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Changes Announced
for Fourth of July

Summer Outing --
Maybe, Maybe Not

The schedule for the July 4-5 weekend has been changed in all details. Because of so many other activities and because of the expected crowd at Newberry Crater, that trip has been canceled. Obsidians are urged to go on one of the other trips instead.

The annual wilderness trip of Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness, Inc. will go on as planned -- to Buck Meadows, for either two or three days, as individuals can arrange.

The snow school, scheduled for that weekend, has been put off one week. It will be on Collier Glacier and will complete the climbing school program.

In place of the snow school will be the climb of Mt. Hood, originally scheduled for the next weekend. Led by Lorena Shinn and Jim Jeppesen, it will be strictly a "fair weather climb." No climbing in bad weather, as the group did on last year's Hood climb, says Lorena.

A detailed prospectus outlining the climb, along with the sign-up sheet, has been posted at Gilbert's Shoe Store, 49 E. Broadway. It advises drivers to leave Eugene by 2 p.m. Saturday, July 4. Camp will be made at the forest camp we used last year, known variously as Swim and Still Creek, depending upon the map you use. To reach the camp, drive just past the Timberline Junction on the Mt. Hood highway and turn to the right.

We will get up about 4, starting the climb, from Timberline Lodge at 5. The expectation is that we'll return to the lodge late in the afternoon. That's on Sunday. It's a Sunday climb, not a 4th of July climb.

Full mountaineering equipment is required, including ice axe, crampons and the "10 essentials." Crampons may be rented in Portland or at Government Camp establishments.

Outing Committee Chairman Mike Stahl is feeling glum about the prospects of the scheduled summer camp at Mt. Ranier Aug. 2 to 16. Unless more persons sign up, he says, there just won't be one.

Tentatively he and Louis Waldorf had planned to scout the area over the 4th of July weekend. But now they don't know if the effort is worth while. At last report only two persons had definitely signed up although a number more had talked about going.

Mike says that if there is not definite improvement before July 4 in the size of the sign-up, he and Louis will not bother to make their scouting trip. And that will mean -- no summer camp this year.

Persons planning to go to the camp must let Mike know immediately, either by calling him at RI 7-9335 or by signing up at Gilbert's Shoe Store, 49 East Broadway.

Time is running out.

Building Site Option Picked Up

We once again have a building site. The board, by an 8-0 vote (Ray Cavagnaro absent), authorized picking up our option on the Brentlinger property south and east of Laurelwood Golf Course.

The board action called for purchase of the full 4.53 acres for \$6,500. Members discussed the wisdom of two courses of action -- either using the full site for club purposes or holding a portion of it as an investment.

Now, with a building site established, plans for the structure itself can proceed. These will be worked out by Tom Taylor's building committee and the board and will be reported in detail in future issues of the Obsidian Bulletin. Much volunteer labor will be called for.

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A Moonlight Climb And a Spectacular View

One of the most spectacular mountain views in the Three Sisters Area is seen from the top of the Bachelor, a mountain too rarely climbed because it is usually regarded as "too easy."

But three Obsidians, on an official climb June 21, made a different climb out of it. Sitting around the campfire Saturday night, Lorena and Doris Shinn and Stan Darling, Jr., admired the moonlight and wondered what it would be like to try the mountain by moonlight.

They went to bed right away and got up about 1 a.m. Leaving camp at 1:35, they made the entire climb by moonlight, reaching the summit at 4:20 to see the sun come up.

It was cold. Cold and beautiful.

Shortly after sunrise they could see Mt. Adams, far to the north in Washington. In a few minutes, however, Adams disappeared leaving Hood as the northern sentinel.

The Mazama book on top was full, with inscriptions written even on the covers, they reported. They installed a new sign-up book, for the Obsidians, on top.

Later in the day two more Eugene people Jerry Uhrhammer and Jim Hosmer climbed the butte carrying their skis, and skied down.

After a fast descent, the Obsidian party left for Eugene, getting home about noon on Sunday -- certainly a record early return after a successful ascent of a mountain so distant.

48 Get Certificates From Climbing School

Forty-Eight persons attended some or all of the climbing school sessions last spring. Those receiving certificates follow:

Craig Edlund, Larry Hilt, Bob Green, Don White, Cecil Roberts, John Henry, Bob Stayner, Harry Stayner, Ray Sheldon, Gary Shaffer, John Armes, Tom Hertzman, Mike Rear.

Douglas Rathbun, Norman van Gulick, Marjorie van Gulick, Bruce Johnson, Art Johnson, John Dotson, Jim Dotson, Loy Lonberg, Dick Barnes, Frank Moore, Tom King.

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Steve Grover, Richard Back, Fred Huntington, Patrick Wood, Steven Merrill, Stan Darling, Jr., Pete Hintz, Barry Devine, Ernest Lundeen, Jim Minty, and Dick Firman.

Among the instructors for indoor and outdoor sessions of the school were Norman Lee, Jim Harrang, Art Johnson, Tom Taylor, Fred Coyl, Bert Brown, Bruce Johnson, Kay Molenar, Mike Stahl, Gene Sebring, Jim Jeppesen, Lorena Shinn, Lloyd Plaisted, and Dwight Berreman.

Included among the graduates are the YMCA climbers who took part in the club's Youth Activities program. Thirteen of the 48 enrolled took part in all five meetings. Most attended three or four.

This was the largest climbing school in several years.

Editor Wed

Bob Frazier, bulletin editor, and Rosemary Ellingson were married in Salem on June 13. They are at home at 1833 Fairmount, the house many Obsidians will remember as having belonged to Celeste Campbell.

U of O Climbers First on Washington

The year's first ascent of Mt. Washington was made over the Memorial Day weekend by 10 climbers representing the University of Oregon Alpine Club.

John Lindstrom, who led the climb, reported ice on the pinnacle, making handholds precarious. There was also snow on the summit, something few Washington climbers ever see. The group reached the pinnacle by climbing up the scree slope to the west, then followed the traditional route up the north face of the pinnacle.

They left the Hoodoo Bowl area at 5:15 a.m., hiking to the mountain via Big Lake and reached the top at 1:30 p.m.

Climbing, besides John Lindstrom, were Dick Shepherd, Marjorie Morse, Nick Squires, Gene Hebert, Tom Easton, Ruth Unger, Jim Haight, Galen McBee and Bob Bohr.

Search and Rescue

Gene Sebring and Lloyd Plaisted attended a Moresco meeting at Mt. Hood over the June 6-7 weekend.

Earlier in the spring the club's search and rescue committee, and equipment, was called upon to bring an injured flier out of the woods near the Salt Creek tunnel.

The committee also took part this spring in a safety fair at the Lane County Fairgrounds, sponsored by the Lane County Volunteer Rescue group. Included in the display were manikins illustrating safe mountain rescue technique.

Chairman Named

Mary Cavagnaro replaces Tom Taylor as chairman of the Youth Activities Committee. Tom remains as chairman of the building committee.

Son Born

It's a son for Keena and Bob Northrup. Michael Robert Northrup was born on May 21, 1959.

Historical Material Put in Library

Valuable historical material belonging to the club has been put in the University of Oregon library for safe keeping -- at least until a clubhouse is built. The original Middle Sister Book has been put there permanently.

Temporarily in the library are summit books from most of the other mountains, a pamphlet describing an early climb of the Sisters, a typewritten copy of the original Middle Sister book, club scrapbooks from 1928 to 1950 and minutes from 1937 to 1943.

The file of Obsidian bulletins, which had been in the hands of Bulletin Editor Bob Frazier, is now filed with the historical material handled by Historian Dorothy Ruse.

Members who might have other club material -- in a basement or attic or in an old box -- were asked by the board to dig it out so that the historian can know the exact state of club records. After we get a clubhouse, with library space, it will be easier to catalogue and keep track of the material we have.

More New Members

The membership list has increased by 15 this year, Membership Chairman Kay Fahy reports. Only five persons now on the roster are in arrears on their dues. Kay asks that members feed her suggestions for new members. Don't forget the guests who participate in summer trips and climbing activities. Membership blanks are available at Gilberts, near the sign-up sheets.

Picnic

The entertainment committee has scheduled a picnic at Black Canyon Forest Camp on the Willamette above Lookout Point Dam for the weekend of July 10-11. Details will be made available through the Register-Guard or on the bulletin board at the Gilbert Shoe Store, 49 East Broadway.

37 Make Fast Trip To Top of Thielsen

Mt. Thielsen, which had had a bad weather jinx for Obsidians for several years, was more cooperative June 27 when 37 made the top from Diamond Lake. Of the 37, 12 were from the YMCA group.

Lorena Shinn and Bob Nicholson led the party which left base camp at 4:20 a.m. The first to reach the top signed in at 8:40. The last person was back at camp at 1:45 p.m.

Y climbers were Fred Huntington, Ernest Lundeen, Jim Hendrickson, Richard Back, Don Smith, Dick Firman, Barry Devine, Steve Groves, Gary Groves, Steve Merrill, Stan Darling, Jr., and Peter Hintz.

Others were Doris Shinn, Larry Hilt, Stan Hasek, Mike McCloskey, Frank Jones, Jim Sims, Jim Richardson, Dorothy Ruse, Mildred Ball, Stephen Moore, Sharon Brickley, Floyd Brickley, Violet Brickley, Ramona Brickley, Nina Harmon, Bob Green, Gale Jones.

Mel Jackson, Loy Lonberg, Cecil Roberts, Marlene Baldwin, Norman Hasek, and Pat Callis.

It was cold in the morning, which made for good climbing, but for chilly rest stops. At the yellow outcropping on the slopes the water had turned to ice. As the group reached the saddle, the sun broke through and visibility was excellent. There was no wind.

While some climbers were negotiating the pinnacle, a dark cloud appeared. This reminded several climbers of previous times on Thielsen -- the electric storm of 1956 and the pea soup of 1957. But the cloud went away.

And now a note of warning and a simple request:

Please stay behind the leader. Lorena noted that some of the newer climbers seem to regard a climb as a race, which

it is not. The leader, an experienced climber, sets a pace that will be satisfactory to the slower members and that will not be tiring.

Princess Notes

March -- Two out-of-town guests, Marge Beaman and Blanche Bailey, both new members, at home of Jane Hilt.

No April Meeting.

May -- Mary Castellloe, assistant hostess with Bertha Deckman at Bertha's. Saw slides of Saddle Mountain area.

June -- at Helen Weiser's, with Olga Mortensen as assistant hostess. Talked about the new lot and plans for helping with building. A committee named to work on a Princess scrapbook -- Mary Castellloe, Nellie McWilliams, Helen Weiser, Myrtie Hamlin, Ethel Glaze, Florence Sims and perhaps more to be added later.

At May and June meetings entertained an application for membership from one of the Chiefs. Application left pending after much discussion.

To Wisconsin

Mary and Bailey Castellloe are on their annual visit to Wisconsin.

To Marry in Fall

Rick Pitman stopped through Eugene in mid-June with his fiancée, Nancy Jennings of Medford. They will be married in the fall, after Rick's parents, the Sterling Pattersons, return from their trip to Europe.

Picture Night

Miscellaneous trip pictures will be on the Picture Night program at Friendly House, 8 p.m. Monday, July 6. Ken Lodewick has some Centennial shots, too.

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