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COMING TRIPS

March 14 - Snow trip up the Santiam Pass with Kay Fahy leading.
March 20 Sat. - A trip to Cottage Grove area. No leader yet.
March 21 - Richardson Butte. A new leader - John McManigal.
March 28 - Castle Rock up the McKenzie. Mark McLaughlin, leader.
April 3 & 4 - Mazama Lodge up on Mt. Hood. Rex Stevens will lead.
April 11 - Rooster Rock. This is up the Santiam. Mark will lead this one.

FUN NIGHT

March 12 - Among all the pop-corn, music and confusion, there will be movies.

PRINCESS MEETING

Will be held at the Lodge March 15th.

POT-LUCK APRIL 3

Lorene Bressler night will include lecture and pictures by Mr. Atcheson, who has done considerable climbing in the Himalaya and Switzerland Mts. This promises to be another outstanding evening, so bring your favorite dish and your pot and plan on being there in time for eating at 6:30 p.m.

WANTED

Three things are wanted for the Obsidian rummage sale coming up Saturday, May eight. First is your rummage. Anything that is of value that you want out of the way. Second will be paper bags. Third will be help. If you cannot help out on Saturday with the sale, then your help can be used Friday evening putting stuff out on display. Call Bob Medill for collection of your rummage material, or Mac McWilliams. Call Nellie McWilliams if you can help with the sales.

WILLAMETTE PASS AREA

February 20 snow trip. We tried to snow-shoe to Rosary Lakes, however the snow was so deep that the trail blazes were impossible to follow. We all enjoyed fine snow-shoeing thru the woods on this sunny day. Snow-shoers were: Bill Belmore, Helen Hughes, Clarence Landes, Helen Landes, Helen Smith and Margaret Wiese, Leader.

ZIP-CODE

Thanks to you who have taken the trouble to give us this information. The final date is January 1, 1967, but the earlier better.

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NINTH WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

Will be held in the San Francisco Hilton Hotel, April 2-3-4. The program will be as follows:

Friday 9 a.m. Wilderness in Crisis

Friday noon: Luncheon.

Friday afternoon: The Impact of Technology.

Friday evening 7 p.m. Banquet.

Sat. 9 a.m. The Outlook for Wilderness.

Saturday noon: Luncheon.

Saturday afternoon: The Significance of Wilderness.

Sunday: Conservation Field Trip and Dedication of the Dag Hammarskjold Memorial Grove.

The most outstanding speakers in their various positions, including Secretary of the Interior, Stewart L. Udall, will be there.

Plan to attend this most important event if you can. Write at once to Sierra Club, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco 94104 for more information and reservation. If you plan to go you can also call Don Hunter, 344-4173 here in Eugene, for costs, etc.

OBSIDIAN PLAY NIGHT

The first one of the season was held on Feb. 17. The group that assembles for this event is small, but no less enthusiastic. Music was enjoyed; the Castellones bringing their player. Some dancing was indulged in. Some shins were toasted in front of the fire, pop-corn and a great variety of tasty cakes, cookies and candies were enjoyed. A movie of excavations and discoveries of a civilization that dated back 2000 years before Christ about 100 miles south of Mexico City was shown and proved to be most interesting. An all around enjoyable evening. And A wonderful time to just talk.

ART BRUNIG who has been involved with Uncle Sam for almost four years and stationed in Germany has been released and will be at home at 816 Adams street some time this month.

NEW MEMBERS

AMY McLAUGHLIN, Jr. 2480 Laurel Hill Rd.
CAROL KRAKAUER, Sr. active, 3775 West Hills Road. Corvallis, Oregon.
Add these names to your membership list.

AND THE SAME TO YOU, MIKE

Dear Friends in Conservation:

For three and a half years, it has been my pleasure to serve you as Northwest Conservation Representative. This has been a period of immense challenge and change in conservation. A new national consciousness of recreational values and of conservation needs has been developing; the first phase of the struggle for a Wilderness act has been won; administrations have changed and improved policies for protection scenic and natural values have, in some cases, been developed. At the same time, however, the battle for de facto wilderness has been largely lost.

I am most grateful for the opportunity to have worked in the conservation movement at a time of such change and promise. Now, however, other opportunities in conservation have occurred to which I am responding. I am very sorry to leave the northwest and bring my close association with all of you to an end. I am, tho, looking forward to even greater challenges on behalf of conservation in the new job I am taking in San Francisco with the Sierra Club as assistant to the President.

One thought which makes departing somewhat easier is the knowledge that officers of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs have found a particularly well qualified replacement as your Northwest Conservation Representative. He is Rodger W. Pegues of Seattle. A recent graduate of the University of Washington Law School, Rodger had formerly worked in Alaska as director of its Local Affairs Agency. He is skilled in the arts of persuasion and representation and believes in the conservation cause.

I know you will extend the same cooperation which you gave to me. In concluding, let me say again how much I appreciate the many kindnesses which all of you have extended to me during this period in which I have served you.

Very truly yours,
Mike McCloskey

BOARD MEETING

Accepted for membership are Carol Krakauer and Amy McLaughlin. Amy is the sister of Mark and Kirk. Carol is Mrs. Dr. Lewis of Corvallis. Welcome aboard.

Bills paid: EWEB.....\$20.29
Postage, Bulletin.....\$ 8.00
Mishlers, Stencils.....\$ 4.20
FWOC, Annual Dues.....\$30.00

Obsidian Endowment fund is finally underway with \$50.00 contributed as a starter. This fund is started, primarily, so we can

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be in a position to accept contributions from those who may wish to leave donations to the Obsidians in their wills. Two members have already made such provisions in their wills. This money is not to be used in itself, but just the interest accrual, and this to be for the betterment of all outdoor interests.

Word has been received from the Ranger where Summer Camp is scheduled to be, giving us an area for our camp. He said that temperatures ranged from 30 to 70.

Don Hunter of Conservation was out conserving someplace, so had appointed Dorothy Towlerton to represent him. Dorothy told us that Don stressed the importance of getting resolutions to be presented at the FWOC Convention in to him not later than July 19. The Board elected to allow the delegate to the Convention \$50 Expenses. Board also discussed the necessity of enlarging the parking area. No action taken.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

KARL AND RUTH ONTHANK are spending a month in Hawaii visiting their daughter and family. Nice place to visit with ones family. On their return they will attend the Ninth Wilderness Conference.

PAULA VEHRIS is spending an unhappy vacation in fog, snow, ice and sleet weather on Oahu, bathing in the frigid waters off Waikiki Beach.

KAY FAHY - THELMA WATSON - MYRTLE SMITH -- all back safe and sound from visiting and all around raising cane down in California - they got as far as Carmel. They visited a Castle while down thataway.

ROXIE WALDORF, star of stage, screen and TV is now with the Ambassador Downs Troupe making a come-back in Vaudeville at Mesa, Arizona. Her picture, along with those in her Troupe, and an article describing her latest successes is now hanging in the Art Museum on the bulletin board at the Lodge. TORI LYNNE EDWARDS came to live with Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Edwards (Mrs. Edwards is the former Nina Lynne Harmon. She weighed 6 lbs 7 ounces at birth, but expects to better that as time goes on. She made Bob Medill something that she is not aware of now, but will later on and that is she made him a great grandfather.

THEODORE JOHANNIS, Assoc. Prof. of Sociology at U.O., received a research award for his outstanding work in his field.

DON HUNTER, Audio-Visual Dept., U.O., received a research award for his work in electronic tape recording.

BERTHA DECKMANN will show pictures of her tour of Mexico at the Princess Meeting March 15, at the Lodge; Barbara Hasek and Mildred Ball will be the Hostesses. 7:30pm.

TO THE EDITOR

I was a member of the Mountaineers in Seattle for nine wonderful years. the article in The Obsidian for February, "Because They Are There" made me decide to look up some other answers, we, as Mountaineers used to give to seemingly otherwise intelligent people who asked, "What do you want to climb for?", and then give the equally silly answer, "I didn't leave anything up there!"

My favorite answer is a poem by Ray W. Clough of Seattle (1954) when he paid tribute to the wonders of the mountains.

"I must go up to the hills again,
To the tall hills and the high.
And all I ask is a blazed trail,
With a river flowing by.

I must go up to the hills again,
To the lofty hills and the true,
And all I ask as I tramp the trail,
Is a trusty friend or two.

For up in the hills is the strength to/
And carry our loads of grief,
And up in the hills is the peace of God,
To cure our unbelief.

So we'll take the trail, as it leads away,
Thru the healing pines and the dew,
And I'll thank the Lord, as I tramp the/
For my trusty friend or two."

Sometimes we do not have time to quote poetry, but here is a shorter apt answer; "What if the way up is slow and tedious, so long as you are rising? To be climbing - that's the thing!

Mountain climber: a man who reaches the peak in his work.

More power to the Obsidians.

Elleda Hall Cox, "Duchess".

FROM THE WESLEYS

Dear Friends and Obsidians-

We had two cars of visitors the past week and all Obsidians. Of course Lois was off to school, but yours truly was very pleased to greet them. Jim Stovall was down to Roseburg on a lecture and in the afternoon he and Mary Douglass came out. The other car (I can't remember names) contained two ladies and a gentleman. One of them had been down to a cider party. All visits were very much enjoyed. If any of you do come down, come out via Winchester as our bridge is out for the year. Have had a break in the weather the past week or so, so have been cleaning up our orchard some, but it still is a mess over all. We will be burning and logging all summer. The nice warm sun today made me feel like going out looking for posies.

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Hope we can get together with you folks a couple of times this year. Maybe find Ida Mae brodeas? Who knows? Best wishes,

Lois and Harry Wesley
(The two ladies and a gentleman mentioned above were Olga Mortensen and her sister and brother-in-law of Roseburg, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Erno. Ed.)

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Margaret Wieser night at the Lodge was anything but dull. All tables were filled by the crowd that attended, with somewhere around twenty Sierra Club members attending. Former President of the FWOC, Polly Adler was there. Also there was Mr. Paul Fritz, Crater Lake National Park landscape architect. We do not remember all those who came.

The tables were very beautiful with the white tablecloths decorated in a manner that would have warmed the heart of old St. Patrick himself.

After everyone was as full as he could get the program got underway. The first on this schedule was a film presented by the Sierrians about the Redwoods in California "War on the Redwoods" put out by KRON-TV documentary and editorial department, and was presented to us by Mr. Holly Jones. Mr. Jones stressed the value of writing to National Park Services, 450 Golden Gate Ave San Francisco. Even Redwood Forests that have been donated to the State of California for no other purpose than to be maintained in their natural state are being taken over and destroyed, mostly by the California Highway Commission, who seem to be holden to no one, but the Highway Engineers. Rod Pegues also attended. Rod has taken the place of Mike McCloskey. Pegues is pronounced pea gees, the G as in geese. Ray Sims had a set-up modeling the Three Sisters and he gave a short talk about how we went skiing on them in the summer and would climb them in the winter. (Believe most of us ski on them in the winter and do our climbing them in the summer) However every one to their own way.

Don Hunter did not disappoint anyone with his presentation of his subject. PICTURES! Their Mood; composition and titling. Don also described six different color films and how to handle them. Backlighting and over and under exposure for effects. His pictures shown on the screen, as always, were of more than ordinary interest.

There were 37 cars parked in the parking lot and several out along the road pointing up the need for more parking space as we continue to grow. Thank you,

Margaret

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

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Owing to the 1932 Summer Camp being away from the Three Sisters region, a scheduled climb of all of the Three Sisters and the Husband was made for July 23 & 24, excepting the North Sister, because of snow conditions, was postponed until August 21.

During July, the Club purchased a Stewart-Warner motion picture camera. Also, at the July meeting, it was proposed to submit to the Club at large, at the Annual meeting that the nine members be composed of six men and three women to manage the affairs of the Club, and therefor to vote for such so as to try and rotate the membership to the offices.

The Summer Outing at Rainier finally got under way with about 28 for the entire two weeks. The advance group to set up camp left Eugene Thursday morning, July 28, with Carl Knowles and Carl Young in the truck and Ed. Johnson taking Mrs. Lake, Nellie Fennell and Dorothea Bushnell in his car. The remainder of the campers were to follow, leaving Eugene Sunday morning, July 31 and on arriving at Goldendale, Wash. that day, were informed that both advance cars had broken down and that the ladies in the party had been obliged to "sit out on the sidewalk" ALL Night, with a pile of groceries, resembling the gold rush days, at one of the Yakima stores waiting for the cars to be repaired, which did not come until after daylight. Upon learning more about it, Johnson had bought the food, left the girls and gone back to help the truck, which had broken down, On the way his own car broke down, and there was no way he could get word back to the ladies. It was nearly dark when the 400 mile drive to the Inn at Sunrise Ridge was ended that Sunday and then a 3½ mile hike to the camp site had to be done. The party finally managed to find the camp site and altho it was raining, the camp tents were quickly setup and Mrs. Lake produced a very fine meal.

PORCH FUND

Louis Waldorf sent in \$10.00 to add to the Porch Fund. This cuts the balance down to \$18.70. L. says they'll soon head Home.

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BACK-PACKERS

Just in case you don't have your name on the mailing list for some of our favorite catalogs write now for them.

Kelty Packs, P.O. Box 3453, Glendale, Cal.
The Ski Hut, 1615 University Ave., Berkeley 3, California.

Holubar, Box 7, Boulder, Colorado.

Gerry, Ward, Colorado.

Eddie Bauer, Inc., Seattle 4, Washington.

Dri-Lite Foods, 8716 Santa Fe Ave. South Gate, California.

Perma-Pak, Salt Lake City 15, Utah.

Morsan Tents, 810 Route 17, Paramus, N. J.

It costs \$1.00 to join the Seattle Co-op. Their address is Recreational Equipment, Inc. 1525 11th Ave., Seattle, Wash. They have an interesting catalog and in many cases the costs are a little less than other places.

There are plastic tubes offered for about \$2.50 which makes very good emergency shelters. I carried one on my Girl Scout trip and also used it a week in Summer Camp. It worked beautifully in rain after I got on to how to erect it. Here is what I learned when using plastic never let it touch the top of your bag. Doing so lets moisture collect thus getting your bag damp and letting you get cold. When using the tube run a cord thru it and fasten it about 2 ft. or more above the ground then run two more cords along each side about a foot or more from the ground. This forms a very good cradle for your bag, which can be a little breezy at times but will keep your bag dry and thus you much warmer, Helen Smith.

ANNUAL BIRD COUNT Jan. 3.

In an area about 15 miles in diameter which included Fern Ridge Reservoir, Eugene part of Willamette River, part of West Springfield, Spencer Butte and the Municipal airport, a total of 81 species were reported with a total count of 13,576.

MORSAN TENTS, INC.

Their 1965 catalog and handbook received and now at the Lodge. This is the most complete catalog we get and is filled with all kinds of information for all kinds of campers. 810 Route 17, Paramus, New Jersey.

