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Oregon Caves

All aboard, with Clancy as our guide, on the Memorial Day tour to Oregon Caves! We leave the Court House at 7 a.m. Sunday and will return Monday evening.

» A few more passengers are needed
» RIGHT NOW to fill the bus - please
» call Castellones, 4-5168 Friday or
» Saturday.



SOME IMPORTANT FACTS TO KNOW

Round trip bus fare \$6:50

Sunday lunch(take or buy)

Sunday dinner 2.00

Sunday night lodging . . \$1.70-3.00

Breakfast about 1.00

Tour through Caves . . . about .75

Lunch about 1.25

Eat Sunday breakfast before you start.

Take Sunday lunch if you wish, or buy it at Alderbrook Cafe, at lunch stop. Do not take sleeping bag. Take warm clothes, etc.

On our leisurely way to the Caves we'll pause for interesting local sights - lunch at a spot near Grants Pass where we may view the Oregon Mystery House, or experience the unusual pleasure of panning a little gold - a bit of gold is insured in every pan! - so try your hand! There are some interesting rock collections here and lunch is available at Alderbrook Cafe near by. We'll stop to watch the salmon coming up the Rogue, at Savage Rapids.

We'll enjoy "Yankee Pot Roast" dinner on Sunday evening at the Chateau!

Castellones, Leaders

★ JULY 4TH ★

Three Sisters Area

Our Conservation Committee hosts the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs on a fine trip over the July 4th holiday. The trip will be into the Three Sisters Wilderness area, presently under consideration.

A packer has been hired, and his charges for the three days will be only \$7.50. Your dunnage should include your food and is to be limited to 30 pounds (that's the dunnage and not the food). Include your cooking utensils, as there will be no central commissary.

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A Word From Building Committee

The finance campaign is coming along fine. More than 1/4 of the required amount has been pledged; and both pledges and money are coming in. Some have started to come from members far removed from Eugene, but long time friends of our Club. The committee wishes all those who have pledged a cash payment to send this in as soon as convenient, so we will be sure enough to start. You do not need to wait to be called personally. Send yours in as soon as possible - Address: Louis Waldorf, 414 East 15th Ave., Eugene, Oregon.

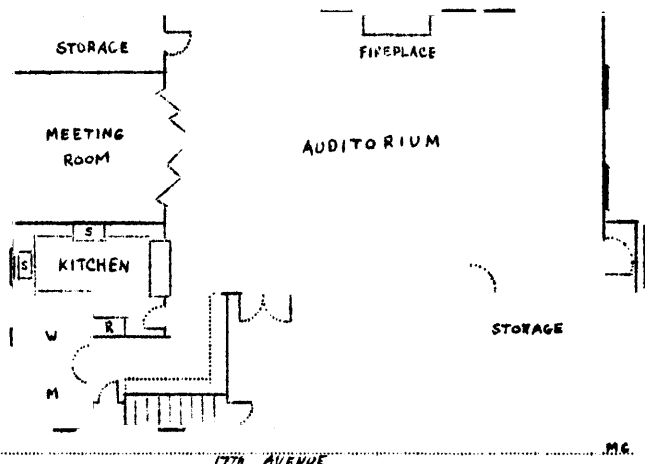
While our Junior members will probably not be able to contribute as much as most of the seniors, we know they will want to do what they can. It is they who will enjoy it more in future years.

About Our Clubhouse

The May 1 potluck supper was a fine morale boosting evening sponsored by Building Committee and attended by 55 Obsidians, who viewed clubhouse plans, and heard the details of the building program.

Earl Britton led the event, telling of the fine reputation Obsidians enjoy in our community. "Now that we have the opportunity to build a clubhouse," he said, "we shouldn't lose it." Mentioning how important it is to have funds ready before actually building.

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PROPOSED OBSIDIAN CLUBHOUSE

THE OBSIDIAN

Obsidians, Inc., have membership in the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs - Pacific Northwest Ski Association - Central Cascade Recreational Council - Lane County Recreation Commission - Eugene Parks and Recreation Commission - Keep Oregon Green Association.

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BOARD NOTES.

...The May meeting was held at the home of Mike and Dorothy Stahl. The Board heard:
 ...Letter from Lane County Parks and Recreation, thanking club for past help and including report.
 ...Letter by Onthank to Bruckart expressing club's best wishes and thanking him for his many years of friendship and co-operation in our club activities.
 ...also a letter to Forester Stone thanking Forest Service for conservation activity.
 ...report of Building Committee's Castelloe that to date \$1,495 in cash and pledges received-group at work on other details.
 ...Trips Committee's Watson reported on past month's hikes: Patsy Stahl - (Mike helped) led a group of 20 up and around Springfield Butte; Bernice Lehrman led 14 on a nice afternoon hike of Mt. Pisgah and through "poison oak gulch" on May 2nd. Then on May 9 an interesting tour was made of KVAL-TV, led by Thelma. On this, 7 signed up, but 31 showed up for the trip.
 ...Entertainment Committee's Jean Banks announced Summer Outing Rally on May 27th at 8 p.m., at Washington St. Recreation Center. A Bruckart Day potluck is planned for June 26th. The Board gave a vote of thanks to Jean for assuming responsibility of this committee.
 ...Conservation Committee's Onthank told of letters received from Morse, Cordon, Norblad, Ellsworth, McKay, in answer to club's expression on matters of conservation. Also letter from National Parks with appreciation for club's efforts. Resolution was passed by board supporting Baker Bill re use of National Forests for purpose of recreation. Upper McKenzie project was reported curtailed and Cougar Dam plans proceeding well.

...Outing Committee's Sebring told of special trip to Portland to discuss plans with packer engaged for Camp, and received approval of plan to allow 16 to 18 year olds a rate for camp if accompanied by parent.

...Membership Chairman Blanche Bailey announced war on delinquent dues. Board approved membership of Joe Tompkins.

...Librarian Newsom reported much news gleaned during past month, scissors hot!

...Climbing Committee's Harris advised of fine turnout for school and practice sessions. Well prepared for climbing season.

...Search Committee's Stahl told of the participation of T. Taylor, G. Hermach, B. Castelloe, G. Sebring in search for lost plane in Salt Creek area at request of Sheriff Elder.

...In absence of Ski Committee's Lindley, Ray Sims told of John Craig Race.

...President Carlson adjourned meeting and Dorothy Stahl served delicious cake and ice cream. Next meeting at Castellones'.

THE LEADER - THE SIGN-UP

Our Trips Committee has a very fine schedule of hikes and outings planned for members this year. In order that each trip be handled conveniently and efficiently for members your cooperation is needed regarding the sign-up.

Please sign up early in the week as possible, and mark clearly if you need transportation; or if you are taking your own car. Indicate how many you will accommodate. Put down your phone number so that the leader can contact you if necessary. The leader is responsible for arranging all transportation, and it should be left as his duty. If members wish to ride with a friend, make the request to the leader.

Many trips have been delayed because folks failed to sign up, or because the leader's prior transportation arrangements were all upset by some "self-arranger."

Please help us all by remembering to -

✱ Sign up as early as possible

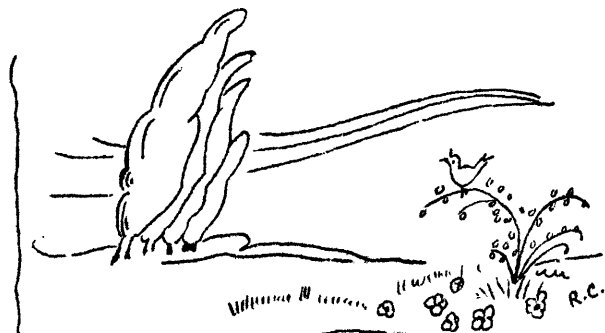
✱ Make a "courtesy call" to the leader if you can't make the trip

✱ Indicate details re transportation

✱ Let leader arrange transportation

✱ Be on time.

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 THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY is sponsoring an interesting trip to the Klamath Lake and Tule Lake Bird Refuges, on May 22-23. Ben Pruitt is leader. Further information may be obtained from Frances Newsom, or Adeline Adams, or Mrs. Pruitt.



THESE THINGS I KNOW

I have planted a garden, so I know what faith is. I have seen poplar trees swaying in the breeze, so I know what grace is. I have listened to birds caroling, so I know what music is.

I have seen a morning without clouds, after showers, so I know what beauty is. I have read a book beside a wood fire, so I know what contentment is. I have seen the miracle of the sunset, so I know what grandeur is.

And because I have perceived all these things, I know what wealth is.

....Capper's Weekly

Trailings . . .

-Frank Moore is the new owner of the Santa Clara Union Station. We wish you the best of luck with your new enterprise, Frank. We recommend that all Obsidians and their friends stop in and "gas" with Frank.

-The Obsidians wish to extend their sincere sympathy to Lloyd Plaisted in the death of his father recently.

-Bob Medill is sending for a patent on a fence climbing gadget. He used it to great advantage on Mt. Pisgah, as did all the hikers. The gadget looks just like an ice axe, but works wonders beyond that of any ice axe.

-Obsidians welcome Joe Tompkins as our newest member. Also a welcome to Margaret Hines who reinstated membership this month.

-About 150 townspeople viewed the picture sponsored by the NHS relative to the Dinosaur National Monument controversy.

-Our good hiking friends, the Hobnailers, have scheduled their Summer Outing for July 17-25, in the Mount Adams Bird Creek Area. Did you know the Hobnailers wear a small white numeral "1" on their emblems for each 100 miles hiked with the group.

-The Spokane Mountaineers have invited any Obsidian interested to attend their annual Summer Outing at the Grand Tetons - July 24 to August 1. Ye editor has details.

-Always be polite to your doctor - he has inside information.

ABOUT OUR CLUBHOUSE(Continued)

Clarence Scherer advised the necessity of giving our whole-hearted moral and financial aid to secure a permanent Obsidian home. He spoke of the comradeship members have enjoyed the past 25 years, and of the benefit we would all derive from our clubhouse, and urged we all do whatever we can to realize its completion individually as well as selling others on its merits.

Louie Waldorf in discussing financing said that if only 100 members contributed \$50 each, enough would be realized to get our structure up and enclosed. Any amount will be welcome and gratefully accepted, and all can be assured contributors and contributions will be kept confidential. Members are urged to help as best they can with the actual construction of the building. Bailey Castelloe pointed out that this could be fun for all.

As a start, a lumber firm has donated \$100 in materials, another a substantial amount of millwork. A member has promised all the electrical equipment and its installation, another is providing the plumbing at cost. Ray Sims spoke on behalf of the Chiefs, pledging their support, and Arlene Keasling told of the Princesses' fund for furnishings.

Let's all stick together and see this project to a proud finish!

CLIMBING COMMITTEE SHOW

The Climbing Committee invites all Obsidians to a social evening on Wednesday, June 16th, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Walt and Jean Banks. Weather permitting, the Committee plans to have pictures and other entertainment in the Banks' back yard.

TRAILINGS(Continued)

-A picture tour of the United States was experienced by those Obsidians and friends who attended the potluck May 14th after which Florence and Glen Sims showed slides taken on their recent trailer trip. Many New England historical spots were visited as well as Washington, D. C., New York, and Florida points of interest.

Many thanks to Florence and Glen for donating their picture services to the building committee cause.....Salome, the Mystery Trip Pig, was present to receive contributions that evening, and was later taken to the Princess meeting where an operation revealed \$26.00 in cash - the entire proceeds of the picture night -- which was turned over to the building fund.

▼ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ▼

- MAY 23 - EXPERIMENTAL FOREST - - Frank Sipe, Leader. The Forest Service - with Brit Ash, at Blue River.
- MAY 30-31 - Members and their friends are in for a wonderful outing at Oregon Caves. Our "Greyhound Special" delivers the gang.
- JUNE 6 - THREE FINGERED JACK - Climbing Committee's first climb.
- JUNE 6 - HARDESTY MOUNTAIN will be the first qualifying hike of the season. Good trail all the way up, even better trail down through our beautiful forests.
- JUNE 13 - CASTLE ROCK is always a favorite trip. Hikers will get a good orientation on the proposed Cougar Dam Site.
- JUNE 19-20- MT. MCLOUGHLIN - A big climb. but not a difficult one.
- JUNE 20 - Dorothy Stahl is busy preparing details for a fun packed 2 day BEACH TRIP. You'll all want to plan on this!
- JUNE 27 - A long time friend of the club, Roy Andrews, leads a trip to a million dollars on GOLD HILL. (It's the view worth a million!)
- JULY 3-4-5- Two outings to delight the hiking hearts of everyone. A three day pack trip along Olallie Ridge (details elsewhere). Or an outing to Lava Beds National Monument, that is chock-full of nature's beauty and phenomena.
- JULY 3-4-5- Climbers go to MT. ADAMS. Joe Daniels will rope up the gang.

► SUMMER OUTING

Plans for this year's Summer Outing are shaping up nicely. The camp site has been set in a remote area as yet unspoiled by man, Eden Park at the foot of majestic Mt. Hood. This will be the Obsidians' first outing in this area. Our main path of travel will be the Timberline Trail which encompasses Mt. Hood. Our camp site is located among flower covered meadows watered by melting snow and ice from Oregon's highest peak. Six miles away come August 1st at Tilly Jane Forest Camp, the lucky ones who will spend their vacation with us will start down the scenic Timberline Trail to the best camp yet, and some real home cooking by Charles and Bessie if they can come. There will be an abundance of things to do, hiking, swimming, fishing, picture taking, climbing, sports or just plain loafing if you choose. As we who are older know, there can be no greater enjoyment found than in the great out-of-doors or can you be so

close to God as here. In this age of speed, too many of our younger people are not deriving the benefits they should from Mother Nature. This year, the Obsidians, to make it more possible for them to do so, are giving cut rate prices to our Junior members. Those in the age bracket from six to seventeen will pay 1/3 less than an adult. The price for those staying the full time, 14 days, packing personal and camp equipment 12 miles, being supplied a cook and helper, will be between \$45 and \$50. Sign up on the bulletin board at Hendershott's by July 1. The \$10 deposit is to be paid to either Ray Cavagnaro at the First National or to Ray Sims at the U. S. National Bank.

JULY 4TH - THREE SISTERS AREA(Continued)

Now look at the wonderful itinerary. The trip will start at Foley Springs near McKenzie Bridge, proceed to the top of Horsepasture Mountain, then on to Olallie Mountain, return by Eugene Creek trail and along Horse Creek returning to Foley Springs. Won't this be a humdinger of a three day circle trip?

A number of Forest Service folks will be with us, and the trip has been planned mainly to allow members to become better acquainted with the proposed boundary changes of the area. Now it is imperative that your reservations be made for this trip as soon as possible, and it is requested that a \$5.00 deposit be made (it will be refunded if you cannot make the trip) to Karl Onthank along with your sign-up. Call Karl at 4-7839, or write to him at 1653 Fairmount Blvd.

MORE TRAILINGS

-Friday, May 21st, will find Roxie Waldorf busily doing her civic duty as Chairman of one of the precinct counting boards for the primary election. Blanche Bailey, Doris Sims, Florence Sims.....any others? will also be doing their bit on election boards.

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