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## Summer Camp to be A Free-Lance Affair

Because sufficient interest in going to Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion Parks as a group was not shown, there will be no bus transportation for the club to the three parks this summer. Only 15 were definitely signed up. Minimum for the bus was 29.

Some club members, however, have said they still wish to go, by private car in their own group. Such a trip has club approval. Those who do this will have to get together, make their own arrangements and cook their own meals, unless they can somehow manage to hire a cook for their smaller group.

Money, of course, will be returned to those who put their cash on the barrel head for the larger, club camp. Call Bob Medill (RI 6-2908) or Kay Fahy (DI 5-4186) if you are interested in a deal like this.

## Skyline Trail From Pass to Pass

One of those trips many of us talk about every year, but one which is usually too tough to attempt, because of the logistics, is shaping up for July 27. This year we can actually make the trip on the Skyline Trail from the McKenzie Pass to the Santiam Pass.

A bus will take us from Eugene to the McKenzie intersection with the Skyline. We'll hike north on the Skyline, past Mt. Washington and Big Lake to the Santiam. There the bus will be waiting for us.

This means the Carpenter Mountain trip scheduled for that weekend is canceled. If you are interested in this trip, call Margaret Markley directly and get more details. Her phone number is DI 4-0716.

Cost will be \$3.10 for the bus. Money must be paid in advance. There will be no regular sign-up sheet at Hendershott's. The only registration will be by calling Margaret.

## Busy Season Ahead As Summer Gets in Swing

July 19-20 Trip on north side of North Sister with Ray and Betty Harris, and a Climb of the Middle with the princesses.

July 26-27 Mt. Thielsen with Bruce Johnson. July 27 -- Hike from McKenzie to the Santiam pass (See adjoining Column).

Aug. 2-3 Climb the Husband (leader to be chosen) and on the 3d trip to Rosary Lakes at top of Willamette Pass.

Aug. 9-10 Climb McLoughlin in Southern Oregon, a 10th peak for a number of members. Trip will be a picnic at Cottage Grove Lake with Florence Fulton.

Aug. 16-17 -- Mt. Washington with Mike Stahl. This is one that can be made only after climbing school or equivalent experience. Also, on the 17th, go with Keith Brunig up Gate Creek to Gold Hill.

Aug. 22-24 -- Old timers climb of North (See Below).

Aug. 23-24 Regular climb of North with Tom Taylor. On the 24th, trip to Scott Mountain, Texas Lakes, etc.

Aug. 30-Sept. 1 -- Climb Jefferson with Lloyd Plaisted from Hunts Cove and trip to Green Lakes and area with Kay Fahy and Dorothy Ruse.

## Date Changed for Old Timers Climb

The old-timers climb of the North Sister, scheduled for Aug. 17, has been moved to Aug. 22-24. The three day excursion will be led by Ray Sims, making his 30th ascent of the "Black Beast of the Cascades."

The group will hike in to base camp on Friday, climb the mountain on Saturday, and then sack out Saturday night. They will return to their cars at Frog Camp on Sunday.

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Tenderfoot Climb  
Of South Sister

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### Six Names Found In an Old Mason Jar

When Obsidians climbed Red Top, smack against Diamond Peak, June 29, they found a "sign-up book" in a jar. The jar and the book had been left there nearly three years earlier by an Obsidian group, and on this trip were two of the group that had left the book there.

The book was left there July 17, 1955, the day the climbers were on Diamond. The trips group tried to flash the climbers across the way, then signed the book and stuck it under some rocks. Names in the book were Bob Medill, Margaret Markley, Leslie Cooper, John Stevens, Mary Cavagnaro and Ray Cavagnaro.

On this trip, led by Bob Northrop, were Leslie Cooper, Kay Fahy, Thelma Watson, Frank Jones, Mary Cavagnaro, Kayrin Hudson, Harrick Hudson, Kitty Shaw, Bill Beaman, Marjorie Beaman, and Bob Frazier.

Only other name in the book was that of Paul Palanuk of Oakridge. He signed July 31, 1955. On another sheet in the jar were the names of Judd Smith and John Neil put there Aug. 1, 1956.

### Lost: One Secretary

Secretary Bette Hack is leaving Eugene to teach in Silverton. The July board meeting was her last, since there is no August meeting and she'll be gone before the September meeting. Lillian Johnson will do the work until after the annual meeting when a successor will be picked for the board and for the secretary's job.

Twenty-one reached the summit of the South Sister July 5, to be the first ones to sign the summit register on that peak this year. As a tenderfoot climb, it was a first mountain for several of the party.

They left camp at Devil's Lake at 5 a.m. and cut north through a saddle west of Devil's Hill to Rock Mesa, thence up the mountain to the Red Ridge. Summit was achieved at 12:15. After lunch and a brief snooze, they started down, with the first ones arriving in camp at 4:30.

The roster follows, with club members' names marked with an asterisk:

Leader Mike Stahl\* and Pat Stahl\*, Doc Boyles\*, Steven Hadley, Bob Frazier\*, Joe Chadek, James Heiser, Carl Petersen, Doug Appel\*, Stan Darling, Jr., Henry Carlson\*, Lorena Shinn\*, Doris Shinn\*, Frank Moore\*, Tom King, Ray Sheldon, Bob Northrop\*, Ken Emerson, Margaret Emerson, Lloyd Plaisted\* and Alan Reid.

Only three parties had been on the top since the Obsidian climb of last Sept. 8. The last party last year was a group from the University of Oregon physics and math departments which climbed Sept. 23.

Weather for this year's trip was perfect with bright sun and a stiff wind to keep the climbers from getting warm. At noon the wind died down, making for a warm, but not hot, descent.

Only mishap was a twisted knee. On the Red Ridge, on the way up, Carl Peterson twisted a knee which didn't bother him on level ground or in climbing. But it made coming down painful. And slow.

About 5 p.m. Henry Carlson boomed into base camp with the alert that a rescue operation might be necessary. Those who had arrived earlier prepared to grab a quick bite, and take bivouac stuff up. Jan Onsrud and Rick Friberg who had been skiing on Bachelor went up to look. The injured man and Mike Stahl and Ken Emerson came in at 7:15. They had slid him part way down the mountain on a parka used as a sled.

### Three Jack Climbs, A Dog and a Rucksack

Three groups of Obsidians climbed Three Fingered Jack in four days. The official climb was Sunday, July 13. But on Saturday, the 12th, leader Pat Callis, his parents Dowell and Mary and Pat Stahl decided first to "scout the trail" from the Berley Lakes base camp. After getting about so far up the mountain, they decided to go the rest of the way.

Sunday climbers, with members marked \*, follow:

Leader Pat Callis\*, Pat Stahl\*, Lorena Shinn\*, Doris Shinn\*, Armin Werhle\*, and Bruce Johnson\*. Richard Wagner and Anna Pechanec\* went part way.

Last people to sign, before the Saturday "trail finding climbers" were Ray and Betty Harris who had climbed Thursday, July 10 with Bob Stevens and their dog, Snooper. Snooper had some difficulty with the chimney, being practically hauled up, and it is presumed he didn't care much for the crawl. But he made the summit, thus becoming the first dog to have made a documented climb of the peak that was regarded as unclimbable until 1923.

On the way down a mishap befell one of the Sunday climbers. Lorena Shinn, parked on a ledge just below the crawl, knocked her rucksack off the ledge, to the west. Conservative estimates are that it's a million feet to the bottom. For once she had left her Leica home. But in the pack were parka, raincoat, lunch, mittens, a canteen, knife, miscellaneous items and half a dozen or so nanimos. Lorena and Doris went back Monday, from the Booth Lake side, but couldn't find the pack.

The summit register showed that Jack was last climbed in 1957 by a Mazama party of 20 on September 15. The first recorded climb of 1958, also by a Mazama party, was a group of 17 on May 25. Both Mazama climbs were from Santiam Lake.

Not recorded, of course, were any winter climbs that may have been unsuccessful because of bad conditions on the crawl or because of ice in the chute or the chimney.

### Weather Bad, but 22 Make Hood Summit

Weather June 29 was foul, with wind, fog and spitting snow, but 22 out of a starting party of 27 achieved the summit of Mt. Hood for the first official Obsidian climb of the year.

The five, four women and a man turned back early in the morning, leaving the 22 to make the 12-hour round trip from Timberline Lodge. Climbers, with members' names marked \* follow:

Leader Gene Sebring\*, Alan Reid, Jim Richardson, Loy Lonberg, Steven Hadley, Bob Nicholson, Jerry Hawn, Tom Hawn, Joe Frazier\*, Dwight Berreman, Ron Green\*, Bob Green\*, Pat Stahl\*, Betty Harris\*, Dale Sebring\*, Tobe Chang, Evon Barrett Jim Jeppesen\*, Robert N. Forrest, Don White\*, Milo Holm, and A. H. Atwater.

It was Jim Jeppesen's 10th peak, making him eligible for the 10-peak award.

One member who did not make the climb was Bob Frazier, who ran a rusty nail in his foot while participating in a wood-gathering party the night before at Still Creek Forest Camp. Instead of a trip to the top of Hood, he got a trip to Sandy for a tetanus shot and a bandage.

Weather that day was so vile that those who waited at Timberline Lodge for the climbers could not even see the towers of the ski lift. A large Mazama party was on the same south side route that day. By 5 p.m. at the lodge concern was expressed for the climbers. The first steps were taken to mount a mountain rescue operation, if such a thing should be needed. But save for frosty cheeks, noses and fingers, all came through in great shape.

### Changed Date Possible

The Sept. 13-14 trip with Phil Brogan of Bend may have to be scheduled at some other time, because of a conflict with Phil's vacation. Watch the sign-up board at Hendershott's or the August issue of the Obsidian Bulletin for details. The first requirement of a trip with Phil is that Phil be able to go.

### The 'Second Climb' On the Long Weekend

After the Saturday tenderfoot climb of the South Sister, nine whose feet were not so tender, climbed Bachelor on Sunday. Making a quick ascent of this peak which Obsidians rarely climb were:

Leader Pat Stahl, Doris Shinn, Lorena Shinn, Lloyd Plaisted, James Heiser, Alan Reid, Henry Carlson, Tom Taylor and Gene Sebring. All but Alan Reid and Jim Heiser are members of the club.

The next Sunday, the 13th, Gene and Bob Frazier led Gene's Boy Scouts, eight of them, up the same peak. Included in the Scout troop are Joe Frazier and Dale Sebring.

Last climb of Bachelor last year was on September 25; the first this year May 25. A few skiers may have reached the summit when the registry box was buried in snow.

Several who climbed Bachelor agreed it would make an ideal tenderfoot climb. It is short. Even a slow party can reach the summit in three hours. A fast party can do it in an hour and a half. The climb starts right from the cars. The 9,060-foot snow peak offers a little rock, and a lot of snow on its north side even late in the year.

A small glacier on the north side is crevassed, and a tiny moraine lake sits at the foot of the glacier. Early in the year the mountain offers some fine glissading, either of the standing or the sitting variety.

And the view from the top is unexcelled in the Cascades. The whole Sisters Group, including Broken Top and the Husband look to be right in the climbers' laps. Peaks from Adams to Shasta, 15 of them with snow on them, are visible on a clear day. So are dozens of lakes.

Why don't we try to work in more of the minor peaks, peaks that are too small to be considered majors, but that are a wee bit rough for the ordinary trips? We do the Husband regularly. How about some of the others?

### Crag Rats First On North and Middle

While Obsidians, as their tenderfoot climb, made up the first party to reach the summit of the South Sister this year, Hood River Crag Rats beat them to the tops of the North and Middle.

Eight members of the Hood River club left Sunshine Shelter at 3:30 a.m. June 22 and reached the summit of the north at 10 a.m. The snowfield near the summit proved excellent for kicked steps.

Four members of the club, upon reaching the saddle between the two sisters, went on up the Middle. Their signatures were the first on both mountains this year.

### 30 to the Cove

Thirty were in the party that spent the July 12-13 weekend at Cove Palisades State park and Smith Rocks with Jim Stovall. Saturday afternoon they went to the junction of the Deschutes and Crooked Rivers, spending Saturday night around the camp fire and in Sputnik watching.

Sunday they drove to the saddle on the west rim, and hiked to the top for great views and some agate hunting. Jim pointed out 11 separate lava flows. After that they went to three viewpoints on the east rim.

In the afternoon they visited at Peter Skene Ogden state park, and went over to the Smith Rocks, where they saw some fine mountain views. Peaks from Adams to the Bachelor were visible.

### 24 at Metolius

Fourth of July saw 24 members loafing and taking short trips from the Metolius recreation area. Some loafed in camp, others fished or took short hikes to the Wizard Falls hatchery or up the Green Ridge for views of the major peaks. Saturday the group climbed, in quite a bit of heat to the top of Black Butte. Evening campfires completed the days of the long weekend. Louis & Roxie Waldorf were leaders.

### 'Battle of Butte' Still Far from Won

Although KEED-TV has announced abandonment of plans to build a road up Spencer Butte to a teevee tower the firm wanted to put there, the battle for preservation of the butte is far from won.

Still at issue is the major question: Is a Eugene city park to be available to commercial interests for exploitation in their own interests? This is the basic issue, and one that still may be decided by Eugene voters next November. Your help may yet be needed in the passing of initiative petitions.

Obsidians and others who raised such a fuss when plans for commercial use of the butte were announced may take a major bow for the abandonment of the plans. In his letter to the city council Glen Stadler, president of the radio-television enterprise said:

"We were advised by our Washington attorney that extended litigation, and the proposed vote, might compromise our competitive position as it exists before the Federal Communications Commission."

The moral is obvious: When distressed, yell bloody murder.

### Neuberger Named

The board in July voted to recommend the appointment of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger to the new National Recreational Resources Review Board, as a representative from the Senate Interior Committee.

The board had hardly got home when the announcement of the senator's appointment was sent out from Washington.

If only our other recommendations would be acted on so fast.....

### Board Meeting

Because of summer camp and heavy activity there will be no August board meeting. The September meeting will be at the home of Bob Medill, 162 West A, Springfield, Sept. 4.

### The Jefferson Accident -- Not Quite Witnessed

A climber from Scio was killed on Jeff Park Glacier on Mt. Jefferson July 13 in an accident that one Obsidian might have witnessed, save for the prudence of his party in not attempting that route that day.

Tom Taylor started up that route with a party of seven, including Jim Fraser and Paul Resta, who led the Obsidian's Jack climb a year ago. They turned back at the crack of dawn because of adverse snow conditions. Tom says the snow was lightly crusted, but very mushy underneath. It was so soft, he said, that it would not support an axe belay.

Tom had seen the two climbers involved in the accident the night before. He reports they had made an exceedingly fast trip in to Jefferson Park. Because he did not see them at all on the mountain, he theorizes that they began their climb after Tom and his group decided against the ascent. And that, says Tom, was far too late to start on that route.

The Jeff Park glacier route, Tom points out, is a route for experts only. He was critical of the unfortunate party's time of departure, of their climbing in a party of only two, and of the apparent fact that they were not roped across hazardous pitches.

### How About a Long Trip to the Husband?

Because summer camp has been called off as such, a number of members may be uncertain as to their plans for the Aug. 3 weekend. Climbing Chairman Mike Stahl has suggested a trip of several days into the Linton Meadows area, scene of last year's camp.

Already on the schedule is a climb of the Husband for that weekend. Can the two be worked together? Mike has no answers, but a lot of ideas. He'd like to get more. If members have any ideas of what they'd like to do that weekend, and into the next week, please telephone Mike at RI 7-9335.

## Conservation Report

The conservation committee is pleased with passage of the recreational resource survey bill, and is now continuing to press for the companion measure, the wilderness bill. Chairman Karl Onthank says he understands the new version of the law meets most of the objections registered to the previous measure.

With Waldo Lake pretty well in mind, he suggests, Obsidians would do well to pay some attention to other limited areas in the state. He mentions limited areas at Diamond Lake, Illinois Canyon, Upper Umpqua and Sky Lake. Are some members interested in going into these areas for a look before plans are made to revise the boundaries or use regulations? Let Karl know.

## Labor Day Convention

Obsidians have been urged to attend the annual convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs at Camp Meriwether in the Tillamook area over Labor Day.

Karl Onthank will be official club delegate, but all members of affiliated clubs are invited. Since this is an Oregon-hosted affair, we ought to have a good representation there.

## A Good Trail

That was a good route that Mike Stahl and others blazed into Rock Mesa from the Devil's Lake camp for the tenderfoot ascent of the South Sister. The club has recommended to the Deschutes National Forest that the trail be made permanent.

The trail cuts just west of Devil's Hill and just east of Kaleetan Butte. As the hiker emerges from the timber he is just above Moraine Lake and virtually on Rock Mesa. It is a far shorter route to Moraine Lake than the presently used way, which uses the Green Lakes trail for the first three miles or so, and then cuts to the west. Since there is already a trail bearing the Moraine Lake name, it is suggested that this one be known simply as the South Sister Trail.

## Building Still Planned

Things have come to a sort of dead center on building plans, after conflicting votes by the membership on two different occasions. But that does not mean that plans for a building have been abandoned. The board has kept the present lot, at 17th and High, up for sale. When that is sold we can move fast, if need be, to acquire other suitable property on which to build the long-awaited clubhouse.

## People You Know

ANNA PECHANEC who is one of 50 biology teachers at a summer institute sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

LORENA SHINN who is moving into a new house at 1835 Jefferson. DORIS will be there with her through the summer — when the two aren't climbing.

KEITH NEWSOM, midshipman, who is on a Canadian cruise aboard the Destroyer Wilson.

CATHERINE DUNLOP who is spending the summer at the Marine Biology Station west of Coos Bay.

GENE SEHRING and RAY HARRIS who have taken over Boy Scout Troop 226.

HENRY HANSEN who is president-elect of the Western Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. (The 1960 meeting of this group will be in Eugene.)

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