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Where Do Members Want Their New Clubhouse

One of the most important Obsidian trips of the year will be Sunday April 13 when all club members are invited to tour some likely sites for the new clubhouse.

The group will leave from Armitage Park and the hobo breakfast scheduled for that day. Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Those who don't eat breakfast can meet the tour in McKay's parking lot just across the Ferry St. Bridge. Rendezvous time is 10 a.m.

Guide for the tour of the building lots will be Tom Taylor who with his building committee has worked up a list of five likely sites. We will visit each and hear Tom explain the advantages and disadvantages of each.

After the tour each member will get a ballot on which he can mark his first and second choices for the new clubhouse. He will mark the ballot after he gets home, and mail it in, thus being sure he has plenty of time to think through his vote.

Obviously this is one of the most important decisions that has faced the club since it was formed. Tom hopes for at least 50 members for Sunday's tour.

The club lot at 17th and High streets is on the block for sale. When it is sold we must, for tax reasons, put proceeds at once into property we intend to use for similar purposes. So time is of the essence.

The questionnaire on the building which Tom sent out a month ago was well received, with a majority of members answering. A majority of them favored going ahead with building plans this year. Tom says he is pleased with the response and especially with the number who said they could donate labor, money, or building materials at low cost.

But the site must be picked, and quick. President Ray and the board urge a good turnout - Remember, if you don't vote, you have no cause to beef.

Movie and Banquet Start Obsidian Spring Season

Two Obsidian social events are set for the next two Saturday nights. Next Saturday, April 12, the club sponsors a film "Danger River" about the thrilling trip down the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. This is in the general region of the 1958 summer camp and should be of keen interest to those who plan to be in the canyon as part of their summer camp activity.

The film, a logical companion to "Canyon Voyage," the Charles Eggert film we brought to town last year, is in full technicolor, with wide screen and stereophonic sound. It will be at the South Eugene High auditorium at 8 p.m. Prices are 90 cents for adults and 50 cents for juniors. Profits go to buy search and rescue equipment.

Charles Eggert, a professional movie maker, will be in Eugene with the film.

The following Saturday night, the 19th, the club will resume, after some years abandonment, the annual spring banquet to kick off the summer hiking and climbing season. A variety of entertainment has been planned by the entertainment committee.

Featured speaker will be Dr. Raymond T. Ellickson, acting dean of the graduate school and head of the department of physics at the University of Oregon. He will talk on "Outer Space." Club President Ray Sims will be master of ceremonies.

The banquet will be at the Bethesda Lutheran Church, 4445 Royal Ave. Tickets are \$2 each, and may be purchased from members of the entertainment committee.

Reservations must be telephoned to Roxie Waldorf at DI 4-5302 or to Nellie McWilliams at DI 5-1422 on or before Tuesday, April 15.

Representatives from other outdoor clubs have been invited to attend. This banquet was featured prominently in the recent bulletin of the Salem Chemeketans. Obsidians will welcome all.

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Trips Coming Up

April 15 -- Hobo Breakfast at Armitage Park, to be followed by a tour of five building sites. Bring your own breakfast. See Page 1 for details of the building sites tour.

April 20 -- Castle Rock up the McKenzie with Ken Lodewick.

April 27 -- Eagle's Rest between Look-out Point Dam and Mt. June. We haven't been here for quite a while.

May 4 -- Huckleberry Mountain in the Oakridge area. This trip was cancelled last year because of bad weather. Don Temple will lead.

May 11 -- Instead of going to Silver Creek Falls as we often do on this weekend, we'll go to CHAMPOEG STATE PARK, the birthplace of Oregon. It is on the banks of the Willamette River, and is reached from the freeway just north of Salem. It is Mother's Day. Since no walking is involved on this trip, why not bring your Mother along? Blanche and Merle Bailey, now living in Salem, will lead.

Last Winter's Trips

In the five worst months, November to March, we cancelled 9 trips, completed 17, with 299 participating for an average of $18\frac{1}{2}$ per trip. We added \$44.95 to the treasury from trip fees.

Salem Chemeketans schedule only two trips a year in winter. Then if one is called off, it can be rescheduled for the following weekend. Their winter weather is like ours.

This Is The Summer Of
Three Long Weekends

This summer offers three long weekends, over Memorial Day, Fourth of July and at Labor Day. All schedules are not in yet, but here is a preview of how things are shaping up:

Memorial Day -- A boat trip up the Rogue from Gold Beach and Wedderburn to Agness. It is hoped that this will be a bus trip, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with Saturday for the boat trip. Bob Medill's trips committee has to know plenty early how many want to go. So let him know. A sheet will be posted at Hendershott's well in advance. Watch for it.

Bob says that five years ago Memorial Day when the same trip was made by bus, the charge was about \$10.00, including the boat and bus fares. This time the price will be roughly the same, depending somewhat on how many go. More details will appear in next month's bulletin.

Fourth of July -- The trips committee has set a camp on the Metolius River below Camp Sherman for this weekend. Lots to do there. Jack Lake, Black Butte, the river itself, and wonderful meadow country all beckon from there.

We are also listing the annual trek into the wilderness sponsored by the Friends of the Three Sisters. This time the trip will be in the Lowder Mountain area, up Walker Creek and Tipsoo trails. Leader is Dale Carlson. Get in touch with Doris Sims for details and costs.

The climbing committee has not yet set a climb for this weekend.

Labor Day will see the trips and climbing groups cooperating for a long weekend at beautiful Green Lakes between the South Sister and Broken Top. A dozen good trips offer themselves from here in addition to climbs of the biggest sister and of Broken Top across the way.

Complete trips and climbing schedules will be available around May 1. Trips and climbs will be listed together this year -- as they were many years ago.

Two Pot-Lucks Set For Later Spring

The entertainment committee has scheduled a potluck for about May 23. The outing committee will be in charge, and Frances Newsom and her science committee will be there to describe the natural wonders of Bryce Canyon, Zion and Grand Canyon National Parks, scenes of the 1958 summer outing.

Early in June the club has been invited to a potluck picnic at Ray and Betty Harris' new farm. Watch the next bulletin for details of both of these.

10 on Winter Outing

Ten went on the winter outing at Pamela Lake at the foot of Mt. Jefferson March 15 and 16. They found a new logging road running from the Santiam Highway almost to the wild area boundary. This road which is not passable to ordinary cars in several places seems to intersect and to blend in with the trail, making the old trail somewhat hard to find in places. But the 10 found their way, arriving at the shelter about dark, somewhat later than they had hoped to be.

The night was warm, as winter nights in the snow country go, but the next morning a bright sun did not make the chill wind that blew off Mt. Jefferson any warmer. The lake, of course, was frozen over. It was covered with more than two feet of ice near the shoreline. This made for some interesting skiing and snowshoeing.

Attending were Gene Sebring, leader, Virginia Sebring, Carolyn and Marriner Orum, Mary Cavagnaro, Jim Hosmer, Lorena Shinn, Ron Green, Bob Medill and Bob Frazier.

On the way out several of the skiers met Merle and Blanche Bailey on the trail and went to their new home in Salem for a short visit.

The outing pictures in the Register-Guard were by Jim Hosmer, a professional photographer who has gone on several of our trips and climbs and who is now living in Eugene.

Middle Sister Book Now in UO Library

The original Middle Sister summit register, which was put on top of the peak in 1892 by Dean John Straub of the University of Oregon, has been turned over to the University of Oregon library for safe keeping.

It will be in the Oregon Collection and may be examined there by club members and others.

The book, quite fragile and about ready to fall apart because of weathering and handling over the years, is a fascinating record of early-day climbs. Included in it are the signatures of Cramer and Ferry, the two boys who were lost in the Sisters in 1927. It was on the search for these two that the idea of forming the Obsidians was first broached.

Trail Cleanup

Bob Medill's trips committee has been interested in working out an arrangement under which the club could assist in the maintenance of the trails we use. Now Ray Hornbeck, McKenzie Ranger, has agreed to let us help the forest service Sunday the 15th of June in clearing either the Horse Creek or Castle Creek trails. A forester will go along. Henry Carlson will lead the Obsidian party.

It turned out we could not participate in maintenance of the higher trails because of conflicts with other schedules later in the summer.

Youth Activities

The Youth Activities Committee under Frank Sipe has been reorganized. Members are Mary Cavagnaro, Ken Lodewick and Elsie Dotson. Frank is writing to learn more about the active teenage program of the Mazamas of Portland.

Jim for Dowell

Jim Jeppesen has replaced Dowell Callis on the Building Committee.

Four Members Attend Wilderness Conference

Gene Renard, Dave Simons, and Ruth and Karl Onthank participated Mar. 22-23 in the Northwest Wilderness conference in Seattle. On display was a Waldo Lake exhibit prepared by Gene and Frances Newsum. This was shown with a group of Three Sisters pictures assembled by Al Schmitz of the Mazamas.

Dave, now a University of California student, had charge of a display on the North Cascade wilderness. Many pictures he took during the past two summers while on exploring and picture trips for Sierra Club.

About 200 attended the conference which was much like that held in Portland two years ago. This one stressed more the rapid changes taking place in population and recreation.

Karl spoke for outdoor groups on a panel on "Conflicting Wilderness Philosophies" in which spokesmen for lumber, mining, hydro-power and other interests appeared.

Among distinguished visitors to the conference were Dr. and Mrs. Olaus Murie of the wilderness society, Dave Brower of the Sierra Club, Fred Packard, director of the National Parks Assn., and Joe Carrithers of that group's western office, E. P. Scoyen, assistant director of the National Park Service, and Herbert Stone, regional forester, U.S.F.S.

Lloyd and Mike Take Over

Because he had so many other irons in the fire, Doc Boyles resigned as climbing committee chairman. His place has been taken by a pair of climbers with a lot of experience at this climbing committee business -- Lloyd Plaisted and Mike Stahl will be co-chairmen. The remainder of the committee remains as before.

Only climb scheduled thus far is the Green Lakes weekend, details of which are on Page 2. The committee will be meeting right away, however, to work up a summer schedule and to lay plans for the annual climbing school.

Going North?

Is anybody planning a vacation in the far northern Cascades, around Glacier Peak? If so, Gene Sebring has a stack of information about this most remote mountain region in continental United States. Gene got it from Dave Simons when it was thought the club might pick this area for summer camp. You can use it if you need it, says Gene.

Princesses

Charlotte Lemon (Meadowlark) entertained the Princesses in March. A rummage sale is planned for fall. They looked at the first Middle Sister summit register which has since been put in the library at the University. Thelma Watson (Pine Tree) will be April hostess.

Membership Changes

Ray Boals and Pat Callis have been put on the inactive list. Bertha Deckmann has been reinstated.

Board Meeting

Next board meeting May 7, a Wednesday, at Bob Frazier's, 2745 University, 8 pm.

People You Know

BAYARD AND EVELYN McCONNAUGHEY, parents of a new baby girl.

MARGARET LEMON, touring New York City with Cottey College classmates at spring vacation.

CONNIE FRAZIER, daughter of Ruby and Bob who broke her leg skiing.

DOLPH JANES of K.O.R.E., who did himself proud by announcing the Charles Eggert - "Danger River" over the loud speaker up at George Korn's Willamette Ski Area, all day Sunday, April 6.

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