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## SUCCESSFUL SUMMER CAMP COMPLETED

### Candidates For Board Of Directors Chosen

Candidates for the 1940-41 board of directors have been selected, and will be voted on at the annual meeting of the Obsidians in October. Those chosen are: Sterling Behnke, H. P. Cur-  
rin, Vincent Gillespie, Dr. O. R. Gullion, J. D. Hamlin, Norman Lee, Alvin Lynch, Robert Swen-  
nes, Harold Trotter, Robert Wil-  
son, Darwin Yoran, Paul Wiser, Adeline Adams, Eileen Baker, Blanche Osborn, Jean Randolph, Helen Smith and Nellie Moore.

From this list, nine will be chosen to serve as directors for the coming year. The president, vice president, secretary, treas-  
urer and committee chairmen will later be chosen from the group elected at the annual meet-  
ing.

### Sims Butte Provides View

Leaving their cars at Frog Camp, a group of Obsidians made a first climb of Sims Butte on Sunday, June 30. Those sight-  
ing snowpeaks and drinking lem-  
onade on top were Ray and Doris Sims, leaders; Bertha Deck-  
mann, Adeline Adams, Helen Smith, Bailey Castelloe, Nellie Moore, Corwin Seitz, Mr. Bark-  
er, Ann Brenner, Bertie and Doran McKee, Myrtie Hamlin and Miriam Yoder.

### Returns From Canada

Miss Elizabeth Gullion has re-  
turned from Canada, where she attended the summer outing of the Alpine club of Canada and visited in Banff.

### North Sister Climbers Receive Signals From 16 Lookouts

In a successful climb, with per-  
fect weather, 33 climbed to the top of the grim old North Sister in the Obsidians' annual climb August 25. Ray Sims in his fif-  
teenth time as leader and Al Hoffman as assistant, guided the large party safely up and back.

An interesting event occurred as the party ate lunch at the summit. Each of the 16 lookouts flashed the group on the North, with Wallace Clark on Cap Hag-  
an sending the first flash. He had previously arranged with the other lookouts to flash the party. The sixteenth signal came from Gold Point in the Fall Creek country.

Those climbing included one boy from Palo Alto, a party of five from Corvallis, and three from Redmond.

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### INTERESTING TRIPS SET FOR SEPTEMBER

September brings several in-  
teresting mountain climbs, a deep sea fishing trip and a work trip. Broken Top and the South Sister will be climbed the weekend of September 1-2. Both will prob-  
ably be climbed from Green Lakes. The deep sea fishing trip from Depoe Bay will be Septem-  
ber 8; while a work trip at the cabins is planned for September 15. A glacier trip, including a climb of the Little Brother, will be held September 22. Cap Hag-  
an lookout will be visited Sep-  
tember 29.

Thirty Obsidians and friends began their annual trek to the great outdoors August 4, their destination being Horseshoe Lake in the Wallowa Mountains of Eastern Oregon. Most of the group took the nine mile hike from Wallowa Lake to Horse-  
shoe via horseback, and were greeted at campsite by Ed John-  
son, Ray and Doris Sims and lemonade.

The first major climb was that of the Matterhorn, with an ele-  
vation of 10,004 feet, made on Wednesday of the first week and repeated during the second week. Eagle Cap, 9675 feet high was also climbed during the first week. Glen Sims and Tony Vogel crossed from the Matterhorn to Sacajawea, 10,033 feet high, on the second climb of that peak, and all climbers reported mag-  
nificent views.

Lakes and meadows scattered throughout the entire region pro-  
vided less strenuous trips for the group, and great sport for the fisherman.

Eastern brook trout were on the menu daily, varying in length from six to fourteen inches.

The social event of the camp was the president's tea, held Thursday afternoon of the sec-  
ond week. President Hugh Cur-  
rin was crowned king, and had as his guests a twelve-year-old lassie, a jockey, a court jester, (guess who), a Chinese coolie, an antarctic explorer, woodland nymphs, and others unnamed but not forgotten. A colorful ar-  
ray of gifts were presented to the

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tional Ski Association

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garet Thompson, Jean Lafferty,  
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on.

### Two Work Trips to New Cabins Planned for Fall

With two work trips scheduled for the early fall, members of the cabin committee hope to have the new cabin at Belknap ready for use by the time the winter sports season begins. Installation of a light plant, and finishing the kitchen and upstairs, as well as other work, still remain to be done. Members of the committee, of which J. D. Hamlin is chairman, have been working on the cabin during the summer.

### Climb Mt. Jefferson

A week-end trip of the past month was that taken by Paul Lafferty, Alvin Lynch and Don Harpham to Jefferson Park. They also climbed Mt. Jefferson.

**SLEEP**

an extra half hour.

Breakfast at the

*Del Rey*

and come back for supper  
after the hike.

**HERE AND THERE**

Mrs. Helen Kilpatrick and Jean spent this vacation visiting relatives at Gold Beach.

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Blanche Osborne spent a week at Seaside and Rockaway.

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"Killer" Clark has been stationed at lookout on Mount Hag-en for the summer.

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Stella Nee plans to remain in Florida, since she is now married to a Floridan.

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Greeting to our new members: Philip Parke, Rose and Fred Crutchley.

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Bob and Thelma Swennes, and Sterling and Oneita Behnke spent a week in the Three Sister Area, climbing the Middle and the South.

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Chester Pietka spent a month in Portland with his family.

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Elsie Dotson recently took her young daughter to California to see some of the other Dotsons.

### Bicyclists Bring Appetites

Just to show their versatility, the Obsidians and friends have held two bicycle rides and picnics, this summer, the first one at the Hamlin orchard on the Willamette River where luscious ripe cherries were enjoyed along with the scenery.

The second bicycle picnic was held in the Sims' grove on Park Avenue, July 25. About fifty attended, enjoying a game of volleyball, much fine food, and a sing around the bonfire.

The trouble with many a fat man is his daily doesn't.

**October Trips**

The last work trip of the season will be held October 6, with the cabin committee in charge. A new place, never before visited on an official Obsidian trip, has been selected for October 13. This is Rooster rock on the new Santiam highway. Tony Vogel, leader, will be assisted by Miner Hamlin.

### Camp Reunion

Hear ye, hear ye, member of the Camp Currin outing! Get those pictures in order for the Camp Reunion to be held sometime during the next month. The committee announces that costumes worn to the presidents' tea will NOT be in order.

**HE'LL NEED IT**

"Why do you want such a big sink?" asked the plumber who was remodelling the Hamlin home.

"Well", explained Dorr, "when my wife leaves with the Obsidians she's generally gone two weeks."

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## Western Federation Meeting

The Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs is holding its annual meeting at Snoqualmie, Washington, August 30-September 2, with the Mountaineers of Seattle as hosts.

Besides the regular business to come before the meeting, there are plans to climb three peaks, a discussion of new techniques of climbing with emphasis on rope work, and the showing of motion pictures of climbs.

The Obsidians are sending no official delegate this year.

### AWKWARD

Harold: "How long have you been shaving?"

Forrest: "Two years now".

Harold: "G'wan".

Forrest: "Yes I have. Cut myself both times".

### INTENTIONAL

A colored woman was standing on the street watching a circus parade. One of the pickaninnies looked up and said, "Mammy, your mouf's open."

To which she replied, "Yes, I know it. I lef' it open myself."

## OBSIDIAN HUNTERS Season Opens September 20

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## Obsidian Library Increases

Due to recent increased interest in botany among members of the club, the librarian wishes to announce the purchase of Leslie Haskins' "Wild Flowers of the Pacific Coast", now available for use. The scientific descriptions of the flowers are accompanied by fine illustrations and interesting bits of information as to the name, locale, or use by Indians and wild animals of the specimens.

Among other books in the Obsidian library are: "Mount Multnomah", by E. J. Hodge; "Western Bird Guide", "Western Wild Flowers", and "Field Book of Common Rocks and Mineral", etc. Obsidian members may borrow any of these books by getting in touch with Miriam Yoder.

## Goes to Eastern Oregon

Among the Obsidian club members vacationing during the summer was Nellie Moore, who went to eastern Oregon in search of "thunder eggs." She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. William Bowen of Hoquiam, Washington, and Mrs. William Porter, of Eugene. Nellie also attended the annual summer camp of the Genevieve Turnipseed Sunday school class of Central Presbyterian church on Fall Creek.

Many Ponies: "What were you in for?"

Red Feather: "I found a horse."

Many Ponies: "Found a horse? Nonsense, they wouldn't jail you for finding a horse."

Red Feather: "Yes, but you see, I found him before the owner lost him."

Philosophy is finding out how many things there are in the world you can't have if you want them and don't want if you can have them.

Author: "Hooray! Five dollars for my latest story, 'The Call of the Lure'."

Friend: "From whom?"

Author: "The express company. They lost it."

## CHIEFS TO ENTERTAIN PRINCESSES AT PICNIC

The Obsidian Princesses will be guests of the Chiefs at a picnic dinner Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doran McKee. The Chiefs will provide the main dish, and those attending are to bring salad and dessert. Those who wish to go are asked to sign at Hendershott's.

The Chiefs were guests of the Princesses at a picnic dinner held in July at the home of Elizabeth Gullion. About thirty-five Chiefs, Princesses and their guests were present. Following the dinner, the evening was spent in games and singing.

"Does de white folks in youah neighborhood keep any chickens, B'r'er Rastus."

"Well, B'r'er Tom, mebbe dey does keep a few."

"Who gave you that black eye?"

"Nobody gave it to me; I had to fight for it."

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## 55 TAKE PART IN MIDDLE SISTER CLIMB

Up the slopes of the Middle Sister went 55 Obsidians and friends in the annual Tenderfoot Climb, led by Harold Trotter, on July 14. The party left Sunshine Shelter at 5:30 a.m., reached the summit by noon, and returned to camp by 3 p.m.

Those making the trip were: Leader Harold Trotter and his assistants, Sterling Behnke, Alvin Lynch, Dr. Norman Lee, Clifford Stalsberg, J. D. Hamlin, and the following: Tony Vogel, Bryan Ryan, V. J. Gillespie, Mary Gillespie, Brian Gillespie, Clara Blood, Vera Hughes, Ione Lewis, Verne Dyson, Alice McCoy, Eileen Donaldson, Doran McKee, Bertie McKee, Jad Craker, Ralph Johnson, R. B. Boals, Donald Hansen, Robert Voigt, Keith Rodman, Clarence Skillern, Mary Umphrey, Frank Sipe, Adeline Adams, Leonard Ray, Howard Ragan, Karl W. Onthank, John Harpham, Bob Shisler, Ervin Fountain, Bess Robinson, Roderick Barnes, Edith Onthank, Eleanor Bobb, Suzanne Stickels, Jean Taylor, Miner Hamlin, Bertha Deckmann, Bill Peltier, Jack Wright, Louis McCoy, Ardis Dillon, Chester Pietka, Frank Neal, Bill Eastman, Joe Hart, R. B. Johnson, Bud Hulbert, Bob Gray and Katharine Potter.

## Highlights of Summer Camp

Myrtie Hamlin disposing of 32 rolls of films.

Mrs. Rumford pulling lemon pies out of the oven.

Cy Fulton reproducing lovely scenes on canvas.

Dr. Gullion bringing flowers to camp for identification.

Harold Trotter dropping his waist-line.

"Come and get it".

## Beautiful Scenery, Sight of Bear Are Highlight of Trip

One of the longer trips of the summer was held July 7, when J. D. Hamlin and Dr. Norman Lee led a party of Obsidians to Linnton meadows. The group went by way of Proxy creek falls to Linnton meadows, and returned down Linnton creek to Linnton lake, and back to Lower Alder Springs forest camp.

One of the interesting features of the trip was the large brown bear seen by several members of the party.

Those on the trip were the leaders, Mr. Hamlin and Dr. Lee, Bob Gray, Katharine Gray, Dr. O. R. Gullion, Jack Wright, Nellie Moore, Helen Smith, Alvin Lynch, Harold Trotter.

## North Sister Climbed

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Climbers were: Jean Lafferty, Paul Lafferty, Nancy Lee, Norman Lee, Bill Eastman, Robert H. Lemon, Vera Hughes, Karl F. Krugar, Oneita Behnke, Sterling Behnke, Ann Brenner, Alvin Lynch, Mary Ellen Foley, Mary Conn Brown, Bill Madden, Louis Soukup, Mildred Soukup, Roy Boals, Blanche Osborn, Eileen Baker, Graham Stephenson, Carl D. Merryman, Dick Johnson, Martin Packard, Bill Waterman, Karl Onthank, Edith Onthank, Carlton Zane, Margaret Umphrey, Don Umphrey, Carlton Ross, Al Hoffman and Ray Sims.

Ray Boals also accompanied the group across Collier Glacier.

The first five named also climbed the Middle Sister.

## HOOD TRIP CANCELLED

The climb of Mt. Hood scheduled for July 21 was postponed because of unfavorable weather conditions.

## OBSIDIANS ASSIST IN RESCUE OF CLIMBER

Three Obsidians, Alvin Lynch, Sterling Behnke and Al Hoffman assisted in the rescue of Grant Ennis, Portland youth, on Mt. Hood Sunday, August 11. They were descending when they heard cries for help and found the boy lying in the bottom of a ravine after falling 115 feet. The Eugene men helped a group of Mazamas carry the boy down the mountain.

## Summer Camp

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king, who posed tirelessly for many pictures.

Bonfire singing every evening was supplemented by stories and games, with a battle of the sexes highlighting one evening.

Mrs. Dale Rumford contributed to the happiness of everyone three times a day with her excellent cooking.

Those attending camp for the full two weeks were: Hugh Currin, Dr. O. R. Gullion, Myrtie Hamlin, Lloyd Helickson, E. P. Kremer, Aletha Macdonald, Doris Sims, Ray Sims, Florence Sims, Glen Sims, Helen Smith, Mrs. Winifred Rumford, Forrest Morgan, Harold Trotter, Tony Vogel, and Miriam Yoder.

Those staying for part of the outing only were: Bailey Castelloe, Ed Johnson, Wayne Bailey, Ann Brenner, Nick Carter, Mrs. O. R. Gullion, Guilford Hollingsworth, C. J. Fulton, Frank Even-son, Colin Macdonald, Jean Randolph, Robert Merrill, Margaret Norton, and Robert Wilson.

## In Medical School

Miss Marge Schnellbacher left the past month for Portland, where she enrolled in the University of Oregon medical school.