



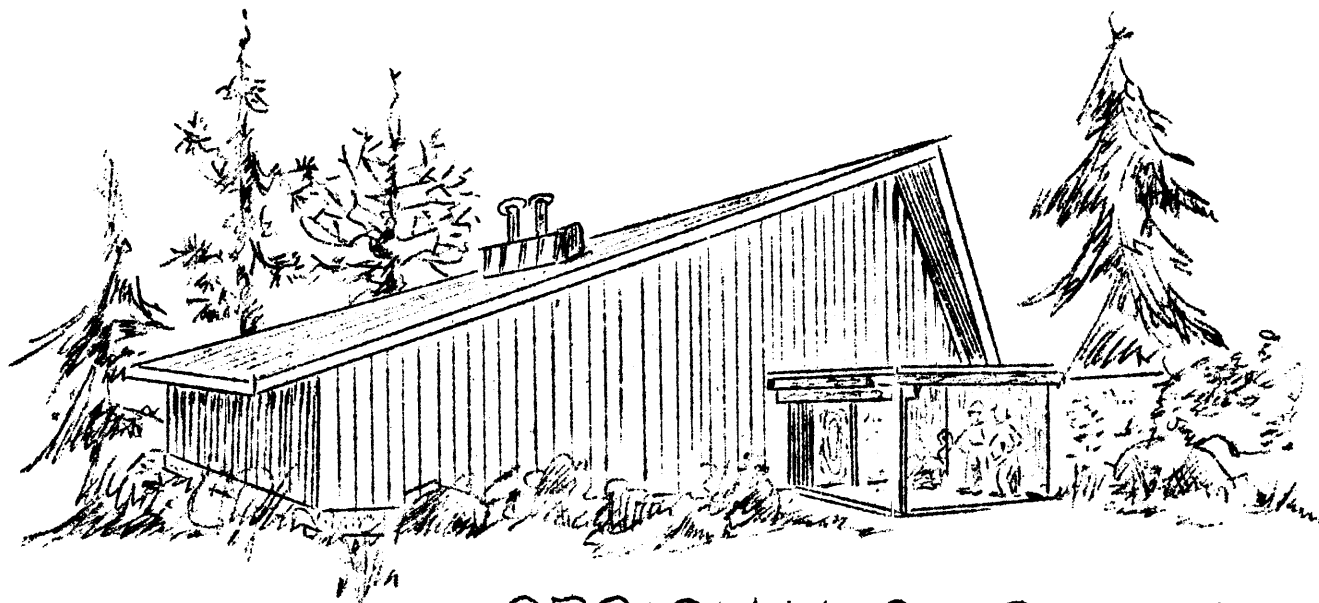
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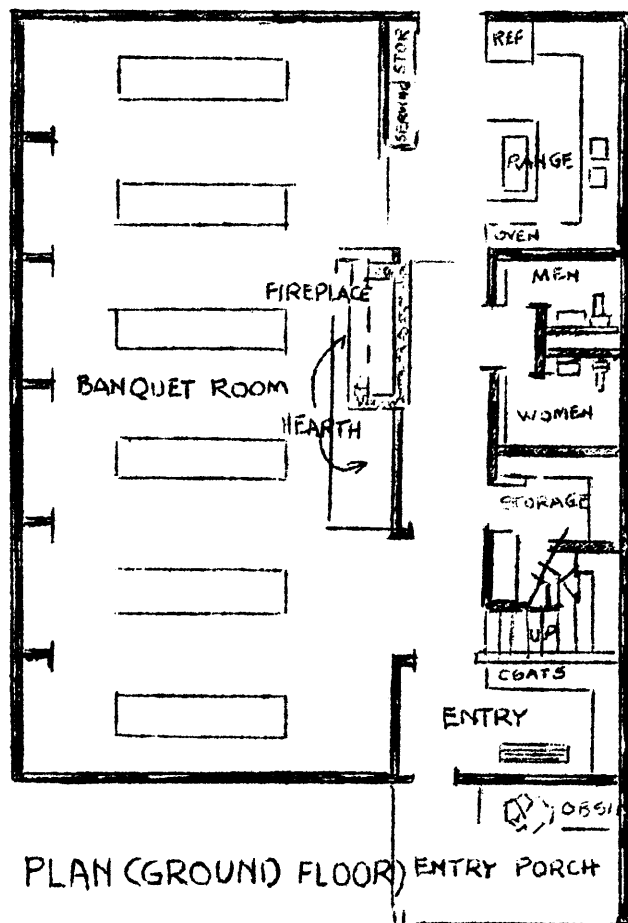
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NO. 5



## OBSIDIAN CLUB HOUSE

### OBSIDIAN LODGE



Gene Renard made this report at the May 5th Obsidian Board Meeting:

His committee recommended overall 1820 square feet (ground floor).

Banquet Room - 32 x 32, to seat 84 at dinner or 120 in chairs at a picture night - 1024 square feet.

Kitchen - 14 x 24 - 336 square feet.

Entry Vestibule - coat storage for 100 hangers - 12 x 24 - 288 square feet.

Toilet Rooms - (off entry) 6 x 8 - 48 square feet, and 6 x 10 - 60 square feet, total 108 square feet.

Equipment Storage - 8 x 8 - 64 square feet.

Board Room - (upstairs) 16 x 20 - 320 square feet. To have room for 20 persons - library - records - book case.

NOW - by eliminating both fire places (at present) the lodge will still cost more than we have - BUT - with all the pledges in and the new ones promised more recently - we hope not to make the lodge any smaller just because we don't have "quite enough" - more corners can be cut - so it's up to us all to lend our help.

## MAY BOARD MEETING

The May 5th regular Obsidian Board meeting was held at the home of Donn Chase. Those present: Gerry Fehly, Anna Jeppesen, Gene Renard, Mike Stahl, Jim Stovall, Ray Cavagnaro, Karl Onthank, Jim Jeppesen, Kay Fahy, Frances Freedenburg, Lorena Shinn, Ray Sims, Tom Taylor and Donn Chase.

Tom opened the meeting at 8 o'clock and Gerry read minutes of the previous meeting. Ray Cavagnaro reported the checking balance as \$1,035.64. This month's bills ordered paid are: Mishler's \$30.15; Bob Medill \$6.00 for stamps; H. G. Chickering \$6.00 for picture, and Tom Taylor's fee of \$170.55 to date.

Jim Stovall reported for the Science committee and presented a Field Guide Book, a real "geology per mile" for a good deal of the state of Oregon.

Lorena has been collecting poison oak at the climbing sessions at Coburg rocks.

Kay turned in \$4.00 from dues and \$10 from five new members - Sharon Brickley, Fred Huntington, Mike Forrester and Ken D. Hertz - very glad to have you with us, new members.

Gene Renard reported trips taken -- Stolsig Butte April 10 with 18 persons, Old Baldy April 16 with 12, Klickitat only drew 2 on April 24. A general discussion of the trip schedule followed - it is ready for printing. A look into the future - on Labor Day to Devil's Garden, Mink Lake Basin and Pack Saddle Mountain. A variety to suit all.

Frances reported all items have been clipped.

The outing was reported by Donn, who with Ray Cavagnaro has made a drive to Mill City and Breitenbush, talked to the Ranger who will be glad to visit camp, and was told where to get packers. The cost of camp will be: Adults, two weeks, \$55.00; one week, \$32.50; Juniors, \$40.00 for two weeks; or \$25.00 for one week. Individual days, \$5.00. The Prospectus will be out in June.

Karl Onthank attended the Water Resources Board meeting with others from here and has been busy of late, and urges others to write to Senators Morse and Lusk of Oregon, and Jackson of Washington and to Congressman Porter concerning the Wilderness Bill and the Dunes Seashore Bill.

Karl wants a good display at the American Association for the Advancement of Science, to be held at the U. of O. June 13 to 18, 1960.

A new Conservation magazine is just out and the Board decided to have one that comes out monthly for a dollar, called National Wildlands News, sent to us this year. The F.W.O.C. Labor Day Convention will be in charge of the Mountaineers on the Hood Canal this year.

There is still time to sign a petition for getting the Bill Board bill on the ballot, if you wish.

Mike Stahl is going to cooperate with the Climbing Committee to get proper First Aid Kits for his Search & Rescue work.

Ray and Bob will have the bulletin out soon and expect to have Myrtle's drawing of the new Obsidian Lodge for a cover.

Anna reported that another potluck is planned for May 21, at the Water Board building - and urged all to come out. There were 48 at the Spring Banquet last month. Anna's committee meets regularly.

New business - Mike proposed an idea to get individual insurance on Obsidian trips for a dollar per year - will investigate.

Old business - Ray Sims produced Myrtle's two drawings of plaques for Mazama Lodge - Jim said he would have one made and have it at the June Board meeting --- The Mazamas will dedicate their lodge on June 25th.

Next meeting - June 2nd - at the home of Frances Freedenburg, 1584 Escalante--out River Road, turn left on Maxwell.

## MALHEUR LAKE - MAY 28-29-30

The three day Memorial trip to Malheur Lake will not be as much driving as last year to Lakeview, and then we will have another day for sightseeing.

Leave Saturday morning and drive to Bend, then take the road to Burns; this is a 6 hour drive; cabins may be obtained there, but those camping out may drive on the next 15 miles and camp at Headquarters as the Natural History group is doing. On Sunday we will take the regular trip with the Ranger, camping again and coming home on Monday. Phil Brogan will meet us Sunday on his trip home from Salt Lake City. The sign-up sheet is at Gilbert's Shoe Store - 49 E. Broadway.

## THE PRINCESSES

will meet at Jane Hilt's home, May 16. It is hoped to have two speakers: Dr. V.R. Mee-nakshi and Miss Pushka Khanna, both from India, who are over here doing research work.

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## THE PRINCESSES(Continued)

It is expected that their talks will be more in the form of questions and answers about the life of woman in both this country and in India.

Florence Fulton entertained the Princesses on April 18; topics of discussion included - possibility of having rummage sale for benefit of clubhouse - work on Princess Scrapbook - and possibility of recommending changes in club dues.

## APRIL 16TH POTLUCK

Twenty five enjoyed the April potluck dinner at the Water Board. As members arrived, they soon became interested in the two old "scrap books" and the six duplicate summit books - both of which are to be at each meeting. Anna sang a song or two and then Henry Jeppesen showed his movies of his boat trip to Europe. Going through the Panama Canal was vividly described and the great stretches of blue water made fine pictures. It was nice to have Roxie and Louie back after being gone the past 6 month.

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The 23rd of May will be the next Obsidian Picture night at Friendly House, and Louie Waldorf will show some of his pictures along with Ray Sims who will show the climb of the North Sister for a special reason. Some of the recent Crater Lake pictures will also be shown.

## MT. JEFFERSON SUMMER CAMP

We hope all Obsidians and their friends will reserve some time during August 7th through 20th to attend our annual Summer Outing. Ira Williams writes of Jefferson Park, "An appreciation of the beauties of this place, which those few persons who have visited it affirm is not to be equalled anywhere else in Oregon. It is one of those rarer gems that nature sets down here and there, that, like jewels of price - the thrill in its fullness comes only to him who is able to go and see." Plans are progressing well. The Ranger of the District has given the committee some fine ideas, and a packer has been engaged.

Watch for details later, but meantime save the date and join your Obsidian friends!

## OUT OF THE PAST

At a Princess Meeting in May 1938 - there was a Chief crashed the party by the name of "Little Squirt". Does anyone remember who he is? This was at Princess Meadow Lark's Teepee.

## SPRING BANQUET

The seven little "log cabins" and the cherry blossoms, tulips and pansys were the beautiful decorations at the enjoyable banquet held Saturday, April 23. And Tom Taylor's architectural drawings of the proposed Obsidian Lodge held the interest of the forty eight assembled. The evening began with Larry Hilt as the congenial Master of Ceremonies who introduced President Tom Taylor and wife Janet. Tom spoke of the new interest in climbing, having 75 at the first indoor session last week.

After the dinner, Mike McCloskey reported on the recent Water Resources Board conference held in Eugene. Jim Stovall gave a short talk for his science comm. Ray Sims urged all to vote for the two city measures on the coming election ballot; the one for the Parks & Recreation will benefit Spencer Butte Park.

Bob Medill's skill showed in the seven little 13 by 7 by 10 inches green log cabins, with their fireplace chimneys and Obsidian Plaques over the front. This, along with the "duplicate summit books", typed by Bob, show the interest he takes in getting things done right.

The rest of the evening was given over to the singing of the many songs we know so well, which rounded out a very delightful evening. Anna was general chairman for the whole affair. A fifteen minute comedy act was put on by Gordon Corner, to the delight of everyone.

A number of interested members stayed a little later to talk with Tom about his drawings and offer suggestions, which was appreciated, as it is the members who will be using the Lodge and have the right to express their ideas on it. The drawings give a new idea to the building, but they are in keeping with the times. The banquet was held at Ford's Dinner House on Franklin Blvd.

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An unusual amount of interest is being shown in climbing school this year with around 60 to 70 attending the indoor classes and about 50 attending the last outdoor class held May 1st in Coburg Hills. A lot of work and responsibility by the climbing committee is necessary to conduct these annual sessions and they deserve a lot of credit.

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Our sympathies go to Les Cooper, whose sister, Florence Blakemore, passed away at her home in Belvedere, Calif., March 13th.

WITH ENTERTAINMENT  
- MAY 21 - 6:30 P.M.  
AT EUGENE WATER BOARD - POTLUCK  
R E E M E M B E R !



## MESSAGE FROM ANNA

The Obsidian Spring Banquet is once more in the past. We appreciated very much to have so many express their enjoyment with the events of the evening. We realize it is impossible to please everyone the same way at the same time .. either with entertainment or food. Apologies go to those who may have wished that the chickens would have more drumsticks and fewer wings and there are some chilly corners and posts to annoy a person in such places. All in all we hope that most of those attending were pleased and felt that it was worth while to come. The meeting did not end exactly according to plan so I wish to take this opportunity to thank all who helped with plans and arrangements. To the members of the entertainment committee - thanks - they are: Mary Medill, Catherine Dunlop, Ray Sims, Kenneth Lodewick. Bob Medill refuses to be a member but his suggestions and work are very valuable. When it was suggested that we use model cabins as part of our table decorations, Bob volunteered to build them. Besides he is Mary's driver. Roxie came home and she volunteered to make telephone calls to help notify the members of the change in plans. Ray happened to hear of some fellow who does entertaining - - we checked and he could not come, but knew of another man who could, and so that is the way we work. Mike McCloskey gave us a very good run-down on the conservation work being done by him and his committee, and Larry Hilt was a very good Master of Ceremonies. Thanks again to a good cooperative committee. Anna Jeppesen

## OUT OF THE PAST

This sounds like today--an item in June 1938 issue says "The club could do with a few new members. Many of the Old Timers have dropped out of active participation and a few live individuals to take their places would do the club a world of good.

The Obsidians once held a dinner and hobby show at the Del Rey. After dinner each hobbiest described their own while members viewed displays. Mr. & Mrs. O. E. Richardson showed model trains. Doran McKee had violins and objects made from myrtlewood. Bertie McKee had a collection of animals, etc., made from shells. Ray Sims had his Obsidian scrap book. Myrtie Hamlin showed rocks and pictures. Mary Pennoyer showed amateur paintings.

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49 East Broadway

## TRAILINGS

A recent member of the Obsidians in an item under the heading, "Nearly A Century Ago" told about Helen Kilpatrick having heard her grand-daughter's voice over the phone when she was only 20 minutes old and wondering what that voice would sound like today. Well, that voice is singing lullabies to her 10 month old daughter these days. And on Helen's birthday (Mar. 22) she had a phone call from Sitka, Alaska telling her of the birth of a son to Roy's second daughter Joan. This makes 2 great-grandchildren for Helen. To Obsidians who knew Roy and Blanche Kilpatrick they might be interested to know that Roy's oldest daughter, Gayl, is living in Idaho while her husband is studying to be a lawyer and the second daughter, Joan, lives in Sitka where her husband is a chemical engineer at the pulp mill. Roy's 3 other children attend school in John Day and Canyon City. (And Helen has just won a spelling contest in Eugene. Wonder just how tough that is going to be on the great-grandchildren to have a great-grandmother who has accomplished that. Ed)

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Want to go to the Valley of the Moon? According to Dr. Howell Williams in his report on, "Ancient Volcanoes of Oregon", Bowden, Diamond and Jordan Craters of the Southeastern part of Oregon are every bit as spectacular as the Craters of the Moon in Idaho or the Modoc Lava Beds of Calif. These are called the Jordan Craters of the Malheur rangelands and are 36 miles northwest of the old town of Jordan Valley. There are four cinder cones in the Jordan crater group and are in a line and from 3 to 4 miles apart, surrounded by great sheets and flows of black lava. One flow covers about 60 square miles. Geologists say that these volcanoes were probably the last volcanic action in Oregon and putting their age at 300 years. Dr. Howell Williams says, "The ropy crusts of lava are wonderfully fresh, and tubes, gutters and pressure ridges are plentifully displayed and where liquid lava flowed and bubbled through cracks in the crusts of the flows, there are small dribble cones on the inner walls from which hang delicate stalactites formed of lava re-fused by hot gases."

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don't forget ... SUNDAY, MAY 22 - HOBO BREAKFAST AT HENDRICKS BRIDGE ..... WATCH FOR NEW TRIPS SCHEDULE!

