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TRIP SCHEDULES WILL BE COMING

CLIMBS

June 18 and 19 - MT. MCLAUGHLIN. Leader, Jim Jeppesen. This is a snow climb.
June 25 and 26 - MT. HOOD. Leader, Lloyd Plaisted. Another snow climb.
July 9 and 10 - SOUTH SISTER. "Tender-foot Climb". Leaders, Betty Harris and Pat Remele.
July 16 and 17 - SNOW SCHOOL. Collier Glacier. Leader, Mel Jackson.

TRIPS

June 11 - (Saturday) CASTEE ROCK. Forest White Leader
June 12 - TID BITS. Leader, Doris Sims.
June 18 and 19.- BOHEMIA MINES. Leader, Bob Medill and Don White.
June 25 and 26 - COVE PALISADES. Leader, Jim Stovall. (Last time to see the Cove)

WILDERNESS TRAIL TRIP - JULY 2,3,4

The Friends of the Three Sisters will have their annual Wilderness Trail Trip July 2, 3, and 4, and will be east of the Middle Sister - driving to the end of the Pole Creek Road about 15 miles S.W. of the town of Sisters - then a 5 mile hike to the camp. Cost will be \$1.00 and no further charge if you pack in your own gear. However you can have your gear packed in up to 30 lbs. for \$7.50. Reservations should be sent to Al Kaufman, 955 E. 20th, Eugene, Oregon.

BOHEMIA MINES - JUNE 18 & 19

An overnite trip is scheduled for June 18 and 19 up in the Bohemia Mine country East of Cottage Grove. Leading the trip will be Bob and Mary Medill and Don White. The route will be up Sharp's Creek Road. This road has been reported in excellent condition and will be scouted before time. For the night camp a site on around Grouse Mt. where there is a meadow and springs has been selected and Bob will have the coffee pot along for coffee for all.

SILVER CREEK FALLS

Mother's Day, May 8, was one of those rare Spring days . . . after a week of rain . . . that greeted the 18 hikers who went the four miles past the ten Silver Creek Falls. The beautiful spring flowers and the clear blue sky, with the falls at their peak at this time of year, made this an outstanding trip for Obsidians. The usual car was left at the South Falls parking lot and then all drove to the North Falls to start the hike. This was begun at eleven a.m. and much time was taken identifying the many flowers and the picture taking of the beautiful falls. It was almost two P.M. when the first arrived at the parking lot where Clarence and Dorothy Scherer with their five children were met. Most of the crowd arrived by four but some not until five o'clock. It made some late lunches but it was a very enjoyable trip and all enjoyed the wonderful day. Those on the hike: Ken Lodewick, leader, Kay Fahy, Thelma Watson, Myrtle Smith, Art and Lillian Johnson, Catherine Dunlop, Anna Pechanec, Rose Crutchley, Mary and Bailey Castelloe, J. Henry Jeppesen, Bob Medill, Nellie and Mac McWilliams, Katherine Hudson, Harrick Hudson and Ray Sims.

MUDDY RIVER

Camping at Black Canyon Saturday night June 4th, the Willamette was a beautiful green - BUT - Sunday morning it had changed to a muddy brown - down past the railroad bridge - they had changed the course of the river up at the dam construction - bringing all of the winter's mud--"that's progress" but "no fishing".

WATCH FOR TRIP SCHEDULES
THEY WILL BE MAILED
IN A FEW DAYS

SUMMER CAMP RALLY

Calling all OBSIDIANS to a SUMMER CAMP RALLY at the EWEB Building, Friday, June 17th - starting with a POTLUCK at 6:30 P.M. - sponsored jointly by Entertainment Committee and Summer Outing Committee. There will be beautiful and unusual pictures of Jefferson Park and some very interesting entertainment planned by Chairman Donn Chase
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SUMMER CAMP RALLY (Continued)

and Committee. You who are planning to attend Camp Taylor will be delighted with the show - and you who are not interested should come out anyway and GET THAT WAY - If you can't make the potluck, come about 8 P.M. for the program. The Committee has met several times making plans for a very enjoyable and successful camp. They have engaged the packer and the COOK - AND YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS ANY OF SELMA'S GRAND SUMMER CAMP COOKING! Nellie M. SEE YOU ALL AT THE RALLY!

JUNE BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Obsidian Board of Directors was held at the home of Frances Freedenburg, June 2, 1960. Those present: Tom Taylor, Ray Cavagnaro, Gerry Fehly, Kay Fahy, Lorena Shinn, Jim Jepsen, Gene Renard, Ray Sims, Frances Freedenburg and daughter Jan and mother Mrs. Calef.

Gerry read the minutes of the May meeting.

Ray Cavagnaro gave the treasurer's report - 1173.12 is the present balance in the checking account, making the total available for the lodge around 13,000.00. The monthly bills ordered paid were: Bob Medill for envelopes and stamps, 11.63; Mishler's, 14.23; Tom's fees, 40.00; and 20.00 to the climbing committee for first aid kits.

Tom read a letter from the Mazamas, who offered two reservations to the dedication of their lodge on June 25th. Tom and Ray Sims plan to attend and present the Obsidians' plaque. It may be finished in time to display at the next potluck FRIDAY, JUNE 17(See page 1).

Membership - Kay Fahy reported that two Juniors, Jim Sims and Fred Huntington(who were both born on the same day) have been promoted to Senior membership. Catherine Jones was voted in as a Senior member. Kay wishes to announce that there are 15 Seniors and 4 Juniors who have not paid this year's dues.

The President reported for Frances Newsum, who was reporting for the Princesses, who in turn would like the club to adopt a family rate -- this has been discussed in former years - but the Board voted to have the Membership committee investigate and report back.

Outing - Ray Cavagnaro reported the sign up sheet is at Gilbert's Shoe Store and the prospectus would be ready for this issue of the paper. Also - a "SUMMER CAMP RALLY" will be held at the POTLUCK on JUNE

17TH at the EWEB Building.

Publications - Ray Sims reported that Bob Medill and he had gone over the material and the paper would be out on time.

No report for the Science, Youth or Search & Rescue Committees.

Library - Frances said she was still clipping. She also expects to get back into the club - a close neighbor - and an old friend of mine.

Building - Gene reported that though no meeting had been held - Tom reported a favorable review of his plans - very possible that it can be contracted for 8900.00, which is a great saving over the original.

Trips - Gene read the only report turned in - the Memorial three day trip to the Malheur Bird Refuge - reported by Ray Sims. Gene said the big delay in the trip schedules - as late in getting to the printers - then - school annuals.

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Karl Onthank reported that his conservation committee has met and that letters back from our Senators have expressed a real interest in the WILDERNESS BILL. The 4th of July Three Sisters Trip to the east side of the Middle Sister literature is in the mails. Karl also urges all members to read the many Conservation publications. And to be thinking of the FWOC convention over Labor Day on the Hood Canal. The committee has a fine collection of enlarged black & white pictures by David Simons and Philip Hyde for display. The resolutions passed by the Conservation Committee also were endorsed by the Board of Directors, and are these 13 points: 1-Security for the Wilderness Bill, 2-To reserve the Survey of Wilderness, 3-National Seashores-Oregon Dunes, 4-The original Glacier Peak area, 5-Three Sisters Primitive Area, 6-Waldo Lake Wild Area, 7-Crater Lake in its natural state, 8-Park roads, 9-Trails in Parks, 10-Billboards off major hiways, 11-Develop Natural areas, 12-Moratorium until National survey is made, 13-Set up study with other interested clubs. Replacement of Cove Palisades and the Willamette Basin Project. Also Board approval was to recommend to have the FWOC ask the Sierra Club to send a man to assist conservation

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DEADLINE FOR SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION . . . IS SATURDAY, JULY 30TH

BOARD MEETING (Continued)

issues in the Northwest. And for the Obsidians to do likewise. Mike McCloskey was chosen as our delegate to the FWOC convention on Labor Day.

Entertainment - Anna Jeppesen reported a very enjoyable potluck in May and invited all to attend the next on FRIDAY, JUNE 17 - THE SUMMER CAMP RALLY POTLUCK, 6:30 P.M.

Climbing - Jim Jeppesen reported the first climb will be MCLAUGHLIN, JUNE 18-19 - next MT. HOOD, JUNE 25-26.

- TRIP SCHEDULES WILL BE OUT SOON -

Next Board Meeting will be at the home of Karl Onthank, July 7, at 8 P.M., 1653 Fairmount Blvd.

MALHEUR LAKE - MAY 28-29-30

There were 16 in the Memorial Day weekend party who drove to Bend and on to Burns and ended up at the Headquarters of the Malheur Lake Bird Refuge about 20 miles farther, after many side trips en route. At Headquarters there was ample space for camping in the open as Obsidians did, while the Natural History Society of Eugene made available the kitchen in the recreation building. Also the Audubon Society of Portland headed by Ruth Beacon was in the area. All three organizations participated in the colored slide show of the birds of the area Saturday night, shown by Mr. Marshall. Sunday was scheduled the tour of the Bird area, so the Audubon Society members left at 5 A.M., the Natural History at 7 and the Obsidians at 9. Only 4 cars to each organization. The tour ended at Frenchglen after crossing the Blitzen River many times on the dikes which have been built throughout the area. Many birds were seen, Mallard ducks which would fly and make a pretty pattern in the water, as well as other duck species. Among the larger birds were Cranes, Egrets, Canadian Geese, Hawks and many smaller birds like the yellow headed blackbird and the red winged blackbird. At the "P" ranch, an elaborate home had been built in 1880 and although the house was gone, the well planned grounds with their stately Poplars and green grass was a good stopping place. A feature of the grounds was the 80 year old barn so long and low which held 125 horses at once back in those days. It was well preserved, with the original Juniper trees as uprights. It is now used for storage of hay. All returned Sunday evening for another "camp out". A feature at Headquarters was the 130 foot steel tower on top of the hill with 14 flights of stairs

where one had a grand view of Malheur Lake and the many dikes and waterways, and this wonderful country in all directions. On the return Monday, two small cars drove over to Harney Lake and saw more of the area and many more birds. Most all returned over the Santiam, but everyone had enjoyed the whole 820 miles driven in the three days. I might mention, to get pictures of the birds, one needs a telephoto lens. Members of the party: Catherine Dunlop, Mildred Ball, Mike, Dorothy, Donnie and Peggy Stahl, Louis Waldorf, Henry Jeppesen, Dave, Gale and three Burwell children, Helen Kilpatrick, Dean Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Good, and Ray Sims, leader. Helen and Dean stayed at Frenchglen instead of Headquarters. Thelma Watson, Margaret Markley, Mike Forrester and Joe Daniel and family were with the Natural History group. (Mr. & Mrs. Good are Donnie & Peg's grandparents) (This story and the Board Meeting report were written in the cool shade, with trees and high green ferns of the Black Canyon Forest Camp - operated by George and Trilla Korn - just an easy hour's drive from the city.)

OUT OF THE PAST

Believe it or not the Chiefs once entertained the Princesses at a dinner which the Chiefs prepared themselves (so it says). Wonder why that couldn't be done again. But here is the rest of the story. The Princesses entertained the Chiefs first.

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I see where Glen Sims and Bailey Castelloe acted as hosts at a Board Meeting and served coffee, ice cream and cake. My - time sure brings changes.

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And did you know that at one time hunting of Obsidians was legal? An old ad of Hendershott's says so and says all you hunting Obsidians come to my store and we can give you information on what they look like and where they can be found and what to use to get them.

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And according to an old issue of the Bulletin, Nellie Moore spent her vacation in Eastern Oregon hunting for Thundereggs. Some of them just hatched out this spring.

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The "#\$\$% &'()*~*1@?" - sure has been raising hob with our trips this year. Never have I seen so much rain, but those of us who are not farmers can be thankful that we are not. And think of all the campers and fishermen and boating enthusiasts and horrors - the Nudists!

PRINCESSES

The May meeting of the Princesses was at the home of Jane Hilt. A special guest was Dr. V. R. Meenakshi of India. She is doing research in Biology at the U. of O. She told them many interesting things about life in India. The June meeting will be a potluck at Arlene Keasling's. Olga Mortensen and Mary Castelloe will be assistant hostesses. The date: June 20. 6:30 P.M.

TRAILINGS

We were all surprised and pleased to see 1st Lt. Jim Newsom and his pretty wife - home on leave for a few days.

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Also home for a few days was - Radioman Gregg Brunig from the Carrier Bon Homme - no one saw much of Gregg while he was here because he had real tough luck while home - he was sick.

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And we are going to lose Helen Hughes for the summer. She is planning on spending the summer at Stanford.

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Why make pre-season and post-season Mt. climbs? Already this year two men have lost their lives in Colorado from venturing a climb too early and got caught in an early spring storm that is common to mountains everywhere. One man lost his right here in Oregon for the same reason. And we all followed the rescue of five from Mt. McKinley that cost the lives of two that served in the rescue crew. It's not the lives of the climbers alone so much as it is the hardships, danger and costs to those who make up the rescue teams.

ODELL BUTTE

Twelve Obsidians and 10 Chemeketans made the steady climb of Odell Butte, Sunday, June 5, under the leadership of Obsidian Virginia Meissner, and her three little Meissners - Julie, Jane & Ernie - reaching the lookout in 2½ hours. The trail was good and not too steep, with some snow, and the views were very good from Jefferson to Scott Mt. It was a pleasure to hike with Virginia again, and her work as leader was very much appreciated, and it was pleasant to be with the Chemeketans, who were: Merle & Blanche Bailey, leaders of the Salem group (and also Obsidians),

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Bessie C. Smith, Frances McCarter, Kim Hyatt, Alta Melchert, George LaBorde, Agnes Scott, Alice M. Nielsen, Carmen Benson. Obsidians on the trip were: in addition to Virginia and her 3 children: Adeline Adams, Anna Pechanec, Bob Ashworth, Richard Stanfield, Catherine Dunlop, Dale and Henry and David Carlson. Catherine D.

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Here is something that intrigues the imagination. Over 60 years ago some men riding horseback and driving cattle made a camp which was about one day's travel south of the old town of Millican. Gathering fuel for a campfire, one of the men stepped into a hole. Looking down into the hole he saw what he thought was another lava cave. The men gathered up material to make some torches and let themselves down in. It was then they discovered it to be no ordinary lava cave but an immense cavern and the light from their torches was reflected from a million facets from calcite crystals. Breaking off as many as they could carry they brought them home, and thinking that they could find the place again. But this cave has never been found although hunted many times. There is no doubt about the existence of this crystal cave as crystals from there have been in the collection of a woman in Tumalo by the name of Nichols and also by a man in Bend by the name of N. P. Smith.

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Bob Medill is up in the air. Some one told him that the best fishing in Oregon was in Bear Creek, and the fishing bug started to work on Bob again. So he thought that he would look up Bear Creek. When he got through he found that there are 73 Bear Creeks in the state. Then he happened to remember that this man told him that this Bear Creek was in Eastern Oregon, so he looked up Bear Creeks in Eastern Oregon and found 32 of them over there. Bob wishes whoever told him about fishing in Bear Creek would tell him again.

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It seems as though we can hear Obsidian Wedding Bells ringing...

All Obsidians are invited to participate in the meetings of the Amer. Nature Study Soc., June 13-18 at U. of O. -- Frances Newsom is Sec. -- Ruth Hopson, Council Rep. -- Ruth leads field trip Tuesday