't grow. Some are very colorful, and because of this, are strikingly attractive in the "shadowy forest" where they are usually found – the beautiful, red, snow plant sometimes found pushing its way up through the snow; soft-yellow, translucent pinesap, and the gleaming white Indian pipe. All are examples of living beings springing from and thriving upon the dead, the rotting vegetable matter beneath the trees and shrubs. With the funguses, a lower, non-flowering order of plant

life, the saprophytes are scavengers of the forest, doing their small but helpful bit toward cleaning up the decaying cast-off material that yearly cumulates on the forest floor. In the forest this debris is almost constantly falling: dead leaves, twigs, and-bits of bark are gently raining down; often large branches, sometimes entire dead trees fall to the ground; high winds uproot live trees and add them to the accumulation of forest litter that nature must somehow dispose of. This is accomplished in various ways. The dreaded forest fire is by far the quickest operator, but it destroys the living as well as the dead, and, uncontrolled, is an enemy of all living things. The slower but friendly bacteria break down the discarded vegetable matter and make it available as plant food; the fungi do their helpful part.

But the really glamorous members of the forest's shadow-dwelling understory friends are the saprophytes. And what they may fail to supply in impressive results they make up for in the sheer beauty of their often startling colors and artistic forms.



The North side of Little Sanger Peak.

**Deadline for Labor Day will be Thursday, August 28 at 5 p.m. Thank you!**

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