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SEATTLE MAY 18-19-20 ITINERARY

The Greyhound bus loaded with 38 Obsidians and friends bound for Seattle's World Fair will leave 19th & Patterson streets at 6 P.M. Friday, May 18, 1962. The first stop will be at the T & R restaurant opposite Albany for dinner. Then on the way to Auburn, Wn. Other stops may be made, however Auburn should be reached by midnight. After "a night's sleep" we will have breakfast in Auburn. As the bus will not be allowed in the fairgrounds, we will get off at the depot of the Monorail (Westlake Mall) in the heart of the city and ride to the fairgrounds. The Fair opens at 10 A.M. so the day of Saturday will be spent there. There are too many things to do and see than time will allow, however, an appointed hour will be made to meet our Greyhound for a return trip to Auburn. Sunday again will be spent at the Fair and I will mention two reasons why - in 1950 we left our camp in the Tetons and "spent" the day in Yellowstone Park - most people take 3 days. Again in 1959 I spent a day at the Centennial in Portland - many things were missed. Yes, I am sure we can spend two days at this beautiful "fair of tomorrow". Return to Eugene Sunday night, May 20.

Ray Sims, Leader

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY will meet Friday, April 20, at 8 p.m., in 150 Science Building, University campus. Dr. Olaus J. Murie, one of the country's outstanding and highly esteemed naturalists, will be the speaker. His topic will be the Arctic Wildlife Range, the Brooks Range of northern Alaska. He has both colored slides and a 20 minute color sound motion picture made on one of his expeditions there. The public is invited.

THANK YOU Myrtie for two more floor lamps.

POTLUCK - April 14 - at the CLUBHOUSE
Everyone come.

PICTURE NIGHT - April 30 - Wild Flowers
by Mary Douglass Stovall.

APRIL PRINCESS MEETING

Princesses will meet April 16 at the home of Mrs. Daniel (Dolores) Haddad, 60 Queens Way. Mrs. Gene (Virginia) Sebring will be co-hostess.

FAREWELL

Gene Renard and family are going to the Land of leis and Alohas where they will be known as Haole Malahini's. We will all miss you, Gene, even those who have never met you, because of your active interest in the betterment of the Obsidian's and of the work and time that you have contributed to the planning and leading of trips and towards our club - house.

Don't get confused in directions over there. The natives don't know east from south themselves, but have just two directions.

Mauka (towards the mountains) and Makai (towards the sea). So that is all there is to it, Gene. Aloha and Mahalo Nui for all you have done for us. Aloha.

FRIENDLY HOUSE PICTURE NIGHTS

- April 15 - The Holy Land by Jack Gruber
- April 22 - Archeology by John Wells
- 29 - Rev. Robert Burger - Castles in Europe, The Alps including a climb of the Matterhoen
- May 6 - Marilyn Dickerson

"FLASH" Looks like Summer Camp will be near Mt. Baker - not positive until a trial run has been made. Jim Jappeson will make a trip there soon.

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THE SUNLIT TRAIL

ANNA JEPPESEN LED A PARTY OF 18 PERSON
 to the top of Spencers Butte on March 11.
 The trail was too slick for good foothold
 and it became a matter of each person for
 himself anywhere he could find away. Those
 who braved the hail and sunshine, wind and
 fog, were Anna and Henry Jeppesen, Ina
 Foss, Bailey and Mary Castelloe, Art John-
 son, Mr and Mrs Lou Madsen, Mary Jane Kitt-
 erer, Dorothy Towlerton, Helen Smith, Mr.
 and Mrs C.E. Ruse, Glen Sims, Lorene and
 Kathy Bressler, and Mr and Mrs Speck.

MT. PISGAH was the site of an afternoon
 Sunday hike led by Thelma Watson March 18
 There were zealites for the rockhounds,
 early spring flowers for the botanists,
 and sunshine for all. Five persons signed
 up, 6 had telephoned, one stopped at the
 Broadway and 15 more showed up at the park
 1 more at the start of the trip. Those who
 enjoyed this fine trip were: Thelma Watson
 Ruth Marble, Louis Waldorf, Catherine Dun-
 lop, M.B. Castelloe, Margaret Markley, Anna
 and Henry Jeppesen, Helen Smith, Forest
 White, Bob and Eileen Yates, John Yates,
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 Art Johnson, Ted and Mary Jo Johannis, Emma
 and Maynard Wright, Betty Boeshans, Janet
 hiser, Billie Wood, M.V. Johnson, and Mil-
 dred Ball.

WINTER CLIMB OF JACK SNOWED OUT.

"It was the ruggedest snow trip I have
 ever been on." Tom Taylor said when asked
 about the attempt on 3-Fingered Jack on
 March 24-25.

It was snowing hard as six hardy climb-
 ers arrived at the Santiam Pass in a V W
 microbus Late Saturday morning. These six
 were Tom Taylor, Mark McLaughlin, Gary
 Kirk, Charla Eubanks, Karen Meats, Brian
 Gannon. There was a lot of new wet snow,
 and the skis and snowshoes sank in 12 to
 16 inches. The climbers were soaked almost
 before out of sight of the car.

About 1/2 mile in on the Skyline Trail a
 snowshoe broke near the first little lake.
 Here a camp of two tents was set up. About
 5 P.M. Tom and Gary gave up the idea and
 went back out to spend the night in the
 bus. During the night a rotary snow plow
 came bearing down on them. As they desper-
 ately tried to decide which way to jump to
 escape the voracious jaws of the monster,
 it suddenly veered between them and the
 bank, cutting a swath out of the snow and
 leaving them stranded on an island of snow

The 12 inch snowfall overnight almost
 obliterated the deep trail made the day
 before. Snug in their sleeping bags and
 with a blanket of snow over their tents
 the 4 campers had a wonderful nights sleep
 and were just awakening when Tom and Gary
 arrived to find them virtually snowed in.
 It took a 1/2 hour shoveling with snowshoes
 to free them.

Back out at the highway another hour of
 shoveling was required to free the bus. The
 snow plows had cleared the road below Hogg
 Rock of snow avalanches, and the Hardy six
 by now calling themselves "The Stupid Six"
 drove to Mountain House for an 11 o'clock
 breakfast. But back in Eugene Charla won-
 dered when the next attempt could be made
 and Karen, enthralled with her first snow
 camp, decided to apply for membership.

The Emerald-Crescent Ridge hike Saturday
 March 31, led by Gene Renard, attracted 32
 hikers. The hike began at Hendricks Park
 and proceeded south to the Obsidian Club-
 house. After a pause here the group walk-
 ed south on the ridge to Old Dillard road.
 4 people dropped out here. Part of the group
 took a side trip to the top of Baldy, which
 commands some fine views.

After lunch the hikers went south a short
 distance on the road before turning west
 on the ridge to the junction of Fox Holl-
 ow and Spencer Butte roads. 4 more drop-
 ped out here. Going up a short private
 road and trail and crossing a meadow, the
 remaining hikers came to the roughest part
 of the trip, a tangle of vine maple and
 downed timber.

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Refreshed by a spring of cold water, all 24 finally reached the top of the Butte. The descent was by the north side trail to Spencer Butte road and then down a public recreation right-of-way to Pearl Buck school.

About 8 miles were covered, some on trails of a sort. This area contains a variety of vegetation types. Spring flowers were out.

Obsidians on the trip were Gene Renard, Frank Sipe, Emma and Maynard Wright, Helen Smith, Charla Eubanks, Dorothy Towler, Mary Jo Johannis, Catherine Dunlop, and Margaret Markley.

The Hayden Bridge Filter Plant was the object of a Sunday afternoon trip on April 1. The three who went were Henry Jeppesen, Leader, Anna Jeppesen and Ina Foss. Henry reports a very enjoyable tour of the plant conducted by the very pleasant and informative man in charge. (Looks like April Fool. ed.)

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

March 3 Lloyd and Barbara Gust showed excellent slides from a hike with their children, 4 and 8 years of age, around Mt. Rainier on the Wonderland trail. Thirty-two Obsidians and friends were present at the home of Ted and Mary Jo Johannis instead of the Clubhouse because of snow and mud.

The March 17 potluck was held at the Clubhouse and enjoyed by 35 people. Betty Boeshan, Ray Sims and Catherine Dunlop were in charge of entertainment and decorations. Betty and Ray paid a visit in the form of people from outer space. Games and campfire style singing completed the evening.

March 31 Bernice Lehrman who spent two years teaching in American schools in Europe showed 40 Obsidians and friends her pictures from experiences overseas. There were slides from Bergen, Norway to the Holy Lands.

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Associate Members
Annette Cramblet, 3636 E. 25th Ave.
Judith Doig, U of O

Transfer from Junior to Senior
Peter Pomeroy

TIMBERLINE LODGE BY GREYHOUND

Snow, snow, snow was everywhere at Mt. Hood for 31 hardy souls who had boarded the Greyhound bus at 6 A.M. Sun., Mar. 4. Chains were a "must" at Gov't. Camp and driver Dick Hanlan "helped" Charla & Jo Ann put them on the bus. An oncoming skidding car made our bus go into the loose snow; a push snow plow was used to pull it back into the road.

Timberline parking lot was reached by 10:30. A number of Eugene Camera Club members were with us to picture the nearly-covered-up Timberline Lodge. (17 foot).

Many took to the skis and used the new chairlift down the Alpine trail. Because of the cloudy day the snow cat did not run. Six of the skiers skied down trail to Gov't. Camp and were picked up by 4:30. The T & R restaurant at Albany was the stop on the way home; home being reached by 9:30.

Those on the trip: Fran & Jim Fredenburg, Robin Brant, Hella Modersohn, Elizabeth Weber, Irene Emmons, Lois, Harry & Jo Ann Wesley, Charla Eubanks, Mary-Jane Kitterer, Mary Jo Johannis, Kris Anne Berkshom, Nellis McWilliams, Jane Jordan Marian & Dulce Smith, Bonnie Manning, Ted and Rose Torgelstrom, Frank Hickbottom. Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Gossler, Mabel Bailey, Craig and Curt Johnson, Clarence & Dorothy Scherer, leader Ray Sims.

SAVE	--	SAVE	--	SAVE
COUPONS	--	STARS	--	BANDS

As of this date, April 1, we have 1258 Betty Crocker coupons. These will buy 18 pieces of stainless steel. We now have 12 serving spoons; 12 salad forks; 2 teaspoons

Folgers Stars total 427. We need 73 more Stars for a coffeemaker to use for small groups - 12 to 30 cup percolator.

We have our name in for a case of M.J.B. coffee which requires 900 points and we have 351.

CLUB SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

All members note! Anyone having any club supplies or equipment in their homes please bring it to the Clubhouse.

WANTED: Steel filing cabinet with lock.

PERSONALS

Mike Stahl has recently been in the hospital and is now at home recuperating. Leslie Cooper also at home recuperating from a spell in the hospital. Both Leslie and Mike getting along fine.

You will notice that Ruth Beacons name is no longer on the membership list. She is now Mrs Strong and has resigned from the Obsidians.

Also missing from the membersh'p list is the name Anna Lois Mills. She has changed her name to Mrs Virgil Newton and her new residence is 490 Hiway 99 North.

Heard that Karla Vangsnes has been out on the street making and selling cotton candy. How about that, Karla? Needing extra change for your trip to Norway?

In the new membership list Jim Newsom is listed as Lieutenant and it should be Captain James Newsom. He spent 3 days in March visiting with his mother Frances and his brother Keith. He was on his way home from Fort Greely, Alaska where he had been making an inspection tour of the nuclear power plant there. His home is in Virginia.

OUR PROPERTY TAX

Our property has been assessed by the tax department and the value that has been put on the tax rolls is for \$4250.00. You can figure out about what this is going to amount to. If you don't think that non-profit organizations should be taxed your only hope is thru your legislature. Personally I don't feel that it is fair to pay the tax as long as we are paying taxes on our homes and business's, too. But this is just my own opinion. B. Medill

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PACKPACKING HINTS AND HELPS

The Kelty which is the most popular backpacks has a long, contoured frame made of tubular aluminum. There is a waist strap which when drawn up firmly takes most of the weight of the pack off the shoulders. Two models are available-the Backpacker or the Mountaineer. The first one is for the average trail hiker, the other for the mountain climber and skier. There are four different sizes small to extra large and they are designed for heights from 5'4" to 6'1". Prices range from \$16.50 to \$18.75.

The backbag is Nylon cloth Zelan treated and olive drab in color. It comes in three different models and costs range from \$15.50 to \$18.00. It can be purchased from the A.I.Kelty Mfg.Co., P.O.Box 3453, Glendale 1, Calif. Let's hear about your favorite pack bag-a brief description and where it can be obtained. Send your information to the Editor.

RIBBON PARK ASSOCIATION

This is the name chosen by a group of citizens representing various organizations in and around Eugene who met at the Obsidian Club-house April 3rd, to form a club to work towards the forming a park running continuously from one Park to another for hiking, bike riding and horse back riding, around the city of Eugene. Plans were made, a constitution was drawn up and officers elected. Officers elected are, Chairman, Mrs. Murdock; Vice Chairman Mr Hallen, and Peggy Russell, Sec-Treas. Mr Matsler gave the party quite a talk on what the far reaching plans should be and more or less on how to go about it. Mike McCloskey attended as well as Dorothy Towlerton and Bob Medill. Ray Sims is the official representative from the Obsidians.

F. W. O. C. CONVENTION-Call KARL ONTHANK

