



# The OBSIDIAN



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## Annual Meeting At Anchorage Tuesday, October 3

The annual business meeting of the Obsidians Inc., will be held on Tuesday, October 3, at The ANCHORAGE, instead of the River Road Community House as previously announced.

A fried chicken dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., price 65c. It is necessary that reservations be made by all those planning to attend by October 2nd. Make reservations by calling Florence Sims, phone 3051-W.

The program of the evening will include:

1. Election of Directors for the 1940 Board. A list of eighteen members has been selected by the nominating committee as follows:

Margaret Thompson, Margaret Norton, Blanche Osborn, Helen Smith, Miriam Yoder, Marian Hayes. Hugh Currin, V. J. Gillespie, O. R. Gullion, Joe Heidenreich, Dorr Hamlin, Norman Lee, Henry Norton, Harold Trotter, Don Umphreys, J. W. McCracken, Bob Wilson and Paul Wiser.

A choice of six men and three women will be made by vote of the members from this list. Only those who have paid their dues for the coming year will be eligible to vote at this time. Secretary, Minnie McCracken will accept payment of dues before the business meeting comes to order. All members are urged to be present at this meeting, as there are several more issues of importance to be discussed.

1. The annual Picture Contest, with Elizabeth Gullion in charge. This will be a featured part of

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### HAND LAKE SKI AREA

Heeding the call of the forest service to come up to Hand Lake and use their axes and saws, sixteen Obsidians and five Ski Laufers spent a day of clearing two long ski runs for the first work trip of the 1939 season Sunday, September 17.

Ray Ingals was the "boss" in charge and many a tree will be missing when the snow piles up at Hand Lake this winter.

The forest service is also building a shelter at the foot of one of the runs and is just starting to make this a real ski area for Eugene and vicinity. Let's all help when we can.

Those on Sunday's trip: Louis Waldorf, Percy Brown, Dorr Hamlin, Stella Nee, Mr. and Mrs. McKee, Harold Trotter, Bob Swenes, Wallace Clark, Bryan Ryan, Walter Gilbert, Bill Parrish, Ray Sims, Bill Peltier, Leo Paschelke, Ray Ingalls, Guy Wright, Dr. Chas. Donahue, Thelmer Nelson and Norwald Nelson.

### Fishes, Falls, Fascinate Few

A small party had a good trip up into the North Umpqua country Sunday, September 10. Present were: Harold Trotter, Bill Parrish, Tony Vogel, and they were met in Roseburg by Carmel Newland and her parents. They drove up the North Umpqua and stopped first at Little River. This river was mentioned in Ripley's Believe It or Not because these two rivers meet head on. Next

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### PICTURE TAKERS TAKE HEED!

The Annual Meeting with its picture contest is now all too close at hand—Tuesday, October 3rd, at "The Anchorage."

Those who are not prepared, better delve into their negative files and make or have made enlargements of their better prints. The more pictures the more fun!

This year again there will be two main classifications: Pictures taken of Official Club Trips and those taken of Non-Club Trips. The sub-classifications under the two divisions will be:

A—Mountain Landscapes: e.g.

Trees, waterfalls, lakes, glaciers, etc.

B—Human Interest: e.g. People at camp, on climbs, hikes or ski trips.

C—Skiing: e.g. Snow pictures rather than the skiers technical skill.

A classification has not been made for mountain wild flowers in competition, but it is hoped that there will be several exhibits in this line.

Only members of the Obsidian club are eligible to compete. Pictures should not be smaller than 5x7 and light colored mounts are recommended.

Colored pictures may be shown for exhibition purposes only. On the back of each picture must be written three things:

The class in which the picture is entered.

The title of the picture.

Competitors name.

There will be two prizes in each

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## Chiefs' Initiation At Obsidian Cabin October 7-8

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**CLUB ACTIVITIES**

*By Louis Waldorf*

The prospects of fine Fall weather bring increased interest in the club's activities. It is the most beautiful time of year for hikes and climbs of the lesser peaks. There was a good turn-out of Obsidians for the work trip at Hand Lake. These trips are just as much fun as other trips, besides the satisfaction of the good accomplished. It also shows an early interest in skiing for next Winter. There will be other work trips, with probably one at the cabins.

Come out and enjoy these trips and do your part. The more members there are on a trip the more pleasure for all. A fine bunch of new members, both junior and senior, have been accepted this summer. "Let's all get together."

There will be special entertainments arranged by the entertainment committee. Watch the bulletin board and papers for announcements.

**Fishes, Falls Fascinate Few**

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they stopped at some 25-foot falls which had a deep pool at the bottom, complete with steelhead fishes.

After admiring the falls and attempting to catch an 8-10 lb. fish in their hands the group hiked a mile up the river and then drove back to a forest service shelter, had lunch, and then went fishing again with better luck.

**FEDERATION DELEGATES**

*J. D. Hamlin*

I am a delegate from the Obsidians, (but by no means a delegate at large) as I was accompanied by Mrs. J. D. Hamlin, Olga Mortensen of Eugene, and Otto Bowman, delegate from the Chemeke-tans of Salem; attended the Federation Meeting of Outdoor Clubs.

We left Eugene Friday, p.m. September 1, and motored to Clair Tappan Lodge of the Sierra Club at Donner Pass west of Lake Tahoe, going via Lakeview and Reno. We arrived at the Lodge at 6 p.m. September 2. Lunch was served and a very fine program was given that evening.

Sunday morning we were up at 7 a.m. for breakfast and a meeting of delegates from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m., when all went one a hike, some to climb rocks, and others on a tree and flower trip. Most of the delegates made a hike to Peter Grub Ski Cabin to dedicate it. We were back to the lodge at 3 p.m. for another meeting and big bonfire and evening program in the mountains, also moving pictures at the lodge later on.

Monday morning was the last business meeting when the delegates finished up the Federation business with the election of officers for the next year as follows:

President of Federation:  
Fairman B. Lee

Vice-President for Oregon:  
Louis Waldorf

Vice-Pres. for Washington:  
Aaron Glasgow

Vice-President for California:  
Phil Bernays

Secretary-Treasurer:  
Martha Doray

After this meeting seven autos left at once for Yosemite Park via Lake Tahoe, Mona Lake, and Tioga Pass, 9941 feet high. We arrived at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge about 8 p.m. Tuesday and a part of Wednesday was spent exploring Yosemite Park. The caravan was led by Arthur Blake, president of the Federation, and

C. A. Caldwell, superintendent of the park.

After leaving the park we spent two days at the San Francisco fair and came home via Redwood Highway.

**Many Ponies Has Princess Meet**

Elizabeth "Many Ponies" Gullion had the princesses for the September meeting, when initiation "dope" was "brewed" for the benefit of several candidates, namely Celeste Campbell, Jean Randolph, Mary Gillespie, Stella Nee, Jean Taylor; this was also the meeting when the officers all "move up a notch". Elizabeth retired as president, after being thanked by the group for her leadership of a most successful and interesting year.

Margaret Thompson, "Red Feather", became president; Nellie Moore "Lightning", gave up her minute book to Thelma "Pine Tree" Watson, making Thelma secretary-treasurer, and Nellie vice-president. Now if Lightning should strike Pine Tree, and Red Feather get scared and fly away, the princesses would have to get some new officers.

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## Princesses, Chiefs Eat at Hendricks Park

The August meeting date saw the princesses inviting the chiefs to dine at Hendricks park shelter. It was the first time the Obsidians have used the shelter. We found it very pleasant — a beautiful view — but who ever boiled coffee on a sunset? When we tried to start a fire, it quickly developed that Santa Claus has not supplied us with any wood. It was necessary to wander afield, picking up stray boards and branches and even pine cones. Ruth Carlson gallantly went home and returned with some good dry planer ends, and all was well again.

Twenty-one people showed up, and while some had to eat with spoons, there was a banquet of food, and mighty good, too. Florence and Glen Sims treated us all to ice cream, and announced their second wedding anniversary. As it became dark, someone brought out candles, and by candle and fire light the bunch sat around talking mountain talk till late.

## ANNUAL MEETING

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the program, with prizes awarded for various divisions.

3. Professor Sipe and Mr. Boles have consented to show their color slides taken during this past summer. These are exceptionally fine pictures and were greatly enjoyed by those who have already seen them. Professor Sipe will speak about Alpine flora in connection with his slides.

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## THUNDERING HERD TERRIFIES CLIMBERS

(It's not the climb, it's the congestion)

By Norman "Mountaineer" Lee

In the first place I merely went along for the ride; of course we knew there was swimming, and being nice, clean kids of course that offered a certain appeal. Arriving at Big Lake we must needs untangle ourselves from a Mazama encampment and so to bed. At some senselessly early hour in the morning some bestricken soul cried that it was time to climb Washington and accordingly roused us out. Thinking it was perhaps some manner of jest, I followed the group of at-that-time normal individuals, namely: Tony Vogel, Carmel Newland, Howard Hall, Bill Graham, Blanche Osborn, Ruth Carlson, Eileen Baker, Jean Taylor, Bryan Ryan, John Skillern, E. A. Britten, as they crossed the meadows and traversed the ridges.

Suddenly we came upon a tower of the rottenest looking rocks I have ever laid eyes upon and when I was told that it was Breccia I could readily see how you could easily breccia neck if you trusted it for hand or foot hold. Our leader, Vogel and Ryan, of Jefferson fame, carried ropes up one of the faces of the pinnacle and the more talk there was of safety ropes, belaying, and hand ropes the more I began to feel like a brave mountaineer.

Then it happened — scores of people appeared — right, left, above, below — the rocks cannoning and volleying, people rushing by me as I pressed back against the precipice—Mazamas! I became suddenly assailed with dread that there was not room for me on the mountain—that all this mass of sons in breeches would push me from its side. At night I wake with a start and think of it.

In conclusion: Jefferson is a nice, friendly hike, "Jack" a gentlemanly before-breakfast jaunt,

but until the congested conditions on Washington are cared for by proper lights and traffic control, I'm staying home.

## NORTH SISTER

The annual climb of the North Sister was again August 27th, with sixteen in the party led by Ray Sims and Bob Wilson. Seven hours were taken in the ascent, but a good warm day, caused the party to spend more than an hour at the top.

On the descent, upon reaching the outer edges of Collier Glacier, a thick bank of fog was encountered and with the swelled glacial streams, a different country appeared. Sterling Behnke's and Ray Sims' faithful compasses led the party safely to Sunshine camp.

Those in the party: Wayne Bailey, Hazen Olsen, Russ Terry, Bud Ash, Jean Randolph, Gail Hollingsworth, Jim Fletcher, Robert Lemon, Celeste Campbell, Bob Swenes, Sterling Behnke, Stella Nee, Delbert French, Robert Wilson, Glen Sims and Ray Sims.

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# Summer Camp at Jefferson Park Proves Exciting

The twelfth annual Obsidian summer camp opened in Jefferson Park, the Wilderness area around Mt. Jefferson, Sunday, August 6, for one week, with 17 members in camp.

The outing committee composed of Paul Lafferty, Ray Sims and Tony Vogel assisted by all members, set up camp just north of the 1935 campsite. It was ideally located on a clear mountain stream and in full view of the majestic Mt. Jefferson.

On Monday an attempted climb of the mountain was made by way of Whitewater Glacier by Tony Vogel, Bryan Ryan and Jean Taylor. The other members of camp did not become uneasy of their whereabouts until darkness fell. But then knowing how Mt. Jefferson has treated some of her climbers, the camp did get uneasy.

About nine o'clock a search committee was made up of Hugh Currin, Bill McCracken, Elmer McBee, Louis Waldorf, Walter Gilbert and Ray Sims. The committee was to get a little sleep and leave soon after midnight for the mountain top. But even more anxiety reigned as the members of camp saw a dim light coming down Whitewater Glacier easily three hours away.

The committee immediately put on full packs and started to meet them, which two of the party, Bill McCracken and Ray Sims did at eleven o'clock. The climbers were plenty tired, and it took another hour to reach camp. Campfire signals were built and the other searchers were summoned back. Nineteen hours on the mountain and then not reaching the summit is not very fortunate, but an experience.

The knowledge gained at this

time changed the plans of the regular scheduled climb on Tuesday, to a trip around the west side of the mountain to Hunts Cove. So on Tuesday afternoon, Eileen Baker, Doris Sims, Elmer McBee, Bill McCracken and Ray Sims left on the eleven mile trail to the base camp above Hunts Cove on the South side.

The climb to the summit was made in eight hours and it was then decided to circle the mountain. (This was a real undertaking, but the party didn't know it). So instead of going back to Jefferson Park by trail, they chose the moraines of the east side. Time grew short that afternoon and the party was forced to go down to the timber.

Sleeping out another night was no calamity, as all had sleeping bags with them, but running short of FOOD was. Because just cold water and huckleberries are not a very substantial diet.

However, by midafternoon of the third day, the party surprised the remaining members of camp by returning by way of the East end of Jefferson Park, tired, but not too much that two or three days of rest will not overcome.

Half day trips were taken to many different sections of this endless park which abound in beautiful mountain flowers and many mountain lakes.

Mrs. Rumford prepared the fine meals again this year as she did at Green Lakes in 1937.

Friday was "just a day in camp" and the afternoon was spent in honoring Louis Waldorf with a "gala affair" know as "The Presidents Tea".

Also on Friday came the picture taking Don Umphrey and Ray Boals, accompanied by Roy Boals and Mr. McCoy. Mr. Boals

and Professor Sipe have taken some wonderful all color still pictures, which some of us have seen, and they will be shown again at the Annual Meeting. Mertie Hamlin, Helen Smith and Hugh Currie were the guides for the picture taking.

Friday night another group, not schooled in the lazy ways of camp life, hurried in, ate a bite, and without sleep, were off for the top of the mountain. This party consisted of Paul Lafferty, Blanche Osborn, Ruth Carlson, Henry Norton, Norman Lee, Wallace Clark, John Skillern, Gerald Johnson and Harold Johnson.

Paul Lafferty leader, was assisted by Henry Norton and the summit was reached without difficulty in nine hours.

Sunday was the breakup of camp and all returned to Eugene with many golden memories of camp life, and many experiences and knowledge of Mt. Jefferson for this mountain-loving group.

## Picture Takers Take Heed!

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classification and a Grand Prize.

The pictures must be in the hands of the Photographic Committee not later than the evening of Monday, October 2nd. Elizabeth Gullion, 875 Miner Building or 1355 Walnut.

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