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A Full Schedule For Early Spring

This is the time of year to get limbered up after the long winter's nap. Those leg muscles and lungs need a work-out before the climbing season gets under way. July will be too late. Bob Medill and his committee have planned for spring:

Mar. 9 -- Margaret Wiese will lead a snow trip into Gold Lake near Willamette ski area. Skis or snowshoes called for.

Mar. 15 and 16 -- Pamela Lake winter outing. (See adjoining column).

Mar. 23 -- a mineral exploring trip up the Row River with Keith Brunig.

Mar. 30 -- Old Baldy in the Coburgs, with Ray Cavagnaro.

April 6 -- It's Easter. But after church we'll go up Spencer's Butte. Good moonlight is hoped for. If it's clear, each climber will pack up a little wood for a fire on top. Thelma Watson will be in the lead, with the coffee pot.

April 13 -- Hobo breakfast at Hendrick's Bridge State Park. Plan for a trip after breakfast.

April 20 -- Bob Medill will take us up above Blue River to hunt fossils. Highlight of the trip will be a demonstration and lecture by Dave Burwell on survival. Bob says Dave will show us how to build a fire under all conditions, including under water!

April 27 -- Eagle's Rest, between Lookout Point Dam and Mt. June, with Louis Waldorf. Good views in all directions.

Late changes in this schedule will be in the Register-Guard and also on the bulletin board at Hendershott's. It helps if you sign up early.

Sympathy Extended

Sympathy is extended to Mary Castellor upon the death of her mother, Abigail Irene Pennoyer, in Eugene, Feb. 23.

Winter Outing Set For Pamela Lake

Pamela Lake at the foot of Mt. Jefferson will be the site of the 1958 winter outing Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, the 16th. Gene Sebring, outing chairman, will lead.

We will leave Eugene sometime Saturday, the earlier the better, using either of the Santiam highways. The north, somewhat longer, will likely be more free of snow. Twelve miles past Detroit the Pamela Lake trail leaves to the left (el. 2,300) and we take that, which starts as a logging road. Gene says the distance up that road we can drive will depend upon snow that day. The road ends about three miles from the highway (el. 2,750). From there we follow the trail to Pamela Lake (el. 3,950). Distance from highway to lake is six and a half miles.

Skis or snowshoes will be essential for the pack-in. An early check of persons interested in the trip showed that some would use snowshoes, some skis.

Gene has obtained permission for us to use a cabin at the lake. Equipment lists and more detailed instructions will be posted at Hendershott's.

The lake is best known as a popular jumping-off place for the Jeff climb. A couple of short side trips from the lake also suggest themselves. We can take the Skyline north a mile or so to Milk Creek where we can look up the canyon at Jeff towering above us (el. 10,495).

Or we can go two or more miles south on the Skyline, climbing a little for about two miles, to Hunt's Cove (el. 5,200). The cove area is to the south side of Jefferson what Jeff Park is to the north side. Several tiny lakes, probably frozen over now, are in that area.

Anybody who feels really rugged that weekend can scramble up the steep slopes that rise to the southwest of the lake and pick up some commanding views from Grizzly Flats (el. 5,000) or the top of Grizzly Peak (el. 5,774).

THE OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Bulletin Editor, Bob Frazier DI 4-7139

Members In and Out

DONALD KELTS is a new member. Mary met him at the 1957 summer camp, from which he climbed the South Sister. He is a student at Oregon State College.

Resignations reported to the club were those of INEZ CUMMINGS and HUGH CURRIN. Hugh, a former president of the club, gave bad health as his reason for resigning. WALT AND JEAN BANKS, who are now in Salem, asked to be put on the inactive list.

LLOYD PIAISTED is the newest life member.

Obsidians Number 157

Membership Chairman Natalie Morgan says there are now 157 paid-up Obsidians. Of these 13 are junior members, 9 are life members, 3 honorary members, and 2 hold complimentary memberships.

A list, with addresses and telephone numbers is accurate as of the date of this bulletin, and appears in the center pages.

A Smaller Bulletin

Not counting the membership list, this issue contains only four pages, instead of the six that appeared the last two times. There's a reason for it.

The board agreed it would be wiser to keep the bulletins small during the inactive season and to use the money to buy more ink, paper and such for larger issues during the summer when the club's outdoor program is more developed.

Meanwhile keep the news coming. Call it in to Bob Frazier at 4-7139 or 5-1551.

Changes in Board and Committees

Bob Frazier was elected to the board of directors, filling in for Ray Harris who resigned his board position to devote his time to fence building and other chores that crop up around a new farm before one can have crops. Bob will serve until the annual election in the fall.

Henry Carlson will replace Ray as the chairman of the search and rescue committee. His committee will work with the office of the sheriff, especially in the high mountain sort of operation. Members of his committee will be announced later.

Book Lists

Last month we mentioned that books telling about the Three Sisters region are not easily come by. There just hasn't been much written about our favorite set of mountains.

Thus many of our members seem bent on working up bibliographies of what little has been written, on the Sisters and also on other areas of primary interest to the club.

Gale Burwell is cooking up a list of books on local Indian lore, and even more especially on Indian lore in the Owyhee area.

Frances Newsom has been giving out a list of books bearing on seashore plants and animals. It includes books on both fresh and salt water creatures.

Frances and Bob Frazier have worked up some enthusiasm for building a major list of all books bearing on the Three Sisters. But to date they have just talked about it. They'd appreciate knowing of any more or less obscure references to our range of mountains, especially pioneer writing about them.

Board Meeting

The March meeting of the Obsidian board of directors will be at the home of Helen and Paul Weiser on March 6. They live at 1245 Coburg Road.

Spring a Busy Season For Social Activities

Plans Firming Up For Summer Outing

Time was, and it was a long time ago, that every spring the hiking and climbing season was kicked off by a spring banquet. That custom has fallen by the wayside. The last club banquet of this sort was back in 1952 when we celebrated our Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

President Ray Sims wants to revive the custom. Tentatively April 19 has been set as the date, with Danebo Lutheran Church set tentatively as the place. Any changes, and a complete program, will be announced in next month's bulletin.

Some 56 of us met at the Eugene Garden Club Feb. 14 for the Valentine potluck at which Drs. Fred and Marian Miller showed pictures of the Southwest, the area where Obsidians will spend their summer outing. And Gene Sebring showed a few slides of the Pamelia Lake Region, site of the winter outing.

Remember that monthly meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at Friendly House. Herb Kariel's "Mountaineering in New Zealand" proved an excellent show, March 3. These meetings also provide a time to chew over club business and make your desires known. Frank Sipe will be in charge of the April meeting.

Save That Date!

Don't forget to reserve April 12. That is the evening Obsidians sponsor the picture, "Danger River" by Charles Eggert. It will be at South Eugene High.

Other Clubs

Mazamas will be in the Oregon Cascades on this schedule:

Diamond, 5/17-18; Jack, 5/24-25; 8/2-3; Washington, 6/14-15; 9/13-14; Jeff, 7/12-13, 9/6-7; North & Middle 8/16-17; South, 8/23-24, 9/1; Thielsen, 10/4-5; Hood, almost every weekend by various routes.

Mazama out-of-state climbs include St. Helens, 6/21-22 and 7/12-13; Shasta, 6/21-22-23; Rainier, 7/4-5-6; Adams, 7/19-20 and 9/20-21; the Tetons 7/20 to 8/2; and Stuart, 8/9-10-11.

Gene Sebring, chairman of the outing committee, has been working on plans for the trip to Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks Aug. 3 to 16. At present he estimates cost, by bus, to be about \$85, or the same price as the Canada trip of two years ago. Round trip will be about 2700 miles.

We'll take two and a half days to get to Zion, spending one night at either Reno or Carson City and the next in the Lake Meade or Las Vegas area, with perhaps a side trip to look at the dam. We'll get into the park in mid-day.

After four days at Zion, we'll go, also by bus, to Grand Canyon, South Rim. The stout of limb can go to the canyon floor for an overnight. They'll have to bear the cost of this side trip themselves. Then we return for one more day at Zion. After breaking camp there, we'll spend three and a half days at Bryce Canyon, returning via Salt Lake and Cedar Breaks. Gene says there will be time for a swim in the great Salt Lake. We'll come home by way of Boise, arriving in Eugene Saturday night.

Gene has been looking into the weather situation. He has found that the parks are reputed to be at their best in June and late in August, although they are reported "bearable" the first part of August.

At Zion daytime temperatures early in August are reported up around 100, with nights around 65. Generally speaking, the temperatures at Bryce are about 20 degrees cooler.

Ten to Salem

Ten club members went to Salem early in February to represent the Obsidians at the annual banquet of the Salem Chemeketans. Chairman of the banquet was Bernice Lehrman, who was so active in this club, but who has moved back to Salem to teach. Banquet speaker was Randall Kester, the supreme court justice, who has been an active mountain climber, skier and outdoorsman, mainly with the Mazamas and MORESCO. Chemeketans will be invited to our spring banquet.

Strides Made Toward An Obsidian Clubhouse

Building Chairman Tom Taylor has been receiving replies to the questionnaire he sent out about the desires of members for a clubhouse. Of the first 40 that came in 29 indicated a desire to get on with the building, 11 said they'd rather wait or skip it.

The replies also uncovered \$650 in contributions, and a considerable donation of labor and materials. He says we'll be able to get much of our material at cost or less. He's pleased. Most of the contributions, he says, are contingent on our starting to build this summer.

Meanwhile he and his committee are going ahead with investigations of likely sites and costs of such things as insurance. A study of insurance rates shows a great saving if the building is built in Eugene but that has its problems, principally with zoning.

His committee will keep the membership informed.

Scientific Activity

Jim and Mary Douglas Stovall, new members, have been added to the scientific committee.

Bayard McConnaughey is going ahead with plans to study stream pollution, perhaps using a stream area before and after the area is logged.

The woodsmanship trip in April, with a Dave Burwell lecture and demonstration is sponsored jointly by the trips and the scientific committee.

Frances Newsom and Jim Kezer of this club and Al Schmitz of the Mazamas are preparing a display of Three Sisters pix for use at the Wilderness Conference in Seattle March 22 and 23. This will be at the Meaney Hotel.

Frances, chairman of the committee, has urged members to keep in mind areas that would be good "natural areas" and to give names of such areas to her committee. A natural area should contain some unique feature.

Conservation Group Wants a Good Trail

Karl Onthank, reporting to the board for his conservation committee, has suggested that we press for a good trail along the upper McKenzie, from Belknap to Clear Lake. Such a trail, he thinks, will increase public interest in this area.

Henry Carlson suggested also that some of the old blazes and signs on existing trails be renewed.

People You Know

MILDRED BALL who now lives at 1850 C St in Oroville, Calif.

ALVIN LYNCH who has moved with family from Alaska to Hillsboro, 533 E. Main.

MARY CAVAGNARO who has moved to a new home at 351 Oakway Road.

BILL FORRESTER who has been elected to the executive board of the University theater.

MARTEN OOSTERKAMP, former exchange student from Holland and a welcome guest on many of our trips, who is now a landscape architect for the Province of Zuid-Holland and is living at The Hague.

BILLY BURWELL, son of Gale and Dave, who is back in school after a bout with rheumatic fever.

NELLIE MCWILLIAMS spent a weekend in the hospital recently - feels fine again.

OBSIDIAN PRINCESSES will meet Monday March 17, at the home of Charlotte Lemon, (Princess Meadow Lark), 1280 Mill St.

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