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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Business meeting with election of officers and potluck dinner will be held on October 12 at the clubhouse.

Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. with the business meeting following. A trip fee will be charged. Annual reports of all committee chairmen will be given.

1962-63 dues are payable at this time; those whose dues are paid are eligible to vote.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE presents the following for election to the board for the 1962-63 year:

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| Dr. Robert G. Dark | Betty Boeshans |
| Stanley Hasek | Mary Jo Johannis |
| Dr. Lawrence Hilt | |
| Douglas Spencer | |

Retiring are:

Kay Fahy
Donn Chase
Gene Renard

Continuing Members:

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| Don Hunter | Bob Medill |
| Art Johnson | Gene Sebring |
| Margaret Markley | Dorothy Towlerton |

SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp at Twin Lakes, Washington was a camp to remember. In spite of rain in more than sufficient quantities a most wonderful time was had by all. Seven days of rain and seven days of sunshine kept the camp in high spirits.

The days of sunshine revealed a beautiful Canadian Rocky type of scenic beauty, with enough mountains to "drive a mountain climber crazy" as one energetic and enthusiastic climber expressed it.

The days of rain brought forth all of the talent in the group. Kay Fahy produced fun for the juniors, taking them into one of the large tents, warmed by 2

Coleman lanterns, they were entertained with games, cards, reading, and on the very雨iest day of all Kay and Myrtle Smith together with four of the tallest men holding a large plastic sheet over the actors for a protection from the driving rain, performed Pokey Huntus & John Smith to the merriment of all. The President's Tea was treated to a second performance of the same play which Mary Castelloe had brought to camp.

Keeping the fires going was task which called for the ingenuity of all in camp. A boat pump used as a bellows was needed to keep the fire in the cookstove burning until, finally, the camp committee went forth to various and sundry places and brought dry wood. At last came the Forest Service and also the native hermit and rescued us.

Mount Shuksan and Mount Baker were the center of the pictures takers delight but inclement weather kept the climbers at bay.

Even with so much rain it was Hip! Hip! Hooray for CAMP MEDILL from 62 enthusiastic campers.

Thank you, Jim, Kay and Lloyd for a very nice camp.

FWOC CONVENTION

More than 100 persons representing 17 outdoor clubs gathered at Camp Baker on Tsiltcoos Lake for the 31st annual convention.

Various clubs along the Pacific Coast from Seattle to Los Angeles; east to Utah, and west to Hawaii were represented.

A visit to the Sand Dunes, panel discussions, a back packing demonstration, a number of speakers, including George Selko, retired special assistant to the secretary of agriculture.

Twenty resolutions were passed as the

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 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. 3-day convention ended with its business meeting on Monday (Labor Day).

Among those attending were Louis Reid, Jr., division chief of education and interpretation, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Dept. of Interior; John Rutter, superintendent of Mt. Rainier National Park; W. Ward Yeager, superintendent of Crater Lake National Park; Harold Schick, superintendent of Oregon State parks and the various officers of the FWOC, including Lewis Clark, president.

The convention was jointly sponsored by the Chemeketans and the Obsidians. Members from the Obsidians attending and assisting with the procedures were: Tom Taylor, official Obsidian delegate, Margaret Markley, substitute delegate, Baily and Mary Castelloe, Catherine Dunlop, Henry and Anna Jeppesen, R.O. "Mac" McWilliams, Karl and Ruth Onthank, Dorothy Towleron, Dale and June Carlson, Henry Carlson, Blanche Bailey, and Mike McCloskey, FWOC Representative. Mike really did a first rate job as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. He does and is the most.

One of the energetic conservationists at the FWOC Convention was Ruth Hopson. Ruth was an enthusiastic Obsidian as well. She still is, having reinstated her membership.

Florence Fulton will be teaching at the Rose Lodge School on the coast and will live at Wecoma Beach.

TRIP SCHEDULE

Sept. 8 & 9 cancelled due to insufficient interest.
 Sept. 16 - Irish Mountain (Q) is an interesting lake basin area near Taylor Burn.
 Sept. 23 - South Fork of the McKenzie. Mac McWilliams will show us the new Cougar Dam and tour the South Fork area.
 Sept. 29 (Sat.) Indigo Lake (Q) off Willamette Pass with Helen Hughes.
 Sept. 30 - Tenace Lakes. A Bob Medill special. If he has not returned there will be a substitute leader.
 Oct. 7 - Mark McLaughlin will be around to conduct a trip up the easy, beautiful ridge trail to Hardisty Lookout.
 Oct. 14 - Don Hunter will lead a special surprise trip. Watch the paper and the bulletin board.
 Oct. 20 or 21 Roy Temple will have something to show us, probably around the Oakridge vicinity.
 October 27 - Donn Chases promises an exploring trip of the South Jetty around Florence. Boats are promised for this trip. FUN! FUN! FUN!

PRINCESS NOTES

All Princesses are invited to the first fall meeting, Monday Sept. 17 at 7:30 pm in the Board Room at the Clubhouse.

New Officers will preside; there will be discussion of initiation plans; and refreshments will be served.

The group met at the George Owen Rose Garden for a picnic in July. Ethel Glaze was presented with her 3-Peak Award by Florence Sims; Ethel has never received hers although she is a Charter Member.

All were pleased to hear of the work being done on the Clubhouse kitchen by Gene Sebring, assisted by his son Dale. Those who had seen the results were especially pleased. Some tentative discussion was held on initiation, new officers, etc.

A 2-piece daveno has been given the Club by the Clarence Scherers.

Ray Sims has been back in the hospital briefly while the cast was removed and some therapy given. He is again at his sister's and is able to be around with the help of crutches. All is progressing satisfactorily though it is taking a long time and we have been missing Ray and are looking forward to his return.

Summer Camp reunion dinner will be on Sept. 22, at Fords Dinner House.

TENDERFOOT CLIMB--Diamond Peak was this years objective and 38 people made the climb. That meant 76 tender feet. Most climbers made camp at Summit Lake Saturday night and started the climb in the morning about 5 a.m. A few came up Sunday morning from Eugene. Summit was reached in $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours. It was a most beautiful day, with no wind to speak of on top. No disappointments, either, not even the mosquitos disappointed us. Never saw so many in years past as we encountered this year, but when the big ones from across the lake came over to see what the smaller ones on our side of the Lake were all excited about, that was h--- for sure. One member of the party had a big steak and he had to keep his fork stuck in the steak all the time as these big mosquitoes would get ahold of it and try to take it away. One man camped there said that the day before he was out on the Lake and ran out of gas. He had a big salmon landing net, so he just caught one of the bigger mosquitoes and by maneuvering it right it towed him right back to camp. And when he turned it loose it was so mad that it picked up his dog and flew back across the lake with it and they haven't seen it since. For verification of the above see any of the following: Floyd Bard, Mike Bray, Donn Chase, Annette Cramblet, Janet Cramblet, Judy Criswell, Norma Eubanks, Roberta Eubanks, Marlin Franssen, Shirley Franssen Earl Hall, Norman Hasek, Gary Howell, Art Johnson, Harold Johnson, Rick Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Clarence Landes, Barrie Learmont, Bob Lyon, Don Lyon, Jack McClain, Bob Medill, Frank Moore, Gerald Morsello, Karol Niebuhr, Judy Radabaugh, Joan Salzman, Lucy Schattenkirk, Steve Schmidt, Bob Slye, Terry Taylor (7 years) Tom Taylor, Dorothy Towlerston, David Trione, Ed Trione, Bruce Ulmer, JoAnn Wesley. Leaders: Donn Chase, Bob Medill.

OVERNIGHT ON THE SOUTH SISTER - Quite a few have made the 3 sisters in one day but not so many have taken 2 days for just one. And that is what seven Obsidians did July 28 & 29. Sort of an advance party for Charla's party the next day. The party drove to Devils Lake Friday evening and started the climb from there. Took all day and landed on top too pooped out to even want to eat. But just figure up the output of energy necessary to lug a pack up to the top. The average pack will weigh about 25 lbs. Now, to lift 25 lbs. 4 ft. is the equivalent of raising 100 lbs one foot, or to carry a

25 lb. pack 80 feet would be the same as lifting one ton one foot. Now take the difference in elevation between Devils Lake and the summit and carry the figures on out you will discover that you have lifted a weight of $54\frac{1}{2}$ tons one ft. No wonder we were all in. Gosh!

Before the sun had gone down it was freezing. And what made it almost impossible to bear was the cold wind. However the wind died down after dark and it was not so bad. Ice that had formed over night measured $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. Never saw so many stars and what a beautiful morning. So warm and wonderful. Stayed on top until Charla's party arrived from Green Lakes, and then out by way of Green Lakes Those who made the trip were Bob Medill, Dorothy Towlerston, Don Hunter, Gary Hunter, Wayne Hunter and later on Mark McLaughlin and Romey Armes. Then at 12:00 midnight, here comes Lloyd Plaisted.

CHARLA REPORTS CLIMBS - The Mt. Jefferson trip led by Gary Kirk was a very beautiful climb. We camped at Russel Lake in from Breitenbush. We left camp at 1:00 a.m. daylight. Part of the glacier was done in the dark and was a pleasant experience. The top was reached by the leader at 11:30 a.m. with the sun shining When the last group headed off at 2:30 the clouds were moving in.

Making the climb were Mark and Kirk McLaughlin, Bob Dark, Bob Meck, Bob Bauman, Norman Hasek, Phil Spieth, Gordon Rayner, Dave Wyatt and Charla Eubanks. Those along with us were Jo Wesley, Ernie Lundein, Bob Ashworth, Rich Stanfield, and Ed Trione. We were back at camp at 7:30 p.m.

The Northeast Ridge of Broken Top was climbed by Obsidians on Aug. 25. The climb, led by Jas. P. Harrang, was very interesting and consisted primarily of typical Oregon rock. We left our camp at Broken Top Lookout at 5:15 a.m. daylight and reached the top at 2:45 p. m. View from top excellent--from North Sister to Bachelor Butte. Arrived at cars at 6:00 p.m.

POTLUCK DINNER??? Anna says, sorry! no potluck dinner right away. Clubhouse is strewn with lumber for the panelling. Will schedule one as soon as possible.

FOR SALE - TDC Projector with "wind tunnel", with magazine and individual adapters. Perfect condition. Louis Waldorf, Phone PA 6-7082.

PINT SIZED PITONS

Caving - There has been quite a bit of interest in cave exploring expressed by juniors lately. As this requires many of the same techniques and qualities that mountain climbing does, it might be an interesting thing to look into.

Abominable Snowman - Ever feel the hair on the back of your neck stand straight out when you were climbing? Ever feel like you were being followed by a super-human being? If so, leave a message with Sterling Behnke. A man is conducting some studies on this type of phenomena in the Cascades, and was down at Gilbert's trying to find someone who had had this type of experience. I dare say many of us have had this type of a fear reaction, but it would, in no way, be blamed on the poor Abominable Snowman.

MT. RAINIER CLIMBING SEMINAR

Recently, Gary Kirk, a climber who has climbed with and led for the Obsidians went to Mt. Rainier for a climbing seminar. There were four sessions held this year and Gary attended the July 20-24 session. The seminar was held on Mt. Rainier with Dick McGowan in charge and Pete Schoeing as guest instructor. Both are well known for their mountaineering accomplishments.

Base camp was at Camp Muir, situated at the 10,000 ft. level. The five days of the session were directed from here and this was also their eating and sleeping place while there. Evening discussions were held here also.

The first 4 days were spent in practice of different climbing methods, while the last day was the climb of Mt. Rainier.

Some of the subjects covered were: rock & snow climbing fundamentals, belaying on rock, snow & ice, rappelling (rock and snow) methods, glacial travel, advanced ice climbing techniques, crevasse rescue prac-

tice (prussik, belgeri, jumar, ascender & pulley systems), carrier evacuation, snow camping, etc.

As there was quite a bit of work with ice pitons Gary and the crew had a chance to try different kinds and Gary has come away with the firm conviction that the only kind to have or use is the screw type. These have held the weight of three men pulling on them. Gary had a chance to compare the holding power of many kinds and he says there is no comparison.

The last day they climbed to the summit of Rainier in two separate parties of 9 each. The summit was reached at 11:30 after a wonderful climb.

Gary said the whole seminar was enjoyable and informative. There were 16 climbers from all over and of different vocations which added something.

Cost of the seminar was \$95.00 -- which covered the cost of food, community climbing equipment, instruction and the climb of Rainier. When the seminar was finished, Gary felt he had really gotten a bargain.

MARY MEDILL HAS CHAMPION FALL

While visiting in Wisconsin, Mary Medill had a very bad fall breaking her thigh bone just below where it enters the pelvic socket. Bob says she has anything he could accomplish on a mountain trip topped; she fell down in Wisconsin and wound up in a hospital in Peru, Illinois.

But Mary is a champion, she is far ahead of the Doctor's expectations of recovery and is already at home with her daughter. The address is 545 Jordan St., c/o Wm. Spurr, Oglesby, Ill.

Bob will stay with her at least until she can do for herself.

Bernie (Lehrman) and Walter Shold's new address is 4093 Sylvia St., S.E., Salem, Oregon.

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