



The OBSIDIAN

P.O. BOX 322 EUGENE, OREGON

VOL XXII

MAY

1962

NO.7

TRIPS

- *May 12. Sat. Linton Lake. This is a very pretty place and just a short hike in from the Hiway. Art Johnson will be the leader. Be careful, Art; this is where the old man went into a couple of years ago and couldn't find his way out.
- *May 19 and 20. Bus trip to Seattle to the fair. No local trip.
- *May 27. Sat. Above Oakridge along Salt Cr. and up to Heather. Heather is just a mark on the railroad map, but there are some very pretty spots around there. Plumber Donn Chase is going to lead this one.
- *May 30. Memorial Day. Hobo breakfast at the club-house. There will be a bird hunt before breakfast to start at 6 Standard time with breakfast to start at 7:30 standard time. Breakfast to continue till about 10 to accommodate late comers. Further details about this day will be found on another page.
- *June 2. Sat. Sardines, Lookout. At press time we do not know who is going to drag the seine, but this Sardine hunt will be up in the Fall Creek area and the walking is reputed to be all down hill.
- *June 10 Sun. A renewal of our trip last year to the Carmen-Smith Dam project. Very interesting and it might be dam-p. Byron Price will be our escort.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

May 25 at 8 P.M. fast time or 7 P.M. standard time. Take your choice. This will be the last meeting of the year. There will be election of officers followed by pictures and a talk on the geology of Dinosaur National Monument by Allen Hagood.

FUNNY

Between Eugene and Glenwood the Highway Department is taking out the divider strip leaving a space about 3 feet wide and 4 inches deep. The other night that it rained so much this space filled with water. Daylight drivers saw the incongruous sight of a bunch of mallards trying to find breakfast at the bottom of the water.

FRIENDLY HOUSE

May 28 will be the next Obsidian Picture night and the program will be the showing of pictures taken at the Seattle Fair by those going on the Obsidian bus trip.

May 13. Keith Wolf will take us thru Zion Grand and Bryce canyons.

May 20. Bob Medill will show pictures of their recent tour of the deep South. Key West, Nassau, Miami, Mardi Gra, etc.

May 27. Paul and Helen Weiser, Sierras, Mt. Lassen, Rail Fan trip in Calif. on old time Railroad, Old mining camps, etc.

POT-LUCK

May 12th. Come out and see the newly painted ceiling. Thanks to Dorothy Towler-ton. She didn't do it all but if it hadn't been for her it would not be done yet. And for those who want to see them, Bob Medill will show pictures of their recent trip. Time: 6 P.M. Standard.

PRINCESSES DOINGS

Will meet at the Teepee of Princess Moon Dance, 950 Hammock, May 21, Princess Lighting will be co-assistant. Watch out girls, for a stranger among you.

F.W.O.C.

Don't forget we are co-hosts with the Chemeketans to handle the F.W.O.C. Convention this fall. And we will need volunteers to help. This will give all of us Obsidians a real good opportunity to attend, as the convention will be at the Boy Scouts camp on Siltcoos Lake.

MIKE McCLOSKEY

It's not the policy of this bulletin to get into political discussions, but when one of our members is involved we feel it of enough interest to all members to be so informed. Mike is running for State Legislature and to those of us who know Mike, we can say there is no question as to his qualifications, integrity and ability. He is also an Obsidian Chief.

OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President.....Bob Medill.....6-2908
 Vice-Pres.....Bob Dark.....5-3780
 Secy-Treas.....D.Towlerton.....5-4079
 Donn Chase, Trips; Art Johnson, Librarian;
 Margaret Markley, Scientific; Gene Sebring
 Climbing; Don Hunter, Building; Kay Fahy,
Membership.
 Editor.....Helen Smith.....3-4720
 Address....950 Hammock....Eugene, Oregon
Junior Editor..Charla Eubanks...3-6341

Committee Chairmen: Anna Jeppesen, Entertainment; Jim Jeppesen, Outing; Tom Taylor, Conservation; Mark McLaughlin, Search and Rescue; Catherine Dunlop, Youth Activities; Ted Johannis, Finances. - - - -

Bulletin Subscription.....Membership.
 Non-members.....\$2 per yr.
 Club Dues.....\$4 per yr.
 Juniors.....\$1 per yr.
Dues are due.....October.
 Material for Publication must be in not
later than the 1st Thursday of the month.

SIGNING UP FOR TRIPS

To those of you who do not know, there is quite a lot of work for the person who is going to lead it. In a lot of cases, it is necessary for the leader to make a preliminary trip of the route before hand then to put up the sign-up sheet. Then get the sign-up sheet and plan transportation for all those who want rides, and to find out who are going that can take passengers and how many. This involves a certain amount of telephoning and time. There is too much waiting till meeting time at the meeting place on the morning of departure before letting the leader in on who is going and who wants rides, After all the work that has gone into planning and preparing for a trip can't you who intend to go help just a little and let the leader know by either signing up or just call him on the phone.

HINTS FOR HIKERS

The latest from the Forest Service is a booklet on hints for hikers and is available at the various Regional Forest Service headquarters in Eugene, Corvallis Roseburg, or from the Regional Forester 729 NE Oregon, Portland, Oregon. This booklet is worth the time and energy need ed to get one.

RUMMAGE, RUMMAGE, RUMMAGE, SAVE IT AND CALL BOB MEDILL. GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER SALE SOON. WATCH FOR DATE. RUMMAGE

ISLAND CAMPING

The Sierra Club's summer camp held on the Island of Hawaii was attended by two members of the Obsidians, Ina Foss and Bob Medill. Mary Medill's son, Herb, from Seattle also attended. The camp was limited to 90, which was quickly filled. Leaving San Francisco at midnight we landed at Hilo in the morning at daylight, where we were joined by ten more. We had a fleet of 18 cars, a jeep and a truck to move from one camp place to another, four camps in all, from sea level to one of 9000 ft. where we almost froze. Cockroaches, big enough to ride. One really big one looked big enough to ride double were encountered at one camp. Bushels of them along with a lot of scorpions, but no one got bit that we heard of. One big thrill we had was at take off, where our big DC 7 loaded to the gills used up the last inch of runway before able to get its feet off the ground. A full moon and a cloud bank a thousand miles wide gave us a most beautiful ride home. We arrived in San Francisco too late to catch our train so took a taxi to the Greyhound depot. Got there with just minutes to spare for the midnight bus. This bus turned out to be a local so you might say we came home broadside. Anyway it seemed that we hit every hamlet within 25 miles of the Hiway on either side. At two in the morning the bus broke down and we had to sit there until four for another bus from S.F. Then up near Redding we had a flat tire. One thing the Sierra Club does that I think we could copy to our advantage is they use paper plates. A plain one for breakfast and a compartmented one for supper. Ones food stays warmer in the paper plates.

HURRAH

The mimeographing machine and supplies are all paid for. That is, enough saving has been made by doing the work ourselves to offset the costs of the machine and supplies. The Bulletin staff are all so happy we thot perhaps you all would like to know, too.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

A recent issue carried the announcement that the club needed a couple of floor lamps and a steel filing cabinet. Myrtie Hamlin came across with two lamps and we have a real good four drawer cabinet donated to the club from Sterling Behnke of Gilberts Shoe Store, 49 East Broadway. It stands 53 inches high. Thank, Ycu, Folks.

THE SUNLIT TRAIL . . .

JIM STOVALL conducted a tour of the new wings of the Science Building on the University campus on April 7 during the dedication of the new facilities. The "hikers" saw the new quarters for Geology, Biology, Botany, the greenhouse, the new auditorium, etc. As the tour proceeded more people joined the group until there were about 50 altogether at the end. The 18 who began the tour were Jim and Mary Douglas Stovall, Helen and Paul Weiser, Louis and Roxie Waldorf, Mary Castellloe, H.L. Pennoyer, Keith and Bessie Brunig, Florence Fulton, Myrtie Hamlin, Frances Newsom, Gerry Fehly, Mike Fehly, Rhonda and Mary Jo Johannis, and Helen Kilpatrick.

The overnight SNOW TRIP scheduled for April 14-15 was cancelled for want of enough transportation. Five persons who wanted transportation were signed up, and Alan and Lorena Reid could provide for only two of these.

Persons on the COAST TRIP on April 21 had a beautiful sunshiny day. Lunch was eaten at Stage Coach Camp in Siltcoos Forest Camp. Coffee was made in the old black pot. The new Nature Trail was followed to the dunes, and the hikers crossed the dunes to the beach. On the trip were Bailey and Mary Castellloe, leaders, Harmon Pennoyer, Al Coven, Charla Eubanks, Judi Hurst, Helen and Paul Weiser, Margaret Wiese, Jim and Mary Douglas Stovall, Betty Boeshans, Frank Patton, Robin Brant, and Nellie McWilliams.

Clear, cool weather prevailed for the GOLD POINT hike on April 29. About 3 inches of fresh snow had fallen the night before and sifted off the trees as the hikers walked along. Some snow was on the trail and some had melted. Hikers on this trip were Keith Brunig, leader, Gregg Brunig, Ruth Marble, Adeline Adams, Judi Hurst, Sylvia Dobes, Charla Eubanks, Karen Meats, Thelma Watson, Bob Homer, Curt Robinson, Kay Fahy, Art Johnson, and Helen Smith.

NEW BOAT SACK

OUR BOAT IS READY setting in the outing equipment room is a brand new large roomy white canvass sack for our Obsidian rubber boat. Boat has a new water proof bottom and the oar locks are again glued on - - ready for summer camp.

THE LAST COUNT

BETTY CROCKER COUPONS turned in this month 104 --making 1962.

RUMMAGE

After going to press we have learned that the rummage sale being put on is to be Friday, June the 5th. So get out all your castoffs right away and call Bob to remove same. Not much time so don't put it off.

CHARLA EUBANKS was third place winner in the Knights of Pythias declamatory contest. Her talk was "My Hope for my Country."

REPORT FROM ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The April 14 potluck was enjoyed by children and adults, 55 in all. The candy Easter egg hunt was staged by Mary Castellloe; Florence Fulton and Anna Jepsen were in charge of some games, and Florence directed us in the Virginia Reel with 20 to 30 participating reelers. As a conclusion to the gay party Ray Sim showed slides from the White Water parade of 1961. Trip fee turned in was \$ 7.92.

NEW BOARD MEMBER TO FRAME NEW CHARTER

Charter for Explorer Post 165 for which Obsidians Inc. is the sponsoring institution was delivered to the board meeting. Bob Dark is arranging to have it framed so you will soon see it on the Clubhouse wall.

This is Bob's first act as newest member of the Obsidian Board. He was the Board's selection to fill Gene Renard's unexpired term.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

In checking the new membership list with the old we find that we have had an increase in membership by better than 20. This is most gratifying though still not as large an increase as should be. And in inviting interested people to join us we must be able to offer some real tangible reasons for them to join. If you like the outdoors (and who doesn't) whether you take an active part in our club or not, remember that the outdoor clubs are representing all people in working with the Forest Service in planning and the laying out of areas for the use of all, for now, and in the future.

SO WHAT!!!

Sure, there are typographical errors in the bulletins. We do this intentionally. Just trying to please everybody.

FOLGERS

Stars and Points turned in this month --37-- making 467.

BACKPACKING HINTS AND HELPS

Sleeping bags with white goose down and nylon covers make the lightest weight with a maximum of warmth for the hiker.

Bags that weight 3,4, or 5 lbs. will cost approximately \$60.00 to \$100.00. The amount of down, its quality, the outer cover, the size of the bag, and the length of the zipper or no zipper all affect the cost of the bag. If you are a cold sleeper you will most likely want an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1 lb. of down added to your bag, this will add another \$6. to \$10.00.

A 4 lb. bag with the best quality down, a Zeta nylon cover, a full length zipper and of the shortest length costs \$80.00 from Trailwise, The Ski Hut, Berkeley, Calif. Holubar, Boulder, Colo. has some nice looking bags too.

A light weight air mattress can also be purchased from these companies. Size 32" x 48", weighing 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. costs \$8.95.

THE MISSING OUZELS

The many falls of Oregon's Silver Falls State Park, in addition to their beauty, provide an ideal habitat for the water ouzel. Usually a large number of the dark brown birds may be found in the area. Lacking webbed feet or any of the adaptations usual to water birds, their underwater "skindiver" antics amaze and amuse many visitors, and they are considered to be among the world's finest singers.

A friend reports that these birds added so much enjoyment to his first visit to Silver Falls Park, he recently made a return trip to repeat the pleasant experience.

Not a one could he find throughout the Park. He did sight a number of small boys carrying air rifles.
(From Howdy's Happenings, Seattle)

OBSIDIANS, INC.
P.O. BOX 322
EUGENE, OREGON

NEW MEMBERSJuniors

Janet Cramblet, 3636 E. 25th
Kirk McLaughlin, 2480 Laurel Hill Rd.
Karen Meats, 2575 Hilyard St.
Transfer from Junior to Senior
Arthur Steele

DEER! DEER!

Five deer gave the editorial staff a very pleasant surprise visit while we were all at work getting our tin.

LUNCH TIME!

The editorial staff ate their lunch of ham, biscuits and honey prepared by Dorothy T. on the south porch of the Clubhouse while putting out the bulletin.

WORK PARTY

After the Hobo breakfast it is planned to have a work party at the club-house for those who can stay. A lot of plywood is on hand and the paneling is on order and most likely will be at the clubhouse by then. If the weather is nice we will do our cooking outside. If not, we can all cook inside.

JUNIOR TO SENIOR

Art Steel, Jr, ~~has~~ been changed from Jr. to Senior, altho he still remains Junior. You see, he became Junior before he was an Obsidian Jr. but now he isn't an Obsidian Jr. anymore but is still a Steel Junior.

Tape Recording of minutes at the board meeting is something new, having been used at the last board meeting. Maybe we will like it and maybe we won't, but anyway it sure helps to tone down the language. Don't Hunter brot his new machine.



REPORT OF THE NORTH WEST CONSERVATION REPRESENTATIVE, MIKE McCLOSKEY, FOR APRIL '62

More than half the month was spent on the road. Travel was for the purpose of speaking to groups, helping with arrangements for meetings, and for some field research.

The longest trip was to Seattle to assist with the arrangements for the Fourth Biennial Wilderness Conference. The trip began on April 8, with the return to Eugene on April 17. I traveled to Burns, Oregon April 20-21 to speak, to the upper Clackamas River on April 25, and to Portland on April 27.

In the course of the month, I met with the following groups: Federation of West. Outdoor Clubs at the Wilderness Conference, the Mountaineers Conservation Division, the Trails Club of Oregon, the Friends of the Three Sisters, the Eugene Section of the Sierra Club's Northwest Chapter, a park group associated with the Obsidians, and the John Day Chapter of the Society of American Foresters. I made three Principal speeches in the course of the month, and spoke impromptu at some length on numerous occasions. I showed the film "Wilderness Alps" also on one occasion.

My work in Seattle involved publicity work principally. Four press releases were issued, three prior to the conference and one afterwards. The concluding press release was mailed to over 200 newspapers and radio and television stations in the Pacific Northwest. Our concluding story was put on the wire service, as was one pre-conference release. Three television interviews were arranged for our featured speaker, Daniel Beard of the National Park Service. Other publicity work was done, too including some work done on exhibits.

While in Washington state, the problem with respect to cutting in Deception Pass State Park was investigated. A field trip was made, State park personnel at the Capital were interviewed, and research foresters at Oregon State University were consulted. As a consequence, a draft of a letter of recommendation to the Governor was prepared for the Mountaineers Conservation Division at their request.

In connection with a meeting with the Trails Club of Oregon, Preliminary field research on the Bagby Hot Springs problem was done. This problem will be pursued further in the future.

On my return from Seattle, I received the official reply of the Forest Service to the appeal of last year on the Waldo

Lake plan. The new plan was disappointing in its limited scope, but did represent some improvement. No wild area was created but at least the lake basin and the north west small lakes area was now classed for recreation. These changes were made in line with a new policy for managing scenic and recreation values in high mountain areas. This new policy also is limited in scope but may provide the means for future progress. An analysis of this policy and of the Waldo Lake plan was prepared and mailed to over 50 interested groups and individuals.

Early in the month, the text of an article on national forest advisory boards in Region 6 was completed and submitted for publication to the Sierra Club Bulletin. The findings of research highlighted in the article should be useful in promoting new and more adequate procedures for public consultation by the Forest Service.

Copy for a promotional pamphlet for an Oregon Dunes National Seashore was also prepared early in the month. It has been submitted to the Sierra Club in hopes that resources for publication may be found. Effort to rescue the flagging campaign for an Oregon dunes park has continued throughout the month.

Work on an analysis of the operation of draft legislation for a Northern Cascades National Park drew near conclusion toward the end of the month. Further research at a later date will amplify this analysis with actual rather than illustrative data.

Also late in the month, a draft reply was prepared for the Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area to a letter from the Regional Forester on the Olallie Ridge area. The latter letter was an inadequate reply to a lengthy letter sent by the Friends in February.

The O3C in April printed copies of maps of the Oregon Cascades showing destructive cutting of the past year according to data I compiled. This appeared in the April issue of the Oregon Cascades.

A tentative field schedule for the coming months is now being worked out. It includes the following: Early May: Kalmiopsis Wild Area and Illinois Canyon country; Middle May: upper McKenzie country; Late May; Eagle Creek Limited area; Early June Snake River Limited Area; Late June; Sky Lakes Limited Area; Early July North Cascades Primitive area, etc.