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THREE SISTERS WILDERNESS AREA TRIP

The Fourth of July is rapidly approaching and with it will come the annual Wilderness Trip sponsored by the Friends of the Three Sisters, Inc., - Obsidians cooperating - which this year goes into an area rarely visited with base camp at Lamb Butte, July 4-7. The approach will be by way of Castle Creek Way, a trail comparable in steepness and length to Rebel Rock Trail. Shaded by a fine forest right from the beginning at the end of the Horse Creek road, this trail should provide an excellent hike on a warm July day. From base camp a wide variety of trips are scheduled, including Taylor's Castle, Horsepasture Mt., English Mt., Olallie Mt., French Mt., The Potholes, Quaking Aspen Swamp, Wolverine Meadow, etc. Because dunnage will be packed, the trip is

SUMMER CAMP NEWS

by Nellie McWilliams

A fun night to start enthusiasm for Summer Camp was held last month with the Outing and Social Committees in charge. The delicious potluck was followed by pictures taken in Linnton Meadows and around Husband Lake, during the 1947 Camp. Such a beauty spot is a paradise for camera fans.

There are 22 campers signed up already and the committee wants 3 times that many - so get your name on the list right now! Deadline for registration is Monday, July 22. That means you should send your check to:

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| Ray Cavagnaro | DI 3-8357 |
| 738 12th Ave. E. | |
| Mac & Nellie McWilliams | DI 5-1422 |
| 810 W. 26th Ave. | |
| Gene Sebring | DI 3-5118 |
| Rt. 2, Box 87B | |

Do not send money to Ernie Keasling as previously announced in the prospectus.

The committee met to check the Summer Camp supplies, and found them in good condition. A meeting was held with the cook, Selma Vangsness, attending, to plan for the GOOD EATS we always have at camp.

The committee members will soon make a scouting trip to Husband Lake to decide on the spot where we will set up camp.

TIME IS FLYING — GET YOUR NAME ON THE LIST — SIGN UP AT HENDERSHOTT'S and SEND YOUR MONEY TO ANY OF THE ABOVE MEMBERS.

again easy for families of all ages. The packer will take dunnage in on Thursday, - persons who wish to make it a two-day trip over Saturday and Sunday may arrange to send their dunnage in with the packer on Thursday. Also an excellent one-day round trip of approximately 12 miles may be made to the area.

Information may be had from any member of the committee in charge, who are: Dale Carlson, Chairman, Margaret Markley (receiving reservations), Dr. Jim Kezer, Dave Burwell, Dr. Ruth Hopson, Fred Behm, Prince Helfrich, Frances Newsom, Ruth Onthank, Karl Onthank, Doris Sims — all of whom are going.

Others who already have reservations, are: Dr. Sanford Tepfer, Al and Virginia Schmitz, Ruth Mills, Elvira Thomson, Jim and Mary Stovall, Gladys Bowen (Oregonian), Dr. Robert Storm, Ruth and Karl Onthank, Helen Weiser, Mac McWilliams, Bertha Deckmann, with more signing up daily.

Cost of the trip (4 days) is \$9.50; this includes 30 lbs. of dunnage (20¢ per lb. for overweight). For adults not paying packer's fee, there will be a trip fee of \$1.00.

Deadline date has been extended ... but reservations should be made immediately to assure packer services, with Margaret Markley, 1967 Adams St., Phone DI 4-0716.

All indications point to a successful trip with a fine group of enthusiastic participants.

Karl Onthank, Margaret Markley

••• *Trips From Husband Lake* •••

Take a look at what's in store for you after Camp Carlson has been set up and all your individual camps established — the Committee has a complete schedule of grand trips worked out for your daily hiking pleasure. You will visit the giant spring that bubbles from under the Middle Sister and becomes Linnton Creek, flowing through lush Linn-

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Editor's Notice::::::::::

Next Deadline for the Bulletin will absolutely be July 8th. This will give the summer camp committee a chance to plug their camp next month.

For the duration of my being Editor I must ask each committee to type or at least organize their material for this paper — My committee is smaller and we cannot get all the material prepared in a reasonable time. This is especially important for the Trips and Climbing Committees who must have schedules entered herein.

Please note the contributors herein and know that they are the same ones who have been supporting me with dope each month. I wish to thank them all at this time.

Type everything single space, 41 spaces wide.

Jim Jeppesen

TRIPS SCHEDULE

June 30 - BOHEMIA MOUNTAIN COUNTRY. Explore the mining country. Ray McWilliams, leader.
 July 4-7 - Trips possibly in to visit the camp of the FRIENDS of the THREE SISTERS for those not attending.
 July 14 - MINK LAKES BASIN. A back pack overnight trip into an interesting area of lakes. Bring fishing gear. Dale Carlson, leader.
 July 21 - ALPINE MEADOWS near Mt. Washington. Overnight trip with camp at Dugout Lake, on east side of mountain.
 July 28 - Carpenter Mountain. Grand view of upper McKenzie country.

TRIPS FROM HUSBAND LAKE (Continued from p.1)
 ton Meadows, where you will take countless gorgeous colored pictures of the flowers. You will spend some delightful hours at Eileen Lake and Chieftain Lake. You'll take your lunch to Obsidian Camp and enjoy it beside the clear cold creek, exploring Obsidian Falls and the fields of black obsidian rock, which sometimes looks purple in the bright sunlight. Colored obsidian lies among the 'bathtubs' there also.

Of course The Husband must be climbed a number of times as well as day trips up both the South and Middle Sisters. Both

FLASH !

. . . . welcome additions to our camp sign-up in last few days — are: Everett Ow, of Los Angeles, Hubert, Eleanor, Ray and Ann Breuninger of Kansas City, Jean and Walt Banks of Salem.....

climbs of the North made from this campsite were bivouac trips in the neighborhood of Scott Camp.

Another good trip is to Substitute Lookout where our president, Henry Carlson — was once the Lookout. Not forgetting the sunset pictures of majestic South Sister reflected in Husband Lake. Many other fine trips will be made ... and then the fishermen will find Honey Lakes and bring back fish for all.

Can you resist all this? . . . PLAN TO BE THERE!

Ray Sims

NOTICE...

In the last bulletin the Mt. Hood climb was incorrectly described. The route will be the south one from Timberline Lodge.— See trips schedule, this issue. Pick up information sheets at Hendershott's.

BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Obsidian Board Meeting will be held July 10, 1957, at the home of Bette Hack, 558 East 16th Street, at 8 P.M. Because of the Fourth of July falling on the first Thursday in the month the meeting night was changed for the month of July only.

CLIMBING SCHEDULE

June 30 - MT. HOOD, via south side, Joe Daniel, leader.
 July 4-7 - MT. MCLAUGHLIN and MT. SHASTA. Climb McLaughlin first and then on to
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CLIMBING SCHEDULE(Continued)

a majestic peak in Northern California... Take either or both.

July 14 - MT. THIELSON. The Annual Tenderfoot Climb. An enjoyable climb.

July 21 - MT. WASHINGTON. An interesting rock climb via the North face.

July 28 - NORTH SISTER. An interesting climb from the East side. Camp to be set up near the mountain.

T R A I L I N G S

BILL PARKE, well known to many Obsidians, has been transferred to Washington to head the U.S.F.S. Operation Outdoors.

ANNA PECHANEC was a visitor at the June Princess Meeting held at the home of Adeline Adams. She is attending summer session at Oregon State College. A heavenly dessert was served by Adeline and her mother — all the Princesses had to have the recipe. mmmmm - delightful!

FLORENCE FULTON and HELEN KILPATRICK are flying to Hawaii on July 20, to attend the International Convention of Business and Professional Women.

MARGARET MARKLEY leaves for California in July to join Sierra Club on one of their two weeks pack trips on the John Muir Trail.

CATHERINE DUNLOP is enjoying a tour of Europe with two friends from the Chemetans; they are flying and driving.

DORIS SHINN is a Eugene visitor this summer, planning to do some climbing with the Obsidians.

JIMMY SIMS graduated from Wilson Jr. High and will attend E.H.S. next year.

BOB LEMON, Jr. enters the U.S. Air Force this summer.

JIM JEPPESEN recently visited Victoria, B.C., and was impressed with the hospitality extended visitors to that city. The tourist is supplied with limitless information on any subject free of charge by courteous Information Bureau help. We could do a lot here at home to further our tourist industry as we have just as much to advertise, if not done so highly commercialized.

JOE DANIEL and HARRISON DRAPER, climbed the Middle Sister June 16th, making the first ascent of that peak for this year. The pinnacle was covered with considerable ice. The night was spent at Sunshine Shelter.

ANNA JEPPESEN left June 28th to meet Dolores in Copenhagen, Denmark, after which they will visit Anna's homeland, Norway. Dolores has completed another year of teaching in Europe and plans to return to California next fall to her former job.

FUN TO COME!

Remember these dates during the next month and plan to join your Obsidian friends for fun, food, and festivity!

MONDAY, JULY 1ST, at 8 p.m. we'll get a chance to see Paul and Helen Weiser's pictures taken on their recent trip across the U.S. They'll be shown at the Rose-light Memorial Annex (Plymouth House with its new name) and some light refreshment will be served afterward.

JULY 27TH - a Saturday. Save this date for a trip up to the new Water Board Park at Leaburg. We'll have a potluck dinner, some volleyball, and after dinner Jim Stovall from the University will show pictures of Death Valley. Watch your newspaper for further details.

FLASH - - - Just received word from Myrtie Hamlin that the Annual Chiefs & Princesses Reunion Picnic will be held in her back yard on Monday, July 15th, at 6:30 P.M. All Chiefs and their families and Princesses and their families are invited. It's a potluck — bring your own dishes.

THREE SISTERS AREA STUDIED

Dr. Henry Hansen and Dr. Robert Storm are now getting set up for their ecological studies in the Three Sisters Area. National Science Foundation has approved grants to both. Major contributions to scientific knowledge of the area may be expected.

DO YOUR PART BY HELPING HERE...

Wilderness Preservation Bill: Hearing on HR 1960 and related bills was held June 20 and 21. Obsidians could help by writing in support of more secure protection of wilderness, to Honorable Gracie Pfof, Chairman of Sub-Committee on Public Lands, Committee on Internal and Insular Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. The sooner the more helpful.
Karl Onthank.

THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

is pleased that the directors have renewed the annual club membership in the Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness and made a small contribution to Trustees for Conservation in its work in supporting Dinosaur National Park, Scenic Resources Review, the Wilderness Bill, other major conservation issues.

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SEE YOU ALL AT HUSBAND LAKE

T R A I L I N G S

F.W.O.C. CONVENTION

The TOM TAYLORS have a new baby daughter born recently.

DAVID SIMONS received a \$500 scholarship at the University of California.

Graduates from E.H.S. this month are--- MARGARET LEMON, KEITH NEWSOM, and 2 from O.S.C. - DENNIE KOUPAL and ROBERT FEHLY.

BILL DRAKE, western representative of Nature Conservancy, visited recently, was taken on a trip over McKenzie Pass, back via Clear Lake and McKenzie Falls, left enthusiastic about our area. Nature conservancy is especially interested in natural areas, will work on them in Oregon soon.

LILLIAN and ART JOHNSON recently celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary by being surprised by their Obsidian friends descending upon them with beautifully decorated cake and congratulatory cards.

NESIKA LODGE TRIP

Attending the Trails Club Nesika Lodge gathering of F.W.O.C. members June 15 and 16 were Obsidians Henry, Dale, June and David Carlson, Dean Patterson, Helen Hughes, Bernice Lehrman, Ruth and Karl Onthank. They report pleasant visiting with members of other clubs, grand views of the Columbia Gorge and illuminating fireside discussion of the preservation of its grandeur led by K. Wolfe, formerly of U.S.F.S., now the Columbia Gorge Commission. Also folk dancing and for several a thrilling hike from the highway up to the Lodge high above Multnomah Falls, and back.

CONGRATULATIONS, MARGARET LEMON

We congratulate Margaret Lemon on her accomplishments as she completes her senior year in Eugene High School.

Margaret has received national recognition for her achievements in 8 years of Girl Scout work and has been selected as a delegate to an international Girl Scout Camp to be held near Toronto, Canada, in August.

She has received a scholarship given by the International Relations League of Eugene High School. She has been elected to the National Honor Society in recognition of her scholarship, leadership and service and is a member of the National Spanish Honorary Society. She received the Mary McFadden scholarship given by the PEO Sisterhood to attend Cottey Junior College in Nevada, Missouri. Cottey is an accredited Junior College for girls maintained by the PEO Sisterhood.

Roxie Waldorf

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs holds its annual convention at Cazadero Redwood Camp in the famous Russian River Country of Sonoma County, California, August 31-September 1 & 2. It is a charming spot on a little stream under the redwoods just right for a family vacation, with unlimited possibilities for circle tours enroute. Incidentally the Obsidians who are this year serving as president and secretary would of course welcome the "support" of other Obsidians at the meeting. Federation business is brief but important. Problems of common interest among member clubs are discussed including of course the proper preservation of wilderness and of our scenic resources generally, and the proper development of trails, camps and other facilities for access to and use of our natural outdoors. Fun and recreation are also planned, including a visit to Fort Ross, one-time Russian base in California.

Karl Onthank & Frances Newsom

JIM NEWSOM GRADUATES FROM WEST POINT

June Week at West Point was a memorable event for the Newsoms as Cadet Jim received his diploma and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

Frances and Keith flew east to be present for the round of activities that began with a sight-seeing trip of West Point and Camp Buckner (where the Yearlings train), a parade on The Plain, and a Ski Club picnic at Lake Popolopen on Friday, May 31, and continued with a baseball game, review and presentation of academic awards, and graduation supper on June 1. On Sunday they attended Baccalaureate exercises in the beautiful Cadet Chapel where they heard the Cadet choir, the famous organ, and dedication of the memorial stained glass windows given by the class of 1957, the Superintendent's reception, a review and presentation of military and academic awards; and in the evening the Cadet Glee Club concert. At the review Jim received an award for the highest grades in Military Topography and Graphics. The president of the National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, presented him with a Rolex watch. On Monday they attended an organ recital in the Cadet Chapel, open house in various academic buildings, visited the museum. One of the most impressive events was the Alumni exercise when cadets and graduates

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JIM NEWSOM(Continued from page 4)
 (the long gray line) assembled at Thayer monument and the oldest living graduate present, General Hodges, placed a wreath at the base of the monument. General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chief of Staff, United States Army, and his aides arrived by helicopter just in time for this ceremony. This was followed by an Alumni Review(parade). The Graduation parade and recognition took place in the late afternoon, and the formal Graduation Hop in the evening.

Graduation exercises were held in the Field House on Tuesday, June 4. It was a thrill to watch the cadets receive their diplomas in order of scholastic rank; and then, when the last man ("goat") had returned to his seat, toss their caps into the air. 546 of them made quite a show.

On their return trip west they visited several interesting places. Timpanogos Caves National Monument, near Salt Lake City, reminded them of the Oregon Caves, when they were inside, but they hiked a mile and a half up the side of the mountain to reach the cave entrance. Bryce Canyon National Park, often known as the "Wonderland of the Pink Cliffs," was reached in the late afternoon and a reconnaissance trip for the next day was taken to various vantage points. It started to rain that evening, rained all night and the next morning so that it was too muddy to go down into the canyon. No time to wait for it to quit raining, so they drove on to Zion National Park, "Canyon Land of the Big Rocks," where it was also raining and the water running down the walls of the cliffs, and innumerable waterfalls pouring over the cliffs.

The next day, Mt. Lassen National Park was visited and snowbanks 10-15 feet were found along the road at the higher elevations. The sulphur works were still busy, beautiful Lake Helen was covered with ice, the devastated areas were interesting but we all commented that we thought our Three Sisters area with its lava flows was just as impressive.

Editor interviews F. Newsom

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Following is a letter from Dr. John F. Bovard, Honorary Member of Obsidians, Inc. The Board thought the membership might like to read it too.

Dear President Henry:

It has been a long time since visiting you and my fellow Obsidians. Not because I am not interested in what you are doing. Quite to the contrary—my greatest disappointment is that I have not been able to visit you all in Eugene and perhaps to take a summer trip with you. However, I read all the literature you send to me and I rejoice in

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THE FOLLOWING POEM, inspired by my participation in the Obsidian Summer Camp of 1954 on the north side of Mt. Hood, was published last March in "The Preface", a University of Portland literary magazine. I will always remember those two weeks as the most enjoyable vacation possible and sure hate to miss the Summer Camp this year. I do hope to make at least one climb this summer and will look forward to seeing all my Obsidian friends again.

The Climber

He stops to marvel at the fragile beauty
 of a wildflower in a lush mountain meadow;
 Then turns to face a citadel of rock and
 snow—

A cathedral with soaring pinnacles and
 knife-sharp ridges.
 Glacial streams send down the lifeblood
 of the valley below
 As fleecy clouds, sharply outlined against
 the azure sky, drift by the upper crags.

He has felt the bitter cold and biting
 gales of the desolate world above timber-
 line.

He has seen the first red glint of sun-
 light strike the snowy crest, and later,
 watched the eerie light of alpenglow at
 dusk.

He has tasted the bitterness of fear
 while pitoned to an icy cliff, with dark
 emptiness below.

He has known sorrow in defeat from heights
 unconquered, but gloried in the challenge
 that they offered.

In victory, he acknowledges the Hand of
 God, Who has wrought such power and
 majesty in created things, and humbly
 prays that he will not adore them
 in place of the Creator.

For he has run the gauntlet of the senses
 and emotions, and offers all on the
 high altar of the world.

Tom Bricher

J. Jeppesen, Jr.

all your accomplishments. I always reminisce on those members I know from those early days and rejoice on seeing new names and the active part the new members take in the functions of the Club...this shows a Real Live Club. I am amazed at the names and places you have on your list for Outings. You have diverse types of trips between the mountain climbs and the ocean; some trips to suit the capacities of all members...women, men, young and the "less young." I assure you the "Obsidian" is read from cover to cover.

For the most part my excursions into the mountains have been with an automobile doing the most of the climbing. I have just come back from a trip to the Joshua Tree National Monument; take off from Twentynine Palms in California, accessible by auto from an oiled road, elevation 2500 feet, 5000 to 8000 feet. The wild flowers were very different from Oregon scenery, but to my mind the rock formations and erosion patterns were equally interesting. The cactus flowers on the Hedge Hog Cactus and the Beaver Tail Cactus while low to the ground were very beautiful. Of course I used some color film.

Some time I hope to visit Eugene, Oregon, and one of the top items on my list is visit the Obsidian Club.

Give my kindest regards to the members,

Yours truly,
(signed) John F. Bovard

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The regular meeting of the Obsidian Club was called to order on June 6, 1957 at the home of Henry Carlson and the following members were in attendance: Henry Carlson, Frank Sipe, Bob Medill, June Carlson, Dale Carlson, David Carlson, Bernice Lehrman, Karl Onthank, Ruth Onthank, Ray Cavagnaro, Jim Jeppesen, Ray Harris, George Hermach, Helen Hughes and Bette Hack.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$663.20. Three bills were approved for payment as follows: Commercial Printing for the 1957-58 schedules for \$29.25, Mishler's for bulletin for \$25.62, Postoffice for \$12.00.

Reports were given by the following committees: SCIENTIFIC. Frank Sipe reported the jointly sponsored coast trip by Scientific, Trips and Entertainment Committee was well attended and the study of sea life proved interesting to everyone.

TRIPS. George Hermach reported and asked for some discussion on how much freedom should be given the trip leader in cancelling a trip or substituting another. Two trips have been cancelled so far this year. Most felt that weather conditions or impractical road conditions in reaching an area should determine the decision by the leader but no conclusions were reached.

OUTING. Ray Cavagnaro reported lots of interest is being shown and the sign up sheet for summer camp is already quite large. The Committee is investigating the possibility of buying a new stove, preferably a Kimmel, which costs about \$118. The Committee asked for a transfer of money for expenses and the motion was made and carried that \$100 be transferred from the general fund to the special fund for the use of the Summer Camp Committee. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP. Bernice Lehrman turned in \$8 dues. Also the resignation of Bob Lemon, Jr. The following report on membership was given: Paid up members - 164, unpaid - 12, delinquent - 4. For the year, 14 members dropped, 1 resigned, 1 was deceased and there were 10 new members. The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Bernice Lehrman as a Member of the Board and as Membership Chairman. It was decided to turn over the membership work temporarily to whomever is qualified and names of a person to fill out the term as membership chairman be presented at the next meeting. A letter was read from John Bovard who is an honorary member, and the \$5 which was enclosed was placed in the building fund by unanimous vote.

CLIMBING COMMITTEE. Ray Harris reporting and the possibility of getting written permission of parents for minors before a climb was discussed, also obtaining insurance for the club in case of an accident. This would involve a higher fee being charged for a climb. The motion was made and carried that the Climbing Committee investigate ob-

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taining insurance and if feasible to add insurance expense to climbing fee and on the sign up sheet. If not, omit reference to it. The motion was also made and carried that a new first aid kit be purchased. Names of leaders for the Season's climbs were announced. Dates for Beginners' School for Climbers were announced as follows: June 11, June 16, June 23, July 14 and July 21st rock practice to be held at Coburg Hills. August 25th will be glacier practice.

HISTORIAN. Bob Medill reporting. Attention was called to the article in the newspaper concerning the Hostess at Friendly House, Mrs. Alchie Bryant, who recently passed away. The motion was made and carried that \$10 be sent to Friendly House as well as a letter and card of sympathy to Mr. Bryant in appreciation of all the courtesies of Mrs. Bryant to the Obsidian Club.

CONSERVATION. Karl Onthank reporting. Although there has been no public announcement, the scientists now have grants and have made preliminary arrangements for a scientific survey of the Three Sisters area. Plans for the Three Sisters Wilderness Trip are completed. Several letters have been received from Congressman Porter (1) informing us of de-authorization of use of Waldo Lake area by Army Engineers, (2) advising that authorization has been given for a study of the Beaver Marsh area with respect to development of the area for park purposes. A review was made of the Washington, D.C. Conservation bulletin of Trustees for Conservation, and the Secretary was asked to write a letter supporting their main issue of giving Dinosaur full status as a National Park. A motion was made and seconded that the Treasurer send a \$20 contribution to this organization. Motion carried. The Treasurer was also asked by unanimous vote to send \$10 to the Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness and consider it as yearly dues.

NEW BUSINESS. George Hermach was asked to contact the city and have the grass mowed on the Obsidian lot. The meeting was adjourned.

Bette Hack, Secretary

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Please bear with me in my grief and sorrow while I sing a few blues.

Several weekends ago there was held a practice search and rescue condition not far from Eugene, under perfect weather conditions and accessible from a nearby road. This weekend had been announced some time before and a good many people were notified personally not only earlier but on the morning of said operation also. Of all this notification 11 people turned out. Three were the victims who camped out the night before to be rescued; four were non-club members, and that leaves four club members that showed up for practice. GREAT HUH.

This kind of turnout is bad, very bad for a possible life-saving project such as ours was. Or, are we so good that a practice session is non-benefitting to the where's and how's of a real rescue... THAT I DOUBT. Especially when I see those who know more about it than any of us continually practicing newer, faster, surer methods for bringing an injured person down and out from wherever they are. These are the ones I would want to bring me out in a litter and not those who would scramble around in each other's way, doing

helpful little things while dropping and banging me around three or four times.

I believe a mountaineering club such as ours should show a little more interest in mountain rescue technique before - not after an accident.

Hopefully,
Lloyd Plaisted

SIMULATED RESCUE

The Search and Rescue Committee held their annual Simulated Rescue May 26th. Only 8, from a possible 38 searchers, participated.

The rescue was held on the terraces east of Lowell so members could practice lowering the stretcher in mountainous terrain.

The stretcher was lowered over 100 foot drops by means of (1) a rock and tree belay, (2) an expansion bolt belay, and (3) a double piton belay. Carabiner brakes were used on the ropes to ease the strain on the person belaying.

Thanks, to all those who participated in this search.

Dorothy Ruse
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Spend a GRAND two weeks at HUSBAND LAKE
Aug. 3-17 for \$50.00, one week for \$30.00
- one day for \$5.00.

LET'S FIRE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

by Bob Medill

I have been thinking, now don't ask me what with? That is an old question and besides I could not answer it. Anyway, I have, and it's all about the Obsidians and their way of life, all the things they stand for, all the things they do, their strong points and their weak ones, their gains and their losses. And the five years that I have been a member the losses have exceeded the gains. Why does our membership continue to shrink in a constantly growing population? That is a question that I have asked myself many times as other members have asked themselves but as for myself I have not gotten a definite reason. I go back to the time that the Obsidians first organized. I was living in Eugene at the time and many times over the years I would read something in the Eugene paper about the Obsidians and I would say to myself, Boy, I would sure like to belong to that outfit. One reason I never tried to join you is that I imagined that it took more money to belong and chase around with you folks than it really does. Another reason was that I did not know any of you people who were members, which, if I had would probably have helped me to become a member much sooner. But even after I had become a member I can say that there were a number of times that I almost let my membership drop. Mostly because I could find nothing definite to the organization. My only contact with the organization as such was at the annual meeting only once a year and then you tried to do a whole year's business at that one time. For about three years I did not know for sure whether the outfit had a president - to be sure the constitution said someone would be a president. And the constitution also said that there would be several different classes of membership and all kinds could not vote. So what was the use of paying in dues to an organization if you could'nt vote. So I decided to become a voting member fast as I could. But after I became a voter I found there was nothing to vote for except for some board members once a year. The rest of the time I was just out on the street.

It is my firm conviction that we should do away with the board of directors. Have a president, a vice president, recording secretary, and a financial secretary, Treasurer. Have an open business meeting once a month following a potluck. Our member-

Several Obsidians attended the lovely wedding of Dennis and Janet Koupal, June 8.

ship is not so large that we can not do this. If it was as large as the Mountaineers or the Mazamas there might be a reason for having a board do all the business. It is my firm belief that we would have a closer knit, more democratic organization than we do now. It is also my opinion that the members should be allowed to vote on all things that are presented and that they should be allowed to present questions and problems and desires. Why make the board pass on all decisions. Who will be elected to membership, how much money will be spent for what? These things should all be settled at regular monthly open meetings, and I believe that we would have a much more successful club. The time allowed to each speaker on the floor could be set by popular vote and I feel that all business could be transacted in an hour and a half. Members would feel more like they were having a tangible part in our organization, instead of feeling that they are just on the outside looking in. As far as the benefits to be derived from the organization they can be had just the same and at less cost by not being a member. Would like to know what others think along this line.

Bob Medill

Note: With some possible modifications, we, the following members of the Board, extend our support to Bob Medill's article above.

James H. Jeppesen, Jr.
George R. Hermach

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BULK RATE

