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# SUMMER CAMP AT HUSBAND LAKE A SUCCESS

## ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held Tuesday evening, October 6, 1942, at the Episcopal Parish Hall, 166 E. 13th Ave. Beginning with a dinner at 6:30 P.M., price per plate 85c, followed by balloting for Directors, Picture Contest, Business Meeting, Movies of Camp, also colored slides. Balloting will close at 8:30 P.M.

## Victory in Views

### Annual Picture Contest

**Who**—Any member of the Obsidian Club except those who are professional photographers.

**When**—At the annual meeting of the Obsidian Club, October 6, 1942.

**Where**—At Episcopal Church, 13th and Oak Streets.

**What**—Pictures taken by members on any Obsidian trip; during Winter Outing; or at Summer Camp.

**Why**—Prizes will be given for the best in each of the following classifications:

- Landscape
- Snow Scenes
- Plant and Animal Life
- Human Interest

**Which**—All prize winning pictures will become the property of the Club.

**How**—Rules of entry:

1. All pictures must be enlargements, 5x7 or larger, mat mounted and may be tinted or untinted.
2. Name of picture must be on front of photo. Date, if known.
3. Name of entrant together with list of titles of all entries must be given to com-

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## Obsidian Camp Reunion

The official date for the camp reunion has been set for Saturday evening, September 19, 1942. Present plans are to begin the affair with a steak dinner at 7:00 at the Del Rey Cafe.

It has been suggested that the women may come dressed semi-formally which would be a contrast to the attire worn at summer camp. The committee wishes everyone present, so come as you are or as you wish, just so long as you are present. Each person attending is requested to bring his wife, husband, sweetheart, or what have you. The price of the dinner will be \$1.00 per plate. Be sure to notify the committee whether you are coming or not, in order that proper plans can be made. (Call Hazel Stalsberg, 3132-M.)

Pictures will be shown and experiences re-lived. Bring your pictures, and if you have a story or song, please contact the committee in advance so that it may be included in the program.

More detailed information later.

## President's Letter Of Appreciation

The Obsidians' year of activities is about to come to a close. We have not been able to accomplish as much as we had expected, but nevertheless, there seems to have been some progress made. Activities on climbs and local walks were somewhat restricted because of existing conditions. However, many shorter trips were taken and events

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From all reports, the Obsidian Summer Camp at Husband Lake was a grand success. Everyone that attended seemed to enjoy the region thoroughly. In fact many had signified their intention of returning to Linnton Meadows for another camp in the near future.

There were many points of interest, many climbs that were not taken because of the time element. Repeat trips were made to Honey Lake, Chieftain Lake, Chambers Lake, and the Husband because they proved of special interest. The two major climbs of the camp were the North Sister and the South Sister.

The success of the camp can be attributed to the congenial group that was in attendance. They were always willing to help the committee and others whenever they were asked. All trips were well attended, and everyone entered into the spirit of the camp with enthusiasm. Campfire singing was led by Hugh Currin and Dave Faville.

Mrs. Kienzel's cooking was always a delight and a satisfaction. Some say the food was the best that we have ever had at any summer camp.

The Obsidians had the pleasure of being visited by Forrest Morgan, Ray Engles and Supervisor Bruckart of the Willamette National Forest. Ray Engles made the difficult climb of the North Sister with the group, this being his first major climb. We sincerely hope that he can accompany us on some of our other trips and climbs.

Those in attendance were as follows:

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tional Ski Association

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## Charter Members Honored

Thirty-five members and friends of the Obsidian Club were present at the pot-luck dinner and entertainment given in honor of the Charter members Thursday nite, September 10, in the W.O.W. hall. After the usual spread of good eats the crowd were shown pictures taken in the early days of the club. Charter members present were: Dot Dotson, Ray Sims, Mozelle Hair, Florence Sims and Ed Thurston.

### SUMMER CAMP

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Clifford Stalsberg, Glen Sims, Florence Sims, Myrtie Hamlin, Mrs. Kienzel (cook), Robert H. Lemon, Mary Donaldson, Nellie Moore, Jane Hall, Hazel Stalsberg, David E. Faville, Charlotte Lemon, Ruth Hopson, E. P. Kremer, Helen Kilpatrick, R. B. Boals, J. D. Hamlin, Hugh Cur-  
rin, Mabel Currin, Mary Pennoyer, Thelma Watson, Louis Waldorf, Ray Sims, Bertha Deckman, M. B. Castelloe, Sterling Behnke, Oneita Behnke, Nancy Lee Hamlin, Vena Amort, Jackie Bogan, Norman Lee, Bob Gray, Helen Smith, Richard Johnson, Orville Richardson, and Walter Gilbert.

See you at the camp reunion Saturday evening, 7:00, September 19, at the Del Rey Cafe.

## Princess Meeting

The September Princess meeting will be held at the home of Reva Moore, 790 Polk Street, Monday evening, September 21.

## Members in Armed Forces

\*John Brown  
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Triangle Hiking Club, San Francisco, California.  
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Washington Alpine Club, Seattle, Washington.  
Wy'East Climbers, Portland, Or.

## Picnic at Sim's Grove

Members and friends of the Obsidian Club gathered at the home of Glen and Florence Sims, Thursday evening, July 9, for a pot-luck and party. The pot-luck was spread on tables on the lawn under a big cherry tree. After eating the group played volleyball, badminton, croquet and just plain handball. Later a huge watermelon brought by Dr. Gullion was enjoyed by all.

Those present were: Dorr and Myrtie Hamlin, Darwin and Josephine Yoran, Bertie and Doran McKee, Reva and Ace Moore and daughter Judy, Cliff and Hazel Stalsberg and daughter Phyllis Ann, Ray and Doris Sims and son Jimmie, Ray and Lillian Boals, Lloyd and Beth Sims, Bob Lemon, Nellie Moore, Alfred Tyson, Norman Lee, Adeline Adams, Dr. Omar Gullion, Thelma Watson, Mary Pennoyer and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sims.

## VICTORY IN VIEWS

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mittee with the pictures.  
4. All entries must be given to some member of committee not later than Sunday, October 4th.  
Transparencies and colored prints may be exhibited and shown but no prizes will be offered.  
Committee: Helen K. Kilpatrick 1889 Orchard St., Tel. 3300 or 1708-J  
Hazel Stalsberg, Tel. 3132-M, 932 E. 20th Ave.  
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## Memories of Summer Camp

Summer camp of 1942 is over, in reality, yes—but in memory, never.

This was my fourth summer camp. Each previous one has had its outstanding features but this year seemed to have nothing more to be desired, unless it could have been, *more* time.

Such a camp! The location was beautiful. There on the shores of chummy little Husband Lake with The Husband gazing down upon us from the west and The South Sister, so often enveloped in a rosy sunset glow, guarding from the south, we were established as a small community of individuals, each eager to share in work and play.

Such a variety of possible activities existed that the interests and hobbies of all were more than satisfied.

From the innumerable arrowheads to be found one could so easily be carried, in imagination, back to an Indian encampment, perhaps on the very spot where our camp stood.

There was always an underlying hope that some day, surely, we would see elk, for some did. Though we were not all so fortunate there were many other animals which we never ceased to enjoy and in some cases to stand in awe of. Surely to meet a bear and have her quietly but persistently hold her ground, could not help but send one away with a sense of having met a challenge. Then there was often that shrill whistle and snort of a startled deer, disturbed perhaps by the presence of humans.

Fishing! Can one, having seen, ever forget the expression of complete satisfaction on the faces of Glen and Louis at Honey Lake?

Such a never ending schedule of *busyness*; with trails to follow, springs and streams that invited exploration, mountains to climb, and lakes for swimming, brought us all home at evening time with appetites sharpened for food — and such food—so much and so good. The meals were always flavored with the friendly matching of wits.

Then followed the camp fires; every one hustling about to collect bark and broken branches in the anticipation of the sharing of story, song, and shifting smoke. Those were the hours when, hemmed in by the night and the shadows of the mountains, we seemed to sense a deeper feeling of human warmth and friendliness. Then, as the last "Sweet dreams ladies" faded away, each was reluctant to leave the few remaining embers lest we might never again catch that same delightful sensation of being glad just to be alive.

Surely there is no other group quite like the Obsidians; where folks are just folks and, "A man's a man for a' that"; where one dares to be human and himself and still be understood and where the petty things of life are forgotten.

Only they who have had the privilege of following a winding mountain trail, of resting at the edge of a flower-carpeted mountain meadow, or of gazing from the top of a majestic mountain peak can know the thrill and the complete uplift of one's inner self which comes to those who share in such experiences.

All this was summer camp and so I would say, let's do it again.

—Mary Donaldson.

## Summer Camp Reminiscences

In response to your request that I write something about camp, I have put together the enclosed verse, in hopes it may fill the bill. If prose is preferred, then I can only say that it was the finest outing and vacation I have had in years. I found not one single fly in the ointment, even if there were occasionally mosquitoes in it. I thought the gang pulled together wonderfully and enjoyed the magnificent location of our camp to the full. The camp committee is to be congratulated on a most competent handling of the choosing, operating and closing of the camp. I had the time of my life and I'd do it all over again tomorrow if I had the chance.

With best wishes,  
Sincerely, David E. Faville.

Close your eyes and return a while

To the shores of Husband Lake  
To reflections of stillest of waters  
To nature—all you can take

To the fiery red of the Sister  
To the fog that is whispering by  
To the flowers—Lupine and  
paint brush

To tam'racks that profile the sky  
To the Husband, so close you can  
feel it

To the bear and the elk and the  
deer

To the smell of the smoke from  
the camp fire

To the animal sounds you can  
hear

To the bells on the hobbled  
horses

Announcing the ranger's call  
To the black of the night and its  
quiet

To the stars that shimmer and  
fall

To a gang that pulled well  
together

To Friends we will never forget  
For though the encampment is  
ended

Its memories stay with us yet.  
—Dave Faville

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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

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planned which has a tendency to bring the group together.

A number of new members have been added, and many old members have become active. There are still a few old members that have contributed a great deal to the club whom I think should maintain their membership. I know that their interest and heart is with the club and I do hope that they see fit to remit their dues to Florence Sims, secretary, on or before the close of our year, October 6, 1942.

It was my intention and hope that we would be able to get more junior members to attend our various trips and activities. I truly regret that we were unable to make better plans in this respect. Juniors are always cordially invited to attend any of our events and are urged to do so in order to become better acquainted with the membership as a whole. I am sure they could benefit greatly through their acquaintance with older members.

I think probably the highlights of this year's activities were the winter outing held at Mazama Lodge with Sterling Behnke as chairman; the training program provided by the Willamette National Forest; and the summer outing with Glen Sims as chairman. I think Mary Pennoyer deserves a great deal of credit for putting out a very successful bulletin. I really think the bulletin has done more to inform the members of our activities and create a better understanding among members, than anything else.

I wish at this time to thank all members of the Obsidian board for their continuous attendance to all meetings and for their many suggestions and con-

tributions. The chairmen of the various committees are to be commended for maintaining a very good program in spite of the various handicaps under which they have been working.

A great deal of credit goes to each individual member for keeping up his or her interest during this period of emergency. I sincerely hope that everyone will continue to maintain their membership and to make contributions to the club by serving on committees and helping whenever they are called on to do so. I truly feel that the success of the summer camp was chiefly due to the congenial group that was in attendance.

I fully realize that the committees had to work harder on this particular outing than on any previous outing because of the existing war conditions. I had the pleasure of working with Glen Sims and Robert Lemon on the summer outing committee. I wish to express my appreciation of the great deal of work they had to do to make the camp come up to expectations. I had never worked with two such agreeable and capable men before.

I hope that during the balance of this year, you individual members will try to attend as many of the events as possible. In or about September 10, there will be a general get-together potluck dinner. On September 19, there will be a camp reunion at the Del Rey Cafe. On October 6, there will be the annual meeting which will probably be held at the Episcopal Church. We are also planning several more trips to the cabins which I hope will be well attended.

Again I wish to thank you for your cooperation.

C. K. STALSBERG, *Pres.*,  
*Eugene Obsidians, Inc.*

**Sunday, July 12, 1942**

Sunday was spent at the Hamlin cherry orchard where the members of the Obsidian club held a picnic. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Currin, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Yoran, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Hamlin, Mrs. Ruth Richardson, Mrs. Helen Kilpatrick, Miss Shirley Glasgow, Miss Bertha Deckman, Miss Thelma Watson, Mrs. Glen Sims, Mr. A. H. Tyson and Alfred Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heidenreich and daughters Kathryn Ann and Mary Jean, Dr. Omar Gullion and Gordon, Howard Neil and Mr. and Mrs. Dorr Hamlin.

Archery and hand ball and visiting were the main diversion. A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed at 2:30 with cherries and watermelon later in the evening.

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## Local Walks Schedule

There will be a Local Walks trip every Sunday or weekend this Fall. The schedule had not been completed at time of our going to press, so for the present it will be necessary to watch for notices in the Guard or consult the bulletin board at Hendershott's. Trip schedules will be out soon.

Because of rubber shortage and threatened gas rationing, as many of the trips as possible will be scheduled to save these two war essentials and at the same time provide interesting trips. Public conveyance will also be used where possible. (Before we all had cars, some of the most fun we ever had was when we all went together in "public carriers".)

Remember to watch the papers and bulletin board for the next two weeks trips.

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### Middle and South Sisters Climbed

Thirteen Obsidians and friends climbed the Middle Sister July 19 with Cliff Stalsberg and Bob Lemon as leaders. This was the annual ten-foot climb of the club.

On July 26 the climb of the South Sister was led by Joe Heidenreich.

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### North Sister Climbed

Twelve Obsidians climbed to the summit of the rugged North Sister August 9, 1942. Six of the party were from the summer camp at Husband Lake and bivouaced at Camp Scott, where they were met by six from Eugene.

Ray Sims, who made his 16th climb as leader was assisted by Al Hoffman and Bailey Castelloe.

Members of the party were Mary Pennoyer, Jane Hall, Bertha Deekman, Bailey Castelloe, Ed. Kremer, Ray Engles, Al Hoffman, Laurence Hoffitt, Bob Moffitt, Bill Masold, Goodman Kaarhus and Ray Sims.

## Dorr Hamlin Representative

Dorr Hamlin Represented the Obsidians at the annual meeting of the Federation of Outdoor Clubs held at Castle Crags State Park in the upper Sacramento River Canyon, California, over Labor Day week-end. More about this at the annual meeting when he will give a report.

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### MARRIED !

The marriage of Miss Mary Lee Pennoyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pennoyer, to Mark Bailey Castelloe of Eugene and Portland, was solemnized Sunday evening, September 6, at five o'clock in a simple ceremony in the First Congregational church at Vancouver, Washington. Reverend Stuart V. Goude officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Pennoyer and the bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. Cleota Pennoyer, attended the wedding.

The couple are at home at 1705 S. W. 12th street, Portland.

### Baby Rock Climbed June 7th.

With Bob Lemon and Cliff Stalsberg as leaders 20 Obsidians and friends enjoyed a trip to Baby Rock up the Willamette. Rope repelling was the main entertainment demonstrated by the leaders. Several tried their skill.

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Doran McKee announced that the cantaloupes are getting ripe. Watch the papers for the announcement of the party. We will all be there Doran!

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### Pictures Lost!

Some of the club's prize pictures have been misplaced. If anyone knows where whereabouts please let Olga Mortensen or Helen Kilpatrick know.

## The Lost River

Put on a brand new good trip and only a few turn out; but schedule it again and you will have a good crowd. We hope that this is a true observation because those who took the Lower Falls--Middle Falls trip up the McKenzie on August 30 were very enthusiastic about it. It is entirely different from any other trip we have taken. The emerald pool at the base of the Lower Falls is a real gem! The 'dry water-falls' were like miniature Grand Coulees. Even searching for the end of the lost river in the trailless canyon provided its thrills. Ask any of the eight who went and you will go next time: Thelma Watson, Ray Holtan, Bertha Deckman, Helen Smith, Sterling Patterson, and Louis Waldorf, Leader.

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## BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee,  
September 1, 1942, a daughter  
Leslie Dianne.

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## Crater Lake Trip

Twelve members and friends of the Obsidians took advantage of the Labor day week-end and motored to Crater Lake. Olga Mortensen was there to greet us and had made arrangements for over-nite camping. The weather was perfect and the lake clear on Sunday but not so smooth on Monday.

The evening was spent at the Community House where the Forest Service put on the usual entertainment. Added interest was in having Dr. R. R. Huestis as the Lecturer.

A climb of Garfield was taken Sunday afternoon and a trip around the rim was enjoyed Monday. Those in the party were Mr. Ray Boals and Helen Kilpatrick as leaders, Jean Kilpatrick, Utahan Hall, Myrtie Hamlin, Thelma Watson, Mrs. Ruth Richardson, Nellie Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Breen, Jean Boals and Lorraine Woods.

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