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HUSBAND

LAKE

SITE OF
1957
OUTING

ANOTHER PARTY!

HUSBAND LAKE CHOSEN AS SITE FOR 1957
OBSIDIAN SUMMER CAMP

All Obsidians and friends are invited
to attend the Obsidian's

GEORGE WASHINGTON COSTUME PARTY

Friday evening
February 22, 1957
8 p.m.

River Road Women's Clubhouse

There will be prizes for the best men's costume and the best women's costume. But whether you have a costume or not, please come! We may have various items of costume at the party so that you can dress yourself after you get there.

Natalie Beckett, general chairman of the Obsidian Entertainment Committee, has appointed Ray Cavagnaro as chairman of this special event. Others helping are Myrtle Smith, Nellie McWilliams, Margaret Markley, Helen Hughes, Margaret Wiese, Mary Castelleo....any others?

There will be games, dances, contests, and REFRESHMENTS will be served. An appropriate trip fee will be expected.

Everybody welcome! For more information call M. Castelleo, DIamond 4-5168 or N. McWilliams, DIamond 5-1422.

FAMOUS OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FILM COMING

Obsidians, Inc., are sponsoring the high adventure film "Canyon Passage", photographed and produced by Charles Eggert. This film is on a wide screen and has stereophonic sound.

The film retraces the historic Colorado River exploration of Maj. John Wesley Powell, to whom the film is dedicated. Trip starts at Green River, Wyoming, and continues down river.

Karl Onthank, Ray Sims, and Jim Jeppesen, have obtained the Mayflower Theatre for the event on Wednesday, Mar. 27, 1957, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. The admission will be 90¢ for Adults and 60¢ for students.

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In the heart of our Three Sisters Wilderness Area, on the shores of beautiful Husband Lake next August you will find a group of happy Obsidians having their annual summer outing. Husband Lake was chosen because of the many pleasant memories brought to us by members of former camps. (Of which there were two) Also, there is an unlimited variety of hikes and entertainment in this area, to please every one. The Summer Camp being in our "own back yard" will, we hope, enable more folks to visit our "happy camp family".

The Forest Service District Ranger has offered his cooperation and tells us we couldn't have picked a nicer spot. Dave Faville says that Husband Lake is one of the most beautiful and nicest places the Obsidians have ever camped. With this in mind, it would be well to mark your calendar for August 4 to 17th, or any time between those dates. There will be more information as the Obsidian progresses.

Your committee will be grateful for your suggestions for camp. Mac McWilliams, Nellie McWilliams, Gene Sebring and Ray Cavagnaro, Chairman.

THREE FINGERED JACK CLIMBS

Tom Taylor

We will depart from Eugene at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, drive to Santiam Lodge and ski from there to Jack Butte, where camp will be made for the night. The ski trip in is approximately 4 miles and will take about four hours. Since daylight is short, camp must be made early in the afternoon. Equipment required:

Skis with climbing skins or snowshoes
Ski poles and boots (These boots should double as climbing boots, should be warm and flexible.)

Very warm clothes - Parka, wind-proof pants (tight weave), extra socks, long underwear, sweaters, good mittens and spares.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

by Jim Jeppesen

The Board has appointed a committee to review our Constitution and By-Laws. It behooves every member to submit proposed changes and additions to the Board for the consideration of this committee.

There are many items that should be altered. You can do your part by taking an interest in this matter. It is your prerogative as a member; read, consider, and write.

FAMOUS OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FILM(Cont.)

"Canyon Passage" is highly recommended by our good friend, Ned Graves, and David Brower of the Sierra Club, and Lowell Thomas, Nationally known commentator, to mention a few.

Mr. Eggert's photographic skill helped preserve Dinosaur National Monument.

Plan to attend and tell all your friends to come and live through this boat trip that is as true-to-life as modern film and electronics can make it--"Canyon Passage", Wednesday, March 27th, 8:00 P.M., Mayflower Theatre.

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For Sale:

Hour's Dawg, complete with guitar

Hereafter, all news must be in by the Friday evening following Board Meeting each First Thurs. of the month. Any late material must be typed, ready to go or it will not be considered for the current issue. Typed single space, in columns 41 spaces across.

This measure has to be enforced to maintain any sort of schedule.

Jim Jeppesen, Editor.

T R A I L I N G S

...Miss Jerry Gerriak of Gilchrist, is the bride-elect of Bob Elston. Leaburg friends gave her a bridal shower Tues., Feb. 12.

...Word was received from Glen and Florence Sims that they had arrived in sunny Florida, but don't you think they missed the best dry snow that Eugene has had? And wasn't the skiing and sledding fun?

...The valley of "deserted Homesteads" that Gene Renard led us into on Feb. 10th certainly was interesting and affords a repeat trip, possibly some year in the fall.

...Natalie Beckett is improving after a three week bout with pneumonia. Blanche tells us that Nat will be up and around soon, which we are all glad to hear.

...Helen Kilpatrick has had the flu off and on for the past three weeks. We hope she feels better soon.

...George Hermach returned to Eugene the 10th after spending a week in Chicago attending a plastics convention. While there, he enjoyed outdoor ice skating, a sport we in Oregon seldom have the chance to experience.

...Clarence Scherer and Ray Cavagnaro spent a few days in San Francisco recently and spent an afternoon with Dave Faville looking over the Stanford Campus, and then a pleasant visit with Katherine and Donald. The Favilles asked that a big "hello" be extended to all the Obsidians.

...Art Steele and wife, Ruth, recently spent three days in San Francisco at a convention of the National Telephone Answering Service.

...Dennie Koupal and Janet Arnes will be married in June. Both attend Oregon State College. Dennie will be commissioned as an ensign (NROTC) in June.

...Jim Bryant, of Friendly House, has been quite ill of recent. Those of us who are acquainted with him wish him a speedy recovery.

OUTDOOR FUN TO COME

- Feb. 23-24 Winter climb - Three Fingered Jack (See article elsewhere in this issue.)
- March 3 Winberry-Willamette Ridge Viewpoint..... Leader, George Hermach.
- March 9-10 Siltcoos Outlet Forest Camp Overnight camp. This is the best time of year for the beach,....Leader, Bob Frazier.
- March 17 Undecided.
- March 24 Crater Lake Ski Trip by bus.

INTERESTING HOMESTEADS NEAR SWEET CREEK

Even though the day was rather cold with fog enough to dampen anyone's spirits, eight interested Obsidians drove down to Mapleton to view the deserted homesteads along Sweet Creek.

When visiting an old homestead, one can see stories in little things. For instance, the cork-bark elm growing in back of one house could well have been brought out west in an old bucket tucked in one corner of a covered wagon, since Mr. Renard identified the cork-bark elm as an eastern tree.

The English ivy which covered the side of one home must have been planted by a pioneer housewife.

The next stop after the homesteads was Goodlin Peak where, Mr. Renard said, one could see the ocean to the west and the Three Sisters to the east (that is, on a clear day.)

The eight who made the trip were Ken Lodewick, Margaret Markley, Ray, Doris and Jim Sims, Thelma Watson, Margaret Wiese and Gene Renard, leader.

OLD TIMERS PARTY HUGE SUCCESS

Thirty six Obsidians and friends braved the icy roads to attend the Old Timers Party which was held January 25th in the Rose Memorial Plymouth House

They enjoyed a potluck dinner and then feted Myrtle Hamlin on her birthday anniversary with a birthday cake. The tables were decorated with white and yellow candles surrounded by trailing ivy.

After dinner, Dotson showed 'old time' movies of the late 20's and early 30's. Louie Waldorf, Frank Sipe and Ray Sims showed some of the first colored slides that were taken and on the table Myrtle had some of her black and white prints, from by-gone days, on display.

Thelma Watson was in charge of the party and assisting her were Elsie Dotson and Mary Castelloe.

We hope there will be many more gatherings as enjoyable as this "First Obsidian Potluck in Plymouth House".

LANE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION PLANS PANEL DISCUSSION

By Gene Renard

The Lane County Parks & Recreation Commission panel discussion of the Waldo Lake Area will be Tues., March 12, at 8 P.M. in Court Room No. 1, Court House. The panel will discuss various aspects of the power withdrawal on the lake, public access and general land classification of the area.

The Corps of Engineer's will be represented by W. H. Stewart of Portland, the State Water Resources Board by E. J. (Ted) Watson, their engineer, and C. J. (Chuck) Campbell will represent the State Game Commission. Dan P. Allen will speak for the Izaak Walton League, and Ray Elliott for the Lane County Parks & Recreation Commission. Someone, as yet undesignated, will speak for the U. S. Forest Service.

This panel is not intended to cover all viewpoints on this matter. All interested persons are invited to attend and enter into the discussion. If you have particular facts you want brought out and are unable to attend, contact Gene Renard, Court House. We may be able to use a few very good slides of this area.

(Ed. note: Be nice to see several Obsidians present.)

WINTER OUTING

Plans for the Winter Outing will be announced just as soon as the proper arrangements can be made with the Mazamas. The demands on their lodge are quite heavy and it has not been possible at this time to secure an appropriate date. We are very sorry for the delay in getting information to members so that they may plan ahead.

NEW MEMBERS NOTE

If you have suggestions for summer trips, please call or write to George Hermach, 106 Mayfair, Eugene, Oregon, telephone Diamond 3-6175

MAZAMA SURPRISE

J. Jeppesen, Jr.

When Percy M. Morse, Ex-county surveyor for Lane County, read in the Friday, Feb. 8, 1957 Oregonian about a fellow being rescued off Beacon Rock, which has the record of being the second largest monolith in the world (second only to Devil's Tower, I presume), he recalled an interesting incident from many years back.

Mr. Morse was working along the south side with a survey crew in the days when no road existed along the north shore and not much of one along the south shore.

Word got around that the Mazamas were going to climb this unscaled rock and on the designated day they were there together with photographers (and reporters?) to cover the event. When they reached the top they found a new cigar box with a couple of fellows names written on paper inside of it. Two of the survey boys had crossed the Columbia by boat the day before and climbed to the top to leave this box!

VANISHING WILDERNESS--GOING, GOING.....
by Karl Onthank

In addition to action reported by the Conservation Committee, the Obsidians voted to approve (and so to notify our Senators and Representatives in Congress) the principle of the Wilderness Bill. Namely, that wilderness be given more secure protection than it now has by requiring the sanction of Congress for boundary changes --not merely the signature of a single administrative office as at present. The intent was that this protection be extended not only to land already classified as wilderness but also to primitive and limited areas not yet reclassified which contain much of our finest wilderness. The decision on the Three Sisters Wilderness issued after the Board met provided a perfect example of why such legislation is needed, and soon.

The Board also voted to approve the Scenic Resources Bill providing for a comprehensive survey of the nation's scenic and outdoor recreational resources sponsored by major conservation organizations including the Sierra Club and the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Such a survey is, of course essential as a basis for the evaluation of any area with respect to its importance as wilderness.

THREE FINGERED JACK CLIMB(Continued)

Dark glasses - Carabiner, Sling, ice axe and crampons.
Camping gear (Double up on camping gear!)

Sleeping Bag; 2 air mattresses/3 people; Tent or ground cloth/2 or 3 people; Stove & fuel/2 or 3 people; 1 cooking utensil and spoon/per person; flashlight per 3 people; full canteen /per person.

Food: 2 trail lunches; 1 breakfast (hot and moist); 1 hot lunch; 1 hot dinner; extra food for 2 meals (Food must be light and of high energy content)

Desirable (but not necessary) equipment: Mukluks, wind pants, camera. Pack as lightly as possible. Winter climbing requires more energy.

If weather is bad, climb will be postponed until March 2 & 3. In order to know what equipment is available, sign up must be completed by February 20 for the February 23-24 weekend!

If any questions, contact Tom Taylor at Diamond 3-3237 or Ray Harris at Diamond 3-2926. Climbing committee will lead.

REMINDER

Leadership School

First Indoor session March 6, at 8:00 p.m. in the Erb Memorial Student Union.

OBSIDIAN PICTURE NIGHT

The regular pic night will be held at Friendly House on Monday, March 4, according to Joe Daniel. Henry Jeppesen will show some of the colored slides taken by Dolores Jeppesen, in Europe.

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Father's closet: Nice and neat.

Mother's closet: Small and sweet.

Sister's closet: Fair would fit it.

Brother's closet: Cyclone hit it.

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