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## Obsidian Summer Outing

At the regular board meeting of the directors of the Obsidians Inc., held in April, it was the consensus of opinion of the majority of the Board, that it would be wise to hold our Summer Outing at the coast this year, provided a satisfactory camp site and suitable arrangements could be made to hold a successful, pleasant Outing. This decision was arrived at on account of the inability of finding a camp site in the mountains which would be accessible to limited means of transportation caused by gas shortage, lack of horses for pack train service, difficulty of finding satisfactory help for necessary service, and a desire to hold the Outing where members having only short vacations could attend for a week or only for a few days.

Accordingly, the Outing committee was instructed to make a survey of possible locations on the coast to learn if a place could be found which would be accessible to any and all, and where accommodations would be such as to insure a pleasant and enjoyable time for two weeks, one week, or only for a few days, and where transportation to and from, was within the reach of everyone.

With this idea in view, the Outing Committee has made a survey of possible locations on the coast, and has engaged accommodations at Purdy's Inn for two weeks, Aug. 6 to Aug. 20.

This Inn is located back from the ocean just far enough to be out of the cold wind, in a very quiet secluded cove among the big trees, a very picturesque, pleasant setting, yet accessible to the ocean.

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## Local Walks

### June-July Schedule

June 4. **MOHAWK HILLS.** Vera Heidenreich, leader. The Mohawk country, though close to Eugene, seems to have been very little explored by the Obsidians.

June 11. **BICYCLE TRIP.** Catherine Dunlop, leader. A trip on the Coburg road to a fine picnic area near the Coburg bridge. Those not wishing to bicycle may go by car, and join the cyclers in a picnic lunch.

June 18. **HARDESTY MOUNTAIN.** Jane Hall, leader. This is a very fascinating trip over forest trails in the Willamette Forest, to an elevation of about 4000 feet. Qualifying.

June 25. **BROOKMIRE CUTTINGS.** Paul Wiser, leader. Though quite close to Eugene, this wild country has probably never been visited by the Obsidians. Qualifying.

July 2. **MOSSY MAPLE FOREST CAMP.** Ray Boals, leader. This is a Forest Service sponsored work trip, the object being to repair the picnicking facilities of this very popular forest camp.

July 9. **HOUSE ROCK FOREST CAMP.** Dorr Hamlin, leader. This is another Forest service trip, to a forest camp on the upper Santiam river, near the base of famous seven mile hill.

July 16. **MYSTERY TRIP!** Glen Sims, leader. The location of this trip is a deep secret, but rumor has it that it will occupy most of the day, but not take us too far from Eugene.

July 23. **MIDDLE SISTER.** Cliff Stalsberg, leader. The middle sister climb is a July tradition among Obsidians. We hope at least a few will make it. Qualifying.

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## Entertainment

### JANE HALL

Colored slides of Death Valley and Lake Mead were shown by Professor James C. Stovall at a party held Saturday evening, April 29, at the YWCA. Professor Stovall took the pictures while on a trip to the region of Death Valley and Lake Mead, which is the lake impounded by Boulder Dam.

Following the slides, a contest was held, in which pictures of Obsidians as babies were exhibited, the purpose being to see who could identify the most pictures. Helen Kilpatrick won first place.

Thelma Watson was in charge of arranging for the party.

The feature of the May 27 party was a shadow sale. The gentlemen were to fix baskets which they brought to the party. Then while Helen Kilpatrick acted as auctioneer, the ladies bid on the men's shadows. The successful bidder had the privilege of sharing the basket with her shadow. Alfred Tyson really fixed his own basket. The other men worked on the old theory "let the wife do it".

A fourth of July picnic is being planned by the entertainment committee for Obsidians and their families. The place will be announced later. It is planned as an all day affair, with a pot-luck dinner at noon.

## Club Buys a Lot

Having been given authority at a special meeting held the evening of April 29th, the Board purchased a lot 66' by 157' on the southwest corner of 17th and High streets. It is hoped that in the not too distant future we can build a nice club house there. In the meantime a lawn will be planted.

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## June Wedding

Barbara Hall and Gerald John-  
son were married Thursday,  
June 1, in the Congregational  
church. The ceremony took place  
at 8 o'clock and was followed by  
a reception in the Wheeler room  
of the church. Barbara has just  
received her nurse's degree from  
the U. of O. medical school and  
her bachelor of science degree  
from the U. of O. But what in-  
terests us most is that she is  
Jane's sister, making it at least  
a 90 per cent Obsidian wedding.  
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Mr. and Mrs. Loyd S. Sims are  
the proud parents of a baby girl,  
named Dorothy Kyle, born  
April 12th. Grandparents Glen  
and Florence are proud too.  
Loyd is a Radioman at the Naval  
Air Station, San Diego, Cal.,  
and recently was advanced from  
3/c to 2/c.

The Princess meeting an-  
nounced for April at Helen Kil-  
patrick's was changed to Minnie  
McCracken's with Helen as  
assistant hostess. During the  
evening a letter was written to  
Blanche Osborn, each member  
adding a personal note. The third  
afghan was finished and was lat-  
er turned over to the Red Cross.

The next meeting, June 19th,  
will be the annual covered dish  
and strawberry feed at Helen  
Wiser's. The Hostess says come  
prepared for a hike, so slacks  
will be in order.

## Capt. Hewitt Decorated

Marine Captain R. R. Hewitt,  
who was recently home on leave,  
has been given the air medal for  
braving enemy opposition while  
parachuting vital supplies to  
troops on New Georgia Island  
during the Solomon operations.  
Capt. Hewitt had already receiv-  
ed a presidential citation.

Miriam Yoder has given up  
her job at The Dalles in order  
to take a position at Reed Col-  
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The Inn is quite a large building where 20 to 25 persons can be accommodated.

It has some six or eight bedrooms, some with running water in them, furnished with beds, springs, and mattresses, and one large room in which are mattresses on which those with sleeping bags could be accommodated, and which would be a pleasant room for some six or eight girls to live together.

Then there is a large outside porch where those desiring to sleep out of doors could make their beds.

There is also plenty of room outside of the Inn in the yard adjacent, where anyone desiring to take a tent and bed, could find a satisfactory place to pitch same.

There is a large convenient kitchen equipped with all the necessary implements, including hot and cold water, good stove, electric refrigerator, etc. etc.

There is a very comfortable living room, a large dining room with a good floor, which can also be used for dancing.

The Inn is equipped throughout with electric lights. Within very reasonable distances, there are dozens of places for very interesting trips, such as agate beaches, sand beaches, rocky beaches, surf fishing, mountain climbing, trails through beautiful forests, little creek valleys covered with ferns, flowers, and shrubs, and many places of interest to anyone who enjoys the great outdoors. **THERE ARE NO MOSQUITOES, AND NO POISON OAK.**

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And harry that tick from his  
den, sir."

Who'll write the next one?

The Inn is located 20 miles north of Florence, and transportation can be had in one's own private car, or via Eugene-Florence stage and coast stages to within a few yards of the door. Mrs. Purdy has been engaged as cook for the duration, which will insure good eats, and fresh milk and eggs have been engaged for every day, and electric refrigeration will preserve any perishable foods.

### THE FOLLOWING RATES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE OUTING:

For members, two weeks, \$30.00.

For members, one week, 17.50

For members, by the day 2.50

Nonmembers are cordially invited to join with us in this, as in other Summer Outings, and the charges will be as follows:

Non-members, two weeks \$35.00

Non-members, one week \$20.00

Non-members by the day \$3.00

Persons attending the Outing will take their own bedding and personal belongings with them, or if their bedding is too bulky and heavy, the committee will arrange to send it with the foods, etc., which will be sent via transport service.

Persons intending to attend the Outing for all, or for part time, should make reservations with the committee as soon as possible, and must do so not later than Saturday, July 29.

Any other information desired by anyone contemplating the trip, will be gladly furnished by any member of the committee.

Darwin Yoran  
Elmer McBee  
Paul Wiser  
Mertie Hamlin  
Florence Sims  
Committee

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## LOCAL WALKS

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July 30. **ROSARY LAKES.** Bob Lemon, leader. This trip will be in the high country of the Willamette Pass, and may be reached by bus or train. Qualifying.

Obsidian hikes for April and May have in the main been very well attended. However, your local walks committee notices that a number of good Obsidians have so far not been tempted from their Sunday seclusion. Come out and join us; you will be surprised how many interesting trips may be taken within sight of Eugene. Also, remember to budget your gas so you can take your car on at least one trip!

Jean McMorran, WAC, is stationed at Gravelly Point, D. C. Jean's mother has also joined the WACs and left shortly after Easter to take her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

Bill Tugman, Jr., is in Portland. We hear the Army is sending him to dental school.

Helen Smith and Nellie Moore were seen on their bicycles near Heceta Sunday.

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## Trip With the Chemeketans

FLORENCE SIMS

The Chemeketans entertained six Obsidians with a tour through the State Forestry Building and the State Highway Engineering Laboratory at Salem April 30.

The Forestry Building is made of native stone. The interior is composed of many rooms, each completely finished in a different Oregon wood polished in natural color. The entrance hall is in curly fir, the Chief Forester's office in myrtle, etc. The stairway is artistically paneled with carvings of wild animals and leaves. The grounds are planted with native shrubs.

Mr. Paul Deuber, Leader, conducted us through the Highway Laboratory where he explained about the models of Oregon bridges used to determine stresses and strains. Here, too, types of pavement and samples of paving materials are tested.

Then came the Wiener Roast.

It was very interesting and educational. We appreciate such hospitality from the Chemeketans and wish more of our members could have taken the trip.

Those going were Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Yoran, Mr. and Mrs. Dorr Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sims.

## Summer Vacation

The next issue of the paper will be in September.

## Trips

NELLIE MOORE

April 2. Fifteen Obsidians enjoyed a beautiful summer day on Bailey Hill. As Thelma was out of town, the trip was led by her niece, Jean Le Baun.

April 16. The party spent the day looking at club house locations.

April 23. Cancelled.

April 30. Cancelled.

May 7. Eighteen went with Elmer McBee to Seavey's Butte. Birdbills, orchids and dogwood were all in bloom. A fine view of the Sisters was had from the ridge behind Old Baldy.

May 14. Dorr Hamlin led a party of ten to Blanton Hill. There were showers but what Obsidian minds that?

May 21. Thanks to Glen Sims, Elmer McBee and Ruth Hopson for the use of their cars, fourteen were able to make the Mt. Hagan trip. Bertha Deckmann led. There is a rumor that the party ran into tick country.

May 27. The Obsidians joined with the Natural History Society to make a trip to Fall Creek. Cutting practices and reforestation were explained by District Ranger Fred Breen.

Be sure to sign up early for trips so that transportation can be arranged. If you can't get down yourself, a phone call to Hendershott's will do.

## Capt. Charles Wiper

Capt. Wiper, who serves as observer and liaison officer between air forces and infantry, has been mentioned several times lately in dispatches from the Solomon Islands. He has been located in Bougainville and has taken part in some of the Empress Augusta Bay operations. Capt. Wiper has also appeared in print, taking issue with some of our congressional bombast and giving the fighting man's view point.

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