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# Annual Meeting Tuesday, October 5, 1943

## W. F. O. C. Attended By Three Obsidians

The Obsidians had three official representatives at the annual meeting of the Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs. They were Dorr Hamlin, Vice-president for Oregon; Florence Sims, our club president, and Louis Waldorf, Delegate. Glen Sims and Thelma Watson also accompanied them to the meeting, which was held in the Mazama club rooms in Portland, on Sunday, Sept. 19. Due to war conditions, this one day business session took the place of the usual two and a half day outing and business meetings of the Federation.

Reports were made by members showing the large number of outing club members now in the armed services and also in home front activities.

A number of resolutions were passed, largely representing the interests of outdoor people in pending national legislation.

Ed. J. Hughes, Mazama, was elected president, Dr. Leonard Cook, Chemekatan, vice-president for Oregon, Martha Darcy, sec-treas. and Matilda Smedburg, corresponding secretary.

## Picnic At McKees

On July 25th the Obsidians enjoyed a picnic out at McKee's. After a tour of the melon and corn patches their fine new fire-place was initiated.

Those enjoying this good time were Darwin and Josie Yoran, Catherine Dunlop, Nellie Moore, Utahna Hall, Thelma Watson, Alfred Tyson and his Dad, Lloyd Helikson, Louis and Roxie Waldorf and Glen and Florence Sims.

## Cascadia Work Trip

If you were not in on that work trip to Fernview Forest Camp above Cascadia on the South Santiam, July 18th, we are sorry and if you did not take a cushion to sit on you were sorry.

Wear your old clothes was the advice given. Dorr said "that suits me as that is all I have anyway." Thelma didn't have many, but she wore what few she had, they surely were old, because they did not meet in the middle by a foot or more.

Transportation and tools were furnished by the Forest Service, free if you didn't count the lini-

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## In Memoriam

- No brows all wet with trail brewed sweat,
- No aching backs, bowed down by packs,
- No blistered feet, no burns to treat,
- No swinging axe with ringing hacks,
- No stove to stoke, no fire to poke,
- No smoke filled eyes, no buzzing flies,
- No trips all mapped, no skeeters slapped,
- No songs at night by camp-fire light,
- No mattress flat at half-past that,
- No breakfast call, no rush by all,
- No legs to cramp, no cook to vamp,
- No dew, no damp, no Summer Camp!

*Mabel J. Currin*

The annual meeting of the OBSIDIANS, INC. will be held at the River Road Women's Club House, Tues. evening, October 5, 1943. Transportation will be via private cars or the River Road bus. Dinner will be at 6:30 p. m. Each member coming bring a potluck dish and coffee will be furnished by the club.

Following the dinner will be the annual business meeting, election of directors, reports of committees, etc. Polls will be open from 7:30 to 8:30. Only ACTIVE members, whose dues are paid, are eligible to vote. Dues for the ensuing year will be payable at this time, amount \$2.00, and the secretary will be prepared to receive them. There are nine directors to be elected—six men and three women. Following is a list of candidates selected by the nominating committee:

Ray B. Boals, Dr. O. R. Gullion, J. Dorr Hamlin, Joe F. Heidenreich, Arthur Hendershott, Elmer F. McBee, Doran McKee, S. F. Patterson, Frank P. Sipe, Clifford K. Stalsberg, Louis Waldorf, Darwin Yoran.

Bertha Deckman, Jane Hall, Nancy Hamlin, Florence Sims, Helen Smith, Thelma Watson.

HELP TO CARRY ON WHILE OUR BOYS ARE FIGHTING FOR US — SO DON'T FORGET THIS IMPORTANT MEETING AND DINNER DATE.

## Vital Statistics

Dot and Elsie have a new boy, James Leslie, born August 24. Little "Batam" has been suggested for a chief's name.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Waldorf are the proud grandparents of a baby boy born Sept. 4, 1943.

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**Cabins Work Trip**

Dorr Hamlin is planning another work trip to the cabins, so watch for this announcement. There will be a trip to the new airport to watch the weather balloons and a tour of the buildings. It will be an afternoon trip, so we should have a big turn out.

I wish to thank my committee and the others who have helped in getting the "Obsidian" out this past year. We have received several compliments which shows the publication has been appreciated. Our publisher, Mr. Fuller, also deserves a bid of thanks for his help. Those connected with the publishing of the "Obsidian" wish to thank the advertisers for their continued support. They deserve your patronage.—*Nellie Moore, Publication Chairman.*

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## What Club Members Are Doing

Adeline Adams spent an enjoyable week at the coast with her folks. She and her Dad enjoyed riding their wheels on the beach. She also spent several days picking beans.

Jane Hall was spending part of her vacation in Portland this past week.

Olga spent some of her time working in town and some in the bean patch, but expects to spend a week at her cabins later this fall.

Helen Smith had planned a sky line trip on horse back, but had to give that up. She and her folks enjoyed a week at the Metolius Circle M Ranch.

Nellie Moore rode up to Hoquiam, Washington with Catherine Dunlop where she visited for a week. She spent a night both going and coming with Mary and Bailey. During her stay in Portland on the way back she had the thrill of seeing the Ben T. Osborne ship launched.

Florence and Glen hope to have a week's vacation later, but spent the summer harvesting their own crops and Florence made a neat sum picking beans.

Miriam Yoder was home for her summer vacation. She spent a week of it at the coast with Gladys and their mother, Mrs. Yoder.

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Mary and Bailey have had no long vacation, but manage to get home about once a month. Their last trip home was Sept. 24, 25 and 26.

Ray and Doris Sims with Jimmy spent a week at the coast.

Utahna Hall had a trip to her home in Idaho.

Alfred Tyson and his Dad had a fishing trip. I haven't heard about the big one that got away.

Bill and Minnie McCracken and son, Bill, jr., have just returned from an antelope hunt in the Blitzen and French Glen sections of southeastern Oregon, each having bagged an animal.

A party of 12 including Cliff and Hazel Stalsberg and Phyllis Ann, Charlotte and Bob Lemon, Margaret and Bobby, Mr. Frank Sipe, Thelma Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Constance and son Bobby all enjoyed a camping trip on Trapper creek near Odell Lake. Hiking and boating were the main entertainments. The climb of Lakeview mountain was one of the longer trips taken.

Helen and Paul Wiser have stayed with the crops this summer but hope for a real vacation later this fall.

The Boals have had several trips to the coast. Some of the pictures he took were enjoyed at the picture contest.

Elmer McBee expects a hunting trip before the season closes. Mrs. McBee is going to have a trip to Portland.

The Gillespie's have had several trips to Portland.

Darwin and Mrs. Yoran have had several short trips during the summer.

June Porterfield has been home on furlough after seeing some of the world and being in four engagements. We were glad to see him at the annual picture contest.

Miriam Yoder has come back to Oregon to work and has accepted the position of High School Librarian at The Dalles.

Blanche Osburn is to get her wings on October 9th. She will then have a furlough and expects to arrive in Eugene sometime the 12th. She has the hours and days counted.

Ruth Hopson, Adeline Adams and Bertha Deckman made a trip into Collier Glacier Sunday, September 19th.

Helen Kilpatrick has just returned from a vacation to Eastern Oregon where she visited with Ray, Blanche and her grandchildren.

Bertha Deckman had her vacation early in the season when she went to the mountains with Ruth.

Louie Waldorf had a week at Kitson Spring under treatment for his arm. Mrs. Waldorf spent part of her time in the bean patch while he was gone.

If Thelma suggests she will treat you when in a small crowd watch out for her. She thought she had a shiny quarter, but it turned out to be a nickel.

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## Snow Storm Blocks Climbing Obsidians

The sixteen members of the Obsidian climbing party hiking to Sunshine Shelter at the base of the 3 Sisters Saturday, Aug. 28th met a snow storm at 2 o'clock Sunday morning and did not leave the shelter. They were to climb the North Sister and 3 members of the party planned to climb the Middle Sister. Snow was still falling when the shelter was vacated later in the morning and all of the party returned to Eugene.

The members of the party were, Bob Lemon, Cliff Stalsberg, Glen Sims, Ed Kremer, Lewis Vogler, Harold Roberts, Reginald Eggleton, Elmer McBee, Ray Boals, Bob Gray, Don Beardsley, Mr. and Mrs. John Beck, Mr. Bartell, Ray Jones from Portland and Ray Sims. Ray Sims was to lead the party up the North Sister and Cliff Stalsberg the climb of the Middle.

This is the second time a party planning to climb the North Sister has been turned back on account of a storm.

And there was another group of ardent Obsidians who planned to hike to Sunshine Sunday morning and spend the day exploring at the foot of the mountains. But the snow that turned back the climbers was wet rain at Scott Lake—which accounted for four more disappointed Obsidians: Helen Smith, Rosalie Pielmeier, Adeline Adams and Mr. F. P. Sipe.

## SOS Calls Heeded

When Louie sent out a call to the club for bean pickers in the R. E. Corum patch, Mary Gillespie, Bertha Deckman, Katherine Dunlop, Nellie Moore and Mrs. Waldorf responded. Later when Vera Heidenreich sent out a very urgent SOS for help Thelma Watson, Bertha Deckman, Nellie Moore and the McCrackens responded. It was really fun and everyone was glad to help out in the emergency. Vera reported we helped her save several hundred pounds of beans that otherwise would have been lost.

## Another Party At McKees

About 35 enjoyed the birthday party held on Doran's birthday August 12th. He says he isn't going to have any more but "I wouldn't say that" Doran. After a bountiful picnic supper including birthday cake the usual game of volley ball was enjoyed. The usual violin concert followed with Doran, Arthur Hendershott, Roxie Waldorf and Betty Hendershott playing the violins accompanied by Mrs. Hendershott and Alfred Tyson on the piano.

## Cascadia Work Trip

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ment you had to buy to rub on your bruises.

Because of so many stops, while Glen sprinted back along the highway to retrieve hats blown overboard, we were late in arriving at our destination, however, there were so many skilled and experienced workers, repairs moved swiftly.

Bob Lemon and Glen Sims coaxed the mud and fir needles out of the water system and the cold sparkling water ran as before. Louie as usual, had to look into things, especially the top of a hydrant that was being persuaded to disgorge its plug of muck, well it did, and Louie looked like he had been hit with a mud pie square in the eye.

The road and trail crew under the able leadership of Darwin, cleared the trails and roads, filling holes, removing logs, rocks and fallen trees until they looked just as good as if the CCC had done it.

Dorr with his saw and hammer, a pocket full of nails, followed by Lloyd, did a grand job of repairing crippled tables, benches and shelters.

It was the women folks that made the showing tho, raking up the debris about the shelters, tables and parking places, polishing the stoves and faucets.

Then we ate and ate and didn't feel much like working any more.

A vote was taken on whether to return the way we came or go by the way of Fish Lake. Of course everyone wanted to go by

the lake, so we all piled in the truck and went up the river over the big slide, which is immense, past jump off Joe, turned to the right into the McKenzie cutoff road. There we came close to nature and passed through the most beautiful stand of Douglas Fir in the world. In fact you come so close to nature that one had to keep his neck and elbows well inside the truck or be decapitated and disarmed.

We took on gas at the Fish Lake Guard station, by the way, there is real water in the lake this year in place of mules eating grass.

Then on to Clear Lake Forest Camp, there we ate what remained of the chicken and cake, took a look at the Big Spring and a deer feeding among the shrubs on the further shore.

As the little boy said as his Mother led him out back, "now the pain begins" that cut off road is sure cut off and up and around. The 2x4 seats crosswise of the truck supposed to hold up 1,000 pounds, was occupied by three lean mountain climbers, enjoying the bumps, when there was a splintering crash, a shriek or two, and the three bruised and flattened Obsidians sat in the three big dents on the floor, how the Forest Service will remove those dents is their problem, as we signed away all liability.

Nevertheless we arrived home, tired, hungry and sleepy and ready to rest a week.

Those who arrived home were the two big Lemons, Dorr Hamlin, Myrtie Hamlin, Helen Smith, Olga Mortensen, Darwin and Josie Yoran, Lloyd Hamlin, Elmer and Cora McBee, Thelma Watson, Glen and Florence Sims, Louis and Roxie Waldorf, Nellie Moore, Jane Hall, Lewis Vogler, Helen Kilpatrick, Arlene Brant, Dorothy Hallee, Mr. Sipe, Paul Wiser and Hector Zohn.—*E. McBee.*

The Princess Club wishes to take this opportunity of again thanking Mrs. Yoran for helping complete the Afaghan and also Adeline's mother, Mrs. Charles Adams, for her help.

## MYRTIE'S DIARY

July 23rd '43.

Ruth Hopson, Helen Kilpatrick and Myrtie Hamlin left Eugene at 3:40 arrived at Scott Lake 7:20, decided to camp here the whole week instead of part time at West Lava as first planned. We are glad we got "headnets" as the mosquitoes are thick and hungry. We stopped near Yales while Helen banded two baby night-hawks that Ruth had found the week before. They were hard to find as there was no nest and they were the color of the twigs and dry grass. We nearly stepped on them before the mother flew up. She lit on a nearby log and hissed at us with her wings spread out flat on the logs.

July 25th—Went to Hand Lake and found a mountain chickadee's nest in a hollow tree, but had forgotten to bring the "bands". Later we found a baby "spotted sand-piper", and decided here-after the "bands" would go on all trips.

July 26th—Ruth pressing flowers. She and Helen have been seeing new birds all morning. The Canadian Jay came to camp and we found he imitates the Flicker. As we came in last evening about dusk discovered fresh bear sign close to camp, slept with one eye open and flashlights handy. The deer brouse around camp during the night. We went to Frog Camp, left the car and hiked to Cold-spring and Spring Lake at the foot of Sims Butte. Ruth found several plants she had not seen before and saw a 3-toed woodpecker. Spring Lake was lots higher than it was May 5th two years ago. We saw three marmots at the Rock Pile near the Guard Station on our return, but too late to get pictures.

July 27th—Started to Huckleberry Lake but found too much water in the road to drive in and too late to hike in as we spent too much time at West Lava, photographing Blue Penstemmen's and a baby sand-piper. Found remains of a horned lark. We haven't seen any chipmunks

on this side of the summit, but a few east of the summit.

July 28th—Trip to Little Belknap. Went on over to the foot of Big Belknap but too much snow so did not try to climb—5 o'clock time we got back to the car. Back at camp millions of mosquitoes were waiting for us. We lost no time getting our nets on.

July 29th—Spent morning around camp. Learned to flip pancakes. Saw the only "white Rhododendrum" on the Lake edge and thousands of tadpoles swimming in formation, they made perfect "V's". At 2 p. m. we drove up to the Huckleberry road and left the car and hiked into Huckleberry Lake  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles. Pretty Lake and at one shallow place we saw the foot-print of a huge bird, probably sand hill crane, maybe an Ostrich?

Friday, July 30th—Left for Scott mountain at 8 a. m. reached top at 11:30. Had to climb in quite a bit of snow. Found a big patch of Canadian thistles on top of the mountain and several nice lava bombs as we descended the south slope (we are going back some other day for

the ones we couldn't carry in). We went over to the "Tenas Lakes" and Ruth used up the last of her movie film. When we got back to camp Helen said "now if you will unlock the back of the car I'll get my lunch". We thought she was "mountain-sick" the reason she did not eat when we did.

July 31—All have our hair up on curlers and busy pressing plants and identifying flowers and birds, and wrapping vegetables in wet paper to cook in the hot ashes for our dinner. About 3 p. m. left for Benson Lake. We had forgotten how steep the trail was the first two miles, but so glad we came. It's the loveliest of all the many lakes up here, rather late getting back to camp. Found few charred remains of what we were going to have for dinner.

Aug. 1—Broke camp, watch clouds that looked like rain, had lunch at Sparks ranch, stopped to have another look at the baby night-hawks and photographed them. The rain overtook us at Walterville. One lovely week we would like to live over again.—*Myrtie.*

### Where Have I Been?

Since the army blundered on their orders and sent me back to Eugene to study, Nellie Moore asked me to say a few words about where I had been with the army.

Here goes! First I was at Fort Knox where it was so cold all the time that we could scarcely look out the window without becoming frozen. Next it was Arkansas where everyone drags around in the heat and never says anything without a "yo-all". After two months maneuvering in the Louisiana swamps, we were sent to the California desert. Too much dust and no water were our "worst" worries. Camp Cooke, Cal., was our next station. It is right on the ocean with typical Oregon" weather. Being a tank commander, I did my sight seeing the "hard" way. However, it is wonderful to be back in Eugene even tho they are trying to make a Russian out of me.—Chester Pietka.

### Work Trip To Cabins

September 12th work trip at cabins—only seven went, but Dorr said they got all the work done that he had planned. Patched the roof over the kitchen, cleaned the grounds hauled in a lot of bark for winter wood, put linoleum on the counters, and ate enough for a week. Darwin and Josie Yoran, Glen and Florence Sims, Dorr and Myrtie Hamlin and Louise Waldorf were those on the trip.—M. Hamlin.

## DIAMOND A

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### Picture Contest

The annual picture contest was held the evening of September 23 at the YMCA on the campus.

The contest and judging was held first after which Adeline Adams, Ray Boals and Prof. Sipe showed colored slides. Adeline's were of her trip to Alaska and to the Hawaiian Islands besides some up the Willamette and McKenzie Highways. Mr. Boals had several taken at the coast and Prof. Sipe's were mostly of wild flowers and such.

Pictures which have taken prizes in past years were also on display.

The result of the contest was:

Grand Prize—"On Skyline"—Ray Boals.

Landscape. 1st prize—"Middle Sister from West" Ray Boals. 2nd prize—"Vale of Clouds"—Alfred Tyson.

Snow Scenes. 1st prize "Obsidian Cabins"—Myrtie Hamlin. 2nd prize "Skier"—Myrtie Hamlin.

Human Interest—1st prize. "Stumped"—Alfred Tyson. 2nd prize. "Santiam Forest"—Louie Waldorf.

Wildlife. 1st prize "Crawfishing"—Alfred Tyson. 2nd prize "Counting rings"—Myrtie Hamlin.

### New Members

Catherine Dunlop and Utahna Hall have been officially voted in as members in good standing.

### Princess Meeting

The July Princess meeting was held in the form of a covered dish at Mary Gillespie's. Special guest was Miriam Yoder and Margaret Sprague Hines, both home for their summer vacations. Other members present were Helen W., Charlotte L., Vera H., Reva M., Florence S., Nellie M., Adeline A., Doris S., Myrtie H., Thelma W. and the hostess.

A picnic for members and their families was planned for August but when the time came the members were too busy with the harvest season so it was cancelled but the Sept. meeting, another covered dish, was enjoyed at Fan Korn's with 9 present.

Since we have no new members to initiate an all-night party and special breakfast will be held Oct. 16-17, weather allowing.

### No Rocking Chairs Needed

If you think Louise and Roxy have taken to the rocking chair just because they are grandparents you should watch them pick beans and filberts. It will be a long time before they need a rocking chair.

Those who helped in the filbert orchard Sept. 26 were Florence and Glen Sims, Eileen Guy, Thelma Watson, Nellie Moore, Ray Boals, Patty Boals and her friend.

### Fall Creek Trip

It has been some time since the Fall Creek hike on August 8th, but record should be made of the fact that Fall Creek is an excellent place to go in mid-summer. It is not far from town and while it was during fire closing season there was a beautiful short trail along the creek open to travel within the Forest Reserve. Add to this a dip in clear, cold water that was good enough to drink, and you have something!

There were only 6 for the trail trip and the start of the lunch time, but Alfred Tyson and his Dad got there just as the coffee was beginning to boil.

Those included in "Louie's Flock" were Thelma W., Catherine D., Bertha D., Nellie M. and Helen S. Next year if this trip is repeated there should be a big crowd to enjoy it.—L. Waldorf.

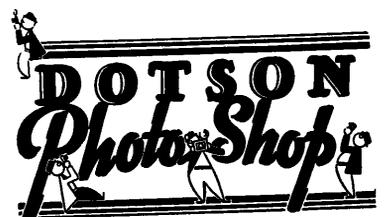
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