



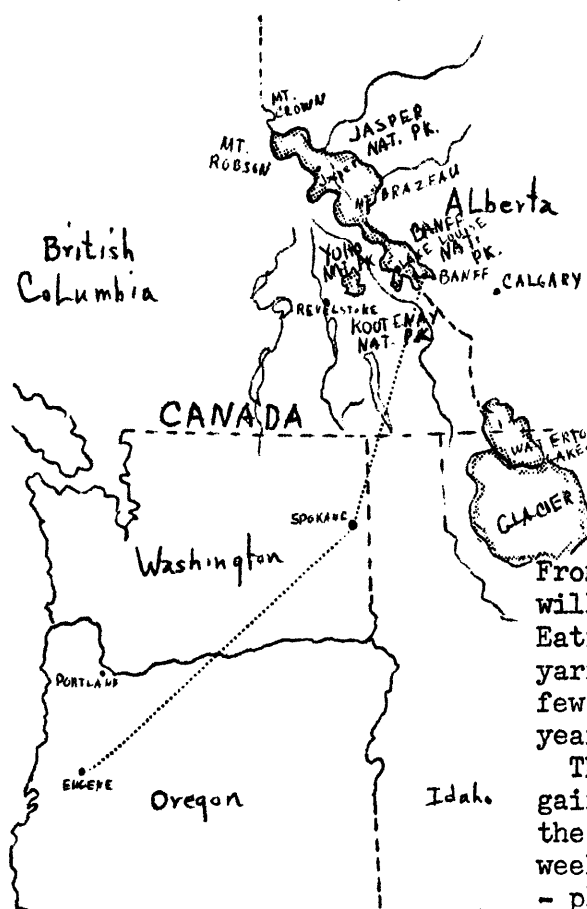
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EXTRA! EXTRA!

OBSIDIANS PLAN BEST OUTING EVER IN CANADIAN ROCKIES



Plans for this year's Summer Outing are really taking shape and the outlook is for a great gang to have a grand time in the CANADIAN ROCKIES.

Transportation to camp will be both comfortable and relaxing as we ride along in a Highway Traveller Greyhound Bus with Clancy at the wheel. You leave your worries and cares behind as you travel Greyhound.

From our base camp at Johnston Canyon in Banff there will be more than ample activities to occupy our time. Eating, swimming, hiking, boating, loafing...and tall yarns around the evening campfire are to name but a few. Olga Larsen of Mt. Hood culinary fame will this year be our chef at CAMP PLAISTED.

The sign-up sheet at Hendershott's is beginning to gain momentum. If you have already decided to go to the Canadian Rockies, won't you sign up sometime this week? Those of you who haven't yet made the decision - please decide soon to go. We all enjoy your companionship and will miss you who fail to join us.

For additional information see Camp Prospectus enclosed in this bulletin or contact any member of your Outing Committee.

Dale Carlson

INSIDE FUN

June 29 - Regular Friday Obsidian night will feature another famous POTLUCK, and Frank Sipe will put on an interesting Scientific Committee-sponsored program.

July 2 - Regular Monday night at Friendly House; Frank Sipe will show slides of Joshua Tree Nat'l. Monument, Borrego and Anya Desert areas in Southern California. Any others with pictures of recent trips, feel free to bring them along.

OUTSIDE FUN

June 10 - CASTLE ROCK - a qualifying trip for all you tenderfeet - this has been requested by many. Merle Bailey, Ldr.

June 17 - ODELL BUTTE - an easy trip and our first across the mountains -- just beyond Odell Lake. Jim Jeppesen, Ldr.

June 24 - Another one of those interesting trips with the FOREST SERVICE. This time up Fall Creek - bring the kids -- lunch along the stream. The Forest Service wants to show us forest multiple

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use such as sustained yield, reforestation, recreation, etc. Frank Sipe, Ldr. June 30-July 1 - The trips committee has taken the Register-Guard's suggestion and scheduled a work trip to Clear Lake and the McKenzie Falls area. This

takes the place of the trip to Lava Cast Forest which appears in the trips schedule. Those who can go up Saturday PM and camp out, are urged to do so - otherwise come up Sunday AM.

July 4 - Those who want a close-to-home and away-from-the-crowds fourth, are invited to spend it at the home of Bob and Mary Medill. Quiet, grass and shade for all. West end of North A, Springfield, west of Mill St., on bank of Mill Creek.

July 7-8-9 - Rebel Rock WILDERNESS TRIP.

NOTICE Please Notice NOTICE

The Obsidian trip to Red Top on July 8 is cancelled in favor of the Wilderness Trails Trip to Rebel Rock area July 7-8-9.

This 2 or 3 day joint trip will start from Bruckart Bridge Saturday July 7 at 8 A.M. Packhorses will carry in your duffel bag which should weigh no more than 30 lbs, and should be tagged with your name and address. The group will hike to Rebel Rock area on Saturday, making camp at the Old Lookout Cabin. Sunday there will be several trips in the area to study the flora and fauna and geology of the vicinity. Monday will be an extra day of exploration for those who can stay - visits to Pyramid Mt., Olallie Mt., or Bear Flat. \$8 will cover the trip, mailed with your reservation by June 15, to Bob Medill -- P.O.Box 242, Springfield, Ore. Leaders are Dale Carlson, Dave Burwell, Fred Behm, Drs. Ruth Hopson and James Kezer.

FORWARD TO FAN LAKE

NOW is the time to plan to attend the 1956 FWOC Convention at YMCA CAMP REED -- among the pines at Fan Lake, 35 miles north of Spokane. In addition to FWOC business there will be entertainment, interesting hikes and geology and nature study. Your Hosts, The Hobnailers and The Eastern Washington Member Clubs will welcome your reservation, which must be in by August 15th. Adults \$12, children under 12, \$6.

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TRAILINGS...Merle & Blanche Bailey are very proud grandparents of little Mark Bailey Younglove, born May 18, to Merle's daughter, Ardath. Blanche is with them now.

BOARD NOTES

at the home of Bernie Lehrman
ENTERTAINMENT....the last of the Potluck and Polka parties for this year was a big success, as were all the others. The 5th Friday in June will be the last Obsidian night for the season.

TRIPS....Red Top Mt. trip is cancelled, and a joint effort with the Friends of the Three Sisters is substituted. (This July 7-8-9 trip is described elsewhere).

CLIMBING....45 people participated in the indoor session of climbing school, and 12 people tried their hand in the field.

SEARCH....the first aid class drew 25 at one session, and 19 completed the course. The ADVANCED class will be offered in June. All the rescue equipment has been stored at the Eugene Civil Defense Headquarters, thanks to Louis Borde, director.

MEMBERSHIP....we welcome Lora Ives and Norene von Ohlen into our club.

OUTDOOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

SPONSORED BY OBSIDIANS

The newly organized Youth Activities Committee, headed by Mary Cavagnaro, began its operation with a trip to Castle Rock May 26. Twenty-six Girl Scouts and three leaders participated. They saw lots of McKenzie-land, including a typical shower near the top. The resulting enthusiasm was seen in the request for more trips, so if you desire to lead a young group into new fields of adventure, call Mary Cavagnaro or Frank Sipe.

CRUISING WILDERNESS WATERWAYS

River Touring, White Water Boating - and Canoeing, Aquatic Mountaineering, - - Cruising Wilderness Waterways...all these are terms descriptive of the long neglected mode for exploration of Wilderness regions via the river. The American White Water Affiliation, founded in 1953, is an answer to the need for coordination of information in this field. You may join the AWWA and receive the quarterly magazine - "American White Water" by writing to American White Water Affiliation, P.O. Box 8444, University Park Station, Denver 10, California, \$2.00 yearly dues.

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CHIEF & PRINCESS POTLUCK PICNIC -- postponed to July 16 at Myrtie Hamlin's.

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Jean Banks and Virginia Sebring invite the Princesses to Jean's home for their regular meeting Monday, June 18. On May 21 the group enjoyed a potluck picnic in Mary Gillespie's back yard.

TIPSOO IN 1955

by Ray Sims

As the first rain of the summer had passed and August was upon us, we could plan on some warm weather and keep our "ever watchful eye" on those timbered ridges. It was Sunday, Aug. 7, that I was reminiscing as I looked out over that broad expanse of forest land, that just 27 years ago that day was the first Obsidian trip up the North Sister. The 7 in that party were Henry Korn, Ed Turnbull, Dot Dotson, Irv Custer, Frank Bouck, Ken Dalton and myself as leader. Time Flies!

According to my diary it was also the month of falling meteors, so with no telephone wires or tall buildings to bother us, we recorded many as to their direction and brightness for nearly a week, planning to give the report to Mr. Pruett.

Deer were quite plentiful as we brushed the nearby trails in all directions. The phone line was also cleared, just so we finished that sort of work before noon. - many small animals were noticed as they capered on the ground. We fed the chipmunks but on a sunny afternoon, one could see up to four large bluejays stealing their food, only to fly up to the top of one of our nearby trees, for us to look at their beautiful blue plumage.

Besides the telephone, Jim and I had lots of fun flashing the other lookouts with mirrors. Jack Koenig on Indian and Ed Orth on Castle Rock were the regular ones, but we enticed Bob Dean over the ridge from Rebel one afternoon so we could get the correct compass reading on his lookout. We had many visitors which are always welcome to a lookout; news from the outside is always welcome too.

Doris called Sept. 3, saying Jim should hike down to the car by four the next afternoon; this gave him another evening to catch chipmunks to take home. I went down the trail part way with him and told him to phone at the Guard Station at East-Fork. But by 4:30 and no phone, I began to wonder, so flashed the road from the catwalk and right away received their return flash, so went about my work knowing Jim had arrived safely.

Early morning of Labor Day brought us nearer to having forest fires. I was awakened by those big black "deep-voiced" horse flies (as in the book "Tatoosh") - which foretell the coming of an electric storm. It was sultry, 80 degrees, then a lightning strike came very close, over at Horse Mt. near Horse Lake. However it didn't amount to much - that was the only

fire in the McKenzie District that summer.

The Rain of Sept. 13 soaked the forest so I made a trip down and to Eugene, but only for a few days and on the 19th went back up to the lookout. Upon arriving, who should be dangling their feet over the catwalk but Prince Helfrich and Carl Baker. I was glad to see them, and they welcomed the coffee I made. After the storm, it was a grand day for pictures.

My battery radio was real company, but began to fade slowly. Ed Orth, on Castle Rock, said to set it under the telephone and against the lead-in wire, and I did and had perfect reception again.

"Several mornings the ground has been white with frost; fall has arrived. The Sept. 27-28 rain has definitely soaked the forest, and McKenzie Bridge called saying to close up. So with 79 days on Tipsoo behind me, I leave for the city."

THE END

OPERATION RESCUE

The recent "simulated rescue" staged by the Obsidian Search and Rescue committee was very successful. Cooperation was received from local rescue agencies such as the Sheriff's Office, Ambulance Service, CAP, Register-Guard, etc. Thirty people took part in this activity which took place in the Coburg Hills. The new stretcher was tried out, and proved its worth. Congratulations to the Committee for their accomplishment of this vitally important work.

TRAILINGS....Kenneth Hamilton will graduate on June 8 from Eugene High School... Myrna Bankhead will be another E.H.S. June graduate.

...The recent rummage sale was fairly successful, \$105 taken in, \$95 left after the rent was paid. The committee wishes to thank all who sorted rummage and helped sell it, and also all members who contributed rummage.

...Natural History Society met May 31--- last meeting till fall; Frank Sipe showed his desert slides and lectured on physical characteristics of the desert.

...Allen and Donna Lindley's baby girl recently had pneumonia, but is o.k. now.

...Bud Nasholm, who passed away recently, was friend to all Obsidians, having skied with them for many years; we will miss him on the trails.

...Banff, Yoho, Kootenay, and Jasper National Parks are listed as first-class sanctuaries among Canada's protected areas.

GLANCES HERE AND THERE

April 15 Hobo Breakfast was well attended, with 31 early risers enjoying the outdoor atmosphere and wild flowers.

April 22 trip to Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. Logging area and surrounding country was attended by 24 Obsidians on a fine

spring day - lovely green hills to view.

April 29 Chase Gardens trip was enjoyed by 12 interested flower-lovers. Wayne Bailey did a very thorough job of explaining the workings of the Gardens. Small wonder this trip is an annual affair.

TRAILINGS

(Note from publication committee members Castelloe-Jeppesen-Kaneen-Sims---we overlooked the reporting of our Editor's BIG EVENT . . . Jean and Walt Banks welcomed wee Deryl MarshallBanks on April 1. This newest little one is a grand addition to our Obsidian Club - he is welcomed by all. Since his arrival, Deryl spent a week in the hospital - with pneumonia, complicated by anemia - but he is now back home gaining rapidly in health and vigor. The Banks family will spend the summer at Coeur d' Alene Lake in Northern Idaho, July 1 to August 18, where Walt is Boy Scout Aquatics Director. We wish them a very happy summer.)

...Barbara Dotson, daughter of Elsie and Dot, is to be married on June 22 to Boyd Brumley - Best wishes to them.

...Adeline Adams is back at her position with EWEB, after her session in the hospital. Bertha Deckmann is fast overcoming her handicaps of 6 broken ribs.....a cracked shoulder, and cracked ankle.

...Jim Newsom is now a "firstie" at West Point - he participated in the Armed Forces Day Parade in New York City.

...Keith Newsom will attend Beaver Boys State, June 10, Corvallis; he was elected Pres., Nat. Honor Soc. at E.H.S.; initiated into Spanish Honor Soc.; danced with Order of Arrow Scout Troop in the Armed Forces Day Parade May 19(Indian Dances)--also at Armory June 1. His Troop won \$50 award and 100 theatre tickets for their excellent demonstration of Indian Dances.

...Congratulations to the trips committee for the fine schedule they put out.

...Mike Stahl again heads the Save The McKenzie Assn, reelected at their annual meeting May 16. Margaret Markley, Secretary; Karl Onthank and Doris Sims, Directors.

...Obsidians are all invited to the wedding of Bob Pfeiffer to Doris Marie Carter of Olympia, Wn., at Central Church of Christ, 623 N.E.Hassalo, Portland, 7:30 p.m. June 16th. Bob and Doris will spend the summer in Alaska. Bob is now Dr. Pfeiffer, having graduated from Western States College on June 2.

...Karl Onthank, Assoc. Dir. Student Affairs, was awarded the Friar's Scroll by the senior men's honorary for outstanding contributions to the University and students, at the recent campus Junior Weekend celebrations.

...Dave Faville, Prof. of Marketing, Grad. Sch., Stanford, addressed the 17th Ann.Ore. Retail Dist. Inst., on "The Dynamics of Retailing", May 20, at U. of O.

...Charlotte Lemon was awarded a Thanks Badge, highest award in Girl Scouting, at Troop 69's Court of Awards(of which she has been leader since 1951; Obsidian Princesses sponsor this troop, and were represented by Helen Smith and Mary Kaneen at the potluck gathering. Margaret Lemon was elected one of the delegates to the regional G.S.Conference in Spokane in October.

...Dennie Koupal graduated June 4 at OSC with a Bachelors Degree in Engineering; Jim Britton also graduated in Engineering.

...Myrtie's wondering where her snowshoes are?...her phone number is DI 5-1148.

...Dorothy Scherer, with Nancy, Carol and Susan, is visiting at her sisters home at 5320 Euclid, Kansas City, Mo. - however she is ill with a kidney infection which may require surgery. She will know in two more weeks - let's all send her cards.

...The South Fork of the McKenzie has a new look, due to preparations for Cougar Dam. Trees have been logged off on both sides as far up as Walker Creek, where Tipsoo Trail takes off.

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