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OBSIDIAN SKI CLUB TO CHOOSE NEW NAME

Feeling that the Ski Club has reached maturity and should have an independent government and existence, the Obsidian Board voted Tuesday evening that it was best since the Ski Club planned to incorporate, that it be done under some name different from that of the parent club. The vote was taken after a joint meeting of the Chiefs and Princesses, at which considerable sentiment was expressed for complete amalgamation of the two clubs, but no plan regarded by the Board as workable was presented.

Contrary to the opinion of some, the Board felt that there is ample room in Eugene for two winter out door organizations. The Ski Club will strive for a large membership while the Obsidian membership has always stayed near one hundred.

It was pointed out that the two groups could work together better as distinct organizations than with responsibilities divided between them, resulting in possible confusion.

It is anticipated that there will be considerable interlocking membership between the two clubs, the change of name making no difference in that respect.

On May 7th, the Ski Club will have a banquet at the Cafe Del Rey, in the upstairs dining room. Election of

Board of Directors for the coming year and the showing of moving pictures taken at Bohemia and on the two snow trains will be some of the main highlights of the evening. All Ski Club members are urged to attend. The time is set for 6:30 o'clock. Dr. C.D. Donahue is chairman of the committee making the arrangements.

OLD BALDY—FIRST SPRING HIKE

BY Myrtle Hamlin

Sunday April 11th, was a grand day for a hike. Dr. Hunt took us first to the Caves, up the steep side--then we climbed to the top from the north west side--much easier than the south. After lunch and a perfect pot of coffee, pictures were taken. Snow peaks viewed, then up Castle Rock and then on to the highest point, a grand view. We saw thousands of Lady-bugs just waking from their Winters' sleep in the moss on the sunny side of the rocks. Seven in the party had never climbed Baldy before. Twelve were in the party and eleven of them Obsidians. The 12th one should be, he is such a good assistant leader. Those on the trip were, Dr. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gillespie, Margaret Sprague, Nellie Moore, Doris Osburne, Marjorie Ferguson, Darwin Yoran, Bob Gray, and Myrtie Hamlin. We left Eugene at 9 o'clock and were back at 4.

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Personal

We understand that Bob Gray filled the coffee can from the first spring they passed on the Baldy trip, and afterwards passed dozens of bigger, better springs higher up. Poor Bob carried the water clear to the top and several in the party had been there before! Loss of memory, maybe?

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The Princesses met April 13th, at Thelma Watson's home. In spite of the rain and high water, 16 members were present. The May meeting is at Beth Gullion--if she doesn't forget about it. We can roast wieners in her out door fireplace--if it's built.

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WINTER OUTING & REUNION

by Rietta Plotts

Twenty-eight members attended the first winter outing March 14-21 at the Champion Mine in the Bohemia district, at an altitude of 4550 feet. Snow conditions were ideal—outside of the fact that it snowed three days. But the undaunted skiers went out despite the storms.

The first trip was to the Fairview Mt. lookout— an elevation of 8000 ft. The steep open slopes brought yells of delight from the more experienced skiers, and to the rest it offered visions of days when they could ride it. A trip was made to Grouse Mountain where the long open slopes were ideal for slalom skiing and the day was perfect for Glen and Ray Sims to take motion pictures as well. Still another trip was made to the abandoned Lead Crystal mine. This was one of the most beautiful trips made inasmuch as the snowfall of the night before was the answer to a skier's dream—dry, powdery snow.

Twice the group visited the Musick Mine to see the stamp mill in operation and the girls to try their luck with bearded miners. No luck.

Those attending were: F. Ogden, D. Osburn, B. Winsted, R. Moore, E. McBee, E. Baker, M. McCracken, M. Wright, M. Thayer, M. Zane, J. Taylor, H. Plotts, J. Donahue, Billie McCracken, W.E. McCracken, G. Sims, A. Moore, Ray Sims, Dr. Donahue, H. Wright, Ed. Thurston, Bill Parrish, E. Richardson, V. Hicks, E. Williams, B. Castellote.

On April 5th the group enjoyed a reunion pot luck dinner at the Butte cottage. Movies taken on the snow trains, on trips to Oakridge were shown as well as the excellent ones snapped at "camp". Snaps showing nature in all her glorious winter dress, made everyone wish the outing was just beginning again.

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Schedule of trips:

May 2-Old-Fashioned Clam Bake.
Plans are being made for an
over night trip to the beach.
Leaders-Doris Osburne,M.Sprague.

May 9-Ski trip to Frog Camp.
Leaders Ray Sims,M.Thayer.

May 16-Castle Rock Climb.
Leaders-M.McCracken,R.Moore

May 23-Trip to Mt. Yoran.
Leaders-B.McCracken.

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DEER BUTTE TRIP-By Tony Vogel

A party of 16 had a grand ski trip to the new cabin site and Deer Butte. Twelve of the 16 went to top of the Butte and were well rewarded for their efforts. The snow was a little soft and wet, but after side-stepping a run we had some very thrilling rides. We left the cars two miles above the turn out to White Branch and were at the top in a little over two hours. None of the party could have been very tired the way they went to work on the runs. We started down the switch back trail about 3 o'clock-a ride almost as full of thrills as the run down from Lucky Boy mines--a wonderful place to make the "jump turns" and the other things we have been learning. Every one had a great time and expressed desire to go up there again.

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FROG CAMP OPENING

By Door Hamlin

Frog camp will open "immediately" and stay open allwinter in the future, according to last advises from the state highway commission. Possibly the snow plows will go as far as Hand Lake. The work will take only a few bays once they start. At present, the road is free of snow to Proxy Creek trail. The commission is looking over the idea to oil all this side.

We understand the plan is to open the Clear Lake cut-off first, then the McKenzie to Frog Camp.