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OBSIDIAN JULY BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Obsidian July Board meeting was held at the home of Karl & Ruth Onthank July 7th at 8 P.M. Those present were President Tom Taylor, Ray Cavagnaro, Gerry Fehly, Gene Renard, Anna Jeppesen, Donn Chase, Mike Stahl, Ray Sims, and Karl and Ruth Onthank. Tom opened the meeting by reading some of the correspondence and then Gerry read the June meeting's minutes.

Ray C. gave the treasurers report, bal. in the bank, \$1035.41. Bills presented and passed were, P.O.Box rent \$6. Bob Medill for stamps \$9. John Chamberlain schedules \$48. Tom, architect \$50.

In one of the letters read by Tom, was a brochure of a book the Mountaineers of Seattle have published on all phases of mountaineering and club procedure, and the Board decided to purchase one for \$5.

Membership chairman was absent but the secretary reported \$16 in dues and one Senior and three Juniors - Sidney C. Jenkins, Peter Hintz, Mike Lutz and Sandra Chase.

Donn reported 19 were signed for one week and 14 for two weeks at summer camp and that a scouting trip will be made in two weeks and signs (arrows) will be put in Jefferson Park denoting the way to camp - when the camp is set up. A sure climb of Jefferson on the 13th and 14th weekend with Tom Taylor as Leader. Anna reports the next entertainment as a picnic at Myrtie Hamlin's, 1570 High on July 21 (Thurs.) at 6:30 - all will remember Myrtie's shady backyard.

Anna also reported that 68 were in attendance at the potluck featuring the Outing rally on June 17th and Donn spoke of the importance of those that have signed to at least pay the deposit and before the deadline of July 30 - all must be paid - so the committee can buy the camp supplies.

Building report - Gene has been on vacation but Tom reported that a number of things important to building should be signed for, utilities, insurance, both liability and fire - he described the building terms in general - a meeting of the committee will be held soon.

Gene also reported the trip reports of March 20, Pisgah with 20 hikers; May 1,

Prairie peak with 11; May 8, Silver Cr. Falls with 18; June 5, Odell Butte with 12 Obsidians and 10 Chemeketans.

Mike Stahl reported 201 on the Wilderness trip with 20 climbing the Middle Sister. Board voted to make it official.

Conservation - Karl reported hearing from the Sierra club but they were unable to send a man at present to help with the Northwest's problems. He reported that the Box Canyon road is good from the South Fork to Westfir, connecting the McKenzie and Willamette.

Karl wishes more members to attend the F.W.O.C. convention on the Hood Canal in the state of Washington - besides a labor day vacation in a grand country there are many contacts with other clubs - if in doubt inquire of Frances Newsom or Ruth Onthank as to the value of attending.

Ray Sims reported that the Recreation commission was at a low ebb because of the 400 majority who turned the request to further recreation at Spencer Butte and the new area across the river down. Ray also reported on the presentation of the Obsidian plaque to the Mazamas. Another request he is fulfilling is helping the Forest Service recreation to evaluate the mountains in the national forests from Mt. Jefferson to Diamond Peak - seven in all. In the information they plan to put in print, they will have kind of mountain in each district as to its hardness to climb, its beauty to the public, its actual makeup as to its glaciers, snowfields, and hard or soft rock - its steepness, or broad sweeping snowfields. Also the many different routes up each of the seven peaks (that we have climbed so many times). This is a new venture to the Forest Service recreation-- but a necessary feature. Ray Sims.

Next meeting at Tom Taylor's, 3635 Donald St., AUG. 4, 1960.

OUT OF THE PAST

If one compares prices of today with commodity prices of 20 years ago then our summer outings are real bargains. Have just read write-up about the summer camp in Jeff Park for 1939. It was for one week and the cost: \$15. That's about \$25 or \$30 for two weeks as against \$55 for 2 weeks now.

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MAZAMA LODGE DEDICATION

The Obsidians' delegates, President Tom Taylor and Ray Sims, accompanied by Bob Ashworth, arrived at the Mazama parking area Saturday afternoon, June 25th and were promptly met by Don Moss who had a waiting car to take all three up to the new 1960 Mazama lodge. Here, a greeter took them inside to register, where they were given tickets for the Barbecue, a bunk at the lodge and breakfast, but as Tom & Bob were to stay at the Forest camp only Ray took advantage of the Mazamas' generous hospitality. (except the Barbecue). The three then drove down about a mile to the Still creek forest camp, putting up Obsidian arrows to guide the other Obsidian climbers.

At 3 p.m. the dedication began with a grand welcome to the 500 assembled, by Bob Lynott, president. Invocation by Rev. James Workman, Jr.

Bob Platt then told of the two other Mazama lodges and introduced the speaker David Brower, executive secretary of the Sierra Club.

The program ended with the "christening" of the Lodge, by Marjorie Lynott throwing snow balls at the sunny west side of the lodge, snow brought down that morning from the summit of Mt. Hood.

The Barbecue began at 4:30, with Bill Oberteuffer in charge of the three pigs and lamb - done to a turn - and the double line with well filled plates sat on the hill side north of the lodge. After the dinner, Ray drove Tom and Bob to the forest camp where a number of other Obsidian climbers had arrived with the leader, Lloyd Plaisted.

At 7:30, Bob Platt was in charge of the presentation of the Plaques. Nineteen clubs responded. Only the Angora Club of Astoria had a plaque the same size as the Obsidians. Most of them were 8"by8" or just the shape of the club's emblem. One small plaque came from Japan, inscription said "organized in 1905". Another square one was from Italy. The Chemeketa's was unique - their "thunderbird" on the state of Oregon as a backbround.

The day ended with a drive to Timberline Lodge to see the three million candle power lights at the top of Mt. Hood.

A fine breakfast was had at 8 a.m. but while eating, the first of 235 Mazama climbers reached the summit, heard on the walkie-talkie. I enjoyed the two days with the Mazamas very much, as they

have a wonderful lodge and their hospitality was perfect. I drove to timberline again to meet our Obsidian climbers.

Ray Sims.

SUMMER CAMP RALLY

Fifty-two people sat down to a very fine potluck dinner Friday evening June 17th. The occasion was the summer camp rally and many were in attendance for the first time this year.

More than sixty had arrived by the time the colored slides were shown of Jefferson park and the beautiful mountain.

Donn Chase as chairman of the outing, was in charge and satisfied the large gathering with everything about camp, even to the menu. Fifteen or more signed that evening and more are on the list now, but the deadline will be July 30 - sign up soon. Signers please pay your deposit.

OBSIDIAN PRINCESSES

The June meeting of the Princess Club was held at the home of Arlene Keasling with Mary Castelloe & Olga Mortensen as co-hostesses, starting with a pot-luck and OH! such eats. The weather tried to be co-operative but the thermometer dropped and the wind blew so we had to move in doors for the short business meeting.

Mary Castelloe and Nellie McWilliams were appointed to get a place and a date for a rummage sale. The date has been set for September 30, so save everything and anything for the sale. All Obsidians will be expected to donate and help if asked. We want to really make money and at least part will go toward the club house in some way.

The Princess Club will meet at the home of Blanche Bailey in Salem for their July meeting July 18th. Natalie will contact all the members for transportation and plans.

TRAILINGS

Obsidians do move - the latest Gerry sold her house - back in her old apartment at 414 E. 15th.

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And Jim Sims and Doris are now located at 886 Tyler - same phone.

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Have you ever seen anyone move using a wheelbarrow - well - it can be done.

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And later in the summer - a picnic in Springfield - and see what Bob has built.

COVE STATE PARK

Forty-five people drove to Cove State Park for overnight on June 25 and 26 for what probably will be the last time the Obsidians as a group will make such a trip to this wonderful spot before it becomes a reservoir. The weather was perfect and they camped together under the shade of the old apple and peach trees on the site of the homestead taken up there in 1879 by Clark Green Rogers. At that time a steep horse trail was the only access to this beautiful and remote spot on the banks of the Crooked River. Now there is a good road into the park and the Obsidians and their friends began arriving shortly after noon to have lunch and await the beginning of the activities planned for the weekend. About three-thirty when the sun began to drop behind the west rimrock the group took the two mile walk down the Crooked River to its confluence with the Deschutes. After supper everyone gathered around the big campfire to hear a talk on the general geology of the region by the leader, Jim Stovall. Then Louie Waldorf led the singing and all hands helped him "push the damper in and pull the damper out". Louie and Roxie along with Glen and Florence Sims, drove over from the Metolius where they were camped in their trailers, to be with the group for the evening. Two interesting and welcome guests with Margaret Wiese and Catherine Jones were Puran Burathakey from Nepal, and Pushpa Khanna from India. Both were students at the University this year. Dressed in their colorful saris, they sang songs of their native countries. Puran sang the Nepal national anthem and Pushpa sang the national anthem of India. This was their first camping trip in the United States and both expressed interest and pleasure in all they saw and did. Fires were out by eleven and the camp quiet but by five-thirty people were up again watching the birds and deer, and soon there was the good smell of bacon and coffee as breakfasts got under way. By eight all were ready for the drive to the pass at the base of the Steamboat and the climb to the flat top of the Island, which was known in the early days as the Plains of Abraham. By noon the group was back in the campground for lunch in the shade of the old orchard and a rest before the rim drive which started about one. The atmosphere was unusually haze-free and there was a fine clear view of the snow-capped peaks from Diamond Peak

to Mt. Hood. As the group broke up and started homeward there were expressions of regret that this beautiful and unique state park would be lost forever if the Round Butte dam is built and its waters flood the Cove. Many said they still hoped something could be done to prevent such action. Those who made the trip were Jim and Mary Douglass Stovall, Paul and Helen Weiser, Arlene and Ernest Keasling, Ima Foss, Margaret Wiese, Catherine Jones, Art and Lillian Johnson, Roxie and Louis Waldorf, Catherine Dunlop, Howard and Zelpha McFadgen, Sharon McFadgen, Mary-Jo Johannis, Sterling and Dean Patterson, Helen Kilpatrick, Harry and Lois Wesley, Joanne Wesley, Mr. and Mrs. James Simerly and two sons, Thanet White, Frank Sipe, Don Sipe and son Chris, Puran Burathakey, Pushpa Khanna, Glen and Florence Sims, Frances Newsom, Keith Newsom, Anna Pechanec, Ruth and Karl Onthank, Fran Freedenburg, Jan Freedenburg, Jim Freedenburg, Mrs. Calef. Mary Douglas Stovall.

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The Shinn Sister's are no more. One of them wound up her three day celebration by getting her name changed to Reid. This all happened at the Wesley Foundation Chapel July fifth. The bride was given in matrimony by Mr. Alfred E. Shinn, father of the bride, who with Mrs. Shinn came from their home in Indiana to attend the wedding. Doris Shinn was Brides-maid and Tom Taylor best man. The newly-weds left for a two week honey-moon on a backpacking trip up in the mountains. Who are they? Oh! yes! Lorena Shinn and Allan Reid.

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18 people left the City Park Sunday the 18th of June in three cars and drove to the Bohemia Saddle. Leaving the cars there they then hiked the last mile to the summit of Fairview Peak where they ate lunch and viewed the scenery. After lunch most of them rambled around the old Music mine and old buildings that are still there. This mine, according to a sign post there, was opened up in 1891 & the stamp mill was set up in '92. The hammers of the old stamp mill are still there. Roy Temple was with us and when we got back to the cars we met visitors who wanted to go to the Champion mine so Roy took the lead and broke trail for them. One of the persons in the car was a Mrs. Iva Nora (Van Fleet) Brown of Eugene who was cook at the Champion mine in 1898 and 1899 and wanted to go back up and see it again.

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MOUNT HOOD CLIMBS



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Due to the large size of the Mazama Party (actually 191) climbing the same day, the Obsidians elected to try the Wy'East Route. This climb involves some very steep snow and ice climbing near the summit and consequently good snow and weather conditions. The weather turned out too warm and the snow too soft.

Eighteen Obsidian climbers started from Timberline Lodge at 4 A.M., well behind the Mazama party, and proceeded to White River Glacier. After crossing in roped teams of 3, a steep and narrow snow field was ascended amid several barrages of falling rock. Relief from the rock and "cramponitis" was obtained on a long stretch of gently rising bare ridge. From here four climbers turned back and the remaining 14 cramponed up 1500 feet, of rapidly deteriorating snow on a 45 degree angle. Upon reaching a large rock outcrop near the top of the Steel Cliffs, a long rest was taken and the decision to turn back made. Ahead was steeper and softer snow and at least four hours of climbing. The time was 11:30. A quick descent was made via 1500' followed by 800' of slushy glissading. All climbers returned safely to Timberline Lodge about 4:30 P.M.

Although the summit was not reached, a lot of valuable experience was gained by an exceptionally young and mostly inexperienced party. Mt. Hood may be rescheduled later in the summer for those wishing to complete the climb (via South Side Route). - - - Tom Taylor.

THREE SISTERS WILDERNESS TRIP

More than 200 people roamed the wilderness east of the Three Sisters over the 4th of July weekend as the Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness and the Obsidians held their joint outing in that region. The camp was on the South Fork of Squaw Creek, about 3½ miles from Pole Creek Camp, ½ mile from the Green Lakes trail, and 4 miles (cross country) from the lakes known to mountaineers as Chambers lakes, called Camp lakes by the Forest Service. The camp abounded in scientists, both amateur and professional. Among the latter were Sandford (Sandy)

Tepfer, Bob Storm, Jim Stovall and Dave Burwell. They were kept busy answering questions from the amateur class, who ranged from 7 to 70 (more or less) in age but 100% in enthusiasm. Some of the collections of snakes, horned toads and frogs, especially frogs, were quite impressive. There are practically no trails in this part of the Wilderness Area, so hiking was done cross-country, and proved very enjoyable. Trips were made to Green Lakes, Demeris Lake and Chambers lakes. The Burwells caught some Golden Trout, a species that has been planted in Chambers Lake.

Twenty people climbed the Middle Sister from camp. The party left camp at 7:15, hiked cross-country to the ridge north of Chambers Lake, and ascended the South side to miss a steep snowfield near the top. This snowfield provided excellent glissading on the way down.

This climb provided a "first" -- the first GUITAR to be taken to the summit and played there.

One of the climbers was an English woman Nancy Butler, who said that most Europeans think Americans never go anywhere they can't drive their cars. She joined the party saying she had never climbed, but had walked a lot. Well, she climbed, and well, too. As for glissading, she had "never done that sort of thing". But she made out all right. And at the end of the trip she declared she knew one bunch of Americans who "went where their cars wouldn't".

Frank Riley and his mules were familiar companions as they "packed our bed and grub around" with their usual cheerfulness. At least, Frank was cheerful - the mules didn't say much - thank goodness. Sandy & Bob M C 'd the campfires, with help from other scientists - the rest of us sat around, talked, asked questions, laughed and sang. And a good time was had by all.

- - - Mike Stahl

The Emigrant Butte trip scheduled for Sat. July 30 has been set over to Sun. 31 cancelling out the Cowhorn and Sawtooth climb. Art Steele says to meet at the City Park, Sunday A.M. at 7.

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