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Summer Camp Site Has Been Scouted

Surprise! Your Chairman has just returned from a 4 day trip over to John Henry lake. This is what she reports:

"I went by bus and train, to Portland and over to La Grande and Lostine. I was met at Lostine by the packers daughter Annamay Schaefer. She took me up to their Pack Station. The road is a narrow, winding, dusty Forest Service road in fairly good condition and has only one steep place to climb. It goes up a beautiful canyon narrow and steep-sided with a rushing mountain stream—the Lostine river.

Sunday she took me in on horseback to John Henry Lake and what a trip it was! The trail crosses the River on a nice foot bridge then climbs up and up to Brownie Basin. It's a well graded trail not too dusty and well shaded but it climbs. The scenery got more rugged and wild looking the higher we went. Brownie
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Skiers Honored at E.H.S.

Skiing has gained the rank of a recognized minor sport as evidenced by the "E" awards presented at the Eugene High annual award assembly. The recipients of the "E" were junior Obsidians Bill McCracken and Bruce Chase. Participation in and order of finish in recognized meets was the basis on which the Student Council made the awards. Honorable mention went to Blaine McGillicuddy, Ward Haynes, Joe Gardner, Jack Napper and Greg Smith—all Obsidians. The Berger Underdahl trophy was given its Eugene presentation to Ward Haynes at this time. Bob Lyon, sponsor of the High School ski team, presented the awards and spoke briefly on how skiing had been rebuilt as a Eugene High sport largely through participation in the activities of the Pack Rats, the Willamette Ski Patrol and Obsidians. Mention was made of the contributions by Bob Moffitt, Hank Wittwer, John Quiner and Tom Donahue—no longer in high school—in helping to promote Eugene High skiing to its present standard.

Newberry Crater—July 4

The always delightful thought of three days away from business gave the thirty-two members of the Obsidian party who took the "travelogue" to Newberry Crater, where East and Paulina lakes lie, a real week-end vacation.

It was thought that a good camp on the shores of East Lake could be found, like the Obsidian party of July 4, 1937 did, when they were the ONLY ones there. But how a short ten years have changed East Lake. Mike Stahl's carload arrived there late on July 3, and camped among the throng reminding them of Coney Island.

The first cars on July 4 didn't immediately find Mike, so drove around a bit and finally decided to go back to Paulina Lake where it was less populated. One good camp ground was found with tables and stoves, where part of the group camped, but as it was back from the lake shore a little, the rest of the party drove around to the eastern shore and camped next to the water without the luxuries of tables and stoves. Each group had its own campfire that night and met next morning at nine, less the four Stalbergs, where the trail to Paulina Peak begins. Led by Ray Sims, the party hiked the three miles to the well kept lookout house at 7985 feet on Paulina Peak.

Mrs. Lawrence Maves of Eugene is spending her fourth season as lookout, and a more attractive and better kept lookout house surely doesn't exist. From the lookout there is a grand view, with the jewel like lakes of Paulina and East below, the lava flow from the South side of the
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Chase Places Second in Golden Rose Tournament

Bruce Chase, junior Obsidian and Eugene High letterman, captured second place in the invitational, Golden Rose, downhill, junior men's event on June 15. Leading Bruce down the Mount Hood slope was another Hoodoo Bowl skier, Phil Gillis, younger brother of Olympic team skier Gene.

Last Minute Notes On Summer Camp

1. Don't take your dunnage bags to Bailey Castelleo's as we said in the Prospectus but keep them with you along with your sleeping bag. We are having a little difficulty in getting sufficient transportation for our equipment. Think we could take care of your tents if you bring them over. Second weekers had better bring their sleeping bags and dunnage bags over to Bailey's to go in with the camp things as there will be no good way of getting them in at the beginning of the second week.

2. You will be served Sunday night supper, August 3rd and Monday morning breakfast the 4th at Lapover per arrangements made by your Committee. Better bring along a trail lunch for Monday. You might make it into Camp by lunch and again you might not.

3. To those leaving town Sunday morning there is an excellent place just 6 miles out of Lostine to spread your sleeping bags on the ground and spend Sunday night. Then drive the last 10 miles into Lapover for breakfast. This is suggested because the road from there on isn't very good and you will enjoy the drive a lot better in daylight.

4. Here is our proposed Trip Schedule:

Monday—coming into Camp.

Tuesday—get acquainted trip around Wilson Basin.

Wednesday—Flagstaff Peak, 8600 ft. and Maxwell Lake.

Thursday—North Minam Meadows and Green Lake, 7100 ft.

Friday—Hazel Mt., 8500 ft. and Hazel Lake.

Saturday—Minam Peak, 8000 ft. and Long Lake, 6800 ft.

Sunday—rest (and you'll need it).

Monday—Lookout Mt., 8800 ft. and Hobo Lake, 8300 ft.

Tuesday—Chimney Lake and Laverty Lakes.

Wednesday—Elkhorn Peak, 9200 ft. and Steamboat Lake.

Thursday—North Minam Meadows and Green Lake.

Friday—Sturgil Peak, 8900 ft.

Saturday—Homeward bound.

"The Obsidian"

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Summer Outing—(Not appointed yet).

Auditing—Percy W. Brown, 162 W. 19th, 517-J.

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Building Committee—Doran McKee, Maple DR., Junction City, 26-F-21.

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Reporter—Mary Castelloe.

balance of \$2,002.67 in the account and was instructed to complete the investment of \$1500.00 to \$2000.00 in Eugene First Federal Savings & Loan. New members approved were: Donn W. Chase (Sr. Assoc.) and Conrad Christensen (Junior).

June 2—Special Meeting: Mert Folts was a guest and spoke to the board on the activities of the Isaac Walton League in conservation fields, showing the correlation of the activities of the two clubs. He invited Obsidians to attend the League Meetings—3rd Tuesdays, and his group was in turn invited to attend Obsidian meetings. Local Walks Chairman reported on trips from April 13 to May 25, inclusive. A motion was passed to authorize the Mountaineering Committee to purchase a rope which they consider is safe and suitable for taking parties on climbs. Bob Lyon asked the cooperation of the club with the YWCA in their Junior Miss program. New members approved were: Sr. Assoc.: Mary Paul and Myron G. Stahl; Junior; Craig Thurston.

June 9—Regular Meeting: Local Walks chairman reported on the following trips: May 18—Cap Hagen; May 25—Eagles Rest. Bob Lyon reported on the PNSA Executive Committee Meeting held at Spirit Lake in Washington. Doran McKee was a guest and gave his report on the work of the Building Committee. The committee plans to submit blue prints and estimated costs to the membership at the annual meeting. The Board voted to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$50.00 for the use of the Building Committee in making further plans.

July 14—Regular Meeting: Local Walks chairman reported on two trips: June 15—Hardesty and July 4, 5, 6—Newberry Crater. The board voted to make the following members active: Mary Paul, Myron Stahl, Harry Granger, Oluf Nielsen, Chloëann Owens, Marshall Sherwin, Phyllis Morgan, Phil Edblom. The board voted to purchase 500 Obsidian decals, for use in cars, which will be sold to members only for 10c each. Dorr Hamlin was appointed delegate to the Federation Meeting at Brighton, Utah, with Doran McKee as alternate. The board voted to order 100 pamphlets on conservation of Olympic National Park, at a cost of \$5.50 to be distributed to its members and others. Clarence Scherer was approved as a new member with active status. The following five members were appointed as nominating committee: Bailey Castelloe, Myrtie Hamlin, Thelma Watson, Robert Lemon, and Ray Sims.

Princessings

The May Princess meeting was held May 27 at Ethel Glazes', featuring a bridal shower for Jane Hall. The June meeting was the annual covered dish picnic, at Helen Weiser's. A short walk was taken between supper and the meeting. The July meeting is to be with Vera Heidenreich on Monday, July 28, the last meeting before Summer Outing.

Newberry Crater—July 4

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crater, which "stopped just before it reached the road" (???!!) and the row of snow capped peaks with which we are familiar, and to the south the great bulk of Fort Rock stands out above the surroundings. On a clear day it is said that one can see five states from this vantage point.

After two hours on the peak the party returned to their camps and after the evening meal gathered at the Stalsberg camp, spending the evening playing "Teakettle" before a large campfire.

On Sunday, all but the Hamlins' and the Stahls' car went into the Lava Cast Forest. The old land marks were the same as of ten years past, but to the new comers, it was very interesting. The large "tree holes" cast in the lava are as much as fifteen feet deep. The "snake" tree was still there, and the laying down "holes" just had to be crawled through.

Those on the trip—Dorr and Myrtie Hamlin, Lloyd Helikson, Ernie and Arlene Keasling, Wayne Bailey, Mary and Bailey Castelloe, Janice Kiphart, Dick Ordway, Bertha Deckman, Elmer McBee, Thelma Watson, Helen and Paul Weiser, Helen, Ada, and Roy Smith, Nellie Moore, Clifford, Hazel, Chuck and Phyllis Stalsberg, Clarence Scherer, Mildred Vaughn, Mike Stahl, Gerry Honey, Virginia Tompkins, Lucile Gilson, Doris, Jimmy and Ray Sims.

Board Meeting Notes

May 12—Regular Meeting: Six members whose dues were delinquent more than one year, were dropped: Jacqueline Bogan, Sam Cox, Art Johnson, Henry Korn, Coralie Thomson. The 1946-47 dues were allowed for E. O. Immel and J. R. Bruckart (Associate members). Decision made to compile a check list of duties for the benefit of future committees, to be completed a month before the present board goes out of office. Report of committee on revision of membership blanks heard and accepted. Treasurer reported



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Ward Haynes Receives Underdahl Trophy

The outstanding award open to junior skiers of the state was presented to Ward Haynes at the annual banquet of the Cascade Ski Club, at the Congress Hotel, Portland, Oregon. The Berger Underdahl trophy is awarded each year to the most outstanding junior man skier as rated on the four equally weighted points—leadership, sportsmanship, achievement and improvement. It was Ward's consistent improvement, his thoughtfulness of other skiers, and his willingness to get out and work for the good of the group which brought him recognition by the selecting committee. Ward was active in laying the groundwork for the Eugene High ski team, in organizing high school ski trips to Hoodoo Bowl, and in lending a hand in ski patrol and club activities.

Beginning this year a similar award has been made available by Berger Underdahl for the outstanding junior woman skier of the state. Already some junior Obsidian girls are showing potential qualities that should put them in the running for this award at a future date.

Diamond Peak Trip

On Sunday, July 13 a party of 25 Obsidians and U. of O. summer session students led by Don Temple and Geo. Korn trekked to Diamond Peak on a day of somewhat uncertain weather, which, however, turned out very well. The skies withheld precipitation, it was warm but not too warm. In the woods the mosquitoes gave their view halloo—"Fresh meat!"—but we scared 'em off by liberal application of 6-12 and stuff. The party reached the top between eleven and twelve. About 12:30 a CAP airplane piloted by

Claud Walker, with Bob Pfeiffer, co-pilot and "bombardier", dropped supplies including ice cream, candy, bread and butter, papers, cokes, and snow shoes, all of which were supplied by our leader, George Korn. Back at the cars, more cold cokes were waiting, just removed from the creek, these also through courtesy of our good leader.

Hardesty Mt.

Hardesty is well named, although it gets easier for me every year. On this third yearly trip all 15 Obsidians who went just laughed at the sign pinned on the tree which says 'this one is a heller'. Those famous words are now lost to eternity, as the rains have washed them away, and this years hikers will have forgotten them by next year, and will have thought up some better ones.

No sooner did 5 year old Jimmy Sims reach the top than George Korn, from his flying jeep had dropped the ice cream and cake, missing the crowd by yards. It was really a treat, after the long climb.

Leading were Mary Castelloe and Doris Sims; Bailey Castelloe, Ray Sims, Jimmy Sims, Gerry Honey, Judy Egge, Mildred Vaughan, Thelma Watson, Alice Kingman, Olivia Watt, Dick Ordway, Wayne Bailey, Vern Granger, Peggy Granger.

R. S.

Shasta Ascent

Several Obsidians, including Duane Brown, Gladeus Simmons, and Marjory Allingham (Mazama), climbed Mt. Shasta July 4. This was a Mazama trip, led by Donald G. Onthank, and was his fourth trip to the summit. There was no doubt in the minds of any one of the forty-some climbers as they straggled back into Horse Camp following the climb that the mountain was probably one of the largest piles of rock and snow that any of them had tackled in their countain-climbing career. Conditions were perfect—weather and snow conditions. An interesting sidelight was the fact that more than thirty Sierra Club members from San Francisco also camped at Horse Camp, and a large group climbed, following the Mazamas.

Deer Butte Ski Trip

When the schedule was made, the 27th of April was to be the annual ski trip into "Sunshine and Middle Sister", but the highway snow plow had failed to remove the two foot of snow above Alder Springs so cars could only go that far.

Three carloads of skiers arrived

there minus the leader at nine thirty, so Ray Sims undertook the leadership and suggested the trek up Deer Butte.

It was difficult to convince Bob Lyons' carload that there was any possibility of snow being on the grand playground on top of the Butte. However, all were convinced and the top, where two feet of snow lay (in patches) was reached via a dry trail, at 11 a.m.

Good "corn" snow lay on the very top of the hill and taking a back way, one could ski the entire distance to the bottom of the long hill.

Seven of the party reached a point on foot from which they had a grand view of Scott Mt., Washington, Jack and Jefferson. On their return they found a snow man, who was willing to pose for several pictures. He was an Obsidian because he wore an emblem.

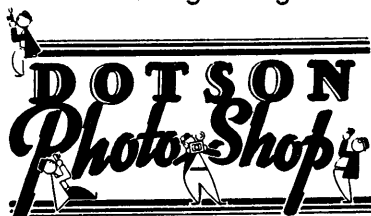
Lunch was enjoyed in the shade of those tall firs at the top. Besides Bobs, Arlenes, Willis, and Rays colored shots, the other Bob and Mary also took pictures. Willis also had his movie.

Olympic Ski Team Fund Growing

The forty dollars contributed to the Olympic ski team fund by the purchase of buttons by Obsidians has helped to swell the PNSA total to \$10,117.46 as reported at the June 8th executive committee meeting. Credit for the outstanding contribution belongs to Sun Valley who raised \$9365.01. The Portland clubs netted \$341.85 from the showing of the Lowell Thomas, jr. films; Penguins, \$62.00; and other clubs have come through with smaller amounts. Funds are still needed, so if you have not had an opportunity to contribute, make your donation to Paul Laferty, Mary Castelloe or Bob Lyon.

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Clarence Scherer's before breakfast swim in Paulina Lake, on the Newberry Crater trip? Twice!

The Obsidians taking part in the Pageant.

The return of "Cynthia" to Obsidian circles; she brought her boy friend this time. Cynthia can take anything.

Dave Faville signing up for camp again.

Gladys Lees MacCrory stopping in Eugene for a few hours, looking prettier than before, bringing her handsome husband.

Hazel and her trained seals—while teakettling on the shore.

The new stovepipe at the cabin.

The Obsidian club numbering 251 now, with 176 actives, 19 associates, and 56 juniors.

"Chubby" Brant becoming Mrs. Ernie Keasling on June 1st.

Adeline Adams being a bridesmaid in "Sunny" California, where it was raining—same as here.

Paul "The EGG and I" Weiser, sporting red whiskers, and black sideburns, with his grey topside.

The Luhr that lured Jane Hall to the Altar on June 1st. Who wouldn't fall for that kind of bait?

A lone camp robber at Camp Scott, balancing himself bravely on one leg, and being fed until he was dizzy.

Guess he heard there might be ice cream.

Sunny Lee Hamlin already acquiring numerous boy friends, who buy her cokes.

T-H-A-N-K-S spelled in the snow with skis.

Bruce Chase, junior member, finishing second in the men's Junior Division Race at the Golden Rose Ski Tournament at Mt. Hood—with a time of 1:55.8.

Middle Sister Ski Trip

May 25th, 1947—MIDDLE SISTER, for some Alpine Skiing under blue skies, and hot skis.

Lifted barricade at Alder Springs at 5:30 a.m. and headed for Sunshine. Some of the group went on up toward summit of Middle Sister, (Walt Banks, Graham White, Paul Lafferty, Norman Lee), loafed on the rocks at the saddle then had a pleasant trip down to Scott Camp where rest of the group had prepared an air-ground signal with poles and skis expecting ice cream from the skies. Waited till 4 p.m. then started out. Gene McMurfhey like a stubborn Irishman swore he wouldn't carry out his skis so by golly he didn't, over lava, bare ground, fir boughs he went and it was so catching that pretty soon we were all doing it. Very pleasant trip even though quality of snow was not too good. Leader sold shares in a cache of beer at Frog Camp while at the dry camp at Scott—very satisfactory. We should do it again though earlier. About 13 feet of snow at Sunshine.

Dr. Norman L. Lee, leader, Dick Armstrong, Ray Sims, Doris Sims, Mary Castelloe, Bailey Castelloe, Bob Lyons, Willis Caldwell, Gene McMurfhey, Walt Banks, George Korn, Paul Lafferty, Graham White, E. A. Britton.

Camp Scouted

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Basin was a lovely long, narrow mountain meadow with a little stream meandering through it and steep walls on three sides. We rode the length of this Basin then had a steep climb out of it to the ridge. From here we looked down into Wilson Basin where John Henry Lake lies. What a scene it was! It's hard to describe with words, you have to

see it to fully appreciate it. There was the large lake lying over on the left hand side and a smaller round lake closer in. Lush green meadows with a small stream meandering through it and lots of timber. A natural ground basin with a long handle at the northwest end where the trail and the lake outlet goes down to the North Minam country. Very steep sides must be a 1000 feet or more. We drop down 800 feet on the trail to the Basin. She took me out on the heights above the Basin and Oh! what a sight I saw. To the South we looked down into the North Minam canyon and over to Long Lake and Steamboat Lake. Ridges with peaks sticking up and snow patches on their sides. To the north she pointed out where Bear, Hobo, Wood, Chimney and other lakes lay. We looked down on Brownie Basin and up to Flagstaff Peak. Looked over to the Lostine Canyon and the ridges beyond, the last one to the east being the ridge west of Hurricane Canyon. Saw the Matterhorn and Eagle Cap in the distance. I looked and looked with a mountaineer's delight in the high places. Finally we dropped down into Wilson Basin and went over to John Henry Lake. We have a lovely camp site right on the shore of the lake. We have an excellent stream of water right by camp which comes down by falling from the heights and feeds the lake.

There were lots of pretty wild flowers in bloom, saw quite a few Blue Gentian plants that weren't in bloom yet. She told me this was the abode of the deer and elk and that they would plant some salt close by so we would have some visitors.

I know we have picked a very beautiful spot for camp in wild rugged country, "and feel certain everyone going will thoroughly enjoy it."

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