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### Summer Camp All Set

Summer camp in beautiful Jefferson Park, is but 2 weeks away, so it is time those last minute signers join the fine crowd who are already signed up and help the committee arrive at the AMOUNT of food needed. This is very important.

One item not mentioned before, is that each member turn in one pound of sugar for two weeks or one-half pound for a week. This can be turned in separately when the baggage is delivered to Bailey Castelloe, 1390 Oak St., before July 28th.

A cook has been engaged, the packers are being secured and the schedule for the two weeks is being worked out, so everything will be ready for the members to leave early on the morning of August 4th, drive to Breitenbush Lake, leave the cars with the Ranger, and hike into the Park.

This year's camp will, as in other years, be across the meadow from the mountain, so big Mt. Jefferson with its inviting crags and large snowfields can always be visible.

Russell Lake is encountered upon entering the Park, so it will be of interest to know that it is a big lake and just right for swimming, especially after a climb.

Each person is to contact someone that is driving, so as to insure his transportation. Word has been received from Ned Graves, that possibly two other couples may come from California with him.

For last minute details, please contact some member of the committee, and don't forget to have those dunnage bags securely tied for the pack trip.

Summer camp fees are to be paid when the baggage is delivered or by July 28th.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Ernest Keasling, Don Temple, Bailey Castelloe, George Korn, Art Erickson, Edna Temple, Mary Castelloe, Roy Temple, Harold Trotter, Bud Nasholm, John Nasholm, Doris Sims, Tom Donahue, Blaine McGillicuddy, Claude Brown.

### Sunshine Shelter On Skis

With six foot of snow at Frog Camp and twelve foot at Sunshine shelter, nineteen Club members made this nine mile round trip on June 2nd, to revive the annual trip to the foot of the Three Sisters.

Thanks to the State Hiway crews, the skiers past thru Frog Camp at the early hour of six-thirty, altho the snow was slower than the "crowd" had been used to only a "few" months before, the going was made easier with an abundance of snow.

Bud Nasholm and the Juniors just headed for the Shelter and I don't think hardly stopped, but the majority of the party headed by Harold Trotter took their time and viewed some of the grand scenery along the rugged route. It is an unusual sight to see the lava beds covered with

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### New Members

Five Senior and five Junior members have been added to the membership list. They are: Senior: Ray L. Cavagnaro, Ernest C. Keasling, Philip H. Edblom, James P. Harrang, and Kathryn Thompson; Junior: Jack Kerrebrock, Dean Fossnaugh, Gail M. Smith, Hartley Seeger, and Deane Seeger.

### Bertie McKee Honored

A group of Obsidians and friends surprised Bertie McKee on her birthday Sunday, May 5 with a potluck picnic. The cars met at 2 p.m. and drove to the McKee home on Maple Drive in a group. Volleyball was the entertainment of the afternoon and potluck dinner was enjoyed in the evening. Bertie was presented with a silver sugar and cream set, also a beautifully decorated birthday cake which was served with ice cream.

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Member of Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs  
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**Local Walks**

**APRIL 28: CHASE GARDENS**—18 Obsidians met at the city hall and drove on the county road to the slough crossing on the Bert Oldham farm where they left the cars and continued by foot to Chase Gardens. Wayne Bailey led the group through the buildings, and later they were given permission to view the outside flower gardens, where the primroses and tulips were at their best. Taking the tour were: Bertha Johnson, Lloyd Helikson, Nellie Moore, Flora Simon, Pat Kellis, Valiere Decker, Louis and Roxie Waldorf, Margaret Gatchell, Adeline Adams, Glen and Florence Sims, and Wayne Bailey, leader.

**MAY 5: SEAVY'S BUTTE AND BALDY.** Wayne Bailey (substituting for Professor Sipe who was in the hospital) led a group of 10 Obsidians to Seavy's Butte and Baldy. Lunch was enjoyed by a large spring at the base of Baldy. The day was warm and sunny, and the hikers reported this one of Spring's pleasantest trips, with the wild flowers blooming in profusion. Hikers were: Ernest Keasling, Ray Cavagnaro, Dorothy Halle, Red Van DeGrift, Arlene Brant, Valiere Decker, Thelma Watson, Gerry Honey, Ray Sims, and Wayne Bailey.

**MAY 12: CASTLE ROCK**—33 Obsidians and friends took

the trip to Castle Rock ably led by Arlene Brant and Alice Kingman. It was a beautiful day for hiking and those who climbed got a grand view of the Three Sisters and other peaks of the Cascade range, in spite of the haze. This 8 mile hike was the first qualifying climb in the Obsidian's Summer Schedule. Making the trip were: Dorr and Myrtie Hamlin, Glen and Florence Sims, Ray, Doris and Jimmy Sims, Bobby Kennedy, Mary and Bailey Castelloe, Louis and Roxie Waldorf, Victor Zahn, Margaret McKendrick, Thelma Watson, Gordon Winger, Bertha Deckmann, Nellie Moore, Gerry Honey, Ernest Keasling, Marian Bradshaw, Ray, Edna and Don Temple, Red Van DeGrift, Dorothy Halle, Mildred Vaughan, Helen Smith, Vern, Peggy and Harry Granger, and the leaders.

**MAY 19: MT. NEBO**—One of the hottest days in May found 19 Obsidians climbing Mt. Nebo, after driving to a point Northeast of the mountain where Johnson Road leads toward it. Leaders were Bailey Castelloe and Ed DeCou. At least a couple of hikers wish to express their appreciation to the rear guard for his helpfulness (carrying of pack, etc.). One of the most delightful events of the club's hiking history occurred on this trip—Red carried a quart of ice cream to the summit and served it a la coffee cup. The concensus of opinion was "why don't we do this more often?" Hikers were: Mary Castelloe, Nellie Moore, Dorothy Halle, Red Van DeGrift, Arlene Brant, Ernest Keasling, Alice Kingman, Mildred Vaughan, Thelma Watson, Wayne Bailey, Bertha Deckmann, Paul and Helen Weiser, Vern and Peggy Granger, Ray Cavagnaro, Gerry Honey, and the leaders.

**JUNE 9: ROCK TRIP**—Norman Lee, Gerry Honey, Ward Haynes, Dean Fosnaugh, Bob Gray, Bud Ash, Bill McHenry, and Cliff Stalsberg, leader, and Hank Wittwer, assistant leader, trekked to the Coburg Caves where they spent a few pleasant hours ascending the sheer face

of the rocks. Descent was made by means of rappeling.

**JUNE 9: HARDESTY**—Although an "extra", this trip proved well worth the effort it took to get to the top, as the climbers were privileged to look down on a rainbow—a novel experience. The rainbow was double at one time. The mist which hung low during the trip turned into a heavy rain at the top but shelter was found in one of the lookout cabins. Hikers were: Thelma Watson, Arlene Brant, Ernest Keasling, Mildred Vaughan, Bailey and Mary Castelloe, Bertha Deckmann, Helen and Paul Weiser, Red Van DeGrift, and Dorothy Halle, leader.

**JUNE 23: TIPSOO**—Alternate rain and sunshine did not defer 11 Obsidians from their objective, the top of Tipsoo butte, although lunch was eaten a short distance below in a shelter of trees. There was just enough rain to make hiking a pleasure. Hikers: Red Van DeGrift, Dorothy Halle, Mike Stahl, Bob Wilson, Mary and Bailey Castelloe, Mildred Vaughan, Ray Cavagnaro, Gerry Honey, Arlene Brant, and Ernest Keasling, leader.

**JUNE 30: MAIDEN PEAK**—George Korn led 16 to the top of Maiden Peak, 7,800 feet, passing the Rosary Lakes, and beautiful Maiden Peak Lake, which is like a jewel below the mountain. This climb provided a most excellent view of the mountains. On the north side of the peak was a snow bank with just the right degree of tilt for nice sliding on the posterior. George took a car-

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**Local Walks**

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rier pigeon to the top, and her hesitation in getting out of the box brought forth some extremely humorous heckling from the gallery. She was a pretty little bird, and it was reported later that she reached home o.k. in an hour and a half. Hikers: Leader—George Korn, Crosby Perrysmith, Dixon Perrysmith, Don Gardner, Don Temple, Bob Wilson, Red Van DeGrift, Dorothy Halle, Arlene Brant, Ernest Keasling, Mary and Bailey Castelloe, Mildred Vaughan, Ray Cavagnaro, Alice Kingman, and Bill Meisner.

Donald Temple of McCredie Springs, and Bill Meisner, of Cascade Summit, led a group of 14 skiers to Diamond Peak, Sunday, May 26. Paul Lafferty, John Skillern, Al Hoffman, Dr. Norman Lee, Lloyd Gust, Ted Hansen, Tony Vogel, Bud Nasholm, Ward Haynes, Juanita Neal, Dr. Omar Gullion, and George Korn took the trip. Eight hours were spent reaching the peak and five hours returning. They found mountain lakes still frozen, an dreported fine skiing high on Diamond.

A ski trip was made by Dr. Omar Gullion, Juanita Neal, George Korn, and Lloyd Gust, to Rosary Lakes on May 19. McFarland Butte, 6,500 feet, was climbed via skis.

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**Hobo Party**

Thursday night, April 25, Obsidians dressed in hobo costumes and drove to the home of Pete and Hannah Skovbo in Junction City for an evening of fun. They gathered in the barn (an appropriate place for hobos) and stepped through all the old favorites and some new ones. (We liked "Little Man In a Fix") Birthday cake, (honoring Dorr Hamlin and Arlene Brant), ice cream, coffee and punch were served to the hungry horde.

Obsidians wish to express their thanks to the Skovbos for a grand evening.

**Doctor Hopson We Presume**

The club wishes to extend sincere congratulations to Ruth Hopson, past teacher in Woodrow Wilson Junior High School and Eugene High School, present teacher at Summer Session of Portland Extension School, who has received her Ph.D. in natural history and geology from Cornell University. Obsidians feel a very personal interest in Ruth's achievement as they have been present on so many of her scientific expeditions, and also because the object of her research was a region which is very familiar and greatly beloved by them.

which according to the constitution is necessary in order to acquire the active status, are: Mildred Vaughan, Ernest Keasling, George Korn, Ray Cavagnaro, Roy Temple, Vern Granger, and Peggy Granger.



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**Princessings**

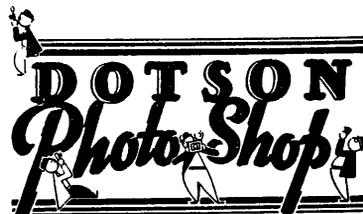
Thirteen princesses met at the home of Florence Sims, the evening of May 20. Mary Gillespie, Myrtie Hamlin, Nellie Moore, Mary Castelloe, Thelma Watson, Ethel Glaze, Adeline Adams, Doris Sims, Vera Heidenreich, Helen Weiser, Minnie McCracken, Hazel Stalsberg, and the hostess, Florence Sims, were present. Obsidian Emblems were worked on. Minnie won the penny drill prize. Strawberry shortcake and coffee were served by Florence assisted by Mary Gillespie.

June 17 was potluck picnic night for the thirteen princesses who gathered in Helen Weiser's home. Nellie Moore, Bertha Deckmann, Helen Smith, Mary Castelloe, Thelma Watson, Doris Sims, Ethel Glaze, Vera Heidenreich, Myrtie Hamlin, Charlotte Lemon, Mary Gillespie, and Florence Sims attended. Tables were loaded with delicious food, and Helen Weiser served a dessert of angel food cake, strawberries, and ice cream. A general meeting was held with no special activity for the evening.

The entertainment committee wishes to thank the princesses for the fine job they did selling tickets for the Obsidian banquet. Their help was very much appreciated.

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### Weisers Entertain Club On Fourth

On the morning of July 4 Helen and Paul Weiser entertained the members of the Obsidian board and their families at breakfast in the ash grove. A grand breakfast of cooked cereal, prunes, grapefruit, eggs and bacon, hotcakes and coffee, was immensely enjoyed. Members attending were Sterling and Gladys Patterson, Ray and Doris Sims, Frank Sipe, Bob and Charlotte Lemon and Bobby and Margaret Lemon, Dorr and Myrtie Hamlin, Mary and Bailey Castelloe, Arlene Brant, Ernest Keasling, and Bob Lyon. Everyone thought the breakfast idea was an exceptionally nice one.

Later in the day, responding to an invitation from Helen and Paul to all Obsidians, several came out for a potluck picnic, and a campfire session afterward. Those attending were: Paul and Lenna Campbell, Mrs. Campbell's sister, Ruth Hopson, Roy, Ada, and Helen Smith, Mary and Bailey Castelloe, Nellie Moore, Lloyd Helikson, Ray Sims, Bob Wilson, Vern and Peggy Granger, Frank Sipe, Dorr and Myrtie Hamlin.

### Banquet Pleases All

The Obsidian banquet staged by the entertainment committee May 24 in the Oriental room at the Osburn Hotel was a complete success. Sixty Obsidians were seated around the tables decorated with lovely arrangements of garden flowers. The program progressed very smoothly with Louis Waldorf as Master of Ceremonies introducing the various speakers. Sterling Patterson and Paul Weiser made short announcements during the dinner, and Bob and Marjorie Wilson graciously led the singing immediately following. Speaker of the evening was Earl A. (Britt) Britton, long an Obsidian, and former Lane County Juvenile Officer, who gave a very entertaining summary of the developmental activities which presaged the formation of the Eugene Outdoor Club. To round out the evening, colored movies were shown by Paul Laferty, catching different views of the activities in which he took part while in the service.

### Sunshine Shelter On Skiis

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the white blanket and the Obsidian cliffs also.

Upon arriving at Camp Sunshine at the early hour of nine thirty, Bud's party had a fire going in the half filled snow shelter, but Harold and three others had taken a "sight seeing side trip" that took them another forty minutes to reach the shelter.

After an early lunch, one by one they would emerge from the shelter, finding it warmer out in the sunshine, which had finally broken thru, so the skiers visited Camp Scott and some went up on the cliffs toward the Middle Sister. Several skied down to Sisters spring toward Obsidian

Camp and others skied down over the Obsidian cliffs strait to the shelter.

By one o'clock the downward trip back to Frog Camp was begun and fair rides were had. But by three all were at the cars greeted by Thelma and Alta who had spent the day near Frog Camp.

Those on the trip: Harold Trotter and Tom Donahue, leaders, Earnest Keasling, Don Temple, Bailey Castelloe, Mary Castelloe, George Korn, Art Erickson, Roy Temple, Mrs. Roy Temple, Bud Nasholm, John Nasholm, Doris Sims, Claude Brown, Blaine McGilicuddy, Ward Haynes, Earl A. Britton, Ralph Harlow, and Ray Sims.

The Obsidian Club greatly appreciated the cooperation of Walker Schwering and the State Highway crews in opening the gate to make the Sunshine Ski trip possible.

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