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APRIL 13 WORK PARTY at the Lodge. Mac has been doing some cleaning there and needs help. He has a number of things in mind. Call him for further information.

APRIL 20 & 21 SPEOLOGY AT WORK This will be the first trip of this kind and will be over in the Bend area. There are more than 45 caves in this area and the trip will be headed by Bob Ashworth. Frank Moore intends to be along, too. One important detail about spelunking is that weather has nothing to do with it.

APRIL 21 CRATER LAKE BUS TRIP To Crater Lake by bus is very popular with us and has always been a fun trip. Ray Sims is leader. Call him. NOW.

FRIENDLY HOUSE PIC NITE is Monday, April 22, at 7:30...bring some pictures..... you'll enjoy seeing Obsidian activities on the screen.

FOLK DANCE APRIL 18 & MAY 2 & 16...Oh, ye climbers...folk dancing is a good way to limber up for climbing season...it's a lot of fun too, so come to Obsidian Lodge-7:30 to 9:30.

APRIL 27 SUMMER CAMP RALLY Starting off with a pot-luck at 6:30. To find out all about it come on up. There will be movies and stills of the area.

APRIL 28 is a trip out to the Happy Hunting grounds of Chief Hoot Owl and his Teepee, Squaw and papooses.

MAY 4 & 5 will be an overnight flower trip to Josephine Co. with the Wesley's.

May 4 & 5 Another spelunking trip. This one to the Lava Beds National Monument in Northern California where the Modocs led by Captain Jack held off the US forces so long by utilizing the various caves and natural trenches here. Reputed to be over 300 caves here. Led by Bob Ashworth. Sign-up at Gilberts.

MAY 8. CLIMB SCHOOL HARRIS HALL This marks the first meeting of the climbing school. The whole schedule will be announced at this meet.

MAY 11 The Portland Zoo, picnic in Wash. Park nearby. Then a tour of the National Rhododendron Test Gardens with Gene and Virginia Sebring. Sounds wonderful.

PRINCESS DOINGS 17 Princesses met at Helen Weiser's home March 18. Those who purchases Sarah Coventry jewelry at the February meeting, were pleased to receive it, and out of the total receipts the treasury received \$10.22. This large amount was made so by additional purchases of Hostess Elsie's son John. Princess Lightning reported on the Gold Bond project, completed registration, and the electric griddle was selected as first item to work for.

ATTENTION ALL OBSIDIANS When you turn in your Gold Bond Stamp books for premiums you want, please ask that the back covers be validated and returned. Or, if your book is one of the newer ones with no extra back cover just ask the clerk for a "Donation Certificate". Full books will be accepted gladly as they add 700 points. Back covers add 10 points. Turn in your full books or back covers to Nellie McWilliams or Thelma Watson.

A PIANO HAS BEEN ADDED Through the good graces of Dorothy Scherer the Obsidians are fortunate enough to have the loan of a piano from Mrs. W.H. Dale of Eugene. She does not need it at the present and is glad for us to use it at the Lodge. If she needs it again sometime, it will, of course be returned. Bob, Anita and Chkck Dark moved it on their trailer. Thanks so much.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS-John Lee, Lenore and Richard McManigal, 741 E. 38th; Lee Cooley, 2285 Sandy Dr.; Rick Craven, 59 Sally Way.

NATALIE and BOYD MORGAN played at Sun Valley March 18-22. Blanche Bailey, Florence Fulton and Helen Kirkpatrick visited the Dance Night group March 21.

BOARD MEETING NOTES

Like the boy who was given the opportunity to eat all the ice-cream he could hold at one sitting. It got so he could not taste it. This meeting there was so much that came up that I don't remember. Balance on hand \$704.19. Bills allowed. Greyhound Bus. \$40, 48¢ was taken in. Electricity \$26.94; Postage \$8; Address Labels \$5.10; Stationary \$5.20. A discussion of a meeting held between Clarence Scherer, Dorothy Towler and our Pres. Margaret Markley about finances and difficulties in our present methods of book-keeping took up a good deal of time, but was really necessary. A committee has been named to go to work on it. Also a change must be made in our constitution. Article VII, section I which says "One-half of the initiation fees and one-half of all dues must go into a Permanent Investment Fund." This is now obsolete. Art Johnson in his endeavor to create an album of old time Obsidian pictures has received some pictures, but wants more, either negatives or prints themselves. Frank Moore has plans for some mountain climbs for his youth activities. Moore of this later. Much Moore. Don Hunter reported on his trip to San Francisco to attend the Wilderness Conference. This conference was attended Sec. Udall and others in high positions. Don's report was highly interesting and brought out some new thinking, such as the knowledge that those in the know, know that in a few years life in the seas will become extinct if reforms by all the world are not immediately instituted. Another thing was the eventual elimination of all vehicular traffic to and from cities and making it mandatory to use public transportation facilities. This is in spite of the fact that cars will be equipped to reduce smog. Also was the fact that in another 10 to 20 years there will be no problems connected with the setting aside this or that area for wilderness, or National Parks or for recreation. It will be to late.

Next board meeting will be Thursday the 9th of May. This because of conflicts.

NAMES TO BE ADDED TO LIST OF CHAIR DONORS

Don Hunter	Betty Boeshans
Wayne Hunter	Helen Hughes
Gary Hunter	Frances Newsom

RUTH HOPSON is giving a course in Botany on Channel 7 at 7 P.M. Monday and Wednesday.

JAMES STOVALL

Offices were vacated, telephones went unanswered as all who could, tiptoed out into hallways to watch Jim come back to his classroom, and then listened to the most tremendous greeting given by his class. Clapping of hands, stamping of feet and whistling. We feel the same way; Jim!!

CHARLES AND DELYN DARK

They are both back in school after their car accident. Delyn still has a body cast on and will be burdened with it till June first. She had between 5 and 8 vertebrae fractured. The accident happened between Bend & Batchelor Butte Sunday March 10th while on their way to Batchelor to meet their Parents, Bob and Anita Dark, who were already there skiing.

OREGON STATE HOSPITAL March 10

15 people left the City Park block at 8:40 a.m. Sunday morning. We drove to the North Santiam Interchange where we were met by Merle & Blance Bailey. Since we were not expected at the State Hospital until 10:30 a.m. this gave us time for a coffee break and a stretch. Marjorie Beaman & Mae Beaman met us in time to proceed to the hospital. There we were met by one of the supervisors who in turn introduced us to Gretchen Vos (a student nurse from Eugene who was at the hospital for a 3 months training period) and two of the patients who all served as guides. We saw two of the wards (a mens and a womens), a hydratherapy room, an occupational therapy room, swimming pool, visited briefly the medical hospital for those patients who are physically ill, the "hut" which is the recreational building where dances are held, the main kitchen and dining room, school rooms (for those children who attend classes there), and the grounds, the geriatrics building, and finally the main assembly hall where the church services are held. After a refreshing pause for cookies and coffee & a brief question and answer period we left the hospital for dinner together at the Golden Pheasant in downtown Salem. Fortified by the delicious food, we toured the State Capitol Building which fortunately was open for the day. A few people went on to the Bush Art Museum after a short walk through the Capitol grounds. Those on the trip: Mary and Bailey Castello, Mary & Bob Medill; Gene & Virginia Sebring; Del Blattler, Nellie McWilliams; Helen & Carrol Miner; Wanda & Smith Mountjoy; Mrs Laurence Hoffitt; Nat & Boyd Morgan, Beaman & leaders.

WEYERHAEUSER TRIP MARCH 9

Sixteen of us left 19th and Patterson and arrived at Weyerhaeuser's plant at 1:40 p.m. for a tour of their paper and pulp processing. We were met by Doug Taylor and Don Truax. Doug is a chemist there and Don is on the personnel staff. Doug took us into the chemistry lab. where he had chairs all set up for us and gave us a most complete insight into the conversion of wood into paper along with all the problems of doing same. One of the problems, and one we are all aware of, and this is the problem of odor dispersal. Weyerhaeuser has made great strides in the control of this smell and is still striving to eliminate it altogether. One point of interest to all of us that Doug brought out is that Weyerhaeuser has of their own, enough old growth timber to last them at their present rate of cutting, till the year 2040. Then followed a complete tour of the plant where we were shown everything from the beginning to the end product. Even to giving us enough time to watch them remove a completed roll of paper and the start of another, and to the rewinding and seperation of the paper to widths of the remanufacturers specifications. We are all very appreciative for all the time and effort that Mr Taylor gave us and for planning the tour in such detail. Thank you Mr Taylor and Mr Truax.

Those who went on the tour were: Mary Castelloe, Catherine Dunlop, John Kennedy, David Lent, Margaret Markley, Nellie McWilliams, Carron and Mrs Miner, Mrs Moffitt, Gene, Virginia, Dale, Mark and Martha Sebring, Dorothy Towleron, Bob Medill.

DO YOU READ YOUR BULLETIN?

It makes us feel downright awfully let down to realize that some of you don't. And we come to this conclusion from all the complaints that we get because this or that was not in the Bulletin. And this covers things that have been put in. Like all the complaints about the SAGE trip. So many people that wanted to go but did not know about it in time. Didn't know that there was a dead line on signing up, etc. All the Details concerning this trip were in the Bulletin 2 weeks before hand. And this also applies to doings up at the Lodge as well as to trips.

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Coffee bands and BETTY CROCKER coupons and
Please continue to save MJB and FOIGERS

O. K. DEWITT

One of Oregon's best known outdoor conservationists died January 24th, 1963. He was well known to a number of Obsidians, having been of great help to us and the Chemeketans in putting on the FWOC convention last fall. He had been elected Oregon vice president of the FWOC three times and had served on a great number of Commissions having to do with conservation. His home was at Lyons on the Santiam River. He was 80 years of age but no one would have guessed that he was that age.

POT-LUCK MARCH 16

To those of you who missed this event, you missed a most enjoyable evening. Betty Boeshans and her committee did a real good job of entertaining and the whole place was as Irish as it could be. Green candles in spud candleholders. Seating was arranged in a novel manner, each table given a name. When those who came arrived each person was given a rolled up slip of paper tied with a green ribbon. When one opened up their piece of paper they discovered their name to correspond with the name of the table that was theirs.

Then came games and story telling and the reading of poetry concocted by each table. Then the tables were cleared away and some really nice singing took place led by Wm Martyn. He is good at that, too. Then we were entertained with movies by Dorothy Towleron of Irish singing and one of the raising and preparing flax which was most interesting. Some dancing and all too soon it was time to head for home. Betty has some more plans for other evenings that sound very good. Guests included Ann Connell, Mr and Mrs Carrol Miner (new comers from Iowa) Wanda Mountjoy, Dorothy Whitlock, Art Herron.

DREAMS OF THE FUTURE

Picture in your mind the Obsidian Lodge a few years hence. Our four acres will be a park in the midst of homes and perhaps some business's. Streets will run in both directions all over those hill sides. Our place will be as an oasis and will be as much in demand as an oasis in the sands of the Sahara. An idle dream? No! This is going to happen. The area around our property is going to become the most desirable home section in the Eugene area.

LOOT LIBRA

SEATTLE FAIR RELIVED

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the twenty-five who met at the Obsidian Lodge March 9, with a fine dinner and pictures of their visit to the fair last May. The tables were decorated with the "Greyhound" blue with a miniature Space Needle and a Greyhound bus on the card table in the center of the squared dining tables which also had blue and white candles and clever napkins drawn and mimeographed by Mary Castelloe. Mrs Lowell Straley represented her husband "Les" who was out on a regular run. A dozen pictures from those taking slides were quite enjoyable, as some even found odd ways to photograph the Space Needle. Some members went to the fair again in the fall and brought back the beautiful fall colors of the chrysanthemum, azalea and daisies. All decided the fair was something interesting to see and a picture takers delight.

LODGE BUILDING

Not much to report. Things are about completed there. The latest is that all the outside that had been painted white have been given two more coats and the plywood that had covered the two kitchen windows has been converted into double doors and painted. They can now be opened from the inside and swung out. Some more electric outlets have been covered.

SIERRA CLUB Too late for our bulletin is an exciting nine day raft trip down the Puerto Vallarta River in Mexico. But they are putting on a great variety of trips this summer. Base camps. Pack trips. River trips. Their camps and trips are open to all organizations offering reciprocal priveledges at their membership prices. Write them at 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco 4, for further information on their trips if you are interested.

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HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

from the beginning

by Ray Sims part 5

Sunday, August 5, 1928 was spent in setting up permanent camp, but a climb of the Husband was set for Monday. At the campfire that night, discussion was long on who should try the North Sister the next day. The former Mazamas in camp told weird stories of the perilious North Sister. Finally seven men of the camp were persuaded to make the climb, leaving Marion McClain, the only man to stay with the women, and do the worrying for the climbers. Altho 14 hours elapsed between leaving and return, the seven, Henry Korn, Ed Turnbull, Dot Dotson, Irv Custer, Frank Bouck, Ken Dalton and Ray Sims, who led the climb, made the largest party to have climbed this mountain so far, making only 70 to reach the summit since the first recorded climb in 1910. One day of rest and the Middle Sister was climbed by the entire camp led by Dot Dotson. Another day of rest and then early in the morning of Aug. 11, six left for the cross country trip to the South Sister. Many more names were in the summit book on top of the S. Sister, and the blue lake first seen by some of the party was beautiful. On the way back to camp, walking over so much "jet black obsidian" the six, Ed Turnbull, Henry Korn, Dot Dotson, Florence Ogden, Melba Masters and Ray Sims, thought of changing the name of the club. The thot also was that the weeks of climbing had made us brown and as hard as the rock we walked upon, so why not (THE OBSIDIANS) be the name. That night at campfire others thought the word "Obsidian" was a good catchy name but of course the whole membership must act upon this later. Henry Korn, as spokesman, conceived the idea of an "Inner" organization of the Chiefs and Princesses for those climbing the Three Sisters. Less than three, Braves and Squaws.

