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ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1957

Notices have been sent to all Obsidians concerning the Annual Meeting which will be held at the Willamalane Memorial Building, North 8th and A Streets, Springfield, on October 8, Tuesday, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

This year there are six women candidates and two men on the ballot from which four new Board members will be elected. There has been some discussion over the unusual number of women candidates. This was necessary this year because of the expiration of three year terms for two women board members and resignation of one woman board member who had a one year term yet to serve. It was necessary to elect only one man to the board as the other five men board members have one and two year terms yet to serve.

Candidates who were selected by the nominating committee include: Lillian Johnson, Natalie Beckett Morgan, Elsie Dotson, Geraldine Fehly, Bette Hack, Nellie McWilliams, Dr. Fred Miller, Ray Sims.

Voting will be held from 6:00 P.M. until 6:45 P.M. and only those members whose dues are paid are eligible to vote. Senior dues are \$4.00, junior dues \$1.00.

Potluck dinner will be served at 6:45 P.M. Please bring your own table service. The Entertainment Committee is in charge of table decorations and will furnish coffee. Following the potluck, the Annual Business Meeting will be held.

Please try to attend as this meeting is important to all Obsidians.

Bette Hack

TRIP SCHEDULE

Sept. 29 - YAPOAH CRATER LOOP TRIP. Bob Frazier will lead. Hikers will camp at Frog Camp Saturday night, then drive to East Lava Camp to start the hike at 7:30 A.M. If you can't make it to camp Saturday night, meet the hikers at East Lava at 7:30 A.M. Sunday. Trip will end at Frog Camp again. This will be a qualifying (16 miles) trip.

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Summer Camp at Husband Lake Another Success!!!

Another wonderful summer camp is over and now just a memory. 59 members and friends were in camp some part of the time and others for the two weeks. The packers were slow in getting dunnage into camp so the first few days were spent in borrowing sleeping bags, tents, air mattresses, coats, caps, etc. - forward, backward, in and out. The weather was not ideal the first week but not as bad as the weather man here reported. We did not let the weather keep us from going to Eileen Lake, Linton Falls, the Middle Sister, Obsidian Camp, James Creek shelter, and other interesting places. The second week had ideal weather, in fact the first weekers saw sunshine from about Thursday on and had nice weather to hike out in on Sunday. During the second week several of the trips were repeated and a successful trip was made to Chambers Lakes. This was tried the first week, but heavy fog turned the party back. The South was climbed, The Husband, Substitute Lookout and several others repeated for the ones not in camp the first week.

The success of the camp can certainly be attributed to the congenial crowd. The committee felt unhappy about the weather, but it did not spoil the fun of the campers. They were always willing to help the committee and others whenever asked. A special thanks should be extended to Ruth and Leonard Ratkowski for helping in setting up camp. The hot coffee and choc-

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THE OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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TRIP SCHEDULE(continued)

Oct..6 - Tenas Lakes - another qualifying trip to be led by Kenneth Lodewick — about 5 miles.

Oct. 13 -Mystery Trip, leader, George Korn.

Oct. 20 -Huckleberry Mountain, Oakridge area, leader Ray Sims. Qualifying.

Oct. 27 -Fuji Mountain, leader Henry Jeppesen. Qualifying.

Nov. 2-3 - Siltcoos Outlet Forest Camp - leader, Doris Sims.

Nov. 10 -Fern Ridge, - Let's hunt for arrowheads with Bob Medill.

WATCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE TRIPS AND POSSIBLE RE-SCHEDULING OF SOME MAJOR CLIMBS.

OBSIDIAN EDITOR WED

Your Bulletin Editor, Jim Jeppesen, was married Sunday at 2:00 P.M. to Clarice Nielsen of Junction City. The wedding took place at Faith Lutheran Church in J.C. They will live at 260 Baxter Road. We wish to congratulate Jim and Clarice, and all our best wishes go with them, and we hope they have a grand and happy life together.

"SHAVE TESTER" WED

Natalie Beckett and Boyd Morgan tied the knot at First Methodist Church on Saturday August 24th. Theirs was a beautiful wedding, and Boyd now knows that his is the only shave Natalie will ever test again. We Obsidians wish them the best of everything in life, and hope they will be happy and prosperous forever and ever. Congratulations Natalie and Boyd.

PRINCESSES ELECT

New officers were elected at the September Princess meeting at the home of Mildred Soukoup, sister of Doris Sims. They are: Virginia Sebring, President; Helen Hughes, Vice President; and Beverly Lindley, Secretary. The Princesses welcomed Mildred back to Eugene after several years absence, and invited her to rejoin Obsidian activities. Helen Weiser is hostess in October.

SUMMER CAMP A SUCCESS(continued)

olate they prepared tasted mighty good when the committee arrived at Devil's Lake early Saturday morning. All trips were well attended and everyone entered into the spirit with enthusiasm. Blanche Bailey led the camp fire singing and stunts the first week and Natalie took over the second week.

Selma Vangsnes was an ideal cook. Anything Ray suggested was OK with her and we had wonderful food. We even had special treats for the camp fires. We want to say too that Karla Vangsnes was a good cook's helper.

We expected Ray Hornbeck and some of his helpers for an evening meal and talk at the campfire, but their plans were changed to they were in camp for only a short time one morning.

The lucky campers this year were: Merle and Blanche Bailey, Walt and Jean Banks, Mae Beaman, Bill Beaman, Natalie Morgan, (Beckett yet that week), Lois Brooks, Mary Cavagnaro, Henry and Dale Carlson, Gerry Fehly, Kay Faye, Mary Castelloe, Bette Hack, Beverly Hammond, Jane Hilt, Margaret Hines, Henry Jeppesen, Art and Lillian Johnson, Lora and Don Kelts, Ken Lodewick, Mildred Lowden, Herbert and Evelyn, Noelle, Cheyla, and Lei, McCornack, Bob Medill, Fred and Marian Miller, Frank Moore, Frances Newsom, Everett Ow, Anna Pechanec, Lloyd Plaisted, Ruth and Leonard Ratkowski(from Chicago), Hubert, Eleanor, Ray and Ann Breuninger(from Kansas City), Dorothy Ruse, Clarence Scherer, Ray Sims, Virginia, Martha, Mark and Dale Sebring, Helen Smith, Selma and Karla Vangsnes, Paul and Helen Weiser and of course the committee, Ray Cavagnaro, Gene Sebring, and Nellie and Mac McWilliams.

Nellie McWilliams

CELESTE CAMPBELL

The club wishes to extend its sympathy to family and friends of Celeste, long-time Obsidian.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The club wishes to extend a hearty welcome to three new members - Ruth Beacon, Everett Ow, and Armand Werle.

—SEE YOU ALL AT ANNUAL MEETING, OCT. 8—

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

The regular meeting of the Obsidian Club was called to order by the President at the home of Bob Medill, September 11th at 8:00 p.m. Those attending were: Helen Hughes, Jim Jeppesen, Blanche Bailey, Ray Cavagnaro, Gene Sebring, Tom Taylor, Henry Carlson, Frank Sipe, Bette Hack, Ray Harris, Mary Medill and Bob Medill.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$404 with some bank charges yet to be taken into account. Outstanding bills were presented for \$37.84 due Mishler's, 85¢ for typing and carbon paper and a postage bill of 75¢. The Treasurer asked for a report of any equipment of durable or semi-durable nature purchased during the year.

The President asked for a report by committees which were given as follows:

SCIENTIFIC: Frank Sipe reported that this committee is still in the experimental stage but programs had been planned with the trips and entertainment committees during the past year which had been quite successful. The suggestion was made by Frank that the club take steps toward objecting to the killing of vegetation along the highways. The motion was made that the problem be passed to the conservation committee chairman to act on at the earliest possible date. Motion carried.

TRIPS COMMITTEE: In the absence of George Hermach, Blanche Bailey reported. Three trips had been cancelled during the season. These were: Mink Lake, Winter Outing and East Side of the North. After considerable phoning, Blanche reported that she had received all trip reports with the exception of the very recent trips and \$9.75 was turned over to the Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP: This report was also given by Blanche Bailey. The following were presented for membership into the Club by Blanche and were accepted by the board: Ruth Beacon, Everett Ow and Armond Werle.

A letter was read from the F.W.O.C. asking for appointment of a Chairman for this organization. The letter was tabled for action by the new Board.

OUTING: Ray Cavagnaro reporting. Summer camp was well attended and all those attending agreed Husband Lake was ideal for a summer camp. Some extra expenses were incurred however by the carelessness of the packer. Two bills were presented for a total of \$55.32 for additional camp equipment. Because of the heavy expenses of packing in, a loss of approximately \$67.02 was reported by Ray which was to be reimbursed by the club.

CLIMBING: Tom Taylor reported that a gross of \$29.50 was received by the committee with expenses of \$13.35 and a profit of \$16.15 for the season. One climb, the North side of Mt. Hood, was cancelled. Tom said the committee would like to re-schedule the climb of the North Sister. Five people are qualified for the Ten Peak Award.

SEARCH AND RESCUE: Ray Harris reported that on the 17th of August, the committee was called out by the Portland group and four people left for Mt. Adams where a five year old boy was lost. The search was very well organized and the boy was found before the team from here was needed. A bill for \$10 was presented and approved.

ENTERTAINMENT: Natalie Morgan reporting. Her report covered several past events which were: Pictures and lecture by Dr. Richard McBee at the Garden Club with arrangements made by Lillian Johnson; potluck and old timers' get-together for Dr. Bovard, arranged by Mary Castelloe. Total of \$6.32 reported in the account and two events are forthcoming, the summer camp re-union and the annual meeting.

BUILDING: Gene Sebring reporting. A refund of \$10 sent to Ned Graves was returned for the building fund. A possibility of securing a partly completed house at Mill and B streets in Springfield with a lot 200x200 plus 100x100 for \$12,000 was discussed and it was decided to look over the property more thoroughly.

The building committee is still attempting to sell the Obsidian lot but has reduced the price to a more realistic figure of around \$15,000.

PUBLICITY: Jim Jeppesen reported one more issue of the bulletin would be published before the annual meeting and set a deadline of September 16th for receipt of news.

CONSERVATION: No report.

The meeting was adjourned.

Bette Hack, Secretary

Report on F.W.O.C. Convention in next month's bulletin.

4 JOHN F. BOVARD, FIRST PRESIDENT, HONORED
A delightful evening was spent honoring Dr. John Bovard, Friday, Sept. 6, almost exactly 30 years from the day that Ferry and Cramer were lost in the Three Sisters area. More than 70 members and friends - and former members, enjoyed the big pot-luck dinner and the pictures and reminiscences that followed. Most delightful to everyone who stayed till the end, were the spontaneous contributions by several of the older members - the old stories - and especially the re-telling of the story of the club's origin. The following is written by Louis Waldorf...

TRUE COMPANIONSHIP

I am going to call your attention to something about which we do not often speak but which we all feel. This is the TRUE COMPANIONSHIP among our club members. The enjoyment of the out-of-doors is a common interest that brings us together. But this of which I speak goes further than that. We have a common bond that is much stronger and lasting.

People who have hiked and climbed together, felt the thrill of the high country, endured heat and cold together, rain and snow, fair weather and foul, making the best of every situation, even to the failure of packers, when we went without sleeping bags and tents; have something more, something finer and deeper than a common interest.

In our everyday lives, a great deal of emphasis is given to WHO a person is, what profession he is in, how big a business he has, how he or she dresses, how many social clubs they belong to, etc. This makes us all somewhat selfish and jealous. Up in God's high country, all of these distinctions are wiped out. We are all on one level; and it seems to wipe out the selfishness and jealousies. Frank Branch Riley often said that "There is no selfishness above 6000 feet."

We learn in camp that no one goes by a title or other distinction. Whoever heard John Bovard called "Doctor" or "Dean" in camp? Everyone goes by his or her first name; and these continue after we get back to the city, and in later life when we meet an old campmate on the street he is still "Ed," or "John", or it may be "Florence", or "Mary".

This meeting on a common level has cemented the members of our club in True Companionship—a feeling that extends far beyond the camp and many years later, even though some become inactive in the club.

I think that this thing that we all sense is a part of what Dick Montague, past-president of the Mazamas, was talking about when he wrote that masterpiece, "Why we come back." It is the thing that brings Dave Faville and others back again and again to our Summer Camps. May this spirit always exist.

Louis Waldorf

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HIDDEN LAKE TRIP, SEPTEMBER 22
57 members of the Obsidians and Natural History Society visited Hidden Lake, and explored its bog at the outlet, and its cold spring inlet. Jim Kezer, Ben Pruett, and Frank Sipe were the able leaders, who identified all of the many specimens of animal and plant life found. Before the end of the day many members of the party without scientific background were able to identify plants and animals and let some of the following names trip off their tongues as if they had known them all their lives: Sphagnum Moss, Carex, Aquatic Moss (Cantia or Liverwort), the carnivorous plant, round-leaved Sundew (Drosera Rotundifolia), the bog buck-bean (Menyanthes trifoliata), and a fungus called tremelodom. And then of course many logs are now minus their outer dress of bark (the felled ones of course that are rotting) because of the great fun of hunting for the Oregon Slender salamander, (Batrachoseps wrighti) found only in Oregon, and of course the other types of salamanders and the frogs. Dr. Jim Kezer is a delightful leader and kept the party of 57 jumping (with the help of several yellow-jacket nests) looking, learning and having a heap of fun! Oh yes, the bog at the lower end of the Lake was one not to be forgotten, especially by someone—who ventured out on it too eagerly and was nearly swallowed up.

Doris & Ray Sims

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