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DON'T MISS
THIS
FINE ADVENTURE
FILM...

"Canyon Voyage"

A Color and Sound Movie Wed.. March 27. - 8 P.M.
Mayflower Theatre 90¢ Adults - 60¢ Students

An Obsidian sponsored event that you are all urged to attend is the unique moving picture, "CANYON VOYAGE", photographed by the nation's outstanding outdoor moving picture photographer, Charles Eggert. It is one of the finest adventure films being shown today. The recommendations as to the quality of photography and audience interest are of the highest, including that of Lowell Thomas, noted commentator.

To make this, your own Obsidian sponsored event, a success be sure to come and publicize it as much as possible.

David R. Brower, Executive Director of the Sierra Club, writes:

"In 'Canyon Voyage', Eggert, Don Hatch, and party set out at Green River, Wyoming, to duplicate the historic Colorado River Exploration of Major John Wesley Powell to whom the film is dedicated. Powell had his journal and Dellenbaugh along; Eggert had his wide-screen camera and perceptive eye, and the photographic skill that he took to Dinosaur for the Sierra Club.

His photography is superb and the wide screen enhances its beauty in the serene sequences as well as the exciting ones. The stereophonic sound brings the roar of the rapids into the auditorium very convincingly and does wonders with the musical accompaniment...I can well understand how a member of the party, when he first listened to it, could say, 'That is the music I heard in that country!'"

Pictures of this kind aren't shown as regular fare at the theatres. Anyone who misses this will have missed something more than just another good picture.

With all this and more too in our future, we have never been more assured of worthwhile and interesting events to come. To make all that has been and is being planned for us a success the one thing that is of the greatest importance is that we demonstrate our active interest by participating as often as we can. By doing so we will derive more enjoyment and others will also.

Bring all your friends and help fill the MAYFLOWER THEATRE on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m., March 27. Adults - 90¢. Students - 60¢.

OUTDOOR FUN TO COME

March 24 - MT. PISGAH south of Springfield. Henry Jeppesen, Leader.	April 7 - ROSBORO LUMBER HOLDINGS - near Finn Rock. Ruth Onthank and Dave Burwell, Leaders.
March 31 - CRATER LAKE SKI BUS - George Hermach, Leader	April 14 - CASTLE ROCK - Bob Northrop, Ldr.

A P R I L 21 - E A S T E R

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

TRAILINGS

With the return of the sunny days, a few of which we have recently been favored with, our thoughts begin to drift toward the pleasures of the trips and climbs that will soon begin to become a more dominant part of our Obsidian lives.

The Three Sisters Wilderness trip this year should be one of the most enjoyable up to date. It is a four day trip for those who can go for four days, and two or three for others who can't. It will be in the area that has been deleted from the Wilderness by the Forest Service. Be sure to attend this if you possibly can so you can personally see what has been taken away from the people of the United States for the benefit of a very few. This is another case of aesthetic values for all of the people losing out to cold cash for a few of a special group.

Our Summer Outing at Husband Lake should be one of the most popular and enjoyable outings of recent Obsidian history. In the last several years we have travelled far and wide for our Summer Outings and they have been good ones. However, there seems to be more genuine enthusiasm for the outing this summer than ever before.

Such feeling is certainly justified as Linnton Meadows, The Husband, and The Three Sisters provide a locale such as we haven't found elsewhere in that they, with the exception of the North, are all within easy one day hiking distance. There are more than these of course, such as Chambers Lakes, Buck Meadows, Honey Lakes, Indian Hole, Substitute Point Lookout and others.

If you like alpine-glow there have been some thrillingly beautiful ones on the Sisters seen from Husband Lake. You may see slides of some of these at the pre-Summer Outing showing.

If you have been unable to get to summer camp the last year or so you will want to make every effort to be one of the group this summer. Ray Cavagnaro guarantees everyone a wonderful time.

Henry Carlson

TRAILINGS

The MIKE STAHL family had two weddings in February: Jeanette was married to William O. Kyle, on February 23, and Beth to William Hall on February 16. Beth's home is now in Long Beach, Calif., and Jeanette calls 340 Q St., Springfield, her new home.

DEAN and PAT PATTERSON sailed March 8th from Los Angeles for a two months tour of the Orient. Enroute to Los Angeles they stopped at Ashland, Oregon to visit Dean's son, Rick Pittman, who is attending Southern Oregon College of Education. The Patterson's tour will take them to Manila and Hong Kong and they plan to arrive in Tokyo at the height of the cherry blossom season.

A banquet was held recently honoring HUGH P. CURRIN for 34 years with the Eugene Water and Electric Board. Hugh was the first man to win the annual "McGuire Award" presented by the Northwest Public Power Association for engineering achievement. He is described as one of the key men in the development of the organization. Hugh also received honor at the Gleemen's Spring Concert recently. Hugh, who has been singing with them for some 29 years, enjoyed the music from "out front" this time, but, we missed his "bass" on stage! He and several other members of the group were made Honor Members at this concert. Hugh and Mabel are planning to move to Cottage Grove to make their home....but that's not so far away but what we'll see them often.

KEITH NEWSOM was one of the 15 delegates from Eugene High to attend the 10th annual International Relations League Conference held on the U. of O. campus March 2nd. The League organized a model United Nations assembly and conducted a mock U. N. session.

Keith was presented with the Silver Award, the highest honor in Explorer Scouting, at the Court of Awards, Feb. 18th. Congratulations, Keith, on a wonderful scouting record.

MOZELLE HAIR left last week for a three months vacation which will take her through California, Louisiana and the 'deep South'.

FRANCES NEWSOM attended the Oregon Academy of Science, Feb. 23rd, at the Oregon Coll. of Educ. at Monmouth. Other Obsidians attending were Dr. James Kezer and Bayard McConnaughey.

BLANCHE OSBORNE, former Obsidian, just recently received her commercial license to fly seaplanes. Jim Sims was one of her first passengers. Margaret Markley and Doris Sims took a chance with her before she got her license. Drop into the Portland Seaplane Base if you would like to see Oregon over land and water. Doris assures us her sister is one of the best pilots, along with her other sister - Mildred.

CONSERVATION ISSUES OF CONCERN TO OBSIDIANS

THREE SISTERS: The council of the Friends of the Three Sisters, Inc. meeting recently agreed unanimously to keep on trying to save as much of the area as possible, sent appreciation to the Forest Service for setting aside the two wild areas, and is conferring with others and particularly our Senators and Representatives, in Washington as to practical steps. Dr. Henry Hansen has received a grant from the Science Foundation for Ecology studies (Botany) in the area which he expects to start this spring.

GLACIER PEAK: Forest Service has announced boundaries for the proposed Wilderness area now a limited area. Representatives of outdoor clubs and others concerned are conferring with the Regional Staff March 23rd, seeking more information, particularly on reasons for the boundaries proposed, after which it will be decided whether or not to ask for a hearing on the proposal and what other recommendations to make. Obsidians will be represented at this session by Doris Sims, Ruth Hopson, Frances Newsom and Margaret Markley, who visited the area last summer, and possibly others.

WILDERNESS CONFERENCE: At San Francisco - Obsidians were represented by Frances Newsom, Henry Carlson, Jim Jeppesen, Ruth and Karl Onthank and others. Those who could not manage to attend should begin saving pennies and planning time to attend the second conference on NORTHWEST WILDERNESS to be held in Seattle March 22nd & 23rd, 1958.

WILDERNESS BILL: Most important legislation in this Congress for those who would save a little of the wilderness already set aside is the so called WILDERNESS PRESERVATION BILL. Actually two identical bills (1) S.B.1176 introduced by Senators Humphrey, Neuberger, Morse and others; The other H.B.500 introduced by Rep. Saylor and others; Both have non-partisan sponsorship. If they pass their respective houses they will go to a joint committee to reconcile any differences.

They leave wilderness areas under the agency which now administers them, provide that boundaries of existing Wilderness areas can not be changed except by Congressional sanction (not merely by a single official). There will, of course, be opposition, chiefly from those who wish to be free to exploit public lands without restriction. But if our grandchildren

are to have any wilderness to enjoy, it must be given more security than it now has. The Club Directors have approved the bill in principle and our Oregon delegation is supporting it. Obsidians can all help by telling them of our support and by promoting letters to other Congressmen from friends and relatives in other states. It will take time and much work to develop the support necessary to pass this bill, so let's start now. We've been too long on the defensive. This is positive action deserving the support of all who love the outdoors.

BILLBOARD BILL

A hearing will be held March 18, 1957, which might have a deciding factor as to how many billboards you will see along our highways. Support the Billboard Bill by writing to your Senators and others in Washington - it will safeguard your driving pleasure.

WILLAMETTE PASS CHAIR LIFT, INC.

The Chair Lift project is still in need of money. The club has been asked to consider buying some stock, and the board asked that the members be notified of this. You as individuals may become stock holders for as little as \$25, the basic stock price. This improvement will benefit all who ski now and in the future. Information may be obtained at 187 E. Broadway, Phone DI 5-9689.

CENTRAL LANE Y M C A - Y W C A

The "Y" has been operating since last summer, serving about 2500 individuals. The furnishings, however, are far from complete. The Y has need for help from clubs and individuals. Furnishings needed vary from card tables, drapes, chairs, to an organ for the Chapel. Your contribution will be appreciated. Send to 2055 Patterson St., Eugene, Oregon.

MORE TRAILINGS

VINA AMORT and her niece, Joy Schnorenberg, arrived Feb. 17th after a 3 weeks vacation in Hawaii. Bet those two can really do the hula now!

HELEN and PAUL WEISER left the 9th of March on a 3 month vacation which will take them to the Grand Canyon first and on around the country, Louisiana, Florida, Washington D.C., Niagara Falls, etc.

GLEN and FLORENCE SIMS are heading for Arizona from Louisiana - probably for the 4 major baseball leagues' spring training!

FRIENDS OF THE THREE SISTERS WILDERNESS / RIP - CASTLE CREEK TRAIL TO LAMB BUTTE AREA
JULY 4-7, 1957

Join our trail trip and explore this scenic geological and ecological wonderland. Dr. Howel Williams, Professor of Geology, University of California, writes that "in the Horsepasture Mountain-Olallie Mountain region, perhaps better than anywhere else in Oregon, the relationships can be seen between the older volcanic rocks of the Western Cascades and the younger volcanoes of the High Cascades. Olallie Mountain, English and French Mountains, Taylor Castle, and Lamb Butte are composed of the younger volcanic rocks. These are eroded volcanoes that were active during the Ice Age, and they rest on much older lavas and ashes erupted between about ten and twenty million years ago. The excellent trail leading from Horsepasture to Olallie Mountain Lookout provides the geologist with a rare opportunity of seeing these relationships. The Horsepasture-Olallie Ridge is one of the most critical parts of the Cascade Range from the standpoint of understanding the volcanic history."

Watch the vegetation change as you go from summer in the McKenzie Valley to springtime along the Olallie Trail. Enjoy the "rain forest" along Horse Creek, the xeric flora on Horsepasture Mountain, the aspen trees, sphagnum moss and "dwarf" hemlocks at Quaking Aspen Swamp. Animals to be seen include a variety of birds, salamanders, frogs, chipmunks, squirrels, conies, deer, elk, and bear.

Qualified leaders will arrange interest trips to observe the geology, flora, and fauna of the vicinity.

Information already out on this trip includes Trail Trip Itinerary, Equipment, Map, and Reservation Request; it may be obtained from Margaret Markley, 1967 Adams St., Phone DI 4-0716, or Frances Newsom, 708 E. 11th, Phone DI 4-1298. Cost of trip (4 days) is \$9.50; this includes 30 lbs. of dunnage (20¢ per lb. for over-weight). For adults not paying packer's fee, there will be a trip fee of \$1.00. Registration must be made by June 17th, 1957, with Margaret Markley.

DON'T FORGET LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Mar. 20 (Indoor) Register-Guard Assembly Rm.

Mar. 28 (Indoor) Erb Memorial Bldg.

Indoor sessions begin at 8 p.m. Outdoor sessions of Leadership School will begin in April at a place to be announced later.

BIRD IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP

The Natural History Society will sponsor a Bird Identification Workshop on March 29th, Friday, at 8 p.m. in Room 207, Chapman Hall on the campus. Ben Pruitt will speak on birds and show colored slides. All Obsidians and friends are welcome.

SING WHILE YOU DRIVE

At 45 mph, sing—
"Highways are Happy Ways"
At 55 miles, sing—
"I'm But a Stranger Here,
Heaven Is My Home"
At 65 miles, sing—
"Nearer My God to Thee"
At 75 miles, sing—
"When the Roll Is Called
Up Yonder, I'll Be There"
At 85 miles, sing—
"Lord, I'm Coming Home"

Author Unknown...

BIRD TRIP

Following the workshop on Friday, the Natural History Society will conduct a bird trip on Sunday, March 31st. Time of meeting and place will be announced in the Register-Guard.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE POTLUCK

An Obsidian Potluck is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Friday evening, April 5th, at Plymouth House (Eugene Memorial Annex). After dinner speaker will be Frank Sipe.

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***** Be Sure To See "Canyon Voyage", March 27

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BULK RATE

