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## PRINCESS POW-WOW!

*Nellie Moore*

The February Princess meeting was held at the home of Beth Gullion with 14 present. Blanche Osborn made a report on the resolution drawn at the November meeting for club rooms. The evening was spent in looking at interesting books on Mountain Climbing, Birds, Skiing, Flowers, etc. Later refreshments were served with Valentine colors being carried out. Charlotte Lemon invited the club to meet at her home for the March meeting.

The March Princess meeting was held at the home of Charlotte Lemon with Thelma Watson assisting with 17 present. Helen Kilpatrick reported on the Wildlife Conference and Youth Hostel Movement after which a short discussion followed and it was voted to ask the Obsidian Board to take memberships in these two organizations.

Margaret Norton asked for suggestions for the entertainment of the Obsidians. A potluck supper with the Princesses in charge of the program was voted for March 30th. Slips were passed around for suggestion for Local Walks Committee, after which Mrs. W. M. Kidwell showed movies taken on their recent trip to Europe. Later refreshments in St. Patrick colors were served and the rest of the evening was spent in visiting.

Nellie Moore and Miriam Yoder are to be our hostesses in April, at the home of the former.

## POTLUCK DINNER

A Potluck Dinner is to be held at the W. O. W. Hall, Thursday evening, March 30th, at 6:15.

Movies, Dancing and a rousing game of "Indications" are in promise.

# Successful Winter Outing Is Held

## NEW SCHEDULE

The Local Walks Committee met and made up a new Schedule from April 2nd to July 16th.

The first trip although still a ski trip will enable the ski addicts to see some expert skiing at Mt. Hood, as the Olympic tryouts are to be held April 1st and 2nd.

April 1-2—Trip to Mt Hood to attend Olympic tryouts. Leader, Bryan Ryan; Ass't., Percy Brown.

April 9—Easter Sunday

April 16—Ski trip to Bohemia mines. Leader, Bill McCracken; Ass't., Norman Lee.

April 22-23—Coast trip. Devils Punch Bowl and points north. Leader, Mariam Yoder; Ass't., Adeline Adams.

April 29-30—Ski trip to Hoodoo Butte. Leader, Glen Sims; Ass't., Al Hoffman.

## OBSIDIAN'S SKI

*Jean Taylor*

Obsidian Winter Outing Junior, a little one that came after the big one—was held at Mazama Lodge the week of March 12-19. Those attending the first part of the week, Eileen Baker, Jean Taylor, Fred Pankey, Norman Holt, and Ray Houghton enjoyed perfect winter snow conditions. The general rain Wednesday was the shift from winter to spring snow conditions. The last four days of the outing were warm and clear. Marge Schnellbacher, Bryan Ryan, and Miner Hamlin got sunburned with the aid of Skol (not a plug for the product) and Bryan succeeded in furnishing business for the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol.

## Big Turnout At Mazama Lodge February 5

*Tony Vogel*

Forty Eight Obsidians and friends and a number of Mazamas, skied and skied, for one whole week in powder-dry snow. This was one outing at which there could be no complaining about the snow. Any wax was good wax, and it was always fast!

Those who went up Sunday found the Lodge well filled with Mazama week-enders, and soon everyone was well acquainted. When the dinner was over a few who couldn't wait were out on the hill in back of the Lodge, making use of the lights that were installed this year. This was one of the most popular places for after-dinner skiing throughout the outing.

The beginners were on hand every morning to practice their stem turns on the slower slopes while the more expert went to Timberline and rode the Trails,

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## OH! LOOK! LOTS OF NEW MEMBERS

The Club extends a hearty welcome to these, our new members. We hope to see them hiking with us, as well as skiing.

Obsidians: Marg. Schnellbacher, June Porterfield, Miner Hamlin, Roy Elliott, Jean Taylor, Fred Panky, Rex Stocker.

Junior Obsidians: Joe Jackson, John Skillern, Phil Campbell, Coulter Mitchell, Leslie Brockelbank, Polly Gordon, Ruth Virginia Bond, Ed Young, Forrest Morgan, Bill Tugman, Jr., Colver Waller, Walter Gilbert.

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**SUMMER-CAMP**

*Ray Sims*

The twelfth annual Obsidian Summer camp has been tentatively set for the Wallowa mountains (The Switzerland of America) August 5th to 20th. This being the site of our 1936 camp, we can safely say "a better camp-site can't be found".

The committee has started to work early and with the experience of former camps, this one should be one of the best.

But, fellow Obsidians, there is another attraction, not a vacation, but an exposition that quite a few of our members have made plans to see. We realize the drawing power of the Golden Gate International exposition, and therefore are asking EVERY OBSIDIAN MEMBER to return a card or letter to the Summer camp committee or Paul Lafferty, 1391 Emerald St., saying whether you can go to camp, or can go for one or two weeks.

A camp in the Wallowas naturely has to be well attended, and also for the full two weeks. It has been suggested if a sufficient number can not go to the Wallowas, that a successful camp can be put on in Jefferson Park, the site of the 1935 camp, with less number.

There are quite a number who have already made their plans for camp, and will go where ever the camp is put on, because they

know that an Obsidian summer camp is a vacation.

Chief Hi-Line has the pleasure of singing at the Exposition the first three days in July, but he would welcome a week in Jefferson Park, because it can be reached in a day, while the Wallowa mountains cannot.

Any one, whether a member of the club or not, is welcome, on these annual summer camps put on by the Obsidians, so if you are at all interested in a real vacation in the out-of-doors, see any member of the committee.

But members, let the committee know just what you think about the 1939 summer camp.

**American Youth Hostels**

*E. Hicks*

All over the country the zest for youth hosteling is growing. Any one who enjoys the rugged, simple ways of traveling will welcome hosteling. Youth Hostellers primarily travel under their own steam by foot, bicycle, horseback, canoe or flatboat, snowshoes or skis. They enjoy cooking their own meals and wish to, or must travel economically. Hostels are for the use of all youth organizations, as well as private individuals, who enjoy this type of travel. There is no discrimination whatever. Age limits are "4 to 94."

**WINTER OUTING**

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some of them making several trips each day.

The most popular game of the Outing proved to be "Indications," and we found many of the Junior Obsidians showing unusual talent. A trip to Timberline one evening was also a lot of fun.

Much of the Outing's success was due to the ability and musical talent of Harry Miller of Lebanon. The group led by Roland Burghardt and accompanied by Harry Miller, spent several evenings by the fire, singing with great enjoyment.

Yes—we will have another Outing next winter and those of you who missed this fine one should plan now to be at the Annual Winter Outing in 1940.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*M. McCracken*

The January meeting was held at the home of Blanche Osborn. All members were present. Tony Vogel reported that Bill McCracken would take over his duties as Chairman of the Ski Committee. Reports were given by each committee head and the meeting adjourned.

The February meeting was held at the home of Minnie McCracken. Due to the fact that all Dormitory Bonds are being called, a motion was made to sell our bond and purchase a new University Building Bond. Applications of new members were presented and accepted by the Board.

On March 10th, the Board met at the home of Vincent Gillespie. Summer outing plans were discussed and a questionnaire was to go out to the members asking their wishes on the place and time. It was resolved that the Obsidians would not support a bill pending to make the Three Sisters and Jefferson Park Primitive Areas into National Parks. The Board accepted the request to sell buttons to provide funds for the Olympic Ski Team. These will be available to members for sale soon.

**JUNIOR SKI TEAM GOES TO BEND MEET**

Bill McCracken, Chairman of the Ski Committee, took the Junior team to enter the Bend Jr. Ski meet in February. The boys were guests at a banquet given for the contestants, managers and officials, by the Skyliners. The boys were given lodging in the homes of the members and entertained by them. Early next morning they went to the ski grounds which were only a 15 minute drive from Bend. Wallace Clark placed among the 1st ten in the downhill. The other two members of the team were Ed Young and Coulter Mitchell. The boys had lunch at the Skyliners Club House, and were loud in their praise for the way they were shown about by the Skyliners.

## HAND LAKE DEVELOPMENT

(From the Office of Willamette Nat'l Forest).

The Hand Lake winter sports area has become increasingly popular during the past several years as an early and late season ski area. During the early part of the past winter the area was used for several weeks, until the McKenzie Highway was finally closed by winter storms. District Ranger Engles, of McKenzie Bridge, estimates that approximately 1415 people visited the area during the season, and the largest single day's attendance was 350 on Sunday, January 8.

According to those who have frequented this area during previous years, the present season's use has been the greatest so far experienced.

The Forest Service recognizes the need for additional improvements at Hand Lake, particularly sanitation facilities. There is need for a simple but adequate shelter to provide for the comfort and convenience of skiers during cold or stormy weather. Further clearing of ski runs also appears desirable. Ranger Engles made a survey of the Hand Lake area last winter, and worked out a simple but systematic plan of development. The progress of this development will depend upon the facilities available for this class of work. The Forest Service expects to complete necessary sanitation improvements on the area this summer, and if funds can be secured, a simple shelter will also be constructed. Additional clearing of ski runs, in all probability, will have to be postponed for another year or more.

### "Killer" Clark Is Winner

Wallace Clark, Junior member, better known as "Killer," entered the meet at Hood River and won 1st in B Class Slalom and 3rd in B Class Downhill and 1st in combine of points. Wallace placed among the 1st ten in the races at McCall, Idaho, and spent the rest of his Spring Vacation at Sun Valley.

## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING FROM ODELL LAKE

How many old time Obsidians remember the very first SNOW TRAIN in Lane County? When we had a crowd of forty in one car — and our destination was Odell Lake?

Well, on March 5th, this past month, Bill McCracken undertook to organize such a trip — but even more — after a hearty breakfast at the Odell Lake lodge, we were to ski down the new Willamette Highway to that little flag station of Heather.

A dozen was the crowd Bill assembled. We caught the midnight train, arrived at Odell lake while the moon and stars were still shining, and had a grand breakfast at the Lodge, now operated by Lowell Hall, and soon after sun-up were on our way.

The dozen skiers rounded the West end of the lake and were soon on the new highway grade, where with just downhill going, this new country flashed by covered with many feet of perfect snow. Before the roar of Salt Creek Falls could be heard, the new grade ended, but all for the better, as the slashed country for several miles made some of the best rides.

The snow was only 6 feet deep, so the tunnel was open, saving the skiers the thrill of skirting the canyon.

Lunch was eaten inside and many stalactites and stalagmites formed by the ice were in the tunnel.

Five more miles of skiing on the Eugene side of the tunnel and the station of Heather was reached a full half hour before train-time. But all were talking of the possibilities of another such ride, as the 16 miles just covered was like many trips taken during the winter in the first years of the club.

Those on the trip — Bill McCracken, Bud Nasholm, Doris Sims, Roy Elliott, George Korn, Dorr Hamlin, Leo Paschelke, Louie Waldorf, Ray Sims, Billy Hall, Howdy Hall and Howard A. Hall.

## OBSIDIANS ATTEND WILDLIFE CONFERENCE

Ruth Hopson

The committee in charge of the Lane County Wildlife Conference at the Eugene Hotel, March 7, had hoped that a good turnout of at least 20, attend, and nearly 200 did. Among them for Obsidians, Helen Kilpatrick, Elizabeth Gullion, Louis Waldorf and Ruth Hopson.

Meetings like this make new interests and consciousness of the need for preserving Wildlife, on the part of a good many Americans.

During the meeting we were told of the work of the Forestry Dept. in recreation and conservations and were highly entertained by Gus Perot, former Eugenean, but famous for his African exploring and now member of the Exclusive Campfire Club of New York City.

So far the only members of the Lane County Wildlife Association are the Rod and Gun Clubs and I feel that the Obsidians are definitely interested in being a member of the Council.

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**HERE AND THERE**

Talk of Summer Outing and future hikes and knowing Spring was around the corner, Bailey Castelloe decided to get out of that hospital bed and get into shape. Hiya! Bailey.



Dorr Hamlin, Ed Turnbull, and Louis Waldorf were appointed as a Committee to look up data and suggest suitable wording for a carved marker at Scott Trail to Three Sisters Primitive Area. This was done at the suggestion of Roy Elliott, Assistant Supervisor of the Willamette Nat'l Forest.



The new Local Walks schedule will be out soon. Any suggestions? Give them to Harold Trotter.



The Don Umphrey's are proud possessors of a son, born in March.



Going to Mt. Hood April 1st and 2nd? Olympic Team tryouts.



Nice work! Ski Patrol. Hale Thompson heads the Patrol in this area.



Did you ski back in '29 and '30 at Lost Creek Ranch? The paper staff has been reviewing several

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**BEN GREIG**

Why climb the mountains? I will tell thee why,  
And, if my fancy jumps not with thy whim,  
What marvel? there is scope beneath the sky  
For things that creep, and fly, and walk, and swim.  
I love the free breath of the broad-wing'd breeze,  
I love the eye's free sweep from craggy rim,  
I love the free bird poised at lofty ease,  
And the free torrent's far-up-sounding hymn;  
I love to leave my littleness behind

In the low vale where little cares are great,  
And in the mighty map of things to find

A sober measure of my scanty state,

Taught by the vastness of God's pictured plan

In the big world how small a thing is man!

*J. S. Blackie*

reels and it is really history—it is hard to believe we did not use BINDINGS AND POLES. You can't even imagine the number of spills in each ride down the icy slide back of Lost Creek Ranch.



Anyone interested in playing Softball this summer should go in and add their name to the list at Hendershotts. There is a nice group already signed up.



Winter Outing Reunion at the Del Rey, April 7th. Dancing-Games-Smorgasbord! Come and meet the gang again. This is for all those who attended either the first or second outing.

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**Interesting Material  
Now On File**

The Obsidians have purchased a new file for club material. Many Exchange items are on file such as monthly bulletins from other clubs, Outing Prospectus and Local Walks Schedules. Several interesting booklets on trail trips: The Pacific Crest Trail and the Three Sisters area are obtainable. One very interesting booklet put out by the Mazamas describes Mt. Hood in detail and tells something of its early history. The Library Committee also has several books on flowers, birds and mountains. Any member who would like to have the use of this material may contact Doris Sims or Blanche Osborn.

**Sticklers For Accuracy  
Will Like This**

Mandy married a worthless chap, who even refused to deliver the washings she took in. One day, she was talking to a white woman about the shiftless man she had.

"Is he older than you, Mandy?" asked the lady.

"Yassum, dat old no account am twelve years older dan Ah is!"

"Then," sympathized the lady, "it must be a case of May having married December."

"No ma'am, it ain't dat. I am mo' like Labor Day done married to April Fool."



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