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Final Dope on Camp

Summer camp is practically here; and before we move in on August 5 for our two weeks of unrestrained pleasure, the committee adds a few informative notes.

The announced prices do not include transportation of persons to Frog Camp. The committee will assist in arranging transportation.

We have a packer, we have a cook, and we have the food; but we can not get it out of hock without the cash and points. So turn in your checks and points to any member of the committee **PROMPTLY**.

Six Chemeketans will be with us for dinner Saturday the 11th of August; and we will have a joint climb of the North Sister August 12. The rest of their group will come in on that day and on Monday the 13th they start a one week pack horse trip north from our camp to Mt. Jefferson.

A tentative schedule of trips from camp is being made up and will be posted about the time you get this bulletin. Climbs are planned of all three of the Sisters peaks and the Husband. Schedules will be subject to adjustment at campfire sessions.

Registration is booming, with a total of forty-nine as we go to press, including one-weekers and week-enders. There will be at least 30 in camp the entire time. A number of people have been "on the fence" regarding the outing and it is time for decisions. All your friends will be there and it will be pretty lonesome in Eugene those two weeks. The registration list is at Hendershotts, complete with pencil for signing.

All baggage (properly packed for pack horses) must be delivered

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Thanks Ranger!

It was a newly cleared forest trail that greeted the party of ten for the climb of Hardesty mountain. A clean trail like this, free from over-growing brush and the debris and trees of winter storms, adds much to the pleasure of any trip.

The trail up Hardesty is "mostly down hill"—when you return; but it is a beautiful trip both ways.

The 3rd of June seemed an ideal time for it. Rising to an altitude of 4,266 feet, the trail took one through Summer, to early Spring. Past rhododendrons already withered, then in full bloom, and only in bud, one came upon flowering currant, lady slippers, trilliums and avalanche lilies in their prime. The vine maple in its bright yellow green foliage shone in the occasional sunburst like maiden hair fern. The three-leaf sorrel each with a pearl of dew resembled the finest costume jewelry.

Closeby peaks, Mt. June, Eagles Rest and Patterson and others beckoned us. In the distance, Diamond Peak, Mt. Yoran, Maiden Peak, The Bachelor and The Sisters, partially veiled in changing clouds intrigued the eye. A full hour and a half were spent on the summit. Some bouquets were taken on the return, as well as several rhododendron roots.

When we returned to the cars, we hardly realized that we had hiked 11½ miles including the 4,266 foot climb. Clifford Stalsberg was the able leader.

Aircraft Rescue

The aircraft rescue unit is now known as the Willamette Air Rescue Patrol and is prepared to function in Summer as well as Winter.

Plan Now for Picture Contest

The library committee, sponsors of our annual photo contest, urge that members keep the contest in mind this summer. Select some good subject and have your enlargements made **EARLY** while enlargement paper is available.

Due to limitation on trips, any photos, otherwise qualifying, taken by members in former years **NOT PREVIOUSLY ENTERED** may be offered this year.

The committee is Mrs. Robt. Lemon, Mrs. Roy F. Smith, Miss Dorothy Hallee and Mrs. Hazel Stalsberg, chairman.

Federation Annual Meeting

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs annual meeting will be held over Labor Day at California Alpine Club hut on Mt. Tamalapias near San Francisco. Any member who could go as delegate, please notify Dorr Hamlin, vice-president for Oregon.

Week Enders at Camp

Any who come in for a week end and are not signed with the committee will have to bring own food and equipment. Other week enders will be provided for as advised when making arrangements with committee. You may need to bring cup, plate, knife, fork and spoon.

E. A. Britton Returns To Eugene

After several years in Roseburg E. A. Britton has returned to Eugene as County Juvenile officer. "Britt" was an early member of the club and a "chief". We hope that he may again join in the club's activities.

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The one-ring circus was visiting a town in the hills. The folks recognized all the instruments of the band except the slide trombone.

One old settler watched the player for quite some time, then, turning to his son, said:

"Don't let on that you're watching him. There's a trick to it; he ain't really swallerin' it."

Obsidian Home?

I have been thinking, and from what I hear many other Obsidians have also, that now is the proper time to begin preparation for our building that we expect some day to have.

While building at present is hardly possible, we can decide on a plan and design of building and means of financing.

We should have two committees of not more than five or seven members—one to work on building plans, the other on financing; and if possible make a report to the annual meeting.

What do you say, Obsidians? Let's get busy. We will never have a home of our own by just wishing.

—DORAN MCKEE.

**Liars' Contest —
How About It?**

Since we did not get to have a New Year party and our annual Liars' Contest, how about having a postponed one at Summer Camp? Possibly a liars' tournament—prize to be awarded at the end of camp — giving all comers a chance.

It's a Girl!

Sorry, Tony—we said last issue that the Vogles' have a son, but it is a girl.

Paving the Way

He: "I guess I'm only a little pebble in your life."

Sweetie: "Well, if you feel that way about it why don't you try becoming a little boulder."

A wedding carriage was seen driving through the streets of New York the other morning. Inscribed in chalk on the back were the words: "Result of Careless Talk."

Final Dues Notice

All members in arrears more than the current year will positively be dropped by September board meeting.

Annual Election

Annual election of officers will take place in October. At the last meeting, a nominating committee was appointed.

Membership Bargain

As has been the custom in the past, any applicants for membership after Summer Camp will receive 1945-1946 dues card. Get your friends in now. Membership committee will furnish blanks.

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long enough
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Among Our Members

Van Purdy was home on a short leave "to get a new ship" after one was practically shot to pieces under him.

Chester Pietka is out of the hospital and on the job again in Germany.

A letter has been received from Gordon Gullion in Austria. He is stationed at a village in the Tyrol—right at the base of the mountains and has been doing considerable climbing. Lucky Gordon!

Bill Peltier sent Roxie Waldorf a Jap blackout lantern from Luzon.

Gerald Johnson is now a full Colonel and commander of the 49th Fighter group. He has gotten his 25th Jap plane at last report.

Bob Gray is advanced from P.F.C. to Corporal.

Ray Sims led a successful Boy Scout climb of Middle Sister July 9-10.

Several of our members were called to Fish Lake as emergency fire fighters the middle of July.

Wife: "Darling, the maid has burned the eggs. Would you be satisfied with a couple of kisses for breakfast?"

Hubby: "Sure, send her in."

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Cars Make Qualifying Climbs

Dorr Hamlin's Nash and Bailey Costelloe's Buick have now made their second minor peak qualifying climbs, with their ascent of Mary's Peak. Elmer McBee's Chevrolet and Darwin Yoran's Buick each have one peak to their credit, the Buick having successfully negotiated the tortuous planking and trestles up June and the Chevrolet making the hot but interesting climb of Mary's Peak. One or two more climbs each and they will be eligible for membership.

Of course the sixteen Obsidians who went along to Mary's Peak did manage to walk the last quarter mile to the lookout station. There, spread before them was the whole panorama of the Willamette Valley, a crazy quilt of green and golden brown fields, with ribbons of darker green timber and the narrow Alsea valley, leading to the coast where the silvery blimp was seen cruising northward; and the blue line of ocean clearly visible beyond the coastal fog.

Framing the picture to the east was the Cascade range, with all of our old favorites visible from Mt. St. Helens and Adams on the north to Diamond on the south.

Time was when both June and Mary's Peak were real minor peak climbs, at least worthy to be designated as one of three qualifying hikes. We only hope that there may be no logging roads or highways to the base of or up our major peaks and last Primitive Areas!

Ben Pruitt brought another of his wife's fine cakes. You do not HAVE to do this three times to qualify Ben! But we like it.

Correspondents Please Note

Please note correction in address of Secretary Arlene Brant, on second page.

Local Walks

August to Sept. 15

There will be no local walks the three week ends of Summer Camp. Note the major peak climbs to be made from camp which will be posted on bulletin board.

Watch the papers and bulletin board for announcements of trips until next bulletin about Sept. 15.

FINAL DOPE ON CAMP

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ered to 1280 Mill street by July 31. It will be held in Robert Lemon's garage, which faces 13th St., to be weighed and trucked to Frog Camp. Weight in excess of 35 pounds per person will be charged at 10c per pound. Double up on your tents.

Mail may be sent in care of Obsidians, McKenzie Bridge, Ore.

Calling Bob Burns

A backwoods mountaineer found a mirror which a tourist had lost.

"Well, if it ain't my old pappy," he said as he looked in the mirror. "I never knowed he had his picture took."

He took the mirror home and sneaked it up into the attic to hide it. But his actions did not escape his suspicious wife. That night while he slept she slipped up to the attic and found the mirror.

"Hum-um," she exclaimed looking into it. "So that's the old hag he's been achasin'!"



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Squaws Keep Busy

The Obsidian Princesses keep busy knitting on afghans for the Red Cross. They have completed five and are now working on a sixth. Mrs. Darwin Yoran helped to complete several and Nellie's mother, Mrs. Moore gave a helping hand to the completion of the last afghan.

At the March meeting a surprise handkerchief shower was given to Princess Falling Star (Jane Hall) who recently moved to Hood River. Two inactive Princesses were welcomed back to the clan at this meeting, Margaret Sprague Hines and Florence Wing Fulton. Sixteen members were present. Mary Gillespie and Doris Sims were hostesses for this meeting, which was held at the Gillespie Wigwam.

A successful rummage sale May 12th netted some \$47.00 to the Princesses organization. Capable Helen Weiser acted as general chairman. We wish to express our appreciation to all of those who donated articles for this sale.

The above article was crowded out of our last issue. The Princesses ask that any who may have yarn or knit articles to spare turn them in for the afghans.

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Eugene Fruit Growers Association

Mt. June Trip

Sunday, June 4th—what a beautiful day for our Mt. June climb under the leadership of the veteran mountain climber, Darwin Yoran!

The crowd of nineteen Obsidians resembled a picnic party, there were Mary and Bailey in their nice City clothes, Bertha and her picture hat, Ben Pruitt with a big cake, Wayne Bailey with his botany book, every one feeling fine. The logging road we traveled for ten miles, cost a lot of money and was high, narrow and steep. Bailey's Buick didn't like the muddy water and polliwogs he poured into it, it just wouldn't keep them down, up they came, and ruined his nice new pants, also his complexion.

Whoa! Back up we are on the wrong road, the crowd picked flowers and took pictures while Glen ran on ahead a mile or so to look for logs across the road. He found lots of them too. We could drive no farther, and the mountain seemed a long way off, but Darwin led us straight to the Mt. June trail, a fine trail through giant firs, hemlock and rhododendron where orchids grew. Half a mile from the top, we boiled the coffee and ate our lunches, then on to the top.

"Oh!" Nellie said, "I am glad I came." We all had the same feeling, sure was beautiful. Mountains to the north-south and all around, flowers everywhere, pink, yellow and blue, the photographers were very busy. Thelma and Arlene took a nap beside a madrone tree, while others explored the South shoulder of the mountain, where the deer had been feeding, and large clumps of pink penstemons grew.

Four o'clock! One last look and we returned happily to the cars, stopped beside a cool creek,

Lost, Strayed or Stolen

One of the club's scrap books of newspaper clippings is missing. Also some of our cloth bound book volumes are out. If you have any of these, please return to library chairman, Hazel Stalsberg.

where Bertha cut the cake, and it was enjoyed by all. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt, it was a fine cake, and a real nice treat, after such a long trip.

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