



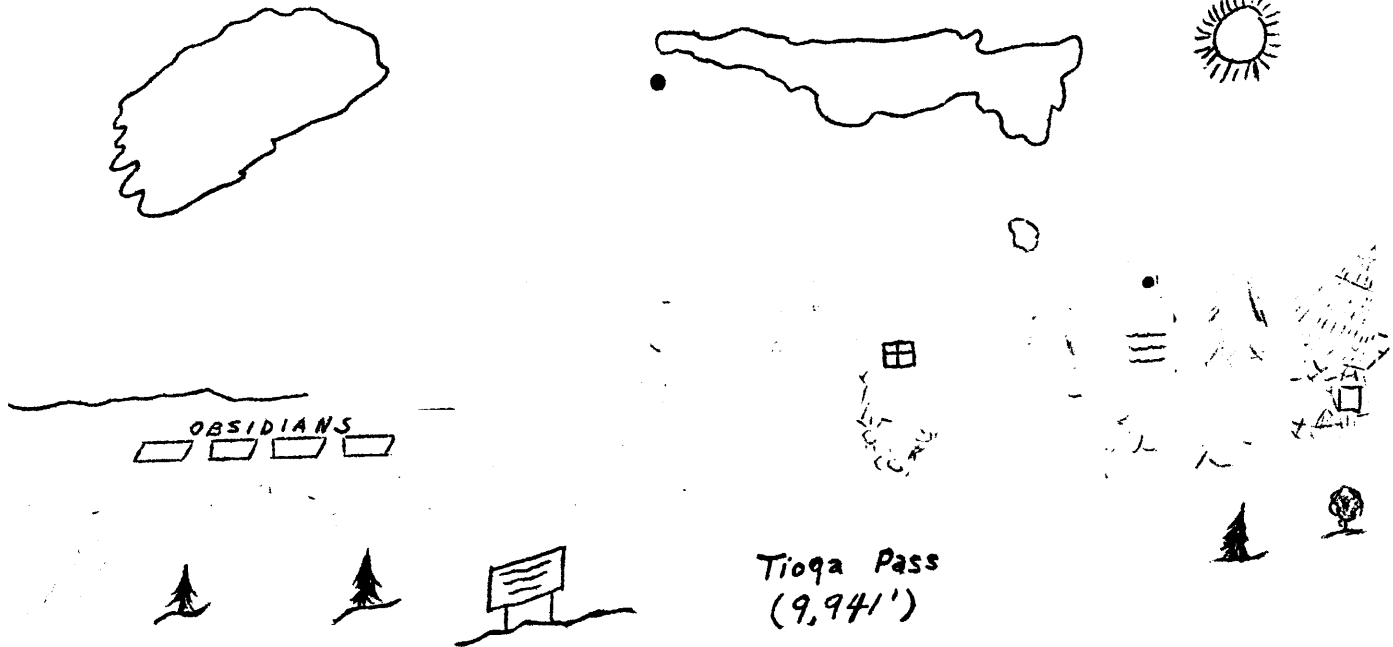
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GATEWAY TO TUOLUMNE MEADOWS • • •

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THE 1955
SUMMER
CAMP

TRIPS TO COME

Once again "we the Obsidians" and our friends will board a chartered Greyhound bus with our most welcome driver "Clancy" at the helm. This time he will wind it up and head its nose south to another of our great national parks, Yosemite, in the High Sierra of eastern California.

Our campsite will be Tuolumne Meadows, over 8,000' high, in an organizational campground. There are a ranger station, store, gas station, and also saddle stock for rent. Trails radiating from here offer a wide variety of trips.

This is, I believe, the first trip South for the club. The outing committee is sure there will be plenty of fun, frolic, trips, naturalist talks by park rangers, and just good plain loafing for all. Those climbing will have plenty to do also with 12,000 and 13,000 ft. peaks around.

There will be several articles in bulletins to follow on what to see and where to go from camp, so keep your eyes peeled.

Plan now for one of the most economical and certainly the most pleasurable vacation you can find. The total cost will be \$75.00, which includes transportation---\$80.00 for non-members. L.P.

We of the trips committee feel that we have some very fine trips planned during the coming month. We hope you agree and that you will turn out for as many as possible. See last month's bulletin for description of the Memorial week-end trip to Fort Rock. All details about this trip will be posted at Hendershott's. The Stahls lead. Frank Sipe has arranged with the Forest Service to lead us to Andrews Experimental Forest on June 5th. On the following week-end the same leaders will take us to Bearbones Mt. Lookout. Both are new trips and hold promise of being extremely interesting. Our first overnight trip will be to beautiful Clear Lake. Help our leader Thelma Watson make this scenic trip a great success. How can you help? Just be there! The Baileys have attached a snowplow to the new Buick and promise to have the McKenzie Pass open for a most enjoyable trip to gorgeous Tumalo Falls west of Bend June 26th.

Each week keep in condition by taking a short hike to Hendershott's to sign up for aforementioned trips.

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MAJOR MOUNTAIN CLIMBS FOR JUNE

June 19 Mt. Hood
Lloyd Plaisted, Leader

June 26 Mt. McLoughlin
Bob Northrop, Leader

REPORT BY BUILDING COMMITTEE

A large number of Obsidians do see the need of and advantages of owning a clubhouse. Our pleas for money to build this house have resulted in our obtaining \$5912.00 in pledges and cash, which includes a \$2000 appropriation from the board. This does not include the Dorr Hamlin Memorial Fund, which will be used for some special project---perhaps a fireplace. We need at least \$1500 more before we can start the building. Less than one-half of our membership have made pledges. Unless the rest make up at least this difference, we may have to consider giving up this location.

Our building lot has increased in value. Shall we sell the lot, purchase a cheaper site and use the difference to help build our building? In other words, can we raise \$1500 or shall we sell the lot?

These questions will be discussed after the movies to be shown by James Jeppesen on June 3 at the Skinner Butte potluck.

Please attend this meeting and help with your suggestions and support.

Building Committee

COMING EVENTS

Movies and Building Discussion

The entertainment committee has planned a potluck and unusual picture night for Friday night June 3rd at Skinner Butte Community Center Building, 6:30 P.M. Jim Jeppesen will be in charge of the program of moving pictures which will include

Tehachapi Earthquake in California
Snow in the Run
Manwheels and Power
This Is My Railroad
Woodland Manners

The program will last approximately one hour and twenty minutes.

As mentioned elsewhere in the bulletin this month, some discussion is needed about the Obsidian building developments, and following the program the building committee will take over and bring all Obsidians up to date on latest building plans. Let's have a good turnout for this important meeting.

B.H.

YOSEMITE PICTURES

It seems that it is always time to be thinking about something, and one of the more pleasant things for us Obsidians to be thinking about now is our summer outing at Yosemite. With a locale such as this the outing hardly needs any publicity but it is a pleasant tradition to have a presentation of colored slides of the area the outing is to be in.

Not caring to break with tradition on this one point, at least, we are again going to have a slide night June 15, at eight o'clock at Skinner Butte Community Center. Bernice Lehrman was at Yosemite with the Chemeketans three summers ago and has graciously consented to show and tell us about the slides she took while there.

Plan to come and enjoy the evening even if you can't go to the outing. Refreshments will be served.

H.C.

IMPORTANT HEARINGS

The Oregon State Engineers' hearing on the Beaver Marsh project will be held June 1st at 10:00 A.M. at the Veterans Memorial Building in Eugene.

The Federal Power Commission's hearing on the same subject will be June 7, 8, 9---also at the Veterans Memorial Building.

BOARD NOTES

The Committee on Science and Conservation asks Obsidians to write, as individuals, to Honorable Harris Ellsworth, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., asking that he:

(1) Support the Senate amendment to increase the appropriation made by the House for the maintenance of recreational facilities in the Forest by about a million dollars, and that he support whatever other proposal seems most feasible for a continuing increase in funds, as by setting aside of 10% of Forest income, for this purpose. Point out emphatically that present funds for "recreation" hardly cover sanitation and garbage, that the need is great and growing rapidly while CCC built camps fall to pieces. Fire hazards are increased because people, unable to find space in neglected and inadequate forest camps, camp and build fires at any handy place.

(2) Oppose the Echo Park Dam in Dinosaur National Monument. (Put this in a separate letter). The Senate has passed the Upper Colorado bill, including provisions for this dam. A hard fight is being made in the House with a good chance that it will be successful if outdoor people and others concerned use their influence. Say it is an invasion of the National Park System, setting a dangerous precedent; that the National Park System is already inadequate for the rapidly growing use and appreciation; that there are plenty of reservoirs outside the National Parks for that kind of recreation. Use any of numerous other valid arguments you wish, and also, if you wish, attack the whole bill as a gigantic "pork barrel" grab, with costs entirely out of proportion to benefits. Read the last Readers' Digest, Harper's, and other reports showing what tax cost paid by all of us would be. The total runs into billions.

Write at once. The bill may come to vote any day. The main thing is just to say you are opposed, and urge his opposition. No need to write a long argument. Write to other Congressmen with whom you might have even a little influence, and get friends and relatives in other states, especially in the East and Midwest to write. Tell them what it will add to federal taxes, and do it now!

Late word says time is of the essence, especially in the Dinosaur question; so wire or air mail immediately!

Entertainment committee is planning a meeting for June when some scenic movies provided by the S. P. railroad will be shown and a discussion of plans for a future clubhouse will take place. Bette suggested that to facilitate planning of entertainment a definite Obsidian night once a month at a designated location would be a help. The Board approved her idea. She also suggested having an entertainment fund.

Publication chairman reminded all that the Wednesday after board meeting is the deadline for news. She also read a letter to the editor which started a discussion on the clubhouse project.

Bailey reported that a few additional pledges have come in. Discussion centered on possibility of selling lots and buying farther out for less money so that construction could begin sooner. Also, some thought a larger lot would be desirable for picnicking and ball playing. Board authorized a committee to make further investigations and report to a club meeting in June. Also to summarize activities thus far in the next bulletin.

Trips committee reported no Coburg Hills trip because no sign-up. Twenty-Three went to Silver Creek Falls with Louis Waldorf as leader.

Jim Jeppesen for the climbing committee reported that the climbing school has been plugged by placards, notices on campus and in the Guard.

Outing committee is planning picture showing of Yosemite.

Conservation chairman Karl Onthank requested that the club go on record supporting re-nomination of Dr. Edgar Wayburn as president of the FWOC because of his experience in the Wilderness area and other conservation problems. Club authorized Karl to write letter in name of Obsidians urging same.

A letter was read by Gene from the Scouts asking the club to provide leadership up either North or South Sister in August for a group of Boy Scouts. Club will provide.

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Begin planning now for the Annual Convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs at Idyllwild, Riverside County, in Southern California on Labor Day Weekend.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

The trip to Silver Creek Falls on Mother's Day was a real success. Twenty-three Obsidians and friends enjoyed the lush green growth in the canyon, the early spring flowers, and the very large volume of water plunging over the falls. The usual fine potluck dinner completed a happy trip. Louis Waldorf was the leader and Ray Sims was rear guard.

Oh yes, the sun shone beautifully all day!

R.W.

The building committee is grateful for the assistance given to the building fund by the receipts of the rummage sale.

Thanks is extended to everyone who assisted by giving rummage, unpacking and selling.

We are particularly grateful for the help given by Charlotte Lemon and her Girl Scouts who assisted on Friday evening.

Please save your rummage for a future sale. Our building fund was increased by \$126.00.

R.W.

"Much a-do about logging" was the subject of the day May 15 when nine Obsidians boarded a crummy at the Rosboro Company's office at Finn Rock for a trip up and around their excellent logging roads. Dave Burwell and his assistant explained and showed evidences of the company's re-logging and re-forestation policies. Those profiting from these views of the upper logging country were Ray Cavagnaro, Clarence Scherer, Henry Carlson, Bob Elston, Bette Hack, Ruth Onthank, Paul and Helen Weiser, Bernice Lehrman, and Ray Sims. Also along were Billy and Lea Burwell and Mr. Kennedy, Gale's father.

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Forty Obsidians and guests enjoyed a trip to the islands May 1st when Joe Daniel took them there via his beautiful slides. Joe spent about a month in December and January touring the Hawaiian Islands by plane, hitch-hiking, and on foot. Two outstanding features of the trip were his solo climb of Mauna Kea on Hawaii and the two days he spent in Haleakala Crater on the island of Maui. (Joe celebrated Christmas here and decorated a "tree" of rock with socks, ice axe, and boots).

With the enthusiastic help of little Nancy Scherer, Ray Cavagnaro and Mary Duncan, who are to be married May 28, opened a nice selection of shower gifts before a large gathering of Obsidians at a potluck May 20. A large "Love Bucket" (remember the Tetons?) of red tulips was appropriately used as decoration along with large bouquets of red camellias. Surprise of the evening was the announcement of the wedding of Keena Shaw and Bob Northrop on the same day. Incidentally, that is Nancy Scherer's birthday also.

B.H.

A beautiful book, This is Dinosaur: Echo Park Country and Its Magic Rivers, has just been published by Alfred Knopf. The general editor is Wallace Stegner. It is a book of vital timeliness, and of long-range value to an individual's library, too. It will help explain, just by being left where it can be seen, what is at stake in Dinosaur. The book gives the place meaning and perspective; it puts you there, through the ages.

(Excerpt from the Mazama, May Issue)

