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ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

The Obsidians' Annual Spring Banquet will be held at the Congregational Church at East 23rd and Potter Sts., Saturday April 23 at 6:30 P.M. Tickets will be \$2.00 per person and can be reserved by calling Anna Jeppesen, DI 5-3434 or Ray Sims DI 4-9546. Reservations MUST be made by April 17th.

The "theme" for this year's banquet will be our Town Lodge - to be built at 29th and Spring Blvd. Tentative plans are in progress for the program and will be worked out at the potluck on April 16th at 6:30 P.M. at the Water Board Bldg. All should attend this potluck---especially the Committee Chairmen from all committees to work out their part. Please remember these two dates AND COME.

APRIL BOARD MEETING

The regular Obsidian Board meeting was held April 7th, 1960, at the home of Anna and Henry Jeppesen.

Those present: Tom Taylor, Gerry Fehly, Frances Freedenburg, Kay Fahy, Lorena Shinn, Mike Stahl, Ray Cavagnaro, Jim Jeppesen, Donn Chase, Anna Jeppesen, Ray Sims, Gene Renard and Karl Onthank. Gerry read the minutes of the regular meeting in March and also the special meeting on March 24th.

Tom read the bills of the month, the Greyhound bus to Crater Lake, \$182.11, Mishler's, \$17.00, Bob Medill for stamps, \$6.00 and Eugene Ins. Agency, \$5.00 for Treasurer's bond. These were passed by the Board to be paid.

Frances Freedenburg reported doing the usual clipping for the scrapbooks and she turned the "duplicate" summit books in so they may be on display at Obsidian functions.

Gene Renard reported the progress of the building committee, showed a recent photo by Chickering taken above the lot to help in planning. Gene read Tom's plan up to now - the floor plan - size of rooms - then there was general discussion as to the size of the building. It was decided to have the lot surveyed by regular surveyors as the board members are too busy.

Gene also reported on the trip reports up to now: Nov. 8, Oregon Dunes, 22 hikers; Castle Rock on Nov. 15 with 17; Christmas Greenery on Dec. 13 with 16; Jasper Hills on Jan. 10 with 5; Coburg Hills Feb. 7 with 8; Spencer Butte, Feb. 21 with 20; Bohemia Mt. Skiing, Feb. 27, (Sat.) with 13; McKenzie Ski Trip to Proxy Falls, Feb. 28 with 7; April 3, Crater Lake by bus, 37.

THE NEW SCHEDULE

April 16 (Sat.) Baldy - Harrick Hudson
April 23 (Sat.) SPRING BANQUET
April 24 Klickitat Mt. - Catherine Dunlop
April 30 May 1 - Susan Creek Forest Camp up North Umpqua & Steamboat Falls.
May 7 Prairie Peak - Coast (Sat.)
May 8 Silver Creek Falls
May 14-15 Coast - Bayard McConnaughey
May 22 Hendricks Bridge - Hobo Breakfast
May 28-29-30 Eastern Oregon - Phil Brogan and Ray Sims (probably to the Malheur Bird Refuge and Steens Mts.)

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Anna reported 25 at the March Potluck -- which was greatly enjoyed. Color movies of a family climbing Spencer Butte and Henry Jeppesen's movies of the trip to Canada, were shown. The potluck on April 16 is to plan in detail the program for the Spring Banquet.

Publications - Bob and Ray gathering the news - the bulletin will be out soon. Ray also reported the bus to Crater Lake was a big success as \$68.00 was made from the trip to help build the Clubhouse.

Mike Stahl said that the Search & Rescue get-to-gether will be held at the Mazama club rooms April 29, a Friday at 8:00 PM. The Spring Conference to be at Mt. Rainier June 11-12.

Karl Onthank reported for the Wilderness Conference in Portland - also attending were Jim Jeppesen, Bob Frazier, and Gene Renard. The FWOC will also have their Spring Meeting at the Mazama Lodge, April 30, 1960. Many were at the recent Water Resources Board hearing held at Harris Hall for two days. Mike McCloskey made the most outstanding report at the meeting and the Obsidian Board voted a vote

BOARD MEETING CONTINUED

of appreciation for his time and the data he has gathered in recent weeks. Others who spoke were Mozelle Hair, Frances Newsum, Bayard McConnaughey and Karl Onthank. Kay reported \$37.00 to the treasurer on dues and the Board voted \$4.00 for stamps. New members were discussed.

Outing - Donn Chase visited Sierra Club rooms while in California. He has weighed the summer camp equipment and will soon select another member of the committee. Jim Jeppesen reported the leaders meeting decided on two indoor sessions of the Climbing School at Harris Hall April 20 & 27; outdoors on April 24 & May 1. The Tenderfoot Climb will be on the South Sister July 9 & 10. Leaders for the South climb will be Bette Hack and Pat Remele. The Middle Sister climb is to be July 16 & 17 from Camp Scott. Discussion on leaders.

Next Board Meeting May 5, 8 P.M. at home of Donn Chase - 2590 Lincoln.

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Obsidian David Simons has finished his Basic in California, now writes: "Am now working in propaganda in Special Warfare at Fort Bragg. Was very fortunate to have Ned Graves show me Pt. Lobos and the Big Sur coast on leave." His address: Pvt. Ralph D. Simons, US56319903 HQ & HQ CO., 1st RB & L Bn. Fort Bragg, North Carolina

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Mary Douglas Stovall will show her beautiful flower pictures at the next Obsidian Picture Night at Friendly House -- Monday - April 25.

STOLSIG BUTTE

A new area for Obsidians and a beautiful afternoon greeted the 18 on Ken Lodewick's trip up the "freeway" beyond the Coburg Bridge and at the first overhead we followed roads and trails South toward the hills. Many wildflowers were out in the brilliant sunshine, creeks were crossed - many trees were in bloom. Finally we ascended Stolsig Butte, one of the green covered rounded hills in the area. Fernridge Lake to the west and many farms with their square fenced plowing were seen. On the trip were: Nellie McWilliams, Mac McWilliams, Catherine Dunlop, Anna Pechanec, Bob Ashworth, Rich Stanfield, Forrest White, Carolene Clark, Mary Castelloe, Bailey Castelloe, Adeline Adams, Susan

Howser, Harold Howser, Ray Sims, Helen Smith, Bob Medill, Henry Jeppesen & Ken Lodewick.

CRATER LAKE

Crater Lake's majestic jewel showed the 37 on the Greyhound bus April 3, another "mood" as again the blue water had a thin layer of ice on its surface, with intermittent open water over the entire lake. Small blobs of snow showed on the thin ice, which, when the wind blew, moved about - in our brilliant sunshine.

The first stop was at George Korn's Willamette Ski Area entrance to pick up a half dozen pair of snow-shoes. Hardly had we headed south when the strains of "Happy Birthday" rang thru the bus -- someone still has birthdays around the first of April. Breakfast was at Chemult as we had left Eugene promptly at 5 A.M. Deep snow that overshadowed the bus was encountered after reaching the entrance to the Park and at the end of the journey -- the spacious parking area at the rim -- it was nine feet deep.

The 1960 pictures will differ as did the 1948 and '49 - as we had little expected the "thin ice" but it only added to the enthusiastic visitors' pleasure -- as everyone had a camera.

Lunch was eaten at a number of places, but the usual beautiful blue jays and camp robbers were under the trees at the rim begging for food.

A number of small parties skied down the number one trail and the snowshoers had a "field day" getting to all the favorite places to take pictures.

Again the bus stopped at Chemult on the return and after heading for home, songs were sung, especially led by the "young-folks" in the party, that it so shortened the long trip that Eugene was reached by 8:30 p.m. Sunday, thanks to our good driver - Ward Henderson. The 36: Gladys Alderson, Edith Owens, Ruth Norquest, Ann M. Mornix, Dorothy Raines, Geraldine Fehly, Mary Ellen West, W.E. West, Mary and Bailey Castelloe, H.L. Pennoyer, Margaret Markley, Mike Forrester, Kay Good, Dorothy Stahl, Donnie Stahl, Carol Buford, Barbara Sprague, Patti Gruble, Henry Lowry, Virginia Lowry, Christine Lowry, Catherine Jones, Margaret Wiese, Kayrin Hudson, Ina Foss, Joyce Ruff, Modena Brown, Mrs. Iva Brown, H. H. Eichholz, Lester M. Green, Ruth Brooks, Mary & Bob Medill, Anna Jeppesen, Rientsia Braunius, Teri West and Ray Sims, leader.

WHEN 3 IS NOT A CROWD

The custom of mountaineering clubs or of any organized expedition has always held that safety only can be had with at least three people in such a party. This brings to my mind a time many years ago when three of us were skiing atop Deer Butte and one of the boys took a tumble and badly sprained his ankle. The two of us made a stretcher of his skis and our coats. We hoisted him upon our shoulders and came down that precarious zig zag trail off Deer Butte. In deep snow in the winter time, it is not difficult to make a sled of the injured party's skis and the other two can pull him to the cars. This is not an unwritten law as it has been discussed many times. Ray Sims

PLEASINGLY READING

The Oregon Daily Emerald was on the newsstands recently only for a short time because the public bought copies much faster than usual, for their stories were about these headlines - Dwight D. Eisenhower to become President of the University of Oregon in 1961. To move the farm to Creswell - and fly his helicopter back and forth to the University. Six Graduate students of U. of O. sat down and settled the Oregonian - Journal strike. Journalism Professor made great discovery, made edible food from sawdust. Castro abdicates - to go back to farming - after a short fishing trip. It was the APRIL 1 EDITION.

MARCH 19 POTLUCK

Another delightful potluck dinner was held at the Water Board Building on Saturday, March 19th.

The usual good food was on hand and the program was in charge of the Chiefs. Henry Jeppesen with his large broad paint brush and bucket of paint, sat down to sketch "a big mountain" . . . unveiling - a beautiful painting of Mt. Jefferson was shown to the audience. (He represented Cy Fulton in Jefferson Park in 1946).

Three reels of 16mm colored movies were seen, two of the reels were of a husband and wife and four small children climbing Spencer Butte, presented by Florence Murdock of the Spencer Butte Association. Henry Jeppesen showed all the reels and his last one was in beautiful color of a number of Obsidian trips as well as some fishing. 25 were in attendance. R.

YORAN LAKE - DIAMOND PEAK . . . IN WINTER On Washington's birthday weekend a three day ski trip to Yoran Lake was made, with exploration of the area between Diamond and Mt. Yoran.

Saturday the weather was fine and travelling good on the Yoran Lake trail, until midafternoon when extremely sticky snow made it advisable to wait for the lengthening of shadows. Camp was made at the open water of the outlet.

Sunday was cloudy, windy and snowing but a trip was made to the Mt. Yoran area and timberline of the north side of Diamond. While adjusting climbing skins a ski pole was knocked over, which slid down the hill and was lost in a snow avalanche. On Monday morning with clearing weather a quick trip was made back to the Mt. Yoran area where the scenery and photo possibilities were superb. This area is well worth a winter trip on skis for the scenery and a climb of Diamond appears entirely feasible by the North ridge, at least as far as the Northern peak. This ridge is broad and should be entirely safe. A rocky point a mile west and a little north of Yoran Lake makes an excellent viewpoint. Alan D. Reid

PICTURE LETTER

Receiving my March picture letter from C. EDWARD GRAVES - his theme for this month is quite familiar to Obsidians as it is the WATER OUZEL. The colored slide is beautiful green water with the Ouzel just emerged from the water as he lights on a rock with a "choice morsel" in his bill. NED quotes John Muir about this bird. "He is the mountain stream's own darling, the humming bird of blooming waters, loving rocky ripple-slopes and sheets of foam as a bee loves flowers, as a lark loves sunshine and meadows. Among all the mountain birds, none has cheered me so much in my lonely wanderings - none so unfailingly. While water sings, so must he, in heat or cold, calm or storm, ever attuning his voice in sure accord: low in the drought of summer and the drought of winter, but never silent". R.

Bob M. tells of his and Mary's experience down in L.A. - a tiny foreign car and a large van truck collided on the San Bernardino freeway and the truck lost. Only minor damage was sustained by the small car but the truck was demolished. The

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driver of the truck and his passenger were both injured but the driver of the small car and his passenger were not hurt. The accident caused over a mile traffic tie-up.

26 CLIMB PISGAH

On the beautiful afternoon of March 20th 26 were on the leisurely climb of Pisgah, the long hill beyond Goshen, with Henry Jeppesen as leader.

Soon after the climb was started, Larry Hilt was allowed to take the youngsters on ahead and arrived "first".

The beautiful blue sky allowed all to see Mt. June's snowy top as well as Diamond Peak, the Middle and South Sisters - all in white. All returned by five o'clock.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Special Board meeting was called by the President for the reading of the revised constitution. It was held at Lorena Shinn's on March 24th. Those present: Tom Taylor, Anna Jeppesen, Mozelle Hair, Jim Jeppesen, Ray Sims, Donn Chase, Gene Renard, Mike Stahl, Gerry Fehly, Ray Cavagnaro and Lorena Shinn. The President read some correspondence, and Gerry brought up the subject of new members. It was decided to enlarge Kay Fahy's membership committee to 5, so more contacts can be made.

Mike read the new amendments as each followed with their copy of the old constitution. This took considerable time, but with many discussions, a much better and up-to-date constitution will be ready for the Club to vote upon at some later date.

Tom Taylor read the special committee's report on climbing and it was decided to make a short section in the by-laws, if this will serve the purpose.

SUMMER CAMP

Does everyone remember the dates? - - - AUGUST 70- 21 - 1960 - in Beautiful JEFFERSON PARK - with its many lakes and fields of mountain wildflowers. The Prospectus will follow shortly. Plan - And Be There!

- trailings -

Steve Hadley, Junior Obsidian, appears on the "Youth Speaks" program every Sunday evening on KORE.

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TRAILINGS

A group of people gathered at the airport at 5 A.M. Mar. 30th and stood around in the rain to give Dorothy Ruse a wet good-bye. Between everyone's tears and the rain it was really wet. Dorothy is going to be very lonesome so she would be very pleased to hear from anyone who will write to her. Her address, temporarily, will be Meridian Hill Hotel, 2601, 16 NW, Washington, D. C. She will be employed in the U.S. State Dept. working for and with Ambassadors and Consulates. Sure going to seem quiet with Dorothy gone. Best of everything to you and let us know from time to time how ya doin'.

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The Bohemias were bright, clear and snow-covered, February 27. As promised, the road was plowed out to the top, but, in spite of chains, Eldon Fritz and his Jeep were appreciated. Conditions could hardly be more nearly perfect for skiing, snowshoeing or picture taking. The top of Fairview and its two towers were a fairyl-land of rime and snow. Four of the party skied the ten miles down the Champion Creek road and were met by Jeep. Making the trip were Adeline Adams, Margaret Wiese, Dorothy Towlerton, Catherine Jones, Margaret Markley, Helen Hughes, Sandy, David and Mark Tepfer, Neil Ledward, Eldon Fritz, Lon and Mary Kay Renard. Gene R.Ldr.

PRINCESSES

Charlotte Lemon was hostess to the Princesses on March 21 at her home, with Frances Newsom as assistant hostess. During the evening the group enjoyed a showing of colored slides - by Charlotte of a tour of the southwest by the Lemon family and by Helen Hughes of her trip to Alaska last summer. Florence Fulton will entertain the Princesses at her home, 1609 Charnelton, at 8 P.M., Monday, April 16.

NHS NEW OFFICERS

Margaret Markley is new President of the Natural History Society; 1st V.P. Joe Daniels; Sec., Mrs. Erdmann; Treas. Helen Hughes; and board members - Frances Newsom, Ben Pruitt, and Wayne Bailey. Next meeting May 6, Dr. B. McConnaughey speaking; next field trip May 14-15 to coast and Memorial weekend trip to Malheur Bird Refuge. * * * * *