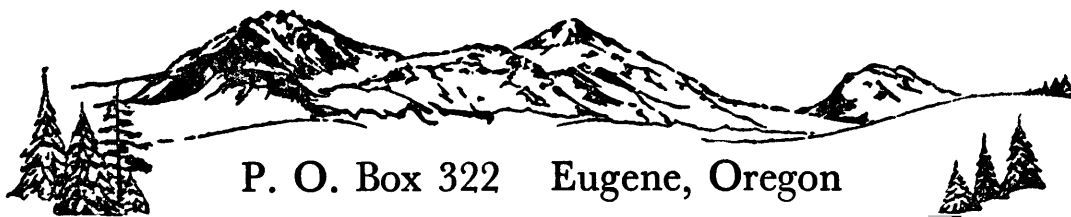


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OBSIDIAN DREAM BECOMES REALITY

FOR MANY years the Obsidians have planned to own a clubhouse. It was a topic of conversation wherever members gathered. A mountain house seemed desirable to many, a central meeting place close to town was appealing to others. After many years, and after many problems were solved, the beautiful dream of a clubhouse has become a wonderful reality.

For these many years, many functions were held and the proceeds were directed to a Building Fund. The club saved its money very carefully, invested it wisely in Government bonds and savings account. The sale of a town lot at 17th and High for a large profit was the final step we were awaiting.

We have a clubhouse, and a very handsome structure it is. It has taken most of the Building Fund to accomplish. Now the interior must be finished, and the clubhouse furnished. This will take additional money. In the years past, members pledged their support, and many donations were received. The funds were carefully recorded and set aside. One of the stipulations was that members did not have to make a pledge until some visible evidence of construction appeared. Now we have it! We can complete our fine clubhouse if every one will complete his pledge. The treasurer will drop you a note about the amount of your pledge, and ask your help. Too, if there are any members who have not participated, we ask their help in completing our fine Clubhouse.

SAVE
THOSE COFFEE BANDS

We have 312 MJB and 173 Folgers.
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APRIL TRIPS

APRIL 15 - (SAT.) ROOSTER ROCK. Good view of South Santiam River canyon. Dorothy Towler, leader.

APRIL 16 - CLOVER PATCH BUTTE (Q). A good hike from north side of Lookout Point Reservoir. Don White, Leader.

APRIL 22 - 23 - ILLINOIS RIVER OVERNIGHT South of Grants Pass. Hike along river to see Kalmiopsis Leachiana in bloom. James Kezer, leader.

APRIL 30 - TOUR OF CARMEN-SMITH PROJECT Conducted by Byron Price. A fine opportunity to see the construction and the tunnel on this EWEB project.

MAY 6-7 - HUMBUG MT. STATE PARK OVERNIGHT Bus trip. Climb Humbug Mt., visit Prehistoric Garden, and stop for beachcombing. Jim Rear, leader.

BYRON PRICE

Will give an illustrated lecture on the Carmen - Smith project at the April 15th Pot-luck to be held at the Water Board building. This will be very interesting as it precedes our scheduled tour of the Carmen-Smith operations that Margaret M. has for us on April 30.

OBSIDIAN BOARD NOTES

April Meeting was held at the home of Art Johnson. Lorena Reid, Vice President presided at the meeting. Letters from FWOC were read requesting President Chase to serve on the nominating committee; and a request for the Obsidians to co-host the annual convention in 1962. The treasurer shows a checking balance of \$306.12, and a building fund account balance of \$2372. Committee Reports were as follows: Markley's Trips, showed active participation; -9 to Mt. Pisgah; 7 to the Chemekatan Cabin; 10 snow shoers to Burley Lakes; 14 to Anawalt Ranch and Buck Mt. Trips schedules were mailed and extra copies are available. Date for Moresco meeting should read June 17-18; not July only correction Mc Closkey's Conversation, reported the Waldo Lake appeal had received favorable publicity thruout State. Committee is now investigating the Minam River area; Diamond Lake Wild area; Sky Lakes Wild Area. Taylor's Climbing, reports the school will commence April 26 with good material for all sessions. The club ropes and ice axe are still missing. There was a discussion relative to presentation of a new set of by-laws to form a special climbing section. A proposal will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Renard's Building, read architect Taylors report that contract work complete except for small detail and patching. All interior work to be done by club members. A special commendation was given Bob Medill for work completing insulation; Bailey Castelloe and Mike Stahl for electrical supplies and work. Final payment to the contractor was approved less the usual 10% retainer.

Towlerton's Entertainment, received recommendation that formal dedication of clubhouse be made in the Fall, an informal openhouse be scheduled early in the year when usable.

Fahy's Membership, reported 42.00 in dues and membership. Marion Johnson was accepted to membership and Jack Whitney was transferred from junior to active.

Jeppesen's Outing reported the problem increased cost of chartering a bus for summer outing. Two-week camp may cost \$90.00. Discussion of Board indicated popularity of bus trip and fact that price was not excessive for fine 2 week vacation. Summer Camp rally is scheduled for May 20, Obsidian Clubhouse. Approval was given to replace needed camp equipment.

Stovall's Scientific, reported 29 students enrolled in Plant Identification class at U. of O. Going well.

Reid's Search & Rescue reported that call list is complete and operational information will be mailed to members.

Dunlop's Youth reported Mildred Ball had a successful event at Girl Scout meeting discussing fundamentals of biking and climbing. An institutional representative for Obsidian Explorer Scout post is still needed; Jim Rear reappointed as post chairman. An FWOC proposal to raise dues was denied with the recommendation that a more economic proposal be submitted.

Mike Mc Closkey was appointed club representative at the Oregon Section meeting of FWOC April 15-16.

The next meeting to be held Thursday May 4 at the new Board room of the Obsidian Clubhouse.

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Annual Everett Ow (we see him annually) is Field Engineer for Missile Base Construction, located at Little Rock, Ark. This is just what we have needed at our summer camps to construct our garbage pits.

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Mr. Clarence Landes liked Bob Medill's story about the rabbits carrying around a bundle of hay with them whenever they went any place so well that he mailed Bob an Easter rabbit with a shredded wheat biscuit tied on its back. Better get into the Obsidians, Clarence. We need humor like that in the outfit.

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FRIENDLY HOUSE NOTES

April 16 - Around the U.S.A. with Mr. John Russell.

April 23 - Touring Egypt and India with Jack Gruber.

April 24 - Obsidian night. Mr. Gruber will show pictures of the Olympic games and Ray Sims will show his pictures of Collier Glacier that cover a number of years.

April 30 - This is tentative. Mrs. Royston was unable to take us on her trip around Ireland because of illness, April 9. We hope she can be with us on this date.

May - 7 Bob Medill's 64 year old slides of the Alaska Gold Rush. Also on the same program will be Mr. H. B. Shannon who is quite a speaker of poetry and he will give us renditions of some of Robert Service's poems. He is also a fiddler of note and we will try to have him play for us.

Greg Brunig spent two days at home before returning to the navy for overseas duty.

The skiing season is almost over. April 15-16 is the last weekend that Willamette Pass will operate. Altho the snow was surprisingly good to ski on this past weekend, it had melted to a point where the dirt was showing in places, log piles appearing and the general end-of-the-season look was apparent. It seemed impossible to believe that two weeks ago, Willamette Pass had a blizzard when 11 inches of snow fell in 24 hours and everything was covered with a beautiful blanket of snow.

It was a good year of skiing but I am sorry to see it end because of the many friends that were made on the ski slopes, friends that go their different ways in the summer. One particular friend was Florence Adkinson of Cascade Summit. Florence works at the Snack Shack at Willamette pass and has done so for many years. She cross country skis from her home at the summit to the Pass every Saturday and Sunday, a distance of a mile or so. She makes this trip regardless of weather. Whether it is blizzard conditions or sunshine; in fact, I don't believe she has missed a day. She also makes the Snow Survey with her son Jack Meisner. Another hobby she has is a trap line which she takes care of by herself. A really remarkable woman and she is close to 60 years old.

Skiers will still be able to ski until the middle of May at Hoodoo Bowl and the end of May at Bachelor Butte. Spring skiing is so very nice, mild weather and beautiful sunshine. A good way to get a head start on a suntan. Barbara Hasek.

CLIMBING SCHOOL

1st night, April 26, will be at Harris Hall at the courthouse at 8 P.M. General discussion of equipment and party climbing.

2nd night, May 3, same place, Ray Harris and Gene Sebring intend to have movies. Commentary on party climbing. Pat Sheppard will give instructions on pace and conditioning.

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3rd night. Same place, May 10th. Compass and map reading. Alan Reid will give a talk on emergency rescue work, assisted by Stan Hasek.

The above is all indoor and will also cover knot tying, use of rope and other equipment. Then we come to actual outdoor practice.

April 30. Sunday. Leave Park block at 1 P.M. for the Coburg Hills for instructions in belaying and balance climbing.

May 7. Same time and place and also in the Coburgs. Rappelling and advanced rope work.

May 14. Same time and place and also in the Coburgs. Advanced climbing and rescue work practice and technique. For further information call Tom Taylor, DI 3-3237.

Timberline Lodge Bus Trip

Our Greyhound with thirty one aboard left the bus depot at 6 A.M. Sunday April 9th, beautiful snow-clad Mt. Hood was our destination. We picked up Betty Hack at the Silverton junction right on schedule, and Vina Amort on Powell Blvd.

Approaching Portland it began to rain, but at Timberline the sun was shining and long morning shadows of the trees were upon the snow banks. The skis and the snow shoes were soon put to use. Many went directly to the lodge which is setting in a little more than 163 inches of fresh snow. There is a new chair lift down the Alpine Trail to Government Camp. The favorite Alpine Trail takes about 18 minutes round trip. A snow-cat took members past end of old chairlift. Much to the delight of the many picture takers Mt. Hood came out of the clouds at short intervals.

In the afternoon at four, the bus started its homeward trip. With a stop to eat at Tops in Albany, Eugene was reached at 8:30 P.M.

SEEN AT THE FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL Obsidian Henry Carlson, very sprightly and dancing like an expert. How about a few lessons when we get into the new lodge, Henry?

