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## 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

REMEMBER the 1959 ANNUAL MEETING Friday, October 9, at the Eugene Garden Club House, 1645 High St. Dues Paying and Voting start at 6 P.M. and Potluck Dinner at 6:45. Business Meeting and Committee Reports follow. Let's get our records up to date, and get ready for another grand year of hiking and climbing. Bring your ideas and suggestions.

### NORTH SISTER CLIMBED AGAIN IN LATE AUGUST

On August 29-30 the rugged North Sister had six more names to its credit.....with Sterling Behnke as leader and Jim Sims as assistant. The small party left Camp Scott at 5 A.M. and found the snow gone below the pinnacle, and ice there instead. However the party passed below the ice and gained the summit just before the fog rolled in. The trip through the fog was mighty cold until the glacier was reached. This late climb enables the Chiefs and Princesses to count one more each. Those on the climb: Natalie Morgan, Dr. Larry Hilt, Stanley Hasek and his son, Norman, Jim Sims and Sterling Behnke.

### SCOUTS "CHARTER" RECEIVED

At the Regular Board meeting July 23rd, 1959, three of the "Advanced Scout" committee were guests, Lloyd Armes, Ed Free and Jim Rear, who presented our President Jim Jeppesen with the "Charter" of the Boy Scout Troop that the Obsidians sponsor. It is hoped that a clubhouse will rise this year to house such treasures. Also at this meeting, Tom Taylor named Ray Cavagnaro, Hollis Oxley and Bailey Castellloe to work with him on the Building Committee. Tom also hopes the Board will appoint another committee to have charge of the clubhouse when built.

### NOVICES CLIMB MIDDLE SISTER

A party of 12 mountain climbers reached the top of the Middle Sister Sunday July 19th in 5½ hours from Sunshine Shelter. The weather and climbing conditions were perfect. This was the annual official Obsidian climb of the Middle Sister led by Doris Sims who took the party via the Renfro Glacier route and thence to a snow field leading to the pinnacle from the North. The party had to ascend the steep snowfield with rope belays and ice steps and the leader was assisted by her son Jim Sims, and Frank Jones. Three of the party were from the East to enjoy the Centennial events while visiting at the home of Dr. Hessel, this being an excellent way to see much of Oregon in a short time. Besides the leader and assistants the party members were: Dr. Raymond Mikesell, George Gols, Mark Tool, Alice Robinson, Dr. Larry Hilt, Bob Nicholson, Dr. Julius Hessel, and two 10 year old boys, Rink Smith and Logan Robinson.

"Bide a wee!"

My slides are gone, our Louie cried,  
The loss of them his patience tried,  
He searched and searched; he placed an ad,  
No slides came home; tough luck, Egad!  
To Portland fair, they took a trip,  
From his work pants the slides did flip.

Now if by some strange circumstance  
You roll your slides up in your pants,  
Bide your time, nor worry nor fret,  
They'll show up in time, we want to bet.  
These elusive pictures, we wish to see,  
And for this we are willing to

"Bide a wee!"

By Gerry Fehly

### FIRST NORTH SISTER CLIMB, JULY 19

Lloyd Plaisted was the North Sister leader of this scheduled climb with 9 climbers registering in the summit book. The steep snowfield below the pinnacle was "huge" this early in the year and the party spent three hours crossing this four hundred foot stretch. Those in the party were Durward Boyles, assistant leader, Gale Jones, Loy Lonberg, Pat Callis, John Dotson, Lorena Shinn, Doris Shinn and Marriner Orum.

THE OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jim Jeppesen	DI 5-3028
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Board Members: The above and Karl Onthank Mike Stahl, Ray Cavagnaro, Lorena Shinn, Ray Sims and Mildred Ball.  
 This Bulletin was edited by Bob M., Gerry F., Mary C., and Ray S.

PICTURE NIGHT, MONDAY, SEPT. 28

Our Obsidian Picture Night at Friendly House has been changed to the fourth Monday of each month, beginning September 28. The pictures will be a final round-up of all Camp Jeppesen activities, and summer trips.

PHIL BROGAN'S GEOLOGY TRIP

Twenty three in six cars met Phil Brogan in Bend and traveled south to Lava Cave, and also drove up Lava Butte to the lookout, visited Fort Rock, Silver Lake and Summer Lake. One car stayed in Lakeview but the others spent the night at the Elk's Club Forest Camp in the mountains outside Lakeview. Next morning, July 19th, all six cars headed up Warner Valley. Soon at Crump Lake, a geyser had come in on July 1st and was shooting steadily 224 degree water 60 feet in the air. On to Adel and Plush, and 31 miles more to where the lightning had started a grassland fire which had burned over 20,000 acres. On to Wagontire and the Burns Highway to Bend. By the time Eugene was reached the car registered 666 miles traveled in the two days. Those on trip: Adeline Adams, Leader, Phil and Mrs. Brogan, Margaret Markley, Mike Forrester, Miss Wood, Ray Sims, Hollis Oxley, Anne Laerman, Karen Hudson, Alice Olmstead, Les and May Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley and their three children.

CONSERVATION NOTE

President Jim Jeppesen read a letter from the Mazamas at a recent Board of Directors meeting, stating that they favored the Forest Service's stand on the boundaries of Glacier Park. This is contrary to the stand of the Obsidian Conservation Committee and many others on this very vital subject.

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We like to mention how continuously satisfying is our present Bulletin Board location at Gilbert's, 49 E. Broadway. We extend our appreciation to Sterling Behnke for welcoming us and making it so convenient. The board is neat and attractive.

TRAILINGS

Ray Sims decided that driving a Volkswagen besides his own, 200,000 miles was enough - so changed to a heating oil office on the west side of town - Phone 5-4033. President Jim Jeppesen was honor guest at the President's "Tea" with Queen Anna at his side, at Summer Camp, Tues., August 11.

LEADERS OF TRIPS--PLEASE GET YOUR REPORTS IN SO RAY CAVAGNARO CAN AUDIT THE BOOKS.

A week or two after Summer Camp, 3 girls - Lorena and Doris Shinn and Mildred Ball took a delightful hike down the Pacific Crest Trail from the McKenzie summit to the Willamette summit. At Elk Lake they saw a large flock of ducks - mallards with pretty green head feathers. Wayne Ruse, Dorothy's brother, was visited at the Horse Lake Guard Station.

Found: a plastic serving fork left at the last potluck - call Myrtie Hamlin. Speaking of Potlucks . . . a large crowd enjoyed our last summer picnic at Bob and Mary Medill's in August. Bernie Lehrman has flown to Scotland for two years of exchange teaching. Frances Newsom will soon return from her 3 months tour of Europe.

New Arrivals

Obsidians wish to extend congratulations to: President Jim and Clarice Jeppesen, a son - James Henry Jeppesen, III, born August 24; Ray and Betty Harris, a daughter, August 30; Dale and June Carlson, a daughter, August 30; and Bruce and Joyce Johnson, a daughter, June 27 (Debra Lynn).

PRINCESS NOTES

July - the group was delightfully entertained by Blanche Bailey at her home in Salem. The back yard was a very pleasant place to meet and discuss current Princess activities. Part of the group went shopping at Meier & Franks in the afternoon, meeting the others for dinner there.

August - Florence Fulton entertained the left-in-town Princesses at a potluck at her home. Discussion of new officers.

September - A very important meeting was held at Myrtie Hamlin's, starting with a delightful dessert at 7:30. Election of new officers was held and plans were made for Fall Initiation - which will be held in October. Helen Kilpatrick has invited the group for November meeting.

MT. RAINIER  
1959 Summer Outing

The 1959 Obsidian Summer Outing in Yakima Park, at Mt. Rainier, was a grand success in all respects.

The large attendance of forty three for the first week, and thirty for the second and four or five at the middle weekend, insured the committee of a successful camp.

Camp "Jeppesen" was set up by the committee and several helpers on July 31st - and August 1st and 2nd. On Monday 35 hikers left on the trail past Frozen Lake and down into the beautiful Berkley Park, the site of the 1932 outing.

Many trips were taken the first week, to the four mountains on the long trail above Sunrise Ridge, to Grand Park, over the two Burroughs Mts. Fishermen and women went to the many lakes past Sunrise Point, Summerland, Shadow Lake, where only the Bears are allowed to fish. And many other trips were made. While the bear "Archie" is in mind will mention that he was entirely too partial to the better food in Yakima Park and also he was too rough, having no regard for automobiles (or anything with food in it). So his great weight came to an end early in the first week. He weighed 600 pounds.

Some had to return home but in their place others came for the second week.... Trips were made to many of the same places; however a new one was made - 11 scaled Skyscraper Mt. and had the pleasure of seeing seven mountain goats cavorting down on the cliffs and snowfields below.

A motor trip each week was made to Paradise over the scenic new Stevens Highway. Campfires and nightly trips down to the Rangers' Headquarters at Sunrise were other diversions to round out each delightful day. And the word "delightful" also describes the fine meals that Selma and Ruth prepared for us, and how we could eat in that pure mountain air!

As the cars - both large and small were right in camp, trips were also taken to such places as Ohanapecosh, Enumclaw, Yakima, Longmire, besides regular trips.

It would not be right not to mention that it rains only on Tuesdays at Mt. Rainier.

Picture takers were all over Mt. Rainier "in their glory" trying to capture part of the 700 varieties to be found in the Park.

The camp newspaper with Gerry and Myrtle doing the clever drawings was noticed by some who do not attend camp regularly and if the camp hadn't ended when it did there might have been more than twenty verses to the camp song. Camp broke up a day early - all coming home Saturday, August 15.

Those in camp: The Committee - Mike Stahl, Chairman, Louie Waldorf, and Donn Chase; Selma Vangsnes and Ruth Peterson did the cooking.

Others: Dorothy Stahl, Donnie Stahl, Roxie Waldorf, Lorena Shinn, Doris Shinn, Sandra Chase, Robert Medill, Mary Medill, Mae Beaman, Art Johnson, Lillian Johnson, Mac McWilliams, Nellie McWilliams, Merle Bailey, Blanche Bailey, Bernice Lehrman, Margaret Hines, Helene Price, Everett Ow, Paul Weiser, Helen Weiser, Fran, Jan and Jim Freedenburg, Les Cooper, May Cooper, Walt Gossler, Veda Gossler, Mike and Alson Spores and their mother Mrs. Spores, Bob Northrop, Marriner, Carolyn and Christopher Orum, Boyd Morgan, Natalie Morgan, Mary Castelloe, Anna Jeppesen, Jim Jeppesen, Clarence, Dorothy and Nancy Scherer, Larry Hilt, Jane Hilt, Bette Hack, Myrtle Smith, Henry Carlson, Lloyd Plaisted, Kay Fahy, Vena Amort, Caribel Porter, Gerry Fehly, and Ray Sims. Ernie and Arlene Keasling and Allan Reid also visited camp.

#### BLACK CRATER, AUGUST 30

The most scenery for the least effort is the way to describe the trip up to the top of Black Crater. This trip, made on August 30th, was led by Mac McWilliams. Those following Mac to the top were Nellie - Mac's wife - who went along to see that Mac came back, J. E. Bell, Merine Bell, Cindy and Wayne Bell, Ann Gilmore, Keith Brunig, Dorothy Towler, Catherine Dunlop, Lloyd Plaisted, Bob Medill, May Holland, Helen Hughes, Ray Sims, Kay Fahy, Thelma Watson, Frances and Jan Freedenburg, Paul and Helen Weiser, Forest White, Monty Fisher, Bill Root and Lois Mills. The hikers found that the old lookout house is entirely gone from the top. The North Sister was shrouded in fog, so no one was able to flash the climbers. There was a cold wind on top, but everyone enjoyed the trip immensely.

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Those who say that you can't take it with you have never seen Jim Jeppesen pack into the mountains for a two or three day trip.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to membership: Eleanor Woods, Blue River, Ore.; Stanley Hasek, P. O. Box 452, Springfield; Frances Freedenburg and her son Jim and daughter Janice, all of 1584 Escalante, Eugene; Forest White, 245 Irving Road, Eugene.

JIM STOVALL'S TRIP

We are all looking forward to next Sunday when Jim will guide us starting from City Park at 7 A.M. on a geology jaunt. First stop is just beyond Cres-Dell to explore a cinder cone that has been cut in half by the State Highway Dept. where we will find volcanic bombs and other things of interest. Then on to Crater Lake - such a trip with Jim will be exceptionally interesting. Meet at City Park, prepared to leave at 7 A. M. sharp, Sunday, Sept. 27. Get your name on the list NOW - at Gilbert's Shoe Store, 49 E. Broadway.

OH, WELL!

Bailey came home and asked Mary, "Have you heard the story about the dirty windows in Medill's house?" "No" she replied. "Well" he said, "You couldn't see through it anyway." Mary later asked Nellie if she had heard the story about the windows at Medill's that you couldn't see thru. "No", said Nellie. "Oh,Well," said Mary, "'It's" too dirty to tell anyway."

TRAILINGS

Well, the Oregon Centennial is now a thing of the past. How about getting busy with our club house. Maybe a poison oak exterminating party would be in order, to begin with. This would be a good job to turn over to Florence Sims, How about it Florence? Want to organize?

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A 90 minute Alaskan Wildlife Hunting Color Movie will be shown at South Eugene High School Auditorium, September 28 at 8 p.m., sponsored by Eugene Jaycees. Price: Adults \$1.25 - Children 75¢. Don Hobart, noted wildlife photographer, presents it.

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Last minute note: We would like to include in the reports of new arrivals - the daughter born to Hollis and Priscilla Oxley, April 9, named Lucinda Denise. The name of the Harris's new daughter is Karol Sue, and Carlson's, Cindy.

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TRIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

- Sept. 27 - JIM STOVALL'S TRIP to explore Cinder Cones and Crater Lake.
- Oct.. 3 - SCOTT MOUNTAIN(Saturday)
- Oct. 4 - SKYLINE TRAIL(Sunday)-Loop via Collier Glacier.
- Oct. 11 - ERMA BELL LAKES
- Oct. 17 - A CHANGE HAS BEEN MADE IN THE SCHEDULE FOR OCT. 17 & 18. THOSE WHO WANT TO GO TO BLAIR LAKE ON SATURDAY WILL HAVE TO GO ON SUNDAY. LIKewise, THOSE WHO WANT TO GO TO HUCKLEBERRY MT. ON SUNDAY MUST GO ON SATURDAY. THOSE WHO WANTED TO GO ON SATURDAY WILL BE LED UP HUCKLEBERRY MT., AND THOSE WHO ARE GOING OUT ON SUNDAY WILL BE TAKEN TO BLAIR LAKE.
- Oct. 18 - BLAIR LANE(Sunday)
- Oct. 25 - HORSE PASTURE(Sunday)

CLIMB OF SOUTH, AUGUST 29-30

Another regular Obsidian Climb of the beautiful South Sister was made over the weekend of August 29 & 30. Lorena Shinn was leader, from Green Lakes. Most of the snow was melted and the route the climbers made around the mud lake of Lewis Glacier took them lower on the red ridge which leads to the crater at the summit. Lake was open and very blue on top, for picture taking. Those on the climb - Lorena and Doris Shinn, Cecil Roberts, Bob Nicholson, Paul S. Kuhns, Hollis Oxley, Margaret Wiese, Dave Dahl, Chuck Sweitzer and Stan Garber.

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Bob Medill was at the top of his ladder painting his house, when he noticed his neighbor out washing his windows, "You're lucky to have two weeks vacation - I've got THREE!"



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