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AN APPEAL TO OLD MEMBERS

Winter Outing Proves Exciting

Everyone at Obsidian Winter Outing the Sunday it started was very very happy to look forward to a whole week, or even part of a week of skiing. First evening we didn't know what to do, so we looked at books on skiing, looked at the famous rocks in the fireplace, played cards, and just sat and looked at each other. There was a big phonograph and lots of records, but the vital machinery of the music box was totally missing. Mary Ralls played the piano to the delight of all.

Norman Lee injured his ankle very badly Sunday; Monday morning he returned to Portland by bus.

From Government Camp came the report Sunday evening that four girls were lost. After a time two of them were found. Then, very much later, Frenchy, the cook, came back from Government Camp and reported that the other two had been found—imagine—on the other side of the Mountain. There was another lost skier, who came to the lodge early Monday morning, saying that he had been out all night.

Tuesday morning we made our first expedition to Timberline. We skied down the Alpine trail. Soft flaky snow fell all the while, difficult to see through, but pleasant to fall in.

Tuesday night the cook obtained a phonograph, which though very squeaky, provided welcome (?) entertainment.

The ski tow was in operation on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. A few of the braver souls set up an experimental slalom course, which was CLERTAINLY SLOMP'N'!

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FIRE EMERGENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

By C. K. Stalsberg

Through the cooperation of the National Forest Service and the Obsidians, Inc., there was a meeting April 16, 1942 at 7:30 p. m. at the Del Rey Cafe. This meeting was for the purpose of organizing a training course to combat some of the difficulties that might arise in connection with the fire hazards this coming summer.

As President of the Obsidians, I feel that we should do everything possible to cooperate with the Forest Service to the fullest extent. They are the ones that have made our activities possible and they are always on the lookout for our welfare. Mr. Bruckart at this time requests that especially physically fit Obsidians volunteer for service and for time to take a training course in fire fighting. This course will

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Ray B. Boals New Chairman Of Local Walks Committee

By C. K. Stalsberg

Mr. Ray B. Boals has been officially appointed by the Obsidians Board as chairman of the Local Walks Committee. He automatically becomes a member of the Board to replace Alvin Lynch who has accepted a position in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Boals works at the Eugene Water Board and is especially interested in outdoor activities. He should be a great asset to the Obsidians at this time in correlating their activities with those of the National Forest Service.

By C. K. Stalsberg

This publication is being sent to all past members of the Obsidians, Inc. in order that they might see what the Obsidians have done, are doing and will do. There are a number of old members that are at this time rather inactive because of other pressing activities. Nevertheless we realize that they wish to keep in touch with the activities of the Club. Below I am submitting a number of reasons why old members should continue as members of Obsidians, Inc.

(1) This organization was created and grew through your efforts. Therefore, you should continue your membership in order that you may further help the growth of this organization.

(2) An organization with a large membership carries more prestige than an organization with a small membership.

(3) The activities of the Club are so varied that there should be activities for everyone, regardless of present position or circumstances.

(4) The Club possesses one of the best reputations of any hiking or mountaineering organization on the West Coast. We have never had a major accident or catastrophe on any of our climbing expeditions.

(5) Only paid up members are eligible to vote. There are a number of very important issues in the near future. Therefore, it is urged that as many of the old members as possible continue their membership in order that the Club may live up to the ideal for which it was organized.

(6) Active membership at this time is especially important for the development of the young

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Princess Parties

The Princess Club held a meeting at Hazel Stalsberg's January 13. Twelve members were present and Elsie Dotson was assistant hostess. The girls came prepared to sew but there was no work from the Red Cross or Bundles for America.

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Ann Brenner, with Nellie Moore as assistant hostess, entertained the Princess Club on February 10, 12 attending. As several members are doing defense work on Tuesday, the regular meeting night, it was decided to change it to the third Monday. Helen Wiser invited the club to her house for the March meeting. It was undecided at the meeting whether the girls would hike, ride bicycles or thumb a ride.

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On Wednesday evening, March 4, Mrs. Glen Sims, Mrs. Sterling Behnke, Mrs. Dorr Hamlin, Mrs. Clinton E. Wilson, Mrs. Dot Dotson, and Miss Blanche Osborne entertained at the home of Mrs. Sims at a party, the event being a double shower. Honor guests were Mrs. John Skillern (the former Nadine Bouck), whose marriage was a recent event and Mrs. Ray Sims. About 30 were invited.

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On March 16 the group met at the home of Helen Wiser. Six of the princesses rode their bicycles

The Princesses voted to make kits for soldiers. They meet next on April 20 at the home of Helen Kilpatrick

New Schedule

April 19—Spencer Butte; Doran McKee, leader; park cars at 19th and Willamette.

Ski Trip—call Harold Trotter or Sterling Behnke.

April 26—Overnight trip to cabin; Leaders, Dorr Hamlin, and Thelma Watson.

May 3—Rubber Conservation Trip; hike around old airport and west; leader, Louis Waldorf.

May 10—Big Belknap; leaders, Tony Vogel and Johnny Skillern.

May 17—Beach Trip; leaders, Anita Behnke and Thelma Swennes.

May 24—Bicycle trip to the junction of the Willamette and McKenzie Rivers—picnic; leaders, Hugh Currin and Ray Sims.

May 31—Memorial Weekend—overnight trip to Crater Lake; leaders, Bob Swennes and Wally Clark.

Fire Emergency**Training Program***(Continued From Page One)*

require several nights' training in regard to map reading, compass findings, etc.; then, later on actual experience will be obtained on field trips.

The field trips will be carried out in cooperation with the Local Walks Committee. There will be other types of training offered or it may be that certain members of the Obsidians already have particular skills and trades that will make them available in case of an emergency. If you feel that you are not capable of becoming a smoke chaser, you may qualify for other lines of duty. Forest Service Officials will be present at the April 16 meeting at the Del Rey Cafe to discuss their program and our program with you.

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men in a war training program.

(7) There are many other reasons and advantages that could be enumerated, but I am sure you all realize that your cooperation is essential for the growth and service of the Obsidians, Inc.

Social Doings

On December 4, Dr. Warren D. Smith gave a very interesting talk on the geology of Oregon.

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On January 29, Woody Hindman showed pictures of Salmon River in Idaho and in Alaska. The Salmon River makes our own McKenzie look rather tame. The pictures were fine and enjoyed by a good attendance.

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On February 13, the Valentine Party was held at the Ladies Club Building at River Road. About 30 attended. Pot luck was served at 6:30, after which Sterling Behnke showed his Sun Valley pictures together with some local Ski pictures. Then the floor was cleared and the evening was finished in dancing to the music of Glen Snyder and his accordion.

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February 5 the Obsidians drove out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Skovbo, in Junction City, and enjoyed dancing in the Skovbo's new barn. The music from records played on the phonograph was so good that the bunch almost went through the floor boards.



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Now It's on the Map

By Dr. O. R. Gullion

An attractive sign carved in relief on two massive cedar logs fitted together has been placed at the Willamette Summit. This officially puts the new ski area on the map. It was made at Mt. Hood and reads:

WILLAMETTE SUMMIT
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Willamette National Forest
Service

The men, women and children who pulled out the trees, piled the logs, and burned the brush are so proud of the sign that they may be expected to swell up and burst any minute. Yes and when one stands in front of the Willamette Shelter by the good warm log fire and sees a skier sliding down the run about every ten seconds all day long, he just can't help thinking that after all it was worth while to clear the trees away. Some of us can hardly wait till fall comes again so we can get at more clearing.

The ski run is just one of the attractions of the area. The skiers are beginning to make trails of their own down east of the run where they must keep well under control and skilfully turn to get between the trees. Still further over the woods are alive with those just learning to snow plow. Some of these are said to do considerable plowing with their noses but all have a rip roaring good time.

"If there is a cross country hike today count me in," says one of the persistent tow riders. "Well a group goes on the Sky-line Trail to Eagle's Rest" yells the leader. Or he might say "All aboard for beautiful Rosary

Lakes". Both hikes give a grand view and a swell ride out.

Help! Help! Cries out a boy who has wrapped himself and skis around a hemlock sapling. Just a minute answers the near by ski-patrol man and here he comes with toboggan, leg stretcher, two emergency relief kits and plenty of helpers. So far there have been only three disabling accidents—just twists—no fractures. Thanks to Harold Trotter, President of the Willamette Ski Patrol, who organized a branch patrol for us several weeks ago, we are prepared to take care of accidents. Harold says "As a ski area the Willamette Summit is a good place to throw snow balls". Well you know he is a regular Treasure Island for jokes.

A big Greyhound bus was run for us seven Sundays. The bus trip was a big part of the fun. The first trip everybody was as quiet as a mouse. Next time somebody started a song, and then it was "sing, sing, for the song that's inside you". Added to that, Glen Snyder went along with his accordion and did we have music. Glen is a regular fellow and should be called the accordion mocking bird.

Boys and Girls Week

April 25 to May 2, 1942, is Boys' and Girls' Week. Saturday, May 2, 1942, is Boys' and Girls' Day out-of-doors.

Clifford Stalsberg has been selected to act as chairman for all activities for this day by the Eugene Playground and Recreation Commission.

"I would like to receive volunteers to serve on a committee to make plans for May 2, 1942. Call 3300 Local 227 or 3132-M," stated Mr. Stalsberg.

Jokes

Bryan, Tony, Sterling, and Miner were out hiking one day, and getting hungry they sent Miner in to town. He came back with a case of beer, 3 quarts of wine, 2 quarts of whiskey, and a loaf of bread.

"Why," says Tony, "you even brought something for the birds."

Duzerdo!

Dues are Due. So if you have not paid yours, please remind yourself to do so.

In this connection please note the following quotation taken from page 4 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Obsidians, Inc.: Article III, Section 7. RE-INSTATEMENT. Any new member who has been dropped by the Council for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated at any time during the year within such member has been dropped, or within one year thereafter, by paying all dues in arrears. Any member who has been dropped and is not reinstated as above can be re-elected to active membership upon payment of dues covering the year in which such member was dropped, in addition to the regular initiation fee.

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European Physical Education and Recreation

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Becoming rather deeply interested in the current characteristics of physical education and recreation in various countries the writer, along with approximately sixty other American physical educators under the leadership of Dr. Elmer D. Mitchell, of the University of Michigan, in 1936, visited ten European nations in an effort to become better acquainted with physical education and recreation programs as they were then conducted in Europe.

This discussion is an outcome of the investigations and study made at that time. The primary purpose is two-fold:

1. A review of the distinctive physical education and recreation programs in those countries.

2. A discussion of those European physical education and recreation features which might, or might not, be successfully introduced in the United States and some possible reasons therefor.

It must be remembered that the present war conditions of Europe have changed educational and recreative procedures to a large degree. Because of censorship and the practical impossibility of travel there now, a discussion of this type must largely center around things as they were before the present cataclysm began.

GERMANY

Hiking was one of the most popular types of recreational activities. Required day hikes were taken by teachers and pupils together. There was wide prevalence of Youth Hostels.

The "Kraft durch Freude", or strength through joy, movement which embraced travel and encouragement of creative work, plus folk dances and culture performances received much attention.

Comparatively little required physical education was found in German universities. With the exception of compulsory life saving, athletics and sports were pursued on an intramural basis.

In the elementary and secondary schools there was a balance of rhythmic types of gymnastics, seasonal sports, dancing for girls, and apparatus work for the older boys.

Bicycling and bicycle clubs furnished means for recreation in family groups. Winter sports were carried on when and where weather permitted. Coasting, skiing and skating were the main ones.

AUSTRIA

Hiking and cycling were common. Probably the most typical and popular physical activity of the Austrians was dancing. Ballroom dancing and folk dancing were the best known.

School physical education and sports activities of children was rather neglected in Austria.

HUNGARY

Compulsory physical education existed. Swimming was taught to children in the city pools. Gymnastic work was given.

Two years of P. E. were required in secondary schools, and national folk dancing was obligatory. Much was taught in sports and games.

Recreational centers were also to be found in smaller towns outside of Budapest, where play fields, tennis courts and swimming pools were the general rule.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The outstanding feature of the physical education set-up was known as the Sokol Gymnastic Union. Public gymnastic and calisthenic exhibitions were periodically held. A few games such as handball, soccer, and water polo were participated in. Two hours of physical education per week were required in the elementary and secondary schools. The work was quite formal in type, with not much whole body movement, but with good control in big muscle activities. The majority of young people did not go to movies and dances, but instead, they went

camping, canoeing, and hiking when time permitted. A large number of winter sports were carried on along the rivers. Aquatics, group games, tennis, golf and other popular American games were rapidly being introduced before the war began.

RUSSIA

The distinctive efforts in the field of physical education and recreation were largely centered around its Recreation, Rest, and Culture Movement. Amusement and industrial sport clubs were provided for games, apparatus work, and physical play. Soccer was their national game, but they also participated in basketball, swimming, rowing, fistball, baseball, and volleyball.

Schools taught many sports techniques in their physical education classes and competitive games flourished.

FINLAND

Formal gymnastics were the basic factor in all physical development. Competitive games were also prominent. Their young men have become experts at long distance running.

Finns were adept at skiing and other winter sports. Also, they participated in swimming, social and folk dancing, hiking and bicycling.

SWEDEN

The emphasis of physical education was on corrective calisthenics. The Swedes' comparative lack of games was due primarily to a lack of funds, facilities, and indoor floor space, plus the long winters which make it impossible to play out-of-doors. Nevertheless, tennis and boating were popular. Other activities participated in were bicycling, outdoor handball, and aquatics, especially in summer time. Folk dances continued to be enjoyed.

DENMARK

The first system was a gymnastic system for women, which introduced balancing exercises and aimed to develop graceful gymnastics.

The second system was one of differences of tempo, balancing exercises, and apparatus calisthenics.

The third system was a course in Primary Gymnastics.

Physical education was compulsory. Calisthenics were given. Soccer, tennis, boxing and fencing were played a little. Bicycling was also very common. Boating, yachting, fishing, swimming and skating made up the recreational physical activities of the Danes.

FRANCE

Sports were carried on only to a minor degree. Swimming and bicycling were done a little. Tennis and soccer lead the list. Walking and promenading were universal and substituted largely for the more strenuous physical activities.

ENGLAND

Tennis and Bowling on the Green are typical British games. Soccer is the favorite group game. Cricket, horseback riding were also very popular. Hikes, picnics, going to the seashore, hunting, fishing and swimming were other activities.

There are some features that are of interest and might also be adapted to certain existing characteristics of school physical education and adult recreation in the United States. Herewith is a list of such possible adaptations:

1. It is to be noted that organized sport clubs were more prominent in Europe than in the United States. From the point of view of encouraging actual participation, rather than merely witnessing sports contests, we could follow the example set by the Europeans. Organized sports clubs were practically all over Europe and they were particularly found among university student groups. More out-of-door activities, promoted by hiking clubs, bicycling excursions, and sports clubs in general would tend to overcome some of the more vicious aspects of our present emphasis on commercialized entertainments.

2. European stimulation of recreation for adults perhaps could act as an example for us to use in the enlargement of adult recreation in this country. The Recreation, Rest and Cul-

ture Movement in Russia and the Kraft Freude program in Germany, although promoted by different theories of government than ours, showed a great interest in the use of leisure time on the part of the citizens of those nations. The vast appreciation of art and music in Europe was notable in comparison with the same in the United States. Although one did find jazz and swing and newspaper comics in Europe they were more or less subjugated to a higher grade of classical music and art.

3. Organized play centers in rural communities gave the impression of being comparatively more prevalent in the countryside of Europe than in ours. Here the use of the automobile for quick transportation and the accessibility of the small town moving picture theater, and other commercial entertainment features, act as a substitute for rural play centers. If we could enlist the services of more voluntary, trained, recreation leaders we could, perhaps, come closer to a more wholesome rural recreation program.

4. Although the basis for the legal physical education requirements in most of our states dates back to poor physical condition of our young men who took the military physical examinations during the first World War, our physical education program in schools now does not give the same amount of emphasis to corrective and restricted programs as did the physical education programs of most European schools. There are a number of Americans who believe we should again give a greater emphasis to those aspects of our program.

5. Many physical education museums exist in certain old-country cities. Although our modern physical education and recreation systems are probably not old enough to warrant much collection of materials and equipment of by-gone days, there is a movement to establish such historical exhibits in America today. A committee of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, has been working on the

problem and it is hoped in the future we will have physical education and recreation museums which will tend to produce a greater interest in these branches of general education.

6. Already the example set by the youth hostels in Europe has been in part responsible for the introduction of a similar movement and facilities in the United States. In our New England states and along the Pacific Coast hostels are provided and a goodly number of younger people are availing themselves of this less costly method of seeing America first, communing closer with nature, and meeting others with like interests. It is predicted that the youth hostel movement will increasingly become a part of our wholesome use of leisure efforts.

While the above six paragraphs include some European physical education and recreational features which might take hold or be successfully introduced in the United States there are also several characteristics which probably would not be opportune in our democratic form of government and individual state systems of school control:

1. In certain governments of Europe we find provisions for a national cabinet minister for physical education and recreation, or other governmental authority. Because most of the nations are much smaller in population and geographical area, plus the fact that totalitarian governments do not approve, states as such, do not exercise so much individual control and supervision of their school systems. National supervision and indoctrination is much more in evidence. There we find governmental supervision and sometimes financial subsidization of children's organizations. Because organizations like the Boy Scouts of America and the Camp Fire Girls suffer from a lack of adequate finances and voluntary leadership some Americans have suggested that our government furnish funds to those organizations. The objection to this suggestion is that governmental funds are apt to open the door

for federal domination. Our democratic philosophy does not allow for such control. We already have objections to the national rules and regulations that must be followed if schools and institutions wish to receive the benefits of the Smith-Hughes bill and the Morrell act, which furnish federal monies for vocational education and land-grant colleges. The feeling is that nationalistic governmental financial support would only allow the Camel's nose in the tent for further and future occupation.

2. In contrast to its universal popularity in European countries, the game of Soccer is not so well known nor played to any large extent in this country. American boys are accustomed to using their hands in catching and throwing balls in games. Soccer largely prohibits the use of hands and this is probably the reason soccer has not and will not receive the consideration in the United States that it does in other lands. In recognition of this shortcoming on the part of soccer American physical educators and recreational activities leaders have promoted and taught speedball and touch-football instead. The present popularity of speedball and touch-football will for some time prevent European soccer from introduction on any large scale in American physical education and recreational sports.

3. The older European calisthenics and gymnasium exercises, which were once a part of our American physical education programs, are practically obsolete and stand little chance of successful re-introduction. These activities still flourish in Europe because of the universal military preparedness attitude of those peoples. Here we have discarded those activities and have substituted mainly with games and socially desirable

sports activities. The formal commands of gymnastic leader smacks too much of dictatorial leadership and authority to have a place in American schools, where democracy is the objective to be obtained.

CONCLUSIONS

In a discourse such as this, based mainly on the writer's observations and personal study of European physical education and recreation, one comes to certain conclusions. Following are some which come to the fore:

1. Differing theories of government are accompanied usually by different programs of physical education and recreation.

2. Distinctive geographical conditions have a definite bearing on the types of sports activities that people enjoy and deem worth while.

3. War and peace effects on the physical education programs and recreational pursuits of citizens of various nations. As Dr. Frank Lloyd of New York University has said: "Physical education has been promoted in different countries on the tragedies of Man and upon apparent inability to solve the emergencies of nations. As a profession its growth was beyond all proportions at the end of the first World War. War is apt to, and undoubtedly will, move people into a quick course of action relating to physical education." Physical Fitness is now being emphasized.

4. A knowledge of the different school physical education and general recreation programs is conducive to a better appreciation and understanding of why nations and peoples act as they do. In fact nations' play activities are in some ways a measure of their inherent desires or indoctrinated wants.

5. Physical education and recreation could and should be

made agents for a friendly spirit among nations and the realization of the brotherhood of man. The Olympic games have been a start in the right direction. The sportsmanlike spirit exemplified by the competitors in the games might well be a guiding principle, rather than the principle of selfish greed as practiced by our enemy war lords.

WINTER OUTING

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Friday the party worked hard digging out the Chair lift at Timberline. They spent Friday and Saturday taking skiing lessons at Timberline, skiing the Magic mile, and skiing down the trails, Alpine, Glade etc. (Whee! —and over the washboards)

Aside from the bumps encountered (one big one which Sterling Behnke can tell you about) the winter outing was a solid success.

Participants were: Sterling Behnke, Nita Behnke, Ray Ralls, Mary Ralls, Harold Trotter, Mary Trotter, M. B. Castelloe, Norman Lee, Edna Curtis, Thelma Swennes, Mary Pennoyer, Margaret Norton, Carolyn Hines, Lois Greenwood, Margaret Brownfield, Jacqueline Bogan, Bob Duke, Clarence Skillern, Robin Arkley, Jimmy Donahue, Marian Hayes, and Susanne Miller.

Five brave men—Al Hoffman, Sterling Behnke, Bob Swennes, Harold Trotter, and Elwood Mays—made a trip to Hand Lake on Sunday, March 8, to get the Obsidian Ski Tow. According to Harold the men traveled 8 miles in and 8 miles back—uphill both ways.

Alvin Lynch is now working at the Shipyards in Portland. His address is 925 S. W. 14th. He and Helen Ross are to be married sometime in May.

SUPPLEMENT

April 1942

NEW YEAR'S PARTY By Doran McKee

The New Year's Party got off with a cold start - snow about four inches deep and temperature around 10 above. Dorr's new beds were given a tryout, with varying results; some complained of being slightly chilly.

The party started at about 8 P.M. New Year's Eve, with dancing to the music by Chester with his accordion. At about 10:30 a dancing contest was held with Bertie and Doran McKee taking first and Helen Smith and Dr. Gullion taking second prizes. More dancing until midnight when we welcomed the new year in the usual Obsidian way. And then oyster soup was served, after which we hit the hay (some the floor).

New Year's breakfast was served from 8 to 9 and then different activities took up the day, a great many going skiing. The ones staying in camp played games, did target shooting with dart guns; Thelma Watson was the best shot, receiving the high prize -- (what about it, Thelma, do you have a good supply of cigars? Perhaps Uncle Sam could use them to help out on the rubber shortage.)

Dinner was served to about 40 at 3:30 - and what a dinner! We didn't seem to make any impression on the food, although it did make some on us.

After dinner the liars contest was held, with Dr. Gullion, Dr. Warren D. Smith, Dorr Hamlin, and Dr. Miller competing. Dr. Miller was the lucky liar.

NOTE: Everyone thought that Chester Pietka was entering the liars contest when he got up and said that he, Alvin Lynch, Elmer McBee, Bailey Castelloe, Helen Smith, Mary Pennoyer, and Ruth Hopson, had tried to take a short cut from Hand Lake back to the highway, and proceeded to get themselves very thoroughly lost. But it was a true story, as any of the seven can testify. They were all extremely late for dinner.

The party broke up after the table was cleared, and everyone started the homeward journey, and so another Obsidian New Year's party passed into history.

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OBSIDIANS WILL CAMP AT FOOT OF HUSBAND

Glen Sims announces that Summer Outing will be held this year on the shores of the lake at the foot of the Husband, in Linnton Meadows - August 2 to 16.

The location is only 5 miles from where the cars will be parked; no climbing is necessary to get there. But there is a wide variety of hikes and mountain climbs to be taken. Also there is good fishing in the three lakes, with Honey Lake three miles away.

The North Sister Climb is scheduled for Sunday, August 9.

Fuller details of cost, etc., will be announced later.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Doran McKee has a supply of the black and white stickers which display the Obsidian emblem, and which are to be placed on Obsidian cars. With two of these emblems, a car can easily be identified as Obsidian.

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SMOKE CHASERS

Members of the Obsidian Club met last Thursday at the Del Rey Cafe, to organize training courses in Fire Fighting.

Details of the meeting are told in the attached letter from J. R. Bruckart, and R. A. Elliott. No provision is made here for the training of women. But there will be a meeting of the women who wish to learn the packing of supplies and parachutes on May 1. The Forest Service is giving this training.

These training courses are not only for Obsidians but for any one who is interested in helping.

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CLIMB OF SPENCER-APRIL 19

Nine Obsidians and friends enjoyed a climb of Spencer Butte with Doran McKee as leader and Thelma Watson "caboose" (another name for rear guard). The day was fairly clear and several snow caps could be seen from the top.

Others who climbed were: Bertha Deckmann, Etal Johnson, Nellie Moore, Estol Sly, Helen Ross, Bertie McKee, and C. L. Andrews.

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NEW SCHEDULE

(continued)

- JUNE 7. Salt Creek Castle Craigs - The rocks above Oakridge; Leaders, Bob Lemon and Cliff Stalsberg.
- JUNE 14. Horsehaven Creek near Fairview; leaders, Bill McCracken and Mrs. McCracken.
- JUNE 21. Picnic at Sims Recreation Area; Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mertie Hamlin.
- JUNE 28. Diamond Peak; Glen Sims and Miss Baker.
- JULY 5. Overnight trip to Mt. Shasta; Bob Swennes and Tony Vogel lead climb of Shasta.
Alternate - Thunder Egg - trip to rock gardens and collections at Bend; Warren Smith and Glen Sims.
- JULY 12. Milliorn Park; Whee - a swim! Somewhere in Springfield.
- JULY 19. Tenderfoot Climb of Middle Sister; leaders, Cliff Stalsberg and Bob Lemon.
- JULY 26. South Sister; Leaders, Bailey Castellloe and Joe Heidenreich.
- AUGUST 2 to 16. SUMMER CAMP AT HUSBAND LAKE - LINNTON MEADOWS.
- AUGUST 9. Climb of North Sister.

OBSIDIAN HOBBY SHOW

Members of the Obsidian Club met at the Del Rey Cafe for dinner and Hobby Show, Friday, April 10. There were approximately 30 members seated around the table, which reminded us of 'ye olde tyme Obsidian gatherings'. After dinner each person told what his or her hobby was.

Then the group went upstairs to admire the displays. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Richardson were present with a display of scale model railroad trains. Three different sizes of engines and accompanying cars were shown. Doran McKee displayed his hand made violins and myrtle wood objects (made by himself) and Bertie McKee displayed a collection of animals and other objects made of shells. Ray Sims showed his Obsidian scrapbook. Mertie Hamlin showed some rocks, pictures and other interesting objects. Mary Pennoyer showed amateur paintings.

PRINCESS MEETING APRIL 20

The Princess meeting started with a covered dish supper, at Helen Kilpatrick's, with Mertie Hamlin as assistant hostess. For the entertainment of the evening, Mrs. Helen Williams showed movies of Vacation trips in Yosemite Park and other interesting places.

Barbara Dotson was another special guest. Later a business meeting was held followed by a handkerchief shower for Blanche Osborn, who is moving to Klamath Falls.

Those present: Thelma Watson, Adeline Adams, Florence Sims, Ruth Hopson, Reva Moore, Helen Wiser, Nellie Moore, Vera Heidenreich, Charlotte Lemon, Elsie Dotson, Olga Mortenson, Blanche Osborn, and the two hostesses.