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OBSIDIAN TRIPS

April 18, Saturday. Rooster Rock. Forrest White, Leader.

April 19. Linton Lake with Art Johnson.

April 26, Sunday, to the Cove Palisades with Bob Medill, Leader.

May 3 is to the Oregon Caves with Greyhound Bus.

May 9, Saturday, Mt. Hagen.

FRIENDLY HOUSE

April 19-~~4m~~. Purdom will show pictures covering the geology of Crater and Diamond Lakes.

April 26-James Boggs pictures will cover India.

April 27-Obsidian Picture Night.

May 3-Edna Schunk will take us touring thru the Yellowstone and Glacier Parks.

May 10-Jack Gruber, whom we all know, will show pictures on Kenya, Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

PRINCESS NEWS

Obsidian Princesses met at the home of Princess Orange Blossom (Mary Castelloe) assisted by Princess Pine Tree (Thelma Watson). Both Easter and St. Patrick's Day were honored in the decorations and the extra special refreshments with cake by Princess Pine Tree.

Betty Crocker coupons for additional silverware and Gold Bond Stamps for an electric grill are still being collected.

April 20th meeting will be at the home of Princess White Heron (Adeline Adams).

SMITH MOUNTJOY is in the Veterans Hospital in Portland where he underwent an operation Friday, April the tenth. Of course we are all anxious to hear he is doing OK.

THE JOHN DAY is calling and so are the hundreds of meadow larks and chukkers. The magnificent scenery and the wildlife. This is a very safe and easy river to float on and the best time to make this trip is in June. Bob Medill is hearing the call and can hardly wait till time to go. THIS IS?? NOT A CANOE RIVER.

FOLK SONGS...COUNTRY AND WESTERN MUSIC.... and dancing too! April 18.

Our Saturday party will be Judi Hurst and her friends the Shennandettes.

No dinner potluck this month, but plan on bringing a dessert; cake, pie, ice cream, pudding or whatever. Coffee, Tea and punch will be provided as well as utensils.

This colorful and exciting program will be enjoyed by all, particularly the "Younger Set." You will have a chance to sing along and to dance with Judi and her talented friends.

Dessert at 7 p.m. and the Hootenanny follows immediately. Everyone is invited to wear their casual country and/or western attire. We hope you will all join in this wonderfully different program-April 18-7pm.



WANTED, WORKERS

For excavation, filling, making forms & and all work connected with preparing for our new concrete porch, steps and walks. Will want shovels, picks and wheelbarrows. There will also be wood to move. When? April 25th. If weather is bad May 2nd. Come out and work up an appetite. Bring a lunch will furnish coffee.



WOLF CREEK, STONY POINT LOOKOUT April 5

We drove out west 11th to Crow Road, then on west to Territorial Road and then turned right on Wolf Creek Road. This we followed until we came to the gate of the International Paper Co. logging road about 25 miles from Eugene. Here we parked the car and five of us making the trip began a two mile hike partly on a logging road and partly on trail to Stony Point Lookout (now abandoned). The weather was delightfully variable, giving us a few quick showers interspersed with sunny periods and even a light hail storm. The air was mild, fresh, and invigorating. From the lookout one had a superb view of the valley, Timber Ridge and probably, on a clear day, the ocean would be visible. Some of those extra "somethings" which make a trip worthwhile were: beautiful wild currant bushes, patches of trillium, Johnny jump ups, spring beauty and other lovely wild flowers of early spring, a pair of fawns peering down the slope at us thru trees, several nests running across the patch, beautiful sedimentary rock formations and other delights of the woods too numerous to mention.

We were sorry that no club members besides myself were along, as the other people who made the trip were most enthusiastic about it. Hiking back we took what looked to be a short cut, but which turned out to be the "long way home." However every one felt the extra walk to be worthwhile, so we hiked in all a total of seven miles.

Those making the trip were: Mr and Mrs Vernon Cox, Ruby Smith, and Hayes and Lorene Bressler, Leaders.

MIKE McCLOSKEY WORK REPORT

Attended hearings on wilderness bill in Olympia, Denver, Montana, Burns and Florence.

Attended organizational meetings of one group and another 15 times and places.

Made nine speeches at various places and to various groups including Oregon State U School of Forestry and at the School of Forestry in Utah, Mt. Hood National Forest Trainees.

Arranged witnesses for hearings on several areas up for argument as well as writing several extended research articles, submitting briefs, also did research work for a handbook on Conservation as well as writing up several articles for press releases.

Organized Oregon Wild Rivers Committee & assisted with the 5th Biennial Wilderness Conference in Portland.

Sorry we do not have space to give you a complete summary of his work, but he has been busy.

MT JEFFERSON WILD AREA

A notice has been issued by the Forest Service over the signature of J. Herbert Stone calling for a hearing on the proposed Mt Jefferson Area. This hearing will be held in basement rooms 6 & 7 in the State Capitol Building in Salem on Tuesday, June 2 and will start at 9:00 a.m.

This action has been requested by FWOC & Sierra Clubs and the OCCC because of dissatisfaction with the present plans.

If you cannot attend this hearing and you feel deeply enough about it you can write to Regional Forester, P.O. Box 3623 Portland.

BACKPACKERS - here are some more sources for obtaining good dehydrated foods ... Bernard Food Industries, Inc., 1208 East San Antonio St., San Jose, Calif. Their foods are packaged under the name of Kamp-Pack and are packed in water proofed Kraft covered foil envelopes lined with vegetable lacquer. They have daily menus put up in 4 man and 8 man packs or you can purchase individual items and make up your own menus. This is an old brand and though their packaging is a little heavier than the plastic their foods are very good. Locally - Porter's carried some of their foods last year and probably will again this year.

Kisky Foods, Inc., 1829 N.E. Alberta St., Portland 11, Oregon, packages Trail Meals for 4 or 8 persons which are very good.

All of the companies which have the dehydrated foods package them in servings for 4 or 8 people which leaves the person who is alone or even two people unable to make use of them without re-packaging the foods. The way to handle this is to either buy heat-seal plastic bags, such as Trailwise, Berkeley, Calif., has, or buy plastic freezer bags from the local grocery stores and Scotch Magic tape for marking. Open a larger package, measure the contents, and divide it into one person servings, then repack it into smaller bags. If you use the heat-seal bags and do this during the winter you can have a good supply ready for summer. The freezer bags can be used for packaging shortly before your planned trip.

TRUST FUND

Since writing the article about us setting up a trust fund I have learned that the Mazamas began just such a campaign two or three years ago and now have \$33,000 in it and it is growing at a very good pace.

WESTERN OUTDOOR QUARTERLY

The winter issue has a picture of our Mike McCloskey and a full column telling that he was born in Eugene in 1934 and grew up here getting well acquainted with the Oregon Cascades. Quoting from the FWOOC "Mike was active in the Boy Scouts, becoming an Eagle Scout with the silver palm. He joined the FWOOC affiliate in Eugene, (Obsidians) in his mid-teens.

He won a scholarship to Harvard in 1952, majored in American Government and graduated magna cum laude. He then served two years as an artillery officer in the army, and on completion of his military service he enrolled in the law school at the U. of Oregon from which he earned an LL.B. degree in 1961.

Immediately after graduation, he went to work as the Federation's representative on conservation affairs. He has served on our resolutions committee for four years and was its chairman in 1962. In that year, he also was a candidate for state representative in Oregon."

Mike will be having an article in each issue of the Quarterly from now on. This issue he has a three column article.

THE REDWOODS

You read about it first in the Obsidian Bulletin. Some time later you read about it in the R-G. Then still later you saw it mentioned in the Life Magazine. What? Well about losing the Redwoods, or a good big part of them by the California State Highway Commission being so determined to put a super highway right thru the middle of the Jediah Smith Redwoods State Park. This park consisting of 5000 acres was mostly conserved by cash donations from people all over the state of California and quite a sum was raised from donations all over the United States. This is not much of an incentive for people to contribute to future conservation drives in California nor any where else.

BERNICE SHOLD

Many Obsidians will remember her as Bernice Lehrman. Bernice is the proud mother of a girl born March 27th. She answers to the name of Cynthia Ann. Bernice used to be an Obsidian, but moved to Salem and became a member of the Chemeketans.

SUSAN SCHERER

Served a term in the hospital with a case of rheumatic fever. Not liking the bill of fare at the hospital as well as the one at home she got moved home as soon as she possibly could.

JIM SIMS says he will be making his way homeward sometime during the month of May.

CHIEFS PROJECT

To construct porch and build bookcases is not coming along like it should. It was figured that we would not start construction until we had a minimum of \$250.00 in the kitty. Up to date we have less than \$200.00 and some of the donations have run as high as \$20.00 with some tens and quite a few \$5. Maybe it is because we started this campaign too close to income tax time but if we had waited until that was over we would find ourselves up against property tax time. If there are any members who wish to contribute mail your check to: Dorothy Towler, 2531 Chula Vista Blvd.

OBSIDIAN ENDOWMENT FUND

It has recently come to the attention of the Editor that two men and their wives, all members, have set aside in their wills a percentage sum of what they may leave after their deaths, to an endowment fund to the Obsidian Club. This endowment fund of course, could not be touched, only the income from it could be used. In the event of the demise of the legatee, one person has incorporated in his will that the percentage of the fund that is his will be given over to conservation work.

Our club is one of the very few of the smaller clubs that has what we have and no indebtedness. It would seem that it would be very nice if we did have an endowment fund, of say, \$20,000. We have a lot of everything in this community except outdoor clubs and in this field we have only one except for a small representative of the Sierra Club, and our club represents not only ourselves, but everyone else in outdoor preservation and conservation, and it would seem nice to have a fund to help carry on this work. A fund this size could give the club money to enlarge the building. To better the grounds. To maintain upkeep and a lot of other things. Think not of what I would get out of doing this but of what it would do for people not yet born. We, today, are getting benefits from our organization due to contributions and time and energy and other sacrifices made by people in years long gone, some of whom have been dead for years. Give this some thought and if you feel that it has merit then put it in your will.

INA FOSS

Heard from again and she writes from Brownsville, Texas and wishes all the Obsidians a real good season. Says she will soon be on her way to Minnesota, but hopes to get around this way before the summer is over.

FOLDING DOORS ARE IN BY GENE SEBRING.

GENE SEBRING HONORED

When Gene resigned from his position as Scout Leader they were so pleased at the Harris School that they made him Honorary Guest at a big dinner held there and also gave him other recognition.

Gene was Scout Leader of Troop 226 Harris School for six years. He did such a wonderful job and was so well thot of that when he resigned the position they put on this dinner and at the dinner Gene was presented with a Scouter's Key and Training Award and the Boy Scouts also presented Gene with a \$25 book, "Rhododendrons of the World". On the inside leaf this inscription "Presented to Gene Sebring, Our Scout Master 1958-1964 in appreciation of your sincere efforts and the giving of your valuable time so that we might know Scouting, we wish to say, gratefully, Thank You. Then all the Scouts had written their name here and there, this way and that, in the book. We are all glad to know you, Gene.

ANOTHER OBSIDIAN HONORED

Norman Hasek by the Springfield Junior Symphony as the senior high school student who has contributed the most to the school orchestra. This award is an annual affair and took place at the concert at the South Eugene High School. Norman has been a cellist for the past three years with the orchestra. Norm plans to enter Oregon State this next fall.

As has often been said in this Obsidian, there are no delinquents among families who belong to the Obsidians.

STAN HASEK attended Board Meeting with a pair of crutches. Seems a heavy piece of iron dropped on his foot breaking his big toe. If we remember rightly this leaves only Bob who has not been introduced to crutches in this family. First it was Barbara, then Norman and now Stan.

AGAIN A WELCOME TO TWO NEW MEMBERS

William J Mullins, 1025 West 22nd Eugene
Audrey Mullins - Mrs. Wm.

MOVED

Mildred Ball did it again, but she says this will be the last. She and her brother have bought a trailer house and are now at 102 Alberta Lane.

Dorothy Towleron has bought a new home getting tired of paying rent. Her new address is 2531 Chula Vista Blvd.

EDITOR'S DOG HOUSE

The 1964 membership list indicates that Alvine Amort is a Princess. This is not so. (Alvine, you looked like one to me. ed.)

AN EXPERIENCE IN EATING BY DRUNKEN WINES

This could always be applied to our potluck suppers at the Lodge, but the Easter evening at the Lodge seemed better than usual and according to Bill Martyn, our MC this potluck was a little bit extra.

A capacity crowd we had and a lot of them were visitors. The program for the evening was Don Hunter's, "Oregon's Volcanic Cascades" and we heard a lot of people say that they would enjoy seeing the pictures all over again and coming from a group who have seen the Oregon Cascades & thousands of pictures of same, this is really saying about all that could be said. It is too bad that everyone in the whole United States will not have a chance to see and hear Don's story.

SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN

In book form with 112 pages is most interesting. The first article is a Traverse of Mount Everest by Richard Emerson. There are several other stories all of more than common interest and the book is full of really superb pictures. This is in the Club Library.

MIKE MCCLOSKEY re Mt Jefferson Wild Area.

Last November Mike was authorized to draft a statement on our views on the Forest Service's proposal relative to the Mt Jefferson Wild Area. Regional Forester, Mr J. Herbert Stone, refuses to consider our objections, or to call another hearing, because he claims that his proposal has met with almost universal approval and questioned whether the various organizations that Mike represents really did authorize Mike to make the changes he requested and inferred that the only objections to his, Mr Stone's, proposal came from him Mike. This in spite of the fact that Mike represents some 43,000 members and acted only at the request of this membership.

The OCCC, the FWOC and the Sierra Club have all asked Mike to request another hearing, but Mr Stone questions whether these organizations really did. Now Mike says it is imperative that we write to Mr J. Herbert Stone, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Oregon and state our views on the Jefferson Wild Area and also, if we feel that we should have another hearing on this matter we should also indicate this, too.

WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

Benson Hotel, Portland, April 18 & 19th. Several speakers will be there, among them will be Daniel H. Janzen, Director of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. John Doerr, Superintendent of Olympic National Park, Pacific Northwest Regional Forester Herbert Stone.

ROSARY LAKES March 8. Keith Brunig, Ldr.

Eleven people left the Park Block very shortly after 9 a.m. in private cars and drove to the Willamette ski area at the top of the Willamette Pass. There some put on skis and some put on snowshoes and we started off on a trail leading off to the right of the area in the direction of the Rosary Lakes. It was a well packed trail which we started on about 11:30. We kept following it up and around the hill, along with stops to adjust snowshoe straps until we finally got over the top and started down the other side.

After we had gone down hill quite a distance and still didn't see anything but snow covered trees we came to the conclusion that somewhere we had missed the lake. That was about 1:30 so we stopped and ate our lunch, (standing up) as there was no place to sit down, before starting the return trip. It had been sunny and nice from the time we left the ski area almost until we ate our lunch. Light clouds floated over and we got a little colder with just a light fluff of snow in the air. Just enough to add to the beauty of the forest. When we arrived back at the ski area, about 4:30 it was snowing harder. We thought we caught a glimpse of a lake at one point on the return trip. Perhaps better luck next time. Marvin Girardeau, Susan Girardeau, Bob, Tom and Chet Bauman, Bill Blattler, Art Johnson, Susan Wilkins, John Evans, Norm Tussing and Keith Brunig, Made up this party.

CAMPUS TOUR March 22.

A party of 12 met at the Park Block and drove to the campus, left the cars at the parking lot south of the Education building. We started toward the Museum and on the way we saw several shrubs and small trees coming out in bloom. After going thru the Museum of Art we went on to the north end of the campus intending to go thru the Museum of Natural History but found it closed which was disappointing. After looking at more flowering shrubs we returned to our cars. Those making the tour were: Elwina Meachem, Mr & Mrs Henry Oswald, Mrs Cox, Mr & Mrs Cornutt, Henry and Anna Jepsen, Mr & Mrs Bob Kaneen, Nellie & Mac McWilliams, Leaders.

SPENCERS BUTTE March 15.

Eight persons made the trip to the top of the butte and found sunshine and as we watched, clouds cleared away from the 3 Sisters and partly from Mt Jefferson. On this climb were: Art Johnson, Susan Wilkins, Ray Sims, Thelma Watson, Henry & Anna Jepsen, Mac McWilliams, Leader.

BOARD MEETING NOTES April 8.

Karl and Ruth Onthank were guests of the Board this night. Their visit was to promote interest in saving a small area around Iron Mountain. The plan is to have it classified as a botanical area and it is, indeed an interesting botanical area. It is also a most interesting geological area. It is easily accessible being close to the Santiam Hiway and a very moderate hike to the summit to any who would care to go all the way. The Board gave the request its support and instructed the Conservation and Scientific Committees to go to work on it. This project to be worked on with the Natural History Society.

A shelf mounted on the south wall to act as a serving table when needed to be mounted with hinges had been mentioned by some but the Board thought this would tend to give the wall a sort of cluttered look and the shelf would only serve from one side, so vetoed it and said that the problem would be given some other solution.

Stan Hasek reported all climbs have been planned and ready for the publishers. More in next Bulletin about climbing school.

Bill Martyn, youth, reported for Frank Moore and his Obsidian sponsored Explorer Scouts had a marvelous display at the Skill Show recently. This display showed among other things a complete showing of mountain climbing.

Membership-Mary Jo reported almost all dues were in. Only a few in arrears and also reported in two applications for membership which were accepted by the Board.

Entertainment by Ray Cavagnaro is all on page one.

Gene Sebring says that May 23rd will be Summer Camp Rally night. He will have brochures on Camp Dark soon. This will give rates, etc, etc, etc. A preview of rates go like this. Two weeks, \$60. One week, \$35. All personal luggage packed in will have a charge of 35¢ per pound on it. This to be paid by camper.

Building Committee reports that the folding door is up in place. He also reported of a conversation with the tax assessors office and was given encouragement about having our property removed from the tax rolls, but this action will not be taken this year. Next year.

Bills allowed: Mishlers, ink and stencil 9.73. EWEB; 33.50. Postage; 12 and for the projector; \$150.00. Don Hunter had had the projector returned to the seller for a complete overhauling. Folding doors. \$109.75.

Next meeting, May 6. 7:30 p.m.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims No. 15

Camped upon one of the Indian Lakes on the bench above Hunt's Cove, on the south slopes of Mt Jefferson, we four decided to pay a visit to the Indian wigwam with its crossed poles, on another lake, but the squaws were not very talkative, so all we gathered was that the men were out hunting for horse feed. On our way to our camp we heard rifle shots "down" the canyon.

After dinner as we were sitting around the fire, without a sound, there stood one of the indian men and he said, "What you do here?" Well, we assured him we were over to climb the mountain. So he said, "Long time ago four white men climb mountain, but only three return-mountain God got one."

We slept lightly that night, but had a good climb of the mountain the next day and returned to Marion Lake.

For the evenings camp-fire we four put on the skit of the meeting with the indians (from the Warm Springs) and John Bovard told us that those same indians must have been there the year the Mazamas scouted Mt Jefferson and John Scott fell on the pinnacle and the other three went for help, and the indians saw this. On our return to Marion Lake that night with flash lights we saw a cougar asleep by the side of the trail, but when our flashlight aroused him he jumped high in the air and off into the bushes.

Ed Johnson and Elmer Maxey returned home at the end of the first week, as did Dot Dotson, but Dot returned with his new bride as he and Elsie were married that weekend, unknown to we campers, so we met them & we seperated them and one group took Elsie "on a wild goose chase" and did not return till dinner time with Elsie "hobbled" to Dot's surprise.

RAY SIMS says that he expected a letter from Europe during the week of April 5th and it came al ight, but it was ALL German.

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APPLE TREE MYSTERY

In last months Obsidian, we told about the Apple tree growing near the Santiam Pass. This story was sent in by Margaret Markley Now here is the answer from the Oregon Motorist and comes from Mrs Gertrude Gronso of Lebanon, condensed.

She and her husband were crossing the Pass and at this spot where the apple tree now is they had a flat tire. Instead of giving her husband the apple and letting hin eat it while she fixed the tire she ate the apple herself and planted the seed there. It is a Golden Delicious and she now brings home apples from the tree and makes applesauce from them. She laughingly refers to it as her apple tree. This of course was years ago as she states that the highway was new and that the soil was fresh and loamy.

THOS BLACK AND SONS whose ad you have seen in last issue and this issue have mailed a catalog to the Obsidians and it is now at the Lodge. It looks real interesting. Come up and give it a once over.

FOR SALE

Ski Boots. Size 10 E. Good condition. \$2.50. Call Bob Medill 746-2908.

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