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Happiness is....



Come to Potluck
March 24th - - - and
find out - - 6:30 at
OBSIDIAN LODGE

TRIPS

- Mar. 17-18. Gold Lake snowshoe with Mary Bridgeman.
- Mar. 24-25. Bend Ice Caves. Frank & Wilma Moore.
- Mar. 25 McKenzie Trail. This is the new trail. Ken & Robin Lodewick.
- Mar. 31. Proxy Falls Snowshoe & Ski trip with Norman Benton.
- Apr. 1. Finley Wildlife with Dorothy Leland. Dorothy says this will be over a different route this year.
- Apr 7. Mt Pisgah. Meet at Park entrance at 9 a.m. for a guided tour showing what has been done trail making and otherwise. Your guides will be Kincel & Beistel of Lane Co. Parks. Your leader D. Leland
- Apr. 7 & 8. Ski only Mount Washington area. Marriner Orum leader.
- Apr. 8. Gordon Meadows with the President Wesley Prouty.
- Apr. 14. Silver Creek Falls. Nancy Durfee leader.
- March 24-Bike trip with Dave Cohen 20 to 25 miles

JOE HEIDENREICH

1 An Obsidian for these many years has 1
1 died. Joe became a Chief in 1938. He 1
1 was Chief Nut Cracker. Joe leaves a 1
1 wife, Vera, also an Obsidian of long 1
1 standing. Vera is Princess Wild Rose 1
1 becoming Princess in 1936. Goodbye Joe!

FRIENDLY HOUSE

- Mar. 18-This was to be a most interesting night, but the showee skipped out on Kenneth, so he has lined up tentatively James A. Henson taking us on a tour of the America S.W.
- Mar. 25-Jo Corley with pictures of Mexico- "South of the Border".
- Apr. 1-George Newton traveling around in Europe.
- Apr. 8-The latest Peruvian earthquake with Ed Barnum. Ed was with the Peace Corps and landed in the earthquake zone right after this event took place.

CHIEFS - BOYS - APRIL 14th

At 1 p.m. all Chiefs and boys on April 14th Saturday, to saw up the down timber on our property with Lee Hatch's chain saw. Then to transfer the wood to the Lodge. YOU MUST CALL David Zevenbergen 747-2386 if you are coming because at 6:30 p.m. there will be boxes of Chicken from Chicken Delight delivered. Boxes of chicken include 3 pieces of chicken, cole slaw, french fries buttered roll. Be sure to call David, then if staying overnight bring sleeping bag and food for breakfast. "BOX OF CHICKEN \$1.60" Ray Sims

FLEA MARKET RUMMAGE SALE

The Obsidian Princesses will hold a Rummage Sale at the Flea Market, Lane County Fair Grounds, Sunday, April 8th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please everyone bring articles for this sale to the Lodge beforehand, or leave with Mary Bridgeman, 375 Cherry Drive. If not convenient will pick-up... Old clothes not acceptable-Phone 344-8952

After several years of earnest and devoted labor directed to the interests of the people interested in the Wilderness Brock is leaving for similar work working out of Washington, D.C. His farewell to us is as follows:

"And now it has come time for me to say good-bye....It has been very painful these last few months, to think that I am really finally going to leave the places and people that I love so well. It has been tempered somewhat by the knowledge that at least I am not leaving the environmental movement and I will be working harder than ever in Washington, for you and with you, together, in the battles we have ahead. I hope that any of you, at any time, will always feel free and able to call me and ask for help. I will certainly give it if there is any way to do so in my power.

Here at the office, as you may have heard, the replacement we had chosen, Rick Applegate, left for personal reasons, and because the work load was apparently more than he felt able to handle. This was a jolt, but now we have Dick Fiddler and Roger Mellom to fill in as Acting Representatives until we choose a permanent successor to myself. They are both extremely able and competent and things will go on as before.

I have told you before of what this job has meant to me for the past six years. It has not been just an honor and a privilege, but also a joy; and also my deep love. My memories are long of wandering thru the forests of the Northwest, floating down its rivers, standing high up in the sun in its mountain passes; and they are longer yet of battles and of hearings fought together with you, of meetings and phone conversations, the debates, the speeches and of the help that I hope we were able to give when you needed it; and they are longest of all of you, the people of the Northwest who loved and cared so much, who fought for the land, who gave of yourselves in a way that our opponents can never understand. And that is why we are winning our battles, and why I am certain that the Northwest land will finally be beautiful and safe. It will be because of what you have done. "

UPSIDE DOWN PAGE

Did your copy of the Obsidian have an upside down page? About 50 copies got thru the press before the error was noticed and corrected. Was having some difficulty with the machine at that time and that is our alibi and won't change it.

It could hardly be called an Obsidian affair, as only a few scattered Obsidians could be seen. But non-members made quite a crowd, one couple coming from as far away as south of Cottage Grove. This program gotten together by Dorothy Hayes

was organized in between Bulletin times, but was well advertised, both at the pot luck night of January 27th and a good notice in the Register-Guard and by telephone.

The old time movies were of the silent days and featured Laurel & Hardy, Charlie Chaplin and Will Rogers. The films were gotten from the Eugene Library and the Librarian over the phone had told Robert Medill that they had a sound track on them and told Dorothy Hayes that they did not have a sound track, so to be sure a projector to handle sound (the films were of the super 8 size) was gotten thru the efforts of Don Hunter. When it was found that they did not have a sound track we wanted old time music to go with them and the only person who could be found in a hurry to play the old pieces just wanted to sit back and enjoy the show, so Bob Medill filled a tape with music from old 78's and this was hooked up to the speaker system at the Lodge and added to an unusual night of entertainment. After the show the rest of a delightful evening was had in just visiting and eating all manner of treats that were brought.

FROM THE SEATTLE MOUNTAINEERS

To the Obsidians. For the past four years the Mountaineers, in cooperation with the National American Redcross have been conducting a mountaineering--oriented first aid program.....The results of this program have been outstanding. Not only are we graduating from 500 to 1000 students annually, but we have seen classroom instruction put to practical lifesaving use. We have seen that such a program does more than assist accident victims, but actually prevents accidents by making students aware of the tremendous problems that must be solved in an emergency situation.....

I strongly encourage your organization to consider the establishment or promotion of such a program as a step toward accident prevention.

They enclosed a booklet of 100 pages that covers just about any situation that could arise on any outing. No price was visible on the book, but it would surely be a valuable addition to equipment in any outfit.

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They don't make calanders like thy used to

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KONSERVATION KORNER By M. Orum

On Sat. Mar. 3, Helen Smith, Robin Lode-wick and Marriner Orum met at the Willam ette National Forest office to submit comments concernang the land classifica-tion maps that each Ranger District has prepared. These maps are one step in de-termining the allowable cut for the WNF.

The maps show areas that will have re-stricted timber cutting; no timber cut-ting; as well as areas of full yield----those which may be clear cut. The maps show corridors along the hiways, main streams and some trails that will re-ceive protection from clear cutting. The maps also show areas of critical soils, non-commercial forest stands and many other details.

Willamette personnel have been seeking public involmnet on this land classifi-cation phase of preparing the 10 year management plan. It is really a great thing to have the opportunity to offer suggestions on how the forest should be managed.

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Thruout the years you may have seen some of your favorite trails eliminated by roads & timber harvesting activities with no opportunity to scream until aftr the damage has been done. This is our opportunity to speak our minds as to which trails we think that the bulldozer and chain saws should be kept at a rea-sonable distance. It is our opportunity to offer ideas as to how the National Forest should be managed. Other Obsidians have also submitted suggestions for the land classification--all suggestions will be considered. The maps will be on dis-play until March 16 which may or may not be too late for further comments

Along the same vein the Umpqua is pre-paring a recreation trail plan. They are asking for comments from interested parties. They want our thots on trail standards, trail locations, points of in-terest and use. Suggestions should be submitted by April 1st.

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Good Forest Management considers all uses of the forest--wood, water, wildlife recreation and on the east side grazing.

In the future we may also be talking a-bout air purification. Many compromises on forest uses have been made and must continue to be made. When we lose the opportunity to speak out, or when com-promises are no longer made--Watch Out!!!

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From Audubon Jan. 1973

Americans will make personal sacrifices to fight pollution--more in fact than our political leaders seem to realize. Accord-ing to a study produced by Potomac Asso. 81 percent of the population would back laws that outlaw nonreturnable bottles and cans and require returnable bottles with sizable deposits. Other heartening poll results: half of those who use cars regularly would pay \$50 more for anti-pollution equipemnt with a third of them willing to pay up to \$200. 64 percent would spend more to clean up water pol-lution and 61 percent would increase funds to fight air pollution. Concerning economic growth, 27 percent would support laws curbing technical expansion and 47 percent favor definite steps to limit population.

BIKE RIDE 2/17/3

Faced with prospect of rain. 5 bicyc-lists rolled off the 19th & Patterson parking lot at 9:40 a.m. for a morning tour of southeast Eugene. We shared many excellent views of Eugene and adjacent ridges and buttes and mainly dry mix of clouds & sunshine. After a relaxing, en-joyable 11-mile conditioning ride we re-turned at noon.

We began with a tire check at 24th and Hilyard; followed Hilyard E 20, Univer-sity, Potter (fine view of ridge above & city below) E. Amazon, side trips on Dil-lard (Skyline rte to Creswell on June 16) and Nectar, Center Way & Alpine to the city's woodsy edge. Over Martin, past grazing horses, we crossed to W. Amazon and Pearl Buck Center and 1st shower.

We saw, new, rustic, attractive homes while exploring Fox Hollow area streets: Mahale, Foothill, Larkwood, Manzanita, From the Hollow School we imbibed a swe-eping view of Old Baldy & Dillard power lines lines notch. On E 46th we peered down on hi-density housing along Donald st. across from the Edgewood & Butte Sc-hools, 3 miles from the city's core. From the Buck Center again we bumped over W. Amazon, Took Dillard and scenic E 39th climbed & swooped down Knob Hill. Swoop-ing & Diving & looking at horses were::: Clara Emlen, Larry Magid, Jack Sjolseth, Donna Wilson and Dave Cohen, leader.

HELEN ROBBINS we are pleased to report is making amazing recovery according to her doctors. Helen is out of the hospital and is in a private rest home, the Ellen Obernolte Home at 1229 Aspen. This is off Centennial out towards Springfield.

BOARD NOTES

from the meeting of March 7. Wow! your editor, being sick did not attend and how they did spend money!!!!

Postage, bulletin.....\$13.54
 EWEB..... 36.31
 Applications..... 40.40
 Chase Flowers..... 7.50
 Plywood & lumber.....489.60
 Insurance.....473.00
 Schedules..... 90.00
 Postage, membership..... 8.00

Read application of Jack Nitzel of 4370 Willamette for membership. Accepted.

Clarence Laddes not getting very good response in his call for help. He needs help really. Call him and give him times you can help with outside work

EUGENE MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Proposed First Aid Course submitted by Steve Ross, Bob Johnson and Bud Proctor. This course will consist of four 3-hour sessions in a classroom which will meet one night each week for four weeks. The indoor sessions will be followed by a weekend of practical application in an outdoor setting.

The list of subjects to be covered is bewilderingly complete. Of interest only to those taking the course.

BOB & KAY COX now settled in their new home. (a mobile one) located at 1625 Henderson, B 2, Eugene 97403.

Jack Nitzel pf 4370 Willamette thot it would be sort of nice to belong to a bunch like the Obsidians so here he is. Come up and see us all, Jack. We'd like to get to know you better.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims No. 104

In the many, many Obsidian Summer Camp that the many different committees have put on and of the one in particular in 1966 in the Wallowas, I have taken pictures of the area we camped, even with a large group of 64 and after "everyone was gone" you could not tell we had been there. We have done this year after year so when we have been in the heart of the Wilderness, it reverts back to wilderness immediately.

Quite a number of the Wallowa camp were their first time. Dick & Rose Marie Mofitt and their children, Stuart McDonald

with his Dad Colan, however Edith had been in other camps. Don Hunter, Norman Benton, John Johnson and other regulars but have not been in later camps. Also little Mary Bascom spent her first time along with brothers and sisters who were "old time campers".

A number of deer came into camp one morning quite early and had "a very quiet audience" of onlookers until the breakfast call. However Mt. Goats were seen on one climb.

With this being the fifth camp in "The Little Switzerland of America" 3 times at Horse Shoe Lake and once at John Henry Lake in 1947. But it's because of being one of our favorites.

CRESWELL'S BEAR MTN. 1/14/3

After two veteran Obsidians took a few lessons on parking pick-up trucks at the Park Blocks, we left for Bear Mtn. (or Sears as it used to be called) With plans to hike the old logging rds on the north west side to the top. In most places the "trail" was 12 feet wide and 12 inches deep....mud all the way.

It's a good winter conditioning hike--especially if you really dont know where the roads go and take off cross country.

There was a great view of all the snow covered peaks from Jefferson to Diamond. Also seen were Skinners, Hendricks, and Spencers Buttes, Dorena & Lookout Point Reservoirs and the Coast Range and the Coburgs. Other memorable sights were two handsome deer, coyote tracks, porcupine quills, hundreds of white millipedes, 2 murdercycle riders, a 4-wheel drive gas buggy hopelessly mired & 12 miles of mud. Mud sloggers were: Mary Bridgeman, Kristine Merfeld, Wes Prouty, Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith, Merle Traudt, Christopher Zumba and Phyllis Ford, leader.

YACHATS TO WALPORT 2/10/3

Left Eugene 8 a.m. sharp. Arr. Yachats at 9:30. Checked over rocks for about a mile and then on sandy beach another 3 miles. Ate lunch in a sheltered cove and returned to cars warly afternoon. Weather was mostly cloudy and some light rain. Partly sunny late afternoon. Mary Bridgeman, Mary Couch, Dutchess Cox, Marlene Wayne & Brian Hatch, Dorothy Lematta, M. and Jim McNamara, Mike McCarthy, Diane Richards and Lee Hatch, leader.

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