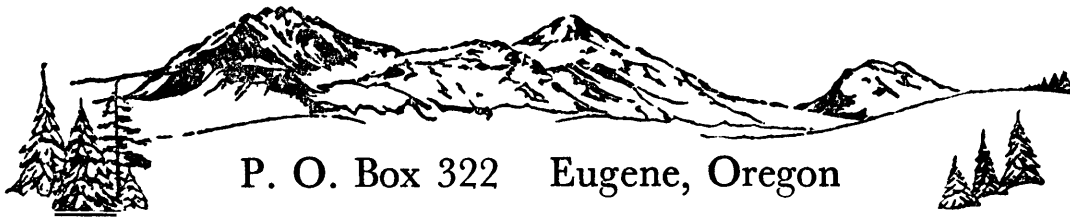


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## J U L Y   T R I P S

## S U M M E R   C A M P

- 22-23 GREEN LAKES BACK PACK TRIP (Q) Visit Cayuse Cone on Sunday for lava bombs. Ldr. "Bomber" Medill.
- 30 OBSIDIAN LOOP TRIP (Q). A favorite trip past Obsidian Falls, Sisters Spring, and Sunshine Shelter. R. O. Mc Williams, Leader. "Mac" will lead you "smack" to all the right places.

## A U G U S T   T R I P S

- 6-20 SUMMER CAMP (Q). Sawtooth Range in Idaho. "The Place To Go Is Idaho."
- 6 SCOTT MT. (Q). Another trip to the upper McKenzie area. Keith Brunig, leader. Keith will lead you o'er the heath.
- 20 VIVIAN LAKE (Q). Another qualifying hike with qualified leader, George Hermach.
- 26-27 ROCK HUNT IN CENTRAL OREGON. Search the rims with Glen Sims.

## S E P T E M B E R   T R I P S

- 2-3-4 NORTH WALDO LAKE-The trip to take-Bob Medill, leader.
- 9-10 OVERNIGHT AT IRISH LAKE. And begorra it'll be a fine Sunday hike to McFarland Lake and other beauty spots with Gene Renard-qualifying too.
- 16- (Sat.) MAXWELL BUTTE (Q) Good viewpoint in Santiam Pass area. Able leader - Mike McCloskey.
- 17 SIMS BUTTE. A cinder cone near Obsidian Trail. Just a lark with Mark. Mark Mc Laughlin, leader.

How to get there and other items about the country. There are two ways to go. . . one by Bend and Burns and the other by Redmond and John Day. There is only a 3-mile difference in distance, but perhaps an hour and a half difference in driving time. The southern route is all desert, while the route thru Prineville is thru mountains and timber. There are no camp sites via Burns 'til one gets to Hammet, Idaho, which is 60 miles east of Boise. This is about 525 miles from Eugene. This Park is a State Park. Going via John day there is a very nice Forest Service camp 43 miles east of John Day. As you drive into this camp you will find the upper part is for picnicking but drive down the hill to the over-night area. This camp is about 300 miles from Eugene. Total distance to Little Redfish Lake is 670 miles. Six miles beyond the Post Office of Obsidian is the road into Redfish Lake and we will be camped at the first campground. There are several things to do and places to go-- things to see like old mining towns that will be discussed 'round the campfire. Because of the necessity of placing our food orders a week in advance there, which will mean ten days in advance here, it is imperative that you sign up for camp N O W. There are no bears in this camp to bother us. There will be no bus. So sign up N O W and let us know if you will want a ride, or if you can take any passengers.

Phil Michael came to live with Ray & Betty Harris June 15. Ray was one of three selected from his fleet for a three-weeks' tour of Europe with the Sixth Fleet.

# TRAIL

# DUST

## MAIDEN PEAK - JUNE 25

Maiden Peak was popping with hikers last week when the joint trip with the Chemeketans was joined by a group of Explorer Scouts. Jack and Virginia Meissner, leaders, started off from Gold Lake so promptly with 16 Chemeketans that the Obsidians and Explorers had to explore a bit before they found the direct route to the top. Lots of snow toward the summit made the climb extra exciting and exhausting, but we all ate lunch by 12:30 while we feasted our eyes on the delightful panorama of snowclad mountains. The mystery of Maiden Peak though, is how - - with thousands of trees and logs all looking alike - - Smokey Bailey walked right up to the "two-trees-and-a-log" that Dorothy Towlerton had lost her billfold under and found it 3 hours later! Of the 39 making the trip, the Obsidians were: Margaret Markley, Catherine Dunlop, Anna Pehanec, Dorothy Towlerton, Al Coven, Henry Carlson, Blanche and Merle Bailey, Virginia, Jack and three young Meissners. Blanche Bailey

NEW HOMESTEADERS are Natalie and Boyd Morgan who bought a home recently out River Road, 105 Alberta Lane. Little Warbler has resigned from teaching and will devote her time to keeping the home fires burning and raising roses in her new greenhouse. B. B.

Bernie Lehrman, who has spent the last two years teaching in Germany, is home for the summer, and MAY join us for a few days at summer camp. Here's hoping! We'd enjoy hearing the low-down highlights on East and West Berlin from a good Obsidian viewpoint. B. B.

Anyone have a copy of "AUNT CLARA"? If you do please mail it to Blanche Bailey who craves a copy.

Mary Medill has a heavy aluminum pie pan which she acquired by mistake at the last potluck at the clubhouse.

MERLE AND BLANCHE BAILEY have the honor of being the first to spend a night in our new clubhouse. When they left they pinned two one-dollar bills to the fireplace screen. Said it was worth it. (Come again)

Gerry Fehly and Bob Medill are engaged in getting mimeograph equipment, that is, for the club. These two are going to get the Obsidians into the printing business, doing our own bulletin.

MIKE MC CLOSKY graduated from the U. of O. Law School and is now or has taken his State Bar examinations.

A RUMMAGE SALE IS BEING PLANNED for the fall so please save your rummage. This is an ALL CLUB project and all who can will be expected to lend a hand - and donate rummage.

FOURTH OF JULY at Black Canyon Forest Service Camp saw twenty picnickers at the annual event. A hike was made to secluded Hidden Falls by five, led by Mac McWilliams and Louis Waldorf. There were wieners to roast and marshmallows to



toast. Week end campers were Waldorfs, Florence and Glenn Sims, Myrtle Smith and Gerry

Fehly whose tent was pitched so close to the Waldorf trailer that there was scarcely walking room between. On Monday Nellie & Mac made camp nearby and Ray Sims joined the Sims clan. On the Fourth we were all joined by Gladys Patterson, "Les" Green, June Denison, Ruth Norquest, Julie (Gladys) Alderson and Henry and Anna Jeppesen. Four days of perfect weather.

As the editorial staff has undertaken cutting our own stencils and saving the club that expense, it will help considerably if all news reaches us as early as possible.

More than four hundred "friends of Phil Brogan" were at the surprise dinner given in his honor Saturday evening of June 17 at the High School in Bend.

The double surprise to Phil was the pretense of having a dinner elsewhere and the Bend Bulletin's front page "putout" after he left the office. A copy was given to each person at the dinner. The feature of this front page had a picture of Phil and Palmer Hoyt in dress suits at the University of Oregon in 1923.

Bob Crawford introduced Palmer Hoyt of the Denver Post and he in turn talked of the busy life of Phil.

Jim and Mary Douglass Stovall, Frances Newsom, Bob Frazier and wife and Ray Sims were the Obsidians represented.

Another feature of the program was the large PHIL BROGAN TRAIL sign unveiled by the Forest Service which is to be placed near Lava Butte.

R. Sims

DAVID SPENCER, 6-year-old son of the Doug Spencers is very thrilled at having passed his beginner's swimming test. David is at Y and sister Susan at YW day camp. Later in the summer the family expects to spend at least one week at Obsidian summer camp.

GARY WILSON, Bob Wilson's son, who is 10 years old is showing a great interest in rocks so the family will plan to vacation where it will help him find specimens. Oregon Caves, Ashland and Klamath Falls areas are on their itinerary as well as about two weeks at Crescent Lake.

#### PRINCESS NOTES

The June meeting of the Princesses was held at the home of Adeline Adams with 14 members present. We

were very happy to have Elsie Dotson, Mary Kaneen, Natalie Morgan, Helen Smith and Florence Sims out again and hope they will make it a habit to come oftener.

More plans were made for the rummage sale. Anyone having rummage they wish to have stored may contact Bob Medill and he will take it to the Clubhouse. We need volunteer helpers and if you can help please contact any member of the Princess Club. We will need help on the Wednesday night before the sale to sort and arrange merchandise and to sell on the 5th. This is an ALL CLUB sale, not just for the Princess Club, so please help.

The highlight of our meeting was the interesting talk by Mozelle Hair. She joined the Mazamas in the mid-twenties. Mount Hood was one of her first climbs, but when climbing Jefferson they got within 300 feet and an ice storm came up and they were lost on the way down.

She and Miss Mollie Perkins had a back-pack trip of some 75 miles, hiking over the Salt Creek Falls trail and the Salmon Creek trail. In 1915 she and Miss Margaret Upleter took two horses and hiked and rode over Hunters' sheep trails and Forest Service trails to Crater Lake. There was no trail from Diamond Lake to Crater Lake. The major peaks that she has successfully climbed are Mts. Hood, Adams, St. Helens, Midd and South Sister, Jefferson and Rainier were not successful climbs.

Natalie Morgan invited us to meet at her home for the July meeting and our August meeting will be with Florence Sims.

A special issue in August will bring you the July Board minutes as well as the financial report on the new clubhouse.

The Board appointed Mike McClosky as our delegate to the FWOC convention.

## MORE ABOUT SUMMER CAMP

As you all know this year's outing is to be in the beautiful Sawtooth Primitive Area in Idaho. Camp headquarters will be at Redfish Lake.

Hikes, climbs and trips have been planned by the Committee and a trip to Craters of the Moon will be included. This is one of America's most recently active volcanic areas. There will be visits to several old mining areas also.

The Camp Committee has scouted this area and there are enthusiastic reports of the beauty and excellent camping facilities of this location.

Cost of the outing for adults for two weeks, one week and one day will be \$40, \$22.50 and \$4. Children under 12: \$24, \$13.50 and \$2. \$2.40. Make those reservations early so the committee can be fully prepared to make your stay at camp a pleasant one.

## CHAIRS FOR THE CLUBHOUSE

The committee has shopped around for chairs and find that if we buy 100 chairs - this is a good sturdy, contour chair normally priced at \$7 - we can purchase them for \$5 each. Everyone -- mail your contribution in to the Treasurer, Ray Cavagnaro and he will see that your name is put on one of the chairs.

OFFICIAL STREET NUMBER OF OUR NEW CLUBHOUSE IS 2250 29th AVENUE

\* \* \* \* \*  
\* Mark Saturday, July 22 on your \*  
\* calendar for another of those \*  
\* fabulously delicious Obsidian \*  
\* potluck dinners! This will be \*  
\* an opportunity for everyone to \*  
\* see the Crater Lake pictures \*  
\* so bring your ten best slides. \*  
\* Everyone plan to attend. If \*  
\* you don't have a car call an \*  
\* Obsidian friend and you will \*  
\* get there. \*  
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MOVED: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jones & Jim Sims have moved into the Mc Closkey residence with Mike at 1495 East 27th while Mike's folks are abroad. Phone DI 3-5129

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is customary for a retiring President to thank his Committees but I would like to thank some ahead of time for work well done.

This month I would like to especially thank two--first the Constitutional Revision Committee under Mike Stahl. This was a thankless, tedious job, exceptionally well done as all the members know. Our new Constitution is great. Thanks a lot, Mike, to you and your Committee.

Second is the Trips Committee under Margaret Markley's able guidance. Margaret's trip report for this year was the best and most complete report I have heard given at any meeting of any club. Having myself served on the Trips Committee in the past, I know Margaret enjoyed her work but it still took a great deal of time. Many thanks to the Trips Committee.

Donn W. Chase

DAVE BURWELL will give a lecture on the reading of maps and the use of a compass, 8 p.m. DST in the basement of Harris Hall at the Courthouse the evening of July 26. Bring compass and maps if you have them.

SEARCH AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT is stored in the basement of Alan Reid, 1835 Jefferson St. In case of need and there is no one home there, the key can be obtained at the Lane County Sheriff's office.

KEITH NEWSOM is home from Stanford for the summer. We hear he wound up at Crater Lake with anti-freeze for his radiator instead of fuel for his gasoline stove and had to do a bit of scrounging before he and Frances could cook.

BRUNIG'S son Greg is in electronics division on an aircraft carrier in the Navy in the Hong Kong area. Son Art is working in the Olympic Village at Squaw Valley.

SAVE BETTY CROCKER COUPONS

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**CLUBHOUSE NEWS:** The clubhouse now owns an 84-cup automatic coffee maker, thanks to the Princesses drive for coffee can bands. This one is from MJB. Yet to be heard from is Folgers, and also Betty Crocker labels.

The big party held at the clubhouse with the Luau motif was well attended and saw the presentation of our new screen which was given by Ray Sims and Dot Dotson. Also donated to the club are three new banquet tables and pledges for three more from Florence Fulton, Mary Castelloe and Art & Lillian Johnson.

Bob Wilson of Wilson's Music Store loaned the stereophonic player for the music and the Bronson Travel Agency furnished all of the decorations as well as a few from the collection of Helen Kilpatrick.

Because of vacations, fishing, gardening, mowing lawns, trips, etc. work at the clubhouse is at a standstill. About the only thing going on now is that Bob Medill is making three more tables.

Edith Owens (Chloe's mother) has donated a table 2 feet by 5½ feet which was used at the Luau and will make a nice reading table. The Waldorfs gave a nice kitchen table and a card table.

It was Eddie Guest who said that "It takes a heap 'o livin' to make a house a home", so let's use our clubhouse. The more we use it the better we will like it and the more pride we are going to take in it. It cost a great deal to build it and it will cost money to maintain it. We are going to need the whole-hearted support of each and every member. Nothing that we do or say is going to change the fact that we have a clubhouse and if we are in over our heads, then let's swim. Everyone--paddle!

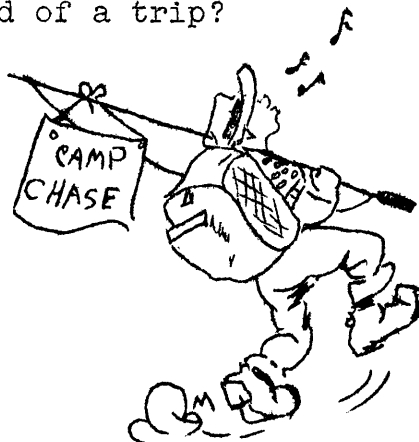
MYRTLE SMITH, who has been doing all of those clever little drawings for our Obsidian Bulletin for a number of years has recently won a first prize of \$75 for her pastel "Brothers" entered in the 'Artists Showcase'. Congratulations, Myrtle. We always knew you were a winner.

## FRIENDLY HOUSE

July 23: Mr. Ellis will continue his trip and take us to Africa and India.

July 24: Obsidian nite. This is to be a free-for-all so bring your latest favorite pictures, especially the July 8 and 9 Crater Lake pics.

BOB MEDILL made a trip down the John Day River with the Mazamas. He says that it was one of the outstanding trips of his life. There were forty on the trip and took seven days. There were 20 Mazamas, two Sierra members, one Seattle Mountaineer, one Chemeketan, one Obsidian. Wonder whether the Obsidians could get up the same kind of a trip?



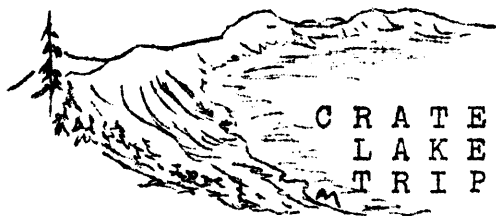
PACK YOUR TENT AND GEAR AND OFF YOU GO TO GOOD CAMP CHASE IN IDAHO.

ONCE MORE here are the directions to the clubhouse: Take 24th to Columbia, turn south to 27th, turn east on 27th -- cross Chula Vista, Van Ness, Central, Laurelwood to Spring-- turn right to 29th, left about 100 feet, then turn right and you are there.

Save your rummage - Call Bob Medill for pickup.  
Save Betty Crocker coupons for the Princesses.

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## CRATER LAKE TRIP

Forty-eight made the overnight trip led by Jim Stovall to Crater Lake, July 8-9. The majority camped at the new Mazama campground, the others stayed at the lodge or cabins on the rim. On Saturday afternoon there was a walk through Castle Crest Garden after which 21 climbed The Watchman for views of the lake, and the crater in the top of Wizard Island. In the evening both groups enjoyed the programs given by the park rangers. On Sunday

46 hiked to the launch landing (1.1 mi. down) for the boat trip around the lake. This was the highlight of the two days. Stops were made for picture taking

and for the rangers to explain the geology. The launches came close to the bases of such well-known features as the Wine Glass, the Pumice Castle, the Devil's Backbone, and Llao Rock, thus giving an entirely different ideas as to the size of these geologic features that look relatively small from the rim. In some places the rock cliffs rise almost sheer hundreds of feet above the water which was as blue from the boat as when it is viewed from above. We circled the Phantom Ship and later made a 15-minute rest stop on Wizard Island. At one point

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below the lodge 1000 feet above, there is a metal peg driven into the rock in 1888 presumably to mark the water level which was 4 or 5 ft. higher then than now. On the west side of Wizard Island the water was shallow enough to see what is thought to have been fumeroles on the bottom of the lake. Near the base of Llao Rock the group saw the trunk of a large tree floating upright, its roots weighted down by rocks. It is known that this tree has floated here for 30 years and there is a possibility that it has been here for 60 years. On the Crater walls there were many flowers, trees and shrubs, the green of the latter contrasting beautifully with the intensely blue water and the brown cliffs. The showiest of the flowers were the red cliff penstemons (*Penstemon rupicola*).

A number of nonmembers made the trip with us and were all a most welcome addition to the group. We hope they like us well enough to come again - or perhaps join us!

Dorothy Raines (who pushed the editor up the last fifty feet of the Crater lake trail) retreated to Portland and Tillamook for a few days' rest.

Roxie and Louis Waldorf seem to have passed another milestone--grandson David has enlisted in the Army.

Florence Fulton, Ruth Richardson & Helen Kilpatrick have just returned from two very warm weeks at Seaside.

Art Brunig, 1961 graduate from So. Eugene Hi working at Squaw Valley.

