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SEPTEMBER 30th

Night of Fun and Pictures

A picture night is planned for September 30th - Wednesday evening at the River Road Women's Club House. The club's camera committee is deep in preparation for an interesting show of pictures of this year's Obsidian activities. Be sure to bring your friends. All townspeople are cordially invited to get a first hand insight of what the Obsidians do on their trips, what they see, and what makes them so much fun for all who join the hikers.

A little extra fun has been arranged for all who attend. We are going to have a "Silent Auction". Ever hear of one? They're a lot of fun - good for laughs and everyone benefits. Here is how it works. Each member bring a "white elephant article" (you know, an old dish or vase or gadget) something that hasn't quite outlived its usefulness or a cake or box of cookies or some other baked article. This variety is placed on a table, and everyone present simply bids on the things by placing his name and bid on a paper in the receptacle by the item. Everyone receives something of value at little cost, and the club receives some extra needed revenue.

A money raising event is necessary at this time to repay the club treasury some of the general expense that has been incurred this past year. Your help will be most appreciated. Our paving bill for the club's lot did all but deplete the club funds.

Tell your friends about the date - September 30, and plan now for your "white elephant" or baked goods.



Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 6

6:00 P.M.

Remember - annual meeting - Tuesday, October 6, 1953 - at Willamalane Memorial Building, North 8th and A Streets, Springfield, Oregon. Members may pay their dues and vote from 6:00 until 6:45. The meeting will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:45 p.m. The annual business meeting, election of Directors, and reports of committees will follow the dinner. The annual reports of all committee chairmen will be due at that time.

Following are candidates for election: there are 9 directors to be elected, 6 men and 3 women: Clarence Bankhead, Walt Banks, Dale Carlson, Bailey Castelleo, Ray Cavagnaro, Leslie Cooper, Joe Daniel, Ernie Keasling, Lloyd Plaisted, Clarence Scherer, Gene Sebring, John Williamson, Blanche Bailey, Betty Hack, Virginia Sebring, Myrtle Smith, Thelma Watson, Helen Weiser.

! ? ! ? ! IT'S A MYSTERY ! ? ! ? !
where George Korn will take us next
Sunday, Sept. 20. DON'T MISS THE
MYSTERY TRIP -- always fun!

"THE OBSIDIAN"

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

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Springfield
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876 E. 12th
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Box 35, Cottage Grove
Art Steele Associate Membership
1320 River Road

Let's give Blanche, her membership committee, and other Board members a hearty hand for making this such a successful year for gaining new memberships.

N NEWS OF SERVICEMEN

DICK NOOE recently returned from the Korean fighting, after losing his sight in one eye; Airman 2/C JACK LYONS will soon complete 3 years at Hickam Air Base - may be home by Christmas; he is currently experiencing some thrilling adventures with deep sea diving; BLAINE MCGILLICUDDY is on U.S.Coast Guard Cutter Richie-Pacific-on his way to Japan. (More news next time)
WATCH FOR PRINCESS COOKED FOOD SALE SOON

FRANK SIPE is to represent the club on a trip with the Willamette National Forest Advisory Council on September 22 and 23. The purpose of this group is to investigate and recommend to the Forest Service action on such problems as the proposed Clear Lake Highway, etc. On this trip They will go up the McKenzie to Belknap and thence to the site of the proposed Clear Lake Highway. They will spend the night at Nat Giustina's place on the McKenzie. Wednesday the group will proceed up the South Fork of the McKenzie to Box Canyon then down the North Fork of the Willamette to observe some of the older cut-over country in that area.

MT. EVEREST EXPEDITION


The Obsidians sent a letter of congratulations to the Mt. Everest climbers. Our letter addressed to Col. Hunt said in part-"...Yours has been a most enviable feat in the eyes of every mountaineer who fully realizes the expert planning of such an expedition, the challenge of a mountain, the courage to fight on through difficulty and adversity, and the thrill of achievement." Then a paragraph was included telling about the Obsidians. The letter continued,"...so from an organization of kindred mountaineers from America's Pacific Northwest we wish to extend our heartiest and sincere congratulations to the valiant expedition that first climbed Mount Everest. Cordially yours, Clarence L. Scherer, President.

Col. Hunt wrote to us from Wales: Dear Mr. Scherer, I write to thank you most warmly for your generous letter regarding our success in reaching the summit of Mt. Everest. I would like you to know what great pleasure it has given, not only to myself, but to every member of the team, to know that it has been a source of inspiration to so many people at home and abroad. Yours sincerely, John Hunt.

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The club extends its deepest sympathy to the Bristow and Loomis families. W.W. Bristow(Chief Big Squak) passed away on Aug. 5, and C. Roy Loomis on Sept. 6.


ATTENTION ALL OBSIDIANS - START SAVING RUMMAGE for all-club rummage sale, Saturday, Oct. 17, 31 W. 7th. The Board has suggested and encouraged this project for the club's benefit, as well as the silent auction, and the Princess Cooked Food Sale. They ask all members to help.



CAMP SCHERER




We arrived at Spokane in the evening
Our Clancy manning the bus
When to "H" we descended,
Our first day was ended,
To the ranger we said "This is us".




At Riverside Park we were greeted
By the Hobnailers, new mountain group,
They handed us cookies
But thought we were rookies
Putting up at the Old Parsons stoop.

On our way bright and early next morning
At the Great Northern train we could scoff.
We did better by far
Than the old Western Star
But at Libby they cut us right off.

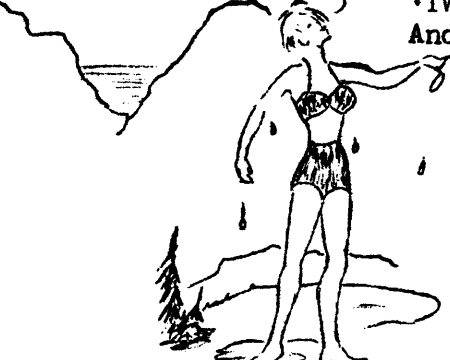


Nothing daunted, we lined up for ice cream
Then pushed right ahead before dark.
At Rising Sun Camp ground
The natives we all found
Afraid that near them we might park.

Next day to the Lake of the Ice Bergs
We hiked with all vigor and vim.
Clancy crossed on the ice floes
And froze all his ten toes -
Eliza had nothing on him.



Two Medicine Lake was the next place,
We almost lost Dale on the way
When they said that a red head
Manned a look-out straight a'head
He swore he'd return the next day.



Our Doris tried diving for money
A dollar and a quarter was bid.
She retired in confusion -
'Twas all a delusion
And only a salmon can lid.
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Thelma, Mary & Myrtle & Roxie
Aspired to an afternoon bath.
When they got the pier side
Found men on the near side
Retired underneath in their wrath.

There's a man from the Park who's called "Jerry"
He gave us the dope on the goats.
They approach you at night
If you're smelling just right
You can practically offer them oats.

Geraldine is a versatile actress
A master of making chapeaux.
At the President's Tea,
She appeared at his knee
In a costume of peek-a-boo clothes.

"Fireball" is a king most effective
He thinks of the cleverest things.
When we gave him our presents,
He scorned us like peasants
But handed out flocks of key rings.

We went to Hotel Many Glacier
To take in a program one night,
We heard La Priviata
Plus a gypsy sonata
And of coffins that don't fit too tight.

Now, Clancy has eyes for hitch hikers,
He picks them right out of the air.
But we wonder what's coming
From all of this slumming
When they run their hands right thru his hair.

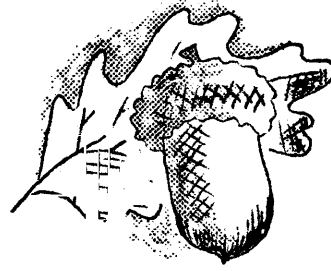
One day we went over a mountain
'Twas called by the name of Siyeh.
It was advertised downside
Turned out to be upside
And almost ge-poopled our Mae.

The belles of St. Mary's invaded
Our camp fire to put on a skit
Full of vivacity and chesty capacity,
All are agreed they had "it".

We never mention St. Regis
The dump where we stopped to relax
We ate pickles and eggs
And dangled our legs
In the litter with pigs at our backs.

We love the camp committee,
They smooth everything in our way.
While the cooks so superior
Delight our interior
With wonderful dishes each day.

By Dave Faville



PRINCESSINGS

Obsidian Princesses have been invited to Castelloe's in Bailey Hill for a potluck picnic on Monday, September 21, the regular meeting night, at 6:30 p.m., for their first fall gathering; each princess should bring her own table service, something to sit on, and wear some old shoes. In case of rain or unsuitable weather the picnic will be at Castelloe's home, 1390 Oak St.

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are invited to Glacier's Summer Camp Reunion Banquet, Saturday, September 19, 1953. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. - \$2.00 at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 4445 Royal St., Danebo. BRING YOUR SUMMER CAMP PICTURES (Limit: 10 best.) Make Reservations with: Ray Cavagnaro -- Phone 5-6704, or First National Bank, or Ray Sims, Phone 4-9546, or United States National Bank.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Gene and Dale and their committee for a wonderful summer outing in Glacier Park. They worked hard to make it a success and they succeeded beyond anyone's dreams. As we often add after our Obsidian activities -- A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL WHO ATTENDED.

NEWS OF SERVICEMEN

BRUCE CHASE is now out of the service and at home (Rt. 3, Box 83). MELVIN LINDLEY is now Airman First Class - in Germany.

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SEPTEMBER 24, THURSDAY
POTLUCK 6:30 P.M.

At Pete and Hanna Skovbo's, Dane Lane
Junction City

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