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## Clubhouse Site Study Underway

## CLIMBING SCHOOL STARTS APRIL 22

With the old club lot at 17th and High out of the way, the pressure is on for a quick acquisition of a suitable new site for the long-awaited clubhouse.

Climbing school seems to be a big event about every second year. Two years ago it was big. Last year it was not so big. Now is the year for a big one, and it starts Wednesday night, April 22 at the YMCA.

The board at its April meeting authorized purchase of a 60-day option on the Brentlinger property east of Laurelwood. This is the 4-acre plot club members saw just a year ago. Feeling of the board was that the entire 4-acre tract would be a better buy than just a part of it. The next few months will be all-important for the long-range plans of the club. Future issues of the bulletin, special mailings and meetings will keep members informed of progress here. Time is important because of tax laws.

The elements of climbing, including the necessary knots, safety instruction, and other theoretical discussion of climbing will be combined with some color slides of Cascade Peak climbs to give the beginner a pretty good theoretical view of the sport. Registration fee is 50 cents.

### Schedules Outline 1959 Club Program

Climbing and trips schedules are mailed out with this month's bulletin. Leaders are indicated for the trips, but not for the climbs.

Practical instruction will follow or be sandwiched in with the lectures. Indoor sessions will be April 22 and 29 and May 6. On May 3 and 10 students will meet at the Coburg Caves for lessons in rope and rock work and to get the feel of being a member of a climbing team.

Climb leaders will be picked later this month. Members the climbing committee has thought about as leaders will meet April 16 to work out a more detailed schedule. They will be notified by telephone or by postcard of the place of this meeting.

The graduation climb will be on Three Fingered Jack, which will be climbed via the Jack Lake Route this year. Date of the climb is uncertain. The climbing committee has set aside May 17, 24 and 31 for this, figuring that on one of those weekends, the weather will be suitable.

Sign-up sheets, for the first time in more years than most of us can remember, are no longer at Hendershott's, which as of this writing is closed. Instead the sheets will be at the Alpine Shop, 1361 Willamette. Parking in the neighborhood is plentiful.

Details will be provided in further bulletins and on sign-up sheets at the Alpine Shop. Watch for 'em.

Climbing school this year will be held in conjunction with the Youth Activities program which will feature a course for YMCA members. The Y boys will have some climbs of their own, and will make some of the regular club climbs.

The board talked about the new location of the sign-up sheet at some length at the April meeting. The concensus was that it always pays to remember those who remember you. Put another way, it would be a good idea to think about the Alpine Shop when you need any camping or skiing equipment. Nuff said?

Their tentative schedule includes Jack, Thielsen, Diamond Peak, Mt. Hood and the South Sister. An effort will be made to provide Obsidian leadership in depth for the Y climbs

The YMCA climbing program is limited to boys who sign up for the entire course. The Y is paying the club \$40 for our help in their program.

## THE OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Jim Jeppesen DI 5-3028  
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 Mike Stahl, Ray Cavagnaro, Lorena Shinn,  
 Ray Sims and Mildred Ball.

Editor: Bob Frazier, DI 5-1551 or 5-6000

Membership Changes announced in April:

Reinstated: Josie Yoran, Gladys Patterson.

New Member: Dorothy Raines, associate, by  
 recommendation of Gerry Fehly.

Dropped: Bill Forrester, Jim Fraser, Don  
 Temple, Wendell Johnson, J.R. Bruckart,  
 Delores Jeppesen Haddad, Keena Northrop,  
 and Rick Pittman.

## Secretary Resigns

Mildred Ball has resigned as secretary,  
 but will continue on the board of direc-  
 tors. No replacement has been appointed  
 as yet, but probably the work will be  
 done by an assistant secretary until a  
 new secretary can be found.

## Pat Stahl Married

Pat Stahl, who joined the Air Force in  
 the fall, is now Mrs. Joseph Remele. Her  
 husband is also in the Air Force at Lack-  
 land Air Base, Texas. He is a medic.

Father Mike says Pat and Joe will be  
 here in May, when they both get furloughs.

## MORESCO Meetings

MORESCO will meet at 8 p.m. April 17 at  
 Mazama clubrooms in Portland to talk over  
 revised by-laws.

The group will meet again June 6 & 7 at  
 Timberline Lodge for a business and work  
 session. Timberline offers the weekend,  
 including Saturday dinner and Sunday's  
 breakfast for \$6.50. Reservations must be  
 made by May 1.

A Reminder About  
Club Regulations

Somebody who declined to sign his name  
 wrote a letter to the board, complaining  
 that on a trip or outing some members of  
 the club apparently had drunk some beer  
 or wine. The anonymous letter writer was  
 incensed.

This moved the board to remind members  
 that liquor, including beer and wine, is  
 not a part of club functions. The rule is  
 that such activity shall not go on while  
 the leader is in charge of the group --  
 in other words from car to car, save in  
 those cases where base camp is made at  
 the cars. Then it is expected that mem-  
 bers will restrain themselves at the base  
 camp, too.

## Committee Change

George Hermach has resigned as chairman  
 of the building committee. Tom Taylor who  
 ran that committee last year during the  
 great building site search, will be  
 building committee chairman again, in a  
 year that promises to be a busy one for  
 his committee.

Nobody has been appointed as yet to re-  
 place Tom as chairman of the Youth Activ-  
 ities Committee.

## Saturday Trips

Ray Cavagnaro's trips committee has had  
 a desire to try out a Saturday trip. On  
 the Saturday before Easter one was on the  
 schedule -- to Hardesty Mountain.

It went over fine, except that it did  
 not quite go over. There was a good group  
 signed up, but then the trip was called  
 off because of adverse weather.

Several Saturday trips are scheduled.

## Explorer Scouts

The club now sponsors a post of Explor-  
 er Scouts. Jim Rear, who is an assoc-  
 iate member of the Obsidians is the in-  
 stitutional representative for the post.

## Skyliners Branch Out

Bend's Skyliners, which used to be a climbing organization and then gave up on climbing in favor of skiing only, will be back in the climbing field again this summer. At first, says the Bend Bulletin, the Bend group will stick to the less difficult peaks and will take quite a few trips into the back country, with the difficult climbs coming in future years.

## Santiam Highway

The Highway Commission has been asked to make a survey for relocating the South Santiam Highway between Mountain House and Tombstone Summit. This is the area so often closed by slides. The suggested route would be to the north of Iron Mtn.

## Weisers' Pix

Paul and Helen Weiser will show slides at the May 4 Friendly House Meeting.

## 10 Bulletins

Why no bulletin last month? Because we have been having only 10 a year and two months (one fall, one spring) have to be missed.

Now that summer and the busy season is at hand, please keep the news rolling in. Telephone Bob Frazier at 5-6000 or 5-1551 with news or with ideas for the bulletin. We're especially eager again this year to get in the names of all successful climbers.

## Bob Aufderheide

Obsidians were saddened in March, and the board voted sympathy to the family of Bob Aufderheide upon the death of the Willamette National Forest supervisor. In his fairly short tenure in Eugene, Bob was well known to Obsidians. Those of us who had the pleasure of accompanying him into the forests he loved found him a delightful companion, a challenging conversationalist and a great human being with a real love of the out of doors.

New Topographic Maps  
Show Area of Cascades

U.S. Topographic maps of the "old Cascades" area have been revised and enlarged. Several of them, in print for years at a scale of 1:125,000 or two miles to the inch have been split into four, at a scale of 1:62,500 or one mile to the inch as well as being brought up to date on "culture," roads and other detail.

Following is a list of the new U.S. maps that will be of particular interest:

From the old Mill City quadrangle: Mill City, Battle Ax, Quartzville and Detroit.

From McKenzie Bridge: Cascadia, Echo Mountain, Blue River and McKenzie Bridge.

From Waldo Lake: Sardine Butte, Chucks-n-Mountain, Oakridge and Waldo Lake.

From Diamond Lake: Toketee Falls, Summit Lake, Garwood Butte and Diamond Lake.

From Lowell: Lowell, Hardesty Mountain, Culp Creek and Fairview Peak.

The southern half of the old Mt. Hood quadrangle has been republished as High Rock and Mt. Wilson.

It is hoped that by next year the quadrangles to the south of Hood (Mt. Jefferson, Three Sisters, Maiden Peak and Chemult) may be cut into four, increased in scale and brought up to date.

A year or two ago the old (1898) Port Orford quadrangle was divided into Langlois, Powers, Port Orford and Agness, all at the 1:62,500 scale.

Also new on the coast is the Hebo quadrangle (1:62,500) which is a revision of the now obsolete Nestucca Bay map.

The coast area north of Tillamook Head and the Portland area has been mapped at a 1:24,000 scale or 2,000 feet to the inch.

These maps are available at Cressey's or directly from the government center in Denver.

### Ray Sims Reports On Bachelor Skiing

Twenty-nine skiers boarded the Greyhound bus Sunday, April 5, at 5:45 a.m., bound for the new ski area at Bachelor Butte, 23 miles west of Bend, traveling by way of the Santiam pass. C. W. McCume was driver. After a short rest stop in Bend, the ski area at Bachelor was reached at 10 a.m.

The day was sunny and bright with the spring snow fast in many areas. Lunch was eaten in the bus where many opinions were voiced by this congenial group of skiers. About three-fourths of the bus load used the pomalift, while others used the rope tows and others just took pictures.

The mountains were clear in the morning but the storm that came from the north cast fog over the area by 3 o'clock. Jane Hilt and Nancy Woodin were last off the pomalift, just in time for the 4 p.m. departure.

A Greyhound bus is a rarity at the parking area, as the poundage of the bus is 28,000 while the load limit is but 11,000 on the road to the area, we were told. But I am sure that the Eugene dollars spent there were appreciated.

Another stop in Bend was made on the return and the trip home was by way of the Willamette Highway. At George Korn's ski area on Willamette Pass it was snowing hard. The snow continued past the tunnel. Eugene was reached by 9 o'clock. Nobody knew it was my birthday.

Making the trip were Jim Jeppesen, Clarice Jeppesen, Mike Bertsch, Larry Hilt, Jane Hilt, Lloyd Plaisted, Doug Appel, Don Christen, Margaret Markley, P. O. Wirthle, Bessie E. Wirthle, Hale Proctor, Ken Lodewick, Rick Stewart, Midge Wooley, Marian Wood, Nancy Woodruff, Neil J. Ledward, Kay J. Ledward, Lee Downing of Marcola, Lorena Shinn, Nancy Woodin, Bob Nicholson, Clarence Scherer, Dorothy Scherer, Gladys Grancorivitz, Anna Jeppesen, Henry Carlson and Ray Sims, Leader.

-- Ray Sims

Climbing School starts April 22.

### Wilderness Trip To Buck Meadows

The sixth annual wilderness trip, sponsored by the Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness will be July 4 and 5 to Buck Meadows. The trip may be extended for a third day if there are enough persons interested.

This will be a pack trip via the Foley Ridge trail. There will be opportunities to hike to Substitute Point Lookout, to explore Honey Lakes and the upper Separation Creek country, or to hike to Husband Lake and the Husband or to the slopes of the South Sister.

The distance from road head to the campsite is 6½ miles over an easy trail. Dale Carlson will lead the trip. Further information may be obtained from Margaret Markley, 1967 Adams St.

### Carmen-Smith Studied

Mike McCloskey appeared before the April board meeting to outline his objections to the proposed Carmen-Smith power project on the upper McKenzie. Eugene voters will pass upon authorization of bonds for this project April 28. Mike urged the club to go on record against the development and to work for its defeat by helping to defeat the bond authorization.

Sentiment of the board was sympathetic to Mike's point of view. Mike Stahl, who led the fight against Beaver Marsh three years ago, provided board members with additional facts. Mike McCloskey was instructed to look into the matter further and to report to the club membership at the dinner or otherwise before the April 28 election.

Only voice on the other side was Bob Frazier's. He warned that if Carmen-Smith were not built, a privately owned power company might move into the area with an even more destructive project. He also cautioned the club against getting a reputation as a bunch of "aginers" who oppose everything that comes along.

The board took no official action, preferring to await Mike's detailed report.

### Coast Park Plans Eyed by Club Members

Obsidians will be keeping closely in touch with plans for development of an Oregon Dunes National Seashore along the coast between Florence and Reedsport. At the board meeting in April members talked about the likely sources of opposition to the plan which found favor with most of the members.

At the same meeting Karl Onthank, conservation committee chairman, displayed a thick report in which the National Park Service recommended 15 other stretches of the Oregon Coast as being of exceptional scenic or recreational value. Only the two (Sea Lion Caves and the dunes) were suggested for national status at this time, however.

Karl's committee will keep the membership posted on developments along this line.

### Natural Areas

The conservation committee has been busy recommending possible limited areas within the portion of the old Three Sisters Primitive area that was eliminated by executive order. These are areas of peculiar scientific, scenic or recreational interest.

Members having ideas for such special areas were urged to send them to J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, in Portland.

### Glacier Park

Plans, especially the boundaries, of the proposed Glacier Peak Wilderness area in Washington have not met with universal favor among conservationists. Karl Onthank complains that the area is shaped "like a starfish," with logging to be allowed wherever there are trees, and the "wilderness" status granted only to parts which have little or no commercial value.

Conservation groups are expected to protest at hearings next fall. They will ask that some of the timbered sections be left for the use of hikers, campers, and fishermen.

### Mazamas Plan Trip Into Sisters Area

Portland's Mazamas have invited Obsidians and others to accompany them on a week's pack trip from the McKenzie Pass to the Century Drive, along the Skyline. Horses will carry the dunnage. Persons on the trip will provide their own food.

Cost is \$30, including transportation from Portland and return. Dunnage limited to 40 pounds per person. The expedition is limited to 40 persons, with May 15 the deadline for the sign-up, through the Mazamas.

Another Mazama outing that may be of interest is the expedition into the wilds of northwestern Washington, along the Olympic Strip. This is the trip made famous by Justice William O. Douglas a year ago. Dates are July 9-12. It is limited to 20. There is some talk that perhaps the judge will be back to lead the trip again.

While Obsidians are at their Mt. Rainier summer camp, Mazamas will be there, too, arriving a week later and staying a week after we're gone. But it's a big mountain, and they'll be over on the southwest side, so we may not see them at all.

On the day that we climb Mt. Jefferson via Whitewater from Jeff Park, Mazamas will be climbing it from Pamela Lake. They also have planned an acquaintance climb of Hood the day we climb it from the South Side, July 12.

### Expect a Prospectus

Remember the prospectuses (prospecti?) that were put out before climbs two years ago? Well, they'll be put out again this year, the climbing committee has decided. They'll be available with the sign-ups.

On most of the more difficult climbs this year, assistant leaders will be named, sometimes by the climb leader. And (something that should never have been given up), the leaders again will inspect the equipment of persons undertaking the climbs.

### Professor Suggests Oregon Coast Trail

Sam Dicken, head of the University of Oregon geography department, has written letters to several newspapers, suggesting that an Oregon Coast Trail, on the pattern of the Skyline Trail, be established.

He points out that it is often difficult for a hiker to make his way along the rim of America, partly because of difficulty of access, because of right of way and because of traffic hazards when the only path is the highway.

Often, of course, hikers can actually walk along the tide-line, which is forever public property in Oregon. But, as Mr. Dicken points out, it does us little good to know that that tideland is our property when it is several hundred feet below us at the foot of a sheer cliff.

### New Geology Book

New on the editor's desk, and unfortunately still unread, is a new book, "Geology of Oregon" by Ewart M. Baldwin of the University of Oregon geology department. Available at the U of O co-op bookstore, it costs \$2, paper bound; 136 pages; pix.

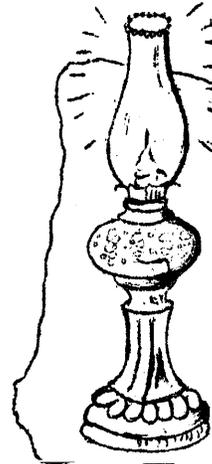
A flip through its pages suggest that the pictures and maps are only a taste of what is to come from a thorough reading. It is divided into eight sections, for the geologic regions of Oregon, and contains resumes of physical and historical geology and lists of references.

Slim Baldwin is well known to some of us, but not so well known as he probably ought to be. We ought to get him out on a trip or two, especially into the Coast Range which is his special area of knowledge. He has mapped a lot of that area.

### Selma's Back

As many had hoped, the outing committee has arranged with Selma Vangsnes to be cook again, this time at the club outing at Mt. Rainier National Park, Aug. 2-15. As most old-timers remember, she has been cook at a number of other club outings.

### OBSIDIAN ANNUAL BANQUET



Oregon's Centennial  
Year  
Our 32nd Year  
Saturday, April 18  
6:30 P. M.  
Danebo Lutheran  
Church  
4445 Royal Ave.

The date for the Centennial Banquet is April 18, Saturday evening, 6:30 P.M., at the Danebo Lutheran Church - 4445 Royal Av. We know from past experience that the food will be good and there will be plenty of it.

Menu cards and table decorations will be carried out in old time style. We'll sing a few Centennial Songs and Don Hunter will be the Speaker of the Evening. He will also show some interesting pictures entitled "the Oregon Colorama", a blend of music and color of the planet earth, and "Stereophonic Sounds of our times."

→ Reservations must be made by calling Anna Jeppesen, DI 5-3434, or Jane Hilt, DI 4-8230, as soon as possible, but no later than April 15th. Send Checks to Anna Jeppesen - 2342 Alder St.

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There will be another big potluck dinner at the Lane Co. Electric Co-Op, on Saturday, April 25th, 6:30 P.M. We expect to have a general discussion period at this time, on different subjects of interest to all members.

To add to the color of this occasion, the committee asks that those who → have centennial costumes wear them to the dinner, if they wish to.  
**BUT... THE COMMITTEE DOES... NEED YOUR DEFINITE RESERVATION... BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15... PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR MONEY BY THAT TIME TOO !!!**