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T O M T A Y L O R E L E C T E D P R E S I D E N T

THE NEW OBSIDIAN BOARD

On Wed., Oct. 21, the new Obsidian Board met at Lorena Shinn's, and with outgoing President, Jim Jeppesen, presiding, the order of choosing officers and chairmen began. First, Tom Taylor was elected President, then Mike Stahl Vice President -- Gerry Fehly Secretary, and Ray Cavagnaro Treasurer.

Ray Sims and Bob Medill will co-chairman the Bulletin Comm.; Next Gene Renard said he would like to head the Trips Com.; Donn Chase wanted to tackle Outing Com.; Lorena Shinn volunteered to handle Youth Activities; Jim Jeppesen accepted Climbing; Kay Fahy continued Membership; Mike Stahl said he would like to co-chairman Search and Rescue with Gene Sebring.

The next day phone calls confirmed the Entertainment Chairmanship - Anna Jeppesen and the Scientific Chairmanship - Jim Stovall. Karl Onthank, though very busy, would Co-Chairman the Conservation Com. with Mike McCloskey. The last call - to Frances Freedenburg gave the Library Com. a Chairman - she said "Jan and Jim could help". Does it not look like the Club would be in good hands during 1960?

Now that Ray Sims and Bob Medill are going to do their best to get out the Bulletin, one a communist, the other a socialist, you can be assured of the lowdown on the Republicans and Democrats,----We are not going to try to tell you what everybody is doing; only when they get caught. All nonsense aside, we want all the news, and this can only be accomplished by your help, - so please keep Ray and Bob posted, either by writing or phoning them. We also want to get the Bulletin out on a regular basis -- Preferably within five days after the Board meets,

A NATIONAL RECREATION PLAN

The National Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission was established in June 1958, by the 85th Congress to conduct a nationwide survey of the outdoor recreation resources of the nation.

Special studies by the Service have identified comparatively undisturbed segments of the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Coasts, and the Great Lakes shoreline and other areas suitable for park and recreation purposes. (The Dunes Park on the Oregon Coast is an example)

This plan is known as MISSION 66. The real accomplishments of the program are measured, not by miles of new roads, increased capacities of lodges, camp grounds, or by the number of new public buildings, BUT by how well the program as a whole accomplishes the purpose of National Parks--to preserve the Nation's heritage in wild lands, scenery, and historic treasures for the enjoyment and inspiration of Americans.

The National Parks and Monuments exemplify the best that is America - its wilderness, its scenery, and its history.... They are more than America's vacationlands, they are the treasured examples and reminders of our American Heritage. The Historic places inspire us all to renewed faith in the American tradition. In the wildness of the great out-of-doors, we see America as the pioneers found it, and recapture some of their stalwart qualities.

The real accomplishments will be measured by the results it brings to the American people - refreshment of body, mind, and spirit, pride in the Government of the United States, love of the American land, and faith in its destiny.

(Copied in part, from Mission 66)

C L U B C A L E N D A R

TRIPS

- NOV. 15 - CASTLE ROCK with Dwight Berreman leading.
- NOV. 22 - BRIDGE CREEK with Hollis Oxley leading.
- NEXT BULLETIN WILL BE OUT DECEMBER 10TH

OTHER EVENTS

- NOV. 16 - PRINCESS MEETING - H. Kilpatrick's
- NOV. 20 - POTLUCK, 6:30 P.M., at Eugene Garden Club House, 1645 High.
- NOV. 23 - FRIENDLY HOUSE PICTURE NIGHT.
- DEC. 3 - BOARD MEETING - Kay Fahy's.

THE OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Tom Taylor DI 3-3237
 Vice President Mike Stahl RI 7-9335
 Secretary Gerry Fehly DI 3-2784
 Treasurer Ray Cavagnaro DI 3-8357
 Board Members: The above and Lorena Shinn,
 Ray Sims, Kay Fahy, Jim Jeppesen, & Gene
 Renard.

BULLETIN EDITORS: Ray Sims DI 4-9546
 Bob Medill RI 6-2908

TRAILINGS

A five hundred pound SWORDFISH rammed a small fishing boat and sank it down California way, the day after the Chiefs named another Chief SWORDTAIL, and he expects to get some SWORDFISH. He will have to enlarge his quarters.

Along about midnight at the Chiefs initiation down at the coast, Smoke-turner presented each Chief with a brand new list of all 135 Chiefs, with the year they were initiated. Before Louie & Roxie left with their trailer, they enticed Ray Sims to move into their upstairs apartment "just to keep watch" over their home at 414 E. 15th.

The next Obsidian Picture Night at Friendly House, Nov. 23rd, Frances Newsom will show her pictures of her three months in Europe.

Friendly House belongs to the Obsidians. The last Monday of the month -- Kenneth Lodewick and Mrs. Hudson do a lot of work to provide warmth, entertainment, coffee and there is always a plentiful supply of cakes and cookies -- the latest pictures of interest that members have taken are shown and the shows are not so long but what there is plenty of time for friendly visiting afterward when the coffee and cakes are enjoyed -- the only thing asked is a trip fee and to bring a half dozen cookies. The Friendly House and Obsidian nights both merit your support.

TRIP TO SAND DUNES

There could be no complaint about the trip to the coast led by Gene Renard, Co. Supt. of Parks. The weather was never nicer, one of those perfect balmy days, and the scenery was unusual from the mountains that we are used to, but was also very beautiful and spectacular. And Gene could tell us all about how they are trying to hold the sand by the planting of grasses of two different kinds. He led us to a couple of nice little lakes. All in all it was a most satisfying trip. There were 25 of us who made the trip.

18 CLIMB SIMS BUTTE

Eighteen climbers left Eugene in the fog at 8 A.M. Sunday, Nov. 1, but Dale & June had the sun out at Leaburg, so driving on to Frog Camp was in beautiful weather.... Larry & Jane Hilt led the group down the Obsidian Trail to the one mile sign, then turned West another mile to Spring Lake. Canteens were filled after a short stay at this beautiful cold mountain lake. Then the climb began, zigzagging up the soft sand on the South side of the Butte. After many turns and rests the top was reached just at noon.

No place is there such a grand view of the Three Sisters, the Glaciers, Cinder Cones, and the Wilderness area. Many pictures were taken. To the north were Washington, Jack and Jefferson.

The 18 were: Larry and Jane Hilt, leaders, Bob Medill, Jim Stovall, Mary Douglas Stovall, Paul and Helen Weiser, R. O. (Mac) and Nellie McWilliams, Richard Stanfield, Bob Ashworth, Henry Jeppesen, Thelma Watson, Kay Fahy, Mary Kaneen, Catherine Dunlop, Anna Pecharec and Ray Sims.

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PRINCESS INITIATION

Twenty-three Princesses met at Lorena Shinn's Saturday, Oct. 17, for their Annual Initiation. Natalie Morgan was welcomed into the group and given the name "Lil' Warbler". A delicious dinner of Roast Chukar, Scalloped potatoes, Relishes, Smoked Salmon, French Bread and Pumpkin Pie was served after the ceremony. In the absence of the President, Florence Sims, Princess Blue Waters, conducted the Ceremony. Helen Kilpatrick invited the group to meet at her home in November.

NEW ARRIVALS

Anna and Henry Jeppesen are proud grandparents these days - their newest grandchild was born October 25, to Dolores and Dan Haddad, an 8 lb. 5 oz. boy -- named Charles Daniel. Congratulations to all.

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A son, Kenneth Richard, was born to Lt. (j.g.) Dennie J. Koupal and Janet Armes Koupal on August 23, in San Diego. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Koupal are grandparents. Congratulations to all. Dennie is stationed at the Navy Electronics Laboratory.

NEW MEMBERS

The Club welcomes three new junior members - Bill Root, Bob Ashworth, and Monty Fisher. See you on trips - boys.
 PAY YOUR DUES TO KAY FAHY AT 1060 W. 17TH

A VISIT TO THE OLD HOME

Bob and Mary Medill are home again after wandering around Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois for a month. The primary reason for making the trip was to visit Bob's old home which he left 53 years ago. It also happens to be the home town of Mary. Bob says . . . there are some familiar landmarks left but . . . the people back there have all aged so. Bob also said that the destruction of the most beautiful scenery around there by the Marquette Cement Co. is really pitiful. The Vermillion River and beautiful Bailey Falls and all the surrounding woods over hundreds and hundreds of acres are all being turned upside down for the underlying limestone. The Vermillion River has cut down thru an average depth of 125 feet of what the Cement Co. calls overburden. Then down thru an average thickness of limestone of 27 feet. Then the river cut on down another 50 feet or so and cutting in under the limestone causing blocks of stone as large as houses to drop over into the river. Then Bailey Creek comes down to the river on top of the limestone making a beautiful falls. This place has always been the most popular place for camping, picnicking, etc. around there. The river was beautiful and clear and afforded all kinds of fishing. Now the cement companies around there have bought up all this land and first remove the timber, move all the overburden which averages 125 feet, then take out the limestone, then return the overburden and the only thing that will grow on it is tumble-weeds. And the Vermillion and Illinois Rivers are nothing but moving mud.

OBSIDIAN CHIEF'S INITIATION

A brand new place was tried out for the Annual Chief's Initiation this year, going down to the coast was different but very satisfactory.

Twelve made up the whole party and the three initiates came thru with flying colors. Dr. Larry Hilt became Chief "Tee-Pee", Bob Nicholson, Chief "Frosty", and Hollis Oxley, Chief "Swordtail".

The other Chiefs present were: Smoke-turner, Paintbrush, Apple Knocker, Big Stick, Thunderbird, Smokey, Eagle Scout, Bantam, and Ab Dulla.

The Beach Combers was the location and served as a better place to hold an initiation than places used in the past. The Princesses should try the Coast next year. I am sure the Chiefs will go again.

BOARD NOTES

The board met Nov. 5 at the home of Ray Sims. The meeting was called to order by Mike Stahl - Tom Taylor being unable to attend - at 7:30. Most of the meeting was taken up in instructing new officers and committee chairmen about their duties. Tentative selection of committees follows:

TRIPS - Gene Renard, Ch., Jane Hilt, Catherine Dunlop, Frank Sipe, Bob Nicholson.

CLIMBING - Jim Jeppesen, Ch., Jim Richardson, Co-Ch., Lorena Shinn, Bob Nicholson, Larry Hilt, Henry Carlson, Ray Harris.

OUTING - Donn Chase.

ENTERTAINMENT - Anna Jeppesen, Ch., Adeline Adams, Catherine Dunlop, Ray Sims, Kenneth Lodewick, Dorothy Raines.

LIBRARY - Frances Freedenburg, Ch., Kay Fahy, Nellie McWilliams, Florence Fulton.

MEMBERSHIP - Kay Fahy.

PUBLICATIONS - Ray Sims and Bob Medill, Co-Ch., Nellie McWilliams, Geraldine Fehly, Mary Castelloe and Myrtle Smith, Artist.

SCIENTIFIC - Jim Stovall, Ch., Frank Sipe.

CONSERVATION - Karl Onthank, Ch., Mike McCloskey, Co-Ch., Jim Kezer, Jim Jeppesen, Dale Carlson, Frances Newsom, Dwight Berreman.

SEARCH AND RESCUE - Gene Sebring, Ch., Mike Stahl, Co-Ch.

BUILDING - Henry Carlson, Ch., Ray Cavanaugh, Mark Castelloe, Helen Hughes, Ray Sims, Mike Stahl, Virginia Sebring.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Lorena Shinn.

A report by Karl concerning the fate of the Cove Palisades was heard. The Round Butte Dam is now to be 440 feet high and will back up the Deschutes River, the Crooked River and the Metolius River to the extent of covering up about 25 miles of running water and will also inundate the present camp site by 200 feet. The State Park Advisory Committee is now meeting in Bend and the Board authorized Karl to send a night letter to Bill Tugman and Bob Frazier, both of them attending this meeting, protesting such a high dam that will destroy the Cove Palisades area. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 after which Ray served coffee, ice cream and cake with the assistance of Anne. Next meeting will be December 3rd, at Kay Fahy's. Probably be a short meeting as we were told that we would all have to sit on the floor in the basement.

ROBERT W. SAWYER - CHIEF SKYLINE

The Obsidians well "remember his pleasant company around campfires" (Reg.-Gd. 101559) and are greatly saddened by his death.

CONSERVATION REPORT

Four hearings of interest to Obsidians were held in October: On the 7th in Eugene and the 31st in Florence on the identical bills of Sen. Neuberger and Congressman Porter establishing an Oregon Dunes National Seashore Park. Changes were proposed which may lead to amendments to the bills which will meet valid objections and still assure future generations the use and enjoyment of a natural feature unique in the U. S. which happily for us, lies in Oregon. October 13th in Bellingham and 16th in Wenatchee the Forest Service held hearings on its proposal to reclassify the Glacier Peak Limited Area with boundaries which practically eliminates the narrow forested valleys leading into the high country.

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs and member groups including Obsidians, supported the Wilderness Area proposal but urged strongly that boundaries be altered from the presently proposed "starfish" pattern which virtually follows timberline to more nearly those originally proposed by the Forest Service itself which would preserve the integrity of the area as a whole.

Obsidians will recall the motion picture taken in this area, WILDERNESS ALPS OF STEHEKIN shown last winter under Natural History Society auspices.

The fourth hearing was that of the Oregon Water Resources Board on the application of the Portland Gen. Electric Co. for the Round Butte project on the Deschutes River, which would inundate the choicest parts of, and effectually ruin, the unique Cove Palisades State Park.

The Obsidian Board has asked the State Parks Advisory Comm. to do everything possible to save this Park. The Obsidian Princesses have sent a letter to the Water Resources Board protesting the proposal because it would destroy the unique

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features of the Park. It lies in the "Cove", a relatively open space in the Crooked River canyon near its junction with the Deschutes just below the junction of the latter, with Metolius, overhung by huge lava cliffs of exceptional grandeur and geological interest. Some 25 miles of white water on the three rivers would be submerged behind the 440 ft. dam. There is no other site of equivalent or even comparable scenic (and scientific) quality. The substitute areas proposed around the shores of the fluctuating reservoir would fail totally as equivalent to the present site in the Cove. Obsidians who would help save Cove Palisades Park may write to the State Park Advisory Committee, Highway Bldg., Salem and the State Water Resources Board, Finance Bldg., Salem. They might also appear before, or write to the Federal Power Commission which is holding its hearing on the Round Butte application in Portland Nov. 30th. Letters on Glacier Peak will still be received for that hearing record only a few days longer, to the Regional Forester, Interior Bldg., Portland. On the Dunes Seashore, also for only a few days longer, though one can always write to the Senator and the Congressman. Address the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, House of Representatives, or Senate, Wash. 25, D.C., and ask to have your letter put in the record of the hearing (date & Place) on the Oregon Dunes Proposal.

KARL ONTHANK

OBSIDIAN POTLUCK - NOV. 20

The Entertainment Committee is in full production now and has a potluck at the Garden Club, 1645 High for the night of November 20 lined up and music will be furnished by Mr. Hermach. Those of you who have heard Mr. Hermach don't need to be told and those of you who have not heard him should come out and hear him play. Then there will be pictures, both movies and stills by Deral Barker. The movies will show a complete bull fight in Spain.

Nellie & Mac McWilliams will show pictures at Friendly House, Sun. Nov. 15 (Wyoming & McKenzie)