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## Obsidians Will Trek To Wallowas August 4 to 18

By Ray Sims



Mt. Hood, pictured above, was the scene of the Far West Kandahar tournament, which was attended by several members of the Obsidian club. The meet was held the past week-end.

### "Adagio" Party Is April Event

Red-checked tablecloths, decorated with candles stuck in bottles and appropriate drawings on the wall will help provide atmosphere for the "adagio" party to be held by the Obsidian club Saturday night, April 20, at the new cabins. In keeping with the theme of the evening guests will wear skirts and slacks, and berets.

Eileen Baker, general chairman, will be assisted by Margaret

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### CALENDAR

Apr. 9—Princess meeting.....	1243 High
Apr. 10—Board meeting.....	
Apr. 11—Dancing.....	Del Rey
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Apr. 18—Dancing.....	Del Rey
Apr. 20-21—Adagio party.....	Cabins
Apr. 25—Dancing.....	Del Rey
Apr. 28—Mt. Nebo.....	Via Wendling
May 2—Dancing.....	Del Rey
May 5—Castle Rock.....	McKenzie
May 9—Dancing.....	Del Rey
May 12—Sunshine Shelter.....	McKenzie
May 14—Princess meeting.....	
May 15—Board meeting.....	
May 16—Dancing.....	Del Rey
May 19—Silver Creek Falls.....	
May 23—Dancing.....	Del Rey
May 26—Scavenger Hunt.....	Coast

Hello Vacationists! Did you know that this is the time of year to plan your vacation? Well, it is time you are all thinking of those Wallowa mountains during the first two weeks of August.

The camp committee was very fortunate in having Charles A. Oswald, of the Lazy T Ranch of Joseph, whose ranch borders the famed Wallowa Lake, visit them in Eugene last week and lay plans for packing. Besides packing, Mr. Oswald has fine riding horses, so one may ride in to camp if they do not want to hike.

The club has a fine record in the Wallowa mountains as having had one of their very best summer camps in that area in 1936. At that time Horseshoe Lake was the campsite and without doubt it will again be the 1940 site. Mr. Hamilton was then the packer, and communication has also been made with him as to packing.

The campsite at Horseshoe Lake is one of the most ideal of any site yet chosen in the twelve years of the club's summer camps. Camped right at the edge of this large mountain lake, with good spring water, large smooth rocks for swimmers, a baseball ground and that high mountain air. What more could you want? And good fishing also.

And too, there are mountains that one may climb. Or just stroll down Hurricane canyon through green meadows to get at the base of that unclimbable Matterhorn (from that side). The Matter-

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**SPRING IS HERE**

Three members of the Obsidian club, Mr. and Mrs. Doran McKee and Bertha Deckmann, made their first climb of Spencer Butte March 31. Although the day was rather cloudy, with occasional showers, the group missed most of the rain and report that they had a good view of the surrounding country from the top. Those making the trip, besides the McKees and Bertha Deckmann, were Myrtie Hamlin, Thelma Watson and Olga Mortensen. After the climb, the McKees took several of the group for a drive up the McKenzie beyond McKenzie Bridge.

**Work Trip Will Be Held On April 14, 21**

Two work trips to move equipment from the old cabins and repair and enlarge the new Obsidian headquarters at Belknap CCC camp have been scheduled for April 14 and 21 by the cabin committee. According to Dorr Hamlin, chairman of the committee, the new cabin needs new wall-board, painting and other work on the interior, while a small kitchen will be added to the building. Work will be done only on the one cabin, but the dormitories and kitchen and dining-room, where the New Year's party was held, will still be available for other Obsidian parties.

**Wenatchee Ski Club Is Described**

*By Bertha Deckmann*

(Editor's note: Miss Deckmann is one of the newer members of the Obsidian club, having joined last fall. She was formerly a member of the Wenatchee Valley Ski club, and here describes some of the features of this organization.)

A growing interest in recreational skiing throughout North Central Washington culminated in the formation of the Wenatchee Valley Ski club early in the winter of 1936.

With the leadership of Walter Anderson, pioneer of the movement and member of the Wenatchee national forest staff, the first meeting resulted in the attendance of 30 skiing enthusiasts. This number steadily increased until the year 1939 found the club with a membership of 150 skiers.

The main objectives of the organization were: to get members out skiing and provide instruction; to promote skiing generally and as a spectator sport each winter; to encourage merchants to handle proper equipment; to develop skiing facilities.

The club sponsored and brought to Wenatchee such instructors as Olaf Ulland. The veteran members of the club were always available and willing to assist the inexperienced.

The Pacific Northwest jumping championships are held each winter at Leavenworth, Washington, which is located 25 miles northwest of Wenatchee.

The Wenatchee and Everett chambers of commerce with the assistance of the Wenatchee Ski club joined in buying a tract of land of about 100 acres of ideal skiing terrain for the forest service.

**Wallowas, August 4-18**

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horn is made up of pure white rock, and over 10,000 foot high too. So of course we will climb it.

August 4th to 18th is the date, So Plan On It.

Watch for the Prospectus in next issue.

**HAVE YOU SEEN?**

A complete set of bearings lost by mountaineers Paul and Henry, somewhere on the bewilderment of a Spencer Butte climb!

Norman Lee's embroidery work on his Obsidian emblem—by his own little hands—it seems he lost a bet to Judy—.

"Killer" Clark and his new Finnish Waxes. He thought they were used to give the Russ a waxing. Being an authority on waxes he is positive they can lose as much as 2 to 6 places in tournaments!

Harold Trotter in his shop, saying colorful things about some of the goofy boots he has to adapt to rental skis!

Tony Vogel's epiglottus vibrate when he yodels?

**First Aid Classes**

Of interest to many Obsidians are the first aid classes sponsored by the Lane county chapter of the American Red Cross and held each Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Fenton hall on the campus. Everett Burden is the instructor.

Bailey and a friend were talking. The conversation drifted from politics and finally got around to cooking.

Bailey: "I got one of them cookery books once, but I could do nothing with it."

Friend: "Too much fancy work in it, eh?"

Bailey: "You've said it! Every one of them recipes began the same way: 'Take a clean dish . . ' and that settled me."

Dr. Gullion scanned the menu card with a hopeless air. "You may bring a dozen fried oysters," he said at last.

"Ise awfully sorry, boss," the colored waiter apologized. "But de fact is, we's outer all shellfish 'ceptin aigs."

Mrs. Marge Thayer Miller is living in Salt Lake City where her husband is connected with KSL.

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## McCracken's Winter Outing

At 2 P. M. February 15th we left Eugene bound for five glorious weeks of skiing and more skiing. We found the trip to Sun Valley an easy day and a half journey via the Santiam Pass and Burns.

After 15 days we left the Skiers Paradise thoroughly convinced it was all everybody claims for it. We did encounter some most peculiar weather there. One night the thermometer registered 19° below zero and two days later it was raining. However the slush and rain only lasted a couple of days and then lovely new powder snow again.

Our first stop after Sun Valley was Anthony Lakes, located east of Baker, Oregon, in the Big Horn Mts. Before leaving several of the boys had asked me to investigate this area with the possibility of holding our next year's winter outing there. Their hunch was 100% correct. The floor of the lake is 7200' elevation with fine slopes running up another 1800', lightly timbered but with plenty of area to ski on. From these slopes the Wallowa Range laid before us, one of the most beautiful winter scenes we have had the pleasure of seeing. The temperature that evening was 6° above. There was 5' of snow on the level with 6" of new powder. As perfect a carpet as you ever laid a ski on.

Forest Service have approved a lodge similar to that at Hoodoo and it will be constructed this coming summer. Mr. Harold Lee in charge of the resort is well known to many of our club members. He is an old time Norwegian

Skier who travelled for many years for Beebe and the Northland Ski Company. The area is being developed under his supervision and his past experiences makes him well qualified for the job.

After a pleasant two days we continued our journey to Mt. Hood. There we found the poorest ski conditions of our whole trip, as a result after a short stay we again packed our sleeping bags and struck out. Our next stop was Austin Pass on the N.E. side of Mt. Baker. After eight days skiing on Panaram and Table Mt. during which time it stormed almost continually (Mt. Baker is famous for that kind of weather) we got in our flivver and started for our final destination, the grand climax of our trip, a glorious week at the Obsidian Outing with our boys and our friends.

Maybe you don't think it was a treat to us after four weeks among strangers to sit around Hoodoo Lodge Sunday afternoon and every few minutes see an old friend come in and drop his duffle bag.

## SMORGASBORD

Obsidians and their friends, about 110 in all, feasted on Scandinavian dishes and enjoyed an evening of dancing and singing at the annual smorgasbord, held early in March at St. Mary's Episcopal parish hall. After the dinner, Bob Wilson led the singing. Features of the evening were a group of Scandinavian folk dances in costume and a solo dance by Helen Smith.

The February party was a pot-luck dinner and dance at the W. O. W. hall.

## We Dance On Thursday

Everyone who believes that "variety is the spice of life" will be interested in the Thursday night dancing classes, now being held above the Del Rey Cafe, through the courtesy of Mrs. Sterling Behnke.

Chester Pietka with his accordeon and Doran McKee with his violin are hard to beat for good schottische, polka, and modern dance tunes.

The Obsidians are using the fifteen cent admission fee to buy a fine electric victrola with adequate controls and volume to assure a good time at any party.

## Obsidians Offer Aid in Search

Word that the Obsidians were ready to send money or men to assist in the search for the two mountain climbers lost on Mt. Hood were sent to Ray Conway of the Portland AAA office by Dorr Hamlin last week, before searchers found the body of Gerald Herrmann. The offer still stands in case of future emergencies.

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Norton, refreshments; Florence Sims, decorations; Bob Wilson, music; Bertha Deckman, games; and Roland Burghardt, master of ceremonies. Chester Pietka will play the accordion. The evening's program will include dancing, singing, table games and a feature dance. The new song books will be used for the first time.



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## Eugene Skiers Find Thrills, Fun at Idaho Resort (By Eileen Baker)

Rolling hills of snow shimmered in the light of a full moon, and countless lights twinkled as Sun Valley village loomed in view. A winding birch-lined drive led our car to Challenger Inn, which was to be home for us, Eleanor Stevenson, Nancy Lee, Blanche Osborn and Eileen Baker, for the seven days to follow.

Ski thrills began on Dollar Mountain, which was the most popular with instructors, and our party for the first two days. From here our skiing experience was extended to Proctor, Ruud, and Baldy mountains. We found the bus service to be very convenient, as we could take a bus to any of the lifts; and they were run continuously in intervals of five to ten minutes.

On March 22, 23, and 24, the National and Harriman downhill and slalom races and jumping, were run. Dick Durrance won first place, thereby obtaining permanent possession of the Harriman Cup trophy.

Favorite rendezvous after skiing for jovial singing, dancing and merry-making, was the "Ram". A bass fiddle, accordion and trombone furnished the tempo, with a few yodels. The Duchin Room in Sun Valley lodge, with swing orchestra and a modern

touch, furnished the more sophisticated setting.

Added to these attractions are, the Opera House; game room, where ski movies are frequently shown; hot swimming pools; the skating rink; and sun shine—put them all together and you have a perfect vacation for any skier!

## Sunshine, Snow, Make Winter Outing Success

A hot sun on bright snow fields sent some thirty Obsidians home from the recent winter outing at Hoodoo Butte looking like a tribe of redskins.

Blue skies, snow peaked Mt. Washington in the foreground, and a ski-tow competed with a fine lodge and good food to make the outing a real success.

A resume of activities for the week would show a good deal of real skiing, some hiking, dancing, reading, resting, letter-writing, card games, sunburn treatment, taping of blisters, much eating and some sleeping.

The lodge itself is an attractive and comfortable place to stay. Situated about a mile from the ski bowl, it is near small hills and practice slopes. In the expanse of the ski bowl there is opportunity for experts and beginners to spread out and find the type of skiing they prefer. Ed Thurston's 600 foot ski tow was very popular with everyone.

One group of hardy souls lead by Bryan Ryan made a trip in to Mt. Jefferson and came back in time for lunch, very hungry.

James Nielsen, accordianist, was at the entire outing to play polkas, schottisches, etc., for those who hadn't worn themselves out in the ski-bowl.

The editor was especially satisfied, that for once she found snow upon which the sitzmark made no impression, and not once did she hear "Fill up that bathtub!"

## New Song Books Ready For Party

A collection of well-known American songs and Obsidian favorites are being compiled in a song book to be used for the first time at the Obsidian party April 20. Dr. O. R. Gullion bought 50 Rotary song books, to which have been added the Obsidian songs. Complete with a new cover, these books will be distributed at parties, while 50 more books, without the Rotary songs, will be on sale to Obsidian club members.

## Friendly Gathering at Princess Meet

The Princesses greatly enjoyed an informal get-together, with very little business but lots of conversation, as their March meeting at the home of Thelma Watson, club secretary, with Jean Randolph as co-hostess. The hostel movement, coming social events, plans for club development, all came in for discussion, with no formal program to "cramp" the princesses' style. The last and most important subject considered was Thelma's and Jean's St. Patrick's day-colored ice cream, cake, and punch.

Miriam Yoder invited the girls to her home, with Elsie Dotson as co-hostess, for April 9.

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