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COMING

EVENTS

TRIPS SCHEDULE

APRIL

- 12 (Sat) Carpenter Mt. --- Helen Smith.
Q South Fork McKenzie.
13 (Sun) Tour of Campus - Grace Smith.
19-20(Sat-Sun) Bus Trip to Kah-Nee-Ta -
Geraldine Fehly & Ray Cavagnaro. ---
Warm Springs Indian Reservation.
19 (Sat) Mt. Hardesty - Jon Rice. Over-
Q looking Lookout Reservoir on Willamette.
26 (Sat) Rooster Rock --- Jim Jeppesen.
Q Santiam Area.
27 (Sun) Flower Trip - Harry & Lois Wes-
ley. Near Roseburg.

MAY

- 3 (Sat) Little Cowhorn Mt., Clarence
Landes. Fall Creek Area.
4 (Sun) Tire Mt. - Wes Prouty. North
side of Lookout Reservoir.
10 (Sat) Cap Hagan - Norm Benton. Mc-
Q Kenzie area.
11 (Sun) Mothers Day--PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

CLIMBING SCHOOL

(See Page 2)

APRIL

- 16 (Wed) First Indoor Session
23 (Wed) Second Indoor Session
26 (Sat) First Outdoor Session
30 (Wed) Third Indoor Session

MAY

- 4 (Sat) Second Outdoor Session
7 (Wed) Technical Rock Climbing Pract.
10 (Sat) Third Outdoor Session
14 (Wed) Technical Rock Climbing Pract.
SNOW SCHOOL DATES -- JULY 17,18,19,20.

CLIMBING SCHEDULE

Ron Nunemaker, Climbing Chairman, and his committee have arranged a complete and varied schedule of climbs from May to September, and will soon begin the 1969 climbing school. Congratulations to Ron and committee on their work, as well as to Wayne Renfro and his trips committee.

MAY

- 10,10 (Sat-Sun) Mt.Hood - Dale Moon ----
Regular Timberline Route.
10,11 Mt. Thielsen - Ron Nunemaker--Dia-
mond Lake Ski Trip.
17,18 (Sat-Sun) Mt.McLoughlin ----- Mary
Holland - Spring Snow Climb.

KAH-NEE-TA - April 19-20

Don't forget to have your check for \$18.50 in the mail so it reaches Gerry by the 14th of April. Plans have been completed for this weekend and your fare includes the buffet dinner the night of arrival as it did last year.

April 12 - Movie - See Page 5

FRIENDLY HOUSE PROGRAMS

- April 6 - South Seas - Ira Kostenbader
April 13 - Snow pictures around Eugene.
April 20 - Europe - Agnes Best.
April 27 - John Clyde
May 4 - Nigeria - Ed Thatcher

F I R E S I D E F I A S C O '69

APRIL 26, 1969 - This Saturday evening will begin with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. Stage lights will go on at 8:00 p.m. Exciting entertainment has been planned and Frank has promised a production you will not want to miss. Come and see your friends perform --- STARS GALORE!

BOARD NOTESTREASURER - Cal Crawford

Balance on hand		\$1543.52
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Membership	\$ 4.85	
Trips	24.25	
Climbing	34.90	
Lodge Expense	21.23	
Publications	49.80	135.03
		\$1408.49
Savings Account		2037.72
		<u>\$3446.21</u>

BILLS PAYABLE

Post Office Box Rent	\$ 4.85
M. Williams, Postage (Bulletin)	15.00
Brochures	43.20
E.W.E.B.	23.74
	<u>\$86.79</u>

OUTING - Bob Cox

The article in last month's bulletin concerning our Obsidian Summer Camping trip was meant to infer that if you go on our Obsidian Camp Trip, it will cost about one-half of what any other organization would charge for a similar trip.

Ranger Devlin says the trail is 8½ mi. in to Caribou Lake.

Our hiking agenda will include one, at least, expedition into an area heretofore unexplored.

MEMBERSHIP - Clarence Johnson

Included with this bulletin is one copy of a recently-published membership brochure. If you have friends or know of any others who are interested in the Obsidian Club, we would appreciate it if you would give them the brochure. If you need additional copies, they may be obtained at the Obsidian Lodge or by writing or calling C. W. Johnson, Membership Chairman, 1625 Elanco Lane, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Phone 343-4014. Thank you,

Application for membership was received from Holway R. Jones and Frances Doreen Jones, (Mrs. H. R.) and Terry & Chris Jones, Junior members. Their address is 25 Skyline Park Loop, 97405. Their membership has been accepted by the board and we welcome them as Obsidians (Associate Members).

TRIPS - Wayne Renfro

Reported 6 trips with 49 members and 29 nonmembers, with trip fees of \$11.40.

Save Betty Crocker Coupons for the Princesses.

ENTERTAINMENT - Lois Schreiner

The Mt. McKinley pictures of the summer 1967 expedition were shown at the Lodge March 15. The regularly-scheduled showing of these slides at the January potluck was cancelled because of an unusually heavy snowfall. Betty Waddell was chairman for the special showing, and was aided by the Bridgemans and the Oswalds. Refreshments were served.

Maxcine Williams presented a very interesting collection of colored slides of Alaska wild flowers at the March potluck. Her commentary was most informative. Several photograph albums were available for perusing. The Alaska theme was well carried out with mounted photographs of wild flowers and scenes of Alaska on the walls, pressed flower centerpieces, and bouquets of cotton grass. Maxcine furnished all of the decorations. Huldah Yeiter and Lois Schreiner were co-chairmen for the event and were aided by several welcome and helpful volunteers.

CONSERVATION - Don Hunter

Don urges members to write to the following concerning any conservation problem, but especially concerning French Pete at this time.

Charles Cornaughton, Reg. Supervisor, Multnomah Bldg, 319 S.W. Pine, or P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Ore. 97208

David Gibney, Supervisor, Willamette National Forest 210 E. 11th, Eugene, Ore. 97401

John Dellenback, Congressman, House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C.

Robert Packwood, Senator

Mark Hatfield, Senator

Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C.

CLIMBING - Ron Nunemaker

The Eugene Parks & Recreation and Obsidians will co-sponsor a basic mountaineering school again this year. The school will be held on April 16, 23, 30 with outdoor sessions tentatively scheduled for April 20 and 27. There will be approximately 50 students and we would hope to have 15 experienced climbers and instructors.

When cashing your Gold Bond Stamps be sure to ask for your Redemption Certificate for the Princesses.

Pancake Breakfast May 11. Don't forget!

FRIENDS OF THE JOHN DAY held their second meeting in the Dalles Sat. nite Mar. 29th. Good progress was made in formulating plans for carrying on the job of trying to save this scenic area which is peculiar to Oregon,

To those who know the John Day Canyon, they feel that it belongs to the people of Oregon and should be held on the same plane as our Crater Lake; our Cascades; our Coast and beaches.

No other stream in North America is just like the John Day. For its awe-inspiring canyon walls, for its complete wildness, for its study of geology, for its ease of access by boat, it should be saved.

While there Bob Medill met Brian Gannon, who is now living in Portland and is one of the State Directors of OMSI.

At the next meeting it is hoped that plans will be far enough along to ask all who may be interested to come along with us in this project. Bob Medill

PROXY FALLS - 3/8/69

After braving the perils of putting up the signup sheet, the trip got off to a fast start. Leading a trip is neat. You put up the signup sheet - that is if the store is open, or you may have to make a retreat. Weather fine, snowshoers slow, sun hot, leader tired. Mary Bridgeman, Barbara Kirk, Helen Smith, Ninete Stien, and John W. Anderson, Leader.

INDIAN CAVES - 3/16/69

Low clouds hung over Eugene as 8 hikers left the Park block at 10 a.m. for the Indian Caves above Lowell. As we hiked up the old logging road, we looked at fresh Woodpecker holes in the dead snags and picked up good examples of "petrified wood."

On top at 12:34 - relaxed, had lunch and two of the men climbed above where we had lunch. Clear skies, strong winds & long vistas. Stayed on top about 1½ hrs. Back in Eugene by 4 p.m. On the trip:-- Ina Foss, Maxine Bell, Mr. & Mrs. Kelm, Charles Munson, Ben Ross, Henry Jeppesen, Roger Bridgeman and Mary Bridgeman Substitute Leader,

Visit the historic town of Jacksonville with the Obsidians, Saturday, May 17, 1969. Call Mary Castelloe - 344-5168 or Gerry Fehly - 343-2784 for reservations on bus.

BULLETIN BOARD - Clarence Landes

Beginning with Monday morning, Apr. 7th, the signup sheets for Obsidian Climbs and Trips, etc., will be at the Central Lane Family YMCA located at 2055 Patterson St., across from the S. Eugene High School.

The Bulletin Board location that the "Y" has assigned to us is a cork-board area in the lobby on the north wall of the front office and this area can be reached most handily thru the northwest "front door". This is the first main door you come to as you go south on Patterson St. (1 way southbound)

The "Y" is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mon. thru Friday and also is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

CLEAR LAKE DUNES - 3/30/69

We parked at the Scherer cabin & walked north to the park area. Dorothy Scherer accompanied us part way to get some plant information but did not accompany the party on the total trip. We walked under cloudy skies noting the "improvements" of a large water tank on one of the dunes & a new road to it as well as large plantings of dune grass. The weather cleared as we walked and by the time we had circled part way back it was sunny and time for lunch. Two of the party (both Marys) cut across the dunes part way in the trip and met us for lunch along the west side. The rain ponds were smaller this year, due to the dry month of March.

A small whirlpool was observed in the creek connecting Collard and Clear Lakes where the stream had been obstructed by a debris dam. One member of the party discovered sand and glaciers have something in common, bridged-over crevasses. This discovery was made by falling into one. A Rufous Hummingbird was identified in the Manzanita at the Scherer cabin.

The group then drove north to Darlingtonia Wayside and observed the snow damage there, many of the large plants being bent over by the weight of unaccustomed snow. Thence home.

On the trip: Mary Bridgeman, Mary Carr, Ina L. Foss, Charles Hallin, Robin Lodevick, Pat Pattison, Wes Prouty, Lois Schreiner (Dorothy Scherer) and Kenneth Lodevick, Leader.

CENTENNIAL BUTTE - 3-9-69

Centennial Butte was revisited Sunday March 9, during the 110th anniversary year of Oregon's admission to the Union. At least one descendent of early Oregon pioneers who picknicked there 110 years ago was with us -- Nellie Moore McWilliams (Mrs. R. O.), whose great grandparents, Lynn and Elizabeth Ann Snodgrass, came to Oregon by wagon train in 1852, and established their home 5 miles north of Coburg near West Point. Ken Lodewick, who had charted much of this area for the State Highway Department, gave us the local history and pointed out landmarks; the circle of maple and fir trees at the very top were planted in 1876 by Mitchell Wilkins to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence 100 years earlier.

Centennial Butte is a very small hill (2 mi. north of Coburg on Wilkins Road) on private property, and the leader obtained permission of the owners, the Stoneburg family, before this hike. The 21 who enjoyed a most beautiful spring day were: Lorene Bressler, Bailey Castelloe, Mary Castelloe (leader), Bob Capron, Geraldine Fehly, Dorothy and Roger Hayes, Virginia Horton, Henry Jeppesen, Ken Lodewick, Robin Lodewick, Robert, & Betty, Holly & Laurelee Mangers, Mac McWilliams, Nellie McWilliams, Beverly Rozelle, Grace Smith and Beverly & Ed Soule.

LOWER WINBERRY RIDGE - 2-22-69

Weather was excellent so a good trip was had with an excellent view from the ridge of the Winberry Arm of Fall Creek Reservoir and Lookout Point Reservoir. Approximately twelve inches of snow was on the ridge with many wildlife tracks, and a deer was spotted grazing in an alpine meadow. This was a new area for the Obsidians and I believe that further exploring on the ridge would make an excellent future trip. Accompanying leader Donn Chase on this trip were Mary Bridgeman, Bob Capron, Anita Kiger, Wes Prouty, and Helen Smith.

NOTICE: If there is an error in your address or phone number in the membership list please call either:

Mary Castelloe	344-5168
Gerry Fehly	343-2784
Maxcine Williams	345-0854

OXBOW FIRE, SMITH RIVER & TAHKENITCH LAKE - 3/23/69

We started out on a nice Sunday morning. Our first stop was on a crest on Timber Ridge Road that overlooks some of the worst of the recent Oxbow fire. The country is very steep and one could see why it was a difficult fire to control. When we started on, Bailey Castelloe's Buick boiled over. We spent a short time fixing a broken radiator hose and then proceeded down the western slope of the coast range to the Smith River, stopping for a short time at the Smith River Falls. We had lunch at Elbow Lake campground, and then proceeded around the eastern side of Tahkenitch Lake. This is a good graveled road but not heavily traveled. The name means "Lake of Many Arms" and is surely named correctly. Siltcoos Lake was the next stop and then home via Route "F". It was a rather long ride but quite pleasant. Even though it was a car trip it was new territory to most of us.

This was a delightful trip for: Mary Bridgeman, Mary Carr, Bailey & Mary Castelloe, Ina Foss, Virginia Horton, John, Lenore, Richard, Kevin and Steven McManigal, Wayne Renfro, Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith, Grace Smith, Ada Smith, Gwen Renfro, Blanche & Clyde Starr.

John McManigal, Leader

PRINCESS NEWS

The Princesses are invited to meet at the home of Princess Pipsissewa (Wilma Moore), 830 Waverly, 7:30 p.m. Mon. April 21. Final plans will be made for the May 11 Pancake Breakfast. Princesses met at Lil' Warbler's home March 17 and enjoyed Natalie's delicious fluffy chiffon pies. Discussion centered around the Rummage Sale, for which volunteers were needed. Princess Singing Waters (Blanche Bailey) was a special guest, and both Obsidian and Chemeketan activities were of special interest. Thelma Watson announced that more Betty Crocker coupons will be available until Sept. 30, 1969 by saving sack bottoms of 2 and 5 lb. Wondra Flour, and box bottoms of Total. Attending were: Natalie, Blanche, Nellie McWilliams, Helen Kilpatrick, Charlotte Lemon, Myrtie Hamlin, Wilma Moore, Mary Castelloe and toddler David until bedtime.

OBSIDIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1969

At Obsidian Lodge

Serving From 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

\$1.00 for all you can eat - of Hotcakes, Sausage, Eggs, REAL MAPLE SYRUP FROM QUEBEC, Coffee, etc. !!!

This breakfast is sponsored by the Princesses, who cordially invite all members to come and bring friends. Each table will be served family style. That famous hotcake flipper -- Chief Robinson Crusoe (Bob Medill) -- will be in charge of No. 1 Griddle, and has just returned from British Columbia where he obtained some of that Genuine Quebec Maple Syrup for your pleasure.

Mothers ... you are invited to start YOUR DAY ... MAY 11TH ... with Breakfast at Obsidian Lodge. Be seein' you there.....

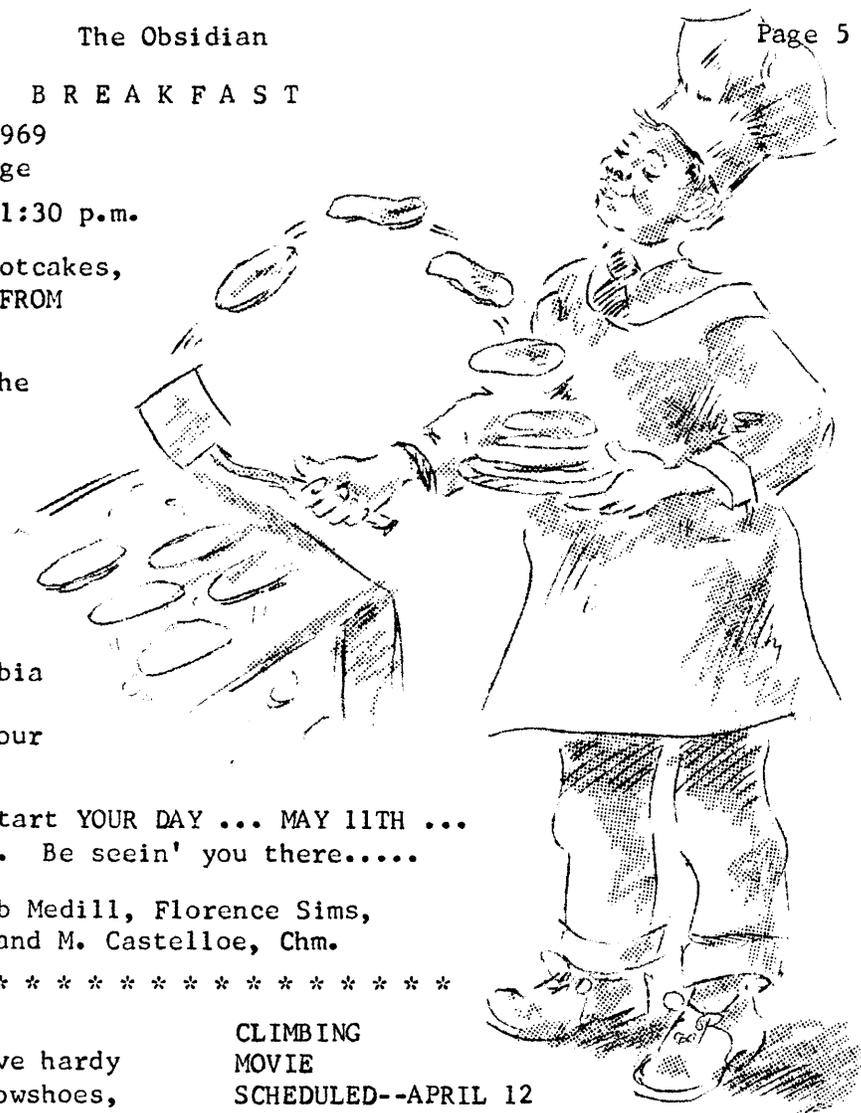
Committee...Margaret Markley, Bob Medill, Florence Sims, Dorothy Towleron, Helen Weiser and M. Castelloe, Chm.

GOLD LAKE - 2/16/69

On a beautiful February day, five hardy visited Gold Lake; four with snowshoes, one on skis, made the two mile trek into Gold Lake in two hours. We hiked around the Lake and lunched in the bright Sunshine, right in the middle of the lake! Helen Smith's thermometer registered 50 degrees! Mary Bridgeman and Larry Cox climbed down the embankment at the bridge for a drink of cold water! and Wes Prouty measured the depth of the snow at the bridge...about 7 ft.! With a stop for supper at Oakridge, we were back in Eugene by 7 pm - all declaring it a PERFECT DAY!!! Mary Bridgeman, leader, Larry Cox, Diane Letsom, Helen Smith, Wes Prouty.

LANE COUNTY PIONEER MUSEUM - 3/2/69

Since no names were on the signup sheet I concluded any interested persons would just go to the Museum, so I placed a sign-up sheet there with a "trip fee" can.... Although I waited at the Park Blocks, no one came there. Only five appeared at the Museum. They seemed to enjoy the exhibits for they stayed about two hours. It was a cold rainy Sunday afternoon. Those attending were: Mary Castelloe, Geraldine Fehly, Virginia Horton, Grace Smith and Florence Fulton, leader.



CLIMBING MOVIE

SCHEDULED--APRIL 12

Saturday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.----There will be a 1½ hour movie of the American-Japanese Joint Expedition(1967) to the Wrangell Range of Alaska. Everyone bring one dozen cookies. Refreshments will be served. Movies are being shown by Norman Benton, who was a member of the expedition.

HELP SAVE OUR VANISHING WILDERNESS AREAS. Write your Senator, Congressman or Forest Supervisor. See notice page 2-DO IT NOW! Mrs. John Bascom is the new President of the Central Lane County League of Women Voters. Congratulations!

Robert Cox won a recent speech contest-- and represented Eugene on March 22 in Corvallis at a divisional speech contest sponsored by Toastmasters International. Natural History Society will present the showing of a float trip down the Grand Canyon by Prof. Ewart Baldwin on April 18, 8 p.m. In May, Richard Brown, Research Biologist at Crater Lake, will make Spring come alive with "Wildlife Flora & Fauna of Crater Lake." Friday, May 16. A successful Rummage Sale was held March 21. Congratulations to Nellie M., Chm.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS
No. 63 by Ray Sims

WILLI UNSOELD
by Ray Sims

The climbing of Mt. Hood is on the schedule nearly every year but a summer camp was not held there until 1954.

The road to "Cloud Cap Inn" was taken to the North side of Mt. Hood. As Doris, Jim, Nancy Soukup and I started on the trail around the north side, we met Ned Graves, well-known color photographer of Northwest scenery; he was returning, as Eden Park, which he had named in 1922 while on the Mazama summer camp there, was snowbound.

As snow prevented the Obsidians reaching Eden Park, our trail led over fast-moving Elliott Creek, also Coe Glacier, and many steep snow fields.

It was on one of these steep snow fields that Kay Fahy slipped and went tumbling to the rocks below. Art Johnson and Mike Stahl soon were on the scene, and a stretcher was made and Kay was taken back to a hospital, not to return to camp.

Our pack string came in from the West side and could only get across so many snow banks, so our 1954 summer camp was near timberline on the west side but not as far as Eden Park.

The camp was in sight of Mt. St. Helens, on a nice mountain stream where many flowers "just out of the snow" bloomed.

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Obsidians knew that Frank and Dorothy Manning would be well liked in Savannah, Ga. Recently, Frank wrote that the head of his adult men's class at their Church asked the class to join in and sing "Happy Birthday" to one of the members who had reached the high mark of 80 years and their greeting was to Frank.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

"Fine Entertainment" was the opinion of the packed Erb Memorial on Thursday, March 13th, when "Eugene's Own" William Unsoeld told of the "Outward Bound" program with many interesting stories and then showed his colored slides of climbing to the "Top of the World" by the West Ridge on Mt. Everest.

This grueling climb took its toll with one climber lost when an ice block fell, and Willi losing nine of his toes from frostbite when he and his four companions spent the night on the mountain after reaching the summit.

There were beautiful shots of many crevasses with deep blue water; rope and metal ladders were used to cross these in their always upward climb. In one place on the mountain Luther Jerstad and Barry Bishop decided to go up the South Col; Bill Unsoeld and Tom Hornbein went up the West Ridge for "a first".

After this fine program Willi answered questions for a time, and as the program finished, several went up front to meet him. As I approached, he said "Ray Sims --I will never forget the time you took me up the North Sister - when I was only FIFTEEN years old!" His fine presentation showed what an eminent and forceful man "our Bill" has become.

CHRISTMAS TREE TRIP - 12/15/68

As usual, the weather, brush and fern were wet. There were people in and out all day, some Obsidians, some not; some were with the Obsidian Party, others just stopped to get a tree. The trip fee can collect \$3.25, which may or may not reflect the actual number of the Obsidian gang. Anyway, it was lots of fun...
Come again! ...Mike Stahl

