

A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to All



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Santiam Pass Lodge To Open December 15th

BOB LYON

The big skiing news of this season is the reopening, after three winters of inactivity, of the Santiam Pass Lodge which will make it possible for the skiers of the Willamette and Deschutes valleys to have hospitality and comfortable accommodations when they ski at the Hoodoo Bowl. The lodge, situated 105 miles from Eugene, will be operated by Art and Mary Boesch, Chemeketans of Salem, under the general supervision of the Central Cascade Recreational Council and the Forest Service. The standard holiday and weekend lodging rate will be \$1.00 for those bringing their own sleeping bags. Special rates will be given to groups applying in advance for accommodations during the non-holiday midweek period—Sunday through Thursday. Meals will fall within the range of 40c to \$1.00 for breakfast, 50c to \$1.00 for lunch and 75c to \$1.75 for dinner. Ski equipment and accessories will be on sale at the lodge, and rentals can be had at \$1.50 per day for skis and poles, \$1.75 for skis, poles and boots, and 75c for boots alone.

The highway department is doing a good job of clearing the road and providing parking space. Ed Thurston will have tows running in both the bowl and on the hill near the lodge. For reservations write to Art Boesch, Santiam Pass Lodge, Box 686, Sisters, Oregon.

Constitution

The board has authorized a committee of three consisting of Frank Sipe, Sterling Patterson, and Bob Lyon, to prepare the revised constitution for reprinting.

New Years Party

Begin right now to think up that whopper for the Annual Liar's Contest, because our traditional New Years Party is to be held at McCredie Springs Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st.

Please park your parkas and skis at the door 'cause there's going to be some feasting and dancing and skiing (even some swimming) and some story telling the like of which you never saw before.

There will be a midnight lunch, breakfast and a turkey dinner. If you don't care to ski the swimming pool will be available. Dormitory facilities will be provided, but bring your own sleeping bag or bedding. Cost will be \$3.75 per person.

Sign up at Hendershott's by Dec. 27th. See you there!

Upper Willamette Winter Sports Area

OMAR GULLION

The Upper Willamette Winter Sports Area embraces about 40 acres on the southwest side of McFarland Butte, and lies both in the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests, north of the highway. The elevation runs from 5,200 to 6,500 feet with all degrees of slope.

In 1940 one ski run was cleared by public cooperation. Roy Temple, then of Cascade Summit now of McCredie Springs, with the help of two good men, pulled out the trees and piled the logs. Men, women, boys and girls from almost every town in the county came to help burn the brush on Sundays. There were fifty present one day. The run is roughly 1,000 feet long and about 70 feet wide at its widest place. Well it's steep enough when you have to figure on miss-

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Winter Outing

STERLING PATTERSON

Our winter outing is planned for January 20th to 24th and is to be held at Santiam Pass Lodge where our friends from summer camp Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boesch open December 15th. The Lodge should be operating nicely by that time and the skiing conditions at Hoodoo Bowl excellent.

We are co-operating with the Forest Services' desires that as many as can, come during the first part of the week.

If anyone wishes to go up the Saturday ahead of the regular party please let someone on the Outing Committee know so they can count you in their group for reservations since we can get rates for 15 or more. With this number lodging is 80c per night. Meals should average around \$2.25 to \$3.00 for the day.

Let's not forget the dates—Jan. 20 to 24—and take advantage of the first opportunity in several years of enjoying our Winter outing.

Contact Ray Sims in charge of transportation.

Attention Skiers

After all arrangements were made by the ski committee and Obsidian Board, the Greyhound Bus Company called Ray Sims on November 28th and said that they would have to cancel all arrangements for ski buses at present.

Most Obsidians will say "oooh" my tires won't stand many trips to Hoodoo, The Willamette, Marys Peak or even that "gate blocked McKenzie".

Their intentions are to let us know when busses are again available.

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Silver Creek Falls

On January 13 Obsidians will visit Silver Creek Falls under the leadership of Dorr Hamlin. Dorr says "twice as much water goes over the falls in winter, so why don't we go in winter". Now you've got us curious, Dorr.

Lucky Boy Ski Trip

In accepting the leadership of this probable ski trip up Blue River to the old Lucky Boy Mines, E. A. Britton reminisced with Ray Sims of the Local walks committee, as they had each done considerable of their early skiing in this area.

It was about 1920 when Brit was physical director of the local "Y" that he and a group of boys would make weekend trips up into the snow around the old mine buildings and hotels perched on the side hills.

Not having ski poles or harness, they would carry their skis over their shoulders up the steep road with the thrill of riding a pole, to break their speed, on the way down.

Snow conditions will regulate the destination of this trip on Jan. 6 but it might attract hikers as well as skiers, as the cars must be left at the foot of the hill.

Halloween Party

DORIS SIMS

About 40 members and their friends ventured out with the spooks and the goblins on October 30th for a Halloween party. Louis Waldorf was Master of Ceremonies. He first kept the party on their toes by being the wise old owl and conducting a quiz program. Roxie helped on this by choosing the contestants and awarding the prizes. Other games were played also. Then the group enjoyed dancing to the music of Glenn Snyder and his accordion. The traditional cider and donuts and coffee were served as refreshments.

The party was held at the Paul Campbell's country place on the Harlow Road. The following were on the committee for the evening: Roxie and Louie Waldorf, Glen and Florence Sims, Alta Hasselrooth, and Doris Sims, Chairman.

Alvin and Helen Lynch and daughter, Joan, are now living in Juneau, Alaska, care of General Delivery, and report that the skiing is excellent there.

Week-end At The Coast

DORIS SIMS

Fifteen members and five kiddies had fun at the coast over the weekend of October 27th and 28th.

The group stayed at the Sea Crest Cottages, near Waldport, which afforded very nice accommodations. Saturday evening the party gathered in one cottage and played cards and ate popcorn, apples, nuts. Most of Sunday was spent on the beach, with time out for Potluck dinner.

Those going for over night were: Elsie Dotson and Jimmie and Barbara; Cliff and Hazel Stalsberg and Chuck and Phyllis; Dorr and Myrtie Hamlin; Betty Alexander; Evelyn Pihl; Lloyd Helickson; Gladys Lees; Helen Kilpatrick; Ray and Doris Sims and Jimmie. Sunday Adeline Adams and Wayne Bailey joined the group. Doris Sims was the leader.

Why is Mt. Pisgah? Ask Arlene Brant.

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Ski Notes

RAY SIMS

Our Ski representative, Bob Lyon, a bit of a novice in our club, but not lacking in enthusiasm, went right to work in fulfilling his job. Bob accompanied by Cliff Stalsberg, Frank Sipe, and Ray Sims attended the initial meeting at the Santiam Lodge of the delegates who sponsor the Lodge.

One member from each of the six clubs in the cities of Bend, Corvallis, Albany, Lebanon, Salem and Eugene compose the board. It is the duty of this Board to hire the parties to run the kitchen and the general running of the Lodge, and to decide the policy of the Lodge as outlined by the Forest Service.

The three hour session was held in October and was attended by about thirty interested people at which time the first snowfall of the year was recorded, about five inches having fallen during the day. Among those being represented were a group of girls from the University ski team. Since this meeting a boy's ski team from the campus is beginning to function although not sponsored by the University. Bob Lyon was elected Secretary to the Ski Board at the October meeting.

With plenty of snow flying as this goes to press, all Ed Thurston will have to say is that his TOW is running at HOODOO and there will be Skiers from all sides taking advantage of the good facilities at the top of the Santiam. The Lodge is scheduled to open December 15th.

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News Release

The Pacific Northwest Ski Association held its annual meeting in the Gold Room of the Edmond Meany Hotel, Seattle, on November 3. Over fifty enthusiastic skiers, representing more than a dozen ski clubs of Washington and Oregon, attended. The Obsidians, only member of the association south of Portland, was represented by the chairman of their ski committee.

Allen Grandstrom of Seattle was elected to the presidency, Garry Gast and Fred McNeil, of the Cascade Ski Club of Portland, as vice-president; John Sinchuk of Spokane, secretary, and Robert H. Lyon of Eugene, treasurer.

The keynote of the conference was the return to, and the surpassing of the pre-war activities and standards. Emphasis is being placed particularly on the participation of junior skiers, returned veterans, and the expansion of the association's activities to more clubs and a wider area. The association promised cooperation in aiding clubs in planning courses and jumps, with tournaments, and general encouragement of skiing. The value of such a news bulletin as the Obsidian was recognized and the association voted to sponsor the "Skiers Informant," an informational news sheet for the Pacific Northwest, as a means of furthering its objects.

Resolutions were passed that all member clubs encourage their members to support and participate in the work of the National Ski Patrol System. Great dissatisfaction was expressed at the policy of the National Park Service, Department of Interior, for its non-cooperative attitude and practice in thwarting skiing activities in the national parks such as at Mount Rainier and Crater Lake. Each club and person interested in skiing was urged to bring pressure for revision of this policy. In contrast with the negative attitude of the Park Service, was pointed out the fine cooperation shown by the Forest Service in supporting the use of the recreational areas for ski-

Skier's Informant

The Skier's Informant, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Skier's Association, is an informational paper for skiers of this region. Mr. E. R. Garcia, of Portland, who published a similar news sheet before the war, has promised to give us an even better deal this year. Eight issues are being planned for this season, scheduled to come out on Dec. 8 and 20, Jan. 10 and 24, Feb. 7 and 21, March 7 and 21. Copies of the Skier's Informant will be mailed directly to the address of each subscriber. Cost of subscription is 20c for eight issues. Sign up for yours with any member of the Ski Committee.

Annual Meeting

Forty-eight members of the Obsidian Club sat down to a banquet served by the ladies of the Fairmount Presbyterian Church at the eighteenth Annual Meeting of the organization. After the meal, the various committees read their reports and these were accepted by the group. Also accepted were the proposed amendments to the by-laws. After counting the votes, the names of the new officers were announced.

ing. Frank Folsom, in charge of recreational use of forest lands in the Pacific Northwest, Region VI, was present at the meeting to get an expression from the clubs on what developments they would like to see the Forest Service carry out.

OBSIDIANS

Harold Trotter

is back at

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Reunion

"Here we all are and wasn't it fun?" was probably an unexpressed thought of each summer camper attending the reunion Saturday evening, Sept. 22. Or were some of them thinking "Why she/he looks so different!"

For sure some were saying "Nothing, absolutely nothing, will ever parallel Obsidian camp in the feeling of well-being, pure happiness, freedom from care, friendliness to each other and peace with the world.

But of course each camp reaches its own level of perfection and seems unique to its members.

Everyone's pictures seemed priceless to everyone else. The colors in the projected pictures were nothing less than rainbow hues. In short,

We want to go back to Obsidian Camp

And swim in the mens' bathtub

Take shots of the peaks

And make awful squeaks

When the other table gets all the grub.



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Willamette Ski Patrol Organizes

At a meeting called by Dorr Hamlin, Nov. 28, the Willamette Ski Patrol began its organization for the coming season. Tony Vogel was elected president and Harold Trotter, sec.-treas. The eleven men present will form the nucleus of the patrol which expects to expand to a membership of about thirty. The next meeting will be held at the Community Center at 7:30 December 10.

Obsidian Princess Items

The new officers for the ensuing year of the Princess Club are: President Vera Heidenreich, Vice-President Charlotte Lemon; Secy-Treas., Doris Sims. The group talked over Initiation plans for a new member, Catherine Dunlop, at their September meeting at the home of Hazel Stalsberg. The October meeting was held at the home of Helen Kilpatrick. Final plans were made to make Catherine Dunlop a member of the Princess clan. The initiation and dinner took place at the Paul Weiser Wigwam, Saturday, October 20th.

The group met with Charlotte Lemon for the November meeting.

Plans were made for the Princess' annual Christmas party to be held December 17. The husbands are invited. Please call 266-W if you plan to attend.

Remember trip schedules? They will soon be in your hands again as Frank Sipe and his Local Walks Committee are preparing to have them printed very shortly. When you get yours put it right by the clock where you'll always see it.

Annual Picture Contest

The Annual Photo Contest was held October 12. Prizes were awarded as follows:

Landscape—1st prize, Myrtie Hamlin; 2nd prize, a tie between Myrtie Hamlin and Bertha Deckman.

Wild Life—1st prize, Myrtie Hamlin; 2nd prize, Bertha Deckman.

Human Interest—1st prize, a tie between Mary Castelloe and Myrtie Hamlin.

Unclassified Landscape — 1st prize, Catherine Dunlop.

Of special interest to those who attended summer camp were the pictures taken by Ned Graves of California. Summer campers watched those pictures in the making.

UPPER WILLAMETTE WINTER SPORTS AREA

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ing two big trees in the upper portion.

A ski tow is in operation after December 1st about 600 feet long. A small lunch room and a shelter with heat make your resting periods comfortable. Many skiers have remarked after a day's skiing there, "I have had the best time of my life."

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