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Coming Trips Cast Their Shadow Before

June 9—Gold Hill—Up there in the historic old mining country where the pioneers took out millions of dollars and lived high. Later on there will be huckleberries and it will be HOT, but in June the weather is perfect, the scenery and history likewise. And suppose you found a NUGGET!

June 16—Lake Valley—We don't know anything about Lake valley, but presumably there are lakes in it. Where there's lakes there's always the chance to pull off your boots and go wading. Minnie McCracken and Bailey Castelloe are leaders.

June 23—Horsepasture mountain—where the consarned Indians used to take their stolen quadrupeds, to the confusion and exasperation of our forefathers. You climb up and up through the woods, and suddenly come out into the sky, with an immense pasture crowning the top of the mountain, all very dramatic.

June 30—Sims Butte—We'll bet a lot of people won't be satisfied with this short climb, but will yield to temptation, but, then, how many know where Spring Lake is located, anyway? Leaders—G. Sims and F. Sims.

Final Plans Announced For Summer Camp

It's here again—the time to think and plan summer camp. Two weeks with no jangling telephones to answer, no time-clocks to punch, and nothing to get you up but your appetite. From here go to page four for the answer to all your vacation questions.

Ski Enthusiasts Have Last Trip of Season

Skiing and sunburn, to say nothing of a climb of the Middle Sister, made the annual skiptrip to Sunshine Shelter a memorable event for the 12 Obsidians who made the trip. The group left Frog camp about 4:15 a. m., and found the skiing in to Sunshine Shelter excellent. They arrived at Sunshine at 7:30 and started the climb of the Middle Sister—not originally scheduled for the trip—at 8:15 a.m. Most of the group reached the summit about 1:30 p. m., although several members of the party were on top by 12:30.

Those making the trip were Alvin Lynch, leader, Blanche Osburn, Eileen Baker, Glen Sims, Al Hoffman, Sterling Behnke, Chester Otterness, Tony Vogel, Bryan Ryan, Gerald Johnson, Harold Johnson and John Skillern.

Picnic To Be Social Event For June

The social committee has announced a picnic and roller skating party for the social meeting in June. The date will be announced later. Bertha Deckmann is general chairman.

Visit Mt. Hood

Dr. and Mrs. Norman Lee, Miss Eleanor Stevenson and Miss Nancy Lee left Thursday evening, May 30, for Mt. Hood, where they spent the weekend, returning Monday. Dr. and Mrs. Lee went as far as Crater Rock and spent the time skiing. Miss Stevenson and Miss Lee joined a party climbing the mountain.

Work on New Cabin Mean Completion

The week-end of April 20-21 was a busy one for Obsidians. After playing hard at the Adagio party, they were "up and at it" early next morning.

The old cabins were stripped of stoves, windows, gas lighting system, doors, tiling, loose lumber, and piano.

Much credit is due to Leo Paschelke for bringing his truck from Marcola and making the two trips necessary to move these effects.

A lean-to addition was put on to the original cabin at Belknap to serve as a kitchen; and considerable cleaning up and painting was done throughout the interior.

The ladies powder room was moved from the old site to the new cabin and pronounced in working order.

The ladies were proved to be good carpenters. They were on the roof putting on shingles and most of the time hitting the nail on the head.

Prof Sipe Talks On Oregon Wild Flowers

A study of the wild flowers of Oregon will be one of the summer activities of the Obsidian club. A group of about 18 members met at the Del Rey cafe last Thursday evening to hear Prof. F. E. Sipe give an informal talk on flowers. Members brought flowers to be identified. Dancing followed the meeting. The present plan is to have meeting each Thursday evening at the Del Rey for the study of flowers, and for dancing and singing.

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Advice to Tenderfeet

Tenderfoots will have their annual chance to harden up the little tootsies, come July, on the long, long slopes of the Middle or the even longer slopes of the South Sisters. Neither the exact date nor the mountain has been decided on as yet, but it's not too soon to begin thinking about equipment, and taking short weekend climbs in preparation.

Tenderfoot climbs are always a lot of fun—new contacts, new people, the delight of discovering the Big Mountains and being able to call yourself a "mountain climber" and talk about crevasse and bergsunds and moraines.

The local walks committee wants us to state, in the strongest possible terms, that absolutely no one will be allowed to climb in tennis shoes. Hobnailed boots are ESSENTIAL.

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Mt. Nebo Lures Climbers

The morning of April 28 looked cold and rainy, but turned out to be very pleasant, as Obsidians left their cars on the saddle of Mt. Nebo in the Wendling area.

The group hiked up the road to the lookout station, and then followed a faint trail to the highest point of rock, where every one "signed the book and took a look." They returned to the lookout cabin for lunch.

Those making the trip were leader Vincent Gillespie, Alvin Lynch, Brian Gillespie, Mary Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Don Umphrey, R. B. Boals, M. B. Castelloe, Bertha Deckmann, Ray Sims, Doris Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Doran McKee, Nellie Moore, Myrtie Hamlin and Hugh Currin.

Castle Rock Scaled

Doran and Bertie McKee recently led a successful nine mile hike to Castle Rock. They report that the trail was in good condition except in the logging area. Light showers failed to dampen the spirit of the following: Nellie Moore, Myrtie Hamlin, Al Hoffman, Hazel Northrop, R. B. Boals, O. R. Gullion, Ray Sims, Doris Sims, V. J. Gillespie, Mary Gillespie, Brian Gillespie, Marge and Don Umphrey, F. F. Northrop, Bobby Northrop, Alvin Lynch and Bertha Deckmann.

Visit Coburg Hills

One of the first trips of the season following the winter's skiing was the visit to the Coburg hills in early April. About eight Obsidians, led by Helen Smith, left Eugene Sunday morning, and reached the top of the hills about 1 o'clock. The weather was typically April — wind, sunshine, and a few showers. Interesting cloud effects made the view from the top a beautiful one. The group found wild flowers of all kinds growing in the grassy hillside meadows and in the woods.

Adagio Party Held At New Cabins

Obsidians had an evening of dancing, singing and a general good time in late April, when the entertainment committee planned a party at the Belknap cabins. The "adagio" theme was carried out in the red checked tablecloths, and in the pictures decorating the walls.

Chester Pietka played the accordion and Bob Wilson led the singing. At refreshment time, Bertha Deckmann was presented with a birthday cake in honor of her birthday.

Silver Creek Falls Visited In May

One of western Oregon's most beautiful scenic spots, Silver Creek Falls state park, was the destination of the May 26 trip. About 27 Obsidians were on the trip. After the hike through the park, where camera enthusiasts took pictures of the falls, the group returned to the picnic grounds for lunch.

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Over Night Trip Held At Forest Camp on Coast

To Sutton Lake forest camp, near Florence, went about 35 Obsidians for a week-end May 25 and 26. Most of the party spent the night at the forest camp. Sunday morning, Sterling Behnke led a trip part of the way up Cape Mountain, to a spot which afforded a beautiful view of the ocean. After a potluck dinner at the forest camp, the afternoon was spent at the beach.

Miriam Yoder was surprised at the dinner with a cake in honor of her birthday.

A feature of the trip was the scavenger hunt with Miner Hamlin in charge. Glen and Florence Sims won first prize, and Dorr and Myrtie Hamlin, second prize. Articles to be collected for the hunt ranged all the way from one of Bailey's tree-squeaks—nobody could find any of those—to a Japanese float, one of which Mrs. Sims found.

Except for wind on the coast, the weather was perfect. Many of the party stopped for the rhododendron festival at Florence.

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Here And There

Bailey Castelleo had unexpected help in celebrating his birthday April 23. About sixteen friends sneaked up the stairway to his apartment, carrying gifts and good wishes. The evening was spent talking and playing anagrams, and topped by ice cream and birthday cake.

All Obsidians planning to attend summer camp should get their throwing arm in good trim because there will be a big league game every day.

Read the Ads—you'll find them interesting.

We hear that certain ladies have been making a very good impression on recent trips by passing cake that melts in the mouth.

Dorr Hamlin was elected president of the Ski Patrol at its final meeting of the season.

The plumber's face flushed, but he being a good plumber it flushed silently.

Have You Paid Your Dues?
Ski Heil!

Bryan Ryan: "I won't begin today's lecture until the room settles down."

Voice from rear: "Go home and sleep it off, old man."

Princess Rain-in-the-Face (Ruth Hopson) is going to school at Cornell University. Ruth has been contacting the outdoor clubs in Ithaca, and reports that she has been on several pleasant "walks".

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Where the Funnies Come From

Young Lady: "You say you make paper from these trees? That's a funny looking tree over there."

Wood Chopper: "Yes, lady, it will be a comic page some day."

Princesses Eat, Talk, At Myrtie Hamlin's

Princesses enjoyed Myrtie Hamlin's hospitality for one of her famous garden dinners, for their May meeting. There were hot dogs with appropriate accessories—there was potato salad, combination salad, fruit salad—hot rolls with home made jellies and preserves—nuts, fruit and candy. For scenery, indispensable to any proper Obsidian festivity, there was green shrubbery and trees, flowering plants, and the outdoor fireplace was doing its stuff. After the Nazis and the weather, recent trips and new clothes had been thoroughly discussed around the fire, the princesses reluctantly left the garden for a business meeting inside. Olga Mortenson was appointed to plan curtains for the cabins.

Hazel Stalsberg is to be hostess for the June gathering.

It is rumored that Leo Pasche is building a house in the vicinity of Oakridge, with the aid of an able and interested assistant.

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PROSPECTUS

13th Annual Summer Outing, Obsidians, Inc.

THE CAMP

The 1940 Obsidian summer camp will be held from August 4th to 13th, at Horseshoe Lake in the Wallowa mountains.

The camp-site has been chosen again at Horseshoe Lake rather than any of the other seven lakes in that area, because your committee knows of the success of the 1936 outing there. It is ideally located for swimming, fishing and general camp life.

These lakes are in the high mountains and there are wild flowers galore in the many beautiful meadows of the region. The mountains too, are inviting, so different from our own Three Sisters. Solid rock that towers over ten thousand feet in height.

Driving from Eugene it is just 500 miles to Wallowa Lake, where the cars will be left. Then the pack trip up into the high lake basin, where camp is to be set up. This year, those wishing to ride horseback into camp may do so, with the extra cost of a dollar and a half a horse.

So every one who like the great outdoors, lets take this trip for both weeks and if you want to climb a mountain, fish (and the fishing is good too), swim, hike to different canyons, play soft ball or just be LAZY for two weeks, you may.

COST

The outing will cost \$35 per person. (Providing 20 or more register) And includes:

- 1.—Transportation from and to Eugene.
- 2.—All meals Sunday night Aug. 4th to Noon Aug. 13th.
- 3.—Transportation of 35 lbs. of dunnage.
- 4.—Use of Club equipment.
- 5.—Special rate of \$20 for one week. (Must arrange transportation if not with main party).

REGISTRATION

All names and a deposit of ten dollars must be in the hands of the

committee not later than July 15th, 1940. Balance of payment must be made before leaving Eugene.
PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.

BAGGAGE

Baggage will be carried with the car you travel to Wallowa Lake. It must be labelled and tied well for the pack trip into camp. The limit is 35 lbs. per person.

TENTS, EQUIPMENT

The Club will furnish emergency shelter tents. Individuals should bring tents as part of their dunnage. Be prepared for rain. Bring a sleeping bag if possible, otherwise several wool blankets. Air mattresses add a great deal of comfort to sleeping on the ground but are not absolutely necessary. The nights will be chilly, so have a good bed.

THE FOLLOWING ARE INDISPENSABLE

- 1.—A good bed.
- 2.—Heavy hiking shoes. (Not necessarily high, but preferably hobbled).
- 3.—Heavy wool socks.
- 4.—Colored glasses.
- 5.—Suitable hiking clothes.
- 6.—First aid kit.
- 7.—Sunburn prevention.
- 8.—Small knapsack or packboard.
- 9.—Drinking cup or canteen.
- 10.—Flashlight.
- 11.—Swim suit.

REDUCE PERSONAL BELONGINGS TO MINIMUM

The club will furnish first aid equipment, gasoline, lanterns in camp, and such climbing equipment as is necessary.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Persons attending this outing are expected to comply with a few simple rules which have been found necessary for the safety and harmony of such an expedition.

WHO MAY ATTEND

Any persons, whether member of the club or not are cordially invited

to attend the outing. The purpose of these Obsidian outings is to make it possible for outdoor lovers to visit the outdoors in comfort.

MAIL

Mail may be sent to Joseph, Oregon, C/o Wallowa Lake Lodge.

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Ray Sims, 1116 Willamette Street.

PULL ON THAT

Fat man's wife (as she wires a button on his vest) "See if you can laugh that one off."

MODERN AGE

Big: "These modern veterinaries are certainly getting good."

Jim: "What do you mean?"

Big: "Why, I saw a sign yesterday 'Horses retailed'".

THE EXECUTIONER

He: "Do you believe in capital punishment?"

Him: "Yes, if I could only raise some capital, I'd sure punish it!"

DEFINITIONS

Scissor Bill—A novice skier beginning to feel his oats. Usually a nuisance.

Cananen—Big Shot. Expert skier.

Cracker—A rank beginner.

Sitzmark—A fall to the rear. Making a mark in the snow with the sitz.

Summer Camp Fishing Good

Fishermen: Don't forget to take plenty of tackle for those Wallowa mountains. They say the fish in them thar parts do really bite.