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ANNUAL MEETING - FRIDAY - OCTOBER 14 1960

THE OBSIDIAN ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE EUGENE WATER AND ELECTRIC BOARD BUILDING - OCTOBER 14, 1960, at 6:30 P.M., AS A POTLUCK DINNER WITH THE VOTING BEFORE THE DINNER. ALL MONEYS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE TREASURER BY SEPTEMBER 30TH - ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ... PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AUGUST 4, 1960

The August meeting of the Obsidian Board of Directors was held at the home of Tom and Janet Taylor, 3635 Donald St. Tom opened the meeting by presenting a book on the Bohemia Mines given in consideration of the Obsidian trips there. A letter from the Richland Club wishing advice on liability insurance on trips was read.

Gerry read the minutes of the July Meeting.

Jim Jeppesen reported for the Climbing Committee - the three climbs made have had very good attendance - 40 on the "tenderfoot climb" of the South Sister led by Pat Remele and Betty Harris. 34 were on the Middle Sister with Mel Jackson as leader. Three Fingered Jack had 30 - about 8 or 10 with Norm Lee put up the ropes and then later Jim Jeppesen, with Jim Sims as assistant, put 20 on Jack's summit.

It is hoped to have a climb of Hood later - either in September or October.

Membership by Kay - two new Juniors, Paul Guanlania and Charla Eubanks were voted in as members.

Anna reported that 56 attended the July picnic at Myrtie Hamlin's.

Karl Onthank reported that the Obsidians were one of two clubs having their resolutions in to the F.W.O.C. committee on time.

News was brought that John & Mrs. Bovard will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on September 1, 1960. John was the Obsidians' first President. Mike McCloskey was to get the ideas to present to the F.W.O.C. from Karl and Tom. Ray Cavagnaro reported bills - Bob Medill \$6 for stamps - \$10 dues to the F.W.O.C. - and Tom \$50. These were ordered paid.

New business - Jim was to see if the deed to our property was filed - so taxes will be separate this year.

Those present: Tom Taylor, Gerry Fehly, Lorena Reid, Kay Fahy, Jim Jeppesen, Karl

Onthank, Mike McCloskey, Anna Jeppesen, Mike Stahl, Ray Cavagnaro, and Ray Sims. Mike Stahl read the constitution noting the new changes.

Next meeting at Mike Stahl's, Sept. 1, '60.

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It has been noted by the Climbing committee that any member having completed their TEN PEAKS - please notify Jim Jeppesen before the Annual Meeting.

SEPTEMBER POTLUCK

There will be a FALL POTLUCK DINNER on Friday, September 16, at EWEB Building. - 6:30 P.M. All members and friends are invited.

SEPTEMBER 1 BOARD MEETING

The regular September Obsidian Board Meeting was held at the home of Mike & Dorothy Stahl on September 1st.

Those present - Tom Taylor, Gerry Fehly, Gene Renard, Jim Jeppesen, Anna Jeppesen, Kay Fahy, Lorena Reid, Karl Onthank, Mike McCloskey, Ray Cavagnaro, Donn Chase, Mike Stahl and Ray Sims.

Tom opened the meeting and Gerry read the minutes of the August meeting.

Kay reported five new Junior members and one Senior - Peter Pomeroy, Mark McLaughlin, Jack Whitney, Bob Hasek, and Norman Hasek - Juniors, and Barbara Hasek as an active Senior. Steve Hadley was advanced to Senior member.

A discussion concerning the Youth Committee - a report that the Obsidians were not doing enough for the advanced Scout Troop that we sponsor - but after a general discussion - it seems that more has been done to encourage the boys in our activities than usual - three of the group of eight have climbed the mountains with us and at least one has joined the club.

Building Committee reported by Gene, that the survey - locating the property lines

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OBSIDIAN BOARD

President	Tom Taylor	DI 3-3237
Vice President	Mike Stahl	RI 7-9335
Secretary	Gerry Fehly	DI 3-2784
Treasurer	Ray Cavagnaro	DI 3-8357
Others:	Lorena Reid, Ray Sims, Kay Fahy, Gene Renard, Donn Chase	
Editors:	Ray Sims	DI 4-9546
	Bob Medill	RI 6-2908

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

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- investigating the sewage - were all going along on time - also Mike Stahl has a fireplace man that will build a fireplace "within reason" - so it's quite certain we will have one.

Gene also reported on the trips - said 9 trip reports gave good attendance on all (most all are in stories in this issue). The trip Sept. 10(Sat.) will be to "Beamer's Ranch" led by Donn Chase.

Treasurer's Report - by Ray Cavagnaro - in bank \$751.88 - bills: Koke-Chapman \$3; Fuller Printing \$19.75; Tom \$50(documents); Mishler's \$14.10; all ordered paid by board.

Outing - Donn said a financial statement is not ready - but a total of 66 people attended - 28 the first week - 30 the last week, with a total of 62 at one time over the middle weekend. The board gave the committee - Donn, Ray C., Nellie & Mac, a big vote of "thanks" for a good job well done.

Karl made a short report - for the Obsidians to go on record along with the Sierra Club in protesting the use of "boats in all of the narrow arms of Yellowstone Lake" - boats use the main big lake - but it is only natural to keep as wilderness the long narrow arms of this beautiful lake.

Anna reported for the entertainment - a very fine potluck on August 31 at the Water Board building - with 38 stalwart Obsidians - fine food - and two games - to the enjoyment of all. And "Jimmy" Jeppesen - one year old son of Jim and Clarice - had the run of the floor - he has only walked a week. The Annual Meeting Potluck to be at Water Board building OCTOBER 14.

Climbing - Jim reported good attendance on The South Sister, Middle Sister, Three Fingered Jack and McLaughlin. Four mountains have not been scaled for various reasons - Mt. Hood, Jefferson, Mt. Washington and the North Sister.

Recreation Report - There has been considerable work at the base of Spencer Butte and the trail to the top - by the Recreation Commission.

Old Business - The nominating committee

has not finished their work at this time. The "deed" to our land was found to be in order by Jim Jeppesen and he furnished a photo copy. Insurance on the lot for the year of building was voted - liability insurance is necessary. Mike Stahl asked the board to make a motion to have the Forest Service present the old "Primitive Area" sign - to the Obsidians (on the Obsidian Trail from Frog Camp) - it has fallen by the wayside. Next meeting October 6 at 414 E. 15th in Ray's apt. with Gerry as co-hostess.

SOUTH SISTER JULY 9 & 10

Forty six "tenderfoot climbers" were on the Obsidians' annual climb of the South Sister on the weekend of July 9 & 10. Camping in the Devils Lake area, the new trail led past Devils Hill and beautiful Moraine Lake - then over to the trail up the south side of the South. A beautiful day with a strong wind as the party gained altitude, but after encountering the red cinders nearer the top - five of the party stopped - Molly Loy, Kayrin Hudson, Bob Ashworth, Rich Stanfield and Morrison Johnson - Bruce Johnson also stayed with his brother. The remaining "forty" soon were at the rim of the crater of the summit and very soon the C.A.P. overhead did a fine job of dropping ice cream to the waiting party. The party was led by Pat Remele and Betty Harris, with Mel Jackson as rear guard. Following are the others: Loy Lonberg, Brian Gannon, Jack Whitney, Susan Samms, Bill Samms, Emily Samms, Mike Bray, Alice Hertz, Ken Hertz, Dwight Berreman, John Dotson, Jan, Jim & Fran Freedenburg, Jim Chartier, Barbara, Stan, Bob & Norm Hasek, Mark McLaughlin, Stephen Moore, Fred B. Huntington, Myron Moroz, Marlan Franssen, Shirley Franssen, Mary Moore, Lynn Moore, Paul Guantonio, Arthur Salmon, Shirley Salmon, Don B. Martin, Forrest White, Don White, Bob Dark, Marriener Orum, Robert Forest and Earnest Lundeen.

CLIMBING COMMITTEE

The climbing activities have been very successful this season. We had fairly large groups on most climbs - larger than for several years. The increased numbers were the result of much teen-age participation. These young people are a fine bunch and I hope that we gain new members from them. We have a few of them already. As mentioned on page one of this bulletin ... anyone who has earned a ten-peak award this year should contact the climbing chairman - DI 5-3028. Also it is asked that all leaders please submit their climb reports & receipts before Sept. 30th.

Jim Jeppesen

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If summer camps seem to get better, as they do to this writer, it is probably because one gets better acquainted with fellow campers and more familiar with the Obsidian way of camp life, but there is no question but what this year's camp was in the most beautiful setting for a camp in all of Oregon. Even our congenial packer admitted this. And a congenial packer he is, regaling us with stories of his experiences and life while we enjoyed his company around our campfire.

In every camp there seems to be a high point of some sort or another but in this camp every day was a high point. We had no pet bears to come around and bother us but we did have a sneaky dog that loved to come in at night and get at our meat that we had buried in a snow bank. But it was good meat and the dog always looked hungry so he could not be blamed too much. We ate it ourselves. The meat, that is.

There was a high of 66 in camp at one time with a low of 28 and Selma, as usual, did us all proud. Also want to mention what a grand job her daughter Karla did - in helping around camp. And also the superb job done by the Camp Committee, who were: Ray Cavagnaro, Donn Chase and Nellie and Mac McWilliams.

Points of interest around camp were various, such as the finding of the body of a coyote up on Jefferson Glacier. What it was doing up there and how it died is anyone's conjecture. Two men volunteered to dig the garbage pit and left to do so. Word came back to camp that one man was on his back asleep and the other one was doing the digging, so one camper went up to see and came back and reported that such was the case and that he had a picture to verify that. Another point of interest was the locating of a tree that had been slabbed off and the following carved on. "S.Mohler-L.S.Hicks Climbed 'Old Jeff' Aug. 14, 1906 with 12 foot flag pole. Place it on summit". Many of us were fortunate in seeing a big slab of Jefferson Glacier break off near the top end and come crashing down to rest at the bottom. Dr. Hessel had the misfortune to cut his hand bad enough to require three stitches to close it. The stitching was done by one of the campers under the direction of the Dr. Then James Stovall saw how the injury kept the Dr. out of work so he cut his hand. One girl, Susan Spencer, got her hand in a burro's mouth and got it bitten.

Otherwise no other injuries were sustained by the campers. Anna Pechanec had to leave camp after only 4 days in camp to take an exam for her Doctorship. We all hope that she made it and good. There were no deaths nor births in camp but we did have the pleasure of celebrating two birthdays - Jim Freedenburg & Jan Taylor.

The weather was perfect except for a rain that began about one o'clock Monday morning, then later on Monday about breakfast time turned to hail and snow. No one was surprised, tho, as the camp weatherman had predicted rain to be followed by snow. Note: no matter how wet it got around camp there seemed to always be a dry spot - the water pails. Another note: it pays to have a plumber along as we had no plumbing troubles. Even had a shower bath fixed up with shower head and all. Echo One was seen several nights. Reminded us of Green Lakes where we saw Sputnik and Husband Lake where the 1958 Comet was observed.

Two attempts to climb Jefferson were made but both ended in failure because of conditions. A bugle horn made from a ram horn was used this year to call the hungry to eats. One morning we had a couple of Rangers for breakfast and when they heard the call to come and get it one of them was heard to remark, "So that is where that noise comes from. We can hear that for a mile and a half."

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This article was in the last issue of the camp bulletin and a request has been made to reprint it in this issue of the bulletin.

*****Thirty*****

This will be the last issue and as always it is with a feeling of sadness we all feel at the close of a summer camp. No two summer camps are ever the same and can never be the same. One meets new people and makes new friends. In many instances their trails will never cross again. And friendships of long standing are cemented together much more firmly by two weeks in camp together. So with memories we would sell for no price and pictures to be enjoyed at will it is with tears in our eyes and an ache in our hearts we say good-bye and sign, Thirty.

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Found in the back seat of Bob Medill's car after summer camp - a clear plastic purse with some change and some green stamps in it - call Bob - if he hasn't spent it you will get it back.

Those attending summer camp were Adeline Adams; Bob Ashworth; Norman Benton; Merle & Blanche Bailey; Ray Brenninger; Mary Castelloe; Henry Carlson; Ray Cavagnaro; Donn Chase & Sandra; Catherine Dunlop; Kay Fahy; Ina Foss; Mike Forrester; Fran, Jan & Jim Freedenburg; Barbara & Lloyd Gust; Barbara, Bob & Norman Hasek; Dr. & Mrs. Hessel & 4 children; Jane Hilt; Mary Jo & Ted Johannis; Margaret Markley; Mac & Nellie McWilliams; Bob Medill; Frances Newsom; Everett Ow; Anna Pechanec; Mr. & Mrs. Preckwinkle; Jim Rear & Pauline, Mike, Beth, & Jim, Jr. & Chuck; Clarence, Dorothy Nancy & Carol Scherer; Ray Sims; Helen Smith; Jim & Mary Douglas Stovall; Doug, Amy, Susan & David Spencer; Rich Stanfield; Jan & Tom Taylor; Dorothy Towler-ton; Karla & Selma Vangsnes and Thelma Watson.

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The Blair Lake trip led by Helen Weiser was made by Forrest White, Mildred Ball, Helen Smith, Charla and Bob Eubanks, Mary Jo Johannis, Ronda Johannis, Carolene Clark, Kenny Biggers, Lorene Bressler and Margaret Markley. Lots of flowers and meadows and on top of Mule Mt. which climb was made, the ruins of an old cabin and the ashes of a lookout were found.

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July 31, a trip led by Art Steele and his two sons, Bob and Don, made it thru the mosquitoes to reach the summit of Emigrant Butte. The lookout cabin here was found in ruins. After returning to the cars a side trip was made to Opal Lake and to Timpanogas Lake, the source or head of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. Those in the party were Ina Foss, Catherine Dunlop, Frances Newsom, Mary Holland, Dean Fosnaugh.

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An old favorite and an almost annual trip was the one around the Obsidian Loop led by Keith Brunig. They left Eugene at 6:30 A.M. and got away from Frog Camp at 9. Those in this party were Helen Weiser, Mary Holland, Helen Smith, Lloyd Lauderdale, Leslie Cooper, Sylvia Lininger and Marjorie Taylor.

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Everett Ow from Los Angeles again made the farthest trip to go to summer camp. Jim Rear and family and Dr. Hessel and family both tied for first place for the biggest family in camp - Both families accounting for 12 - six each.

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Going through old Obsidian bulletins gives one the impression that Obsidians were always attending parties and meetings that were given over to wild life. That sure sounds like it would be great fun but I haven't seen a single wild party since I joined you 8 or 9 years ago.....why?.....Bob Medill.

TRIP SCHEDULE

Trips this year have been very well attended - attesting to the good planning by our Trips Committee. The following trips are next on the list:

SEP. 10, SAT. Johnson Meadows led by Donn Chase.

SEP. 11, SUN. Big Belknap. Ray Harris is leading and will take along ropes so we can go down into Little Belknap.

SEP. 17, SAT. This is to be led by Gene Renard and he always makes his trips very interesting. This is to McFarland Lake up east of Box Canyon.

SEP. 18, SUN. Erma Bell Lakes. Lots of us have never been there. Roy Temple, another interesting leader because Roy really knows all the interesting things about this country.

SEP. 24, SAT. Benson and Tenas Lakes— And by a leader who it has been said knows more Tenas Lakes than almost anybody—Bob Lemon.

SEP. 25, SUN. Scott Mt. A very nice trip with a rather new leader—Mike McCloskey.

OCT. 1-2. Over on the coast for the two days and we'll be in the hands of Hermach.

OCT. 8, SAT. Carpenter Mt. from where one can view one of the most interesting sights in Oregon, Wolf Rock.

OCT. 9, SUN. Rebel Rock. This is all up hill going but is all down hill coming. And the leader will be just returned from going to school all summer—Helen Hughes.

Quite a list, isn't it. Well, let's go. The summer will soon be gone.

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From Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wesley of Roseburg:

We did so enjoy the Obsidian bulletins and if it is possible to get on your mailing list we would enjoy getting them when published. We read them from cover to cover and learn lots of things.

Our trips with you people have been most satisfying. We are sorry there are so many miles between us. We hope to make the Steamboat Falls trip in August. Thanks so much.

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All Obsidian women were invited to a bridal shower for Lorena Shinn last June. The hostesses were Dorothy Stahl, Lillian Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Mary Castelloe. The opening of gifts took place in Lorena's back yard; then refreshments were served in the house.

MT. YORAN via VIVIAN LAKE

Jane Hilt led a group on Saturday, July 23, to Vivian Lake and from her excellent description of the trail given to me that evening, I was able to lead another group none of whom had been in the area before.

We arrived at beautiful Vivian Lake at 11:30 and found a "breeze" area where the unfed mosquitoes from Saturday's crowd were less evident, where we ate lunch. Several of us then proceeded on the trail toward Mt. Yoran, but as we began to go cross-country only 4 remained, the others returned to the lake for wading, swimming and rafting. Gaining the top of the ridge leading toward Mt. Yoran, I decided to go no farther, but Art Johnson, Dorothy Towlerton and Myron Moroz proceeded on up the loose shaley ridge to the base of the pinnacle, deciding it would be dangerous to go farther without rope. We had fine views of Diamond Peak, close by, Vivian Lake far below, the Middle and South Sisters, Broken Top, Bachelor and the surrounding country - returning by the Diamond camp swamp, with Vivian Lake about a mile away. The party had plenty of "off" so the mosquitoes were dealt with and the return to the cars was made by 6 o'clock. Those on the trip: Myron Moroz, Dorothy Towlerton, Kay Fahy, Thelma Watson, Arthur Johnson, Lillian Johnson, Ina Foss, Frances, Jim & Janice Freedenburg, and Margaret Markley, leader. M. Markley

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Due to the unsettled weather and the too small sign-up for the Devil's Lake and Mink Lake trips, they were cancelled. But Gene Sebring's trip to the Wallows had a good party going. The thunder storm and lightning that hit Eugene Saturday afternoon continued on east to the mountains. Jim Sims & Garland Burback were camping at Camp Scott at the foot of the Middle Sister when it broke over the Three Sisters - the lightning hitting the mountains and with a deafening crack and roar bouncing back at Camp Scott - a dazzling experience, say the boys - however a deluge of rain also came - so picking up their wet sleeping bags they proceeded back down to sunshine shelter - only to find 20 climbers huddled around a fire in the shelter - adding two more for the rest of the night - Jim & Garland returned Sunday.

PRINCESS DOINGS

The Princesses enjoyed a trip to Salem, July 18 - where their hostess, Blanche Bailey, met them for dinner and some shopping at Meier & Franks and then entertained them in her backyard patio the rest of the evening, finishing up with delicious chiffon pie for dessert. Princess Golden Slippers of Albany, and Chief Smokey were present also. We thank you, Blanche, for a very delightful evening.

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Nellie McWilliams and Mary Castelleo invite the Princesses to a potluck meeting at 1930 Todd St., Monday, September 19, at 6:30 P.M. The business meeting will follow, with naming of new officers, finishing plans for the rummage sale, work on emblems, and reviewing of summer activities.

T R A I L I N G S

Keith Newsom will be a senior at Stanford this year.

Dot & Elsie Dotson were installed as Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron of Meridian Chapter, O.E.S., in early summer.... Congratulations, Dot & Elsie.

Merle & Blanche Bailey visited Camp Taylor for the weekend, bringing guests Mabel & Art Preckwinkle of Salem. Merle is now serving on the Chemeketan Board. Lost & Found - if you lost a teaspoon contact Mary C. or if you lost a knife contact Myrtie H.

VIVIAN LAKE

An even dozen persons made the hike to Vivian Lake Sat., July 23rd. Three cars left at 8:15 from 19th & Patterson. It was 10 a.m. when the hikers started from Salt Creek Falls picnic area. The trail started from across the bridge, to the left and proceeded upward. It follows through rhododendrons and evergreen trees for about a mile - over R.R. tracks - and shortly crosses Crescent Creek. A short distance farther down an old road with overflow from the creek, the trail turns left and follows Fall Creek upward for about 2½ miles to beautiful Vivian Lake with Mt. Yoran to the south. There were several spectacular views of waterfalls and a few rhododendrons in bloom. Shooting Stars were in abundance around the lake shore. Lorene Bressler hiked around

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OBSIDIAN POTLUCK
Fri., Sept. 16, EWEB

PRINCESS MEETING
Mon., Sept. 18

CAMP TAYLOR REUNION
Sat., Sept. 24

ANNUAL MEETING
Fri., Oct. 14, EWEB

RUMMAGE SALE
Fri., Sept. 30

IRON MT. LOOKOUT

Back on July 17th, twenty two hikers ascended the beautiful red rock and flower growing Iron Mountain lookout in the Santiam area.

Led by Mary Douglas Stovall, with "every one" a botanist, made an extra interesting trip. More than 100 varieties of flowers were recorded.

John Lincoln was the veteran lookout and was a congenial host. Many questions by Ruth Onthank were answered by John, as the area is pretty well logged, but Ruth held out for an "area".

Many flower pictures were taken besides the colorful umbrella of Bob's. All returned by early afternoon.

OBSERVATIONS

(with only two days in Summer Camp)
Campers just sunning themselves.
Ray Cavagnaro waiting on everyone.
Picture takers hurrying madly to catch the "alpin glo" on old Jefferson.
The "youngsters" fixing gear for the climb of Jefferson.
The slow - easy going - packer. And horses knowing just what to do.
Selma's excellent food - even when there are "sixty".
Nellie & Mac - on the job.
A good camp - this 1960 "Camp Taylor".

KILIMANJARO

On August 7th altho Friendly House is closed during August, nevertheless, Ax Nelson's family were in Eugene and they are hired by the tribe of Tanganyika as farmer consultants and presented pictures and a fine story of their work. Their slides ended with the climbing of the 19,340 ft. snow mountain KILIMANJARO. In talking with 15 year old Steve - he wished the Obsidians to fly over and have a summer camp there. Being right on the equator - we would have lions and tigers stealing our meats - giraffs over-looking the whole camp - and one or more elephants walking thru would completely wreck the camp - even tho we were able in future years to fly over in "boxcars".

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THE "ISLAND AND LAVA FALLS"

The eight hikers on Frank Sipe's trip on July 9th, 1960, all went in one car and parked near the John Craig Monument. The hike to Huckleberry Lake and then following a dim trail over the lava to "the island", a wooded area more or less surrounded by lava flows.

As no trail from here leads to "lava falls" some time was taken hunting thru the woods to find the falls, which were found soon after noon.

A beautiful day for pictures and the return was made by the exit trail along the west edge of the island and on out to the car. Those on the trip: Frank Sipe, Mary Douglas Stovall, Helen Weiser, Mary Jo Johannis, Mary Kay Renard, Gene Renard, Adeline Adams, Helen Smith.

DON'T
FORGET!

OBSIDIAN RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, September 30

at Rummage Center, 31 W. 7th

Please call either DI 4-5168 or DI 5-1422 if you have rummage to contribute for the SEPTEMBER 30 SALE at 31 W. 7th, or bring it to that address the evening of Thursday, September 29. The Princesses are conducting this sale to benefit the building fund, and your help is needed. If anyone can help sort on Thursday evening or sell on Friday, please call the above numbers. Thank you.

CAMP TAYLOR REUNION BANQUET

Jefferson Park Summer Campers will get together for their Annual Reunion Dinner on Saturday, September 24, at 6:00 P.M., at the Santa Clara Grange Hall on Azalea Drive. Dinner is \$2.00 per person. Reservations must be made by September 21. Call Nellie at DI 5-1422 (Bring a variety of ten pictures) or Mary at DI 4-5168. The dinner is open to all Obsidians & friends.

