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—Photo by Ray Sims, Wiltshire Engraving.  
*Mazama Lodge with the beautiful Mt. Hood in background.*

## OBSIDIANS WILL DANCE TO SEND TEAM TO MEET

The Obsidian club is helping our junior ski team, which wants to go to the Oregon Junior Champion Ski Meet, in Bend. Expenses for the trip are to be raised by a benefit dance, put on by the club at the W. O. W. Hall, Thursday evening, January 26th, and the price of admission is to be 40c.

So Let's All Dance! It's good for young and old. Be it a Paul Jones, Waltz, Shag, or maybe a Schottische. Bill McCracken as chairman—with a helpful committee—and a 6-piece orchestra—promise to show you a SWELL time.

Of interest to those attending Winter Outing:

Everyone who goes above Lone Fir Ranger Station is now required by the Forest Service to register at the Timberline Hotel and check in when they come back.—*Mazama Bulletin.*

## NEW EMBLEMS

The Obsidian emblem has gone under quite a change of late but our Board of Directors have kept with the idea of the Three Sisters, the ice axe and the ski pole, weaving them into a very good looking emblem.

These modern arm decorations are to take the place of the hardy jet black Obsidian arrows that have withstood the storms of eleven winters and the hot summer's sun of as many summers. The emblem is to be worn on the left arm and each member can get his or hers at Hendershott's or from our new Secretary, Minnie McCracken. Let's have that new emblem by Winter Outing.

## HAVE YOU A PROSPECT?

Anyone having the name of a prospective member to whom he wishes a bulletin sent please give such name to Vincent Gillespie, membership chairman.

## 1939 WINTER OUTING

"Mazama Lodge", and that wonderful Mt. Hood skiing terrain. That is in store for the Obsidians' week of skiing beginning February 5th.

Everything from the minute you arrive until you just HAVE to come home, has been planned by the committee. And you can just be yourself at these glorious Obsidian outings. You can even wash dishes all in fun—if you want to.

With each full day of skiing, lessons and all, don't forget the lighted Mazama hill for night skiing, which is just as thrilling as it sounds.

Organized trips to the slopes above Timberline Hotel, The Alpine Trail, the Ski Bowl, where there is a ski tow in operation, to Tom, Dick and Harry Mountain, and to Multiyor. The new Glade Trail from Timberline is said to be more thrilling than the Alpine, so thrills aplenty are in store.

The cost of the outing is low and includes an experienced instructor, so register at Hendershott's as soon as possible, February 2nd is the closing date. Help the committee make this another grand outing.

## Get-Acquainted Potluck

In honor of our new members and junior members a party is being planned for Tuesday, January 31st, at the W. O. W. Hall at 6:30. It is to be a potluck dinner, followed by a skit and two reels of very interesting movies.

These pictures were sent to us from the New York-Swiss Railway Company and show ski calisthenics and ski schools in Switzerland. The Mazamas have shown these pictures and others taken by this company and re-

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**PRIMITIVE AREAS**

*By Louis Waldorf*

Through the efforts of men who are much more foresighted than most of us, a few places have been set aside in the National Forests of the United States as "Primitive Areas." There are two such areas in the whole Cascade Range of Oregon.

The first of these two to be so designated is Mt. Jefferson Primitive Area. Not to our knowledge has Nature created a more beautiful valley than Jefferson Park with its riot of color and variety of wild flowers.

The second was the Three Sisters Primitive Area. Set aside only a few years ago to be preserved for all time so far as possible, just as Nature created it, allowing no logging of timber or taking from it no natural features and without the addition of any man-made things other than trails and rustic shelters. To this area, over fifty thousand acres were added last year.

This last area was created largely through the efforts of Perry A. Thompson, former supervisor of the Willamette National Forest, upon the original recommendation of the Obsidians. Mr. Thompson is one of the fairest, most clear-thinking, sincere, real conservationists in the United States today.

Those of us who have travelled the high-ways and trails of Ore-

gon for a decade or two realize at what an increasing pace roads, developments, auto-camps, man-made "Parks", etc. have been shoved up into our wilderness country until there are few places left that they have not penetrated. Let these few places be preserved to posterity and for the benefit of the increasing numbers who appreciate Nature unspoiled and enjoy these places from the vantage point of only a foot trail.

It is the remoteness and the flowers that give Jefferson Park its allurements. And so it is with Linton Meadows and other beauty spots along the Skyline Trail in the Three Sisters Area. Put in man-made developments and that allurements and beauty are gone!

Let us, as Obsidians, not be the first ones to ask that roads and concessions be placed in them; but do everything in our power to see that these Primitive Areas are kept inviolate; free from roads, highways, concessions, auto camps or developed parks!

**JUNIOR OBSIDIANS**

Let's all get behind this dance the Juniors are sponsoring and make a go of it, and send their ski team to the Oregon Junior Championship Meet at Bend, next month. For it only costs the price of a show, and you wouldn't win the Bank award anyway.



And also, there is a ski-meet at Hoodoo ski bowl on January 29. Why not enter, and let the outside world know there are Junior Obsidian skiers?



When you are up at Hood for the Winter Outing, wear your emblems and let everyone know there is a ski club just itching for a meet down at Eugene.



And too, if you just knew the fun at these Winter Outings at Mt. Hood, you'd certainly hurry down and add your name to the long list now going, because the more the merrier.



And it's terribly reasonable.  
W. "K". C.

**NEW YEAR'S PARTY**

*Miriam Yoder*

To Schottische, Polka, and modern tunes, nearly sixty Obsidians and their friends danced in the new year. Once more Belknap Springs Hotel proved to be the ideal scene for the festivities.

Confetti, horns, and other noise-makers, dispensed by social chairman, Eileen Baker and her assistants, warned the merry-makers that the midnight hour approached, so 1939 was met with the customary clamor.

A midnight lunch of hot chocolate, coffee and sandwiches sustained the crowd until they retired.

Following skiing at Hand Lake on New Year's Day, turkey dinner was served to eighty Obsidians.

The dancing of the second evening was interspersed with games, readings, and an impromptu liars' contest, in place of the regularly scheduled one on New Year's Eve. Several Obsidians proved that they could tell tall tales with no previous preparation; and to our distinguished president, Louis Waldorf, went the Horsefeather Trophy for 1939, for having told the biggest yarn.

Another day of skiing, dancing, swimming and eating, ended the party and it was only 363 days until the next Obsidian New Year's Party!

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## HOODOO SKI BOWL

The Willamette National Forest's newest ski area was visited Sunday, January 15th, by Assistant Supervisor Roy Elliott, his son Roy Jr., Louis Waldorf, Obsidian President, Bill McCracken, Dorr Hamlin, Glen Sims and Arthur Hendershott. The group spent Saturday night at the Detroit Ranger State as guests of Ranger Boyd Rasmussen, who with Mrs. Rasmussen, accompanied them to the ski bowl.

Hoodoo is 147 miles from Eugene and three-quarters of a mile from the Santiam Highway. It is located near Hogg Pass Butte at an elevation of 5000 feet, having many slopes suitable for the beginner as well as the expert. A fresh fall of powder snow Saturday night made ski conditions ideal, but snow falling intermittently through the day somewhat hampered the meet between the Bend Skyliners and twelve members of the Cascade Ski Club of Portland. The majority of the 250 people skiing were members of the newly formed Takenas Club of Albany, among who was Russell Harrison a former Obsidian.

Let's arrange a trip to Hoodoo, meeting the members of the Albany Club, some week-end after our Winter Outing.

## GET ACQUAINTED POTLUCK

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port them to be very good. Two more reels are expected about the middle of February and will be shown then.

The new members and Junior members are especially invited to come and get acquainted with the club members. There will be a small charge of 10c for the party.

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## ANOTHER CHIEF CALLED CHIEF TLKOPE

Carl Young, Our Carl, as he was always known to all Obsidians, has been called from this Life to Life Eternal. No one will be missed by the Obsidians more than Carl. He was always foremost in all our activities, always working to make things more pleasant and comfortable for those around him, always mindful of a duty and more than willing to do it.

He was a great student of the forests, the mountains, streams, and lakes; a lover of nature. Always imparting his knowledge of the same to all those about him. To know him was to love him.

On the trails, in our Summer Camps on our trips, none seemed quite complete without him. All Obsidians admired Carl. We will meet, but we will miss him and we think we hear him calling "Weep not Obsidians for me, for I am waiting in Glory for thee".

## PRINCESS LIGHTFOOT

Another great shock to all her many friends and her Obsidian comrades, was the sudden fatal accident to Elizabeth McMahan, one of the first three Obsidian princesses.

"Betty" was the wit of any group, at socials or around the campfire, and on the trails, she kept the leader moving. Her place cannot be taken as she was loved by all and her Obsidian friends will miss her greatly.

## RIPLEY REFUSES

Robert L. Ripley sends it back. Chief Sky Hook—went to the hospital—in early December—BUT—on his return home—he presents his wife—with a week old BABY GIRL.

In Switzerland they call skis "Shees," because they are so hard to manage. — *Washington Alpine Club.*

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## JUNIOR OBSIDIANS TO MT. HOOD

*Marjorie Schnellbacher*

Nine Junior Obsidians and two Obsidians were among those who took advantage of the Christmas vacation to take a trip to Mt. Hood, December 27-30th.

The skiing conditions were poor the first three days because of rain, but the weather cleared the fourth day.

The group went to Timberline Lodge by car in the mornings and skied back to Mazama Lodge after spending the day skiing at Timberline. The evenings were spent in playing games and Schottisching.

The group included Ruth Virginia Bond, Margaret DeCou, Polly and Florence Gordon, Leslie Brockelbank, Jean McMorran, Fanny and Ruby Jackson, Phoebe Smith, Marjorie Schnellbacher and Elizabeth Gullion.

This was one of the first trips taken by the Junior Obsidians and all those who went wish to thank Elizabeth Gullion who made the arrangements for the trip and was largely responsible for its success.

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## SUMMER OUTING

May seem like rushing the seasons to talk about the summer outing, when we are just now making preparations for the Winter Outing; but the old year rolls around very fast, and with the thought that we sometimes have to plan our vacations sufficiently far enough ahead, to insure a definite date, we are encouraged to commence talking about the summer outing.

The summer outing this year is to be held in the Beautiful Wallowa mountains, two weeks in Oregon's most scenic mountain range, often referred to as the Alps of the Northwest. The base camp will be centrally located in a region that will offer a diversity of recreation. Climbing will be of paramount interest, with the op-

portunity of making ascents of several of Oregon's highest peaks, all over the ten thousand foot mark. Climbing is particularly good in that region, as the peaks are hard rock mountains, and the climbs are all of varying degrees of difficulty, making the highest of the peaks possible for mountaineers of limited experience.

The Wallowa Range is noted for the beautiful high mountain lakes that nestle in the valley floor. They offer the sport of good fishing, and swimming in pure crystal clear water. There will be many places of interest to visit aside from the high summits, so that the low-land explorers will be just as busy as the high top scalers.

Knowing that a large share of the enjoyment of these outings, aside from the spiritual, hit very close to the condition and state of well-being of the stomach, careful attention will be given to this phase of the outing. The best possible cook will be engaged, and plenty of good, appetizing, well-prepared food will be served. Higher altitudes, and plenty of outdoor exercise develops healthy appetites. The committee in charge, plan to make this part of the outing equally as enjoyable, as the purely recreational program.

The date of the 1939 summer outing will be August 5th to August 19th. More complete details concerning the outing will be released in regular prospectus form at a later date. Club members, members of clubs affiliated with the Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs, and any non-members of above mentioned clubs, that would like to spend their vacation in this manner, are cordially urged to attend the 1939 Annual Summer Outing of the Ob-

sidian Club, in the Wallowa Mountains.

Paul R. Lafferty  
Henry H. Norton  
Tony J. Vogel  
*Outing Committee.*

## Princesses Get Together

The Princesses, December 13, journeyed out to Princess Blue Waters' new home, north of Eugene. Some of the girls could hardly be coaxed into the house, they were having so much fun with the trick door chimes.

Blue Waters' "skookum new wigwam," from the special cabinet for skis in the basement, to the fireplaces (two of 'em!) came in for plenty of admiring attention.

Mildred Soukup, a guest of the evening, played Santa Claus as gifts were exchanged as the program feature of the evening.

The January meeting was held at the home of Princess Sahalie with Princess White Dove assisting. The girls spent the evening playing Chinese checkers.

The February meeting is to be held on St. Valentine's day, with Princess Many Ponies.

Doc: The thing for you to do is to stop thinking about yourself—to bury yourself in your work.

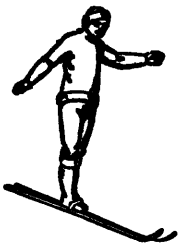
The Goof: Gosh! And me a concrete mixer.



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