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THE SUNLIT TRAIL

The overnight trip to Southern Oregon Coast was enjoyed by 17 people. The first rendezvous was the first rest stop west of Scottsburg on Saturday morning. Picnic lunch was eaten at Bandon State Park. The group made an enjoyable tour of Prehistoric Gardens, with Jim Stovall briefing us on the lives of the dinosaurs modeled here.

Various stops were made along the new highway including Mack Arch, Thomas Creek bridge, and Whale Head Cove. The entire group stayed overnight at the Crest Motel. For dinner we drove across the California line to Ship-Ashore-Restaurant. We visited the ship's gift shop, museum, "Pirate's Cove", and Whell House, and saw a brilliant sunset from the deck. At the motel Harry Wesley showed slides of southern Oregon flowers and Nellie McWilliams showed pictures of the earlier coast trip.

Early Sunday morning Harris Beach State Park was visited at low tide. A visit to Azalea State Park followed. Crossing the line into California, we turned left up the Smith River road. The Smith River Canyon is especially spectacular at this time of year. A picnic lunch stop was made at Panther Flat Campground in the Six Rivers National Forest. Farther up Smith Canyon the party discovered and photographed two of southern Oregon's rather uncommon and beautiful flowers, red delphinium and Imperial Lewisia. Near Grant's Pass two stops were made in flower meadows near Rough and Ready Creek.

Those making the trip were Margaret Markley, Leader, Jim and Mary Douglass Stovall, Helen and Paul Wieser, Nellie and Mac McWilliams, Ina Foss, Margaret Wiese, Helen Hughes, Myrtle Smith, Helen Letto, Roxie and Louis Waldorf, Harry and Lois and JoAnn Wesley.

GENE RENARD has rented a house in Honolulu for the family. Their address there will be; 109 Rosebank Place, Honolulu 17.

LINTON LAKE on May 12.

This hike led by Art Johnson was made by 17 persons. Only one small snowbank was found on the way in. Lunch stop was made where Obsidian Creek flows into the lake. Marion Johnson boiled up a pot of coffee which he shared with others. The party came out by the newly constructed trail. Those on the hike were Art Johnson, Sylvia Dabes, Bailey Castelloe, Charla and Roberta Eubanks, Don Lyons, Bud Fluke, Robin Brant, Forest White, Monte Fisher, Dorothy Towler-ton, Bob Medill, Mildred Ball, Helen Smith Bill and Scott Martyn and Marion Johnson.

SARDINE BUTTE on June 2.

Hikers were badly rained on. A wrong turn was taken at a fork and after about 45 minutes of hiking the group looked across to the lookout building on another ridge. After eating lunch the group started back to take the other turn, but it began to pour and the party was drenched. Bailey Castelloe is reported to have said it was the worst downpour he'd ever been caught in on an Obsidian trip. A photographer and a reporter from the Register Guard probably have enough reasons to keep them from going on another Obsidian trip for 20 years. Those getting the drenching were Douglas Spencer, Leader, Amy Lou, Susan, and David Spencer, Sam Freer, Mirko Y. Piner, Emma Wright, Ina Foss, Bailey Castelloe, Peter Pomeroy, Helen Smith, Bill, Erolina, Scott and Elaine Martyn.

HOBO BREAKFAST enjoyed by many.

Some had their breakfast inside and some outside. It was a gorgeous day to be out and quite a few went on Catherine Dunlop's bird trip before breakfast. During the day considerable outside cleaning up and leveling off of the grounds was accomplished as well as some tileing and ditch filling done. Mrs Norma Gray of Perth, Australia, guest of Molly Clark attended.

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later than the 1st Thursday of the month.

ACTIVITIES

First to be announced is the rummage
 sale to be held, June 15th at the Center.
 Besides your rummage, your help is wanted
 and also they will need paper sacks. Call
 Nellie McWilliams, DI 5-1422

June 17

Iron Mountain. This is a trip that one
 never gets tired of making. Donn needs a
 leader.

June 24

This is called, "Roseburg Flower Trip!" It
 is being led by Harry and Lois Wesley
 See other item on this page about trip.

July 1

Huckleberry Butte. Up in the McKenzie
 Pass area. Frank Sipe, Leader.

NOW HEAR THIS

"We are to lead a trip Sunday, June 24
 and being as this fast time and slow time
 does not agree in our Counties, we thot
 it best to get this straightened out be-
 fore hand.

We will meet at "4" Winds Restaurant
 parking area at 9 a.m. fast time or 8 a.m
 standard time. This is just off the
 freeway at Sutherlin. This will be more
 or less a motor tour with a short hike or
 two. Harry and Lois Wesley, Leaders."

July 7 & 8.

This is along the Skyline Trail from
 Marion Lake to Pamela Lake. This will be
 a backpack. Gene Sebring, Leader.

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 * The Bulletin Staff, The Board of *
 * Directors and the Obsidian member- *
 * ship extend to you, Ruth Hermack, *
 * our deepest and sincerest sympathy *
 * in the loss of your father and to *
 * your mother in the loss of her hus- *
 * band and to your children in the *
 * loss to them of their Grandfather. *
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PLASTERED

Attendants at the SummerCamp rally were
 surprised to see Barbara Hasek on crutch-
 es with one leg enclosed in a plaster
 cast. After skiing all winter without a
 mishap she had to step out of a car and
 tore the ligaments of one leg.

ANOTHER MOUTH TO FEED

To William and Pat Sheppard on May 23,
 1962, a girl, Susie. Wt. 7 pounds & 3 oz
 To you newer members, Pat is the daughter
 of Mike Stahl. Bring her out, Pat, and
 show her off.

STEVE HADLEY, sophomore at the University
 of Oregon, majoring in chemistry, has just
 been awarded a \$500 Crown Zellerback
 Foundation Scholarship. Say, Steve! How
 about analyzing our stew that is served at
 the Chiefs doin's?

FEATHER IN OUR HAT and for Greyhound.
 The Obsidian Club. Eugene, Oregon.
 Att'n: Mr Ray Sims.

I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to
 you and members of the Obsidian Club for
 the opportunity of serving as your driver
 on your Seattle Worlds Fair Charter trip,
 which you made this past weekend.

It was a great pleasure to be with all
 of you and I deeply appreciate the many
 ways in which you made me feel as though
 I were one of your group.

I appreciate also the fact that you se-
 cured lodging and meals for me at the Chi-
 nook Pass Motel. This thoughtfulness re-
 flects the high standard of character dis-
 played by your group.

I sincerely hope that you and the other
 members of the charter group enjoyed the
 trip in every way. I will always feel
 that this was one of the finer trips
 which I have made in the service of the
 Greyhound lines.

My very best wishes to all of you, and
 I sincerely hope that I can again be of
 service to you in this manner at some
 future time.

Very Truly Yours,
 Lowell E. Straley.

HEATHER CREEK FALLS TRIP

Led by Donn Chase was into new country and very interesting. Saw two falls that are very pretty, especially the upper one. A freight train pulled into a siding at Heather as we came back and we had to wait about twenty minutes for #20 to go by and then wait for the freight to clear before we could get across to our cars. Some of us thought that we had discovered some new kinds of birds. Saw them in the trees. But then it was discovered that the pretty blue was blue ribbons that have been tied on trees for marking purposes.

Those on the trip were Bailey and Mary Castelloe, Margaret Markley, Judith Doil, Kay Fahy, Thelma Watson, Ina Foss, Forest White, Henry Jeppesen, Bob Medill, and Ruth Marble.

SUMMER CAMP RALLY

Where did all the people come from? The parking lot was full and then some. All the tables were in use and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. The pictures of summer camp area were shown by Adeline Adams and Henry Carlson taken by them when they camped there with the Chemekens. They did a wonderful job of describing the place and a very good job of showing their pictures. The advance information shows it to be a very beautiful area.

SEATTLE WORLD FAIR BUS TRIP

The bus left the South Eugene parking lot at 5:30 p.m. standard time. All except three who were to be picked up in Albany, Salem and Portland were aboard. A dinner stop was made in Albany and we arrived in Auburn about 1 a.m. Saturday. Assignment of rooms was made after we were aboard the bus and remained as scheduled except for one change.

The motel personnel had coffee and doughnuts waiting and directed us to our rooms. They were most friendly and cordial and gave excellent breakfasts at 75¢ per person per breakfast.

The Fair left nothing to be desired except less waiting in line and more time to see. Everything waited for was worth while and is recommended as a must for your summer vacation. All who went enjoyed it and there was singing and snoozing on the bus as we traveled home.

Promoted from Junior to Senioe: Charles Dark and Janet Cramblett.

New member: Judith Johnson, 1260½ Patterson.

Pot luck night June 16. Six o'clock PST. Good entertainment.

RAY SIMS PRESENTS

Ray took a picture in 1932 of the then Obsidian Lodge when it was snowed in. This was up three miles above the Lost Creek Ranch. This picture took a prize in an Obsidian picture contest. (They used to have them). Cy Fulton made a painting of it and gave it to Ray. It has been in his house since 1933 and Ray has made a gift of it to the club; it now hangs on the wall up there. Thank you, Ray.

Ray went to the hospital on May 23rd to get equalized. We won't know him when it is all over and he is walking the trails with us again. Here's to you, Ray.

CLUB HOUSE NOTES

Helen Smith bought the paint, and she and Adeline Adams have painted the Ladies Powder Room. It is done in a pink and it looks just lovely. They are now starting in on the mens room.

Catherine Dunlop has spent time grubbing out poison oak.

Bailey Castelloe has the fixtures all in the mens place and has put in the light fixtures in the two rooms.

The Board room walls are all finished except the north wall.

Don Hunter has the place wired for sound. He did this Hobo Breakfast day. Later he will put in speakers and mike.

P.S. The mens room is not to be done in PINK.

WHAT DOES THE TERM. "WILD AREA" MEAN?

Look at your map of the Siskiyou National Forest and you will find lying amidship between Grants Pass and Brookings the Kalmiopsis Wild Area. This area containing 78,850 acres was set aside and classified a Wild Area, mostly because of rare botanical species found in this area. Now lets take a look. A road has been constructed clear across it, and most of the Chetco, (The Chetco is the main river in this area) river valley has been taken up by the filing of mineral claims preparatory to bringing in dredges to dredge up the river valley in the quest for gold. Thought we were only losing our de facto wilderness areas, but it seems that even areas already set aside for wilderness are going, too. Mike McCloskey reports that the RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL was organized in Portland in 1958 and is composed of 171 mining, timber and other interests to exploit the natural resources. We cannot hope to match these interests for \$. Our best recourse is in writing to our congressman and especially to Representative Mrs. Pfoest.

PINT SIZED PITONS

At this time the Rock Climbing School is over and we are awaiting the snow school on June 9 & 10. There was a good turn out of Juniors for rock school and many good potential climbers came out. The program this year has been one of the best organized and one of the finest we have had. One of the more humorous demonstrations by instructors was after an indoor session when three of them were seen climbing around on the outside walls of Harris Hall. As many of you have probably noted, this is climbing rock. Also after class instruction was given in proper methods to climb and slide down on the orange girders outside.

There has been increasing interest in the sport of climbing and hiking among teenagers as has been shown in climbing school and hiking. I think, tho, that many Juniors would appreciate more of the harder kinds of hike in the months just before climbing season and just after the season. This is not to say that there should be any less of the easier hikes, these are just as important, but I think many of us would appreciate the extra conditioning.

If you have done any climbing or hiking I think you realize how important conditioning is. Many climbers find that running is one of the best ways to prepare for the coming season. Now is the time many are preparing. If you ever drive beside the Amazon track about 11 o'clock at night, and you see a gentleman out there laborously running, it will be Tom Taylor. Don't call the psychologist--get out there and run with him. Everyone can use the conditioning. Charla Eubanks

FOREST SERVICE RELEASES

The latest is there new booklet on camping in the National Forests and is called, "Campground Directory". It contains 84 pages and covers all the campgrounds in Oregon and Washington. There are 622 camps listed and complete details about each camp is also told. Also filled with camping information of all kinds. It is well worth the trouble of getting.

CABIN USAGE

Helen Smith has come up with a new idea on using the cabin. The idea is good, but depends on how the members would respond. And that is to have the cabin open for the members evenings. Appoint couples to take turns in going up there and have the place open. It is really a nice place up there and would be an enjoyable place to take a picnic lunch to. Then there is a lot of very interesting literature coming to the club that the members never get a chance to read and this could be left in a suitable place where one could have access to it. Another thing: we have an ideal place for roller skating. It all adds up to, how many people would be interested in going up? How many people would care to have roller skating sessions there? How many members would like to have, attend and take part in, folk dancing, or dancing of any kind? Hold up your hands. Its your club-house and your money that built it. Its your investment.

NAME OUR CLUB-HOUSE

What are we going to call our club-house? Is it just going to be club-house or has someone a suggestion for a suitable name?

Why not some Indian name for it? What did they call their long houses, or the Places where they had their pow-wows. Send in any names you might think suitable to the board, or phone any board member.

RUMMAGE Times awasten'. June 15 is the date and Nellie's abustin' a girllie to get help and stuff for the sale. She will need help so be sure and line up with her..

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