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FEBRUARY POTLUCK, 2/22

We will celebrate George Washington's Birthday on Feb. 22, with a 6:30 potluck dinner. Ewart Baldwin, U.O. Geology Dept., will show slides of a boat trip down the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River.

MCKINLEY PICTURES SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 15
Clarence Landes will show slides of the 1967 Mt. McKinley climb, at 7:30 p.m., with the help of Norman Benton, veteran McKinley climber. There will be no potluck, but refreshments will be served.

PRINCESS NEWS

Princesses will meet Mon., Feb. 17, at Mary Castelloe's, 1930 Todd St., 7:30 p.m.; Frances Newsom will show slides of Scandinavian countries. At the January meeting Hostess Florence Fulton presented a beautiful pink birthday cake to Myrtie Hamlin (Drifting Cloud) to celebrate her day-Jan 25. A short business meeting determined the date of the annual rummage sale, Fri March 21, Nellie McWilliams, Chm. Annual Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, May 11 at Obsidian Lodge, Bob Medill, Chm. After the meeting, Margaret Markley and Helen Weiser talked of their trip to Mexico.

WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

Sierra Club announces the Eleventh Annual Wilderness Conference, sponsored by Sierra Club and Sierra Club Foundation, will be held March 14, 15, 16, 1969, at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel. Theme: Wilderness: the Edge of Knowledge. The conference will feature nationally-known speakers. One half of the program will be devoted to the problems of wilderness and wildlife in Alaska, one session will cover the relationship between world wildlife and wilderness; there will be another on wilderness planning and people. An informative brochure is available.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 15 (Sat) To be announced.
- 16 (Sun) Snowshoe Trip - Phyllis Ford (343-5520), leader.
- 22 (Sat) Donn Chase (344-3808), Leader of Lower Winberry Ridge Trip.

MARCH

- 1 (Sat) Mt. Hardesty ---- Paula Vehrs (344-0443), leader.
- 8 (Sat) Proxy Falls, Snowshoe trip -- John Anderson (343-3856), leader.
- 9 (Sun) Centennial Butte -- Mary Castelloe (344-5168), leader.

TRIPS BY BUS OR TRAIN

Registration is now open for any of the following trips; call early to get your name on the list: Geraldine Fehly 343-2784 or Ray Cavagnaro 726-7270.

- April 19-20 (Bus) Kah-nee-ta (limit 35)
- May 17 (Bus) Jacksonville, Oregon.
- May 30-31, June 1 (Fri, Sat, Sun) Train Trip to San Francisco, Ray Cavagnaro, Ldr.
- Sept. 27-28 (Bus) Columbia River Boat Trip, Astoria--home by Oregon coast. (Limit 35)

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On FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1969, there will be an Obsidian Rummage Sale at the Rummage Center ... please start gathering your discards and if you wish them picked up, let us know, or bring them to the Lodge. So call RIGHT AWAY if you have something (Nellie M. 688-9273 or Mary C. 344-5168).....ALSO WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF OBSIDIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST ---- at the Lodge on SUNDAY, MAY 11 --- Mothers Day.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary Kirk
Feb. 5 Bal. \$1459.92

Receipts:

Membership dues	219.00	
Trips	1.30	
Entertainment	25.55	
Publications	2.00	
Miscellaneous	20.00	
		<u>\$1727.77</u>

Disbursements:

Entertainment	\$19.29	
Publications	29.50	
Lodge Expenses	35.91	84.70
		<u>1643.07</u>
Savings Acct.		2037.72
		<u>\$3680.79</u>

Bills approved for payment:

E.W.E.B.	\$32.61
Stencils	7.20
Postage	15.00
P.O. Box rent	3.00
F.W.O.C. annual dues	70.00
	<u>\$127.81</u>

MEMBERSHIP: Clarence Johnson

Application for membership as Junior Member:
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Resignations:

Mary Donaldson, Forrest White, Dennis Cole

All of these who resigned wrote letters telling how much they had enjoyed being members.

Clarence Johnson read the list of delinquent members to the board -- too long a list to be encouraging. Quite a discussion followed on the advisability of revising the constitution on the matter of raising dues from \$2 to \$6 when our younger members have reached the age of 18.

SAVE BETTY CROCKER COUPONS & GOLD BOND

SUMMER CAMP: Bob Cox

Bob reports on quite a correspondence about the Cariboo Lakes in the Trinity Alps area and has found one way to cut down the mileage into camp. He is exploring every possible detail to make the camp a success. Full details will be in the final brochure.

TRIPS: Wayne Renfro

Wayne reports two trips, two cancellations 26 members & 7 nonmembers; fees \$5.65.

CLIMBING COMMITTEE: Ron Nunemaker

Has lined up 30 leaders.

INSURANCE: Frank Moore

Latest appraisal of the building since the new addition was finished is around \$26,000. Insurance on a 90% average clause would be \$23,500. Last year we were insured for \$20,000. The premium would be \$234. The Board approved payment. Also approved was the purchase of a climbing rope for \$24.95.

ENTERTAINMENT: Lois Schreiner

The next potluck will be on February 22, with Dr. Ewart Baldwin showing pictures of a trip down the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River. Lois also reported that the pictures of the Mt. McKinley climb which were cancelled in January will be shown on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. This will not be a potluck but refreshments will be served during the evening.

Next meeting of the Board will be held on March 5. Place of meeting depends on the weather!. W E A T H E R ? ? ? ?

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THANK YOU FOR ALL B.C. AND G.B. DONATIONS

very often the Princesses try to express their appreciation in the Bulletin for all the Betty Crocker coupons, and Gold Bond Stamp Books and Certificates that are given by club members and others ---we THANK all contributors. Recently 17 B.C. Coupons were received from Steve Pitts, a Junior Member who lives in Central Point, Oregon. We thank you Steve!

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Another group project is being started--SAVE ALL FLAV-R-PAC CANNED AND FROZEN FOOD LABELS, including poly bags, and orange juice, lemonade and grape juice cans(flattened), and leave them at the Lodge. Flav-R-Pac pays 2¢ each for them.

INVITATION TO OPEN HOUSE-Sun., February 9 Marje & Bill Beaman invite all Obsidians to Open House from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 9, at their home in Salem, 742 Red Hill Drive S.E.; this is a surprise party to honor Blanche Bailey on her birthday.

The following letter was received from Larry Hance, U. S. N. (Bob Medill's grandson, who is aboard the U. S. S. Richard B. Anderson).

LOOK! what the Trips Committee has in store for your Memorial Day!

To all members, especially Bob Medill: Thanks for including me on your mailing list. I enjoy reading the bulletin when I am home and now I will get it over here.

....A Chartered Train Trip to San Francisco for Friday, May 31 and return Sunday, June 1!

My Grandfather, Bob Medill, wrote and told me I was on the mailing list after I asked him to get me a subscription if he could. I got his letter on the 13th and the bulletin on the 14th. I call that fast service.

A special trip on the famous Shasta Daylight will leave Portland Memorial Day and make a special stop in Eugene for the Obsidians at 9:30 a.m. A whole car has been reserved for our group. You will enjoy a daylight ride along one of the most beautiful routes in the United States. The dining car will provide specially planned meals for the tour.

I have really enjoyed all of the potlucks and other activities of the Obsidians I have attended. I will probably have to wait until I get out of the Navy but I plan on becoming a member.

The train arrives in San Francisco at 11:55 p.m. A chartered bus will take us to the Canterbury Hotel in the center of San Francisco where reservations have been made for you.

Some clubs are snobbish and don't take to outsiders attending their activities, but not so the Obsidians. They make you feel right at home, include you in the fun and also the work. I know--they had me washing dishes at one potluck!

Saturday will be free in San Francisco to do what you wish --- shopping, sight-seeing or whatever.

You will have to excuse me if at times my writing is jiggled but we are out at sea and we are doing 25 knots, and we have a rough sea. It isn't bad, really. On the way over we hit the outer edge of typhoon Gloria and the swells were about 20 to 25 feet high! We had a few broken stanchions some lost equipment, a few split seams, flooded passageways and lots of waterlogged lookouts (yours truly included).

Sunday morning (June 1) our bus will be at the hotel at 6:45 a.m. to take us to the train for the trip home (breakfast to be served on the train). We arrive in Eugene at 10:00 p.m.

I have been aboard the Anderson now for 6½ months and think she is a good ship.

The tour price (sharing a twin accommodation) will be \$120 each and includes your reserved seat rail transportation, three meals on the train in each direction, hotel in San Francisco, bus transfer and baggage-handling tips.

We spent 8 days in Subic Bay, Philippines. The last night we were there about half of Olongapo City burned down. I would have liked to get some pictures but wasn't able to. Was downtown in one of the clubs having dinner and all the lights went out. We are now out in the combat zone and I have to go on watch. Will write again sometime. Would like to hear from the club.

It is important that members sign up as soon as possible, as space is limited. Call Geraldine Fehly at 343-2784 or Ray Cavagnaro at 345-3431 for reservations. It will be a first come, first served basis. Your friends are welcome. Total cost must be paid by May 1. SIGN UP NOW.

Larry Hance
P.S. Maybe you could print this in the bulletin so all members will receive my thanks - Larry.

Ray Sims writes in that he missed work on December 31 because of the icy roads and worse still, caused him to miss his first Obsidian New Year's Party in 40 years.

Don't forget to save those Betty Crocker Coupons for the Princesses.

When cashing your Gold Bond Stamps be sure to ask for your Redemption Certificates - for the Princesses. Turn them in to any Princess.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS
No. 61 By Ray Sims

An outstanding trip was taken on May 25 1952 to Rainbow Falls. This was a new trip and made possible by the opening of a new Forest Service road up Foley Ridge.

Karl and Ruth Onthank led this beautiful trip and 55 people turned out to see this new scenic area. We hiked down to the bottom of the canyon and followed the creek upward from a ribbon to 200-ft. falls near the top.

On the 12th of April, 1953 we made another of our wonderful Greyhound bus trips to Crater Lake. It was cloudy and the lake seemed more purple than blue.

In August we had our summer camp in the beautiful Glacier National Park, camping at St. Marys Lake.

On the long trip over some of us camped at Lake Pend Oreille and enjoyed some of the best swimming from its sandy beaches. Another camp was made at McDonald Lake.

For those who went on the Greyhound bus, they still tell about the race the Greyhound had with the train -- only to pull up after a long run and be blocked at a crossing by the train itself.

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REMEMBER: Going-to-the-Sun Highway? A day in Canada? Unbelievably beautiful sunrises and sunsets over St. Mary's Lake? The "Belles" of St. Mary? And too many pleasant memories to recount.

"Ed" was there too!

N O T I C E

Bob Medill would like to know the whereabouts of 50 feet of yellow electrical cord "home-fitted" on one end. Does someone have this or know where it has gone? Bob says "2 prongs". This was 100 feet and was cut and fitted by him to be used for an extension cord for our projectors. Call Bob if you can track this down.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

MAXCINE WILLIAMS

Reprint from the September 30, 1968 "The Great Basin Naturalist", Vol. XXVIII, No 3. On page 151 there is an illustration (Figure 3.) of Holotype of Artemisia frigida L. Var. williamsae Welsh var. nov. named for Maxcine Morgan Williams, long-time Alaskan resident and botanical collector. This was a specimen that had formerly been classified but was a variation of the species which was collected by Maxcine on the Duke River Flats, Yukon Territory. Dr. Welsh is revising the "Flora of Alaska" and is located at Brigham Young University.

BEAR MOUNTAIN - 1-4-69

Sixteen members and 3 nonmembers had a little longer trip than planned on when the snow kept them from driving to the landing. This was fine because they had a little better trip out of it.

From the landing to the lockout is about 1/2 mile but they now had about 3 1/2 miles round trip. The view, as Clarence Johnson said, was "gray" and this "gray" was close to them and wet: warm however.

A good fire and a good group made this first effort for 1969 a real good trip.

The group also drove up the Mt. June road until snow stopped them at about elevation 3300 according to Helen Smith's altimeter, distance about 8 mi. from the gate near Lost Creek.

Clarence Landes

BIG LAKE - 1-18-69

Ten members and four nonmembers left Hoo-doo ski area for a cross-country trek to Big Lake. Thirteen were on snowshoes & the leader used skis. The snow was relatively firm and the going was good. Three Fingerted Jack and Mt. Washington were beautiful in a variety of moods. A Black-backed, three-toed woodpecker was seen in the burned-over area. This is a relatively rare bird. A couple from Vermont expressed interest in future Obsidian trips and possible membership.

R. Narriner Orum

