



The OBSIDIAN

P.O. BOX 322 EUGENE, OREGON
MARCH 1964

VOL XLIV

No. 6

COMING EVENTS

March 15 - Tour of the University Campus
- Mac McWilliams will lead and tell all.

March 28 - Gold Lake on snowshoes and skis
with Donn Chase as leader. Go and have a
good chase with a good chaser.

April 5 - Winberry Creek with the Bress-
lers. Lots of mineral claims filed up
there in the past-might find some left.

April 12 - Silver Creek Falls and Park...
Always a favorite and this year one might
find a good deal more water going over
the falls than usual. Castellones, ldrs.

Friendly House

March 15 - Bob Windsor, Europe

March 22 - Melvin Lindley doing Austria
and Holland.

March 23 - Monday-Obsidian Picture Night

March 29 - Bill Byrd - Peace Corps work in
Puerto Rico when Bill was on this type of
work. He took the pictures while on duty.

April 5 - Larry Henderson-Pictures taken
in Gifford Pinchot National Forest while
Larry was working there.

DON HUNTER'S

OREGON VOLCANIC CASCADES

March 28th is the date of our next Obsidian Night. A potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. will begin the evening.

The program will be Don Hunter's newest presentation--Oregon's Volcanic Cascades. A blend of color, sound and magnificent scenery will tell the story of our favorite Three Sisters Wilderness Area.

Don's work is well known in the Northwest and his coloramas are interesting... and enjoyable from beginning to end...and by every age group.

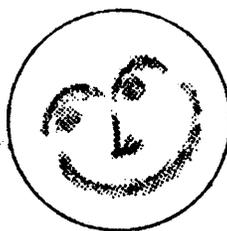
A rare treat is in store for you and your friends. You will find that you will embrace Easter Sunday with a new inspiration.

The regular potluck scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of the month will be set back to accommodate our Easter program on March 28th.

ATTENTION OBSIDIANS-Remember the many enjoyable Greyhound Bus trips we have taken. Well, the one for 1964 is to the Oregon Caves, Sunday May 3rd. Not since 1949 have we all gone together in a Greyhound and that year "Clancy" Bankhead was our driver. We will leave from the South Eugene Hi parking lot, 19th & Patterson at 6 a.m. May 3rd. The signup sheet will be at the Lodge along with the Summer Camp list and the cost of the round trip will be \$6.25, Non-members, \$6.75. Pay when you sign up or send check to Ray Sims. 362 E. 16th. Phone 344-9546. Take lunch. There is a small charge at the Caves. Probably stop for dinner on the way home. First 38 to sign up can go.

Wednesday March 11th will be the next Obsidian Dance Nite at the Lodge. Allemande!

CONGRATULATIONS!



THE BULLETIN IS BEAMING WITH PRIDE. It has always regarded its EDITOR-IN-CHIEF as a man of distinction and capabilities. It extends its congratulations and expresses its heartfelt gratitude for the special attention it has had. It is proud to be at home in the "MEDILL BOARD ROOM"

BACK-PACKERS DEPARTMENT by Helen Smith

To cook the dehydrated foods water will be needed and then a kettle, to boil them in. A few may need a frying pan. Packaged meals very often make use of their containers for preparing them. When planning meals be sure to have the utensils needed to prepare them.

For one or two people the Boy Scout cook kits are quite adequate. They consist of a frying pan, kettle with lid, sauce pan and a cup. At times it would be very handy to have two smaller kettles nested in the larger one and a lid for the frying pan instead of the saucepan. When cooking for one, food can be eaten directly from the pans.

There are many sets of nested kettles or cooking kits for larger parties on the market. Assorted sizes of tin cans can be used which will nest and can be discarded at the end of the trip.

Foil cookery works quite well for one meal. Put fresh meat and vegetables in foil and upon making camp place the packet in a good bed of coals. Foil is very good to make a reflector oven for baking biscuits. It is also good to cook fish in if you get a fish.

THE CASCADE APPLE TREE?

From the OREGON MOTORIST sent in by Margaret Markley to the Editor:

"A frequent traveler over the North Santiam highway, State Senator Al Corbett recently noticed something a little unusual about the roadside shrubbery. Curious, he looked closer and discovered that smack in the middle of the Ponderosa pine country, high in the mountains, was an apple tree!

"The tree is growing at the edge of the highway above Suttle Lake. The Senator is not sure of the species, but it produces satisfactory fruit.

"How the apple tree got there is the question bothering Senator Corbett as he drives back and forth over the North Santiam highway. Did someone toss an apple core out of the car...did a bird drop the seed...Or, did Johnny Appleseed plant one of his apple seeds here?

"Anyway, it's a nice tree and the fruit is good, even if it is a botanical caprice." Now, Margaret knows, and we know how that got there, but since Margaret had to wait two months to find out we are going to make you folks wait till next month to find the answer. Help keep your interest in next month's Bulletin up.

EUGENE HOMES: In this month's edition of Sunset Homes are pictures and a little of the history of several homes in Eugene.

DONALD FAVILLE

Eugene relatives have received word of the death of Donald Faville, 29, only child of Mr and Mrs Dave Faville. He died in Bangkok, Thailand, after two days' illness and preliminary treatment in the Tom Dooley hospital in the jungle. He had contracted hepatitis about Christmas time, but was thought to be recovering. Kidney complications suddenly developed, causing his death.

Donald, who accompanied his parents to Obsidians' summer camp at Spirit Lake in 1949, was working toward a doctor's degree in anthropology at University of Calif. He was a graduate of Stanford, had a masters degree from Berkeley. He was in the employ of the State Department, and in an advisory capacity to the Thailand Government.

Mrs Marthe Bailey of Eugene is the boy's grandmother; J.E. Bailey, assistant editor at University of Oregon, his uncle, and Miss Helen Bailey his aunt.

Interment was near his home in California, Feb. 13. The body was flown home. SUMMER CAMP sign-up sheet is posted at the Lodge and will be for a few more months. The committee wants to give Members a chance to sign up before the sheet is made available to non-members.

Table Lake and the country surrounding it will be a beautiful region to spend your vacation. Lots of country for hiking and exploring or just plain loafing and fishing.

Come afoot carrying your own gear for \$60.00 (\$35 for one week) or come afoot and send your gear in on a pack horse for 35¢ per pound. For those who can't come for a week the fee will be \$6 per day. Children under 12 for half the fees.

Saddle horses will be available for all who want to come but are not able to hike the distance to get there, What ever means you use be it shanks mare or a real mare
COME TO CAMP.....

BOARD DOIN'S

Bills allowed: EWEB-\$23.34; Gravel for parking lot, 10 yards-\$48; Emblems, \$37.30; Postage, \$8.00.

Correspondence read: Some notes from Chiefs which came with their donations to the porch fund and were very good.

Authorized the purchase of folding doors for big doorway into the main room. Helen Smith requests space for display of camp gear and members' for-sale items.

NEXT BOARD MEETING -- APRIL 8th

RICHARDSON BUTTE February 23, 1964

Sunday was a very beautiful day and as a result there were many who wanted to go on the trip. We left the Park block at 1:10 p.m., drove out West 6th and continued out the Highway to the Alvadore Road and followed same out to the parking area at Fern Ridge Dam where we parked our cars and from here we hiked along the road across the bridge over to the hill and up over the hillside to the Richardson cemetery. After stopping here for a short time we went up to the top of the Butte and from here we followed the top of the ridge over to the far side. Same route on the way back down. It was nice and warm, no wind, the air was clear so we had a good view of the surrounding countryside. Since we took plenty of time and no rushing, I think everybody enjoyed the trip. About the Richardson cemetery, since I was up there the last time, some vandals have tipped over and broken up a number of tomb-stones.

The following members and friends went on the trip: Henry and Anna Jeppesen; David Lent; Kenneth & Robin Lodewick; Adeline Adams; Henry & Gertrude Oswald; Bailey & Mary Castellloe; G.M. & Emma Wright; Les & May Cooper; Marion Cooper; Ann, Marjorie, John & Lynn Taylor; Doug Taylor; Esther Murphy; Ray Sims; Coral Klocke; Vernon & Uleda Cox; Robert & Wilmy Downie; Lucy Poole; Judy & Tina Raines; Nelle Kline; Helen Smith; Robert & Mary Kaneen; R.O. McWilliams. Henry Jeppesen, Leader.

RIBBON PARK TRAIL Feb. 16, 1964

The group met at the City Park Block at 1 p.m. and drove to Bloomberg Road above the Obsidian Lodge to leave one car where we expected to end the hike. Then we drove on to Pearl Buck School at the end of the East Amazon Drive to begin the hike on Ribbon Park Trail.

The supporting organization has worked hard on this part of the trail and has it in good condition. This would be a good place close in to enjoy wildflowers during the spring months. It is about a mile up this trail to Fox Hollow Road.

From Fox Hollow Road we followed the ridge east thru the woods to Old Dillard road and then climbed Baldy (or Dillard Butte). We paused at the top to enjoy our afternoon "snacks" and the fine views. Then with a cold wind at our backs we scooted down the other side and followed graveled roads and muddy roads, pushed thru the brush, meandered along some deer trails and plunged thru the poison oak thicket to Bloomberg Road, arriving about 5. p.m. cont. next col.

We found 3 species of wild flowers, plus pussy willows and Scotch Broom in bloom. It was a gray, cold day and the sun shown fitfully only a few times, but it turned out to be better hiking weather than we had expected. The 8 persons on the trip: Mac McWilliams, Thelma Watson, Maynard & Emma Wright, Ray Sims, Genevieve & Susan Luck and Margaret Marklcy, leader.

BALDY-COBURG HILLS Feb. 9, 1964

Left Eugene at 10:10 a.m. and went to the foot of the road to the quarry. Walked up thru the pastures and on up Baldy. View onto the valley partially obscured by smog but the Three Sisters, Mt Jefferson and Diamond Peak were very plainly visible. A beautiful warm day for the trip; several flowers in bloom along the way, one a saxifrage, pussy willow & the ever present dandelion. 14 people went to the top with one going only part way. 5 of the party took a side trip to Channel 9 tower hill on the way back. On the trip: Ray Sims, Jerry Zook, Rick Coly, Vernon & Ellenda Cox, Helen Smith, Derald Himber, C.A. & Judy Raines, Patricia Raines, Mary Jo Johannis, Wilma & Robert Downie and Kenneth & Robin Lodewick, leaders.

OREGON COAST March 1, 1964

A crowd of 11 left the Park Block at 8 a.m. for Siltcoos Outlet. The weather was not bad when we started, but the wind was cold. The 3rd car was a little late in arriving so Mac took the other car loads on the Nature Trail and Nellie waited for the others to arrive and then we took the Nature Trail, crossed the sand dunes and on down to the beach. We all met back at the cars for lunch as the clouds were forming and there was a sprinkle of rain. After eating lunch in our cars we decided to drive to Devils Elbow to see if the weather was any better, but it was worse so all decided to head for home. Mary & Bailey, Kay, Thelma, Mac and Nellie stopped at Waldport to visit with Ray Boals. He used to be an active member of the Club. They have a lovely home and seemed very happy. After our nice visit we came across the Coast Range Pass to Corvallis thru a short snow storm. The other car load went on north, stopping at Devils Churn, where we got wet by big breakers. On this trip were: Kenneth & Robin Lodewick, Esther Murphy, Duchess Cox, Mary & Bailey Castellloe, Del Blattner, Thelma Watson, Kay Fahy and Nellie & Mac McWilliams, leaders.

GERRY: DON HUNTER IS GOING TO LOOK AT YOUR PLAYER.

FIFTH NORTHWEST WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

will be held in Portland April 18 & 19th. The Conference is sponsored by the FWOC and other conservation groups. The theme

this year will be "Crisis in Wilderness". Attention will be directed to the status that wilderness will have under Wilderness Bills that are now being considered by Congress and the work that may lie ahead in the next ten years under such bills. The Wilderness of National Parks, the national wildlife refuges and ranges, and of the public domain lands will also be discussed. Particular attention will be given to problems of wilderness management and wilderness research.

The conference will be held in the Benson Hotel. Mrs. Pauline Dyer is general Conference chairman and Mike McCloskey is conference coordinator.

CHIEFS MEETING

The Obsidian Chiefs met in council the evening of Feb. 18 to discuss a couple of projects for the Lodge. After some discussion they decided to go ahead with the plans to build a concrete porch along the east side of the building with concrete steps leading down, or up, from the parking lot. Also to build concrete walks at each end of the building. Because of the down slope of the ground in front of the Lodge some type of footing will be needed and this will necessitate some reinforcement. Also needed will be a handrail the full length of the porch and at each end of the steps. And to have built some book cupboards in the Boardroom. 6ths ascertained make it necessary to ask for donations of not less than three dollars. If you feel like you would like to give more or if there are any who are not Chiefs who would like to contribute to this betterment of the Lodge you can be sure your contribution will all be spent for the Lodge. As the Chiefs all know each other quite well it was that wise to have all contributions sent to Dorothy Towler, 1915 Alder, Apt 4, and mark your checks "Chiefs Project"

Also after much discussion it was voted to omit the placing of contributors names in the concrete and just let it be known as a Chiefs project.

PROUD GRANDMA

Helen Kilpatrick's grandson, Pat Gordnier of South Eugene Hi was one of two students named the "most valueable Students" by the Eugene Elks Lodge and was awarded scholarships equal to 4 years tuition at colleges in Oregon. Thats enough to make any grandmother proud.

EDITOR'S DOG HOUSE

In last months issue it was stated that Mary Jo Johannis would assist Mary Douglas Stoval in the February entertainment but this is in error. It was Lila Smith & Margaret Wiese.

Also the trip for Feb. 16th was listed as over the Emerald Crest Trail and the Editor was given to understand in no uncertain terms that it is THE RIBBON PARK TRAIL.

SCOTT VAN FOSSEN Junior Obsidian, has distinguished himself as an actor. He played the part of the minister in Dinny and the Witches, a play given recently by South Eugene High School's drama department. He was the only Sophomore student in the cast and gave an outstanding performance. We could use such talent at the campfire in summer camp - better plan on coming to camp, Scott. (Reported to the editor that his acting brot the house down.)

TED JOHANNIS was in the Sacred Heart hospital for an operation on his back. We are happy to announce that he is back home. He is happy about that, too. He managed to get it all over with before fishing season opened.

JOHN REFSNIDER at the rifle shoot held in Junction City recently broke the State record breaking 197 out of 200 targets.

SYMPATHIES

Stan Hasek's mother died recently at her home in Santa Rosa, California. We extend to the Hasek family our deepest sympathy. CHARLA EUBANKS placed second in extemporaneous, impromptu and depabe speech at South Eugene High. She also got into the finals at Linfield College. NINA LYNNE HARMON announces her coming marriage to Douglas-Everette Edwards this summer.

OREGON WILD RIVERS COMMITTEE

A meeting is called for the evening of March 7, at the Eugene Hotel for the purpose of forming a committee to serve for the purpose of mobilizing public support to save our rivers and streams from total obliteration. We are losing our streams at a terrific rate and the necessity and value of a lot of them can be questioned. The organizational meeting is being called by the Oregon Guides Association. The intent is to keep this committee going for the single purpose of trying to preserve some of our rivers. This meeting is being called the same day we get out the bulletin, so will be unable to tell you any more until the next issue.

* * * * *

SUMMER CAMP AT TABLE LAKE AUG. 2 to 15
Rally will be . . . May 23

JOBS COMPLETED

Bailey Castelloe came up with the idea of drawing the hot air up near the ceiling and blowing it down thru conduits to the cloak room. This was installed by him and Glen Sims and was tried out at the Feb. 22 meeting. It proved very successful and did put a lot of warm air into the cloak room. Glen and Bailey also put up drip pans underneath the porch and over the entrance door at the north end of the building and this will keep the rain from dripping down our necks when we enter. The metal for this job and for the hot air ducts were furnished by our plumber, Donn Chase. A couple of blankets were put across the big open door leading into the main room for this night only to see what difference they made in keeping the cold draft out of the main room and they proved desirable.

PRINCESS DOINGS

After a morning of bartering at the Salem Meir & Frank Store, 17 Princesses and their guests had lunch at the Tea Room and then met for dessert and a business meeting at the home of Princess Singing Waters. What a delightful time we had!

It was especially nice to have those "far away" Princesses join us—Like Blue Gentian from Corvallis and Deer Fern from Vancouver. Princesses Honeysuckle, Moon Dancer and Golden Slippers were also a treat to see—it had been too long between visits.

All Princesses participated in the game "What's the Name of that Princess". And Princess Orange Blossom won the prize!

All Princesses returned safely—only one flat tire en route and that was repaired by a hitch-hiking OSC football star—so our lucky star was shining after all.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mary Castelloe, 1930 Todd, on Monday evening, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

RUTH HOPSON made a gift to the Princesses of a real authentic Indian Peace Pipe made from real pipestone. It is a beautiful piece of work and Ruth suggested that the Princesses find a suitable place at the Lodge to have it put on display. Ruth says that when such a place is found she will send an explanation about it to go along with the pipe. (we notice that the pipe, while in the possession of the Princesses, has had tobacco smoked in it. This is nothing short of sacrilegious. Nothing but Kin-ni-kin-nic should ever be smoked in an Indian Peace Pipe.)

NEW MEMBERS

Amy Lou Spencer, 2288 University

David Spencer, Jr.

Susan Spencer, Jr.

Ed Lovegren, 70 Rustic Place

Mary Catherine Holland 2965 Pearl

Write these in on your new membership list, as they came in too late to be included. This gives us this date 286 mem.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Have you ever wondered how many people the new Club House would accommodate? Well if they could have been counted the night of Feb. 22 we could tell you. The place was packed to capacity and all who came enjoyed one of our best evenings yet. And with Bailey Castelloe's new installation for moving warm air into the cloak room and the curtains across the door (temporary) no one complained about the cold. In fact there were comments about how much warmer the whole place was. (see article on building). Of course the high spot of the program was the talk by Dr Youngquist and this was the most interesting talk we have heard there yet. His talk, "The Solid Earth—an Interesting Myth! Besides knowing his subject to the last letter he is a very humorous speaker and held the attention of his audience to the last word. No one who was there and heard him will ever be able to look upon this "Solid Earth" the same way again. But one cannot help but wonder if Dr Youngquist ever had to travel with a load on his back where he was unable to stop, and had a pebble in his shoe. It feels pretty solid then. Among all the interesting stories he told was one about a quake in California that opened up the earth and slammed it back together again so fast that an oil line that had been severed when it first cracked open was joined back together so fast and stuck together so tight that less than a barrel of oil was lost. And this was on the day when we pay our respects to George Washington, so it has to be true Dr Youngquist also gave us a talk on the St Andreas fault in California and how the land on one side of it is moving to the north and on the other side it is moving south. Maybe California knew what they were doing when they put Crater Lake in their State. We all thank you, Doctor Youngquist, and hope you can be with us again and bring your family with you, too. We were pleased to have so many visitors at this party. So many in fact, that it is impossible to name them all, but we are always glad to have you all.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims No. 14

In last months story, when there were Obsidians climbing all of the 3 Sisters on July 20-1930--also the same day Elmer Maxey, Elizabeth McMahan and Florence Ogden (Sims) climbed both Broken Top and the Bachelor. On the 10th of August, 1930 34 people left for the 3rd Annual Obsidian Summer Camp, to be at Marion Lake, 12 miles south of Mt Jefferson. In private cars the group drove over the McKenzie Pass and into the start of the trail, a half mile from Jack Lake, which leads to the Skyline Trail, and on to Marion Lake, which passes Santiam Lake. Cars were left high on the ridge above Jack Lake and by mid-afternoon the group was setting up their tents in the campsite on the western shores of big Marion Lake which had been made ready by our camp chairman, Ed Turnbull. For the first time a man was our cook, Jack Foster. Several short hikes were taken and swimming and fishing were two sports partaken by the members. But the main objective was the climbing of Mt Jefferson. Dean John Bovard, who had been with the Mazamas on another occasion said the pinnacles of Jefferson were very treacherous when icy, and should be scouted before the main party were taken up. On Friday and Sat. of the first week Henry Korn, Ed Turnbull, Elmer Maxey and Ray Sims, with one pack horse, left camp going thru Bingham Basin, Over Lizzard Ridge, thru Hunts Cove and up to the bench on the south side to the shores of 3 small lakes, named by the four, Indian Lakes because of the two old squaws and two old buck indians camped on one of the lakes, who were on their way into Bingham Basin to pick huckleberries.

ALAN REID

Alan has given to the Lodge two Blue Spruce to be planted on our acreage.
FINAL NOTICE TO ALL WHO HAVE NOT PAID DUES

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

FROM BOB MEDILL

Have you ever wondered how it would feel to stand up before a crowd and without any warning, have all your clothes suddenly disappear? That's how I felt at your party the night of Feb. 22, I am still in a state of shock, but slowly getting over it. I have no complaints with life. The nicest things always happen to me and one of the nicest happened this night. I am at a loss as to how to thank you all. to have the sign, "Medill Room" put on the Board Room has me floored, but I do thank you one and all.

DO YOU KNOW the addresses of any of the following Chiefs? Don Woods, John Scott, John Allen, Phillip Dale, Rev. Ristow, Roy Whytal, Clark Irwin, Irv Williams, Duane Brown, Gil Hollingsworth. The Chiefs are getting out a booklet with all the Chiefs listed and wish these addresses.

FOR SALE

! pair ladies ski boots, size 7. Brand new. Will sell for \$10.00. For more information call Charla Eubanks, or come by 10 West 29th after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE SHOES. WOMENS HIKING

These shoes, size 7, have soft leather lining and are insulated. Only been worn twice, Have tough corrugated soles for the rock, snow, or just plain trail hiking. Cost \$25 and Dean Patterson will let them go for only \$7.50. Call her or Bob Medill Can be seen at the Lodge

L I G H T W E I G H T

CAMPING

EQUIPMENT

for

Specialist & Family Camper

Send for Big Free 1964 Catalog with Color!

Thos. Black & Sons (Ogdensburg) Inc.,
930 Ford Street Ogdensburg, New York..