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ANNUAL CONVENTION OF FWOC AT CAZADERO CAMP

CONTRA COSTA HILLS CLUB, 5414 Bond Street, Oakland 1, California, invites you to the said Convention to be held at Cazadero, Sonoma County, California, Saturday to Monday, August 31, September 1 and 2, 1957.

Cazadero Camp is located in the Redwood Country and on a pleasant mountain stream which provides the "old Swimming hole" for the conventioners. It is an isolated spot of California peace and grandeur --- 85 miles north of San Francisco and about 20 miles west of Santa Rosa, near the town of Monte Rio.

In addition to the Convention business, there will be hikes, swimming, tours and an entertainment program on Saturday night.

The tents are on wooden platforms and furnished with cots and mattresses. BRING SLEEPING BAG, TOWELS, FLASH LIGHT and SWIMMING SUIT.

If interested contact Blanche Bailey for reservation blanks, or contact Karl Onthank, or Frances Newsom, who will be glad to assist you.

Let's back the FWOC with several representatives from our Club. If possible we may make up a caravan of outdoor lovers.

59 signed up
for Summer Camp!

Summer Camp is only ONE week away !!! HAVE YOU SIGNED UP? If not, PLEASE DO SO AT ONCE! CALL ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE if you can't get down to Hendershott's.

The Committee met again and plans are progressing nicely. Remember, you must sign if you are coming in, even for just overnight.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP ?

Ray Cavagnaro talked to Mr. Hornbeck, the McKenzie Ranger, and he suggested several new hikes in the territory that sounded interesting. He plans to be in camp the night of the 10th.

Sunday, July 14th, the committee- Ray, Gene, Mac and Nellie, Virginia and Dale hiked in to Husband Lake by Foley Ridge and scouted a camping site. The country is more beautiful than ever. **

Your dunnage must be in the hands of the committee by Wednesday, July 31st, to be included with the pack horse dunnage. This is to be left at Ray's home, 134 East 19th. It must be well tagged with your name and address.

If you have not paid your fee to a committee member, be sure and do so before the 31st deadline, as it must be paid before the committee leaves for camp.

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THE OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OBSIDIANS, INC.

The regular meeting of the Obsidian Club was called to order July 10, 1957, by the President at the home of Bette Hack. Members attending were: Ray Harris, Bob Medill, Frances Newsom, Helen Hughes, Ray Cavagnaro, Karl Onthank, Henry Carlson, Natalie Beckett, Blanche Bailey, Bette Hack and George Hermach.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the Treasurer reported a balance of \$471.18.

Entertainment: Natalie Beckett reporting: A picnic is to be held July 27th at the Water Board Park, Leaburg, with Bette Hack as chairman of the event. Since Prof. Stovall is unable to show pictures until later in the year, the evening will be spent in games and campfire with dinner at 6:30. Natalie also reported that a swimming party is being planned for sometime after Summer Camp.

Trips: George Hermach reporting. A trip to Mink Lake was announced for July 13th and 14th. The trips Committee is joining the Climbing Committee for a visit to Mt. Washington July 20th and 21st. Camp will be at Dugout Lake and Reports are this is an excellent trip.

Outing: Ray Cavagnaro reported that after some discussion with Forestry Service the route to Summer Camp is to be via Foley Ridge road. Testing of the old

stove proved it is not necessary to replace at this time.

Membership. Blanche Bailey reporting. \$4.00 for dues and car sticker was turned over to the Treasurer.

Climbing. Ray Harris reporting. The prospectus prepared for different mount-tains has been very helpful. The Committee is very enthusiastic over the way the Register-Guard has been cooperating with publicity on climbs this year.

Search and Rescue. Ray Harris reported that meetings have been dropped for the summer.

Historian. Bob Medill reporting. It was moved and carried that the Register-Guard article and picture on Jim Bryant be placed beside that of Mrs. Bryant in the scrapbook. Mr. Bryant passed away just a month and a half after Mrs. Bryant.

Conservation. Karl Onthank reporting. The Three Sisters Wilderness Trip was a thorough success. As many as 79 people attended throughout the four days. Camp was established at the Potholes on Olallie trail. The Committee including Dale Carlson, Margaret Markley, Jim Kezer, Ruth Hopson, Fred Behm, Prince Helfrich, Ruth Onthank, and others was thanked for an excellent and successful trip. It was suggested that action should be taken to help eliminate the Bruces Eddy dam on North Fork of the Clearwater, as it will invade the wilderness area.

The Wilderness Preservation bill came to a head last week. Copies of the Bill are available from Karl Onthank. It was moved and carried that \$25 be donated to Mrs. Polly Dyer for expenses as representative from the Northwest to appear before the Wilderness Hearing in Washington D.C.

It was also moved and the motion carried that the Federation of Western Outdoor Club dues of \$10 be paid.

Old Business. It was decided that the problem of a membership committee chairman who will also be a member of the Board and has one more term to serve be turned over to the Nominating Committee to either choose someone to fill out the term or nominate two women for election to the board next fall.

New Business: The Nominating Committee was announced as follows: Virginia Sebring, Chairman, Thelma Watson, Frances Newsom, Clarence Scherer, and Ray Cavagnaro. Candidates for two women Board mem-

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SUMMER CAMP(Continued)

Transportation will be arranged as soon as the sign-up is complete and people will be notified.

Sign up at Hendershott's and send your money to any member of the committee. Come and have the grandest time of any two weeks that you have spent in the mountains, a beauty spot.

Ray Cavagnaro 738 E. 12th

Nellie & Mac McWilliams 810 W. 26th

Gene Sebring Rt. 2, Box 87B

** This Foley Ridge trail is a very good trail and is in good condition. Mr. Hornbeck suggested the club use this trail as the one from Frog Camp is being repaired and they would rather the club did not use it.

BOARD NOTES(continued)

Members and one man are to be announced at the next Board meeting and to Obsidian membership 30 days before the annual meeting.

The Treasurer asked that all committee chairmen have their financial records ready for her at the September meeting in order that the books can be audited.

A motion was made and carried that the club annually pay the registration fees of a delegate to the FWOC convention and for this year up to \$25 be paid to a delegate. Several people are being contacted who might attend as an Obsidian representative.

The next meeting was announced for Wednesday, September 11th at the home of Bob Medill, and there will be no meeting in August.

Meeting adjourned.

SCHEDULE OF TRIPS TO COME

AUG. 4, 11, 18th - Summer Camp. Watch the local paper or Bulletin Board at Hendershott's for possible trips.

AUG. 24, 25th - Clear Lake-Beaver Marsh area. A good chance to view and learn about the Upper McKenzie country with one who loves this area deeply and knows it well, Mike Stahl.

AUG. 31st - Sept. 2nd - Waldo Lake. Here is a chance to see a nearby inland sea. This is a beautiful lake and needs defending if it is to be here for posterity. Learn about it with Gene Renard.

Sept. 7, 8th - East Side of North Sister. Explore the other side of the North. -

Shrubs, creeks and meadows, maybe deer and bear. With Helen Hughes.

SEPT. 15th - Wildcat Mountain. Another trip into the Santiam country. Lots of scenery and views of new logging patch cutting on distant ridges. With Henry Carlson.

SEPT. 22nd - Yapoah Crater. An Alpine circle route through scenic areas. - Yapoah Crater to Collier Glacier to Frog Camp. With Bob Frazier.

CLIMBING SCHEDULE

July 28: North Sister -- rarely climbed East side ascent. Base camp on the headwaters of Squaw Creek in an alp at the base of the Southeast ridge. Lloyd Plaisted and Ray Harris, leaders.

August 4: Diamond Peak from the North side. Tom Taylor, leader.

August 11: Middle Sister. Climbers and summer campers will meet and bivouac at Obsidian Camp Saturday evening and climb "the chocolate drop" on Sunday. Mary Cavagnaro, leader. Jim Jeppesen will lead the group from Eugene to Obsidian Camp and act as co-leader on the mountain.

August 18: Open date.

August 25: Three Finger Jack. Jim Fraser, leader.

Sept. 1 (Labor Day Weekend): North side of Mt. Hood -- interesting glacier work. Gene Sebring, Leader.

Mt. Constance - for those who prefer an unusual and out-of-state climb. Mt. Constance is located in Southern Olympics and has not been ascended by the Obsidians. Leader to be announced.

Sept. 8: South Sister, from Green Lakes. Lorrie Shinn, leader.

Broken Top, from Green Lakes. Leader to be announced.

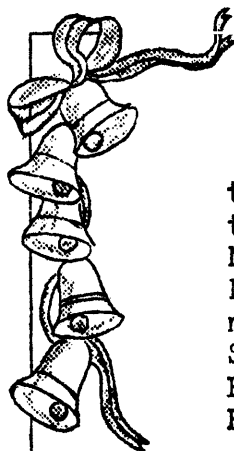
Sept. 15: The Husband - for those who had to miss summer camp. Bruce Johnson, leader.

Sept. 22: Glacier expedition and crevasse rescue demonstration - Ray Harris, leader.

CLIMBING SCHEDULE(continued)

Qualifying mountaineering experience or attendance of at least one session of climbing school will be required of all persons planning to make major peaks which require any technical skill. A practice session will be held at the Coburg Caves the Sunday preceding any such climb. These peaks include: The North Sister, Three Fingered Jack, North side of Hood and Mt. Constance.

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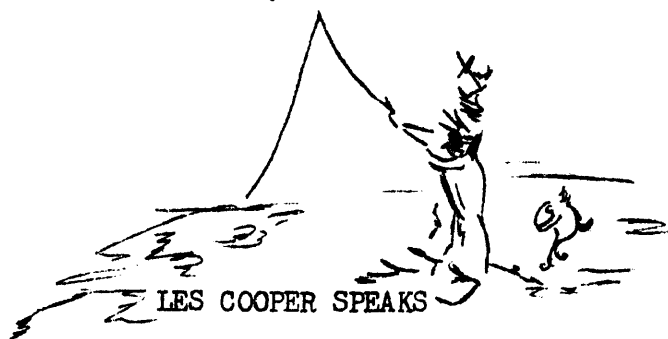


An Invitation Is Extended

to all members of the club to attend the wedding of Natalie Beckett to Boyd Morgan of Eugene. The ceremony will be at 3:00 P. M., Saturday, August 24th at the First Methodist Church in Eugene.

PICNIC TIME A'COMIN'

Save Saturday, July 27th for the big potluck picnic up at the Water Board Park at Leaburg. We'll eat at 6:30, so come early if you can and work up an appetite on some softball, volleyball, or just exploring. Bette Hack, the chairman for this excursion, promises a surprise after dinner is over - so bring the family, your table service, covered dish - and be ready for almost anything! Coffee and punch will be furnished by the committee.



The suggestion of Bob Medill appearing in the last Bulletin relative to proposed changes which would spread the responsibility of our affairs more equitably among the membership appeared to receive immediate, tho qualified, support by two other board members.

Consisting as they do, of suggested major changes in our structure, it would be fitting that they be submitted to the entire "voting membership" for consideration.

May I be counted along with George Hermach and Jim Jeppesen in support of Bob's suggestions to consider some changes.

Someday we may even enjoy the honor once again of installing one of our lady members into our highest office, as I am told is done in some other similar clubs.

Confidentially, fellows I have lived quite amicably with a lady president these many years.

TRIP TO MARINE BIOLOGY STATION June 1st and 2nd

Grand weather accompanied the 26 Obsidians who journeyed to the Oregon State Institute of Marine Biology at Charleston, Oregon, on the port of Coos Bay; it was unusually warm and balmy for the beach.

Everyone enjoyed the crab feed which was in progress all Saturday afternoon, put on by the women of the community. At dusk short trips were taken to the beach, the jetty, and the Guard station. Then the group gathered in the lab, where Frank Sipe rolled off his very fine movie of student activities in gathering marine specimens. Some good old Obsidian songs and Sandy Tepfer's harmonica offerings were enjoyed before going to bed.

Early Sunday morning, everyone drove to Cape Arago State Park and descended to the colorful beach, observing the pleasing complement of beach to sky. The golden beach with tawny driftwood, a small stream cascading down, rugged rock formations, bright green seaweed, and beautiful blue sky and water, was an exciting place to be. And those who ventured farthest out in their rubber boots found animals and plants of unusual beauty.

Our leader, Bayard McConnaughey, found an octopus whose head had been bitten off leaving a not yet lifeless body blushing with mortification! Bayard offered the carcass as a fresh and palatable dinner entree, but no one accepted.

The grand potluck back at the Dining Hall, with Natalie Beckett and her assistants in charge and making the delicious coffee, wound up a very delightful weekend. On behalf of the whole group we say thanks a million to the McConnaughey family for revealing to us a most absorbing pursuit - the study of marine biology, and to Natalie and others helping. M.Castellos



U. S. TOURED

A group of 50 plus enjoyed a trip through the U.S.A. via the Weiser's colored slides early this month at Plymouth House (Eugene Memorial Annex). Paul and Helen, who have recently returned from a 11,000 mile trip that took them to Florida, the east coast and back, outdid themselves on their pictures - and how we stay-at-homers enjoyed seeing them! Our thanks to Paul and Helen - and also to Thelma and Kaye for arranging such a nice evening.

NOTICE!!

Obsidian Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11th, at the home of Bob Medill, 162 West A St., Springfield; there will be no meeting in August. The meeting will start promptly at 8:00 P.M. Please try to be there as this is the last meeting before the annual meeting.

SUMMER CAMPERS FROM CHICAGO

In the spring of 1956, the Obsidian board received a letter from Leonard and Ruth Ratkowski of Chicago, asking for a description of a ten day trail trip in the Three Sisters Wilderness. This letter was turned over to Ray Sims, who in turn, sent maps and a good description of the Three Sisters, Glaciers and trails in the Wilderness area.

About the middle of June of this year, another letter came, saying that their western trip for 1956 was in the north and they spent a week with the Mazamas at Glacier Peak. But - "are any of the clubs camping in the Three Sister region this year?" Well, a prospectus of the Husband Lake camp was sent and a letter came in ample time for Leonard and Ruth to be in the Obsidian Camp for two weeks.

Ray Sims

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See all you
lucky people in camp!

TRAILINGS . . .

Mary Cavagnaro has recently returned from a summer institute at the graduate school of Social Welfare, University of California at Berkeley. Mary was one of six Oregon social workers chosen to attend. She enjoyed several days in the High Sierra country en route, and crossed three magnificent passes; Donner, Eberts and Luther, and visited briefly at Claire Tappan, Sierra Club lodge. Mary also reports that Highway 14, opened only last August is a beautiful trip through a very isolated section of Northeastern California; and provides a considerable short cut from Klamath Falls to Susanville through pine and cedar forest. Here a completely undeveloped lake approximately the size of Klamath Lake was discovered, its shores harboring many types of nesting waterfowl, including several families of wild geese, taking their young for their first swimming lessons. Mary found that although this is excellent paved highway, one sees far less people and feels deeper in the wilderness than along the skyline trail!

HARRISON DRAPER

The club extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Harrison Draper, who passed away Monday evening, July 22. He had accompanied the Obsidians on many of their trips, and had climbed several major peaks this summer.

Jim Jeppesen

Following is the first part of a long letter Dolores Jeppesen drew up to send to her friends describing her Easter vacation trip in Europe.

As the year is once again rapidly drawing to an end, I find that I am very far behind in keeping friends posted on my past, present and future activities. I do have several honest reasons for my delays though. An exceptionally large class (36-38) of very active first graders and secondly situated where I am only an hour from Munich in the heart of beautiful Bavaria, travel has consumed many hours.

My most recent venture or more appropriately titled mis-adventure was an Easter tour by bus through Yugoslavia, a brief flight to Istanbul, Turkey, return flight to Athens, Greece and back to Yugoslavia (Continued on page 6)

by train and bus, and boat up the beautiful Adriatic coastline of Western Yugoslavia. Although my experiences were beyond belief and frequently even beyond imagination, I hope my few sketches of things seen will convey just a hint of what Yugoslavia actually is.

Our journey started 2 hours late from Munich the night of April 18th with an uneventful all night ride to Venice, Italy for breakfast. Having been here twice before it was almost like a homecoming to see familiar sights again. But, alas, misfortune struck and we were once again delayed 3 hours. As a result, Trieste, a city I have really wanted to visit was skimmed through in an attempt to reach our destination in Yugoslavia for dinner. At the border your first impression of Yugoslavia is deeply engraved. In any other European country an American passport is your key for a quick passage. This is not so here! First you are asked to fill out two forms in duplicate, these are then individually checked. All money of any denomination from any country must be declared accurately. Due to one lady's error we were detained 45 minutes while she was interrogated as to how such an error could occur. All cameras must be accounted for and checked by serial number and heaven help anyone who might have the misfortune of losing theirs in this country. Finally after an hour and a half, our bus was permitted to enter the barren, bleak, dry area which is northwesterly Yugoslavia. (To be continued)

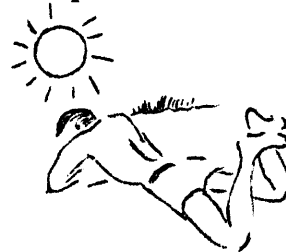
A TRIP REPORTER by Jim Jeppesen

Attention, all you trip leaders! It has come to my attention that few trip reports have been turned in to George Hermach, Trips Committee Chairman. As with any business he cannot make remittances to the Club Treasurer. He cannot check over the reports to spot new names to get to the Membership Chairman to work with and follow up. In general it just plain gums up the works.

Please get those reports in quickly as per instructions sent to you. You will benefit your club by so doing and thereby yourself.

CHIEFS AND PRINCESSES POTLUCK

The annual potluck for Chief and Princesses and families was a grand party. Myrtie Hamlin treats her back yard guests royally, and the 80 or more present enjoyed themselves immensely. Highlight of the evening was the surprise bridal shower given for Natalie Beckett and Boyd Morgan. They were presented with three or four climber's packs full of gifts.



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