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Gerald Johnson

Gerald Johnson, who is a major now, has raised his score of Jap planes to thirteen. He has been in New Guinea about a year now. Recently he was given a rest period. Among other things he did with his spare time was the raising of watermelons.

Letters

Capt. Warren Smith writes that he is stationed on a beautiful large island in the Southwest Pacific. Aside from a few air raids, he says, the life out there is none too exciting.

And that's from a boy who participated in the Empress Augusta marine operations!

Bob Wilson writes to correct an unclear statement in the Dec. Obsidian. He finished his training at Farragut nearly two years ago. Since then he has been working at the Disbursing Offices at San Diego and at Farragut. He thinks his next station may be in Alaska or the Aleutians.

Window Display

Early in January the Obsidians had a display at the Del Ray Cafe honoring our members in the Service. There was a placard giving the names of all those in uniform and there were photographs of as many as could be obtained. With a background composed of enlarged views of the Three Sisters, lent by Myrtie Hamlin, and pine cone and bough decorations, it made a very attractive window.

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Obsidian Of The Year

Since all the magazines are doing this we feel we should too.

The Obsidian who:

Shot down more zeros than Gerald Johnson.

Flew more fortresses than Blanche Osborn.

Climbed the North Sister more times than Ray Sims.

Failed to climb it more times than Ray Boals.

Trapped more skunks in more cupboards than Darwin Yoran.

We introduce—

The little man who isn't there.

Christmas Party

The Christmas party was held Dec. 16 in the Parish House of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Thirty-nine were present. The program, which was in charge of Alfred Tyson, featured slides by the Forest Service, special Christmas records from Moselle Hair's collection, games, a tree with presents distributed by that unsurpassable Santa Claus, Ray Boals, group singing of carols led by Tom Kaarhus and, of course, dancing and refreshments. It was one of the jolliest parties of the year.

Trips

Local Walks has been very successful this winter. Among the many trips were those to Mt. Pisgah, Coburg Hills, Chase Gardens, the Airport and, of course, Spencers Butte. The trips have all been well led and well attended.

Liars' Contest

The Liars' Contest, which is always one of the features of the New Year's party, was won by Florence Sims. There were some outstanding lies told that evening but Florence not only told a whopper but put on a whopping good act when she told it. This will not be the first time Florence's name has been engraved on the cup.

Parties Planned

The Entertainment Committee have planned to give a party on the average of twice a month. Since it is not possible to be sure of time and place very far in advance these will always be announced in the daily paper. So keep an eye out. The hour is always 8 o'clock. Here is the tentative schedule for the next two months:

Valentine Party, February 10th or 12th, Helen Kilpatrick in charge. Each person is asked to bring a valentine for the valentine exchange. There will also be dancing and refreshments.

Leap Year Party, Saturday, Feb. 26, Doran McKee in charge. Something very special is being planned.

St. Patrick's Day Party, Thur., Mar. 16, Jane Hall in charge. Jane hasn't said what she has up her sleeve.

"Specialty Show", Sat., April 1st. The Committee is putting a lot of effort into this one. They feel that there is a lot of hidden talent in the Club. Anyone having any suggestions for "specialties" is urged to get in touch with Albert Tyson. It is hoped that everyone interested will participate.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY New Year Party

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New Years at the cabin and no snow. Just rain. Not like the year the late leavers got snowed in and had to stay longer than they intended, is it?

But they had a good time for all that. Darwin Yoran went early and had the buildings nicely warm. Dorr Hamlin brought the turkeys which Neita Behnke had cooked for them, though she was unable to come herself. True they were a little short of music for dancing, having only Elmer McBee and his mouth organ, but that just gave them an excuse to play cards.

Sgt. Sterling Behnke
 Jack L. Bogan, S 2c
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 Robert Edwards
 Pvt. LeRoy Farnham
 AC Walter Gilbert
 Als. Brian Gillespie
 Pvt. Robert P. Gray
 Pvt. Gordon Gullion
 Capt. R. R. Hewitt
 Pvt. Fred E. Hughes, Jr.
 Aviation Cadet Joseph H. Jackson

Major Gerald Johnson
Pfc. Ralph W. Johnson
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Pfc. Forrest Morgan
Blanche Osburn, W. A. S. P.

Lt. W. C. Peltier
 Sgt. Chester Pietka
 June Porterfield, S. C. 3c
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 Pvt. Clarence S. Killern
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 Capt. Warren E. Smith
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 Pfc. Wm. Tugman, Jr.
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Toast to the Jap Navy—Bottoms up!

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Olga Mortensen.

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Auditing — Bob Lemon, chairman, Percy Brown, Dorr Hamlin.

Reporter — Thelma Watson.

During the stay a Kangaroo Court was held in which Florence and Glen Sims were tried on the very serious charge of selling their home without first asking the Club's permission. They were found guilty and sentenced to give a picnic sometime this summer.

The dinner, of course was the main feature. All twenty returned wearing that well-fed look that always follows Obsidian dinners.

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What Club Members Are Doing

Blanche Osborn is home on her first visit since entering the Service. A luncheon is being planned to enable everyone to see her. She will be based in Florida.

Forrest Morgan was home on furlough during the holidays. We were glad to see him at the New Year's party. Forrest is in the Air Force and is stationed in Arizona.

Neita Behnke is visiting her husband in Denver. She expects to be gone a month.

Nellie Moore resigned from the U of O Library, where she worked so many years, to accept a job in the office of the Christian Parent Publishing Co., 145 W. 26th St. Her new phone number is 3682.

The Glen Sims have moved to town since the paper came out last and are now living at 431 East 14th St.

Miriam Yoder was home for the holidays. She says she likes her work at The Dalles very much.

Jean and Roy Kilpatrick visited their mother, Helen Kilpatrick during the holidays. Roy is a lawyer in Canyon City, Ore.

Marie O'Neil Wright, one time Obsidian secretary, is living in Sacramento. The Wrights have two children, Mary Margaret, 5, and Davis, 3 years old.

Catharine Dunlop was home during the Christmas vacation. She was glad to have Miriam for a passenger part of the way.

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Prince and Ethel Glaze have sold their farm and are again living in their house on east 15th St.

Dan and Jean McGeen, who used to go on hikes with us when he taught at the U of O, are now located at Tex College. They have a son, Dan, Jr.

Robert Swennes was home recently visiting his family. It was the first chance he had had to see his new daughter, Jane Ellen. Thelma and the baby will continue to live at Oakridge for a time.

Charles Wiper and Josephine Tuminia, Metropolitan Grand Opera star, were married in Beaumont, Texas. Miss Helen Oldheim was maid of honor and Major Thomas Wiper acted as best man. Charles is a captain in the army air forces and is stationed at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

Myrtie Hamlin is entertaining an old friend, Faith Bartsch, with whom she went to school 40 years ago.

Ralph Lafferty, who has been stationed in Colorado, is expected home on furlough soon.

Ralph Johnson, who has been in training at Lehigh U. Penn., is expected home on furlough by the time this paper goes to press. Ralph has been promoted to Pfc.

Robert Gray is home with the flu. He tells us that for the past three months he has been assigned to the Army Air Force Technical Training School at Chanute Field, Ill., to study celestial navigation and operation of celestial navigation trainer. His new assignment is with the 3rd Air Force at Avon Park, Fla., where he will aid in training navigators for the army.

Lt. Sam Cox, has received a medical discharge from the armed forces. We are sorry to hear that he is now down with polio. Sam's address is 2227 Farmount, phone 1106.

So many of the boys have received promotions that there just isn't space to give a separate write up to each. Look at the "Serving Our Country" column and note the many changes.

Local Walks

This year the Local Walks schedule is being printed in the Obsidian, in place of the former small separate schedule of trips. Each leader should put up a notice at Hendershotts, early in the week, indicating time of leaving, meeting place, etc., so persons can sign up at any time during the week. In case a leader cannot go, he should notify some member of the Local Walks Committee, and an effort will be made to arrange for someone else to take the trip.

The following short schedule will finish out the period to the April issue of the Obsidian which will have the April-May schedule of trips.

March 19. Dillard Road Country. Gladys Lees, leader.

March 26. The Braes. Helen Smith, leader.

April 2. Bailey Hill Area. Alfred Tyson, leader.

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Feb. 6. Coburg Mountains—Celeste Campbell, leader. If you haven't been on a hike through the park-like beauty of the Coburgs, don't miss this trip. If you have been there, you will want to go again. Qualifying.

Feb. 13. Mount Nebo—Cliff

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OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT—

Sleeping Bags, Packs, Hiking Boots, Canteens, Mess Kits, Radius Stoves, Carbide Lamps, Light Weight Tents, Flashlights, Ice Axes, Crampons.

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Stalsburg, leader. Cliff knows of a trail to Nebo that will require a minimum of car driving to reach. This will probably be a real climb; so if you have passed up previous trips as unworthy of your prowess, better plan to go on this one. Qualifying.

Feb. 20. Ski Trip—Wallace Clark, leader. The local walks schedule just looked odd without a ski trip; and who knows, it may snow a foot on the 19th! Your local walks committee is eager to provide for any contingency. Qualifying.

Feb. 27. Bear Creek—Bob Lemon, leader. A drive to near Bear Creek school, on Bear Creek, east of Creswell, brings

one into a rugged country, from where a hike of most any length may start. Qualifying.

March 5. Hills South of Eugene—Darwin Yoran, leader. According to Darwin, the Obsidians yet have a lot they can learn about the hills within sight of town.

March 12. Eagles Rest, near Dexter—Ray Sims, leader. This trip can be one of the very best, if some way may be devised for getting to the place where the hiking begins. Qualifying.

Register for each trip at Hendershotts, 770 Willamette St. Each leader will post here all details of his trip, such as time and place of leaving. Bring along ten cents for local walks fee.

Advertisements

FOR SALE: — Ladies prewar balloon-tired bicycle; also a pair of Northland skis.—Nellie Moore.

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Princess Meetings

The Dec. meeting was held at the home of Minnie McCracken with Florence Sims as assistant hostess. There was very little business to transact so the meeting was turned over to Margaret Norton who had several games prepared. Of course Santa came and "he" had a gift for everyone.

The January meeting was held at the home of Doris Sims with Mary Gillespie as assistant hostess. A rummage sale was planned for Saturday, Jan. 29th, to be held in the Chambers building. It was agreed that the Princesses would act as senior hostesses at the USO the week of Feb. 21-29. A collection was taken up for the polio fund which will be added to the March of Dimes taken up at the Obsidian party Jan. 29th. The Princesses are starting on their third afghan for the Red Cross.

The next meeting will be at the home of Thelma Watson with Ethel Glaze acting as assistant hostess.

Dance

Jan. 29th's party was in charge of Thelma Watson and Doran McKee. Dancing was the principal diversion, but in addition moving pictures were shown by Roy Elliot of the forest service and there were Scandinavian songs by the students from the campus, led by Tom Kaarhus. A march of dimes was also held.

Next month will feature Russian songs with Chester Pietka leading.

Greeting

The Obsidians received a Christmas and New Year WAC greeting card from Joan Seavey who is located in North Africa. Her address is, Pvt. Marcela J. Seavey, 6716 W. A. C. Hg. Co., Provisional APO 282 c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

When the old grandfather of a German family died, his sorrowing relatives put the usual announcement in the local paper. It ran:

"Ernest Muller has been called to a better world."

The next day the family was arrested for criticizing the Nazi regime.

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