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Eleven of our trips this summer have been planned with the help of the Scientific Committee. These trips will be into parts of our High Country along the boundaries of Wild or Wilderness Areas, and we intend to examine them, as well as possible, to determine whether or not they should be included in the Areas.

The northernmost section is between Clear Lake and the present Mt. Washington Wild Area. It is mostly lava beds, with some fertile "islands". We wish to determine whether this section, including the east shore of Clear Lake, should be included in the Wild Area.

On the southern boundary of the Mt. Washington Wild Area are the Tenas Lakes, which we wish to explore, and the Scott Trail and Deer Butte section. The Scott Trail is of historical significance, as well as being in a fine recreational area. Deer Butte, being on the ridge above the McKenzie Highway, would be better protected if it were included in the Wild Area.

Then, on the south side of the highway, are Rainbow Creek and Rainbow Falls. These at present, are part of the boundary of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area, but are threatened by logging along the Foley Ridge Road. We want to examine this country closely, and also the area to the north of the road along the top of Foley Ridge, to see if logging there threatens to become visible from the highway.

The inclusion of the country between Horse Creek and the South Fork in the Wilderness Area is still undecided. Our Fourth of July trip from Frissell Crossing to McKenzie Bridge follows the Olallie Trail through this country. This will be a wonderful trip, and we'd like a large number of Obsidians on it. Members of other Western Outdoor Clubs are being invited as well as the Forest Service and Forestry Ecologists from Oregon State College.

The Forest Service plans to create a Wild Area around, but not including Waldo Lake. We want to look over this area too and two trips, the Mt. Fuji Trip and the Waldo Lake trip are scheduled for this purpose.

Trips For May

- MAY 11 - SILVER CREEK FALLS - Dorr and Myrtie Hamlin, leader. This trip is traditional with Obsidians and each year is one of the most popular. A lovely hike as far around the 9 falls as you want to go, and a potluck dinner afterward like only the Hamlins can "cook up"!
- MAY 18 - ROOSTER ROCK - Dick Mengler, leader. A peak not far from Upper Soda on the Santiam.
- MAY 25 - RAINBOW FALLS - The Onthinks, leaders. Rainbow Falls is tantalizing unknown. See more about it on page 3.
- MAY 30-JUNE 1 - 3 DAYS - Henry Jeppesen, Ldr. Headquarters at Obsidian Cabin - with trips out from there. Or, if you like, sunny hours of picnicking and relaxing. Watch for announcements.

ALL OBSIDIANS

A Special Meeting has been called for MONDAY, MAY 19TH to vote on several important items of vital interest to every member of the club.

BE SURE TO BE THERE! It begins with a potluck dinner at 6:30 (DAY-LIGHT SAVING TIME) at the Washington Street Recreational Center.

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MEMBER: Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs; Pacific Northwestern Ski Association; Central Cascade Recreational Council.

PRINCESS DOINGS

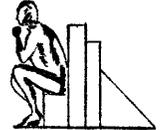
The Princesses will serve breakfast atop Mary's Peak, Thursday morning, June 19th. This will be a high spot in the June 17, 18, 19th meeting of the Western Division of the American Nature Study Society at Corvallis. Chairman of the planning committee is Obsidian Princess Ruth Hopson. All Obsidians are invited to any or all of the events. The breakfast will be followed by a Mary's Peak field trip. There will be exhibits, a campus field trip, a meeting in an experimental forest to learn about the Douglas Fir, kodachrome slides and talks about nature hobbies. Dr. Olaus J. Murie, president of the Wilderness Society, whom many Obsidians know, will lead the Wednesday afternoon program. The Obsidians have invited those attending to join them for the Pyramid Mt. trip June 15, the Clear Lake trip June 22, and the pack trip along the ridge sector of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area (Olallie Trail) July 4, 5, and 6th.

The Princesses took part in hosting the John Craig Racers and Tourers at Belknap Springs April 26-27; they took care of registration for meals and lodging and collection of fees, etc., and served Sunday breakfast to the 64 visitors. An advance scouting trip was made to the McKenzie area to visit Belknap Springs, and to plan the food, which was purchased from Phil's Phine Phoods. Viola Bixby, 1951 Obsidian summer camp, was chef.

There are so many people everywhere who contributed in some way to the success of the John Craig weekend, and the Princesses say thanks to all, and especially to the Bigelows and Smiths who turned over their Kitchen at Belknap Springs for our use, and to the Phillips of Phil's Phine Phoods who were so helpful with our food problems.

Helen Kilpatrick entertained the Princesses in April. Colored slides taken in Alaska by Adeline Adams and Florence Fulton were shown. John Craig Memorial letters were distributed. The date of the May meeting was changed to the 26th, because of the Club meeting the 19th. Helen Weiser will entertain the group in May.

Girl Scout Troup #69 invited the group to their Court of Honors, May 26th.

I Was Thinking...

Our Membership Chairman remarked the other day that a good many Obsidians are in arrears in their dues. She doesn't know exactly what to do. We dislike to drop members; but neither can we afford to carry them on the rolls and continue to mail them the Bulletin, which alone is an item of considerable expense. So, all you folks who haven't paid your dues - please get it done and help us out of this dilemma!

About the special meeting May 19th: The Board has noted several sections of our Constitution that, in our opinion, should be changed, to clarify meanings, and to provide more specific instructions. A Constitutional Revision Committee, George Jack, Bob Lemon, and Clarence Scherer, after a great deal of research, have presented several changes which the Board has approved. The special meeting has been called so that the Club can act on them.

At the same meeting, I hope we can have a discussion on plans for a Town Clubhouse. The Building Committee worked long and hard trying to get our lot at 17th and High rezoned so we could build there; but our petition was turned down. I think the committee would like to know what the Club, as a whole, wants. I know they deserve our cooperation. Let's all be there.

. . . Mike

OBSIDIANS SPONSOR

"MISS SKI TOUR OF 1952" CONTEST

Miss Carol Wiest won the title of "Miss Ski Tour of 1952", the contest sponsored by the Obsidians in conjunction with the John Craig Race and Tour. She was "Miss Diamond Peak", of the Oakridge Ridgers.

Invitational letters were sent by the Ski Committee to Northwest Clubs asking for representatives. Ten girls arrived in Eugene Saturday and were guests of the Obsidians during the weekend.

Pat Kehoe, Miss Mt. Hood, Cascade S.C.
Pat Carolchuck, Miss Ski Bowl, Cheechakoc
Mary Whittaker, Miss Alaska, Juneau S.C.
Myrna Berg, Miss Olympus, Olympic S.C.
Sharon Gardner, Miss Willamette Pass,
Tri-Pass S.C.

Pat McKee, Miss McKenzie Pass, Skyliners
Marcia Maple, Miss Bachelor Butte, Jr. Sky
Janice Johnson, Miss Edelweiss, Roseburg
Chloeann Owens, Miss Three Sisters, Obsid

BEAUTY

THE TREASURE OF OUR WILDERNESS

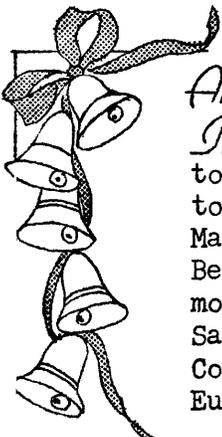
Our entire Three Sisters Wilderness Area is of greatest value as an unmarred natural resource of scenic beauty. This primeval beauty as enjoyed so tremendously by us today was enjoyed too by those before us, and must be preserved for the enjoyment of those of the future.

There are those who would exploit a great part (103 square miles) of our favorite area for personal greed and thereby destroy this scenic wonderland forever. True, that within a hundred years after this timber is cut, a fine new stand of second growth will have grown in its place; but only to be cut again. A few will profit monetarily if this great area is opened to logging, and in turn the entire nation loses forever one of its very richest scenic areas. Does this profit for a few, balance the loss to so many?

We, of the Obsidian Club and other outdoor enthusiasts, treasure the solitude of our long often difficult walks through the forests which offer none of the landmarks of civilization other than the winding trail. Even the trail may be left behind and goes unseen as we stand atop a high vantage point within the area. From within this seclusion we look in all directions and see not the remotest trace of man's accomplishments, nor hear the sounds of his machines.

Rather we see a great masterpiece of scenic beauty, created thousands of years ago and which Time is continually improving. Yes, we cherish the remoteness and beauty of this primeval area so generously presented to us by the long, hard work of Mother Nature. Is it just that a few should destroy and take from so many, Her painstaking work of countless ages?

Dale Carlson



An Invitation Is Extended

to all members of the club to attend the wedding of Marjorie Beckett to William Beaman of Albany. The ceremony will be at 3:00 P.M. Saturday, June 7th, at the Congregational Church in Eugene.

A PEEK INTO THE FUTURE (Continued)

To the south, the Diamond Peak Wild Area merits our attention. No trip, at present is planned for this section but the Climb of Diamond Peak should give us an opportunity to look it over. There is also a trip scheduled to the upper McKenzie River to check the location of the proposed Clear Lake cut-off. There has been some question concerning the best location for the road grade in some places.

These trips have been planned by the Scientific and Trips Committees to give the Obsidians a better knowledge of our Cascades country. They are something of a departure from our usual "lookout peak" hikes, and we will examine more closely the country we usually see only at a distance. If you are interested in any particular area or trip and would like to help plan and conduct a trip, call Keith Brunig, Ruth Onthank, or

Mike Stahl.

RAINBOW FALLS

This is the first of our exploratory trips into this practically unknown territory. Shortly after Rainbow Creek falls off the Husband Mountain higher country, it joins Separation Creek. All of Rainbow Creek, then Separation Creek, are part of the northern Boundary of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area. Above McKenzie Bridge the party will take the Foley Ridge Logging Road and drive eight miles to Rainbow Vantage Point. From this fine view point Louise Creek Trail goes to Rainbow Creek, and it will then be "cross-country" a short distance down the creek to the Falls. The leader expects to take the party to the bottom of the falls. It is hoped that his exploratory trip will result in a practical way down the cliffs as only one man has descended them so far. People who have seen Rainbow Falls from Horsepasture Mountain say it is quite a falls. The Cascades and small falls at the top, the wild setting, and the intimate view across the creek canyons to Horsepasture Mountain, Lamb Butte and Taylor Castle make the trip worth while.

Ruth Onthank

DID YOU KNOW.....?

that Doc Keller has been called by Uncle Sam and the only address we have is his home, 303 S. Minnesota, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

SKI TOURING OBSIDIANS

The 15 ski touring Obsidians who crossed the mile high McKenzie Pass, Sunday, April 27th, preceding the 28 racers in the running of the 2nd Annual John Templeton Craig race, broke a very fine trail..this was the comment of veteran course setter Bud Nasholm.

The skiers went in two groups; the first to leave the snow line at Alder Springs, was made up of Ski Patrolman Allan Lindley, Lloyd Gust, Bill Porter, and Ray Sims. Leaving at 4 Saturday afternoon, the skiers soon resorted to climbing wax, as the steady climb began, but after the top of Dead Horse hill was reached they found the late afternoon snow to be fast and found themselves gliding along over the 12 foot of snow that lays along the stretch past Frog Camp. Also at this point there appeared a beautiful Alpin Glo on the Three Sister mountains.

The Pole Bridge cabin was reached by 8 o'clock that evening and the four stayed there for the night. Upon rising Sunday, clouds had drifted over the mountains and the prospects for a cool day were apparent. "Kool-Aid" was made by the buckets-full and a stand was made by the trail, for the racers and tourers.

Bud Nasholm arrived at 7:44, on his lonely trip across as course setter. Allan Lindley stayed at the cabin with a "walkie-talkie", while the other three continued on their trail breaking course that Nasholm had marked. The summit and the Dee Wright memorial were reached before noon so the three stopped there for lunch, but while there the first 5 racers, bunched, went by, only to be closely followed by 2 more men and soon 4 more passed us on the downhill of the East side.

At 7 o'clock back at Alder Springs, 10 more tourers followed: George Korn, Mary Whitaker "Miss Alaska", Pat McKee "Miss McKenzie Pass", Marcia Maple, "Miss Bachelor Butte", Chloeann Owens "Miss Three Sisters", Dorothy Egg of Walla Walla, Eileen Donaldson, Midge Wooley, Mike Stahl, and Ski Patrolman Jim Newsom.

Jim stopped at Pole Bridge to help Allan and then to follow the last racer of the day over to the finish line.

Nearing Windy Point the first girl, Carol Wiest, passed the tourers, soon followed by the winning girl, Sharon Gardner.

The first of the tourers, joined by some of the second group arrived at the finish

line at Four Mile Springs at 2:15 p.m. and the last of the party arrived soon after 4:30.

At the banquet at Sisters High School, Jan Onsrud was given the "armsfull" of cups, as his winning time was 3 hours 2 minutes 12 seconds.

LETTER FROM THE NORDEENS

This is Mrs. Nordeen, subbing for Emil, but the sentiments herein expressed are all his own.

Like most people faced unexpectedly with a microphone he was quite unable to express himself adequately, and wishes to thank all of you for the more than kind attentions received.

Most of all he is delighted with the wonderful time made by young champions in all classes. His own 3 hours, 24 minutes was far better than expected and his disappointment would have been great if the younger runners had not decisively beaten him.

His pet dream for many years has been of a great American Olympic team and Sunday's performance convinced him that it will not always be just a dream.

Emil sends his warmest congratulations to Jan Onsrud, a champion in every sense of the word.

In closing he wishes me to repeat his offer to assist at the John Craig next year in any capacity in which he may be useful. It will give him the greatest pleasure to see the event grow bigger and better with each year that passes.

The last time out was for him the happiest one of all, even if his Class A merely meant "Antique".

We most sincerely thank you,

The Nordeens, 38 Shasta Place
Bend, Oregon

DID YOU KNOW.....?

that Sunset Magazine has 6 full pages of pictures and maps and interesting information about our McKenzie, the Three Sisters Wilderness Area, and the High Cascades in the May issue, page 42?

SECT. 34.66 P.L.&R.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

In accordance with Article VII, Section 2, and Article X, Section 1, of the Obsidian Constitution, the Board of Directors has called a special meeting to be held May 19, 1952, at the Washington Street Recreation Center in the city of Eugene, Oregon.

The object of this meeting is to consider proposed amendments to the Obsidian Constitution, such proposal having been presented in accordance with Article X, Section 1 of the Obsidian Constitution; and to discuss plans for a town clubhouse.

The amendments are proposed as follows:

We, the undersigned active members of the Obsidians, Inc., propose these amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and request that the President call a special meeting of the members in accordance with Article X, Section 1.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 3. Add a new sentence as follows: "Said application shall give the dates and names of at least two Obsidian activities attended by the applicant within one year prior to the date of application".

Section 5-a. Add a sentence as follows: "A qualifying mountain climb shall be one which has been regularly scheduled by the Climbing Committee or by the Trips Committee with the approval of the Climbing Committee, or by the Outing Committee during Summer Camp".

ARTICLE IV Government

Section 3. Between the next-to-the-last and the last sentence insert a new sentence as follows: "If any of the eighteen candidates withdraw their names or become ineligible prior to the election, the Board of Directors shall nominate candidates to bring the total to eighteen".

Section 6. In the last sentence, change the words "Secretary and Treasurer" to read as follows: "Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer".

ARTICLE V Duties of Officers

Section 1. Add a new sentence as follows: "The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees".

Section 3. Add a new sentence as follows: "The Secretary shall delegate any of the duties of this section to the Assistant Secretary, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors".

Section 7. Change this section to read as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Trips Committee and the Chairman of the Climbing Committee to supervise the trips and climbs scheduled by their respective committees and to file reports of the trips and climbs and remit funds collected to the Secretary at the monthly Board meetings".

ARTICLE VII Meetings

Section 1. Strike out the work "Eugene" and insert the words "Lane County".

Add a new article as follows:

"ARTICLE XII Awards

Section 1. The leader of each qualifying mountain climb as defined in Section 5-a of Article III, shall award a Summit Certificate to each person completing the climb.

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ARTICLE XII Awards(Continued)

Section 2. The Chairman of the Climbing Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall award the Three-Peak Award to those members climbing all of the Three Sisters on qualifying climbs, as defined in Section 5-a of Article III. Only members who have won this award shall wear the official emblem with the three small arrow-heads.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Climbing Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall award the Ten-Peak Award to those members climbing Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, Three-Fingered Jack, all Three Sisters, Diamond Peak, Mt. Thielsen, and Mt. McLaughlin on qualifying climbs as defined in Section 5-a of Article III. Only members who have won this award shall wear the 3/8 inch white "10" on the official emblem."

(Signed)
G. H. Jack
C. L. Scherer
Ray Cavagnaro
Myron G. Stahl
Blanche Bailey
Jean K. Banks

We, the undersigned, active members of Obsidians, Inc., propose these amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and request that the President call a special meeting of the members in accordance with Article X, Section 1.

ARTICLE VIII Finances

Section 2. Change this section to read as follows: "The dues of active and associate members shall be \$4.00 per year, payable in advance, and shall run from October to October. The sum of \$4.00 must accompany all applications for membership and covers that portion of the year up to the next following October, except that the sum of \$2.00 instead of \$4.00 shall accompany all applications received after April first. Fifty percent of all dues received under this section shall become part of the Investment Fund Account".

ARTICLE VI Committees. Add a new Section 10 as follows:

"Section 10. Whenever a member of a regular or special committee shall, without good reason, fail to attend two consecutive meetings of the said committee, or shall refuse to take part in the work of said committee, the Board of Directors shall declare the position vacant and appoint another member to fill the vacancy."

(Signed)
G. H. Jack
C. L. Scherer
Ray Cavagnaro
J. D. Hamlin
Dale Carlson
Blanche Bailey
Adeline Adams

Myron B. Stahl, President