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Capt. Wiper Decorated

Charles Wiper has been presented the air medal for "merito- year, the experiment of holding sidians, Inc., will be held at the rious achievement in combat op- two camps. It seems to have Episcopal Church Parish Hall, erational flights of a hazardous worked out very well. At least 12th & Pearl Sts., October 3, nature." Flying an A-24 Douglas the people from each came back 1944. Dinner will be at 6:30 dive bomber, he took part in sev- with tales of high good times. p. m. Each member coming en combat missions against the The Beach Camp was held at bring a potluck dish and coffee cnemy in the south and south- Purdy's Inn near Yachats. This will be furnished by the Club. west Pacific.

Puzzle at Whitebranch

over Whitebranch. Where a good stove top was still there and open from 7:30 to 8:30. Only sized stream of silty water after a bit of work by Elmer Mc- ACTIVE members, whose dues should be rushing across the Bee, was soon functioning per- are paid, are eligible to vote. road at Lost Creek Ranch, a fectly, with Ada Smith really Dues for the ensuing year will mere brooklet of nearly clear turning out the meals. Of course be payable at this time, amount water flows. And where a tor- this was old country to most Ob- \$2.00, and the secretary will be rent of very dirty water should sidians but they went ahead prepared to receive them. There be entering Proxy Creek there wearing down the mountains are nine directors to be elected—
is a mere dribble. Dirty to be just as enthusiastically as they six men and three women. Folsure but a trickle, nevertheless. always do. Many have been lowing is a list of candidates Yet at the Whitebranch crossing heard to say that they hoped two selected by the Nominating Comneither the quantity nor the camps would be held again next mittee: quality has altered. What has year, adding only, that it would Whitebranch been up to?

President's Tea

The Beach Camp—that's the one that had the president, you know, and consequently President's Tea, really spread itself this year. After going through that delightful bit of nonsense in honor of "King Ray" and "Queen Lillian", they put on one for Florence who missed out last year owing to there having been NO SUMMER CAMP, 'Twas really quite a social event.

that Lt. John Brown, who was nual meeting potluck. previously reported missing in action is still alive and has been heard from. No further details few days at home while on furare available at the present.

Summer Camp

Something new was tried this is new country to Obsidians and Each member bring own dishes. should have provided many inbe nice to have them come at Boals, J. Dorr Hamlin, Hugh P. different times.

Missing in Action

reported missing in action over Rumania. He was a member of Hazel Stalsberg, Jane Hall, the 71st fighting squadron. Now Nancy Hamlin, Florence Sims, that Rumania has surrendered Helen Smith, Arlene Brandt. we are hoping to hear that Lt. Jackson is among those freed by will be held October 3, 1944, at the entry of the Russians. He is the Episcopal Church Parish the third Obsidian reported Hall. Leave your enlargements missing while flying in the Eu- with Adeline Adams, 1939 Alder ropean theater.

Correction

The members are requested to We are happy to announce bring their own dishes to the An-boys are fighting for us-so

> John Skillern is spending a lough.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Ob-

Following the dinner will be teresting trips, as indeed, it the annual business meeting, did. The Mountain Camp was election of directors, reports of Something very odd has come held at Obsidian Camp. The old committees, etc. Polls will be

> Robert H. Lemon, Ray B. Currin, Paul G. Wiser, Elmer F. McBee, Doran S. McKee, Sterling F. Patterson, Frank P. Sipe. Lt. Joseph Jackson has been Edward P. Kremer, Louis W. Waldorf, Darwin E. Yoran,

The Annual Picture Contest St. Judging will be by popular vote, the same as last year. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Help to carry on while our don't forget this important meeting and dinner date.

> Helen Smith, Secretary

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Another Obsidian year has rolled around and the next issue of the paper will be under a new editor. You can be very helpful if you will, by keeping the editor informed of any changes of address and by sending in any item which you think would be of interest in the paper.

Picture Contest

The Annual Picture Contest Pvt. Jean McMorran, Wac will be held at the Episcopal Lt. J. B. Merrill Church Parish Hall just before Pfc. Forrest Morgan the dinner. Judging will be by Blanche Osburn, W. A. S. P. popular vote. All pictures must Lt. W. C. Peltier have been taken between Oct. 5, Sgt. Chester Pietka 1943 and Oct. 3, 1944 on an of- June Porterfield, S. C. 3c ficial Obsidian trip or outing. Van Wesley Purdy S 2c If you plan to enter the contest 2nd Lt. Charles B. Ryan please call Adeline Adams for Loyd Sims, R. M. 2c details as to size, mountings, etc. Pvt. Clarence Skillern

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The next Princess meeting Lt. R. H. Swennes
will be held Monday, Sept. 18, at the home of Jane Hall.

Capt. Walter L.

Lt. R. H. Swennes
Pfc. Wm. Tugman, Jr.
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Missing in A

Missing in Action

Lt. John W. Brown, Jr. Lt. Colver Waller

New Members

We are glad to welcome the following new members to the

Margaret Hines, Frank Pursley, Lillian Boals, Roxana Waldorf, Mr. and Mrs. Cy Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell.

Wednesday, Sept. 6, nearly forty Obsidians gathered behind the Butte for a picnic dinner. Blanche Osborn and Gerald Johnson were both present and spoke a few words. Blanche told a bit about her work with the Army. She flies a B-17, sometimes carrying the practising gunners, sometimes towing the target at which they shoot. She is being transferred from Florida to Nevada. Gerald, whose wife by the way doesn't look a bit like her sister Jane, expressed pleasure at being with us. He will leave soon for the Pacific area.

Later in the evening the group surprised the newly married Tysons with a shower. Everyone enjoyed looking at the pretty things.

The engagement of Doris Mae Tupper and Clarence Skillern was announced when Clarence was home on furlough recently. The wedding date has not been set yet. Clarence has been stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

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Local Walks

June, July, August By FRANK SIPE

July and August have been sur- in it. So everyone will be glad prisingly successful, only one to learn that it is nearing comtrip failing to be held because pletion. Ruth has collected over of lack of patronage. During this 800 flowers. Did you know there time Obsidians and their friends were that many varieties in the try conditions. explored the Mohawk Hills, bi- McKinzie valley? She has also cycled (and motored) to Coburg taken innumerable notes on an opinion is outstanding at a time Bridge for a picnic, climbed imal life, and we don't mean like this. Please give this letter through the cool woods by forest salamanders only, and yards or general publicity among your trail to the magnificient lookout is it miles of pictures. She is of Hardesty Mountain, picnicked beginning the writing now. It again at Seavy's, climbed the looks to us as though it would Middle Sister, and rediscovered be a volume the size of the Enthe beautiful Rosary Lakes near cyclopedia Brittanica when fin-Odell Lake.

lamette National Forest were to giving her that degree. held during this period. The Forest Service furnished the transportation, and the Obsidians furnished the labor for rehabilitating forest camps. The follow- Mr. Ray Boals ing camps were worked on: Riv- 1706 Jefferson, er's Edge, Shady Dell, Trout Eugene, Oregon. Creek, and Big Lake. A fine turn Dear Mr. Boals: out was had for the first two trips; the Big Lake trip, un- preciation and that of the Oretended. The Obsidians are very interest in our hiking program grateful to the Forest Service taken this past summer by the for these opportunities to assist Obsidians. We had a very sucin maintaining the recreational cessful season and without a facilities in the Cascades.

Accident

Cy Fulton, one of our brand new members, was very seriouscar smashed into the one that he certificates which you made still far from well. His car was them. completely wrecked, it is said.

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most become an Obsidian pro-Local walks trips for June, ject, so many have had a hand ished. We think she plans on Three work trips into the Wil-scaring the examining board in-

> Oregon Trail Council, Inc. Boy Scouts of America Aug. 24, 1944

Permit me to express my apfortunately, was not so well at- gon Trail Council for the kind doubt, the high spots of the Summer were the three trips up the Middle Sister.

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Ray Sims, Percy Brown, Bob Lemon, and Elmer McBee ing from his vacation, when a who led the various trips. The was driving. He is no longer con- available were greatly apprecifined to the hospital but he is ated by the boys who received

> Sincerely yours, K. A. Wells Scout Executive

United State Department of Agriculture Forest Service

Willamette National Forest Recreation Lowell, Oregon Maintenance Forest Camps June 21, 1944

President, Obsidians Eugene, Oregon Dear Mr. Boals:

Regarding the excellent service rendered by the group of Eu-

gene Obsidians June 18, the For-Ruth Hopson's thesis has al- est Service of the West Boundary District wishes to thank all the men and women for the fine work done on River's Edge and Shady Dell Forest Camps. This work was performed under the handicap of rain and semi-win-

> This voluntary service, in our group.

Very truly yours, A. J. Briem District Ranger

Warren Waldorf in India

The Waldorfs tell us that their son, Warren, is now stationed in India. He is in the photographic section of the Air Force, or as Louie phrases it, "the hypo squad". Warren having majored in journalism at the U, was made editor of the paper going over on the transport. He did such a good job that he has been kept on as editor of the camp paper.

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Wild Life

We don't know where the antelope roam but we have a pretty good idea about the deer and the DO LAKE. Labor day. Bob Lemelk. They roam all over the counimmediately surrounding the Mountain Camp. They are both plentiful and unusually tame this year. They must have heard that nothing more lethal than a camera was allowed in camp. Catherine Dunlop took a picture of elk at what she estimated as twenty feet. We do hope she didn't jiggle the cam-Another group of hikers era. counted twenty four elk in one herd. Deer were not so plentiful but several were seen at quite close quarters.

Married

While most Obsidians were away enjoying Summer Camp, Alfred Tyson remained in town. Imagine our surprise on returning to find Alfred married. The ticable. bride, formerly Miss Caroline Hines, is a gradaute of the University of Kentucky and took her M.A. at Columbia U. She has been serving as student director in St. Mary's Episcopal church for the last three years. They are leaving almost at once for Berkley, where Alfred, who is studying for the Episcopal ministry, will take work at the Church Divinity School. Alfred has been a hard worker on the Entertainment Committee and we shall miss him very much. We hope that he and Mrs. Tyson will be very happy in their new home.

Local Walks

September-October

Sept. 3-4. GOLD LAKE-WALon, leader. Camp at Gold Lake, or other adjacent camp spot (Odell Lake); hike to Waldo Lake and other points of interest nearby. Qualifying.

ED JACK. Cliff Stalsberg, lead- ing. er. A major climb. Call Cliff Stalsberg for details and arrangements. Qualifying.

Sept. 17. PICNIC. Hamlin Orchards. Myrtie Hamlin, leader. Come about 1:30 or 2 p. m. with pot luck dinner. Games or other recreation in afternoon.

Sept. 23-24. OBSIDIAN CAB-IN, work trip. Dorr Hamlin, leader. The usual fall work trip to cabin, combining a small amount of work with a large amount of fun. An exploring trip up the McKenzie or White Branch may be staged, if prac-

Oct. 1. WORK TRIP, picking filberts at Waldorf orchards. Louis Waldorf, leader.

Oct. 8. SKYLINE TRAIL, south to Collier Glacier, then west to Frog Camp. Thelma Watson, leader. This is an especially interesting loop trip, with views of the great lava country. Qualifying.

Oct. 15. WORK TRIP. Ruth: Hopson, leader. Assisting some Obsidian with fall harvest.

Oct. 22. EUGENE WATER BOARD. Hugh Currin, leader. A conducted tour through some of the water board plants, with a

side trip to Mt. Boals. Those contemplating a climb bring proper equipment.

Oct. 29. WARNER LAKE, in the Coburg Mts. Elmer McBee, leader. This mythical lake has caused much argument and speculation among Obsidians, so bring your compasses, altimeters, contour maps, etc. and settle Sept. 10. THREE FINGER- the question definitely. Qualify-

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