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Local Walks

- Sept. 19—Collier Glacier—Scott Trail
Ernie Ruberg, leader
Sept. 26—Oregon Caves
Dorothy Steinmetz, leader
October 3—Clark Butte
Frank Sipe, Leader
October 10—Coast Trip—Lake Cleowox
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

Annual Meeting

All members will want to attend the annual meeting of the Obsidians on Oct. 5, notices for which have been mailed to members. This is when new officers are elected and reports made to the membership by all committees. Some important amendments to the by-laws are to be considered. All SENIOR ACTIVE members are entitled to vote. Even if you cannot make it to the dinner, be sure to come to the business meeting.

Clark Butte—Oct. 3

Note the change in the Local Walks schedule for this date. Clark Butte is in the Fall Creek area. A representative of the Willamette Forest Service will accompany us into the timber cutting area where the latest methods and equipment are being used. Those who may not wish to take the hike may stay at the Fall Creek recreation area.

Folk Dancing

On Aug. 26, Don Woods and Linda gave instruction in folk dancing at the K. P. hall. Don says that these dances are very popular in California, with folk dances of various countries, and many of the participants wearing costumes of these countries. Mertie Hamlin and Mary Castelloe took care of the refreshments.

OUTDOOR FEDERATION CONVENTION

A hundred and seventy-six outdoor enthusiasts attended this year's Federation of Western Outdoor Club convention. Fourteen Obsidians represented our club, with Dorr Hamlin as official delegate.

The Chemeketans of Salem proved excellent hosts, managed arrangements well, and furnished plenty of good food, hikes and entertainment.

Besides the business sessions there were stunt night, dancing, picture showing, campfires, etc. It was as much fun as attending another Summer camp.

The Federation had the large Organization Recreation Area of the Silver Falls state park all to ourselves, with its cottages, kitchen, dining room, recreation hall, swimming pool, etc.

There twenty-seven member clubs in the Federation, representing a total membership of around 12,000. They constitute a real force in conservation work, recognized by Government departments and members of congress.

Leo Gallagher of the Mountaineers was elected the new president, and Dale Cowen, Wyeast Club, the vice-president for Oregon. Next year's convention will be at the Seattle Mountaineers' new Snoqualamie Lodge.

Work of FWOOC

A large part of the business sessions of the FWOOC convention was given to the consideration of resolutions. Mary Castelloe did most of the typing for the committee.

Some of those of especial interest to Oregonians were: Expressing opposition to draining and cutting up part of the Malheur Migratory Bird Refuge for farming; one endorsing the instruction of the youth of the state in conservation and the appreciation of the out-of-doors; opposing the damming of the main Rogue river for irrigation and seriously impairing the fish runs; and the one presented by Dr. Ruth Hopson on mining operations in the John Day country.

Obsidian Cabin Oct. 16-17

Dorr is asking for a good turn-out for the fall work trip. We always have as much fun on these trips as on any we have. For those who can get there, it will be an over-night affair.

Bring supper and breakfast (if you come early) and food for pot-luck Sunday.

We will need to get in quite a bit of wood for the Winter activities, and to build a new shelter for it. Save the date and sign up!

Major Climbs

A successful season of ascents of major peaks was completed on Labor Day. This is our first year with the major climbs arranged and conducted by the Climbing Committee, under the original chairmanship of Willis Caldwell, and later by Paul Lafferty; and the members of this committee are to be congratulated upon a successful season, with no accidents.

The climbs ranged from Mt. Shasta to Mt. Adams, the latter on Labor Day. Duane Brown was the leader. On the climb were Jim Hosmer, a photographer from Bend, and the following members from Eugene: Gilbert Bissell, Mac Cox, Doris Sims, Bill Dodds, Dick Ordway, Dick Moffitt, and two boys from Gants Pass. Camp was made at Morrison Creek and the climb by way of Bird Creek meadows. Some snow and sleet were encountered but the sun came out on top.

It seems to have been almost the rule this summer that some rain, snow or cold—ar all three—would be served up.

In addition to the climbs of the Three Sisters from Summer Camp, the North was climbed Ray Sims leading his 21st ascent of it; and the South on Labor Day was climbed by a party of nine from the Rock Mesa, including Everett Alford, Ed Simons, Ralph Hassman, Dennie Koupal, Geo. Korn, Bob Pfeifer, Don Nacker, Jimmie Sims, and Ray Sims, leader.

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Impressions of Summer Camp

At the end of the six-mile hike to Camp Britton on Husband Lake, nestling close under the Husband and facing the Sisters, the first thing to greet the hungry wayfarer was the welcome site of the long tent and tables of operation "EATS", so efficiently and ingeniously presided over by the Smiths. They didn't even wince under the onslaught of the week-long teen-age hotcake eating derby that took gallons of syrup and thousands of hotcakes. Mountain climbing is strenuous business. After dinner and K.P. duty, the friendly campfire sited the evening's festivities. Scarcely an evening passed that were not summit certificates to be passed out, the day's events to be reported on, "that reminds me of a story"; and so vicarious experiences of past camps were merged with present enjoyments until time had little meaning. Patriarchs Louis Waldorf, Ray Sims, Hugh Currin, and Prexy Britton took turns at M.C.-ing the evenings with Hugh generally succumbing to requests for "Anne Boyelin with 'er 'ead tucked un'erneath 'er arm" or for some other favorite.

Everyone played at his own speed, a grand idea, with as many as four groups operating at once and their activities ranging all the way from photographing the beautiful mountain flowers to rock climbing. The young people were always on the way to or from some particular adventurous spot to practice rapelling, glissading, or "what have you?", while the camera fans sought a beautiful alpine glow or a new angle from which to photograph a reflection of the South Sister in Husband Lake or Eileen Lake. For the fishermen, it might be a trip to Honey Lakes or down Linton Creek. However, the fish and mosquitoes failed to cooperate to the extent which the elk and deer did. The weather hit a middle course and earned only a grade of "fair". The days when a cool (COOL) dip in Husband Lake felt good were almost balanced by days when the fire felt better and a couple of occasions definitely rated rain clothes. The steadier diet of fun was appropriately punctuated occasionally by the arrival of the pack train, a contest to see who could catch the "air mail" or a carton of ice cream on the first bounce, or maybe by some joker searching the hills for a flower that looked like pink asparagus. Fun! Yes! And the memories will last far longer than the mere two weeks of the actual vacation.

Gary Worth

Annual Photo Contest

This will be held at the K. P. hall, 1230 Lawrence St., on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 10, and the rules are given here now so that you can get your pictures ready early. Rules:

1. All members may enter the contests and only pictures taken on official Obsidian trips between October 1, 1947 and November 1, 1948, will be accepted with the exception of Class E in rule 3.

2. All entries must be enlarged to 5x7 or larger, and must be mounted on suitable mounts.

3. Prizes will be awarded for the best pictures in the following classifications: A—Landscapes including snow scenes; B—Skiing and climbing activities; C—Plant and Animal Life; D—Human Interest; E—Any one of the foregoing not on Obsidian trips. These may be vacation or other Summer or Winter activities.

4. All prize winning pictures will become the property of the club.

5. All entries must be left with the chairman or with Thelma Watson at Russell's by Monday, Nov. 8.

6. Your name and picture classification must be written on back of mount.

7. There will be a separate contest on colored slides. Enter 4 of your best slides (from Obsidian trips). These will be judged as a group. All slides remain your property.

8. Members are also invited to display, not for competition, groupings of pictures of interest to members. These and classification 3E are to insure a larger, interesting display when so many have switched largely to color slides.

Keep this bulletin for rules as they will not be reprinted. Watch the Guard for reminder of contest, but get started on your enlargements NOW.

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Broken Top Trip

Cliff and Hazel Stalsberg were responsible for providing a very pleasant Labor Day week-end trip to the Broken Top Area. The group of twenty spent two very cold nights and the best part of three fine sunny days in the arms of Broken Top and the Three Sisters. Small side trips to the various lakes in the vicinity were made.

The climb of Broken Top was made by Cliff, Phyllis and Chuck Stalsberg, Clarence Scherer, Charlotte Berryhill, Jean Gallagher, Paul Weiser, Hazel Harnsberger, Mary Paul, Ray L. Cavagnaro, Phil, Warren and Gordon Porter, John Kerns and Bill Shumway. Little Chuck Stalsberg proved he was a "chip off the old block", by making the 9,400 ft. climb with the group. Chuck chided the group several times at various "rest stops" with the advice that we would never reach the top if we stopped to sit down so often. Deer were observed several times during the week-end and on the climb. In several exciting dives two CAP planes dropped packages for the climbers on the south pinnacle. None were recovered, however, as they rolled down the steep sides out of sight and accessibility. To land the packages in the few feet of flat space available on the summit would tax the skill of an air force bombardier. Campers in addition to those who made the climb were Hazel Stalsberg, Helen Weiser, Adeline Adams, Helen Erickson, Bertha Deckman. It was nice to see Helen out and around again. The group were quite convinced that this Eastern Oregon spot is one of the most beautiful in Oregon, and provides an excellent camping spot. We hope it will be a yearly scheduled trip.

Lucky Obsidians, who have had an opportunity to see the Wallowa Mountains and the Blue Mountains, but who have also seen the destruc-

tion of fine farm land and beautiful valleys by gold dredging will recognize the need for legislation to correct this situation. Citizens of Baker and Grant counties, not being large in number, have been having a difficult time being heard in the legislature, especially in view of the fact that the gold dredging interests conducted a lobby to prevent such legislation.

House Bill 387 introduced at the 1945 session of the Oregon Legislature, to require dredge operators to level tailing piles and replace soil, passed the House with a big majority, but was referred to committee by the Senate and died there as a result of a small amount of lobbying by the Baker County Gold dredging interests. A similar bill also failed in the 1947 legislature.

This matter was called to my attention by Mrs. Myrtle Lee, County School Superintendent of Baker County, in a term paper which she wrote for my class in Utilization of Regional Resources in Portland this summer. I discussed this at the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs and they passed a resolution, asking that the member clubs study the situation and support legislation to correct such practices.

Ruth E. Hopson

Washington No Longer Formidable

Dividing the party into two squads and using the most approved rope technique, Norman Lee and Paul Lafferty took a party of 18 to the top of Mt. Washington on August 29. Rappeling was the accepted form for the descent. Bill McCracken, Jr. and Mildred Vaughn took a hand at assisting the leaders.

The party camped at Big Lake on Saturday night, and some of those who did not climb had a try at fishing, but without much luck.

Obsidian Picnic

The picnic at the Cabin on Saturday night, Aug. 14 and Sunday, Aug. 15, was attended by 15 persons.

Saturday night was spent reviewing old pictures and relating experiences of Oklahoma days.

Sunday was a beautiful day, and the activities started out with a bountiful breakfast for seven. The day was spent in social visits, short walks, softball, barnyard golf, etc.

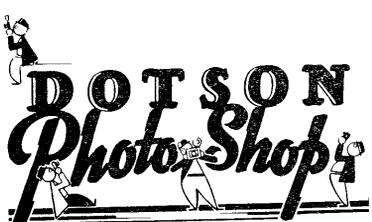
Some of the walkers went away from the cabin, as far as the powder house (looking for red spys), Dorr got as far as the river (looking for water), others (not able to take long hikes), stayed at the cabin preparing the afternoon meal, which was sure a good one—one of first grade Obsidian quality.

In softball Paul was declared to be the poorest player. In a golf foursome, Robert and Cy were the winners, having made several Rings in One, and Darwin was disqualified on the golf course for incorrect scoring. Dinner was served at 3:30 p.m., all present having had a good time, and voting unanimously in favor of more picnics at the Cabin.

Those attending were Dorr and Mertie Hamlin, Darwin and Josie Yoran, both Sat. night and Sunday, Roxie Waldorf, Paul and Helen Weiser, Cy and Florence Fulton, Robert and Grace Burnett, Helen Kirkpatrick and granddaughter, Mrs. Blanche Beckett and daughter for Sunday only.

Jim Harrang, Ralph Johnson and Art Johnson have returned after working three months as assistants to the National Park Rangers in Teton National Park. Besides their usual duties, they were put on the mountain rescue squad; and they also climbed the Grand Teton by moonlight.

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Board Meeting

The Obsidian Board held its last meeting before the annual meeting at the home of Clif Stalsberg, Monday, Sept. 13. Present were: President Britton, Helen Smith, Dorr Hamlin, Gilbert Sprague, Ernie Keasling, Bob Lyon, Mildred Vaughan, Mary Castelloe, and Host Clif. Also present were committee chairmen Nellie Moore, Ray Sims, and Louis and Roxie Waldorf. Eleven new members were approved: Senior Active—Don Nacker, Bill Dodds, Bob Pfeiffer; Senior Associate—Richard Mack, Mark Anderson; Junior—Al Romig, Dennie Koupal, Jimmy Sims, Claudette Gardner, Pierre Van Ryselberghe, and Pat Kellis.

Membership status of Anne Kerrebrock, Bill Sloan, and Phil Porter, was changed to Active Senior. Treasurer Clif Stalsberg reported a balance of \$424.39 with an 89c gain over last year; he stated that the ski committee was the only committee to show a profit for the year. Helen Smith gave a financial report on summer outing and announced the reunion to be held Saturday evening, Sept. 18.

Ernie Keasling reported on the following trips: Obsidian Camp, Darwin Yoran's picnic at cabin, Hamlin's Orchard picnic, Waldo Lake, Broken Top, and Scott Mt. Reports on climbs

of the North and South Sisters and Mt. Washington were received from the Climbing committee. Bob Lyon announced the Annual Meeting of the PNSA to be held at Sun Valley, Oct. 2-3, and the board empowered him and President Britton to select a delegate, also a delegate and alternate to the CCRC meeting. Bob announced that the forest service had made available sites for the building of lodges by organizations at the Santiam Ski area. He also reviewed the amendment drawn up by the ski committee and sent out with the annual letter concerning the work of the ski committee. Mildred Vaughan stated that Don Woods had visited and taught the group some folk dances. Roxie Waldorf stated that the Bulletin was ready to go to press. Nellie Moore said the annual picture contest would be announced at the annual meeting. Dorr Hamlin reviewed the visits to the Lodge and announced a work trip in the near future. He also described the Federation convention attended by 14 Obsidians.

Other recent new members are: Sr. Active: Paul Livingstone, Eugene; Hamby and Gary Worth; Paul Civin; Olivia Watt; Lt. Col. John Watt and Alfred A. Wiener. Junior: Bill Temple, Dale Christiansen and Delbert Lindley.

Summit Record Books

Obsidian summit record books which have been on the tops of the Three Sisters for eighteen years were brought down and replaced on the North and Middle Sisters during climbs in August. The party who intended to bring down the one from the South was stormed out. The Labor Day successful party forgot about it.

Jimmy Sims wanted to become a Junior Obsidian but waited to turn in his application until he had qualified—which he did by climbing the South on Labor Day, at the age of 6.

Ned Graves visited in Eugene recently and showed some of his fine slides for a group of friends at the home of Ray and Doris Sims.

He strongly recommended Eden Park for a summer camp and said he would go there with us if we should decide to go there next year.

The Summer Camp reunion is being planned for Saturday evening, Sept. 18. Each person who attended the outing, with his or her spouse or escort is always invited to these reunions.

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