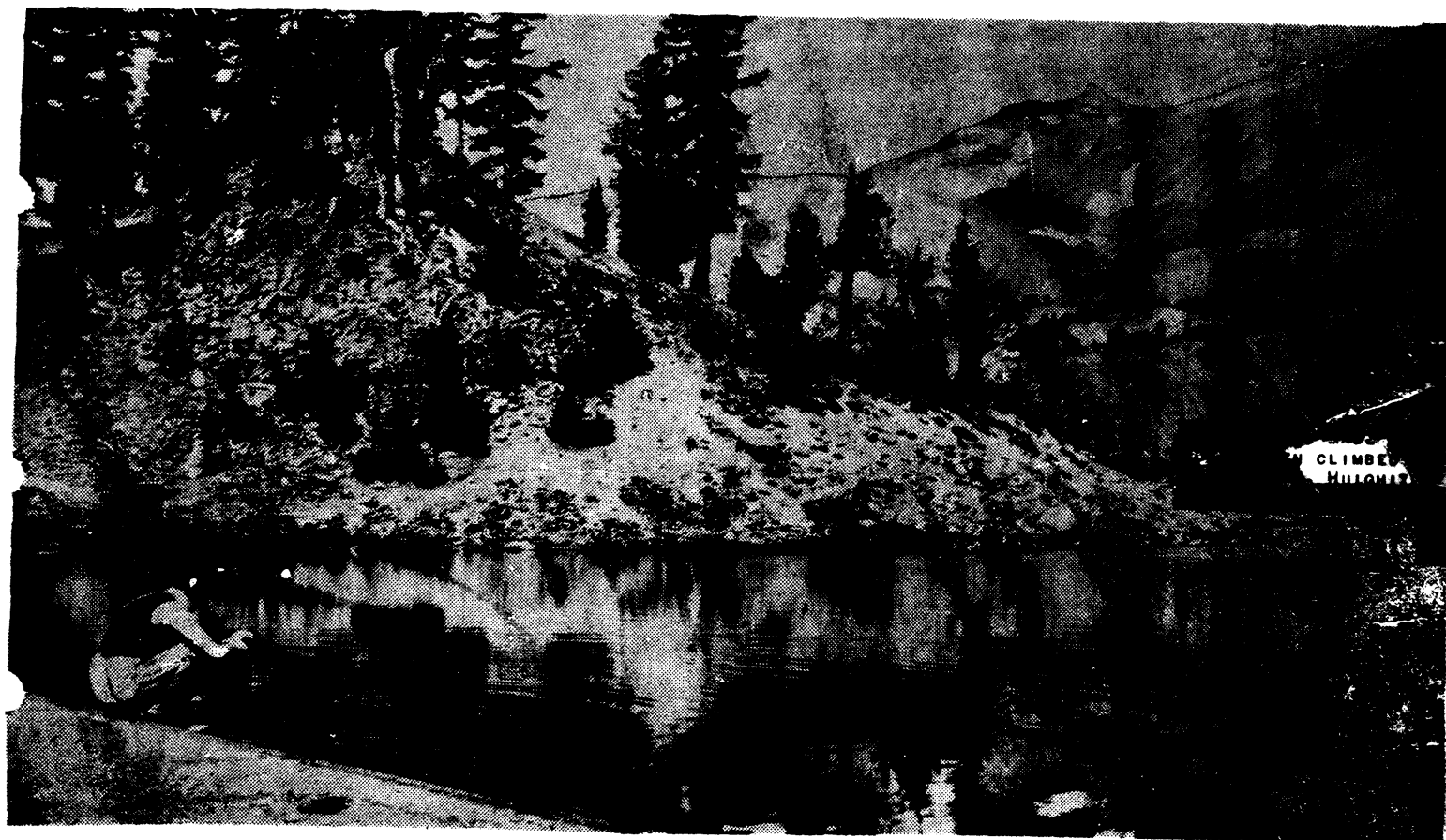


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HAMLIN'S WILL ENTERTAIN FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL PICNIC

A COMBINED PICNIC AND SHORT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 30, AT THE HAMLIN FARM NORTH OF THE FERRY STREET BRIDGE. PETITIONS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED AMONG CLUB MEMBERS, ADVOCATING THE BUILDING OF A LODGE AT THE DEER BUTTE SITE, AND SUFFICIENT SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN SECURED TO CONVINCE A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD THAT THOSE OPPOSED TO THIS SITE ARE SMALL IN NUMBER, AND THAT A GREAT MANY BELIEVE IN THE ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD TO BUILD HERE. THE MEETING IS CALLED TO SEE IF OPINIONS HAVE CRYSTALIZED, AND IF SO, TO AUTHORIZE COMMENCEMENT OF WORK. WE WILL COUNCIL AROUND THE CAMP FIRE AFTER A POT-LUCK PICNIC LUNCH. OBSIDIANS AND THEIR FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO THE PICNIC, BUT ONLY PAID-UP MEMBERS MAY VOTE AT THE SHORT BUSINESS SESSION. COMPLETE PLANS OF THE PROPOSED LODGE WILL BE SHOWN.

TO BUILD OR NOT TO BUILD (EDITORIAL)

FOR SOME TIME, THE OBSIDIANS HAVE BEEN IN NEED OF A NEW LODGE. THE OLD CABINS HAVE SERVED THEIR TIME--AND A GLORIOUS TIME IT WAS. BUT THEY ARE INADEQUATE FOR PRESENT NEEDS. THREE YEARS AGO, WHEN WHITE BRANCH PLAYGROUND WAS OPENED, THE FOREST SERVICE, IN COOPERATION WITH THE CLUB, STAKED A PROPOSED SITE FOR A NEW LODGE NEAR THERE. A SITE AT PAINE SPRING WAS INVESTIGATED. SITES BETWEEN MCKENZIE BRIDGE AND BELKNAP SPRINGS WERE INSPECTED BY THE BOARD LAST FALL, AND PROPOSALS TO BUILD IN THE SIMS BUTTE--SCOTT LAKE AREA WERE DISCUSSED. PROPOSALS WERE MADE TO BUILD NEAR TOWN--WITHIN TEN OR FIFTEEN MILES. ALL THESE IDEAS, WITH THEIR ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES, WERE THOROUGHLY GONE OVER BY THE PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS WITH OTHER MEMBERS, AND ALL FACTORS WERE TAKEN

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CLIMAX OF OBSIDIAN YEAR AT ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP

By GLENN SIMS

THE DATE (AUG. 8TH TO 22ND) OF THE TENTH ANNUAL OBSIDIAN SUMMER CAMP IS LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY, AND ALL OBSIDIANS AND THEIR FRIENDS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GRAND VACATION OF TWO WHOLE WEEKS IN THE COOL HIGH MOUNTAINS.

THIS YEAR THE CAMP WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SHORE OF ONE OF THE THREE SMALL EMERALD LAKES OF THE GREEN LAKES GROUP, BETWEEN THE SOUT SISTER AND BROKEN TOP MOUNTAINS. THERE WILL BE GOOD FISHING IN THE 'FRONT DOOR' OF THE CAMP AS WELL AS NUMEROUS OTHER LAKES WITHIN HIKING DISTANCE, WHERE THE FISH KNOW LITTLE OF AN ARTIFICIAL FLY AND NOTHING OF THE HUMAN BEING THAT MAY ENDEAVOR TO CATCH THEM. MANY OF THESE LAKES ARE SELDOM VISITED BY FISHERMEN AS THEY ARE OFF THE BEATEN PATH.

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ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP--CONTINUED

THE CAMP WILL BE SO LOCATED THAT, ANYONE WHO ENJOYS THE OUT OF DOORS, CAN AMUSE THEMSELVES IN ANY FORM OF ACTIVITY. FOR THOSE WHO GO IN FOR STRENUOUS SPORT OF MOUNTAIN CLIMBING, WILL FIND THIS AN IDEAL LOCATION. THE SCHEDULE CALLS FOR A CLIMB OF BROKEN TOP, SOUTH SISTER, THE HUSBAND, BACHELOR, MIDDLE SISTER AND AN EXPLORATION TRIP TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE NORTH SISTER. THIS LAST TRIP SHOULD BE A DELIGHT TO ANY CLIMBER WHO KNOWS THE THRILL OF ACCOMPLISHING THOSE PLACES WHICH LOOK IMPOSSIBLE. THERE WILL BE SHORT, EASY TRIPS FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT CARE FOR ANYTHING SO STRENUOUS, TO FLOWER CARPETED MOUNTAINS, MEADOWS COLORED BEYOND THE FANCY OF ANYONE'S IMAGINATION, TO SMALL UNNAMED LAKES, TO THE UNUSUAL AND COLOR-TINTED LAVA FLOWS OF THE SOUTH SISTER, TO ROCK MESA AND NEWBERRY FLOWS, TO THE SEVERAL LIVING GLACIERS ON THE SOUTH AND MIDDLE SISTERS. AN EASY TRIP WILL BE TO JEWEL-LIKE MORaine LAKE SET DEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF A PUMICE STONE DESERT.

THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO JUST WANT TO REST AND SPEND THEIR VACATION IN BEING LAZY AND ENJOY THE COOL MOUNTAIN AIR FOUND AT SUCH A HIGH ALTITUDE, GOOD MEALS PREPARED BY AN EXPERIENCED CAMP COOK WHO HAS A REPUTATION OF SERVING UNUSUAL MEALS THAT HAVE BEEN THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE OBSIDIAN SUMMER CAMPS.

THE OBSIDIANS EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN ACTING WITH VACATION IN AN ENVIRONMENT IN THE HIGH MOUNTAINS AND AWAY FROM THE RUSH AND HURRY OF EVERYDAY LIFE, WHERE ONE MAY FORGET ALL WORRIES AND TROUBLES. THE SCENERY IN THIS AREA IS UNSURPASSED. EACH SUNRISE IN THE MORNING AND EVENING'S SUNSETS WILL BE SIGHTS YOU'LL NOT WANT TO FORGET, AND WHEN THE CAMP BREAKS UP AUGUST 22ND MANY PEOPLE WILL BE RETURNING TO THEIR WORK AND BUSINESS WITH A CONTENTED FEELING OF THE BEST VACATION THEY EVER HAD.

YOU CAN PLAN TO SPEND THE TWO FULL WEEKS IN CAMP AT AN UNBELIEVABLE SMALL CHARGE, OR ONE WEEK OR EVEN A FEW DAYS WITH THE CHARGE PROPORTIONATELY. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE FURNISHED, AS WELL AS FOOD, COOKING UTENSILS AND DISHES. EQUIPMENT INCLUDING PERSONAL BELONGINGS WILL BE PACKED IN AT THE BEGINNING OF CAMP, THIRTY-FIVE POUNDS BEING LIMITED TO THE PERSON.

A SPECIAL REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO GO TO REGISTER EARLY ON THE OBSIDIAN BOARD AT HENDERSHOTT'S. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE HAD BY CALLING THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE: GLEN SIMS, 491 E BROADWAY, PHONE 2849J; M. B. CASTELLOE, 1027 WILLAMETTE, PHONE 234; OR A. J. VOGEL, P.O. BOX 182, EUGENE.

UNUSUAL INTEREST IS BEING SHOWN IN THIS YEAR'S CAMP AND A LARGE ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED.

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SEE YOU AT SUMMER CAMP, YOU
RASCAL, YOU!

SKIERS REVEL IN SUMMER SNOW AS MIDDLE CLIMBED BY EIGHTEEN

ONCE MORE THE OBSIDIANS ROMPED TO THE TOP OF THE MIDDLE SISTER AND SLID MERRILY DOWN. THIS TRIP WAS ON JUNE 26 AND 27 WHEN EIGHTEEN MEMBERS AND GUESTS TRUDGED TO SUNSHINE SHELTER AND CLIMBED FROM THERE. THE ASCENT WAS MADE UP THE NORTH AND WEST SLOPES, THE USUAL NORTH RIDGE ROUTE APPEARING TO BE ICY AS VIEWED FROM BELOW, AND THE LEADER NOT WANTING TO CUT STEPS. THOSE WHO SIGNED THE SUMMIT REGISTER AT 11:00 A.M. WERE ROBERT LEMON, LEADER; ACE MOORE, ASSISTANT; REVA MOORE, WM. CASH, MAXINE GLAD, EDITH CLEMENT, ERWIN WILLIAMS, WALLACE CLARK, IVAN SAMS, FRED HAUGER, D. M. DELONG, ALFRED TINGLE, RUTH CARLSEN, PAUL LAFFERTY, BRYAN RYAN, EILEEN BAKER, TONEY VOGEL, AND MARJORIE THAYER. THE LAST FIVE NAMED WORE SKIS, AND LEFT THE REST FAR BEHIND ON THE DESCENT, ZIG-ZAGGING MERRILY OVER THE BROAD SNOW-FIELDS FROM THE HORSE'S NECK DOWN. IDEAL WEATHER CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE GENERAL GOOD TIME. RAY SIMS AND ELIZABETH GULLION SKIED ON COLLIER GLACIER INSTEAD OF CLIMBING AND BLANCHE AND DORIS OSBURN SKIED NEAR THE SHELTER.

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GREEN LAKES UNIQUE

ONE OF THE MANY FEATURES OF THE GREEN LAKES SUMMER CAMP SITE IS THE THREE GREEN LAKES THEMSELVES.

THE SMALLEST OF THE THREE IS THE IDEAL SWIMMING SPOT, AS THE WATER IS QUITE WARM IN AUGUST, HAS A NATURAL SANDY SHORELINE, AND IS REAL DEEP IN THE CENTER.

THE MIDDLE LAKE AND LARGEST IS GOOD FOR FISHING AND BOATING, AND OFFERS PICTURE TAKERS A GRAND MIRROR-LIKE SILHOUETTE OF THE SOUTH SISTER EVERY EVENING.

THE OTHER ONE, FARTHEST NORTH, HAS THE NATURAL IMMENSE SPRING, THAT IS ICE COLD, THAT FEEDS THE BIG LAKE.

THE WATER IN ALL THREE IS CLEAR AND LIGHT GREEN OF COLOR ONLY FOUND IN THESE THREE NATURAL LAKES.

PRINCESSES SEE MOVIES,
EAT CAKE, HAVE
GOOD TIME

TALES OF ALASKAN ADVENTURE WERE TOLD AT PRINCESSES' MEETING BY OUR INTREPID EXPLORER, BESSIE DAY, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A VACATION TRIP BEYOND THE ARCTIC CIRCLE.

MINNIE MCCrackEN, HOSTESS, SHOWED MOVIES OF RECENT TRIPS, AND TREATED THE GIRLS TO TWO KINDS OF HER WELL-KNOWN HOME MADE CAKE.

HELEN KILPATRICK WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL AS "GRANDMA" AND TREATED WITH GRANDMOTHERLY "RESPECT." HELEN SAYS SHE HEARD HER NEW LITTLE GRANDDAUGHTER'S VOICE OVER THE LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE WHEN THE BABY WAS ONLY TWENTY MINUTES OLD.

TWELVE PRINCESSES ATTENDED THE MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 13.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NAMED

AT ITS LAST MEETING, THE OBSIDIAN BOARD NAMED THE FOLLOWING TO SERVE AS THIS YEAR'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE: PERCY BROWN, CHAIRMAN, BRYAN RYAN, ARTHUR HENDERSHOTT, MINNIE MCCrackEN, AND HARRIETT PLOTT. IT IS THEIR DUTY TO SUBMIT EIGHTEEN NOMINEES FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS TO THE BOARD. THESE WILL BE LISTED IN THE NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING. ON THE SIGNATURE OF TEN MEMBERS, OTHER CANDIDATES MAY BE NOMINATED, NOT TO EXCEED NINE, PROVIDED THIS NOMINATING PETITION IS IN THE SECRETARY'S HANDS NOT LATER THAN TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING. SPEAKING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING--ARE YOUR PICTURES READY FOR THE PHOTOGRAPH CONTEST?

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CLUB HAS PICNIC AT HAMLIN FARM

ABOUT 40 OBSIDIANS AND THEIR FRIENDS ENJOYED A PICNIC ON FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 16TH IN THE CHERRY ORCHARD ON THE J.D. HAMLIN FARM.

THE TABLES, SET UP ALONG THE RIVER BANK, GROANING WITH FOOD WERE THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION. AFTER DINNER, SOME OF THE GROUP PLAYED BASEBALL, SOME SAT AND GOSSIPED AND OTHERS MERELY RELAXED UNDER THE TREES.

THIS GET - TOGETHER WAS SO WELL ATTENDED THAT MEMBERS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE OF THEM DURING THE SUMMER.

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INTO ACCOUNT. AS A RESULT OF THIS STUDY, THE SITE AT THE FOOT OF DEER BUTTE WAS SELECTED AS BEING THE BEST ALL-AROUND, ALL-PURPOSE LOCATION AVAILABLE. WATER IS AVAILABLE. THE SITE IS VERY SCENIC. IT IS WITHIN REACH OF TOWN FOR SOCIAL GATHERINGS--SEVENTY MILES. IT IS FAR ENOUGH AWAY TO BE USED FOR WEEK-END JUTINGS FOR ARM CHAIR CHIEFS AND OTHERS WANTING TO SPEND A LAZY DAY. IT WILL BE A SPOT FOR FAMILY GATHERINGS. IT IS A CENTER FOR HIKES--DEER BUTTE, LINTON LAKE AND FALLS, PROXY CREEK. IT IS CLOSE TO THE SUMMIT AREA FOR IDEAL SKIING--THREE AND ONE-HALF MILES FROM FROG CAMP, TWO AND ONE-HALF FROM THE TOP OF THE GRADE. IT IS LOW ENOUGH TO BE REASONABLY ACCESSABLE DURING AN AVERAGE WINTER. (IN 1933-34 CARS DROVE TO FROG CAMP ALL WINTER. IN 1936-37, CARS DROVE TO BELKNAP SPRINGS AND LOST CREEK RANCH.) THE FOREST SERVICE HAS CLASSIFIED THE LAND AS AVAILABLE FOR LEASE, AND AFTER BUILDING THE MAIL LODGE, WE MAY PERMIT PRIVATE CABINS ON THE SITE. MANY OF OUR AUTUMN TRIPS COULD WELL BE SPENT IN CONSTRUCTING OUR NEW HOME.

AS TO THE COST, LET US SUPPOSE WE SPEND \$3,500--WHICH WE WONT. LET US SUPPOSE THAT THE LODGE IS GOOD FOR ONLY TEN YEARS, WHICH IS CERTAINLY A SHORT TIME. LET US ASSUME 100 MEMBERS (THERE ARE NOW 80 PAID UP). ALL THIS WORKS OUT TO \$3.50 PER MEMBER PER YEAR FOR THE USE OF THE LODGE, PLUS OPERATING EXPENSES SUCH AS RENT (\$25 PER YEAR) AND INSURANCE. WOULD YOU PAY \$3.50 PER YEAR FOR TEN YEARS TO USE SUCH A BUILDING WITH YOUR FRIENDS? THAT'S THE QUESTION ON JULY 30.

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MT. WASHINGTON TOPPED BY DARING HIKERS

THE ANNUAL MT. WASHINGTON OBSIDIAN CLIMB WAS MADE SUNDAY, JULY 11TH. THE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY DROVE INTO BIG LAKE SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING VIA THE CLEAR LAKE ROAD, FISH LAKE ON TO THE NEW SANTIAM ROAD, THEN EAST TO THE OLD HOGG PASS ROAD WHICH JOINS THE OLD SANTIAM AT BIG LAKE.

THE PARTY "ROLLED-OUT" AROUND FOUR O'CLOCK AND RENEWED THE FIGHT WITH "SKEETERS" AS BIG AS DIRIGIBLES. THE AQUATIC MINDED PAUL LAFFERTY AND MAXINE GLAD BRAVED THE WATERS OF THE LAKE AND VIGOROUSLY MAINTAINED THAT THEY ENJOYED THEIR EARLY MORNING DIP. EVERYONE WAS READY ABOUT FIVE O'CLOCK SO THE GROUP CLIMBED INTO THE CARS AND DROVE AROUND THE LAKE TO THE NORTH-EAST SHORE AND LEFT THE CARS.

THE SKY-LINE TRAIL WAS FOLLOWED FOR ABOUT A MILE AND THEN THE LEADER LEAD THE PARTY THROUGH THE TIMBER AND OLD BURNS TO THE NORTH RIDGE OF THE MOUNTAIN.

AMID TIME-OUTS FOR REST, PICTURE TAKING AND FOR VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE GROUP TO GET BACK ON THE TRAIL AFTER SLIDING DOWN THE SNOWY SLOPES, THE PARTY WORKED IT'S WAY UP THE LONG RIDGE AROUND THE WEST SIDE OF THE UPPER RIDGE PINNACLES. ABOUT ELEVEN O'CLOCK THE GROUP REACHED THE SADDLE AT THE BASE OF THE PINNACLE.

WHILE THE LEADER GILBERT SPRAGUE, PAUL LAFFERTY AND DOT DOTSON TOOK THE ROPES UP THE EAST SIDE OF THE OPEN PINNACLE, THE REST OF THE PARTY RESTED. AS SOON AS THE ROPES WERE MADE SECURE, EACH PERSON WAS "DOUBLE-ROPE" PAST THE PRECARIOUS PLACES. ALL ELEVEN OF THE PARTY REACHED THE TOP AT 12:30, SIGNED THE BOOK AND AFTER A FEW MINUTES REST BEGAN THE SLOW DESCENT.

IN RETURNING TO THE CARS THE PARTY WENT DOWN THE WEST SLOPE OVER THE MEADOW BELOW, THEN THROUGH THE OLD BURNS AND THICKETS TO THE SKY-LINE TRAIL A LITTLE ABOVE WHERE THE GROUP HAD LEFT SAID TRAIL DURING THE MORNING.

ALTHOUGH THE TRIP WAS A HARD ONE AND DANGEROUS, EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME. THE WOMEN ON THE PARTY SHOWED THAT THEY WERE REAL MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS AND EVERYONE TRIED TO DO HIS PART TO HELP MAKE THE TRIP A SUCCESS.

THOSE MAKING THE TRIP WERE: GILBERT SPRAGUE, LEADER; DOT DOTSON, PAUL LAFFERTY, ELSIE DOTSON, DORIS OSBORNE, ELIZABETH McMAHON, BOB GRAY, MAXINE GLAD, WARREN CLARK, BILL McCRACKEN, AND MINNIE McCRACKEN.

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

PERSONAL

A DAUGHTER WAS BORN SATURDAY, JULY 10, TO MR. AND MRS. ROY KILPATRICK OF CANYON CITY.

PRINCESS MOUNTAIN LILY (BESSIE DAY) RETURNED RECENTLY FROM A THIRTY DAY TOUR OF ALASKA. SHE RECOMMENDS TAKING THE TRIP EARLY IN THE SUMMER. IT WAS A GRAND TRIP AND SHE HAD THE TIME OF HER LIFE.

THREE IN A DAY

IT WAS IN THE GREEN LAKES 1931 SUMMER CAMP, THAT THREE MEMBERS OF THE OBSIDIANS, FIRST CLIMBED "ALL THREE" OF THE THREE SISTERS IN THE SAME DAY.

DON WOODS, ED JOHNSON AND CLIFFORD STALSBERG FIRST CLIMBED THE NORTH, AFTER THE LONG EIGHT MILE TRIP FROM THE CAMP-SITE, THE DAY BEFORE, THEN THE MIDDLE AND THEN THE "BIG" SOUTH.

SIXTEEN AND A HALF HOURS WAS THE TIME SET BY THE TRIO.

THEY CAME OFF OF THE SOUTH, RIGHT DOWN INTO CAMP AND YES THEY SLEPT THAT NIGHT.

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HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR ADS? THEY ARE WELL WORTH READING JUST FOR THE GOOD IDEAS IN THEM, AND EVERY ADVERTISER IS A GOOD FRIEND AND SUPPORTER OF OUR CLUB, AND WE'LL ALL STICK TOGETHER!

HOLIDAY CROWD ENJOYS NEWBERRY CRATER TRIP

BY NELLIE V. MOORE

THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY AFFORDED THE OBSIDIANS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A VISIT TO NEWBERRY CRATER ABOUT 45 MILES EAST OF BEND.

TWO CAR LOADS LEFT SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND WERE JOINED BY THREE OTHERS ON SUNDAY MORNING AT PAULINA LAKE. FROM THERE THEY DROVE TO EAST LAKE WHERE CAMP WAS MADE AND LUNCH EATEN. THEY THEN CLIMBED THE RIM LED BY MR. H. H. HUGHITT, PRESIDENT OF THE BEND GEOLOGY CLUB. FROM THE TOP COULD BE SEEN A BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF EAST LAKE. LAVA FLOW AND MANY BEAUTIFUL PIECES OF OBSIDIAN ROCK WERE FOUND AND MYRTLE AND MANY OTHERS WENT BACK TO THE CARS WITH THEIR PACK SACKS FULL. A SWIM IN THE LAKE, A SEARCH FOR ARROWHEADS AND A POT LUCK PICNIC SUPPER FOLLOWED WITH A BIG BONFIRE WITH LOUIE AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES. MONDAY MORNING THEY DROVE TO LAVA CAST FOREST WHERE MR. HUGHITT EXPLAINED ABOUT THE FLOW OF LAVA WHICH RESULTED IN THE CAST FOREST. PICTURES WERE TAKEN OF THE SNAKE TREE AND A TREE 300 YEARS OLD AND FIVE AND ONE-HALF FEET HIGH. MANY PECULIAR SHAPED PIECES OF LAVA WERE SEEN. ABOUT THREE HOURS WERE SPENT IN THIS AREA WHICH COVERS AN AREA OF THIRTY SIX MILES AND INCLUDES HUNDREDS OF LAVA CASTS. LAVA RIVER AND LAVA BUTTE WERE ALSO VISITED. ON THE RETURN TRIP THEY STOPPED AT MR. HUGHITT'S HOME TO VIEW HIS LARGE COLLECTION OF SPECIMENS.

THE SUCCESS OF THE TRIP WAS DUE TO MR. HUGHITT'S SPLENDED LEADERSHIP AND IT IS HOPED HE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY US ON FUTURE TRIPS. THOSE WHO ENJOYED THE TRIP WERE: MR. H. H. HUGHITT, GLEN SIMS, BETTY McMAHON, DOROTHY ELSEN-SOHN, CETH BAUMAN, FLORENCE OGDEN, AGNES WALLACE, MYRTLE HAMLIN, NELLIE V. MOORE, HELEN KILPATRICK, JEAN KILPATRICK, BAILEY CASTELLO, MANDY HICKS, MILDRED HULTGREN, LOUIE WALFORD, RAY SIMS, THELMA WATSON, VENA AMORT, RUEL GIERHART, DON FARR, DORIS OSBURN, AND H. H. WHITNEY.

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TRIP INTO BOX CANYON, IRMA BELL LAKES SCHEDULED

ON JULY 25TH, OBSIDIANS AND GUESTS WILL ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL TRIP TO IRMA BELL LAKES.

ACCORDING TO SCOUTS, THE SOUTH FORK ROAD, UP BOX CANYON, IS THE BEST TO DRIVE.

MEMBERS WILL DRIVE 82 MILES AND LEAVE CARS, THEN AN EASY 2½ MILE HIKE INTO THE LAKE, WHERE GOOD FISHING HAS BEEN REPORTED.

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THOSE NOT HAVING CARS AT HENDERSHOTT'S. ACE MOORE AND THELMA WATSON ARE LEADING THE TRIP.

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A "PAT ON THE BACK" FROM UNCLE SAM

"I ENJOYED YOUR JUNE ISSUE OF THE OBSIDIAN," WRITES R. A. ELLIOTT, ACTING FOREST SUPERVISOR. "YOUR CLUB HAS DONE MUCH TO PROMOTE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IN THIS COMMUNITY AND YOUR SERVICE TO US IN THE PRACTICE AND TEACHING OF GOOD WOODSMENSHIP, HAS LESSENED OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE GENERAL RECREATIONIST. YOUR PHRASE, 'OUR FRIENDS, THE FOREST SERVICE', CAN APPROPRIATELY BE USED BY US IN EMPHATICALLY STATING, 'OUR FRIENDS, THE OBSIDIANS.'"

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I RECKON 'TAINT SAFE TO GO TO THEM THAR HILLS SINCE THAT AIR OREGON TRAIL BUSINESS HAS BEEN AGOIN' ON. YOU ALL CAINT TELL THEM OBSIDIANS FROM THE REST OF TH' DANG VARMINTS.

A FEW DAYS AFTER THE CLIMB OF THE MIDDLE SISTER, I BE ASTROLLIN' DOWN WEST BROADWAY. I LOOKS UP AND SEES THAT THAT'S A FULL MOON COMIN' UP IN THE WEST. I SEZ, "HECK, BIG WIND, YOU WALKED BY TOO MANY BEER JOINTS." BUT AS I GET CLOSE I SEE IT IS ONLY EILEEN BAKER WITH HER SUNBURNT FACE.

LAST SUNDAY MORNING ABOUT FOUR O'CLOCK I HEERD AN AWFUL NOISE OUT IN THE DIRECTION OF HENDRICKS PARK. SOUNDED LIKE A WAR BREAKING, SO I RUSHED OUT TO SEE. WELL, SIR, HERE WAS TONY VOGEL WITH HIS BIG OL' SHOTGUN, AND ABOUT A BLOCK OF GROUND ALL DUG UP WHERE HE HAD BEEN SHOOTIN'. SO I SEZ, "HI, THAR, WHAT YOU ALL ADOIN'?" HE SEZ, "I YAM AGOIN' FISHIN' AN' I BEEN TRYIN' FOR TO KILL THAT DAM ROBIN FOR BAIT."

HOW BIG AM THEM THAR MOSQUITOES AT BIG LAKE? ACCORDIN' TO THE RUMORS THEM AIR SOME CRITTERS, BIG AS HUMMIN' BIRDS WITH BILLS TWICE AS LONG. HOW ABOUT THAT ONE SKEET THAT FLEW AROUND ONE PARTY'S HEAD, MADE A LEFT BANK, AND BIT A CHUNK OUT OF HIS EAR, AND LIT ON A STUMP TO EAT IT?

JEST FER TH' SAKE O' SIENTIFIC CURIOSITY, WHY DON'T SOME OF YOU FELLERS THAT HAVE SEEN BIG SKEETERS WRITE IN AN' TELL US ABOUT 'EM. WE DON'T WANT NOTHIN' BUT THE TRUTH.

OUR DORIS (OSBURN) SAYS SHE SURE LIKES THEM LONG FLAT PLACES ON MT. WASHINGTON. ONLY SHE WISHES THEY WOULD LAY DOWN INSTEAD OF STANDING UP ALL THE TIME. IS THAT ABOUT IT, DORIS?

HOW DO YOU LIKE MAOUNTING MUSIC? AFTER THE PICNIC FRIDAY NIGHT AT HAMLINS', RECKON WE ALL KNOW ONE THING--THE OBSIDIANS SURE LIKE TO SING IT--WHETHER IT'S MUSIC OR NOT.

DO YOU SUPPOSE BRYAN RYAN AND TONY ARE WASTIN' THEIR VOCAL TALENTS? EVEN THE FISH CAME UP TO LISTEN, OR SHALL WE SAY THE REST OF THE SUCKERS.

LITTLE PRINCESS "KETH IT" STALSBERG AND LITTLE CHIEF "HOME RUN" MCCrackEN WERE SEEN AT THE OBSIDIAN PICNIC IN A FOND EMBRACE AFTER ENTERTAINING THE GROUP WITH BEAN BAG AND BASEBALL.

WE UNDERSTAND CHIEF "LITTLE SQUIRT" LEMON'S FIRST SHOES WERE A PAIR OF SKIS.

RANGER EXCORTS HIKERS ON ADVENTUROUS TRIP TO GOLD POINT

BY LOUIS WALDORF

A "PERSONALLY-CONDUCTED" TRIP BY FRED BREME, THE DISTRICT RANGER, WAS THE UNUSUAL PRIVILEGE OF THE CLUB ON THEIR HIKE FROM FALL CREEK TO THE TOP OF GOLD. UNLOCKING THE GATE AT PORTLAND CREEK ON THE FALL CREEK ROAD, CONVOYING US THRU THE "FORBIDDEN" TERRITORY TO THE START OF THE TRAIL, AND ACCOMPANYING US ON THE TRIP, EXPLAINING MANY THINGS ABOUT THE "SERVICE", NEW EVEN TO OLD-TIMERS, THE RANGER WAS A MOST WELCOME GUEST.

THE HIKE WAS MOSTLY THRU THE PORTLAND CREEK BURN, WITH GOOD VIEWS ALONG THE WAY AND FROM THE SUMMIT. A CLOUDY DAY MADE IT COOL TO HIKE. AN ELECTRICAL STORM AFFORDED THE RANGER AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS FROM THE LOOK-OUT STATION AND FOLLOW THE STORM BY TELEPHONE FROM THE UMPQUA FOREST ACROSS TO THE MCKENZIE COUNTRY.

WE HAVE HAD FEW HIKES UP THERE. FALL CREEK IS A BEAUTIFUL STREAM, TOO, AND NOT FAR FROM EUGENE. WE WILL GO AGAIN! ARTHUR HENDERSHOTT AND LOUIS WALDORF WERE LEADERS, AND 21 MADE THE TRIP.

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THE LODGE

RAY SIMS HAS BEEN QUOTED AS NOT BEING IN FAVOR OF BUILDING ANY KIND OF LODGE FOR THE CLUB DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

TWO REASONS ARE ADVANCED, THIS YEAR IS NOT THE PROPER TIME, BECAUSE OF MATERIALS BEING AT A TOP PRICE, AND THE MANY "LABOR DISPUTES."

THE OTHER IDEA IS THE "WHILE ELEPHANT". UNTIL THE TWO ALL WINTER ROADS ARE FINISHED, NO ONE KNOWS THE STATUS OF THE MCKENZIE HIGHWAY.

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