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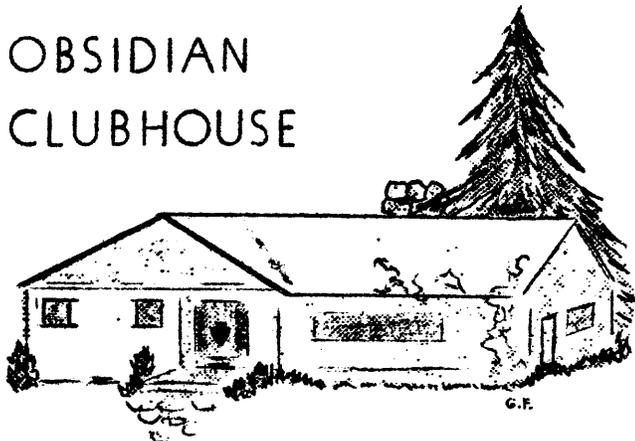


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OBSIDIAN CLUBHOUSE



*Do We, The Obsidians,
Really Want A Clubhouse?*

Do we want this clubhouse badly enough for all of us to make a personal sacrifice to give the money necessary to insure our building?

Our membership is comparatively small, but of the 200 who do hold memberships, only 62 have pledged their share.

To date we have received \$2616 in cash. The board has appropriated \$2000 and there are \$770 in unpaid pledges---which when paid will make a grand total of \$5313.

Your committee feels we must have at least \$7000 before any work can be started. With \$7000 available, we would be justified in starting the building.

We feel there are numerous members who, in addition to their pledges, will be able to loan the club reasonable sums on non-interest bearing bonds. With this additional money the building can be practically completed.

It is the judgment of your committee that this building will be worth twice the money invested when it is completed, because of the donated labor and material. This estimate does not include the value of the lot.

It should not be necessary for us to contact each member personally, so please consider this a plea to you to send what you can and thus help make our club home a reality. Thirty per cent of the membership cannot carry the load alone.

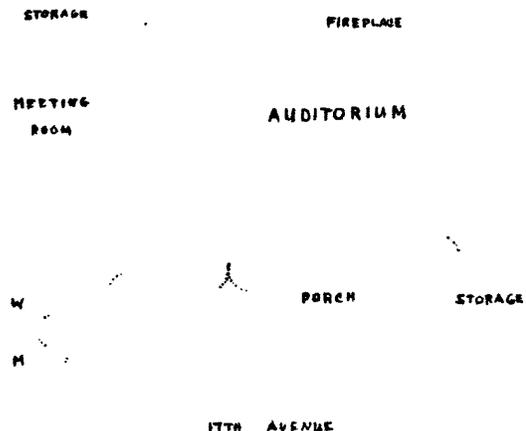
IT'S UP TO YOU! L.W.W.

Here is the floor plan of our proposed clubhouse. Visualize yourself walking in the north entrance, across the cement floored "porch" or "patio". You'll hang up your raincoat just to your left after entering, in the spacious closet provided for that purpose, all the while sniffing that wonderful aroma of coffee which will accompany one of those famous Obsidian potlucks. You will find a handy counter on which to deposit your potluck dish--and accommodating hands to put it in just the right spot on the long tables. You'll walk admiringly past the expertly decorated tables and over to the fireplace to greet your Obsidian friends. And here, in your own clubhouse you will find many happy hours of good fellowship, absorbing conversations, thrilling pictures, and pleasant activities.

M.C.

Your building will have an auditorium 30 x 48, with a smaller meeting room 17 x 18, for committees and library, which can be opened to become part of the main room when necessary. You will have a very well-arranged kitchen and other facilities, with large storage space in the floored attic for outing equipment, etc. There will be a fireplace in the main room designed to help with heating; electric heat will probably be used. The interior finish will be plaster board or some form of dry wall construction. The overall dimensions are 47 x 66. The exterior is planned to harmonize with surrounding structures, with a shingled hip roof and rustic finished board and batten for the outside walls.

M.B.C.



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Here's a run-down of the places some
of our FWOC friends will be enjoying this
summer:

- Inter-Mountain Alpine Club of Rich-
land, Washington---Tonquin Valley of
Jasper National Park, July 3-9.
- Wasatch Mt. Club, Salt Lake City---
Glacier, August
- Seattle Mountaineers---Grand Tetons,
July 16-31.
- Trails Club of Portland---Skyline
Trail in 3 Sisters Wilderness Area,
from Elk Lake to McKenzie Pass High-
way, August 6-14.
- Mazamas---Lake O'Hara in Canada's
Rockies, July 16-31.
- Contra Costa Hills Club---Tuolumne
Meadows and Glacier, July.

JOIN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

It has been suggested that a 50¢ mem-
bership in the very active Natural His-
tory Society would increase their strength
and thus mutual outdoor interests could
better be served.

WHO WAS

the character with the big red nose that
boarded the Crater Lake bus with the in-
tention of halting the trip...and found
himself bound and gagged and thrown out
in a roadside snowbank.....?
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TRAILINGS



The stork again is preparing to bring
some little Obsidians to our ranks.

Have you seen that luscious station
wagon the Weisers are sporting these
days?

Our sympathy goes to Josie Yoran in
the recent death of her brother.

The Castelloes have sold their apart-
ment building and will be moving soon.

We are sorry to report that Blanche
Bailey is in the hospital where she
underwent surgery Friday, March 25. The
last report finds her improving.

Picture night at the Washington Street
Recreation Center, March 20th, was attend-
ed by thirty-three Obsidians and guests.
The eight members showing colored slides
covered many beautiful individual as well
as club trips taken during the past.
Excellent pictures are seen in gatherings
like this, as each strives to bring only
"his best".

Comment by a member at the recent bas-
ketball tournament was that the young
players "fairly fly" down the court.
And "the floor shows" by the rooters ri-
val those of our best theaters.

Hobo-adventurer Joe Daniel knows how
and shows how. Those of us who didn't
see his Hawaiian pictures at the Friend-
ly House are hoping to have an Obsidian
showing soon.

Chapman Hall was a popular place Sat-
urday night, March 5, when Dr. Ruth Hop-
son showed her colored slides and movies.
Some very unusual pictures of the Lava
Caves and of the plants and animals were
seen, and very much enjoyed. Ruth's pic-
tures are especially satisfying because
you get a "close enough and long enough"
view and can really study the subject.

The two organizations which were formed recently to protect the wilderness and recreational values of the McKenzie and Three Sisters regions have taken steps to incorporate and become permanent. At a meeting a few weeks ago at Karl Onthank's the decision was made to incorporate the Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness, a constitution was drawn up, and Doug Spencer was authorized to prepare the Articles of Incorporation.

More recently the Save the McKenzie River Association, upon advice of Rollin Bowles, who has been very active in the still undecided Deschutes River controversy, took similar action.

These are not "fun" organizations, nor are they formed just to give some people something to "run." They are purposeful, serious, vital to the continued existence of the things we Obsidians cherish and enjoy. Many Obsidians are active in these groups; all of us ought to be. For the present-day philosophy regarding the out-of-doors too often emphasizes commercial rather than recreational and inspirational use--stressing the materialist viewpoint of money-value rather than the less tangible human-value which must be the true basis for any lasting culture.

The only way this materialist philosophy can be changed or defeated is for all who oppose it, all who recognize its threat to our outdoor heritage, to stand up and say so! The people who are forming these organizations realize this, and realize that we must continue to make ourselves heard. Therefore, they invite all outdoor people, whether members of an organization or not, to join with them to protect these parts of the nation's lands that should be preserved for the use of all the people.

Mike Stahl

THREE SISTERS WILDERNESS TRAILS TRIP

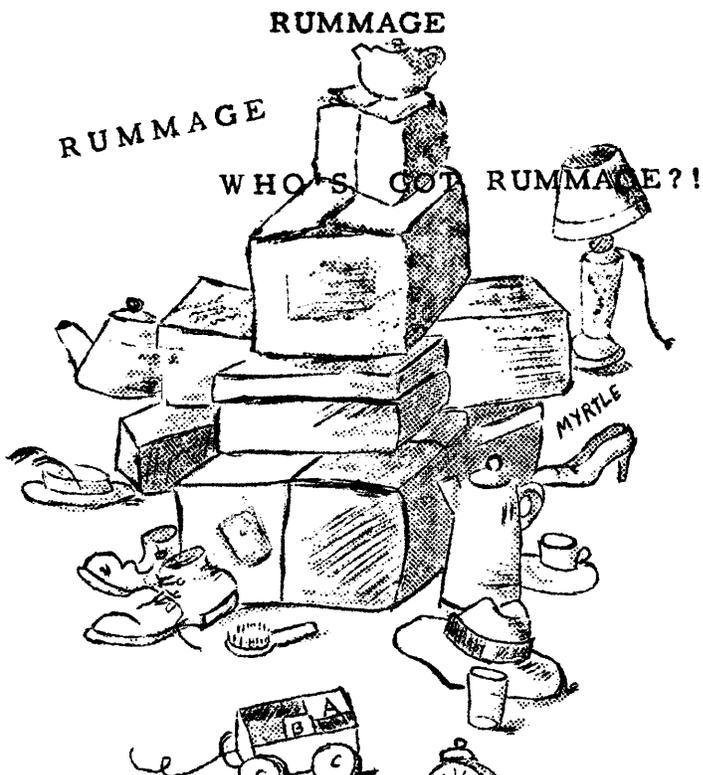
We already have 25 reservations for the 4th of July trip ... if you want to go, get your reservation made! The limit is 50 people.... Call or write Mike Stahl, 7-9335 - (568 South Fifth, Springfield).

April

- April 3 Hobo Breakfast at Armitage Park, leaving at 8:00. In case of rain, Skinner's Butte Recreation Building.
- April 10 Easter Sunday
- April 17 Mt. Nebo by way of Wendling.
- April 23-24 Trip to the coast.

DOOZ R DOO

Are the Obsidians important in your life? Then, remember, dues are overdue. Blanche Bailey is soliciting immediate payment.



We hope YOU have boxes and boxes full for our April 30th sale for the benefit of your clubhouse. You may call us at 4-5302 (Roxie) or 4-5168 (Mary) . . to arrange for pick-up -- or you may leave it at Waldorf's any time. We appreciate very much your sale articles as well as offers of help in marking, sorting and selling.

Mary and Roxie

Membership chairman Blanche Bailey reported dues are delinquent.

Building committee reported need of funds to get going on clubhouse.

Scientific and conservation committees report resulted in the following action by the board:

1. Authorized conservation committee to write letter to congressmen reminding them of our stand and that of FWOOC concerning the Dinosaur National Monument controversy ---- that alternate dam sites are suitable.
2. Acknowledged request for funds to help save cypress swamps in the Everglades by a letter stating our sympathy with their appeal but informing them we now have similar campaign to fight.
3. Heard report that an organization, Trustees for Conservation, has been formed, made up of outdoor-interested folk from all the states, whose main purpose is lobbying for our interests in Congress. Clubs such as ours could not be tax exempt if they lobbied.
4. Officially expressed approval of suggested changes in Washington and Diamond Peak Wild Area boundaries made by Friends of the Three Sisters.
5. Approved a letter to the Federal Power Commission requesting hearing on Upper McKenzie River Dam.
6. Heard request from Sierra Club for support in saving Inyo National Forest recreational area, where timber is being too greatly reduced by "sanitation logging." Authorized scientific committee to take proper action concerning this problem.

Walt Banks reported that Ray Harris resigned from climbing committee because of search and rescue committee duties and is being replaced by Tracy Caldwell. Other members of the committee are Jim Jeppesen and Pat Stahl.

Climbing, trips, outing, and search committees are all busy.

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Probably no one enjoyed the out-of-doors more than Elmer McBee. Elmer has made his last hike and fishing trip. He passed on at his home in Chula Vista, California the latter part of March, at the age of 72. As recently as a year ago last summer, Elmer and I hiked up the Skyline Trail almost to Collier Glacier and return---a trip of sixteen miles. He made his contribution to the building fund last summer and he was prepared to help us build the building. He was always cheerful and will be missed by all of us.

L.W.W.

WINTER OUTING

The winter outing was held Feb. 26-27 at Mazama Lodge on Mt. Hood. We all had a great time (at least I did) romping in the new snow to our hearts' content.

Then at evening time it was great to lounge around the fireplace, play cards, talk, or for those who didn't wear themselves out before, to do some dancing.

The weather was mostly overcast with snow flurries part time. This didn't seem to bother anyone very much though.

The committee wishes to thank all who helped make this trip possible and enjoyable, especially the Mazama members, whose facilities we used. Their help and friendliness are truly appreciated by Obsidians and friends.

P.S. I hear Dale Carlson is an "authority" on his latest short story entitled "The Long Cold Night" or "I Should Have Had Antifreeze."

L.P.

BOARD NOTES(Continued)

Trips committee reported that the Mt. Jimbo trip failed because of snow, but that some drove up the McKenzie anyway.