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SILVER CREEK FALLS

Attention Junior Members—to miss this trip you have missed one of the wonder and beauty spots of Oregon. It is a comparatively short trip and one that entails a grand hike over a well-built trail in and around, and even back of eleven beautiful falls. If you want proof of the grandeur of the Falls, stop and see some of Myrtie Hamlin's pictures.

The trip is scheduled for the week end of May 28th. Elizabeth Gullion is leader with Margaret DeCou as assistant.

FIRST CLIMB OF THE MIDDLE SISTER 1939

On April 30th a party of four Obsidians reached the summit of the Middle Sister 2½ hours after leaving Sunshine Shelter.

It was one of the easiest and most beautiful climbs ever made. Easy, because the condition of the snow was perfect for climbing on skis equipped with climbers and the weather was ideal—for comfort—a bright, warm, (not hot) sun all day. And beautiful because the atmosphere was so clear, not a bit of haze, and one could see new beauty from the top of this 10,000 foot peak that is hidden by the usual haze and smoke of summer.

This was the first climb of this 1939 season—not the earliest climb ever made on the Middle Sister, as reported in one of our local papers. The trip from the north ridge to Sunshine required out 25 minutes, made in easy ages and not hurrying. Those in the party were Paul Lafferty, (leader), Byran Ryan, Wallace (Killer) Clark and Tony Vogel.

GOLD HILL

On June 25th, Minnie McCracken and Mary Gillespie will lead us up to Gold Hill lookout. This trip is being held at the time of the year when this region is at its best. Indian Paint Brush, Squaw Grass, Heather, Phlox, Blue Gentian and the Huckleberry bushes will be in bloom. The return trip can be made by the way of Camp Lucky Boy. This is very interesting because, in years past, a great deal of mining has been done here and many of the old buildings are still standing. This is a very beautiful trip and one of its good features is the cold spring water found at the top of the peak. Don't miss this hike!

JOINT TRIP JULY 16TH

Again this year there is to be a joint trip of the hiking clubs of Oregon, sponsored by the Chemeketans of Salem.

Table Rock, north-east of Salem is to be the objective on July 16th. Last year over 100 were on the joint trip to Mary's Peak. Let's all turn out and see what these "Chemmy Cats" have in store for us.

WARD'S PEAK

Ward's Peak near Cottage Grove is our objective on June 18th. Florence Sims is leading and tells us it is about thirty miles from Eugene. This is a look-out peak and is in a region we seldom visit, so here's your chance to see new country close to home. Jean Taylor, a new member, is co-leader.

TENDERFOOT CLIMB

The South Sister is to be the objective of Bill McCracken's tenderfoot climb this year and is to be the weekend of July 9th. It was first announced as another Middle Sister climb, but Bill has ideas of a much better trip and climb of The South Sister.

To reach the South sister, one must drive to Bend and go in to the mountain on the Century drive. Two ascents are possible, one is to hike into Green Lakes and climb from the East side, but probably an easier way, is to drive near the Rock Mesa, past Devils Lake and climb from the south.

Anyway watch Bill's Announcements.

EAST AND PAULINA LAKES

This year's "Fourth of July" trip is to be taken July 1st and 2nd to East and Paulina lakes in Newberry Crater.

This trip, as taken in 1937, makes an Ideal weekend vacation with fishing, swimming, exploring and just loafing. No one will forget the Lava Foam, or the Lava cast Forest visited.

To reach the Crater, one drives to Bend and then forty miles south on The Dalles - California highway to the Newberry Crater sign, and then about ten miles to the Lakes.

Louis Waldorf and Dorr Hamlin are to be the leaders, so we will wait and see if they can saw a slab from a lava rock.

Your club dues are still payable to Thelma Watson, Washburne's. Let's all wear our Obsidian Emblems, Thelma will be glad to give you one for 35c.

PROSPECTUS

of the Twelfth Annual Outing of the OBSIDIANS "JEFFERSON PARK"

August 6-13, 1939

Outing Committee

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Location: Camp will be established in Beautiful Mt. Jefferson Park, easy five mile hike by Sky-line trail from Breitenbush Lake. Main feature of the outing will be the ascent of Mt. Jefferson, via the Jefferson Park Glacier, and the West Ridge. This direct approach from the north side of the mountain will be a new route for the Obsidians, and will prove a very interesting bit of mountaineering. Aside from an opportunity to climb one of the most rugged mountains of the Cascade range, the outing in Jefferson Park will appeal to all lovers of the outdoors. High Alpine meadows, surrounded by mountain ridges, and with the main mass of Mount Jefferson rising right from the floor of the valley, gives the desired effect of complete isolation, and primitive wilderness in natural solitude. Fishing and swimming, short hikes, wealth of photographic subjects, camp games, sun bathing, and lazing around, will provide a variety, for all of the campers to enjoy their particular activity in the healthiest of surroundings.

Cost of Outing: The cost of the one weeks outing will be to members of affiliated clubs, for members \$15.00; non-members \$17.00, from Breitenbush Lake into camp site. Food, dishes and cooking utensils, as well as a cook, will be furnished by the committee.

There will also be a few tents furnished by the club, however, those who have a light tent or fly are urged to bring them, if they so desire.

Registration: Registration will be at Hendershott's Gun Store, and will close July 29th. A \$10.00 deposit is requested when you sign up to insure your registration. The balance is payable before leaving Eugene. Deposits and final payment will be accepted by any member of the committee or at Hendershott's.

Transportation: Transportation will be privately arranged, the usual fee (1c per mile) is payable to the driver, and is to be taken care of by the individual.

Personnel: The Obsidian Summer Outing is planned to give the maximum of pleasure and benefit to those who join the outing, a special invitation is extended to non-members, and members of clubs affiliated with the Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs, are cordially invited to attend. A few simple rules will be drawn up, and every one is expected to follow them for the benefit of the outing.

Personal Outfit: Each member of the party must furnish his own personal outfit. Only such essentials as are absolutely necessary should be taken. The following are considered necessary:

Shelter—A small, light tent or fly.

Bedding—A warm, light sleeping bag, and air mattress.

Footwear—One good, comfortable pair of hiking boots with nails, and one pair of very light oxfords or moccasins.

Clothing: Outing suit of wool with light weather proofed jacket or coat. Extra pairs of wool sox. Leather or woolen gloves for climbing. Water proof jacket or cape. Complete change of clothing in case of wet weather.

The Following Are Handy to Have: Colored glasses. Knapsack or pack-board. Drinking cup or canteen. Flash light or carbide lamp. Sun-burn lotion. Bathing suit. Cramp-ons. Ice axe. First Aid Kit. Mosquito netting. Come prepared to rough it. Reduce your personal belongings to necessities.

Dunnage: There will be a maximum allowance of 35 pounds of dunnage

per person and will be packed for by the club. Excess baggage must be paid for at a rate of 10c per pound. All must be packed in duffel bag that is convenient to handle and everything that is delivered to the outing committee must be plainly labeled, either by having the name printed on the bag or tags that won't come off or blurr when wet. Your dunnage must be delivered to Breitenbush Lake by 12:00 o'clock noon August 6th, securely tied for pack trip in to camp site.

Mail: As the camp will be only one week duration, there will be no necessity for mail delivery, however contact may be made with campers through Breitenbush

Fishing: If you enjoy fishing bring your tackle and don't forget a license. Additional information may be had by contacting any member of the committee.

Additional Suggestion: Outing members may leave Eugene Saturday, and camp Saturday night at Breitenbush Hot Springs or Breitenbush Lake, or may leave Eugene early Sunday morning, and drive to Breitenbush Lake, arriving there easily by noon. Drive via Valley highway, turn off at Jefferson to Detroit; or via Clear Lake Cut-off, and North Santiam, to Detroit and on to Breitenbush Lake from that point.

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**THREE SISTERS SKI
AREA**

By TONY VOGEL

At the last meeting of the Obsidian Board of Directors, it was proposed by the writer that the Obsidian Club go on record as accepting and approving the "Three Sisters Area" as the Ski Area for this community.

The reason and purpose behind this proposal is to have the matter that has been discussed for the past five years, finally settled and to have it be so stated in the records of the club. Now this does not mean that this organization is going to be approved and not support any other ski area in this community. We should and will support any thing that will improve present conditions. However if the question of which ski area the Obsidian should want or pick as "the final and permanent ski area for this community," it will be made known that the Sisters area is the location of the finest place to ski in the whole Pacific Northwest.

We are hoping this will be the first step toward the development of this fine ski ground. At the present time and perhaps for several years, we will have to be content with what is on the program for development, by the Forest Service. But no area as fine as the Sisters is going to lay dormant forever and some time

this organization will see a way in which to make it possible for all who ski, to enjoy and thrill to the slopes and scenery this locality offers.

CHATTER

Unbecoming to an Obsidian—who has never attended a glorious Obsidian Outing—to suggest discontinuing a Summer Camp!

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—Did you know that YOU were leading a trip. Check your schedules and if it is your trip, see that it is posted on the Bulletin Board.

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—Did you know that boiled eggs should be eaten, and not thrown!

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—When signing up for your next trip—don't forget to jot down your telephone number,—and designate if you wish transportation or if you have room for another enthusiast.

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—Have you noticed the OBSIDIAN ski signs on the trail into Sunshine—put up by the club two years ago?

CUMMINGS POINT

The trip to Cummings Point which is in the coast range should appeal to those who are looking for a new place to explore. The leaders plan to take the party to Rainrock, (on the Florence highway) then up the highway which follows the little creek flowing from the north, on the right side of the highway.

This will bring the party to the headwaters of Indian Creek and across the summit of the Coast Range. It is near this summit where the cars will be parked and the trip to Cummings Point will be made by good Forest Service Trail. The return trip is planned to proceed down Ten Mile creek to the Coast Highway and then to Florence and home.

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**SOFTBALL AND PICNIC
DINNER**

A picnic was held Wednesday, May 17th, at Swimmer's Delight. Softball was played before the picnic lunch and the rest of the evening spent around the Campfire discussing Summer Camp plans. About 40 members attended.

SHORT HIKE

June 4—Cap Hagan look-out trip to be taken June 4th is an interesting climb, and Alvine and Thelma promise a real old Obsidian trip.

This is one of the shorter trips, leaving the cars at the Stockade and taking the trail from there.

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PRINCESSES TO ENTERTAIN CHIEFS

Obsidian Princesses will entertain the Chiefs at a picnic June 13th. Elizabeth Gullion has invited the group to her home on Franklin boulevard. Active outdoor games will be played.

CHAMPION MINES VISITED

An ideal late spring ski trip was taken by a party of eight, on April 16th to the Champion Mines, in the Bohemia Mountains.

Bill McCracken was leader of the trip and the party arrived at the old Champion boarding house by ten thirty. Cars were driven to Swift Creek, so a short trip was enjoyed.

Those attending the 1937 "Winter Outing" will remember the swell rides on the slalom course and the steep rides back of the mine buildings.

Those on the trip were: Anne Brenner, Bailey Castelloe, Glen Sims, Lt. Jones, Al Hoffman, Al Lynch, Ray Sims and Bill McCracken.

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SUNSHINE CAMP SKI TRIP

The annual "May" ski trip to Camp Sunshine was taken Sunday, May 21st, by nineteen Obsidians, under the leadership of Wallace Clark.

The day was stormy and snow fell to the depth of three inches at the Sunshine shelter while the party was there. This new snow made skiing all the better, as it resembled the "powder" variety.

As "Killer" was the leader, he demonstrated the technique that won him several medals and glory for the Obsidian Club, this past winter, by going straight over the Obsidian Cliffs, near Prouty's tomb, and making a beautiful ride ending at the shelter. Bryan Ryan also made this ride.

This "annual" spring ski trip has been taken by the Obsidian club every May since 1934. Altho in 1934 the trip was taken in March, as there was a very light snowfall that winter. Ed Johnson (Chief Skyhook) was the leader and there were 16 members of the party.

Sunday's trip had probably the best snow conditions of any of the previous years, as everyone pronounced it "perfect".

Those on the trip, Wallace Clark, Bryan Ryan, Tony Vogel, Miner Hamlin, Al Lynch, Bill Sipe, Sidney Ingram, Hale Thompson, Bill Peltier, Bob Swennes, Norman Lee, Ed O'Reilly, Jim Draper, Blanche Osborn, Eileen Baker, Ruth Carlsen, Doris Sims, Jean Taylor and Ray Sims.

Anyone interested in climbing Mt. Hood the weekend of the Rose Festival, June 7, 8, 9, 10, please sign at Hendershott's. It is planned to climb early in the morning and watch the tournament in the afternoon.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET

On April 12th, The Board of the Obsidians met at Harold Trotter's. Reports were given by the various committees and bills presented for payment. A new Junior member, Sidney Ingram was accepted, making our 25th Junior Member. The Outing committee on the response to the questionnaire sent out on Summer Camp and tentative plans were discussed for the summer outing at Jefferson Park.

All Board members were present at the May meeting held at the home of Minnie McCracken. Four new members were accepted: Sterling and Oneita Behnk, Stella Nee and Bob Swennes. Louis Waldorf reported on a recent Scouting trip taken with Forestry officials. A good area adjacent to Odell Lake was found which would be adequate for snow sports. Eileen Baker reported that a Potluck Dinner would be held and suggested a night climb of Spencer's Butte and a bicycle trip, in the near future.

Paul Lafferty's motion on the 3-Sisters Area was passed by the board. The motion was stated that "The Obsidian Club endorse the McKenzie and 3-Sisters Area as the logical ski ground to be developed for this community".



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