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## Let's Go Climbing

We are once again in the climbing season. There is something special about camping out in the high places. You see thousands more stars in a crystal clear sky, hear no city noise (although there may be a bit of snoring), and it is very enjoyable to climb the many different peaks in Oregon and Washington.

In July the climbing committee has scheduled the following climbs:

- (1) July 2,3,4,---Mt. St. Helens. Joe Daniel, leader. Some different scenery for us.
- (2) July 10---Three Fingered Jack. Dave Burwell, leader. A nice climb from pretty Jack Lake.
- (3) July 17---Diamond Peak. Gene Sebring, leader. Our tender-foot climb and Gene would like a record group.
- (4) July 24---Middle Sister. Jim Jeppesen, leader. One of the big three for new chiefs and princesses.
- (5) July 31---The lucky ones leave for summer camp in Yosemite.

And don't forget that we climb Mt. Hood on June 19th, and Mt. McLaughlin on June 26th. We would like a good turnout for each of them.

Good climbing!

Please add Mt. Washington to your schedule for Sept. 11 as it was left off by accident. Ray Harris is the leader.

J.J.

## TRIPS FOR JULY

Trips scheduled for the next several weeks offer much variety as to location and type of scenery. It was decided that the June 19 trip to Clear Lake will be a one day affair rather than an overnight trip as originally planned. The Baileys are having trouble with the snow in the deep cut, but promise to have the snow removed from the McKenzie before their overnight trip to Tumalo Falls, June 25-26. Because of the distance to Tumalo it has been requested that this be an overnight trip. See the trips schedule for things to see at Tumalo Falls. An exchange of letters between the Baileys and the city of Bend gave information that promises to make this an especially interesting trip. Be sure to bring something delicious for an Obsidian potluck on Sunday.

Don't forget the trip of the year. Call Mike Stahl and ask if reservations can still be made for the July 2-3-4 Three Sisters Wilderness Trails trip. Call now, as reservations will not be accepted much longer.

Let's all sign up for the Yapoah Crater trip and help Margaret Markley make this an enjoyable one. Don't forget we all enjoy your company, so be there!

On July 17 Bob Medill will lead us to Red Top Mt. and Fawn Lake in the Crescent Lake area. If this trip proves to be as interesting as Bob promises, nobody should miss it.

The trips committee has changed the July 24th trip (Santiam) to a climb of Tipsoo to visit Ray and Jimmy Sims --- who will be manning the lookout station there after July 1st.

Let's all turn out for as many of these trips as possible. D.C.

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NOTE

Your editor will be visiting her parents in Brooks, Oregon during the summer. Ray Cavagnaro has graciously consented to edit the next issue of the Bulletin. Please turn all news items in to him before July 14.

ARE YOU GOING TO SUMMER CAMP?

SUMMER CAMP SIGNUP DEADLINE IS TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE OUTING. SINCE THE OUTING BEGINS JULY 31 YOU MUST HAVE YOUR \$10 ADVANCE PAYMENT IN TO LLOYD BY JULY 17.

WATCH THE NEXT ISSUE FOR INTERESTING INFORMATION ON THE YOSEMITE AREA.



The entertainment committee announces a potluck will be held at Black Canyon Forest Camp on the Willamette Saturday, July 16, at 6:00 P.M. Coffee and ice cream will be furnished by the committee.

TRAILINGS



We welcome into membership Mary Medill, wife of Bob Medill. By the way, their address has changed since the address sheet came out. It is now P. O. Box 242, Springfield.

Orders for June have arrived:  
To Dale and June Carlson, a boy, David Brian, born June 11.  
To Tom and Janet Taylor, a girl the morning of June 12.  
Mothers are fine and at last report the fathers were expected to recover.

Ruth Hopson will teach a one week course in Conservation and Natural History under the Portland Extension Center summer school program. This is to be a field course in the Santiam area beginning June 20, and Ruth reports so much interest that enrollment has already closed.

Jim Newsom is in summer training on the USS Wisconsin in Virginia and Georgia.

Gerry Fehly is back from a month's visit with her sister and friends in White-water and Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin and reports a wonderful time renewing old acquaintances.

The Walt Banks family will enjoy a long camping experience near Wallowa Lake from July 3 - Aug. 22 while Walt acts as counsellor at a Boy Scout camp.

Ray Sims took part in the search for Leo Hibbs conducted by the Forest Service. The elderly man was found June 12th, after being lost for four days in the area around Linton Lake and Obsidian Creek.

The Castelloes have finally settled at 1930 Todd St. (off West 18th). They urge all Obsidians and friends to come on out and see them . . . .

Mountain Rescue Spring Conference was held at Stevens Pass north of Seattle June 11-12 sponsored by Mountain Rescue Council. All the outdoor clubs in the Pacific Northwest participated including C.A.P., Forest and National Park Service, USAF, State Patrol, USN, USA, USCG, and the Royal Mounted Police and Park Service of Canada.

Discussion on '55 program with brief history of '54 from each main phase leader of the council at the opening of the conference. The main theme was a simulated rescue operation.

After the opening session there was a field problem of avalanche rescue technique simulated by the U.S.F.S., who took us to an avalanche area where they placed different articles of clothing and ski equipment and then created an avalanche to cover the article. Our job was to find the victim. In the evening we had an open discussion on avalanches.

For Sunday's rescue an advance team went out Saturday afternoon with four victims for the airplane crash scene. Those people spent the night out.

As soon after dawn as possible a C.A.P. plane dispatched in the area to locate crash and get report to base of operation at Stevens Pass by the C.A.P. & M.R.C. air to ground communication system. The C.A.P. is to try and photograph crash scene and fly to the nearest source to develop and drop to recon. team as soon as possible. Make vital equipment drop to evacuation team 1 & 2. This means the Air Ground Communication must function to identify correct team.

At daylight dispatch 8-man advance team. Team should get air report while enroute to approximate area. If possible at least doctors should go with team. This team to locate crash scene and give immediate medical aid. Give information to heavily loaded equipment rescue teams following to save them steps and effort.

Dispatch 16-man rescue team No.1. This team to carry 2 complete litters to crash scene. Must have portable radio and smoke and flare equipment for C.A.P. plane to ground signaling.

Dispatch 16-man evacuation team No.2. This team is identical to No.1 in equipment and job at hand. The 32 men to move victims to top of barrier face where 16-man rock team will take over. Rock team may use any of 32 who are qualified. A message came in from recon. team that terrain requires aerial rigging. Dispatch 12-man rock team to upper barrier from description of recon. teams. This team to take victims from evacuation teams 1 & 2 and negotiate upper rock reaches of barrier down to point of tram rigging. Tram rigging is where they use 500 ft. 1/4" steel cable secured at both ends to lower victim down the cable on pulleys.

Dispatch 32-man relief evacuation team to move litters from base of barrier to road. Tram rig team will move victims down to this point.

This gives you a brief description on how a well-organized rescue is conducted. Gene Sebring, Jim Harrang and Ray Harris who attended the conference were able to get a bird's-eye view and to participate in the operation at the rescue.

R.H.

IF YOU HAVEN'T WRITTEN HARRIS ELLSWORTH ABOUT YOUR STAND ON ECHO PARK --DO IT NOW! IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN, WRITE AGAIN, PREFERABLY OPPOSING THE ENTIRE COLORADO RIVER BILL. RECAPITULATION OF OUR OPPOSITION COULD BE A DETERMINING FACTOR IN CONGRESS' DECISION AT THIS MOMENT.

### BOARD NOTES

Membership chairman reported and the board accepted application for associate membership of Mary Medill.

Entertainment committee promises a picnic in July. Karl Onthank of conservation read a number of recommendations to be presented at the annual convention of the FWOC on Labor Day week-end. Most of the recommendations were endorsed by the board.

Ray Harris of search and rescue said his committee plans to attend the spring conference of mountain rescue councils the week-end of June 11-12. Report elsewhere in bulletin.

Climbing committee chairman Walt Banks reported that a total of 78 people participated in different phases of the climbing school. Jim Jeppesen will be the one to contact on climbing activities for the summer while Walt is out of town.

Building committee reports that members seem to favor selling lot for a profit and buying out farther where a larger lot could be obtained but still within a short time driving distance.

Fund of \$150 was advanced to the outing committee for initial expenses. Deadline for sign-up and minimum advance payment of \$10 are two weeks before the outing.

July meeting will be at Blanche Bailey's.

### MOUNTAIN GOATS IN THE WALLOWAS

From the Wallowas comes a bit of interesting news about the six mountain goats released there in 1950. For a number of years no sign had been seen of the goats and it was not known if they had survived. During March of this year goat tracks and beds were found in the vicinity of Ice Lake. A state game agent, flying in that area in May spotted four goats including a large male, two females and a kid. From the number of tracks in the area it is believed there are more goats there than sighted.

D.C.

Ray and Mary Cavagnaro send this little message to all the Obsidians...

We so greatly appreciated the grand wedding shower held in our behalf. It was an event that will long be in our memory and we will always be grateful for the friendship we enjoy with all of you. The gifts are all in good use and the "lovebucket" part of the decoration of our new home. Our deep and sincere thanks, Ray and Mary

Membership committee reminds those who are behind in their dues that it is time to bring them up to date -- DO IT NOW!

The Mt. Hagan trip of May 22nd enticed a large group of Obsidians as well as some visitors. The visitors were the Floyd Brickley family of Springfield and Carleton Draper. Somehow we always find new inspiration from sitting together atop a lookout mountain and viewing a serene little valley below us----a rushing mountain stream---snow-covered peaks. We should be stimulated to encourage more people to share nature's wonders with us.

A group of 19 Obsidians and friends explored a new area Sunday, June 12. Led by the district ranger of Rigdon District, Otto Hannel, we followed the old Willamette highway for several miles beyond Oakridge; then a logging road for several more miles, parking our cars at a point about two miles from the lookout. The trail led through deep timber, to a great outcrop of rock, on which the lookout house is located. Views from here were excellent, especially towards the Bohemia Mts., and the upper Willamette region --- south of Diamond Peak.

MOVIES

Jim Jeppesen's showing of S.P. Railroad movies and a forest service film on wild life June 3rd was very much enjoyed by the many attending. Perhaps members would enjoy more entertainment in such variety and should present their ideas and desires to the entertainment committee.

Many thanks go to Dot Dotson for his generous loan of a movie projector for this and other occasions.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEK END

Mother Nature and sightseeing provided a varied and interesting program to the camping group of Obsidians, led by Mike Stahl, in Cabin Lake Forest Camp over the Memorial Day week end. Camp was established by Saturday evening, and during the friendly campfire, Mr. Good, Dorothy Stahl's father, and Mike gave the itinerary for the next day.

Andrews Experimental Forest

Obsidians who did not attend the Andrews Experimental Forest trip on June 5th missed one of the most worthwhile trips of the year. Three Forest service men guided the tour --- Bob Ruth, a research leader of the Forest Service Experimental Station, which has its headquarters in Portland, Ed Anderson, ranger at McKenzie River, and Dick Koenig, resident forester. The experimental forest comprises some 15,000 acres in the Lookout Creek-Blue River area of the McKenzie District of the Willamette National Forest. Velocity and depth readings are taken to determine the effect of logging on water run-off. The temperature of the water has been checked in various spots after logging and it has been pretty well determined that no appreciable change in temperature occurs as a result of logging. Fishermen note! Most siltation comes from construction of roads rather than from logging.

Sunday morning the group drove into Fort Rock, a volcanic outlay of high rock shaped in a horseshoe, and hiked around the entire outside rim. An interesting arrangement of rock challenged many to explore its crevices and heights. Even the youngest member, Mark Sebring, scanned the Rock's variances from a pack on his daddy's back.

A new innovation in salvage logging is the SJ4, a mobile logger which allows logs to be taken with much less damage to new growth than the use of tractors. Experiments are being conducted to determine type of soil and cover best suited to growth of seedlings. The fish and wild life section of the Department of the Interior is checking rodent population before logging, after logging, after slash fire, and again when new growth appears. This study when completed will give the first real knowledge of the effect of the rodent population on saplings and tree life.

After a hasty lunch in camp, the caravan of cars visited the largest Juniper tree in Oregon (5½' in diameter and 63' high) and the Derrick Ice Caves. Many Obsidians found tunnels, niches, and holes to climb in and out of.

These are only some of the high points of the trip led by Frank Sipe, and attended by Ruth Hopson, Louis Waldorf, Helen Hughes & mother, Karl & Ruth Onthank, Bernice Lehrman, Bill Wasman, Betsy Moore, Bob Frazier & son.

The group discovered that an eastern Oregon camp ground meant layers of dust with sun and wind alternating. Everyone left Monday morning to travel home at their own paces. Some encountered snow flurries on the Santiam Highway and some visited Pringle Falls near LaPine.

J.B.

DUES ARE DUE!

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