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Lot Sold at Last;
Needed: A New Site

Winter Camp to Be
On Crescent Lake

The club's lot at 17th and High Sts. is no longer ours. It has been sold, and for a good, fair price. That means that the building committee is all important this year.

For tax reasons we must acquire a new site for a building within a year. Last year we did quite a lot of looking for a new site, and perhaps that experience will be useful now.

President Jim Jeppesen asks that we all keep our ears to the ground. If we hear of anything good, let the board or the building committee know.

Also, he says, he thinks the "clubhouse" would be better known as a "lodge."

Some Spring Trips

Mar. 8 --- The University of Oregon campus.

Mar. 15 - A snow trip up the McKenzie.

Mar. 22 - Cerro Gordo Mountain.

Mar. 29 - Easter. No official trip.

April 5 --- Bus trip to Bachelor and the Ski area there.

April 12 --- Hardesty Mountain loop trip via Wildwood Falls.

April 19 --- Sweet Creek, round trip via Route F tunnel.

April 26 --- Ward Butte in the Cottage Grove area.

Ray Cavagnaro's trips committee has now worked out a tentative trips schedule to last the club through Nov. 1. It will be included, with the climbing schedule, in a card or folder later in the spring. And in planning, don't forget the Rainier Summer Camp, August 2 to 15.

Gene Sebring, Mike Stahl's good right hand on the outing committee, says the winter camp will be at Tom Taylor's cabin on Crescent Lake Mar. 14 and 15.

Cars will be left at the Crescent Lake town. The ski or snowshoe trip in to the cabin is one mile. Skiing is available nearby. Campers should bring their own food and bedding. There is plenty of room in the cabin to sleep. Ski touring opportunities are numerous.

Climbing School

Climbing School this year will be in conjunction with the Youth Activities program with YMCA groups. Indoor meetings will be at the Y. Schedule follows:

April 22 --- Indoctrination, with slides and equipment. Indoors.

April 29 --- Indoor training session for knots, belays, rope handling, party management.

May 3 --- Training session in Coburgs.

May 6 --- Indoors again to go over whatever may have come up in outdoor session.

May 10 --- Coburgs again.

May 17 or 24 or 31, depending on the weather --- Three Fingered Jack climb.

The Jack climb will be both a graduation climb for the climbing course and a regular club climb. More details on this will likely be available in the next bulletin.

New Committee Head

The constitution has still not been revised. Mike Stahl is chairman of the committee, which will pick through the old document and propose changes for member action next fall.

THE OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jim Jeppesen	DI 5-3028
Vice President	Tom Taylor	DI 3-3237
Treasurer	Lillian Johnson	DI 5-6338
Secretary	Mildred Ball	

Board Members: The above and Karl Onthank, Mike Stahl, Ray Cavagnaro, Lorena Shinn and Ray Sims.

Four Resignations

As the membership list gets whipped in to shape, four resignations come through. Resigning are Kent Gill, Ruth Hopson, Mrs. Herbert McCormack and Ken Guenther.

And at last report about 20 members were still in arrears in their dues.

Polly Dyer Expected

Tentatively a party is planned for Polly Dyer, president of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. She will be through Eugene sometime in March on her way to the Wilderness Conference in San Francisco.

The conference is Mar. 20 and 21. Members will be notified of party plans.

Princess Meetings

The annual Princess Christmas party with Adeline Adams(at her home) and Charlotte Lemon as hostesses was delightful. Each Princess related a story of some past Christmas, and also enjoyed the story of the Christmas Rose. January Meeting at Lorena Shinn's was very pleasant, sitting around the fireplace, burning Christmas greens, anticipating winter ski trips and planning a Tupper Plastic Party for February. Mrs. Tom Taylor(Jan)presented the Tupper Ware, stressing its use for camping and picnics, because of the advantages of the vacuum seal and its durability.

Board Meeting

Board meeting scheduled for March 5 at Lillian & Art Johnson's may be postponed a week, as Mrs. Roosevelt is to speak at the University. Members will be notified.

13 on Coast Trip
Near Yachats

Thirteen members journeyed to the Oregon Coast Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24-25 where Merle and Blanche Bailey had arranged accommodations at See-Vue Motel, six miles south of Yachats. The beach was inspected by brilliant moonlight. The evening was balmy and delightful. Later Henry Carlson showed movies which were taken on several trips, many in the Three Sisters area. Helen Kilpatrick amused the crowd with a reading.

Sunday morning we took over the motel coffee shop where Blanche Bailey and Mae Beaman baked hotcakes for the group, with assistance from Merle and Henry who washed the dishes. Later there was a rendezvous at Cape Perpetua with the Chemeketans who escorted us to Cape Perpetua lookout.

A potluck dinner was shared at noon. It was followed by the appearance of two birthday cakes for Myrtie Hamlin and Gerry Fehly. By 3 nearly everybody was on the way home.

Attending were Merle and Blanche Bailey, leaders, Adeline Adams, Myrtie Hamlin, Helen Kilpatrick, Mary and Bailey Castelloe, Harmon Pennoyer, Ray Cavagnaro, Geraldine Fehly, Mae Beaman, Bob Medill and Henry Carlson.

--- Geraldine Fehly

Explorer Scouts?

Should the Obsidians sponsor a post of Explorer Scouts? That's a question that concerned the February Board meeting. A group of boys would appreciate our sponsorship. Adult advisors will appear before the next board meeting to give the board a better idea of what is involved.

"WILDERNESS ALPS OF THE STEHEKINS"

This fine movie will be shown in Eugene on Friday, March 13, Room 123, Science Bldg., U.O., at 8 P.M. David Brower of the Sierra Club will be guest speaker and may have other films to show. This movie "Wilderness Alps of The Stehekins" is being sponsored by the Natural History Soc., the Obsidians, and the Sierra Club.

President Jeppesen
Talks About the Future

In a recent ad in U. S. News and World Report, Caterpillar tractor has this to say: "Our population increased 2-3/4 million in 1958." "In just 16 years our population will increase almost 65 million-- more people than now live in every state west of the Mississippi River." "...when that day arrives in 1975, our standard of living will have dropped considerably unless we get to work now and:

- 1) Double our water supply
- 2) Double our school facilities
- 3) Build tens of thousands of miles of roads
- 4) Build 20 million new homes
- 5) Rebuild 20% of present housing
- 6) Provide 2½ times more oil
- 7) Build 123,000 dams; 1,220 miles of levees
- 8) Increase lumber 60%; double pulpwood
- 9) Mine 55% more metal ore
- 10) Employ soil conservation on 1,159,-000,000 acres
- 11) Double our hospital facilities
- 12) Increase electric power output 250%"

This ad packs a wallop and in light of depleting resources this proposed task is formidable. There is apt to be little or no concern for preservation and much toward existence and survival.

Give those who are devoting time and energy toward conservation and those who practice sound exploitation -- not just claim it -- your support as they may provide you with breathing space and a degree of relaxation outside your own yard in the future.

In the Sierra Club Bulletin reference is made to an account of the meeting of The Society of American Foresters held in Salt Lake City last Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, revealing that among the recommendations of a panel of professional land managers was: "Revamp National Park regulations to permit salvage logging, some hunting, and destruction of undesirable ecological associations." I find it hard to refrain from comment.

-- J. Jeppesen, Jr.
President

Protecting Portland's
New City Freeways

The conservation committee has urged members to write to City Commissioner William Bowes, city hall, Portland in support of plans to keep unsightly signs off the new freeways now being built inside the city limits.

Ruth Beacon, now in Portland but a frequent member of Obsidian parties in other years, writes that the Legislature and game commission will be urged to adopt a better set of regulations for protecting eagles, falcons, owls, and hawks.

At the instigation of the committee, the board went on record as favoring a plan for including recreational values in the value of government projects, if, at the same time, recreation is made a part of the planning of these projects.

Members perhaps saw that Congressman Charles O. Porter proposes that a chair-lift arrangement be built from the rim of Crater Lake down to the water's edge. He would perhaps like to know what his constituents think of his proposal.

Glacier Peak Wilderness

J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, recommended that 422,925 acres in the Glacier Peak area be set aside as a wilderness area. Hearings will be Oct. 13 and 16 in Bellingham and Wenatchee. Stone said plans call for there to be corridors going into the vast area to make it more accessible. Kennedy Hot Springs was left outside the proposed area.

Glacier Peak has had one of the top priorities among conservationists. This plan will undoubtedly be studied intently in the next few months by those interested in the wilderness idea.

Conservationists undoubtedly will be represented at both Washington hearings, inasmuch as the wilderness designation is certain to arouse antagonisms from those in the lumber industry. More details on the proposal will be carried in later editions of this bulletin.

Campsite Survey

A survey is being made to locate all potential sites for picnic, camping, rest areas, points of interest for archeology, geology and ecology. This request has gone out to the Forest Service, state forestry department, BIM, state highway department logging companies and timber owners and to organizations like ours.

The Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee is making the survey. Bob Medill will coordinate information furnished by the Obsidians. If you have any ideas, send them to him, P.O. Box 242, Springfield.

— Bob Medill

Climbing Ban Protested

The National Park Service has issued an order that would appear to ban Class 5 and 6 climbing in national parks. The order spoke of "stunt climbing" and of the use of "pegs," presumably pitons.

This has drawn protest from the Sierra Club, which has wired the park service to hold fire until climbing groups can tell the park people a few of the facts of life, including the purpose of those "pegs", which is to save lives. Dave Brower, of the Sierra Club signed the telegram and asked for a chance to have his club heard.

In Hospital

Bob Aufderheide, supervisor of Willamette National Forest, is ill in Sacred Heart Hospital. An appropriate message of sympathy has been sent by the club.

Olympic Hike

The celebrated hike along the Olympic Wilderness Shoreline, led by Justice Wm. O. Douglas is written up in the current "Living Wilderness." Author - Mrs. Douglas.

Next summer the trip will be made again under Mazama sponsorship. It is now planned that Justice Douglas himself will again lead.

Books Coming

The Scientific Committee has ordered a number of books on the Mt. Rainier region... they will be here in plenty of time for study before summer camp, and will be at the campsite. Several are about the flora and fauna of the Rainier area, also the geology.

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In Navy

Dennie Koupal, now in the Navy, is living at 4747 Santa Cruz Ave., San Diego, 7 Calif., according to his father, Milton. With him is his wife, Janet.

Liked our Trail

Remember the trail we took last July 4 for our tenderfoot climb of South Sister? It cut between Kaletteen Butte and Devils Hill and made a good one-day trip out of the South.

Don Onthank (Karl's brother) of the Mazamas reports that some Mazamas read of the route in the Obsidian bulletin and tried it themselves. They were so impressed that they have recommended it be used for Mazama climbs of that mountain.

Wilderness Conference

The Sixth Biennial Wilderness Conference will meet March 20 and 21 at the Fairmount Hotel in San Francisco. Theme will be "The Meaning of Wilderness to Science" Further details can be obtained from either Frances Newsom or Karl Onthank.

Plans For Your Pleasure

The entertainment committee announces a Potluck Party for Saturday, March 21, at the Lane Co. Electric Coop, 1715 Franklin Blvd., 6:30 P.M. There will be some very entertaining movies. Every family should bring card table, their own table service, and a hot dish and salad or dessert.

At their March 3 meeting, the committee also made plans for our 31ST BIRTHDAY BANQUET, which will be held on SATURDAY, APRIL 18, at the Danebo Lutheran Church. A Centennial theme will be used, in keeping with Oregon's 100th Birthday, and Don Hunter will show his pictures. Obsidians extend a cordial invitation to all other outdoor clubs, also.

At our April 6 Friendly House night there will be a showing by Tom Whittet of his "Railroad Wreck" pictures, of which he has about 100. Also pix of New York.

