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ON THE TRAIL



This year as in the past your trips committee has worked hard to give you a schedule which we hope will please the large majority. If we see you turn out in large numbers we will know we have been successful.

First on our schedule is a hike to the Coburg Hills May 1st. Don't forget that April showers bring May flowers. This year the flowers will surely be numerous. Come along with Walt and Jean Banks and see if you can pick out your home block from the top of Old Baldy.

Be sure to get your Mother's Day card in the mail early. On Mother's Day, May 8th, Paul and Helen Weiser are taking us to Silver Creek Falls. The hike to see the falls will give all a fine appetite for the potluck at the park. For those who haven't seen Silver Creek Falls it should be said that not only are they extremely beautiful, they are unique in that the trail safely takes one behind the cascading waters of the falls.

On May 15 Dave Burwell has arranged to take us by crummy into the timber and logging operations of Rosboro Lumber Company. We will drive by private auto to Finn Rock where we transfer to Rosboro's bus. (Just like Clancy's bus only different.) This trip will take us into new country and will be educational, too.

Ernie and Arlene have promised a guided tour of the trail to Cap Hagen Lookout and back on May 22. Cap Hagen will provide us with an excellent view of surrounding mountains including the Three Sisters. This will be the first of our trips to put us atop a high vantage point.

The Stahls promise much to do and see on the May 28-29-30 trip to Fort Rock. In fact, there is so much to see, there is hardly room to tell it all here. This region is in Cen. Oregon in the vicinity of some unusual rock formations. Mike suggests side excursions to Cabin Lake & the Newberry Crater area, & Walt promises some rock climbing practice. Sounds like a whale of a week-end, one no one will want to miss. See the schedule and watch for the sign-up sheet for complete details. Let's take advantage of this long week-end holiday.

The June 5th trip to Andrew's Experimental Forest and the June 12th trip to Bearbones Mt. Lookout were suggested by the United States Forest Service. Andrews Forest is near Blue River and Bearbones is in the Willamette area up the Rigdon road. Frank Sipe arranged with the U. S. F. S. for these trips and will, with them lead the trips. The leaders and others on the above trips will be glad to see YOU turn out.

D.C.

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IDEAS WANTED !

The Obsidian bulletin is an organ serving its members, and thus ideas and contributions are everyone's obligation. Have you any news or suggestions? Would a "Letters to the Editor" column serve a need in the club?

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TRIP LEADERS see Keith Brunig about getting announcement of trips into the Register-Guard.



Welcome to the Obsidians, Lawrence Jack Larry is George Jack's son, is field representative for the Boy Scouts.

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Blanche Bailey is now recovering at home following her siege in the hospital.

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All these people mit new cars yet! Now it's Frances Newsom's turquoise Olds. Hers may be an Olds but mine is oldser.

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Mary and Bailey's new temporary address is 1905 Cleveland. Mailing address is 1545 Willamette.

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Did you know that only five hours of anyone's time separate the orange groves of Orland, California and George Korn's 9 feet of snow at the Willamette summit?

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Ray Sims recently went down California-way and is now singing the praises of that chill-provoking screen innovation, "Cinerama".

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Attending the Golden Anniversary of the Forest Service in Portland April 11 were Ruth Onthank and Frances Newsom.

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"Tenzing, Tiger of Everest" by Tenzing Norgay as told to James Ramsey Ullman is the life story of the famed Sherpa climber now appearing in four installments in Sports Illustrated. An expanded book form called Tiger of the Snows is to be published in June by G.P. Putnam's Sons.

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Annual Meeting of the Friends of Three Sisters will be held at Laurelwood Country Club May 7 with dinner and evening sessions.

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Princesses met Mon. the 18th at the home of Jean Banks; Discussion centered around emblems, reports of coming events and financial status. Next meeting will be at Mary Castelloe's, 1905 Cleveland.

OBSIDIANS' CLIMBING SCHOOL
April 20 to June 19, 1955

WED., May 4 - 7:30 P.M. - Erb Memorial
Indoor Lecture on
ROCK CLIMBING & FUNDAMENTALS
by Bill Byrd

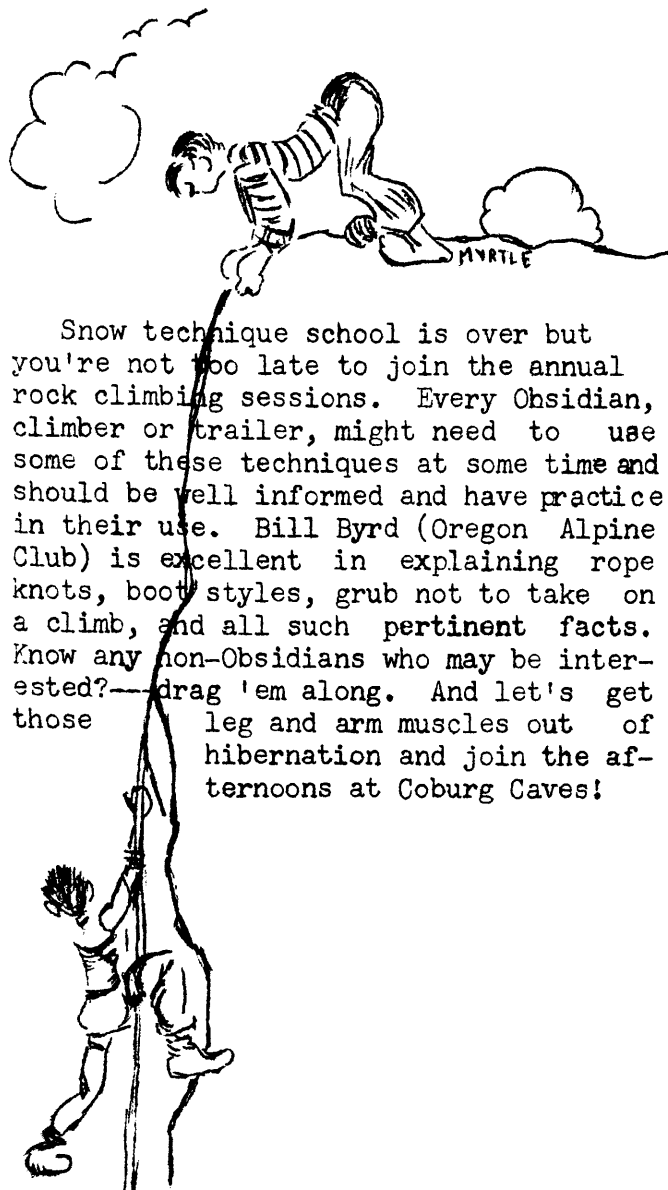
SUN., May 8 - Afternoon - Coburg Caves
Outdoor Practice - ROCK CLIMBING

SUN., May 15 - Afternoon - Coburg Caves
Outdoor Practice - ROCK CLIMBING

May 28, 29, 30
ROCK CLIMBING PRACTICE
ON A TRIP TO FORT ROCK
(sponsored by Obsidian Trips Committee)

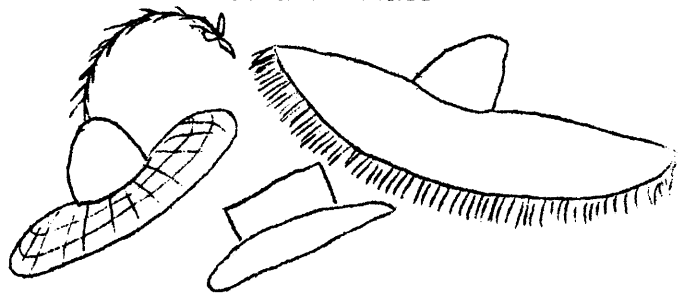
SUN., June 19 - with the Obsidians
Climb
"THREE-FINGERED JACK"

SIGN UP for ALL OUTDOOR EVENTS at
Hendershott's Sporting Goods
770 Willamette St.



Snow technique school is over but you're not too late to join the annual rock climbing sessions. Every Obsidian, climber or trailer, might need to use some of these techniques at some time and should be well informed and have practice in their use. Bill Byrd (Oregon Alpine Club) is excellent in explaining rope knots, boot styles, grub not to take on a climb, and all such pertinent facts. Know any non-Obsidians who may be interested?—drag 'em along. And let's get those leg and arm muscles out of hibernation and join the afternoons at Coburg Caves!

COMING EVENTS

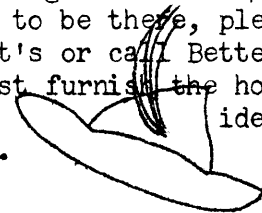


Sponsored by the Entertainment Committee

HAWAIIAN HOLIDAY - Saturday, May 14 -
7:00 P.M. - Osburn Hotel.

Joe Daniel will furnish a delightful evening's entertainment of slides taken on his trip to Hawaiian Islands last winter

Dessert will be served preceding the slides and the charge will be 50¢ per person. If you plan to be there, please sign up at Hendershott's or call Bette Hack at 5-3650, as we must furnish the hotel with an approximate idea of how many will attend.



POTLUCK AND SHOWER honoring Ray Cavagnaro and Mary Duncan, Friday, May 20-6:30 P.M. Skinners Butte Community Center. A real Obsidian get-together is being planned by Mary Castelloe, Roxie Waldorf, Thelma Watson and Gerry Fehly for a swell Obsidian couple who will repeat their marriage vows May 28th. According to the hostesses, miscellaneous gifts are in order.

Ray and Mary extend a cordial invitation to all Obsidians and friends to attend their wedding on Saturday, May 28, at 9 A.M. at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

ECHO PARK DAM

Conservationists, outdoor, garden and women's groups are almost solid in opposition to Echo Park Dam. Alternatives outside the park would serve the same purpose, experts say. A dangerous precedent would be set if the dam were built in a Park area, one which could easily lead to the beginning of the end of our National Park System. Letters should be written immediately to our congressmen stating your position on this vital question. The address for members of the House is House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C. and for the Senate is Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

BOARD NOTES

April

Building chairman reported little response from March bulletin plea for club-house contributions. Reported that a lot containing a large old house on West 6th might be available for trade on our lot. Committee was formed to investigate. (Later report-house deemed unsatisfactory.)

Dale presented summer hiking schedule for Board approval. Was accepted with few changes. Schedules to be mailed soon.

Walt's climbing committee has a full array of peaks scheduled, plus a climbing school headed by Tracy Caldwell. Details on the latter elsewhere in bulletin.

On conservation, Mike has this to say:

1. We should oppose the Upper Colorado River project because Echo Park Dam is included. Senator Neuberger, recently here, asked if he should continue the fight. Backing him up now by letters would assure us his continued support.
2. The Upper McKenzie association is looking for a president. The Board voted a \$5 membership into this organization, which entitles us to a voting delegate.
3. No refund after June 15 for 4th of July trip.

Henry Carlson, camera committee, is planning for a trip to Dotson's photo finishing shop, soon.

Search committee reported that "Teton Adventure" would be shown to the public April 14 by Glenn Exum.

Lawrence Jack was accepted as a new member.

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Dale and June Carlson substituted a knoll above Leaburg for snow-covered Mt. Nebo April 17th. A group of eight enjoyed this little muscle-shaping jaunt and also the coffee at the Carlsons later.

DID YOU SEE IT?

"Teton Adventure", an exciting mountaineering movie taken on climbing the Exum Ridge in the Grand Tetons was shown April 14. Obsidians who attended the 1950 summer camp will remember the beautiful Tetons.

Glenn Exum, one of the climbers, was the narrator and did an excellent job. The movie was presented in such a way that the audience felt that they had been on the adventure. Glenn had the well known mountain veteran, Paul Petzoldt, and also Virginia Garner along on the climb to make it a big success.

The movie was well presented and everyone could get a bird's-eye view of climbing skills. Even a novice was able to get the feeling of why people climb.

After seeing the movie it is readily understandable even to a non-climber that climbing is a challenging and safe sport.

R.H.

AUDUBON CAMPS

Did you ever hear of the Audubon nature study camps of California? About five two-week sessions are held every summer at Sugar Bowl Lodge near Norden in the Sierra. Your editor spent two lazy educational weeks there one summer, absorbing information "in the field" from excellently qualified instructors who come from various universities in the nation. A session is limited to around 50 or 60 members, and with about six instructors this makes small "classes" of not over ten members. Daily study periods include—geology, botany, animals of the area, bird study and others. A favorite period is loafing in the sun during afternoon siesta time.

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