



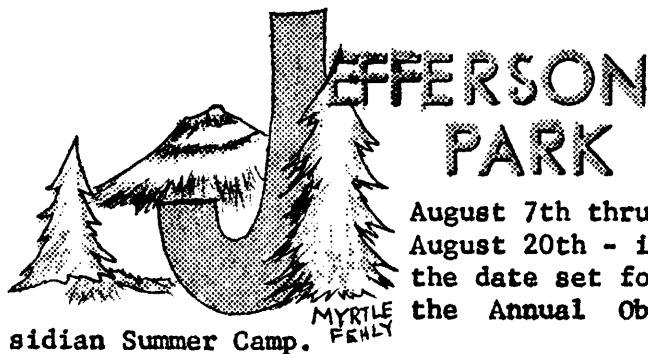
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Obsidian Summer Camp.

August 7th thru
August 20th - is
the date set for
the Annual Ob-

This historic spot has been the scene of 3 Summer Camps, and numerous week-end events with the objective of a climb of Mt. Jefferson. This 10,500 mountain is a favorite of good climbers.

This delightful spot in the Santiam National Forest provides a wonderful variety of hikes. An abundance of lakes -- well stocked with fish is in the area.

Mt. Jefferson, midway between the north and south boundaries of Oregon was named by Capt. Clark of the Lewis & Clark expedition after President Jefferson. The first climb of the mountain was recorded in July 1897.

The mountain has five glaciers, the Whitewater Glacier being the largest in Oregon. Many parks and many lakes surround the mountain, and most of these will be visited by the campers.

This will be a pack trip, and complete arrangements will be made for you by the committee. A special price has been arranged for young folks, and special events will be planned for them.

This should be a wonderful camp, right in our own Oregon back yard. Plan to attend, tell your friends and invite them along.

Ray Cavagnaro

SIGN UP

for all trips at the Obsidian Bulletin Board at Gilbert's Shoes, 49 East Broadway.

GET YOUR TICKET

and plan to attend the OBSIDIAN SPRING BANQUET - APRIL 23, 1960. More later.

BOARD NOTES

The regular monthly Obsidian Board meeting was held at Mike and Dorothy Stahl's home March 3rd at 7:30 P.M. Those present: Tom Taylor, Jim Stovall, Mike McCloskey, Gerry Fehly, Ray Harris, Kay Fahy, Gene Renard, Lorena Shinn, Jim Richardson, Ray Cavagnaro, Ray Sims and Mike and Dorothy Stahl.

Gerry read the lengthy minutes of the past month. Two bills were ordered paid, - Bob Medill, \$6 for stamps and Mishler's for February, \$20.70. The Historian was absent. Membership chairman Kay reported two new members, Michael Bray and Joseph David Fehly, \$2, and \$38 also from dues. Bob Steele and Mel Jackson also were voted into the club. Two were dropped - Durward Boyles and Bertha Deckmann.

Gene reported three successful trips, Feb. 21 with 20 climbers on Spencer Butte; 14 on the ski trip to Fairview Lookout in the Bohemia's Sat. Feb. 27; on Feb. 28, 7 were on the McKenzie ski trip to Proxy Creek Trail. The new schedule for April will be found on page 4.

Conservation - Mike McCloskey reported that early in April there would be a meeting of the Water Resources Board to make studies of the water uses in the streams of our area. Therefore he wishes club members versed in any of the areas listed (which should be preserved for Recreation, Fish & Wild Life) to contact him. The areas - McKenzie River from mouth to Leaburg Dam, Mohawk River, McKenzie from Leaburg Dam to Lane Co. line, Blue River, Quartz Creek, South Fork, Horse Creek, Willamette River from Lookout Point Dam to source, Fall Creek, North Fork, Salmon Creek, Salt Creek, Gold Lake, Waldo Lake basin, Mink Lake basin, and Scott Lake basin.

Climbing committee reported by Jim Richardson; climbing school will start with an indoor session April 6 at the Court House meeting hall, then another April 20 with outside sessions April 24, 27 & May 1. On June 25 & 26 Cove Palisades; Snow & Ice School on Collier Glacier July 9-10. The rest of the climbing schedule will be printed in the regular Obsidian schedule. The board passed a motion to allow the climbing committee to purchase a new First Aid Kit. (Continued on Page 2)

BOARD MEETING (Continued)

Ray Harris reported for the President's committee of three - they wish to have the club vote a new section into the by-laws of the Obsidian Constitution to allow "Expert Climbers" to form a committee, "outside of the present climbing committee" to give advice on climbing and to furnish leaders when needed on regularly scheduled Obsidian trips. It is hoped that this will fill the need of the many young climbers who last year went through the Obsidian climbing school, then climbed on the "tenderfoot" climb but did not follow on Obsidian climbs. Discussion followed.

Mike Stahl reported that the revised Constitution was ready for reading and so a special board meeting will be held at Lorena's - 1835 Jefferson - at 7:30 March 24.

Youth Committee - our two MIKE's reported that 9 advanced Boy Scouts, ages 14 to 17, received their Charter Feb. 18. The Official Scouters have recommended that this troop be designated as AN OUTDOOR POST. They planned to make a snow trip to Gold Lake March 5 & 6. It was suggested that the Obsidians help find a weekly meeting place - invite the boys to meetings.

Anna's entertainment report was read by Ray Cavagnaro - March 19 to be the next potluck, to be in charge of the men of the club - "the Chiefs". The last two potlucks - January's with the "Style Show", Ray C. as Master of Ceremonies, and February's put on by the Princesses - were superb. (the following names were unintentionally left out of the last bulletin - Helen Weiser took part in the dress parade - driving a "merry Oldsmobile" - and Ray C. was Master of Ceremonies).

Gene Sebring reported for the building committee - said that Tom Taylor has been retained as architect; if it had not rained an inch and a half a committee of five or six were to take tools and brush out some at the Obsidian lot, March 5.

Special board meeting March 24 at Lorena's and the next monthly board meeting at the home of Anna & Henry Jeppesen - 2342 Alder, April 7.

MARCH SCHEDULE

March 20 - Mt. Pisgah.

March 27 - Bridge Creek up the Willamette nice waterfall and prospector's cabin by a hidden trail.

SEE PAGE 4 FOR APRIL TRIP SCHEDULE

TRAILINGS

1st Lt. Jim Newsom was married in Munich last Jan. 17; he and his bride, Nancy Lou Gerda, of New Jersey, will visit in Eugene sometime in April or June, and then Jim will attend the U. of Ill. to study for his Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering. His address: H & H Co., 3rd Eng., Btn., APO 29, N.Y., N.Y. Obsidians should attend the Condon Lectures at the U. of O., March 29 & 31, by Robert P. Sharp of CIT, on GLACIERS, entitled: "Stream of Ice" and "The Dynamic Blue Glacier of Mt. Olympus" Dorothy Ruse will soon be leaving Eugene for Wash., D.C., where she will be working for the Dept. of Interior, with the future prospect of going abroad. Richard James Pittman, son of Mrs. Sterling Patterson, was married November 27 to Miss Nancy Jennings of Medford. "Rick" was a member of Obsidians while living here and attend the U.O. Later he went to Ashland College of Educ. and it was here he met Nancy. They are at home in Daly City, Calif., where the bride is teaching and Rick is claims representative for the Coast Div. of Bethlehem Steel Co. If you know of a former Obsidian who would like to get the bulletin, the cost is \$1.50 per year, as decided by the board of Directors in 1952. Ray Harris has just returned home from two weeks aboard the USS Bryce Canyon, a destroyer tender. Ray is in the Naval Reserves. Born to Lt. Dennie and Mrs. Koupal August 23, last, a son, Kenneth Richard. Dennie says he is going to be a mountain climber for sure as he is now over 20 inches tall. Hollis Oxley has taken a position in the Bay area in the Cartographic Section of the Dept. of Interior. They will be moving after graduation at the end of winter term.

PRINCESS MEETING

The Princesses were entertained by President Beverley Lindley, at her home last Feb. 15; Virginia Sebring was to have been co-hostess, but was ill with the flu. The twelve Princesses attending finished plans for the Feb. 20 potluck and discussed coming trips. Charlotte Lemon extended an invitation for the March meeting.

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The club wishes to extend its sympathy to Vera Heidenreich in the recent loss of her father, J. Oliver Root.

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Trails Club plans 1960 Outing July 16-24 in STEENS MOUNTAINS in Eastern Oregon.

"THE PADDOCK" FEB. 13 & 14

BOUILLABAISSE is delicious. And the CHEMEKETANS are the perfect hosts according to the nine Obsidians who joined the forty seven Chemeketans at the Paddock at the "stormy" coast over the weekend of Feb. 13 & 14.

Reservations were well taken care of by the "hosts" either by a bed or a fine "spot" on the floor. Henry Carlson slept in his Nash.

Blanche & Merle were two of the live-wire Chemeketans to judge the wearing of red hearts and the "games" later in the evening. But the evening meal, BOUILLABAISSE - lived up to advance notices and with French bread and all the trimmings a fine meal was put on from the recipe of Bert Crary.

With the storm of wind and rain and high waves, only short trips were made outside - then there was considerable drying afterward. Catherine had a good visit with Frances McArter and Margaret Pepper, with whom she went to Europe two years ago.

Obsidians attending: Henry Carlson, Catherine Dunlop, Margaret Markley, Mike Forrester, Mike-Dorothy-Donny-&-Peggy Stahl, Merle & Blanche Bailey....Ray Sims

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The monthly February 20th Potluck at the Water Board Building featured "Foreign" dishes of many delicious foods. Olga Mortensen made clever foreign cards for each dish. Anna and the Princesses lined up the enjoyable evening. Two stunts were put on to be guessed as to identity. One was "Clancy's Greyhound Bus" racing the train going to Glacier Natl. Park -- the other was the "watermelon feed" on the shore of the blue lake atop South Sister in 1958. Helen Kilpatrick read a poem about her "retired life". The climax was the showing of slides brought by several to guess "where and when" the slide was taken - all were on Obsidian trips. Thirty two were in attendance....Ray Sims

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The Obsidian picture night with Glen Sims' 22-year-old movies of twenty or thirty Obsidians skiing for an entire week in the Bohemia mountains at Champion mine, showed that the club did ski in those days. The snow was up to the second story windows and was pure "powder" each morning. High Prairie was another spot the club skied one winter when the road was not open above Oakridge. The feature here was open fields above the fence posts... without a tree in sight.

Then summer camps at Wallowa Mountains - "Horseshoe Lake" in 1940. The other one was Husband Lake in 1942. Also the 1938 camp in Olympic Mountains. All were good and clear.

....Ray Sims

OBSIDIAN CLUB HOUSE

We are going to have a club house. A club house is something that we have all talked about, wished for, planned for and contributed for. Some of us wanted it one place; some of us want it somewhere else. Even some of us think we should not have a club house at all. Some seem to think that the Board is taking too much into their own hands, but regardless of how we feel or think here are the facts - That the Board members have the best interests of the club at heart there can be no question. We all gave our endorsement to the Board members when they were nominated and when we voted for them. Our constitution gives the Board authority and the power to conduct all business of the club except for two items: one; to expel a member, two; to make changes in the constitution. So the Board is not acting outside of nor beyond the constitution. The Board has appointed a building committee and given it instructions to go ahead using their own judgement but with reports to be made to the Board regularly and of course, the Board retaining the right of final decision. The building committee is made up of members of our club who also have the best interests of our club at heart, and will, as far as possible, do all in their power to proceed with the interests of each and every one of us in mind. This is going to be a big and tough job for the building committee. Probably the biggest and toughest job any Obsidian committee has ever had - Restrictions, fire, parking, insurance and the countless hours and miles involved in the erection of the building, finding out how to make our dollars go the farthest. It is the duty of each and every one of us to get behind this project and make it go --- Give to our building committee all the support we can - physical preferably, but if not, then give them our moral support. We have four acres of land all paid for. We have enough money on hand, the committee thinks, to put up a building. There is one thing we certainly cannot afford and that is a "Tower of Babel" up there on that hill. So let's all get behind our building committee and give them our help. They are going to need it.....Bob Medill

NORTHWEST WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

The third biennial Northwest Wilderness Conference will be held in the Multnomah Hotel in Portland, Sat. & Sun., March 26 & 27. Theme will be wilderness administration with particular reference to such problems as the protection of wilderness from over-use - already serious in some areas and growing rapidly - pack stock vs. helicopters for wilderness transportation, wilderness protection from fire and insect pests.

Francis W. Sargent, Executive Director of the National Outdoor Recreational Resources Review Commission, is coming from Washington to speak at the Saturday evening Conference banquet on "A Progress Report from the Outdoor Recreational Resources Review Commission, Including its plans for Wilderness Studies."

Forest Service, Park Service and other "professionals" will join in panel and "free-for-all" discussion of these and other problems with speakers from the outdoor and conservation organizations and from business, industry and the public at large.

The Conference is sponsored by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, and is being put on in collaboration with outdoor groups of the Northwest, such as the Trails Club and Mazamas of Portland, Mountaineers and Olympians of Puget Sound area, Obsidians of Eugene, Oregon Horsemen's Associations, and numerous others. The Izaak Walton League and Oregon Wildlife Federation are also cooperating. Mr. Paul Gerhardt, Portland lawyer, is Conference Chairman.Karl Onthank

TRAILINGS

Due largely to contributions from Obsidians, Friendly House has its new projector. It will be at the house for picture nights and anytime others need one. Thanks to those of you who helped in this project.Joseph David Fehly arrived Feb. 17 to make his home with his Obsidian brother Mike Fehly, and sisters Patrice & Mary Sue. His parents are Ted & Thela Fehly and - grandmother, Gerry Fehly. Joseph is a new Junior member of the Obsidians....Membership List corrections: Change Carlson's phone to TW 6-3405; Jensen, Hane, should be Jensen, Jane; Change Keith Newsom's address to Stanford, Calif., not Palo Alto. Add: *Michael Bray, 2155 Monroe, 5-5377 *Joseph David Fehly, 1832 Jefferson, 4-2668 Mel Jackson, Rt. 1, Box 394, Spfd., 6-3948 *Bob Steele, 1320 River Road, 5-8862

MCKENZIE SKIING

Two carloads of skiers left the park block at 8:30 Sun. morning, Feb. 28, and drove a mile above the White Branch area on the McKenzie. Here the snow was a foot deep with new snow on the crust. Seven were in the party that stopped for lunch at the same place as last year. With brilliant sunshine, after lunch the skiers proceeded on up the winding highway until the Proxy trail was reached. Pictures were taken and an excellent ride was made with the late afternoon shadows on the roadway, down-hill to the cars. Those on the trip: Mary Castelloe, Bailey Castelloe, Anna Jeppesen, R.O. McWilliams, Kayrin Hudson, Harrick Hudson and Ray Sims.

A QUARTER CENTURY AGO

Can anyone imagine our Indian Princesses sitting around in a circle eating with chop sticks? And all dressed in Indian costumes, too. Well, according to history that's just what they did. It took place at the Wigwam of Princess Evening Star. This must have been quite a step forward in the civilizing of the Princesses since until then they had that that the only way to eat was with their fingers. This was brot about by one Mabel A. Wood having spent a year in China. Remember her?And it seems that back in those rosy days of yore the Obsidians had card parties after a dinner at the better eating places in town and also used to have lots of dances. One rollicking affair was at the Knights of Pythias Building.....And while reminiscing - what about the liar's contests we used to hold?Bob Medill

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Friendly House Nice

March 28

Crater Lake Bus

April 3