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Three Fingered Jack

Those jagged spires of Three Fingered Jack, one of Oregon's most picturesque peaks, was climbed officially by the Obsidian party on June 27th, under the very capable leadership of Chloe Owens, assisted by Dr. Norman Lee. Others assisting were Paul Lafferty, Willis Caldwell and John Skillern.

This is the first time among Obsidians that a difficult peak has been led by one of the fairer sex, but all praises were for Chloe.

Starting from Santiam Lodge, by Square Lake, there was some snow, but finally on the bare ridge, the going was better.

The party was large and seven ropes were used, only three to a rope. At the "crawl" the climbers were roped in, and continued on to the chimney.

Mountain troop technique was used, some pitons used and everyone rapelled after signing the book. Needless to say, Bob Hansen was the "life of the party". Jim Hosmer took pictures, which may be had at Hendershott's.

On the return trip some glissading was done on Jack Ridge.

Those earning summit certificates; Col. John Watts, Olivia Watts, Thelma Chaney, Marge Herr, Virginia Tomkins, Bob Hansen, Mildred Vaughn, Gerry Honey, Maynard Meadows, Gilbert Bissell, Max Cox, Paul Civin, Dick Ordway, Jim Hosmer, John Skillern, Willis Caldwell, Paul Lafferty, Norman Lee and Chloe Owens.

GEOLOGISTS GUESTS OF OBSIDIANS

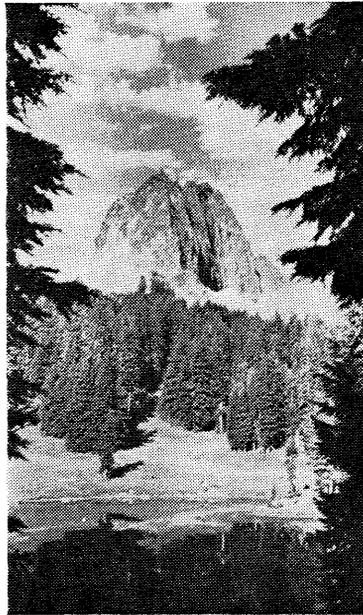
Twenty-six members of the Geological Society of Oregon were guests at the Obsidian cabin July 3-5.

Sixteen Obsidians joined them there. Dr. Warren D. Smith gave an informal talk on the geology of the area. On Sunday, Hugh Currin led the group in a trip to Clear Lake and the Upper McKenzie.

EXXCHANGES PLEASE NOTE

The dateline on our last issue was not changed. It should have been "May, 1948, No. 8".

SUMMER CAMP LET'S GO



Here is the setting for your two weeks' Summer Camp—on the shore of beautiful Husband Lake, at the base of Husband Mountain.

Final arrangements are being made for packer, cook, food and supplies.

For full information see last issue or bulletin board at Hendershott's.

About once in every three or four years, the Obsidians get back to our own Three Sisters area for our summer camp. So if you have never spent a full week or two in that ideal spot, with three major peaks and several lesser ones to climb, glaciers to explore, other interesting hikes, fishing, beautiful mountain flowers, and thrilling evenings around the campfire, get your name on the roll now. If you have been there before, you will want to go again.

As we went to press, a pot luck picnic—swim, dance, etc. was being planned for Wednesday, July 14th.

1948 Mountain Climbing Schedule

July 17-18—Mt. Hood.
July 24-25—North Sister.
July 31-Aug. 1—St. Helens.
Aug. 7-8—Mt. Thielsen.
Aug. 14-15—South Sister.
Aug. 21-22—Mt. Jefferson.
Aug. 28-29—Mt. Washington.
Sept. 4-5-6—Mt. Adams.

Local Walks Committee Supplementary Schedule

July 18—Table Mountain
Bob Lemmon, Leader
July 25—Rooster Rock
Ron and Gladeus Pupke, leaders
August 1—Picnic
Paul and Helen Weiser, leaders
August 8—Open
(Summer Camp)
August 14—Picnic at Obsidian Cabin
Darwin Yorán
August 21-22—Obsidian Camp
Ernie and Arlene Keasling, leaders
August 29—Waldo Lake
Adeline Adams, leader
Sept. 5-6—(Labor Day) Broken Top Area
Cliff and Hazel Stalsburg, leaders
Sept. 12—Scott Mountain
Frank Sipe, leader
Sept. 19—Collier Glacier—Scott Trail
Ernie Ruberg, leader
Sept. 26—Oregon Caves
Dorothy Steinmetz, leader
October 3—Silver Lake
Mertie Hamlin, Leader
October 10—Coast Trip—Lake Clewox
Clarence Scherer, Leader
October 17—Work Trip to Obsidian Cabin
Dorr Hamlin, Leader
October 24—Deer Butte
Mildred Vaughn
October 31—Mystery Trip
George Korn

The "Welcome Gretchen Fraser" was carried out as planned May 21-23. There was a good attendance at the banquet and fair attendance for Winter Olympic pictures.

Chairman Geo. Korn reported to the board that the committee came out even financially, with a little assistance from the Portland Winter Sports Association.

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Mt. Shasta—14,161 Ft.

The scheduled three day outing and climb of Mt. Shasta was made by an Obsidian party of seven, July 3rd, 4th and 5th.

The climbers camped at timberline, near the Sierra Club's stone cabin and began the ascent at two A.M. Sunday. Flashlights were used for the first two hours, and Duane Brown did a creditable job in picking a perfect route, even in the darkness.

Britton began to be overcome with "mountain sickness" before the Red Banks were reached. The weather was extremely cold and combined with the ever increasing altitude, he was forced to turn back.

The remaining six slowly moved toward the Red Banks at 13,000 feet, but mountain sickness claimed four more. However, they climbed on even in their misery; and with the rise of the sun at the towering Red Banks, and finally getting warm, it gave the climbers new life. At this point you can nearly see the summit.

With this new life, the world seemed much brighter; and the clear blue sky gave the climbers a grand view from "way up there".

New snow was under foot as the "misery ridge" was conquered, and at this point the summit could be seen, like "another Mountain".

Just using Crampons and ice axes, the party arrived at the summit box at eleven-thirty, nine and a half hours from camp.

It was too cold with a very strong wind to eat on top, so a short twenty minute glissading down to the Red Banks was made and lunch was eaten there.

Lawrence Moffit and sons Bob and Dick and Goodman Kaarhus were met here and several other parties were also on the mountain.

From this point back down to the camp is just one long slide on snow, so the foot was reached at three in the afternoon.

Tired, the climbers went to bed early only to be awakened by rain, fog and snow; so by six o'clock Monday, three inches of snow lay on their sleeping bags. They immediately packed up and hiked the two miles back to the cars, returning to Eugene Monday evening.

Those on the climb: Duane Brown, leader; Charles Roberts, E. A. Britton, Chloe Owens, Doris Sims, Dick Ordway and Ray Sims.

Ray Sims

President's Message

When I learned that I had been elected president of the Obsidians I was pleased beyond words—my words anyway—surely highly honored—and the honor was entirely unexpected too.

However, I feel that I am accepting the honor of the office without doing enough in the way of service to you Obsidians. (It would take drastic action to get me out).

The chief reason for the success of the club is the great work of the committees. One of the pleasures I have is that of hearing the fine reports brought to the board meetings by the committee chairmen. Of course, meeting with the vice-president, other members of the board and the secretary is a real pleasure also.

All Obsidians given responsibilities respon like a million—no wonder ours is a great club. I know of no finer group—do you?

E. A. Britton

Among Our Members

Mary and Bailey Castelloe are on a month's visit to the Middle West.

Helen Weiser has the sympathy of the members on the death of her mother, Mrs. Johnson.

Paul and Lena Campbell returned recently from an extended trip.

Dot Dotson's young son had a painful fall from an auto the first of the month.

Gail Lindamood is now Mrs. Wm. F. O'Connor, with address Beaverton, Ore.

Mrs. Mary Kenny, mother of Helen Kilpatrick, passed away in mid-June.

Mertie Hamlin spent the Fourth week-end with their son Clair and his wife Daisy at Summer Lake.

Now it is "The Pupkes." Ron Pupke and Gladeus Simmons were married early in June.



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Federation Convention Labor Day Week-end

There should be a large delegation of Obsidians at this year's Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs convention. It is not often that it is held so near to us. Those of our members who have attended in the past have come home enthusiastic over the good times they had, and the fellowship with others of a common interest. There will be Sierra Clubbers, California Alpinists, Chemeketans, Mazamas, Trails Clubbers, Angoras, Seattle Mountaineers—and all of the other twenty-five or so members of the Federation. There will be official delegates, but all members may sit in at the business meetings, and all will join in the fun.

The Recreation Center, where the convention will be held is about three miles up Silver Creek from the public campgrounds and the Federation will have exclusive use of it for the holiday week-end. There are a kitchen, dining room, recreation hall, cottages scattered over the hillsides, natural swimming pool, sports grounds, etc. It is an ideal set-up for such a gathering.

We wrote to Salem for information, and we quote the reply just as received:

"As requested, just a hint in regard to the coming F.W.O.C. Convention, September 4, 5, 6, 1948, to be held at Silver Falls Recreational Area. Official letters with details will be in the mail in about two weeks.

Cost? \$7.50—Mail check or money order to Bob Beecroft or Margaret E. Peper of the Registration Committee, P.O. Box 763, Salem, Oregon, before August 10, 1948.

What? Important convention business; fellowship; scenery; hikes; sports; exhibits; pictures of member clubs' activities; climbing technique demonstrations by Oregon experts; fun in general—

stunts, songs, folk dancing, tours of famous spots in Oregon's beautiful capitol city.

Bring? Everything is furnished at Silver Creek except sleeping bags and personal articles. Be sure to bring swim suits.

Who? Send delegate—and everyone else come too!!

Publicity and Registration Comm.
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BULLETIN!

OBSIDIANS REVISE CLIMBING SCHEDULE

The Obsidian Climbing Committee met Monday night and revised the climbing schedule to meet the present situation.

The week end of July 24-25 will again be the Tenderfoot climb of the Middle Sister. This climb will be led and cared for by the Climbing Committee. It was rained out on June 20th. Although the Climbing Committee does have rather rigid rules to promote safety on climbs, the Tenderfoot climb is open to all.

The North Sister climb is now scheduled for August 1st. This necessitates cancellation of the Mt.

Last Minute News

There was a large crowd at the picnic in Fall Creek Playground. The members went for the swimming, eating, baseball and archery in preference to dancing. The weather was ideal.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Please express my appreciation and thanks to the Obsidians for the very lovely azalea sent to me while in the hospital and the greetings too.

I am at home now and feeling fine altho confined to the upstairs. They are a pretty big "mountain" right now.

Thanking you again.

Bernice Britton

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MEN OF THE CRAGS

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The foothills were made for the kid-
glove gang,

The palsied, the weak, and the old,
But the dog-toothed peaks were
made for men—

They are ours to have and hold.
We have left our footprins above the
clouds,

Like a brand on the spotless snows,
We have watched the mountain-
night come down

O'er the trail where the big horn
goes.

We are the men of the naked crags,
Free as the wind that blows.

Our heritage is the hinterland—

The land that the eagle knows.
You may mark our camp by a brush
fire's flame

That flutters and flares through the
night,

Like an infant star on some lonely
peak,

In the heart of the snow fields
white.

—From "The Ranger"

