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Jefferson Park To Be Summer Camp Site

Beautiful Jefferson Park, with its many mountain lakes and colorful meadows, is to be the Obsidian Summer camp site for the two weeks of August 4th to 18th, 1946.

Twice before, in 1935 and again in 1939, successful camps have been held there, and it was with nearly unanimous opinion that this years camp be in Oregon's most famous natural park again.

The Park with its level terrain and "walled in" sides, has that big 10,495 foot Mt. Jefferson on its South boundary, which stands there with its challenging pinnacles and large glaciers, just beckoning for climbers. There are many more interesting trips in store also.

The Outing committee is already working out the details of the camp and information may be had from the members who are: Sterling Patterson, Chairman, Bailey Castelloe, Helen Weiser, Ernie Ruberg and Ray Sims.

Thanks

A most pleasant surprise greeted Obsidians at the first practice dance session on Friday, January 18. That was the combination of CHESTER PIETKA PLAYING THE ACORDION AND OLGA MORTENSEN PLAYING THE PIANO. Everybody stomped with glee. We thank Chester for his wonderful treat and are very happy to see him back in Eugene. Our thanks also to Olga for her piano playing and dance instruction, to Dr. Gullion for his record box and dance instruction, and to Doris Sims and her committee for the welcome refreshments and for starting the weekly dances again.

Cross Country Ski Trip

The grandeur and beauty of thick fir limbs drooping under the weight of heavy snow and the silent trail that the nine Obsidian skiers traveled over on that "much publicized" trip that Harold led, was worth all of the sore muscles that appeared the next day.

Upon leaving the Willamette playground at straight up noon,
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Junior Ski Meet at Santiam

A ski meet for junior boys with both downhill and slalom events will be held in the Hoodoo Bowl on Sunday, February 24. This will be a closed meet open only to members of the clubs making up the Central Cascade Recreational Council. This meet is being sponsored by the Bend Skyliners and will be run according to N.S.A. rules which defines a junior for competition classification in downhill and slalom as one who has not yet reached his nineteenth birthday on January 1st of the year in which he is competing. Attractive prizes will be awarded. Entry blanks are now available at Hendershott's and Eugene High School. This is the first junior meet since before the war to be sanctioned by the C.C.R.C. and consequently the field will be made up entirely of novice skiers. Other clubs of the C.C.R.C. will appoint members to work with the meet officials and make suggestions for future meets. The events will be run in full view of the bowl so that spectators will be able to watch the entire race from start to finish. This meet will provide a proving ground for the junior of this zone who will want to enter the P.N.S.A. junior four-way championship at Mount Hood on March 2nd and 3rd.

Winter Outing Scheduled For March 24th to 28th

The dates for our second Winter Outing, to be held at Santiam Lodge, are Sunday, March 24th to Wednesday, March 28th, inclusive. Rather, our *first* outing would be more correct as the scheduled first had to be cancelled.

There are some six to ten already planning on the March dates and it is hoped that a large group will sign up at Hendershott's before the middle of March. In view of the tremendous snowfall in the mountains this year we cannot fail to have perfect skiing conditions (in spite of Mr. Groundhog's prediction). It should be a lot of fun just to go up and relax in the white stillness even if you don't ski.

Going up in our own cars, it should be easier to return in a shorter time if one could not stay the full four days, and several are planning this way.

The cost is estimated at from \$15.00 to \$16.00 for the four days or around \$3.75 per day for all expenses including transportation. However, this does not include use of the ski tow. This will be about \$1.00 per day.

It will be necessary for each one to take his sleeping bag.

An early sign-up would help in making our reservations. The dates: March 24th to 28th, inclusive. The place: Santiam Lodge.

Skiers Informants

The Ski Committee recently announced that over a hundred subscriptions have been sent in for the *Skiers Informant*, official publication of the P.N.S.A. It has been suggested that we begin taking subscriptions for next season at our annual meeting.

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Quoting from a recent letter from Ed J. Hughes, past president of the F.W.O.C., "The Newberry Crater Bill passed both houses of Congress and was approved by the President December 21, 1945, and is now a law". The purpose of the bill was to retain the Newberry Crater land for Forest Service Recreational purposes.

Skis for sale cheap. Call Nellie Moore, 266-W, evenings. Also good pack board.

16th Annual New Years Party, 1945-46

Obsidian New Years Party is one of the highlights of the year, and the thirty-five who attended will agree that this year's was especially entertaining, owing to the hard work of the committee, consisting of Doris Sims, Chairman, and Wayne Bailey, Dr. Omar Gullion, Ray Sims, and Robert Lemon.

Mr. Lackey, manager of McCredie Springs Resort, played host, seeing that everyone was comfortable and providing delicious food.

Due to the recent flood there was no electricity but the soft candlelight added more atmosphere to the scene than brighter lights would have. Also atmosphere-making were the many fine pictures lining the walls—some scenes of surrounding ski areas, and some of our own members in climbs of nearby peaks.

After sitting around the huge fireplace and singing Obsidian songs the group was initiated into a relay race. Then the dancing started—schottische, polka, waltz, and minuet. When midnight came there was still enough energy left to make ear-busting noises with the horns and rattles which were passed out, and the midnight lunch was accepted gratefully.

Around the fireplace again, contestants for the Liars Contest were heard. Blaine McGillicuddy won the cup. Frank Pursley, Dr. Omar Gullion, and Dorr Hamlin, and Ray Sims also told stories.

After a nice feathery sleep in those sleeping bags (some stayed up till almost breakfast time playing gambling games tsk-tsk) and a bracing breakfast, the group drove up the highway to the washout and walking from there chanced upon a road crew making preparations to fall a tree. This proved to be a most interesting show and kept the watchers on edge for a couple of hours, inspiring the taking up of bets on the weighty question of how many little trees the big tree would take down in its path. However the tree refused to fall

Obsidian Wins Honor

Alice Kingman, Eugene High School senior and junior Obsidian, is one of forty selected by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, in their nation wide science talent search for an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C. The selection was made on the basis of an examination and essay contest from among over 16,000 applicants, 3,000 of whom completed the preliminaries. Miss Kingman, the only one chosen from Oregon, will leave on February 25 for a five day stay in the nation's capital where a full program including visits to outstanding points of interest, meeting of prominent individuals, and a final interview which will still further narrow down the field of contestants.

Earl Wayne Kilpatrick

At a recent Princess meeting Helen Kilpatrick, the proud grandmother, happily passed out candy in celebration of the birth of Earl Wayne, January 16, to Roy and Blanche Kilpatrick of Canyon City. The baby is named for his grandfather, the late Earl Kilpatrick, former Director of the Extension Department of the University of Oregon and for Senator Wayne Morse. Congratulations to Helen!

after being sawed through and the audience finally had to leave it in order to be back in time for turkey dinner at the lodge.

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Valentine Party

The Obsidian Valentine party Thursday night was a very successful event, bringing out most of the new Junior members and several members whom we have not seen for a long time. Hope they will continue to attend the dances and parties. The picture "Ski Land" was not shown, but was promised for a later date (February 21), and in its place were two reels showing the scenic and vacation opportunities to be found in Oregon and in the Grand Tetons, the latter showing experienced mountain climbers scaling the pinnacles of the Tetons.

Chester Pietka played his accordion for the dancing, providing some swingy music in addition to the old favorite Scandinavian pieces. Highlight of the evening was the skiing song led by Dr. Gullion. Refreshments were served by Doris Sims and her committee.

One bright Sunday morning Thelma Watson felt that she just couldn't stay home on such a nice day, so, there being no scheduled Obsidian hike, she called up a few other likely hikers like Ruth Hopson, Roxie and Louis Waldorf, Bertha Deckman, Dorothy Castelleo, (I don't know if she telephoned the dog or not, but he came) and organized a hike up Spencer Butte. Well, what with the poison oak just bursting into bud and the slippery mud underfoot and the over-enthusiastic dog—everyone had a marvelous time—and after all those things only helped to make more fun, didn't they?

Roy Temple of the Willamette Summit Ski Area has recently installed a more powerful ski tow at the run, which is faster and will accommodate more riders. Mr. Temple's "Snack Shack" has grown in popularity and the walls literally bulge at lunch time. In case you didn't know, you can also rent ski equipment there.

The Willamette Summit has become a favored playground for many Obsidians, who have spent happy Sundays there.

Invitation

The secretary has received the following letter from Mr. W. W. Waller, Lodge Committee Chairman of the Mazama Club:

December 13, 1945

Obsidians, Inc.

Eugene, Oregon

Attention: The President

We would like to extend to the members of your club an invitation to use the facilities of our lodge near Government Camp at Mt. Hood.

As members of the Federated Outdoor Clubs you will be accorded the same lodge rate as Mazamas, namely 40c per night (bedding not furnished), and you will be allowed the same privileges as our members. Gas restrictions and the war hindered our activities, but we are happy to announce that during the ski season we have a cook and caretaker. Meals are being served at a minimum price.

Being located at the base of Mt. Hood, there are fine opportunities for skiing, hiking and snowshoeing. There are magnificent views of the surrounding snow covered hills and of Mt. Jefferson. Evening fireplace sessions with group singing, visiting and dancing of Polkas, schottisches, etc. will add to your enjoyment of the mountain life in which outdoor hiking club members find so much pleasure.

In order that food can be provided, please register by at least the Wednesday before you plan to come. Address communications to my attention as lodge chairman.

Please ask visiting members to bring their membership cards as the lodge is not open to the public.

We sincerely hope that some of your members will be able to enjoy with us the use of our lodge this winter.

Very truly yours
Mr. W. W. Waller
Chairman Lodge
Committee.

The members of the Obsidian Club wish to thank the Mazama Club for their kind invitation, and hope to enjoy the privileges of the offer.

New Members

The Board of Directors of the Obsidian Club held a special meeting Wednesday evening, February 6, to okay the applications of nineteen Junior and two Associate members. New Juniors are: Billy Clouse, Pete Scarce, Cal Smith, Cecil Andrus, Stephen Andrus, John Quiner II, Vernon Roberts, Norman Richards, Don Shreve, Jack Napper, Arthur Johnson, Jerry Honey, Judy Marie Egge, Gerry Gaylord, Dorothy Ann Edblom, Peggy Akers, Wilma Christoffersen, Phyllis Morgan, Jo Ann Appling. The two associate members are E. B. McMurphey and Dr. M. K. Hartzell.

Other recent additions to the roster include: Gretta Skillern, Marion Bradshaw, Tom Donahue, Alice Kingman, Martha McMaster, and Blaine McGillicuddy, all junior members.

A hearty welcome is hereby extended to these new members and an invitation to join in Obsidian activities so that we can all get better acquainted.

See you in Summer Camp!

Of interest to Obsidians is a page in the new American Ski Annual, which tells of the Club's mountain climbing and skiing over the eighteen years, and has a picture of the Middle Sister in her winter garb, with four skiers in the foreground.

The four skiers are Adeline Adams, Doris Sims, Loyd Gust and Bill Van Vactor and was taken by Ray Sims.

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Ski Committeemen Participate In Local Meetings

Since the Boy Scout Court of Honor on December 6 when Ray Sims showed pictures of Obsidian winter and summer outings, the Ski Committee has continued in their program to answer those often asked questions: "Who are the Obsidians?" and "What do the Obsidians do?"

At the December meeting of the Eugene High Girls' Athletic Association the Obsidian winter outing and skiing pictures were again shown. Also on the program was Martha McMaster with an 8 mm reel on ski jumping championship and the winter sports carnival at St. Paul.

On January 18, John Skillern told Eugene High Pack Rats at their regular Thursday noon meeting how ski competition was organized throughout the country and more particularly how the Obsidians tie in with the Pacific Northwest Ski Association. John's suggestion for an instructional program for Junior Obsidians was enthusiastically received.

Bob Lyon appeared before the newly organized U. of O. Ski Club and told them about the activities of the Obsidians, Central Cascade Recreational Council, and the P.N.S.A. The Goshen Grange, exhibiting an interest in skiing as a family recreation, had the Obsidian Ski Committee chairman speak and show pictures at their January meeting.

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Junior Obsidian Ski Instruction

The Ski Committee has organized an instructional program for junior members. Beginning on January 21 classes have been held each Sunday with John Skillern and Gene McMurphy as instructors. The first three classes were held in the Hoodoo Bowl where plenty of room and all varieties of slopes make conditions ideal for instruction. On February 10, (highway reported closed) classes were held at the Willamette Area. Participating in the instructional program are: Tom Donahue, Bill McCracken, John Banks, Steve Andrus, Cecil Andrus, Vernon Roberts, John Quiner, Cal Smith, Art Johnson, Lloyd Gust, Greta Skillern, Dorothy Ann Edblom, Norm Richards, Pete Scearce, Wilma Christofferson, Martha McMaster, Gerry Gaylord, Judy Egge, Ward Haynes, Phyllis Morgan, Peggy Akers, Blaine McGillicuddy, and Ed De Cou. Others who have joined in the classes and soon expect to become Obsidians are John Nasholm, Eddie Frolen, John Jones, Hank Wittwer, Floyd Greene, Guy Beard, Gene Dickerson, Gwen Cheney, Lois Chalcraft, Andy Anderson and Gwen Huffman.

By working these juniors on the fundamentals of good skiing the committee hopes to lay a groundwork of correct skiing principles that will give these members a life time of more enjoyable skiing as well as basis for entering competition. This program is in keeping with the emphasis being put on junior skiing by the P.N.S.A., under the leadership of Hank Jacobsen of the Seattle Ski Club, and by the National Ski Association both of which the Obsidians are a member.

The board has appointed a committee of four—Paul Campbell, Doran McKee, Darwin Yoran, and Dr. Omar Gullion—to study the building problem on the Obsidian lot.

Whitebranch Playground

Two feet of dry snow, with a grand day of skiing was what the ten Obsidians found at the Whitebranch Playground on January 27th.

The small hill in front of the shelter was tracked and most of the skiing was done there, but some of the more "hardy" went across to the big slide, which is covered with a new growth of fifteen foot tall Alder bushes. This definitely made "Slalom" skiing, as in and out among the bushes, was the order of the day.

It is hard to believe that this tall growth could come on a rocky hillside since we last skied there. The shelter is still good and substantial, even tho hoodlums have broken out many of the windows.

The Highway Commission has seen fit to open the gate and scrape the road to the playground, which may bring the McKenzie back into the skiing fold. As one travels the McKenzie, it is odd to see all five of the logging bridges washed out by the recent flood, even the covered Rosborough bridge is away down stream.

Those on the trip, Bailey Castelloe, Mary Castelloe, Arlene Brant, Dorothy Castelloe, June Porterfield, Lloyd Sims, Dave Bauer, Doris Sims, Jimmy Sims and Ray Sims.

Loyd Gust will lead skiers on a cross country trip in the Gold Hill Area on March 10. Schedule says this country is "well suited to rugged skiers". From all accounts there should be lots of seasoned followers on your trip, Loyd.

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Princessings

Princesses met January 21 at the Home of Doris Sims. Thirteen were present. The completed knitted blocks were fitted together in decorative design to form an afghan and strips were sewed together while the business of the meeting progressed. The need of a new project was expressed and the possibility of adopting or "sponsoring" a homeless child was discussed. A March of Dimes was held. Books on Idnian Lore, brought from the University Library by Adeline Adams, were examined, and several short articles were read aloud from these. It was suggested that for the next meeting each member bring an interesting piece on some phase of Indian Life and read it aloud.

A beautiful and delicious birthday cake was served in honor of Myrtie Hamlin's birthday and "Happy Birthday to you" was sung while she cut it.

Obsidians were represented by Dorr Hamlin at a recent meeting of outdoor and civic clubs called by the Recreational Resources committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, January 14, in Portland.

The motion was made and approved at the meeting that these organizations "go on record as strongly advocating Congressional appropriation to enable the U. S. Forest Service to maintain and develop the recreational opportunities of the national forests of Oregon and Washington.

It was decided that organizations and individuals should immediately send telegrams and letters to their Congressmen urging the need of such appropriations. It is hoped that you who read this will take immediate action and write those letters.

Glad to see Lloyd Helikson and Glen Sims feeling fine again, after having been hospitalized for several days, and hope to see both back on the ski slopes and mountain trails again very soon.

N.S.A. President To Visit Santiam

Since the January 24th issue of the *Skiers Informant* broke the news that Roger Langley, National Ski Association President, was coming to the Northwest and would make Santiam Pass Lodge his first stop, more information has come through in a letter from Fred McNeil to Bob Lyon. Mr. Langley will be met in Portland by Fred McNeil and other ski club officers who will drive him to Santiam immediately where a luncheon gathering is planned with members of the Central Cascade Recreational Council and other local skiers. President Langley is greatly interested in our type of community enterprise in cooperation with the United States Forest Service. After a look around he will drive back to Portland for a mass meeting at the Multnomah Hotel that night. Roger Langley is the man to whom much credit should go for making skiing the truly great American sport it is today.

Congratulations to Ray Boals on his advance to General Superintendent and Secretary of the Eugene Water Board, succeeding J. W. McArthur. We wish Ray a lot of success in his new capacity.

Ray has served the Obsidian Club well, having been Local Walks Chairman in 1942, Vice-President in 1943, President in 1944, and Local Walks Chairman again in 1945. He joined the club in 1939. Besides being very active he is a super successful photographer, as many Obsidians know who have watched him photog and have seen his pictures.

Mary Castelleo and Nellie Moore were hostesses at the annual Christmas party at which the husbands were special guests. Each person present received a gift from the Christmas tree and a few Christmas Carols were sung. A Christmas pudding made by Florence Sims was served.

The Realm of the Wild

On January 25, the Natural History Society had a very interesting program, with Glenn Mitchell, Forest Service Game Management Assistant for the Northwest district, as speaker. A very fine color movie, with close-ups of many rare animals and birds of the west, was shown. In his talk Mr. Mitchell explained many of the problems encountered in attempting to maintain the best possible conditions for the wild animals and birds inhabiting the National Forests. Such talks are particularly valuable to all Obsidians. Mr. Bruckart is planning these programs, and he hopes to have others at later dates. Watch your paper for further announcements.

New Members

Ten new members were approved by the Obsidian Board Wednesday night.

They are: Juniors; Allen Anderson, Bud Chalcroft, Gwen Cheney, Gene Dickerson, Floyd Greene, Jo Summers, Hans Wittwer; Associate members; Dorothe Castelleo and George Korn.

Potluck Party

A Potluck Party will be sponsored by the Obsidians on Thursday, March 15, 6:30 P. M., at St. Mary's Episcopal Parish Hall, 166 E. 13th. Each person is to bring his own dishes, silver, sugar, and butter (if possible). Napkins, coffee or hot chocolate, rolls and jelly, and cream will be furnished. C. Roger Rees will show some interesting movies and slides of Oregon scenery.

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Ski Patrol Drive

Sunday, February 17th, was the date for the initial ski patrol drive for associate and sustaining members. This is a cooperative venture in which the three patrols which serve the Santiam Pass area participate. The slogan for the drive is: "No Ski Costume Is Complete Without a N.S.P.S. Button". Your contribution of a dollar for associate membership or five dollars for sustaining membership is your way of giving support and appreciation for the work of the men and women who voluntarily devote their time and efforts in the public interest for safe skiing and aid to the injured. You will receive an attractive button or pin to show that you are behind the ski patrols.

Forty percent of the amount collected goes to the national organization and the remainder stays with the local patrols. By agreement among the Willamette, Bend and Santiam patrols, thirty percent of the total will be turned over to the Central Cascade Recreational Council for purchase of first aid supplies and equipment to be kept and used only at the Santiam area. The Forest Service will have general care of these supplies and will issue them to the patrol on duty. The remaining 30 percent will be split three ways, 10

percent of the total going to each of the three participating patrols.

The drive will be continued following Feb. 17 by each individual patrol in their own community and local ski areas. Your contribution is good insurance. Many Obsidians are working on this drive.

Cross Country Ski Trip

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the skiers slid down the highway to the Gold Lake road, but then turned South, connecting with the old detour road, now called the Abernathy trail, and soon were high on the ridge, looking down on the railroad, and in the deepest snow in the entire region.

A number of creeks were passed which were recognized but not open because of the deep snow and the going was tough on the leader, so he would only lead for ten minutes, then drop behind and the second in line would be the leader and so on, as all but the leader had good sliding.

Abernathy was reached by two o'clock and lunch was eaten on those wind-swept tracks of the S. P. It was here that our leader brought out his "store bought" four-inch stove. Well, enough has been said. Skiing down the tracks again until the detour was crossed, and Salt Creek Falls and the Skyline trails were crossed, and soon as slightly down hill was noticed, creek after creek began to open but yet the trees still were heavily laden.

It was crossing some of the creeks that proved to be the time killers, as more than once some one would "douse" his skis; thus of course necessitated a new waxing, or the skis would pick up "everything in sight".

Nearing Cruzette the railroad

was again above, and a number of trains rolled down the canyon. Also the real down hill riding was beginning. A number of fine grades and soon we seemed to reach the bottom, but not for long, as a bridge over a very large creek was passed, then down some more.

Now it was getting dark, and as mile after mile was passed, and an occasional dip down, (one just trusted there would be no holes), it took very good judgment to stay on the road. It was real dark when another large creek was crossed, and Buttern Korn said Salt Creek was next.

Salt Creek WAS next, AND IT HAD A BRIDGE OVER IT, that was nearly as good as seeing the lights of two cars, WAITING for us.

The skiers making the trip: Harold Trotter, George Korn, Paul Lafferty, J. W. McCracken, Walt G. Banks, Loyd Gust, Bill McCracken, Bud Nasholm and Ray Sims.

As an annual event, next year, starting at "sun up" we want to see every Obsidian who has skied at the Willamette Playground this year, on the cross country trip.

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