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WHAT TO DO

- OUTDOOR FUN TO COME
- April 27 - WINTER OUTING, Mazama Lodge.
& 28 Overnight, should be good Spring skiing. Entertainment, Saturday night. Ray Cavagnaro, Ldr.
- May 5 - CASTLE ROCK - Interesting spring hike just after leaves are out. 4 miles round trip. Bob Northrop, Leader.
- May 12 - SILVER CREEK FALLS - See several beautiful falls and spring flowers. Hike of 3 miles if you wish. Bernice Lehrman, Ldr.
- May 19 - HOBO BREAKFAST & BALDY. Enjoy early morning breakfast followed by interesting climb of Baldy. Blanche & Merle Bailey, Leaders.
- May 26 - THORS HAMMER, DEATH BALL MT., & HARVEY MT. - a ridgetop hike of 4 miles between Quartz Ck. and S. Fork of McKenzie River. One way hike with 'crummie' picking us up at the end of hike. Sounds like fun. Ldrs. Margaret Markley & Dave Burwell.

COAST TRIP - JUNE 1-2

This will be a trip to the University of Oregon Institute of Marine Biology, at Charleston, near Coos Bay. A principal objective of this trip will be to see the
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GO TO MAZAMA LODGE

(Ed. Note: At this late date, if you are interested, call Ray Cavagnaro immediately on receipt of this bulletin)

WINTER OUTING Ray Cavagnaro ...or perhaps we should call it "January in June" or "Spring in December". But we are prepared now to announce that it will be "April In Oregon" at Mazama Lodge on the slopes of Mt. Hood. They tell us Spring skiing is at its best now. Playing in the snow or hiking for the non-skier; we've ordered sun. The dates are April 27 and April 28, and the Mazamas will be our hosts.

Lodging is \$1.00 for club members. Dinner is \$1.20 and breakfast 60¢. No lunch is served Saturday, but the utility kitchen may be used for a 10¢ fee if you wish to "do it yourself".

The Mazama Lodge Committee would like to know the number of people attending by Tuesday, April 23. Sign up now at Hendershott's so that we can properly make your reservation.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL REPORT

Statistics on 4 indoor sessions:

Total Attendance: 102

No. Attending 2 or more: 26

55 Different Persons Attended

Dynamic Belays practiced Sunday, April 7;

Two more sessions held April 14 & 20.

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OBSIDIAN BOARD DOINGS

Jim Jeppesen

At the February Board meeting, \$809.15 — which is Building Funds money — was transferred to the Pacific First Federal Savings and Loan Assn., to earn the club some returns. The Search and Rescue Committee has purchased yardage and made many scarf bandages of bright yellow and orange for rescue use.

It was decided, when the present supply of 11x17 paper used for the bulletin is gone, to then try using 8½x11 sheets stapled, suggested by Mary Castelloe, to cut down the expense. This, however, means extra work for the committee in stapling. Karl Onthank made a motion that the club members write Senators, Representatives, and others, asking that Wilderness and Federal lands be given creation and protection by Congressional action. Doris Shinn was voted to active membership. Welcome Doris.

Ray Sims, club representative to the Eugene Recreation Commission, reported that a detailed survey had been made in all 4 areas outside Eugene, to determine recreation and park possibilities.

WALDO LAKE PANEL DISCUSSION

On Tuesday, March 12, 1957, over 100 people attended the panel discussion regarding the Waldo Lake area.

Roy Elliott supported the need for upland wilderness as benefit to students, sportsmen, outdoor lovers and others. He urged careful and orderly planning. The

route up Box Canyon deemed most feasible by him which would open up Skookum Creek, Irma Belle Lakes area and be a direct route from Eugene-Springfield. He proposed the name Emerald Drive.

Bob Aufterheide gave the Forest Service view. He stated that a multiple use study would be made this summer; would make no recommendations till this time. He stated that the Deschutes Forest is in accord with Willamette Forest Plans. Said money for such roads amounts to 11% of access road and bridge construction allocation. He said the route must be selected to keep cost down. It must be a Forest Highway and must meet said specifications. The Forest Service supports the Gold Lake route(which indicates logging is anticipated to come out this route also.)

Paul Campbell of the State Game Comm., said the lake has clarity to a depth of 157 feet. The lake is around 400 feet deep near the 'Narrows'. It is a good producing lake for fish. Coves are good for camping, boating, fishing. The said trash fish are present but conditions are not favorable to them. 60 pack lakes accessible from Waldo. Two adverse plans: east side conduits to Gold Lake, Wickiup and east; Corps of Engineers plan to the west. He said a 20-30 feet drain down would take years to replenish and would destroy fish food production.

W. H. Stuart, of the Corps of Engineers, related facts and figures pertaining to the lake. 30 sq. miles, 5500 acres, 72 inch estimated annual rainfall. Stated that 40 feet maximum drain down would take 10 years to refill. Drain conduit in nearly same place as original tunnel. \$750,000 cost of piping, average annual cost about \$52,000 per year of equal to power return, power thus included in plan. Plan authorized but not necessarily to be carried out. Based upon demands of the Waldo area. The Corps will have a power hearing and if other uses seem more important the plan will be dropped.

Mr. Watson of the State Water Resources Board, said that his agency was created to prevent single usage of water resources. There are ten beneficial uses of water among which are fish life, wildlife, recreation. He said his board cannot take up previously appropriated water but that they can classify other waters. Waldo Lake not authorized for study by them. They denied renewal of original

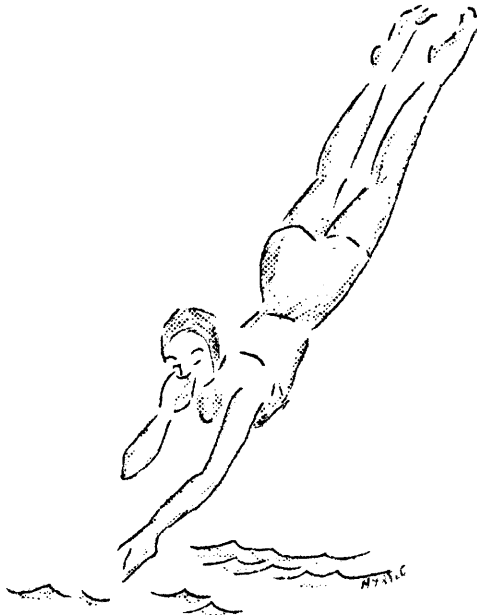
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COAST TRIP - JUNE 1-2 (Cont. from P. 1)
marine intertidal animals and plants in their natural habitats. Bayard McConnaughy, Director of the Institute, will be the leader of the trip. Plan to arrive as early as possible on Saturday. Bring your sleeping bag, for we will stay overnight at the biology station. Also, bring FOOD. We're planning to have a pot-luck dinner Saturday evening and also Sunday noon. Breakfast Sunday morning will be an individual undertaking.

Low tide will be about 8:30 A.M., so if you have rubber boots, bring them along. Entertainment is being planned for Saturday evening. Mark your calendar now and join us at the beach!

This trip is being sponsored by the Trips Committee, Science Committee, and Entertainment Committee.

Frank Sipe, Science Committee



PROGRESSIVE PARTY PLANNED

The Entertainment Committee is offering a new type party which will begin with a swimming party at the YMCA pool from 7-8 Saturday evening, April 27th. We're meeting in the lobby at 6:45 (with your suit tucked underneath your arm) and the cost is 50¢ per person. We'll have the whole pool to ourselves - and for those who'd rather watch, there's a balcony from which you may observe (free of charge).

After the plunge, we're progressing to the Women's City Club (450 East 14th St.) for a high old time of games, music, fun, and of course FOOD! Ladies are asked to please bring $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen cookies or sandwiches, or anything that strikes your gastronomical fancy...Coffee will be furnished.

TRAILINGS

MIKE MCCLOSKEY is with the Army, stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla. He is working with the armored field artillery battalion and will be there during the summer.

ROXIE and LOUIE WALDORF have just returned from 10 days in sunny California and Nevada. They stopped in San Francisco to view the sights and Cinerama and then drove to beautiful Yosemite Park. Route home took them through Death Valley and Reno.

BRUCE JOHNSON has moved from Sweet Home to Eugene where he is now employed by the Eugene Merchant Police. Visiting recently at Lillian & Art Johnson's was Bruce's brother, Marion, on leave from U.S. Navy.

DR. JAMES KEZER lectured on salamanders in the Browsing Room, Erb Memorial, April 3. We always enjoy his lectures.

JIM JEPPESEN is proud owner of a new burgundy and white - long, lean and packed with power - Ford hard-top.

Home from a week's stay in the hospital is MARY MEDILL. Hope it won't be too long before you're feeling fine again, Mary!

THE CURRINS, Hugh & Mabel, have left our fair city to reside in Cottage Grove.

April Fool! THE SCHERER'S have a brand new baby - and it's not a Buick this time. A boy, ROBERT CLARENCE, arrived April 1, to those proud parents.

RAY BOALS, after 11 years as superintendent of the EWEB, is retiring.

FORD NORTHROP (BOB'S FATHER) has just announced his retirement too, after 30 years of service with the EWEB.

LES & MARY COOPER went to Mexico recently. May became ill during the trip and poor Les got sick when he added up the expenses after they returned home!

RAY HARRIS has recently returned from a Navy cruise to Alaska via the Inland Passage.

Have any of you missed KAY FAYE'S fire engine red & white, swept-wing Dodge!

DOLORES JEPPESEN talked with Mrs. Jepsen by telephone from Germany last Tuesday morning - quite a surprise!

Have you heard KENNY LODEWICK on KERG? He prepares the music and commentary for a program of folk music to be heard on Saturdays from 5 to 5:15 P.M.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEETS

Fri., May 3, for a 7:30 business session, when new officers will be elected, followed by a lecture on "Plant Life Zones in Oregon" from Dr. Sanford S. Tepfer, U. O. botanist, Room 207 Chapman Hall. Colored slides will accompany the lecture.

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WALDO LAKE(Continued from Page 2)

license due to lack of access, which was denied by the Forest Service. They have allocated a quantity of water in Waldo Lake.

The general feeling of the group was why create access at all and felt there should be no access. The writer feels that the no access feeling was strongest at this meeting by a slight lead.

It was an interesting meeting.

J. Jeppesen, Jr.

RECLASSIFICATION - GLACIER PEAK

Regional Forester Herbert Stone lectured March 23rd to a group of interested outdoor people on the reclassification of the Glacier Peak area from a limited area to wilderness. Frances Newsom and David Simons were Obsidians who attended the meeting which was held in Portland.

RUTH HOPSON LECTURES

Ruth Hopson lectured and showed colored slides of wild flowers of the McKenzie River area at Oregonian Hostess House, Friday, April 5. Ruth became interested in the study of wild flowers when hiking with the Obsidians. Her collection of pressed wild flowers is being exhibited at Portland State College until April 23.

'THREE ROADS TO RAINBOW'

This is an interesting article by Ralph Gray which appears in the April issue of the National Geographic Magazine. He describes the three methods of transportation available to reach Rainbow National Park which is on the Arizona-Utah border.

APRIL 5TH POT-LUCK

Did you know that out of millions of sardines born each year, only 2 will live to reach maturity? That's the truth says Dr. Robert Morris, who was the guest speaker at the last Obsidian pot-luck dinner at Plymouth House. Fifty people attended the meeting and lecture on fishes, and we all enjoyed meeting Dr. Morris and his 2 boys. Our thanks to Frank Sipe and the Scientific Committee for planning a fine program.

OBSDIANS' MOVIE NIGHT

Ray Sims

Charles Eggert's "A Canyon Voyage" . . proved to be a splendid movie. His 16mm film, enlarged to the wide screen at the Mayflower Theatre delighted the nearly full house. Mr. Eggert's four minutes on KVAL and the day after - a boat trip down our own McKenzie River with Prince Helfrich

and Ernie Keasling - were moments he thoroughly enjoyed.

As he was driving into Eugene on Tuesday, he told Jim Jeppesen, that the car radio began telling him about an adventure film but until he heard his name, he thought we must have competition.

We are only hoping to see him again next year with his film "Down River".

The Obsidians are indebted to a number of business firms, theatres and radio stations for their fine cooperation in advertising.

ROSBORO SALVAGE LOGGING

TRIP....by Ruth Onthank

Dave Burwell showed us salvage logging on the grand scale at Finn Rock Tree Farm Sunday April 7, 1957. Rosboro Lumber Co. owner lent a "crummie" for the day. With Dave in charge, Mr. Campbell (and daughter), Mr. Riley (driver) and Mrs. Riley of Rosboro, Ray and Doris Sims, Natalie Beckett, Margaret Markley, Nellie and Mac McWilliams, Frances Newsom, Karl Onthank, Kent Gill, Gary Whiteaker, Garry Roberts, Louis Waldorf, J. H. Jeppesen, Margaret Wiese, Billy, Lee, Dana and their mother Gale Burwell and Ruth Onthank, also a trip leader, made two dozen persons filling every seat in the crummie. Dave stopped often to show us relogging shows where there was a minimum of damage to the young trees already growing, no snags were left to be a fire hazard, as much "waste" used as possible, the remainder left unburned - to shade the small trees, to help in water retention, and to add to the soil humus.

New trees had been planted where needed. Rosboro Lbr. Co. and their forester, Dave, are certainly to be highly commended for their leadership in fine logging practices. Dave had a surprise lunch spot that even Gale didn't know about. We hiked up Sugar Creek, half a mile or so, just beyond a lovely slender waterfall over the cliff, a turn brought us in view of a high beautiful fall (Sugar Creek Falls Dave named it) perfectly lighted for that half hour, beside it a lovely cliff, its leaves sparkling as it was bathed in spray.

Cameras were very busy. After lunch more fine relogging shows, as we were driven higher and higher. High on Harvey mountain stands of old growth and second growth timber rose from recent snow -- and eventually the crummie stopped because of snow -- the boys had a fine time snowballing as a few walked on. From the high
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ROSBORO TRIP(Continued from page 4)
cut-over country we had a wonderful view of Ray's Tipsoo Lookout and mountain and later of Sawtooth Ridge and of Lookout Ridge and Mt. Jefferson. THANK YOU DAVE FOR A WONDERFUL DAY!

WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

Karl Onthank

"Wild Lands in our Civilization" was the theme of the Fifth Biennial Conference put on by the Sierra Club in cooperation with other organizations, including the F.W.O.C., March 15th and 16th in San Francisco. Obsidians Frances Newsom and Ruth and Karl Onthank attended. Present was the most impressive array of national and regional figures, official and volunteer, ever gathered to discuss wilderness. Total attendance exceeded four hundred, perhaps half from the Bay Area, the rest from all over the region west of the Rockies. Fine people, often important people, all interested in our natural outdoors and concerned with passing on some of it to future generations.

The first day featured Lowell Sumner, distinguished author and publicist, on the "Pressures of Civilization (and of population) and what they imply for human living and for the remaining relatively undisturbed areas of the earth"; Dr. Starke Leopold, Univ. of Calif. Biologist, on "Wilderness and the Humanities"; Miss Harlean Jeames, Executive Secretary of the American Planning and Civic Association on "What's Left of Our Scenic Open Spaces." "The Resolution of Conflicts," David Brower, Executive Director of the Sierra Club, was the clearest statement of the issues at the conference: (1. Man Against Space; 2. Mineral Production; 3. Water Development; 4. Wood Products; 5. Highways). He suggested tools for resurveying them, criteria for decision and immediate action needed. Well worth reading; copies may be had from Frances Newsom or Ruth Onthank.

The most dramatic presentation was the film and commentary by Lee Talbot, done for UNESCO with Conservation Foundation funds, showing what has happened world-over to once rich lands devastated by ignorant and reckless exploitation, an appalling picture of what could happen here. Nor can we any longer plead ignorance of the inevitable consequences of such exploitation. Top administrators of National Park Service, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and of Indian Affairs, the new Federal Bureau of Sports Fishing and Wild Life spoke the second day, on

these agencies and the "wilderness system," with an able summary at the end by Howard Zahniser, Executive Secretary of the Wilderness Society. George Marshall, Director of the Wilderness Society, chaired a committee (of which Karl Onthank was a member) which drew up resolutions, approved at the last general session, endorsing the Wilderness Bill (Humphrey's S 1176; HR 500), the National Scenic and Recreational Resources Survey, (Anderson Bill), taking a stand on other important conservation issues and, of special interest to Obsidians, making a strong statement on the Three Sisters decision. Dave Brower reported this to Chief Forester McArdle in perhaps the clearest statement yet made of the present basic issues. Copies of this also available.

THE SPIRIT OF SUMMER CAMP

Louis Waldorf

At our high and remote Summer Camps, reached only by trail, the spirit and joy of the out-of-doors and the mountains reaches its pinnacle. We can enjoy our week-end trail trips, thrill to hurried high climbs, have a lot of fun and see much scenery on a long bus trip; but for the real feeling of freedom, the mental and physical rejuvenation of life, the comradeship of kindred people, the relaxation of remoteness, give us the camp far up on the trail, away from roads, autos, the sounds and smells of the city, and all the man-made things.

The locale chosen for this Summer's camp is such a place. Husband Lake and Linnton Meadows lie near the Skyline Trail, in the most remote part of our Three Sisters Wilderness, and is the farthest distance from any road---nine miles to north or south---and close to timberline, at about 6,000 feet.

There are many of our own members who have never experienced such a Summer Camp---especially among the younger members. I would urge them to treat themselves to this experience. It is this magnet and the spirit which brings many of the older members of the Obsidians, Mazamas and other club members back again and again to their Summer Outings. If YOU think you'd enjoy such an outing, whether member or not, living near or far, contact the Outing Comm. - Ray Cavagnaro, Chairman, for more information. (134 E. 19th, Eugene)

We have fought, partially successfully, to maintain the borders of our high country---the Wilderness Area. Now let us use it and enjoy it to the fullest.

TIME TO GET MAD

(This article, written by Ben East, appeared in the Feb. 1957 issue of Outdoor Life, in a feature called "Reports From The Field", with the permission of Wm. E. Rae, Editor. An excellent outdoor magazine.)

"Here's one for sportsmen to do something about. The U.S. Army Engineers recently let it be known that under a new policy approved by government higher-ups, they will sell back into private ownerships, at a rock bottom price, any lands around their impoundments not actually needed for flowage, flooding, or water storage. Former owners get first crack.

This means shore lands urgently necessary for public access, boat-launching, parking sites, camping, and other recreational use will be lost to the public as fast as private owners choose to gobble them up. And on top of that, at future reservoir sites, the Army Engineers are to buy only land actually needed for water storage.

Down the drain goes a lot of public fishing and hunting on some of the Midwest's best and biggest man-made lakes. For example, in 'Fishing's Chief Headache,' in this department last August, I pointed out that there was no cause to worry about public access on Lake Cumberland, Dale Hollow, and Dewey in Kentucky, since they were owned by the Army Engineers.

The same was true for Fall River and Kanopolis Reservoirs, in Kansas; Bull Shoals, Wappapello, Clearwater, Lake Norfolk, and Table Rock Lakes in Missouri; huge Fort Randall Reservoir in South Dakota, sprawling Garrison Reservoir in North Dakota, and many others.

In Southern states, where the new policy is already in operation even appeals from governors have failed to stay the land sales.

The remedy lies in the hands of sportsmen. If they will appeal promptly to Congress, the policy can be reversed before serious harm is done. If every hunter and

fisherman in the Midwest will let his senators and representatives know where he stands, and if sportsmen's organizations will follow up with vigorous protests, this land grab can be halted. Going to do your part?"

AN APPEAL FROM THE EDITOR

Fellow club members, I would like to make an appeal to all of you including the committee chairmen. The last two issues of this bulletin have been most disconcerting to assemble. Not only has all news been nearly a week late, but some even as much as two weeks.

This current issue is one week late because we had no news whatsoever when the deadline arrived.

Ray Cavagnaro has an announcement about the winter outing, now to be a spring outing that should have been out to you folks before now but we could not do this. Please be sure to contact him immediately if you are interested in going to Mt. Hood and Mazama Lodge next weekend.

I sincerely hope that I will not be continually disappointed in this respect.

I owe many thanks to my splendid committee who got up most of the news that should have been sent in sooner.

Jim Jeppesen, Editor

Stormy Weather

Irascible Sir William Eden, father of Sir Anthony, is said to have wrenched from the wall a barometer showing "Fair" and to have flung it through a window into the rain, shouting "There, you damned fool, see for yourself!"

Lewis Barton, CONSIDERED TRIFLES

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Worry is like sand in an oyster, a little produces a pearl, too much kills the animal.

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No progress would be made if someone didn't stick his neck out.

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Remember - Obsidian Picture Night - first Monday of every month - at Friendly House.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET?

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