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TRIPS

The following trips have been lined up by the Trips Committee who will meet later this month to work out the schedule for the remainder of the year.

- FEB. 21 - Spencer Butte
- FEB. 27 - (Sat.) Ski & Snowshoe to Bohemia Mines via Sharpes Creek
- FEB. 28 - Ski Trip up the McKenzie
- MAR. 6 - Portland Zoo - There is a Museum of Science & Industry next door for you if you don't care about the zoo. If enough interest is shown this could be a bus trip so why not call Gene Renard and let him know now - Phone DI 3-1962
- MAR. 13 - Lookout Point - Power House & Lowell Butte
- MAR. 20 - Mt. Pisgah
- MAR. 27 - Bridge Creek - Up the Willamette - Nice Waterfall & Prospector's cabin by a hidden trail.

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

The monthly Obsidian Board meeting was held at the brand new home of Tom and Janet Taylor, 3635 Donald St., February 4. Those present: Gerry Fehly, Ray Cavagnaro, Anna Jeppesen, Jim Jeppesen, Lorena Shinn, Ray Sims, Gene Renard, Mike Stahl, and Tom and Janet.

Gerry read the previous month's minutes, which were approved; Ray Cavagnaro gave a short treasurer's report.

Lorena reported that Jim Rear has been appointed chairman of the advanced Scout troop, whom we sponsor, so a representative from the club will be handled by Mike McCloskey and Mike Stahl.

Anna reported a very small crowd out at the last potluck at the Water Board basement, but the style show was of great interest, so was too bad more had not attended. Next potluck to be Saturday, February 20, and will be in charge of the Princesses.

In the absence of Kay Fahy, Ray Cavagnaro reported for her, turning in \$126.00 in dues. Gene Renard reported that two trips recently made, Jasper Hills & Cliffs on January 10 and the overnight ski trip

to the Gold Lake shelter, but the Noti Lookout Trip was not taken.

Jim Jeppesen reported meeting with his committee and that at least two climbing sessions inside and two outside this Spring, were planned. Probably two out-of-state climbs will be scheduled and six or eight every other week in Oregon.

Ray Sims reported on the meeting of the Recreation Commission of the city, mostly taken up with the budget; however it has been learned that "Horse Posse's" will be barred from the Three Sister trails... because of the flagrant use of the new Green Lake Trail in 1958.

Mike Stahl presented three drawings of the proposed Obsidian lodge and a long discussion prevailed.

Donn Chase arrived late as an exam had held him up but had several ideas for summer camp, which will be in Jefferson Park August 7 to 21, 1960. Selma has been engaged to again cook for us. Donn plans another meeting February 10th.

As discussion came back to the lodge... the board passed a resolution to give the building committee, composed of Gene Renard, Chairman, Bailey Castelleo, Mike Stahl, Ray Cavagnaro, and Lloyd Plaisted, authority to build a clubhouse with frequent reports to the Board and membership - with three points to definitely report to the board - in selecting an architect - programming - and opening the bids.

Tom Taylor gave nine points which he considered the important things to do at present: 1. Building Committee to have the power of the club; 2. Hire an architect as a designer; 3. Survey - corners - topog.; 4. Series of conferences between Committee and architect controlled by the Committee; 5. Plans - comm. & architect; 6. Bids - comm. accepts bids; 7. Contractor - comm. & arch.; 8. Monthly payment; 9. Final - acceptance and payment.

Board adjourned - March 3 - meet at Donn Chase home - 2590 Lincoln.

PIC NIGHT FEBRUARY 22

The next OBSIDIAN PICTURE NIGHT at Friendly House, Glen Sims will show old time 8mm movies from about 1938 forward. Bob Lemon - and other old-timers - come out and see yourself when you were young.

A VISIT TO THE MAZAMAS

With a light snow falling after the evening meal, I left busy downtown Portland on Wednesday evening January 13th for the Mazama club rooms, 19th & Kearney N.W. On entering, I proceeded upstairs where I was introduced to the entertainment committee - meeting at a long table in the front of the long hall. I met Mrs. Jeanette Carlsted, Chairman, Annis Jones, Fran & Don Beckham, Jean Morrison, Mary Ellen Carson, Fred Hoerner, Vivian Stender & John Neal. They were planning two and three months ahead for their Wednesday night meetings. I also met Don Onthank and Al Combs.

It was a pleasure to meet with them and on such a night to see the beautiful slides of Dave Bohn, who narrated both sets of pictures - THE JUNEAU ICE FIELDS and the CLIMBING OF MT. LOGAN, 19,850 ft. elevation. At the beginning of the Juneau Ice Fields was a picture of my friend Dr. Larry Nielsen of Massachusetts, who visited our camp in Jefferson Park in 1946. He accompanied Dave and a party of five on this six weeks of seeing nothing but ice. One picture that thrilled us all was a ten mile stretch of glacier - with a black line down the center - and level ice on one side but the ICE in WAVES fifteen feet high (called Ogives) on the other side. Their whole expedition was a thrilling experience.

Mr. Logan is the largest single mountain mass on earth, and lies 21 miles north and west of the Alaska-Yukon international boundary. Dave Bohn said "At 5:00 PM June 23rd, 1959, Bill Hackett and Smoke Blanchard had no higher to go as they stood atop Mt. Logan's Central Summit at 19,850 feet.

Beautiful scenery, camps at 12,000 feet on King Glacier - 15,200 was camp 2 - at 16,000 camp 3 and Mt. St. Elias, - Magnificent and so quiet and alone up here" he said. Camp 4 at 17,000 and on June 21st on Logan Plateau camp 5 at 18,000 - this plateau runs roughly seventeen miles east and west. 15 degrees below zero.

Camp 6 at 18,600 was the highest camp ever on the North American Continent - Clarence LeBell, Dick Kauffman and Dave Bohn made the West Peak at 19,750 - thus five of the seven man party returned to Camp 3. It was July 2nd when the plane came for all. Major William D. Hackett, leader, almost owns Mt. McKinley, with five ascents of this our tallest North American peak.

Coffee and cookies - then outside an inch of snow made for a slow quiet drive back to town.

RAY SIMS

FRIENDLY HOUSE
Glen is also going to show the Eastern part of our country at Friendly House on Sunday, February 14th. And then Frances Newsom will show the rest of her pictures on Europe the next Sunday. Watch the R.G.

T R A I L I N G S

With Portland's foot of snow ... and the schools closed - I called Ruth Hopson - she was not for driving off her steep hill either. Said to say hel-lo to the Obsidians. Ruth had spent part of December in Chicago as President-elect of the American Nature Study Society. R.

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At Christmas time - I received a card and letter from Dr. and Mrs. Larry Nielsen of Massachusetts, and Larry had achieved his greatest adventure to Alaska -- retracing for the first time since 1900 the route of more than 4000 prospectors of the gold rush of 1898 over the Valdsz & Klutina Glaciers. Stoves, Shoes, oil stoves, . . . tents, etc. were melting out of the ice along the route. R.

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A contour map of Mt. Hood has recently been received along with the Mazama annual which may be used by anyone in the club. It will be filed with the Library Comm.

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Gene Renard made a trip over to the Sand Dunes area Feb. 10th, acting as guide for Mr. J.F. Carrithers, Western Editor of the National Wild Lands News.

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Pay up your dues. No paid up member has ever gone to jail or the pen. We just see to it that you won't.

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Bob and Mary Medill have been traveling down in California and up in Seattle..... They are at home for the present.

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Gene Sebring and family are home after visiting down Los Angeles way.

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Dennie Koupal, Lt. Jr. Grade, Navy, has been in the Navy Electronics Lab. Present whereabouts are not known as this is the transition period but his home address is 3820 Ingraham St. San Diego 9, California.

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The last potluck and dress parade in Jan. were well enjoyed by all who came. Those taking part in the parade were: Anna J., Olga M., Bailey & Mary, Ray S., Mary & Bob M., and Catherine D. Henry Jeppesen showed movies of past Obsidian trips that were extra interesting. Next Potluck on Feb. 20 - entertainment by the Princesses - so come prepared for anything!

OLD BALDY

The party was not very large but the day was perfect for a nice trip up Baldy. 9 of us left the City Park at one and had a pleasant afternoon. Frank Sipe was the congenial leader, on February 7.

PRINCESSES ANNOUNCE
"INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK"

The Princesses have named the February Club Party - "International Potluck" - with emphasis on foreign dishes ... as exotic as you can dream up! Use those recipes inherited from your ancestors who came from other countries, and cook up something with a foreign accent. Write out the name of your dish on a piece of paper to be placed with it on the serving table. If you find yourself devoid of ideas for a new dish - just bring your old favorite and give it a fancy foreign name.

Also - you are asked to bring 10 of your colored slides taken on Obsidian trips of scenes which the audience must guess the location - so pick out the ones that will be hardest to guess because Obsidians will be hard to stump at this! They may be scenes from years ago if you like. (Limit 10 per person).

Some other events are being planned - see you all February 20th!

JASPER HILLS JANUARY 10

Five left at 11:30 on January 10th for the hills and cliffs above Jasper. A Nice Sunny Day and a good view of the river and surrounding country. Donn Chase was the leader, with George Mangas, Catherine Dunlop, Bob Ashworth and Lorena Shinn in the party,

SKI TO GOLD LAKE

The Obsidians must want more snow to pile up as a very small party turned out to make the overnight at the Gold Lake Shelter, but they were joined by a young trapper from Eugene, and spent the evening talking before the warm fire. On Sunday they had excellent snow and skied to the little lake just before Betty Lake.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEETS FEB. 13

Jim Kezer will speak on Saturday, Feb. 13 in Room 123 Science on "Exploring the World of Life Right Around Home", 8 P.M. Kodachrome slides and films prepared by the U.O. Biology Dept. will be shown. The photography was done by Willis Kiethley.

T R A I L I N G S

In Crook County numerous deposits of agate and thundereggs have been found of good quality. In 1954 the Prineville - Crook County Chamber of Commerce filed mining claims on 8 claims where these were found in the greatest numbers and opened these claims up to the public. Each year bulldozers tear the ground up making new diggings for the public to dig in. Do any of our members know anything more about these two places? Bob Medill has directions as to where they are.

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Earl Britton has won a new house. 13 miles northwest of Phoenix a new community has been started for residents of 50 years of age or older. To give the place a name a contest was held with the person whose submitted name was accepted to get a new home. The winning name was SunCity and ... got Earl a new \$9800 house.

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Mae Beaman has just had her home in Albany done over inside and out. It sure looks nice and Mae sure likes to have visitors. When passing thru Albany and not in a hurry call on Mae. You will be sure of a real warm welcome.

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A big event is going to occur in the town of Albany in the near future. Won't tell you what it will be but watch for it in Bulletin.

DR. GULLION

Obsidians were saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Omar Gullion, of California. His membership was one of the most active and devoted on record; he took an active part in all phases of hiking, climbing and skiing, being one of the originators of the Willamette Ski Area as early as 1942. He was President of the club in 1941 and since there was no official camp that year, he organized a volunteer group with base camp at Sunshine Shelter. A few of the things he promoted were: weekly folk dances, Obsidian song-books, Obsidian Bulletin, and improvement of the Obsidian cabin with work trips and overnight parties. And in every way he gave generously of his time and effort to show his love for the club. After leaving Eugene he sent several contributions, with continuing devotion to the club's welfare. Dr. Gullion was an Honorary member of the club.

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I wonder if it would be considered out of place to include in each issue of our paper a short item of some little known point of geological interest within our own state. It would probably be appropriate that the first article deal with Obsidian from where we took our name. Most books dealing with earth sciences and geology mention only Yellowstone Park and California as being places where obsidian is found. This mineral is comparatively rare on the world as a whole and some of the greatest deposits are found in our state and also of the greatest varieties. Our own obsidian cliffs on the western slopes of the Three Sisters puts the Yellowstone cliffs in the shade. The largest flow on the North American continent is the Newberry flow in Newberry Crater. The flow poured north for over a mile then the vent sealed itself with a plug of solid glass over 150 feet high. A good view of this can be obtained from Paulina Peak. Between Bend and Burns is Glass Butte where many different colors of the glass is found. Obsidian is a glass lava that hardened before its crystals and grains formed. There are numerous deposits over the state and Oregon can be truly called the Obsidian State. B.

OUR SYMPATHY TO GERRY

The club wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to Gerry Fehly, club secretary, in the recent loss of her mother, Mrs. Lottie Evatt. Many of the Obsidians knew her personally and will miss her very much.

PRINCESSES

The Princesses met in January at the home of Thelma Watson; they discussed the forthcoming club party which they are arranging entertainment for, and many ideas were presented. Margaret Markley's colored slides of her hiking trip through the Olympics last summer, were very much enjoyed.

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 LET'S HAVE ANOTHER GOOD BUS TRIP TO SEE THE PORTLAND ZOO - ON MARCH 6. Call Gene Renard right away if interested -3-1962.
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OBSIDIAN CONSERVATION NEWS

The Board has instructed the Conservation Committee to prepare recommendations for its consideration on the water of the Upper Willamette and the Deschutes, for presentation to the Oregon Water Resources Board at preliminary hearings on water programs for these basins to be held soon. The committee will cooperate with other outdoor groups working on the same problem. This is our chance to be heard before basin programs are worked out, on such topics as the main-stem McKenzie, Horse Creek, Separation Creek and Waldo Lake. Suggestions and information from Obsidians will be welcomed by the Committee. It also authorized the support of a bill to speed research on getting fish past dams.

The recent article by Obsidian David Simons, in the October Sierra Club bulletin - "These are the Shining Mountains" setting the superb qualities of our Oregon Cascades, and particularly the section between Mt. Jefferson and Diamond Peak, and suggesting that the area be studied by competent authority for possible inclusion in the National Park System was discussed; reprints will be available for all.

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (which Obsidians helped to found) serves member clubs in many ways including representing them in conservation matters. To be effective it needs the membership of individuals as well as that of the clubs. Sent \$2.00 (\$3.00 married couples) to Crystal Karstens, 23240 Glendora Drive, Colton, California. And support our FWOC -- the bulletin alone is worth the price.

"Living Wilderness", the journal of the Wilderness Society is another must - last summer it contained the beautifully illustrated article by Margaret Oberteuffer, "A North Cascades Wilderness Trek" with her husband Bill and two others - AND we were so privileged to see Bill's beautiful slides a few weeks ago at the NHS meeting - Send \$3.00 to Wilderness Society, 2144 P Street N.W., Washington, D.C. It's a bargain. Karl Onthank

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