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TRIPS

- March 11 & 12 - Overnight snowshoe trip to Mt. Hardesty led by all trips Donn Chase. This will be optional your chance to follow a National President.
- March 19 - Wm L Finley National Wildlife Refuge between Monroe & Corvallis. Dorothy Leland leads.
- March 25 - Sat. Surprise trip. Norman Benton leads.
- April 1 - Sat. Back of the Coburgs with Louise Berkey.
- April 2 - Easter. Hunt for eggs on the White House lawn with Nixon.
- April 9 - Sun. Trestle Logging Road up near Mt. June. Barbara Hasek will be your leader.

FIRESIDE FIASCO '72

March 18 - The curtain goes up on this years Old Fashioned Program. A comedy in one act - Hog Business by the well known "Jasper Grange Troupe" and the rarely televised Daisy Chainers Dance. Along with the Cox "Bob Cats" and numbers from the "Stem Christy Brass" are in store for the evening.

Because of technical difficulties in staging, the potluck will be omitted and we will have Finger Dessert after the program ala the Very Little Theater. So! Please bring your favorite cookies, doughnuts and things of a like nature... No cakes or pies. REMEMBER - NO POTLUCK Clarence and Dorothy Scherer are the hosts for the evening. Frank and Wilma Moore have charge of the entertainment and from their past performances this should be good.

OBSIDIAN GOURMET CLUB

The next place has not been selected as of now. Call 344-5168 to find out the where and when - All Obsidians welcome. No pass word is necessary.

BUS TRIP

Saturday, April 8, we will leave South Eugene High at 8:00 a. m. and take a route over the Santiam Pass. A coffee stop will be made at a favorite spot in Sisters, then on to Bend and Sun River Lodge for a fine luncheon (not included in cost). A hike around the grounds, and then the bus will take a return route over the Willamette Pass. Return to Eugene will be about 6 P. M. Cost of the trip will be \$9.75. Your friends are invited to join you on this Spring Outing. Call Gerry Fehly 343-2734; Roxie Waldorf 726-7082 Or Ray Cavagnaro 345-8431 for reservations. Reservations and payment should be completed by April 2nd.

FIRST LT. NORMAN HASEK and his wife were both killed in an auto accident in California. Norman was at one time a member of the Obsidians. He was the son of Stan and Barbara Hasek. Chief Lost Pack and Princess Sun-On-The-Snow. Norman was in the Marine Air Force and had received several promotions. It seems there was a car either racing another or passing at full speed as they reached the crest of a hill and this car on the wrong side of the road ran head on into the one being driven by Norman. They left three children now at the home of Stan and Barbara.

CLIMBING LEADERS RED CROSS

The Climbing Leaders RED Cross Multimedia First Aid Course has vacancies for 9 more Obsidians. Fee is \$5 per person. Send checks (payable to Obsidians, Inc.) to Wes Prouty before March 11th. The 8 hour course will be on March 22nd and 23 6:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. Any Obsidians are welcome. For more information call Wes - 747-9511.

MAC AND NELLIE McWILLIAMS have a new car, but as Nellie doesn't want me to mention it in the Bulletin I wont.

DON HUNTER NIGHT FEB, 19

The Obsidian meeting and Potluck was an evening never to be forgotten when Don presented his program of 3-dimension slides, accompanied with sound and music. However, before the meeting, which was to be in charge of Stanley and Barbara Hasek, a shadow fell when Bob Medill told the members of the accident in California resulting in the death of their son and his wife. Since Stan and Barbara had gone to Calif. Mrs. Bridgeman and her helpers assumed the responsibility of taking charge of the supper, while Bob and his helpers produced a fine evening socially.

About 90 guests and members were present. Bob thanked Edith Bridgeman & her helpers for the pretty setting and the delicious food, which members brot.

Guests presented and welcomed were: An exchange student from Australia living with the Scherers presented by them, Helen Fitzpatrick brot a guest, Mrs Celestin Bowen who thinks fo becoming a member. Then Dorothy and Bob introduced two generations of their family; Betty Hance and her son Mitchel Hance.. Welcome guests and come again. Just now Lois Schreiner and Mary Bridgeman returned from a 6 mile round trip skiing to Rosary lakes.

Bob introduced Don Hunter, ready to show his wonderful slides, after giving a resume of the beauty and educational values Oregon is so enriched with; the ecological and bountiful varieties of land areas, timber resources, mountains and sea pleasures or relaxing hours in solitude. Natures food house for beast and birds and water for fish; snow to make the rivers and all of this the challenge of man to save our history of frontier life the explorers left for us mapped and green.

Instead of man being his worst enemy he should enjoy the God-given priveledge to think, listen, study, observe and protect.

As a time element moves in man he should be alerted to changes for him to review carefully and ecologically the threat of losing our wealth of habitate, for man and wildlife; the erosion denuding the grass areas, despoiling water, slowing growth of trees, plants and erasing of forage areas of animals.

Don Hunter then showed Chautauqua, which moved westward establishing centers to give lectures, explore, entertain with music and to give help in manyways to people needing it.

Trails to Rails came in 1926, and interest in early Eugene, briefing the college buildings such as Deady Hall in 1876 by Dr. Condon; road building by Sam Hill; President Taft's interest, 13th & 14th streets in 1900; and another reel of sounds on records of steam trains and saw mills. So perfect was the clatter over rail joints, the sounds of whistles at crossings, the long drawn out whistle warning ahead as it neared dangerous areas and the bells as it stopped at a station. So true! The hand sawing by man in early times, the teams hauling logs, and the safety cries at the falling of trees.

Bob thanked Don Hunter for this evenings wealth of information and for the history; the need for conservation and his warning to carefully conserve this heritage those frontier folk mapped and saved for us to enjoy, making a kinship in the remembrance to care for our Paradise in Oregon. Respectfully submitted.

by Ina Foss, Sec. Protém.

SPENCER BUTTE FEB, 6

The trip was very enjoyable considering rain at both ends of the trip. We were fortunate to be free of precipitation for the majority of the trip and were able to find a place in the rocks to eat our lunch out of the wind, (why not eat lunch out of paper bags?ed) After spending considerable time jawing and eating we went to the north end, where some of us climbed a 12 foot vertical crack in the rock. We had chosen the regular route up from the parking lot and returned via the more gentle east/south route. Most of the groupe returned home but a small portion decided to approach the summit again via the steeper north route off of Fox Hollow Road. Participants (new style) were Mary & Ron Beilstein, Bob Flack, Jim Fredlund, Dorothy Hayes, Clarence Johnson, Dale Jones, Clarence Landes, Ruth Nichols, Cathy Christy, Marian Wilson, and leader Lois Schreiner.

FRIENDLY HOUSE

Kenneth Lodewick is having difficulty in filling this months schedule but is sure that later on he will have blank spots filled. Following is what he has,
 March 12 - Lloyd Stamp will take you to India and Eastern Europe.
 March 26 - Jean Twigh to Africa and back
 April 9 - Wm. Orr - Underwater geology of the Carribean. With all the rain we have been having one should be able to stand this.

BOARD NOTES

A rather long drawn out meeting took place in the Board Room March 1st. After the usual preliminaries such as reading minutes of last meeting, paying of bills etc. got down to a lot of pressing business.

Bills paid included EWEB-\$50.79, Postage for March Bulletins - \$48.00, FWOC membership-\$70.00, Stencils-\$4.45, Trips Chairman-Postage \$8.00, Outside light repairs-\$12.50, and a bunch of about 20 most interesting pictures showing in detail volcanic eruptions \$4.25. These pictures were brought to the meeting by Dr. Baldwin. Dr. Baldwin had bought them for his own use, but the Board thought they were of enough interest to warrant the Club having a set, so bought these and Dr. Baldwin will order another for his own use. They are about 20x26 inches and graphically show all processes in the eruptions and building of volcanic mountains. In color and will be shown at the Lodge.

Read application for membership of one Sloan Bertsch, Junior who was accepted.

Lots of discussion over summer camps. Where, how, how much, etc. There are a few rumblings heard about one or more summer camps for this year but nothing concrete as yet. Expect to have definite answers at the next meeting.

Lois Schreiner reported on four trips attended by 42 persons. Also had the new schedules which are being mailed out in this next bulletin.

Wes Prouty reported that two climbing leaders took part in the Mazama climbing get-together held on Mt. Hood at the Mazama Lodge. Presented a bill of \$13.50 to cover their expenses, which was allowed after learning that the Mazamas did the same.

Clarence Landes reported some more on the matter of making application to get into the City. There are a lot of angles to this question, but it all boils down to the fact that eventually we will be in. Taxes will be somewhat more, but there would be offsetting costs in fire insurance which would be more than the increase in taxes. Clarence has also spent considerable time at the tax office in going over our present tax structure. At present we are taxed on land we have that we are not using. Since the original setup we have added the parking area among the oak trees and this is the area Clarence is now working on to have eliminated.

Don Hunter had a lot to say on developments in the conservation field and gave the editor some papers to go over and see what he can do in regards to writing something for this issue of the Bulletin.

For some time we have had telephone service thru the Art Steele answering service. Art has not charged the Obsidians for his part of this service. The Ma Bell outfit was charging us \$33 per year, but has seen fit to raise this to almost 400% to \$115 per year. The Board could not understand such a huge increase so decided to drop the service.

Lois reported for the Princesses as to the piano and they are going to have it tuned and a damp light installed.

Helen Hunter showed up with treats for us all. Helen is one mighty fine cook!

Marriner Orum also attended the meeting giving us some first hand information on policies of the Willamette Forest

Mary Carr volunteered to furnish all at the next meeting with the eats.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50. Next meeting will be April the fifth.

ROSARY LAKES FEB. 19

A group of enthusiastic snowshoers left Eugene Saturday for a short 1½ hour drive to the gravel shed on the Willamette Pass. The snow was packed from the rain of the week before making wazy going. We had a ski trail to follow for part of the way, then with the knowledge of Clarence Landes and a compass reached the lakes just under three hours. We leisurely enjoyed the wilderness scenery and the tracks of a large animal. After lunch, while part of us played on the lake, Mike Sullivan and Mark Libke left to find the Middle and Upper two lakes of the Rosary chain of lakes. The weather made an abrupt change in less than ten minutes, with a light rain that caused us to make a hasty retreat back to the shelter of the cars. Those who made the trip were: Mary Bridgeman, Clarence Landes, Mark Libke, Jim & Maryann McNamara, Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith, Mike Sullivan and leader Wes Weathers.

PRINCESS NEWS

Frances Newsome (Princess Alpine Phlox) invites the Princesses to meet at her home, 708 East 11th, at 7:30 p.m. Monday March 20. Charlotte Lemon (Meadow Lark) entertained the group in February. At this time it was decided to go ahead with the piano tuning by David Zevenbergen. Another project will be making new candles out of the used ones at the Lodge

FOREST SERVICE

During the next few weeks the U.S. Forest Service will be making crucial decisions concerning all remaining undeveloped, or areas of 5000 acres or more that has not already been classified for use.

The point is this: These decisions will determine to what use these areas will be used. Last summer the Chief of the Forest Service gave orders that a complete inventory be made of all remaining unroaded, undeveloped areas of this size be made. This has been done. The next step is decision by the Forest Service as to which of these areas is to be further made a study. Those selected will be given full protection while being studied. But those not selected for further study will be available for other uses.

What is at stake is whether these areas will be at least fully studied and thoroughly considered before a decision is made not to consider their wilderness potential.

Each National Forest has now issued maps and data on these roadless areas. 2,561,925 acres were inventoried on Oregon's 13 National Forests. Of these only 253,243 acres have been tentatively selected for wilderness study. In other words, only 10% of the remaining roadless National Forest lands in Oregon have been proposed for even study as wilderness. This is just 2% of all National Forest land in Oregon.

We do not hold that all these areas be set aside as wilderness areas. What we are concerned about is that a complete study be made and the only way to be sure and the only way left for us to be sure is for each and everyone of us to write in asking that these areas be made a complete study. Write to, and this is important: Zane G. Smith, Forest Supervisor, Willamette National Forest, P.O. Box 1272, Eugene, Oregon 97401.

Art Herron pinned by Sub. Springfield Utility Board presented Art with a 21 year pin instead of a 21 gun salute in recognition of his 21 years of service. Art was the first person employed by the Springfield Utility Board.

CLIMB SCHOOL INCOME

Received from Parks & Recreation Dept. check for \$33.00 as our share from the 1971 climbing school held in conjunction with the Eugene Parks & Recreation and Eugene Mountain Rescue.

FIELD TRIPS

by Dr. Ewart M. Baldwin

Several field trips scheduled for the the spring will take Oridians to very interesting parts of Oregon. The following references may aid in a greater enjoyment of the areas visited. The Humbug Mountain trip scheduled for May 20-21 takes one along the Oregon Coast south of Bandon. Those interested in a rather unique metamorphic rock should view the blue schist on the Coquille River jetty at Bandon. A side trip to Cape Blanco is of interest. This has been described Rob. Dott in the OREBIN, August 1962. The Humbug Mountain area is described by Dott in Bulletin 69, published by the State Department of Geology and Mineral Ind. 1971 (\$3.75). It includes a colored map of the Curry County area. Those scheduled for the Coos Bay area visit to Cape Arago Sunset Bay and Shoreacres June 3 may be interested in an article in the Nov. '66 OREBIN by Ed Baldwin on the Coos Bay area or by Judy Ehlin in the April, 1967 issue of the OREBIN. The OREBIN is published by the State Department of Geology and well worth the dollar a year that it costs. The May 13 trip over the Coos Bay Wagon Road takes one into the central part of the Coast Range which is as yet unpublished. However, on the Coos Bay side such places as Gold and Silver Falls lie in are described in the Nov. 1966 OREBIN article by Baldwin cited above. The lower Rogue River trip of May 6 - 7 was described by J.S. Dille 1903. The Agness area was described by Baldwin in the 1968 OREBIN and the 1969 Bulletin by Robert Dott is the latest report to cover the area from Illahe to the Coast.

NORTHWEST WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

This, the 9th biennial will be held at The Ames Theater, Pacific Science Center in Seattle, April 7-8-9, 1972. Sleeping bag space can be arranged. Reservations for lunch and dinners must be made not later than April 4th. Write to Mrs. Karyl Winn, 1230 16th Ave. East, Seattle 98102

Films, outstanding speakers and other activities are on the schedule.

CLARENCE JOHNSON just returned from North Dakota where he attended the death of his father. Our sympathies to you Clarence.

CALVIN & FRAN CRAWFORD have moved. You wont find them at 1998 Woodlawn Avenue any more. They are now at 2410 W. 21st Avenue 97405. Bill collectors take note.

AGATE BEACH-SEVEN DEVILS-SOUTH COOS BAY.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

Feb. 26

by Ray Sims

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The Agate Beach trip was principally for rockhounding in a little visited area. We found wild currants in bloom along the Unpqua, skunk cabbage at coast Cars regrouped at Charleston and followed the leader down 7 Devils Road hairpin turns to Agate Beach. The quarter mile to the beach was nearly impassable with mudholes; we parked and walked. Winter storms had brot more rock to the beach than we had ever seen before; petrified wood, jasper, agate; all on the trip enjoyed collecting material. We thotwe had lost our photographer, but she was just off coll ecting photos.

Those that went had an enjoyable day in spite of a little rain and wind, and it was fairly warm. Two individuals and two familys did not arrive at the meeting place after signing up. One family called Sunday morning saying they thot it was a Sunday trip in spite of plainly written date at the top of the signup sheet. Besides the regular trip fees Mary Jane Arpin and Marlyn Lay thot the trip was worth more so cntributed an extra \$1.90. Going and coming were Mary Jane Arpin, Maryrita Barch, Hazen and Lorene Bressler, Marlyn Lay, Leonard and Margaret Schwin, Phyllis & Cunthis Treimen and leaders, Kenneth & Robin Lodewirk

OEC EARTHBAY

Oregon Environmental Council is holding an environmental art show in the downtown library in Portland, Saturday 22 of April. Using photos, films, sculpture, collage, displays, tape recordings music, drawings and other forms.

The show will feature art by non-professionals, both adult and children, and it is hoped that a wide variety of views will be represented. This is a forum for you to express your love and fear of the earth. The OEC will display every entry received, so if you have anything they could use they will be very happy to get them. If you intend to go you could take items with you. Otherwise send to..... Oregon Environmental Council
4315 S.W. Corbett Ave.
Portland - Oregon 97201

NEW MEMBER

SLOAN BERTSCH has just joined us. A grandchild of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert McCornack. The Obsidians like to get them young and then they can mold the young ones to their needs. The Obsidian needs that is. Welcome Sloan. Hope your grandpa and Grandma bring you often.

In August of 1963 was the second time that Summer Camp wasin the "fantastic" area of Glacier National Park.

"Camp Markley" was set up at St. Marys beautiful shore-line. At this particular spot presents one of the most beautiful scenes in the mountains.

Trips had to be made by car, as in the first camp in 9153, the Greyhound bus took us to "Twin Falls" and to the large Many Glacier Hotel, but in both camps the trail to "Iceberg Lake" was made.

There are one thousand miles of trails in this woderfñl park with the paved "Going-To-The-Sun highway going right thru the middle, which presented an engineering feat to build.

This year also saw J. Michael McCloskey leave the Obsidian scene to become the Northwest Representative of Cnnservation

In the many times that I climbed the North Sister late in August, I noticed an "early climb attempt" in July when the climbers found the chimney three fourths full of ice, so they turned back.

JACK SHELTER FEB. 12

Left parking lot at 8:05 a. m. under overcast skies. We left the cars at 10:20 with six snowshoes and 3 on skis. It was raining hard with a strongwind blowing, but the snow was firm. We hit (hope not hard enough to damage it. ed) the shelter at 12:45, went down the snow chute about 15 feet into the shelter. It seened very dark inside until your eyes became accustomed to the light. We ate lunch inside and an hour later headed back to the cars. Still raining. On trip were - Norm Benton, Mary Bridgeman, Mary Holland, Clarence Landes, Lois Schreiner Helen Smith, Wes Weather and leader Donald Payne.

CLARENCE AND DOROTHY SCHERER are having a most interesting winter being host and hostess to Rosemary Bathgate, an exchange student from Australia. Rosemary is also having an interesting winter as she came from an area that has only about 11 or 12 inches of rain fall a year. She says that they conserve every drop of water that falls, collecting same in huge vats for drinking and household use. And she says they have no snow, so having taken a few trips up into our mountains skiing has been most interesting to her.

YE EDITOR is most grateful to a certain Mary Castelloe for having cut all the membership stencils/ Thank you, Mary

It takes a vast amount of work to get the Organization thru one year. It is up to the President to see that all offices function and to conduct all meetings, To see that all business is attended to. It is the duty of the secretary to keep all meeting minutes and to take care of all correspondence. Being treasurer is no small job as one might think. Every cent taken in dues, trips, climbs and contributions at all functions must be kept as well as records annually made out. An auditor is picked to go over all financial records once each year. The trips committee meets several times a year to plan out trips and to get leaders for same. Then it is the duty of the trips chairman each week to see that the leader or leaders is supplied with signup lists and other papers necessary to the trip.. such as trip reports sheets, etc. If a leader finds that he cannot make the lead when his time comes it is up to the chairman to find someone to do so, or as happens many times, make the lead her or himself. The same goes for the climbing committee chairman. Outing chairman is a nother matter. This office floats along a good part of the year with not much to do, but when this office is active it is one of confusion, commotion and rush. It entails, when the time comes, the business of figuring out how much food will be required. This depends on where it has been decided where to go, how many are going; for one week; for two weeks, or just a week-end. What equipment to take and how to get there. The entertainment job is one rather hectic too

As it is a year around job and one that is subject to more or less criticism it is not a position much sought after. The membership chairmanship is another that is continuous. This entails a vast amount of work keeping all records straight. Also lots of writing and mailing of notices when dues become in arrears. Librarian work consists of keeping scrap books filled with everything that has ever

been published about the Obsidians and each member, so if you ever want to find out who has been in jail and for what it is there. Librarian also keeps a record of every person who has ever been a member and each and every trip, or climb that he or she has made. Conservation is work unlimited. And Don Hunter puts in a vast amount of time and in lots of cases money out of his own pocket. Science and education is a rather difficult position in that one does not always know just the membership wants to know. We are most fortunate in having Dr. Baldwin at the present time. He is most sincere in wanting to fill this post, but wishes to hear from the membership as to what they want. Buildings and grounds is another unended chore requiring lots of time and work. One of the big disappointments in this area is the chore it is to get help when needed. Search & Rescue is, or can be and is, a most responsible position. We used to handle this all alone, in fact this is why the Club was organized for in the first place, but now is held in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Dept. of Eugene and the Sheriff's office. Youth is one that only a few have what it takes to get along with the young and Frank Moore seems to be particularly well put together to handle this spot. Getting out the Bulletin and other printing that the Club demands is not one that one can forget very long either. The big job is getting material for the monthly issue of this paper. An example is all this stuff on this back page. Of course this back page could be left vacant, but ye editor does not like to do that. Getting out the Bulletin is one that requires most of the full month getting facts, figures and errors to fill. The running after stamps, inks, papers, stencils and keeping the old mimeo machine going all adds up to work.

ALL THE ABOVE JUNK JUST TO FILL THIS BACK PAGE. AND IT MAY NEVER BE READ.

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