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## Obsidian Annual Summer Outing Aug. 1-15

### PRINCESSES MEET

Late winter and spring have found the Princesses meeting in January with Doris Sims, February with Myrtie Hamlin, March with Thelma Watson, April with Minnie McCracken, May with Hazel Stalsberg, and June with Helen Wiser in the form of a cover dish. Each hostess with her assistant have served the customary delicious dessert which our Princesses are noted for.

As a contribution to war work we have completed two Afghans for the Red Cross. Mrs. D. E. Yoran was most kind in giving these the finishing touch with colorful edgings.

Along with our knitting we write letters each meeting to Obsidians in the service and before the year passes we hope to have reached each service member with a bit of news from home.

The July 19th meeting will be with Mary Gillespie and will be another covered dish.

### "Good Deed" Done

A dozen members of the Obsidians took pot-luck lunch and gathered at the suburban orchard of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Waldorf Sunday, May 23 for a day's "good deed."

Hoeing around most of the filbert trees and other odd jobs was the order of the day. The Waldorf's expressed thanks to all. Those helping were: Prof. Sipe, Ray Boals, Dr. Gullion, Mrs. Neal, Bertie and Doran McKee, Florence and Glen Sims, Nellie Moore, Helen Smith, Elmer McBee and Dorr Hamlin.

Later in the afternoon Myrtie Hamlin and Helen Kirkpatrick with two grand-daughters came out to inspect the work.



BLANCHE OSBURN

has finished her primary training at the 318th Army Air Force Training Detachment at Sweetwater, Texas and is now entering her basic training. On her days off she has visited Dallas, Texas and several other nearby cities.

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Just a few lines from the Entertainment Committee about out past activities and those planned for the future.

Along with our dinners and dances we have enjoyed some excellent pictures. February 11th pictures of Mexico were shown by Miss Wood, and I feel we all learned something about our neighbors to the South. There were 36 present. Bob Wilson and Marjorie Scobert were special guests.

An exchange of valentines was held later in the evening to add to the fun.

March 18th Mr. Brazill of the Boneville Administration showed some very fine movies of the Columbia river and the different government developments in the area. Most interesting was the salmon negotiating the rapids and fish ladders. Also some very

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The date set for this year's Obsidian Summer Outing is August 1 to 15, and the place will be the Obsidian Cabin at the Belknap C.C.C. camp, just above McKenzie Bridge.

On account of the shortage of gas, difficulties of transportation and other handicaps too numerous to mention, it was thought best not to try to have camp back in the mountains, and some distance away from main travelled highways, as has been our former practice and as most of the members would prefer this year if conditions were favorable, but conditions this year for camping in the wilds are entirely different from what they have been for any former outing.

The Forest Service, through Mr. Elliott, has granted us the use of their kitchen, dining room, bunk house, in fact almost anything we want, and are both willing and anxious to help us in every way possible to make the outing pleasant and enjoyable.

Transportation being one of the big items to contend with this year, it will be necessary for each person to arrange for their own transportation, which may be done by engaging fare with some other Obsidian who is fortunate enough to have an auto, and gas enough to run it, or they may engage fare via The Mt. Hood stages which will be going by the camp every day of the week.

The committee will arrange to transport all bedding, luggage, and equipment for all parties going to the camp beginning.

As in former years, non-members are not only welcome, but are invited to join with us at this camp.

On account of the food ration-

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**July 11th Trip**

Thelma Watson led the trip  
Sunday, July 11th. Alfred Tyson,  
Bertha Deckman, Lloyd Helik-  
son, Adeline Adams made up the  
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# What Club Members Are Doing

It was reported in the *Trail Blazer* from Portland that Mary and Bailey have been on the trips to Nesmith and Hunchback Mts.

At the regular dance May 6th a surprise birthday cake was presented to Bertie McKee as she celebrated that event on the 5th. Delicious punch was also served.

May 13th a carload journeyed to Skovbo's for an evening of fun. On May 20th we were delighted to have Mary and Bailey Castelloe and Vera Amort join us at our Thursday night dance.

We are glad to report Helen Wisner and Louis Waldorf well on the way to full recovery, but sorry to report Ann Brenner is under the Doctor's care in Portland. Her address is 1206 S. W. Gibbs, care of Mazie Wetzel. I'm sure she would be glad to hear a word of cheer from any of the members.

We are glad to report that Ilene Baker and her husband are moving back to Eugene. Welcome!

Miriam Yoder is expected home for her summer vacation July 15th. We'll be seeing you, both Monday, July 19th at Princess meeting.

After a fine year in Canada photographing wild life and skiing, Elizabeth Gullion is back in good old Oregon. During the past

winter she taught skiing and guiding at Sunshine Ski Camp near Banff.

Joan Seavey is now a WAAC.

Blanche Osburn is in the Woman's Flying Training Command. A very enjoyable letter was read from her at the last Princess meeting.

Chester Pietka was home again in May on a furlough.

Clifford Stalsberg has resigned as chairman of the Outing Committee and Darwin Yoran has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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beautiful forest scenes were shown. Mr. Brazill promised to come back again with others equally as good, so don't miss it. Total attendance 36. Alfred Tyson was in charge. Thanks a lot Alfred for a nice program.

April 29th our first rationed pot-luck was enjoyed, or should I say experienced. However, I haven't heard any complaints of any suffering from the pangs of hunger. Mr. Boals showed pictures of special interest to Obsidians taken in our own wonderland on our own local trips. 29 were present. Jane Hall was in charge. Thanks Jane for a nice evening's entertainment.

May 27th our first out-door picnic was enjoyed by 20 Obsidians and friends in Skinner Butte park. We enjoyed another Ration Pot-luck, although it would be hard to say where the rationing came in. When dinner was over and we had settled all the world problems, put the finishing touches on the war, the party broke up and part went out to the Y.M.C.A. and finished the evening dancing. Mrs. Dotson was in charge of arrangements. Thanks a lot, Elsie, if you always feed that good we will let you do

it again some time.

Special, June First 25 Obsidians and friends walked in on the Skovbo's to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. The evening was spent dancing, after which we labored through another one of those rationed pot-lucks, with ice-cream and cake. During dinner a beautiful blanket was presented to Hanna and Pete. The shock was almost too much for Pete.

It also happened to be the birthday of Mr. Tyson, Alfred's father, and he was presented with a big birthday cake, and learned to sing "Happy Birthday to You". Betty, Thelma and Bertie were in charge and did all the plotting and planning. Thanks Betty, Thelma and Bertie for a pleasant evening.

As to our future programs, it is quite indefinite. We have hoped Old Sol and Jupe would get their feud over with so we could have more out door picnics. However, any one having a place to picnic and would be willing to have us, or any one having suggestions to make for an entertainment and enjoyment, if you will contact the entertainment committee it would be very much appreciated.

The Kitson Springs trip which was to be held over the Fourth had to be cancelled, but on Monday there was a picnic in the Hamlin orchard. A few cherries were picked to help out. Katherine Dunlop, Lloyd Heliksen, Thelma Watson, Nellie Moore, Myrtie, Mrs. Swanson and her granddaughter, Alfred Tyson, A. H. Tyson, Utahna Hall, Myrtie and Dorr enjoyed the fun.

## OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT—

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## R. Hopson and B. Deckman Have Interesting Trip

Ruth Hopson and Bertha Deckman spent the Fourth of July weekend in the high mountains with the Obsidian cabins as their headquarters.

Horsepasture was their first trip. They hiked to the saddle, stayed the night and then up to the lookout where they spent a day and night, returning to the cabins on the Fourth.

At the Saddle they found wildcat and deer tracks in the morning.

On the 5th they hiked 9 miles one way to Frizell Point. They found 5 different kinds of orchids on Frizell where the flowers were ahead of those on Horsepasture.

As this goes to press Ruth is packing to return for another study. Besides collecting flowers she studied birds, reptiles, amphibians, etc. Her thesis that she is working on is Certain Phases of the Natural History of the McKenzie.

## Sunday, June 13

The Obsidian trip to the Cottage Grove Dam was ideal, only 50 miles 'round trip. Cloudy and warm, with a shower as we neared home. The lake at the dam is not as large as Fernridge, but more sightly. Surrounded as it is by hills, the road around the lake is five miles long and in good condition with plenty of good picnic places.

Those enjoying the trip were Ray Boals, leader, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Yoran, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sims, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hamlin, Helen Kirkpatrick and granddaughter Joan, Bertha Deckman and Olga Mortensen.

## New Members

Elmer McBee was voted in as a new member at the last board meeting. Katherine Dunlop and Utahna Hall have sent in their applications and will be voted on at the next board meeting.

Lloyd Helikson is working in Eugene again.

## LOCAL WALKS

July 11—Half day walk over wooded trails and country roads, starting from South Bend of Riverview Avenue east of Judkins Point. *Thelma Watson*, leader.

July 18—Willamette Forest work trip. This is a "co-op" trip—we will do the work and the Forest Service will furnish the transportation and tools. We will fix up one of the camp grounds that is to be maintained this summer. Transportation will be in the Forest Service "side-seat" trucks. Wear your rough outing clothes and come prepared to do a good deed for our friends who have done many for us—and have a good trip "without gas" and a lot of fun doing it. Transportation will be furnished for all who will work. *Sign up early for this transportation.* There will be limited newspaper publicity, so remember the date. *Local Walks Committee*, leaders.

July 25—Picnic at McKees. Nuff sed! Watch for time, etc. in paper or at Hendershott's. Sign up for co-op transportation. *Bertie and Doran McKee*, leaders

## New Book

We have a new book in our library. "Hiking, Camping and Mountaineering" by Roland C. Geist. Any member desiring to see it should call *Thelma Watson* the chairman of the Library Committee.

## Thanks

The Obsidian Princess club wishes to thank Mrs. D. E. Yoran for her lovely work on the Afghan and Mrs. Veatch for her donation of yarn.



## Hike to Spencer

With Jupe at peace and the scheduled hike cancelled a group got together for a climb of Spencer.

To pay for their efforts they could see the Three Sisters and several other snow caps.

They hiked (?) out South Willamette and came back Alder, so had an enjoyable trip.

Alfred Tyson, his father Mr. Alan Tyson, Bertha Deckman, Utahna Hall, Arlene Brant, Dorothy Halle, and Mrs. Lois O'Conner made the trip. There were several other Obsidians contacted, but had to decline on account of previous engagements.

## Notice of Past Dues Due

The latter part of March the secretary sent out notices of dues that were past due. So far quite a number of members have not sent in their dues. It would be greatly appreciated by the secretary if they would kindly do so in the near future.

## Cookees Cook

Several of the Obsidian women went up to the Belknap guard camp and assisted with the cooking for a few days in June when the Forest Service was having their school of instruction.

The Obsidian women who helped were Myrtie Hamlin, Roxie Waldorf, Ruth Hopson and Ada Smith. Nita Behnke could not help so she sent Lola Brockman to take her place. The women received some very good instruction, also, in how to cook for one hundred or more.

## Calkins Hill Trip

Helen Smith led an enjoyable trip out west 11th and over Calkins hill on June 6th. Those enjoyed the walk were Helen K., Myrtie H., Ruth H., Thelma W., Darwin and Josie Yoran, Glen and Florence Sims, Katherine Dunlop, Bertha Deckman, Jeanette Wittie, Arlene Brant, Dorothy Halle, Utahna Hall and Olga Mortensen. Nellie Moore was assistant leader.

## Letter From Seattle Mountaineers

The prospectus of the outing mentioned below is in the hands of the secretary. Anyone desiring to see it can do so by contacting her. August 1 to 13 are the dates of this outing.

Seattle, Washington  
May 27, 1943

Obsidians, Inc.,  
Eugene, Oregon  
Dear Friends:

May we take this opportunity to cordially invite the members of your club on our outing into the Selkirks, Glacier National Park, British Columbia, scheduled for the first two weeks in August.

This Range affords excellent climbing, both for the novice and the experienced climber. Our previous outing in that area in 1938 was eminently successful and our own members are anxious to "tackle" it again.

The car and gas problem has been eliminated—by boat from Seattle to Vancouver, B. C. and by train from there to Glacier. The Canadian Pacific Railway has been very kind and assures us of their cooperation.

We would very much appreciate your posting the enclosed copy of our prospectus on your bulletin board and announcing our outing at your next membership meeting. Extra copies of the prospectus are available.

Here's hoping to see some of you this summer.

Sincerely yours,  
THE MOUNTAINEERS  
Summer Outing Committee  
Phyllis Cavender, Secy.

## Scobert-Wilson

On Saturday evening, June twenty-sixth the marriage of Marjorie Scobert and Robert W. Wilson took place.

Marjorie and Bob will be at home at 615 West Lakeshore, Cour d'Alene, Idaho.

## Vital Statistics

Myrtie and Dorr are grandparents to Terry Michele, daughter born to Daisey and Claire Hamlin July 2, 1943. Congratulations, Grandparents!

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## Joan Seavey Wins Prize

A limerick contest was held the evening of March 18th with Joan Seavey writing the "winner".

To hike all day and dance all night  
Was once an Obsidian's daily rite;  
Now rationing limits your every shoe

So if you want these things to do  
Let's hit the Japs with all our might

Other Endings by various members were: "Just join the army and show your might", "Buy stamps and bonds—help win the fight", "Go barefoot and help finish the fight", "Shrink your stomach, buy bonds and win the fight", "Just save your gas and stay home at nite", "Do your part—fight, fight, fight", "We'll count our points and hike and dance too", "Let's all get in and win this fight", "Use all your zip to win the fight", "Just bend your back and crack your neck, We are going to hike, gas or not, by heck".

## Summer Outing

ing problem, the transportation problem, the cook problem, and a few other problems too numerous to mention, before the outing can be an assured fact, the following requirements must be met on or before July 20th—*Not Later.*

Not less than 25 persons must have made reservations for the camp and paid at least one-half of the camp fee, balance to be paid before going to camp; a suitable cook must have been engaged for the camp period; arrangements must have been made for the proper and necessary food, since food rationing may become quite a serious item to contend with.

The fees for camp this year will be as follows:

### Members:

Two Weeks, Aug. 1 to 15 ...\$25.00

Less than 2 weeks, per day 2.00

### Non-Members:

Two Weeks, Aug. 1 to 15 ... 30.00

Less than 2 weeks, per day 2.50

The committee on arrangements this year consists of two members: D. E. Yoran, 511 East 12th Ave., and R. B. Boals, 1706 Jefferson St. Make your reservations and send your money to either one of the two. *Not later than July 20.*

## Paid-Up Membership For Those In Service

The board of directors advise that memberships for those in the armed forces will be carried by the club until such time as they are dismissed from the service.

Of course, any arrearages in dues up to the time of entering service must be taken care of before the club can give service-connected members their paid-up cards.





## WINTER OUTING

The winter outing at the Obsidian cabin, February 20-22 was enjoyed by fifteen woofin poofin birds. An abundance of nice brown roast turkey and fixin's, followed by hilarious games of Michigan, music and dancing, ran far into the night.

No doubt, if George Washington had been passing by at that time he would have been highly pleased, being it was his birthday.

Sunday morning a cross country ski trip to Lost Creek Ranch was made by our president Florence Sims, Glen Sims, Dr. Gullion, Ruth Hopson, Helen Smith, Elmer McBee, and Dorr Hamlin.

Saturday evening Olga Mortensen, Ruth Hopson and Elmer McBee made a trip of inspection to Olga's palatial summer home, above Belknap Springs, where refreshments were served. (Do not laugh Ruth.)

Sunday Olga and Thelma made the same trip and did not return until after the turkey was half eaten by the hungry ones waiting their return.

Monday a trip up Paradise Trail was enjoyed, bob cat and deer tracks were plentiful, so were the fallen trees across the trail. The wood and Paradise creek were beautiful, though.

Taking the place of the usual big yarn contest, a most interesting series of contests were held. The one enjoyed most was "Cranking the Light Plant Motor."

The cooks were offended,

meals served and becoming cold, while the men were trying to see who could get the most pops out of the —\*x!?!— thing. Glen won, under protest from Dorr, who claimed Glen wore one of his gloves while cranking. (Gee it was fun, hope we can do it again some day.)

The door opening stunt was won by Dorr after a skull flattening maneuver on the trap door in the ceiling. (We didn't hear just what you said to the door, Dorr.)

The tree topping feat was a push-over for Dr. Gullion and Elmer, and the old kitchen stove drew better after the tree was topped, too.

Most popular and toothsome was the pie, good apple pie, won easily by Jossie Yoran, (that is how she caught Darwin, no doubt—just apple pie.)

The audience was astounded by the mechanical skill of Darwin, with his complicated system of weights, ropes and pulleys for lifting the door at the top of the winding mahogany (or can they be walnut) stairs. Dorr was the first to commend him on his ability.

Nellie took the ribbon in the knitting; time, four and one-half minutes, western war time.

Glen was far in the lead in the turkey eating event, when Dorr inadvertently said that the turkey was not free. Evidently Olga did not hear the remark for she won easily and after an hour or so on the davenport, some bi carb and a nap she was the same Olga.

Everyone agreed that Nita

Behnke is the best turkey roaster ever. Thanks, Nita! Wish you could have enjoyed it with us.

Those wishing they could have stayed a whole week were: Florence Sims, Glen Sims, Dr. Gullion, Olga Mortensen, Thelma Watson. Nellie Moore wished she could stay two. Myrtie Hamlin, Dorr Hamlin, Darwin Yoran, Jossie Yoran, Ruth Hopson, Helen Smith, Ray Boals, Mrs. Boals and Elmer McBee.

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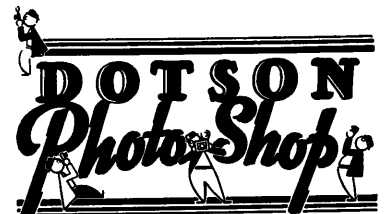


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