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Annual Meeting To Be Held Soon OCT. 9

The annual meeting of Obsidians, Inc. will be held at the Willamalane Memorial Building in Springfield, Oregon, North 8th and A Streets, on Tuesday, October 9, 1956, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. All members are urged to attend. Dues will be due and payable at the place and voting for three directors will be conducted from 6:00 to 6:45 P.M. A potluck dinner will follow at 6:45 P.M., and after the dinner will be the business meeting.

Those nominated for candidacy are the following members:

Keith Brunig
Henry Carlson

R. O. McWilliams
George Hermach

James Jeppesen, Jr.
Karl Onthank

You will vote for three of the above candidates who will become members of your board of Directors.

Notice: You may request an absentee ballot if unable to attend the meeting upon submission of your dues and a request to: Obsidian Secretary, 309 West 17th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Helen Hughes

THINGS TO COME

One item of business to be voted on at the annual meeting is a proposed amendment to the By-Laws, that would change the date of the annual meeting from the first to the second Tuesday of October. The changed date would ease the rush of closing the books for the fiscal year and would give added time for an audit to be prepared. Under the present arrangement, it is possible that the annual meeting might fall on the first day of the month, in which case an audit as of Sept. 30th would be very difficult to secure.

THE AMENDMENT WILL READ:

To amend Section 1 of Article VII by changing the word "first" to "second" so that the article will read:

"The annual meeting of this club shall be held in Lane County on the second Tuesday in October of each year."

REMEMBER THAT THIS NOVEMBER THERE IS ANOTHER RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE WHICH YOU AS A FREE AMERICAN CITIZEN CAN ENJOY---
---YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE - BE SURE TO DO SO!!! REGISTER AND VOTE!!!

Oct. 1 Camera Club Meeting at Friendly House, 2445 Kincaid. Joe will show more pictures of his trip north including climbs of Mt. Stuart and Mt. Shuksan.

Oct. 11 Natural History Society meeting, Rm. 207, Chapman Hall, 8:00 P.M., U. O. Campus. Jim Stovall on the Cascades of Washington.

Oct. 7 Big Belknap Crater. A very interesting trip. Mac McWilliams, leader.

Oct. 14 Black Butte. An interesting high point just north of Sisters across the pass. Keith Brunig, leader.

Oct. 21 Waldo Lake. A large body of water with high potential. Jim Kezer, leader.

Oct. 28 Picnic up on Clark Creek which is up Fall Creek way. Art Steele and sons, leaders.

FWOC CONVENTION REPORT

Mike Stahl

The Hobnailers of Spokane were hosts to the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs this year. The "convention hall" was the
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THE OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Board Notes of Meeting

Held September 13, 1956

Meeting was held at the home of Ray and Betty Harris. Climbing Committee remitted \$38.75 from climbing fees. Trips Committee remitted \$12.15 from trip fees. Outing Committee reported a likely profit from the Summer Camp trip of around \$400.00 -- and that attendance was 54 people. Membership had the following applications-applicants welcomed into the Club: Bob Frazier, Jr., and Ruby Frazier, Gene Renard. The resignation letter from George Jack was regrettably accepted, reason being change of residence. Conservation and Science (see FWOC report). Entertainment rather scattered during the latter part of summer, due to vacations, etc. Miscellaneous included the feasibility of purchasing a mimeograph machine from the Pioneer Grocery Co., if for sale. Matter not settled. Some suggested changes in trip scheduling was discussed and it was the majority opinion that we should continue a full schedule. A possibility for the future are some weekend trips into nearby areas of beauty with overnight camp. Meeting followed by delicious refreshments by the hosts.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

It is most disturbing to anyone who is the editor of a paper to have to get up much of the news by himself. I appreciate the news received from various members, but the committees do not submit much on their activities, so my apologies for much news left out if such there be. Bits for Trailings welcomed from everybody, also any other items of interest to the club and its members.

Jim Jeppesen

FWOC CONVENTION REPORT(Continued from p.1)
YMCA building at Fan Lake, in the hilly, timbered country 34 miles north of Spokane. Here the 170 delegates, officers and guests gathered for three days of combined fun and business, the latter of which was mostly conservation problems (at least from your delegate's viewpoint, for he was a member of the resolutions committee).

Many well-known people in the conservation and recreation fields were present: Preston Macy, Supt. of Mt. Rainier Nat'l. Pk.; Lon Garrison, head of the Park Service's "mission 66", a ten year program of Nat'l. Pk. improvement; John Sieker, Asst. Chief of the U. S. Forest Service; Bill Parke and Frank Fulsom of U.S.F.S., Region 6; Ned Graves, Western Representative for the Nat'l. Pks. Assoc.; Olaus Murie and Howard Zahniser of the Wilderness Society; and Dave Brower and Ed Wayburn of the Sierra Club and Trustees for Conservation.

Mr. Macy discussed the problem of overuse and crowding at the Paradise Park area in Mt. Rainier Nat'l. Pk.; Mr. Garrison cited the need for Federal, State, and County agencies to develop their recreational resources to meet the steadily increasing public demand for recreational facilities; Dr. Murie gave a talk with colored slides on the Arctic Wilderness, presenting an excellent and moving appeal for establishment of an Arctic Wilderness Area; Dave Brower spoke on the Wilderness Preservation System bill presented in the last Congress by Senator Humphrey and sponsored by a number of others, including Senators Wayne Morse and Richard Neuberger; Mr. Sieker spoke on the problems and plans of the Forest Service.

The Resolutions Committee consulted these people and many others in consolidating more than thirty suggested resolutions into the final twelve that were presented for adoption.

The final business session, Monday morning, saw the twelve resolutions adopted, five previous ones re-affirmed, and three motions from the floor passed. Among the resolutions were ones on the Three Sisters Wilderness Area, the Upper McKenzie, and Waldo Lake. This year's officers were re-elected with the exception of Editor.

Your delegate had a busy but enjoyable weekend at the Convention. He met many old friends, made several new ones, and gained a great deal in knowledge and experience. Next year's convention will be in the redwoods, 50 miles north of S.F.-- It's enjoyable, rewarding-plan to attend!

New officers elected at the first fall meeting: Dorothy Scherer, Pres., Virginia Sebring, V-Pres., Helen Hughes, Sec-Treas. Nellie McWilliams and Mary Castelloe entertained the group, Sept. 17. Plans were made for a fall initiation party for new princesses. A committee headed by Margaret Markley was appointed to carry out the plans.

As a memorial to Dr. J. Hugh Pruett, who passed away a year ago, the princesses are assuming permanent leadership in the Maltese Cross Program each October, the Halloween plan of using the Maltese Cross to prevent annoyance to the sick and aged by the "Trick or Treaters."

Florence Fulton invited the group for its meeting on October 15.

LOST

by Myrtie Hamlin - 1 soup spoon - -
Acorn pattern. Call her at DI 5-1148

HOW SOME OF THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS
RECEIVED THEIR NAMES

Compiled by Frances Newsom
(Continued from July Issue)

Three Fingered Jack (7848') was so named because a three-fingered trapper named Jack lived near by. As far as known the first ascent was made on Labor Day, September 3, 1923, by six boys from Bend who had recently climbed Mt. Washington.

Mt. Washington (7802') was named for George Washington; is well known for its rocky spire that defied all attempts at climbing until August 26, 1923, when six boys from Bend reached the summit.

The Three Sisters (North, 10,094'; Middle, 10,053'; and South, 10,354') are among the most interesting peaks in Oregon. Who named them is not known, but David Douglas saw them (and wrote about them) on October 5, 1826. There is a story to the effect that they were once known as Mount Faith, Mt. Hope, and Mt. Charity. Possibly the names were applied by members of the Methodist mission at Salem in the early 1840's.

Broken Top (9165'), is named for its jagged summit.

Bachelor Butte (9060'), an imposing isolated peak southeast of the Three Sisters. In early days it was frequently called Brother Jonathan, in contradistinction to the Three Sisters.

LEFT AT MYRTIE'S POTLUCK

1 qt. vegetable dish, white, scalloped edge; 1 salad fork; 1 tablespoon; 1 teaspoon; 1 stainless steel tablespoon.

A breakfast meeting was held at the Del Rey Thursday, Sept. 13, 1956. Karl Onthank discussed the area in general and stressed that this matter should be considered non-partisan by all in Washington and for the benefit of all the people. He said that all forests, parks, wilderness areas, etc., are at present subject to administrative pressure. Ruth Hopson pointed out the unusual species of plant life - Sagebrush, Alaskan Spruce - to mention a few, present in the area. Importance of Control Areas was stressed. Dr. Robert Storm discussed how some determined to get the study of the McKenzie Watershed underway - outside aid has been sought (National Science Foundation). Application must be non-economic. 1) Want to make careful ecological analysis before too late in some of these areas, and 2) A unique opportunity to study a complete watershed. That economic research has plenty of backing and has resulted in better utilization of forest products was pointed out by Karl Onthank.

Frances Newsom discussed the area in terms of its being a favorite recreation area along with the rest of the Western Cascades. Pictures to point out some of these points. General topic of geology, beauty, plant life, of Wilderness Area, stressed.

Prince Helfrich discussed his 34 years as a guide in this vicinity. Stressed the million dollar income derived from the McKenzie River Drainage in recreation expenditure. Stressed the untold possibilities of the Wilderness Area and that the reduction of the Western area would destroy a year-round portion of said area. Cited the increase in visitation in the past ten years. Logging here will destroy the Wilderness.

Al Kaufman of the Machinists Union related his polling of Union men working about Eugene in respect to retaining the Wilderness as is. Almost all in favor of preserving this one for future use of recreation, including lumber workers.

The men chose to go up in high country to get away from city noise for a while, and to leave crowded camp grounds farther down.

Mike Stahl cited a speaker at the FWOC Convention, Don Garrison. This man talked of the growing millions who are flocking to National Parks and campgrounds everywhere. How Federal, State, and Local improvement and development should be carried out.
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MORSE BREAKFAST(Continued)

ried on at a good pace. Mike favored retention of the Entire Wilderness Area.

Bob Lemon cited the decline of operating mills. He was pointing up the growing importance of recreation as an industry. That the timber involved will not tip the scales either way for Lane County prosperity in lumber.

Art Richards stated that there is no urgency to open the area. Plant efficiency will utilize more of their waste to bolster income, ie., chipboard, etc. He stated that mills are practicing better forestry chiefly because of forest depletion.

Dr. Lloyd Staples cited the fact that the destruction of this Wilderness area would destroy a laboratory that could never be replaced.

Frank Cuthbert stated that an estimate of some 6 million could live in the Willamette Valley. The next generation should have something left.

Karl Onthank mentioned the following: that fringe development would increase usage tremendously; that no increase in area is asked, only retention of that zoned long ago; it is still multi-use--watershed flood control, recreation, scenic value, etc.; logging would create a single use (which can't be denied).

Bob Holmes, candidate for Governor pledged support on an aggressive level from Salem, should he have the chance. He spoke favorably of developing the recreation income potential and retention of areas to draw people.

Keith Skelton was present to ask support in the defense of Armitage Park in regard to the upstream construction of an asphalt plant.

Senator Wayne Morse stated that he sees conservation in terms of coming generations. He believes that specific areas should be retained for the present and future generations to enjoy. He cited the ugly fact that the Potomac River running through our Capitol has 12 feet of sludge along its bank; one of the filthiest rivers in the country. He stated that support of the Humphrey Bill on Wilderness will give them something concrete to work from, something not present before.

In regard to disposition of such areas he stated that "it is not good Government to give to individuals unchecked administrative power." He stated that Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, herself a Republican, wholeheartedly endorses his program, as follows:

He will work for the following in regard
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TRAILINGS(Continued)

Walt and Jean Banks have left us for the Capitol City where Walt is teaching PE and Speech Correction at the School for the Blind. We'll certainly miss them; but wish them much happiness in their new home. Don't desert us for the Chemeketans, W. and J.!

Natalie Beckett has forsaken sunny California for good old Oregon, and will be working this winter on the U.O. Campus.

Merle Bailey has accepted a position in the traffic division of the State Highway Department doing street lighting on the new road expansion program. So far, he's been commuting between Salem and Eugene.

Louise Drew, who has just undergone a serious major operation has been taken to the Medford Hospital from the Portland Clinic.

Dolores Jeppesen has returned to Germany and her teaching position in the Army Air Force. The other day she crossed paths with Art Johnson, and his wife, Anita, having met in a store in Innsbruck, Austria, September 15th.

Our Bob Lemon has been appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Accountancy. Congratulations!

Everett Ow from Los Angeles, who went to the Canadian Rockies with us, likes the Obsidian group so well, he hopes to go with us again.

Bernie Lehrman is back with us now, after attending summer school in Denver, Col. Ruth Hopson is now established in her new home at 4138 S. 4th Ave., Portland 1, and invites all Obsidians to call on her or call her at CA 2-1430.

Merle Simmons and Georgia Aird were married Aug. 26, at Trinity Methodist.... congratulations Merle and Georgia.

Joan Kilpatrick, daughter of Roy & Blanche Kilpatrick, and granddaughter of our own Helen K., was married to Frazier H. Rohm, on September 22, in John Day, Oregon... Helen travelled to John Day with Merle and Blanche Bailey, to be present at the wedding. Joan and Frazier will continue their University studies in Seattle.

The Obsidians were grieved to note the passing of Jim Noyes, who accompanied them on several trips recently.

Margaret Markley spent part of her vacation at the Sierra Club Camp in Glacier Peak Wilderness Area.

Our sympathy is extended to Dale and Henry Carlson in the recent death of their mother.

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MORSE BREAKFAST(Continued)

to the Three Sisters Wilderness area:

- 1) Decision delayed one year for study.
- 2) Small group to recommend on Wilderness areas in Oregon.
- 3) Forest Service report on how it would be managed.
- 4) No action be taken until said Humphrey Bill is passed.

TRAILINGS(Continued)

David Simons, new member of Obsidians, was also at Fan Lake(FWOC site). He came over from Glacier Peak area which he studied and photographed on a study grant from the Sierra Club. Now back at U. of California studying Bio-Chemistry

Cadet Jim Newsom flew east in August and spent his summer leave taking quick looks at Germany, Northern Italy, Austria, Denmark and Sweden.

Keith Newsom attended the National Order of the Arrow(Boy Scout Honorary for campers)conference at Indiana U., Bloomington, Ind. Their dance team placed 4th in National Indian Competition.

Although unable to get away in time for the outing, the Daniel's made a dashing trip through Kootenay, Yoho and Banff National Parks, about a week after the outing group returned. Joe climbed Mt. Shuksan with the Mazamas, Aug. 22; they spent two days in the Olympics, a day at Waterton Lake N.P., toured Yellowstone and the Tetons. Joe's pictures have been very entertaining to us all.

Dave and Gale Burwell rushed up to Mt. Shuksan over Labor Day weekend and climbed it by themselves. They met and passed other groups. Gale says those up and down mountain miles out to the car were just about too much.

SUMMER CAMP by Mary Cavagnaro

The roar of avalanches and the thunder of torrents; the blaze of Northern Lights; the Sentinel Pines marching ever higher up the mighty mountains until reaching the unsurmountable limestone crags and spires or lofty snow-capped peaks; Pilot Mountain in all her majesty, robed in green velvet with an Ermine stole; Mt. Eisenhower, formidable guardian of Bow River Valley; the white water cascades crashing down tortuous canyons to spend themselves meandering through flower-filled meadows; the lumbering moose emerging from the aspen to drink from cool, clear waters; the beaver busy at his summer carpentry; the ever-present prankster, the black bear and her cubs; the camp aroused by the chattering chickaree; the thrill of glimpsing

startled waterfowl on the wing; the hoary marmot, our escort across rocky mountain passes; the tentative welcome of a mountain sheep on some hard earned summit; the call of the coney in areas of desolation wherein it seems no living thing could dwell; the sheer delight of hanging valleys sprinkled with a myriad of emerald, sapphire lakes; a sense of the eternal as one stood on the ice cap of the world; the sweat and toil and final triumph as one stood aloft the conquered peak and looked, not down, but out to wider horizons; the discovery in some rare blossom or ancient fern in fossil form; the war dance of the Indian Paint Brush in the breeze of early morn; the caress of the warm sun and sting of the cool rain; the smell of bacon frying; the blazing campfire; K. P.; the strange creatures bearing gifts at the President's Tea; the laughter and the song, the joy of fellowship, the peace of solitude; - - this was Camp Plaisted, in the Canadian Rockies.

Three Long, Hearty Cheers for the camp Committee, Dale Carlson, Gene Sebring, Clancy Bankhead, and the captain of the crew, Henry Carlson. All money matters were ably handled by Ernie Keasling.

Those plump, sleek Obsidians seen on Fall Trips are the result of Olga Larsen's succulent culinary at Camp Plaisted. - - Thanks to Clancy Bankhead's rock 'n roll treatment over the Canadian(we hesitate to use the word) highways, no seams were burst.

Thanks, gang, for a memorable two weeks.

SUMMER CAMP REUNION

With "Boris Bruin" to greet us at the door of the Danebo Church, 59 campers and their guests relived the delightful days spent in the Canadian Rockies.

The delicious food, served by the ladies of the church, was equalled only by the refreshing banter of that able M.C... Clarence Scherer! He, with the campers, in speeches, songs, skits, - recapitulated the outstanding events of those memorable two weeks. Barefax Avenue, Nymph Circle and the Waldorf Castoria reappeared; but somewhere in the wilds, Wolf Lane vanished! Camp songs written by Dave Faville, Ann Connell and Nat Beckett were resung with gusto, and Henry Carlson gave us a worm's-eye view of the trials and tribulations that beset the efforts of the camp committee to make life merry for 50 or so campers. Everyone showed his 15 best pictures - Mary Cavagnaro reeled off some interesting movies - we had so much fun we almost stayed all night!

1-6- SOUTH SISTER CLIMB, AUG. 26 - Jim Jeppesen
Seventeen hardy climbers left Eugene on Saturday in dubious weather for the high country. The clouds followed them to Bend, and on the way up Century Drive, they encountered a terrific deluge of rain. Not to be discouraged, they went on to Sparks Lake and all arrived about the same time.

After much debate between showers, it was decided to remain at one of the nearby campgrounds for the night in case of a real storm. People coming out from Green Lakes looked like drowned rats, and said it was really storming and snowing in at the lakes and on the mountain.

Jim Jeppesen, leader, lay with the patter of rain and drops after the tree he was under became saturated with water, until 1:15 A.M. (full moon and clear sky) — which seemed a likely time to arouse the others. By time we ate and hit the trail mist again enveloped us. But the enthusiasm indicated that the lake must at least be reached.

About 1½ miles from the lake a fire was seen in the trees. Here we found Bob Frazier and son. He told us that they were at the lake, but it got so cold and windy that they had to retreat to more sheltered havens. Slept well after that.

At the lake we found only one camp, consisting of one wind-swept knoll, one mountain tent with three occupants enclosed, who were Tom Taylor, his wife, and brother-in-law. This was as far as 6 members of the party went, including the leader, who turned over his duties to Tom Taylor, an able and enthusiastic mountain climber in his own right. Tom delayed to see what the weather was doing. The bunch of eager beavers who desired to walk into some real wintry weather began their ascension around 7 A.M., and all reached the top, which was shrouded in cold fog.

Results of the climb finds Tom ready to become a chief even though he had to almost hunt for the box with his hands with some frost-bitten fingers. They said the weather was not so bad until just below the last rise above the Glacier, and those of us who returned to the cars and home were not sorry that we turned back, so everybody was happy.

Contrast this to perfect weather on Mt. Jefferson, Labor Day, where Ray Harris reports best and quickest climb he ever had.

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B U L K R A T E

NORTH SISTER CLIMB, SEPT. 9 - Ray Sims

The weather played another important role in the climbing of the North Sister Sept. 9th, but the party of ten spent a very enjoyable "camping out" night some at Camp Sunshine and others at Scott Camp

The climb was started at 4:30 Sunday morning, and, although the sky was blue, the snow fields were frozen solid. It was on one of these that Mary Cavagnaro slipped and injured her leg, so she returned to base camp.

It was not too hard crossing big Collier Glacier, for the abundant snowfall of the past winter had left a finger extending well up on the side of the Red Ridge. This was reached early in the morning; but we were met by a strong, cold wind and heavy clouds. Because of the wind, the Camel's Hump was by-passed and another route was used.

Upon reaching the upper snowfield, the storm which had been brewing came upon us with its biting wind. At this point, six of the party decided to return to camp; but Ray Sims, Ray Harris, Lorena Shinn, and Bill Beaman, roped together, went across the rocks, up the chimney and across to the box. The pinnacle was hard to see though, because of the falling snow. It was cold and disagreeable; but four more names were added to the grim, old North Sister's book. The four descended, roped in, and found sunshine and warmth as Collier and the lower snowfields were reached. The summit was reached at 10:40 a.m. and all were back in camp by 2:00 p.m.

Those in the party were: Lorena Shinn, Bill Beaman, Ray Harris, Bob Frazier, Joe Frazier, Jimmy Sims, Doris Sims, Lloyd Plaisted, Bruce Johnson, Mary Cavagnaro, and Ray Sims, leader.

DOINGS IN 1885

The front page of the July 11, 1885 Oregonian, gave the thrilling account of General Sheridan's army, sent "out West" by the President, Grover Cleveland, to quell the many Indian up-risings all along the route.

The people who climbed the mountains also took pictures in those days, as was shown to us by Mrs. O. F. Stafford; a folder of the eleven who climbed the Middle Sister in 1892, showed the ladies' large hats and long skirts, but best of all was "ice that was so high" on the North Sister which was, of course, Collier Glacier.