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Annual Meeting of F.W.O.C. Let's Go!

The war and gas rationing ended just in time for the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs to have a real Labor-Day-week-end convention.

For the past three years the conventions have been only "skeleton" meetings and only one day, not in the mountains.

This year it was held at the California Alpine Club lodge on Mt. Tamalpais, across the bay to the north of San Francisco.

Dorr Hamlin attended as Vice-president for Oregon and Louis Waldorf as delegate and Roxie Waldorf as a guest member.

There were about 60 present and they were entertained royally by the hosts, with both fine food and entertainment.

Reports were made of a great deal of good work done by our president, E. J. Hughes, the state vice-presidents and other officers; also of war activities of member clubs.

Many important items of impending national legislation, vital to conservation and outdoor people were discussed and made the subject of resolutions. A report of these will be made at our annual meeting.

We were honored by the presence and talks of Newton B. Drury, Director of National Parks, and Chester Morris, Assistant Regional Forester for the area, in charge of Recreation. Both pointed out the need for much needed maintenance and improvement work in the National Parks and Forests; and urged the support of the Federation and member clubs of substantial appropriations direct to these services for this work. This had the unanimous approval of the delegates.

As planned at the beginning of the war, next year's hosts will

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Now that the war's end has ended gas rationing, the Local Walks Committee are scheduling some very interesting trips. Watch the schedule, Guard, and bulletin board and come out when you can. Drive your own car your share of the time as it is still hard for other "A card" holders to replace their tires.

Board Notes

Seven new members were elected in August and September as noted elsewhere in the Bulletin, under "New Members".

Four members delinquent on dues for more than the current year, were dropped for non-payment. Action was postponed on one member who had expressed her intention of paying up back dues.

New Members

Since our last issue, the following new members have been added to our rolls: Lloyd Gust, Wayne Bailey, Alice Olmstead, Ernie Ruberg, Evaline Pihl, Betty Alexander, Marjorie Allingham.

If you know of any who are interested, ask the bulletin editor to send them copies; and give their names to the membership committee.

ANNUAL MEETING

All members should attend the annual meeting and dinner on Tuesday, October 2. (Boys in the service, just try to get here!) Your guests are welcome. Of course, non-members cannot take part in the meeting or vote.

If you have not made your reservations with the Secretary, do it at once — Arlene Brant, phone 4136-M.

Successful Summer Camp

The Obsidians held their 17th annual two weeks summer outing August 5th to 20th in the primitive area known as Obsidian Camp. The Obsidian trail and the Oregon Skyline trail meet at this point.

The campsite has a cold spring creek on either side with colorful meadows abounding in Paint-brush, Lupin, Mountain Heather and many other blossoms.

Nearby stand the Middle Sister with the North and South not too far away. West of camp stood "Baby Brother", known to the vacationers as the Penthouse. This place attracted many each evening, for there are grand views of the mountains from the top—also an ideal place for sunsets.

To the north one can see Mt. Washington, Jack, Jefferson and Hood, a grand panorama of ridges, valley and mountains.

An unusual experience of the outing was the electric storm on Tuesday, August 7th. A party of 15 returning from a climb of Husband Mt. were caught in a clump of trees as lightning struck the trees with terrific force, scattering large and small fragments of tree over a large area, but missing the party. One tree caught on fire but the rain and hail extinguished the blaze before more damage was done. We arrived in camp a bit soaked, where a good campfire proved most welcome.

Several climbs were made of the Three Sisters. On Thursday, August 9, 12 went up the North with Ray Sims. A group of Boy Scouts passed us on their way up the Middle under the leadership of Bob Moffitt and Bob Mc-

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Local Walks—Ray Boals, Bertha Deckman, Glen Sims, Gladys Lees, Lloyd Helikson.

Outing—Robert Lemon, Ray Sims, Sterling Patterson, Myrtle Hamlin, Helen Smith.

Library — Hazel Stalsberg, Dorothy Halle, Ada Smith, Charlotte Lemon.

Entertainment—Thelma Watson, Doris Sims, Roxie Waldorf, Paul Campbell, Clifford Stalsberg.

Membership—Louis Waldorf, Arlene Brant, Lloyd Helikson, Bill McCracken, Jr.

Lodge—J. Dorr Hamlin, Glen Sims, Doran McKee, Florence Sims, Darwin Yoran.

Auditing—Clifford Stalsberg, Robert Lyon, Gladys Patterson.

Search—Raymond Sims, Ed Kremer, Miner Hamlin, Joe Heidenreich, Dorr Hamlin.

Proposed Amendments

Copies of proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws have been mailed to all members. These are principally clarifications and adoption of a better method of handling delinquent dues. Read them carefully; then come to the annual meeting prepared to vote your wishes.

Two More Honors For Gerald

Col. Gerald Johnson is reported to have been one of the first ten Americans to set foot on Japanese soil.

Also Gen. McArthur has chosen the 49th Fighter squadron, commanded by our own Col. Gerald Johnson, as his Honor Guard in Japan.

ANNUAL MEETING

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be the Contra Costa Hills Club and the place Mendocino on the coast in northern California.

The following officers were elected for the present fiscal year: Hillary Crawford, San Francisco, President; Melvin Becker, Salem, Vice-President for Oregon; Harry James, Los Angeles, Vice-president for Cal.; Geo. McGowen, Vice-president for Washington; Lydia Rahnn, San Francisco, Sec.-Treas.; and Betty Adams, Corresponding Secretary. We do not have the names of the vice-presidents for Utah and Montana.

It is almost as good as going to summer camp to attend one of these conventions; and we hope that more of our members may go.

After the convention, Dorr returned with L. A. Nelson of Portland and Roxie and Louis spent the rest of the week in San Francisco and on the return by Shasta Dam, Klamath Falls, and Crater Lake.

Thoughtless lad,
Slippery street.

Nasty skid,
"Hi, Saint Pete!"

Employer: "So you've been to high school, eh? How high can you count?"

Applicant: "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, jack, queen, king."

Patient—And when you sew me up I don't want you to leave anything.

Doctor—I won't, Not a cent.

"If a man's a skunk, all the women will get wind of it."

**Local Walks Schedule
To November 1, 1945**

Aug. 26—Bean Picking, Waldorf, leader.

Sept. 2 - 3—Odell Lake—and side trips. Sipe, leader, 140 miles.

Sept. 9—Hobart Butte—Cottage Grove Dam Deposit of Alumina and dam. McBee and Warren Smith, leader, 80 miles.

Sept. 16—Upper McKenzie River—Underground Flow, Waldorf, leader 135 miles. Qualifying.

Sept. 23—Diamond Peak (or other peak). Gust-Lloyd Gust, leaders. 180 miles. Qualifying.

Sept. 30—Kelly Butte Springfield. Of Geological interest. Helikson, leader. 5 miles (or hike).

Oct. 7—Work trip to cabin—McKenzie Bridge. Hamlin, leader. 110 miles. Qualifying.

Oct. 14—Silica Plant, Eugene or Hike. Deckman, leader.

Oct. 21 — Eugene Plywood Plant (or modern logging area as desired). Glen Sims, leader. 85 miles.

Oct. 28—Overnight Coast Trip. Campbell, leader. 200 miles.

Local Walks Committee.
Helikson-Sims-Deckman-
Lees-Boals.

On the Hobart Butte trip on September 9, the party also visited the Cottage Grove dam. Nellie Moore said that, as she walked down the damp corridors underneath the dam, she expected every minute to meet Ann Bolin "With her head tucked underneath her arm!"

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Letters From Members

From Bob Wilson, Pay Clerk
(S) USNR)

Today I re-read the May issue of the Obsidian, and was reminded that many of you guys and gals are starting today for summer camp, in that good old location, Obsidian Camp, there near the Middle Sister, where I've had much fun with you-all. Sure do wish I could be there this year. Right now I'm in the middle of the wide Pacific, where we're plowing along, with 20 days more to go before we reach our next port. This voyage will last 28 days, a long stretch of some 10,500 miles.

The ship went into commission May 17, spent a month on trial runs around the Chesapeake Bay area, Hampton Roads, Norfolk and Portsmouth. Left Norfolk for Marseille, France, middle of June. Spent two weeks in Marseille, waiting for our cargo, and I had a grand time seeing the sights of that French city, on my first visit to a foreign country, making good use of my very rusty college French. The Nazis really made a wreck of the port, once one of the world's finest in point of cargo and passenger handling facilities; docks, cranes, warehouses, all of concrete, brick and steel, are twisted, tumbled wrecks. There are 67 sunken ships in the harbor. Souvenir hunting was a favorite sport, but things were very expensive, and mostly poor values. The military rate of exchange for francs is quite unfair to the servicemen. A famous landmark in the harbor is the Chateau d'If, scene of the storied imprisonment of the

"Count of Monte Cristo" and "The Man in the Iron Mask." Overlooking the city and harbor is a beautiful old church high on a hill, and surmounted by a gold statue of the Virgin—its name, Notre Dame de la Garde.

The port we made after leaving Marseille, a fifteen day trip, was much more to our taste—for shopping and for beer! The latter was excellent, and a local product. Can't tell you the name of the place, but Spanish is spoken there, and it gave me a chance to try out another tongue, also very rusty. The stores were stocked with merchandise now almost unheard of in the States; unlimited quantity of watches, silk hose, alligator bags and other alligator leather pieces, etc. mostly good quality.

In the restaurants, no limit on butter; you get a piece a couple of inches thick to start with, and there's plenty of meat. And bananas, the first I've seen in years, so I filled up on some—pie, banana splits, etc.

—Sure would like to hear from any of you—mail is a highlight, as it arrives at very infrequent intervals, and has to follow us around the world, so far. —Gosh, I'll sure be out of practice at mountain climbing, after living at sea level and climbing nothing but ladders for a couple of years or so. By the way, if you can somehow spare one or two, could you please send me a picture taken during summer outing? Sure would appreciate it.

Sincerely, Bob Wilson.

From Forrest Morgan:

I thought I would drop you a line and let you know where I have been since I left after my 30-day furlough. I have been in Sioux Falls since the 21st of July and I don't know how much longer I will be here; but hope it won't be too long as I don't like this part of the country very well.

I sure wish that I could be back home now as it is just about time for Deer Butte to change color. You know what I mean, don't you? Tell everybody "Hello", and to take a few pictures

of Deer Butte in color if they get a chance to.

Well, I don't know how much longer I am going to have to stay in the army but I hope to get out as soon as possible; I know one thing, they won't have to ask me more than once if I want out.

Yours truly, Forrest Morgan.

From John F. Bovard.

(First president of the club).

My very cordial greetings to the Obsidians Club. I appreciate very much their kindness in keeping me informed of the work which the club is doing. It was very interesting to see the names of the various members as they accept responsibilities of one sort and another. I am always proud of having been at one time an active member of this program inasmuch as I believe that it ministers very definitely to the social needs of Eugene as a community, and furthermore that it means recreation of the finest sort for all of its members.

I am very sorry I will not be able to attend your annual picture contest. I have no doubt that at this time you must have some very excellent artists in your group.

Please give my kindest regards to my many friends in your organization.

Yours very truly,

John F. Bovard.

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Neil. We were joined on top of the North by the two Bobs.

The North was climbed Sunday the 12th with E. A. Britton leading a group of 6. A solo climb of the Middle was made on Sunday the 12th by R. L. Nichols, a Geologist who came in with Dr. Smith. The Middle was also climbed August 18th by Bob Lyon and his party of 5.

The South was climbed Wednesday the 15th by Bob Lemon and his group—they found a storm brewing, so made a short stay on top arriving at Chieftain Lake early in the afternoon.

The Husband and Little Brother were visited frequently. A number of trips were taken to Collier Glacier, Linton Meadows and the fishermen made trips to Honey Lakes and Eileen Creek, also Spring Lake.

Chieftain Lake was popular the second week of camp—two groups also made the trip to The Chambers Lakes.

Looking for arrowheads was a fascinating pastime, many finding a number of fine specimens.

Mrs. N. A. Nelson was the camp cook, assisted by Janice Kiphart and Charlene Ellis—a

very capable trio, for the food was really something to remember. Dinner guests one evening were Dr. and Mrs. Herbert McCornack, also John Scott and four other Mazamas.

The camp was known as "Camp Sipe" after this year's President, Frank Sipe. Friday, August 17th was the afternoon of the traditional President's Tea—a throne was set up for the occasion. At the appointed time of 4 P. M. from all sides and corners arrived each and everyone bearing a gift for the President and dressed "like they never did before". President Sipe was escorted to his throne by camp chairman Bob Lemon. Then came the procession, a very colorful, amusing affair. After the gifts were unwrapped the group gathered about the table for tea—consisting of punch and Blueberry shortcake.

Each evening heard the singing of "Come Gather 'Round Our Campfire"—bringing everyone in to enjoy the fire, fellowship, songs and stories. To learn of the happenings of the day's trips and what was scheduled for the succeeding day.

The fortunate ones to enjoy "Camp Sipe" have much admiration for the camp committee, whose chairman was Robert Lemon, assisted by Ray Sims, Sterling Patterson, Helen Weiser and Helen Smith. It was a big undertaking and very well done.

Those attending camp both weeks: Frank Sipe, Myrtie Hamline, Mary Castelleo, Hugh Currin, Roy Smith, Ada Smith, Nellie Moore, Gladys Lees, Catherine Dunlop, Lloyd Helikson, Louis Waldorf, Ned Graves, Thelma Watson, Doris Sims, Ed Kremer, Wayne Bailey, Helen Smith, Helen Weiser, Robert

Lemon, Ray Sims, Janice Kiphart, Charlene Ellis, Mrs. N. A. Nelson.

Those in for the first week: Arlene Brant, Ruth Hopson, Kay Anderson, Emily Moltzner, Alice Olmstead and Sterling Patterson.

Those in for the 2nd week: Doris Lyons, Bob Lyons, Charlotte Lemon and Lloyd Gust.

From 2nd Tuesday, August 14th to end: Ray Boals, Paul Weiser, Warren D. Smith.

Week enders—E. A. Britton, Dorr Hamlin, Adeline Adams, Bertha Deckman, Clifford, Hazel and Phyllis Stalsberg, Paul and Lenna Campbell, Paul Hunter, Eva Worden, R. L. Nichols, Judge Sawyer, Bill VanVactor, Lyman Webb. From Salem: Luther Cook, Anne Foster, Arthur Boeschen and Mrs. Boeschen. In Wednesday, August 15th and out Friday, August 17th, Dot and Elsie Dotson. In for climb of South Sister on Wednesday, August 15th, Delmer Jeans, Maurice Cox and Blaine McGillicuddy.

Visiting camp during second week: Harry, Mildred, Garey and Segrid Wright. Bob Moffitt and Bob McNeil were in for several days the first week.

—T.W.

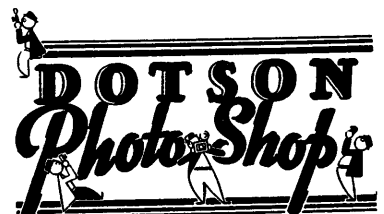
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Now It Can Be Told

Probably no development of science, old or new, played a more important part in the prosecution of the war than radar. And one of the most expert engineers in the improvements made in radar during the war, and in its installation on ships and elsewhere, is a former Obsidian.

Gilfred Hollingsworth has been an electrical engineer with General Electric Company in Schenectady, N.Y. since the war began.

The first few months he was in the radio department, working on a modulator for airborne radar; and then did one for our big fire control radar for anti-aircraft batteries.

This was the set that saved Anzio beachhead, shooting down German dive bombers in the night and fogs as well or better than the best daylight shooting.

After that, he went to Mass. Institute of Technology to work on a ship-borne set intended to provide data for controlling interceptions of enemy aircraft from aircraft carriers; and since that time, has designed radar for aircraft carriers. He superintended the installation of radar on several large carriers on the East coast and on the carrier Enterprise when she was in the Bremerton navy yards in the fall of 1943 after being badly damaged in action.

He helped redesign one model which was truck-mounted for the Marines.

Most of his work has been in the field of microwave transmission. According to Gil, "That is

McKenzie River Disappears! Annual Photo Contest

Yes, it disappeared right before the eyes of 15 Obsidians on Sunday, Sept. 16! That is, the total summer flow disappeared underground for several miles between the middle and lower falls of the McKenzie river.

After an unscheduled barefoot wading party across the neck of the big swamp, and following the river till its disappearance, the party hiked thru the deep, wide canyon right down the rocky stream bed to the green pool, where the water came out as springs. Louis Waldorf was the leader.

the art of transmitting ultra-high frequency power thro hollow pipes—very confusing to see electricity running around thru pipes just like water. For an example, one may have a copper pipe with 60,000 volts on the inside and no voltage on the outside. Makes insulation problem simple—or does it?"

Gilfred's wife, Jean (Randolph) was also a member, and will be remembered by many. They now have two children.

OTHER FORMER MEMBERS

Friends of Marie O'Neil Wright will be interested to hear that she and her husband, Glen Wright, are now the owners of the San Lorenzo Sun. Marie is editor while her husband is manager of the paper. San Lorenzo is a small town adjoining Oakland, California. The Wright's have a daughter, six years old, and a son.

Roy Kilpatrick is still in San Francisco practicing law for the Navy after six months training at Princeton and six months at the Presidio of Monterey, California. He is hoping that he will be sent over to Japan as he has been studying the Japanese and Chinese languages as well as Military Government.

Plans are being made by Hazel Stalsberg's committee for the annual photo contest. Announcement of the date and place will be made at the annual meeting; and complete rules, etc. may be mailed to the membership. However, the committee wishes to get the following information to members now:

For the usual classifications, pictures taken on Obsidian trips during the past or previous years may be entered, as long as they have not competed before. There will also be a new classification—landscapes or views NOT taken on Obsidian trips.

All must be enlarged to at least 5x7 and on suitable mount.

If you have not done so, get your films out NOW and have some enlargements made.

Kodachromes and possibly movies, will be shown, not in competition. If you have kodachromes to show, please call Hazel Stalsberg.

Lava Cast Forest Protection Progressing

Sen. Guy Cordon's bill S.932 for the withdrawal of certain section from mining claims, to protect the scenic and recreational attraction of the Lava Cast Forest, Paulina and East Lake, Obsidian Mountain, etc., has been reported out favorably to the Senate by the committee on Public Lands and Surveys.

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