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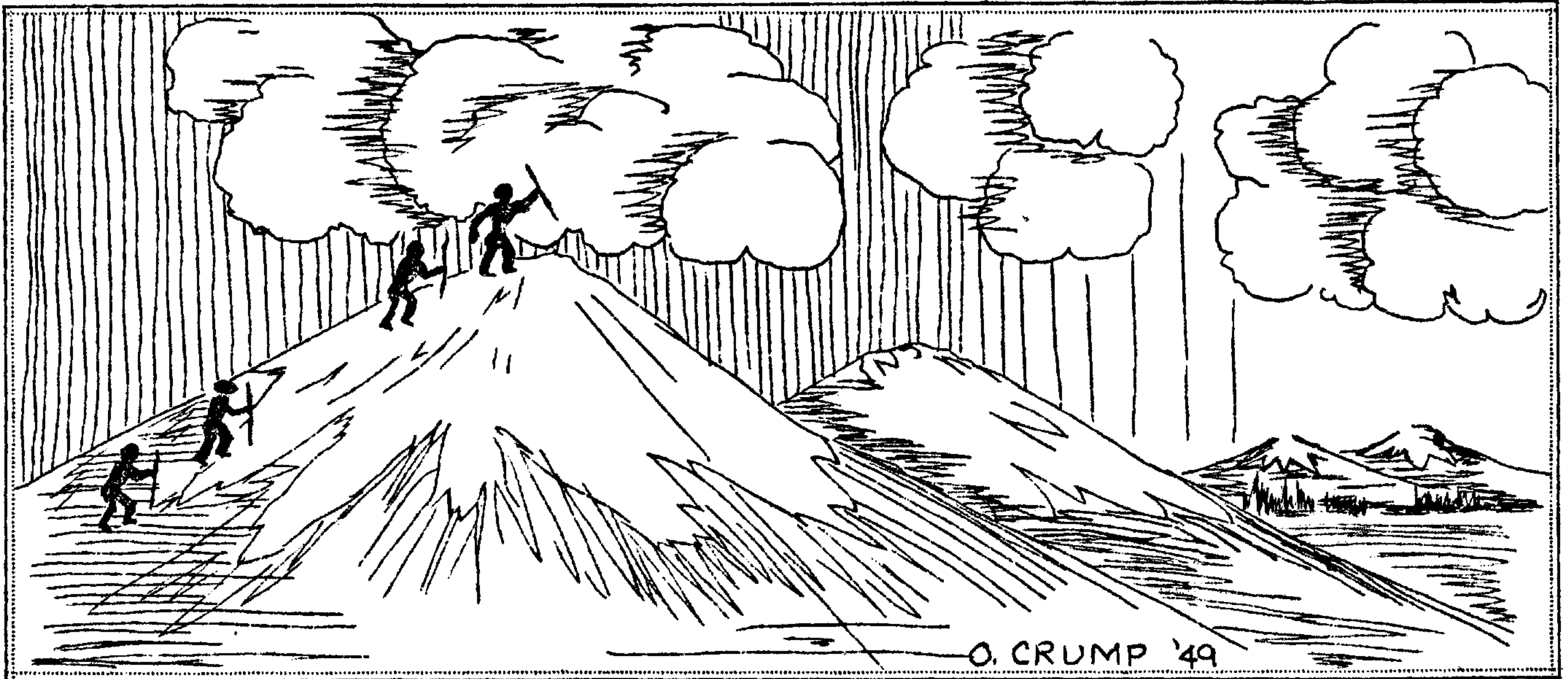


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MT. ST. HELENS — SPIRIT LAKE

AUGUST 7-20

The TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP of the Obsidians will be on the north side of beautiful Mt. St. Helens. The camp site will be near the shore of Spirit Lake, across the lake from the mountain, and some distance from the end of the forest road.

Transportation to camp will be by private cars, over highway 99 and a good mountain road. The distance from Eugene is about 230 miles. The camp committee will assist in arranging for transportation.

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At the October, 1947, Annual Meeting, the Obsidians established a Climbing Committee, whose duties would be to "Schedule and supervise" the major mountain climbs. The need for this grew out of the realization that often, during the all too short summer season, the people wanting to go on the traditional week end trips could be divided into two groups; those who would prefer a one day trip, of medium difficulty; and those who would prefer a week end trip, with a climb of some major snow peak. To meet this need, the Local Walks committee would plan and supervise the less difficult trips; the Climbing Committee would plan and supervise the major mountain climbs.

The schedule of climbs for the 1949 season has been planned by the committee, and appears on the following pages.

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PRINCESSES

Helen Smith entertained the Princesses on May 16. The songbook project was discussed, and committees appointed to find out printing costs. Myrtie Hamlin won the traveling prize. Next meeting will be a potluck party at Helen Weiser's.

SUMMER CAMP (continued)

The hike into camp will be about four miles. Only your pack sacks with last minute and personal articles and lunch need be carried. Camp equipment, food, bed rolls and other dunnage will be sent ahead of the party.

THE AREA

Mt. St. Helens is in the Columbia National Forest. The mountain will be mostly a snow climb, with minor crevasses. The altitude is 9671 Ft. But inasmuch as the climb starts from the lake level of 3199, the altitude to gain is greater than the climb of Mt. Hood, the highest Oregon peak.

SPIRIT LAKE has an area of about three square miles; its north side is in the St. Helens Primitive area. There are many small lakes within easy hiking distance of camp, and streams for the fisherman. Some abandoned mines, in the direction of Goat Rocks, may furnish gleanings for the rock hounds. For lesser climbs—there are Mt. Margaret, The Dome, Minnie Peak, and probably many others. According to Martha Darcy, former Mazama Outing Chairman, there will be more climbs and hikes than we can ever do in two weeks.

Since this is new territory to Obsidians, it will be especially interesting to explore new trails and peaks. There will probably be a climb of St. Helens each week.

COST

We are making the price the same as for last year, and hope to come out even, or even a little ahead. Last year, the outing cost more than was paid in by those going, largely due to the very high cost of packing; this year, by saving on packing we expect to make up the difference.

The cost for the two weeks outing, for members, is \$40; for non-members, \$45. One week for members will be \$22.50; for non-members, \$25. Per day, \$4 for members and \$4.50 for non-members. This will include packing and all meals in camp. Each camper must arrange for his own transportation to Spirit Lake; The usual reimbursement to the driver is 1½ ¢ a mile.

REGISTER AT HENDERSHOTT'S -- BY AUGUST 1ST

SUMMER CAMP (continued)

REGISTRATION

Any person, whether a member of the club or not, is cordially invited to attend the outing. The summer camp provides an opportunity for the camper to enjoy the out-of-doors, fish, hike, and enjoy the fellowship of others who like the wilds.

Registration will be at Hendershott's, and will close August 1st. A ten dollar deposit is requested at the time of signing up, and the balance paid before leaving for camp. All money should be paid to Ray Sims, at the U. S. National Bank.

If registering for one week, be sure to indicate whether it will be the first week or the second; if coming for a few days, also indicate just what days.

ATTENTION - Federation(FWOC)Members

Members of other outing clubs, and especially those clubs that are members of the FWOC, are particularly invited to share and enjoy this outing with us. The cost, to such members, will be the same as to Obsidians.

EXTRA! EXTRA! EDNA TO COOK!

Our own member, Edna Temple, has consented to do the cooking in Summer Camp. Members who attended the outing two years ago will remember her good meals at the Wallowa Camp; and hundreds who have skied at the Willamette ski area knew her at the Temple Snack Shack.

We hope to have Roy Temple with us too. He is mighty handy at helping set up camp, cutting up beef quarters, and would probably be found stirring up some batter, and flipping hotcakes! (Flip 'em, Flop 'em!)

SUMMER CAMP RALLY! JUNE 30

The Recreation Center, at 21st & Washington St. will be the scene of our summer camp rally, the evening of June 30. There will be movies and slides of former camps, & some from the St. Helens area.

Watch for details of possible additional features; notices may be posted at Hendershott's, and there may be news items in the Register-Guard.

MOUNTAINEERING (continued)

Pre-Season MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL

On the Sundays of June 12 and 19, a mountaineering school will be conducted at Coburg Caves, near Eugene. Bryan Ryan and John Skillern will be in charge. Both these men have had experience, as members of the staff at the West Va. Maneuver Area, instructing in correct techniques for Mt. Troops. Persons who wish to go on any of the scheduled trips listed below, and who have had little or no experience in mountain climbing, are strongly urged to attend this pre-season school. The mountaineering committee believes that the climbing of rugged and difficult peaks can be made a most exhilarating and safe sport; and that anyone going on such climbs should be willing to learn the practices that will assure maximum safety. MOST ACCIDENTS THAT HAPPEN, IN MOUNTAIN CLIMBING, ARE DUE TO LACK OF OBSERVANCE OF WELL KNOWN TECHNIQUES.

CLIMBING SCHEDULE

JUNE 25-26. MT. HOOD. Leaders-Ernie Ruberg, Ernie Keasling. The main south side route, from Timberline Lodge.

JUNE 2-3-4. MT. JEFFERSON. Leaders-Bryan Ryan, Gerry Honey. South side route from beautiful Hunts Cove.

JULY 9-10. THREE FINGERED JACK. Leaders-Gilbert Bissell, Chloe Owens.

JULY 16-17. MIDDLE SISTER. Leaders-the Obsidians Chiefs. "Tenderfoot Climb" --- Goal is for over 100 climbers. The more the merrier!

JULY 23-24. SOUTH SISTER. Leaders-Jess Hayden, Bob Lyon. An interesting rock and snow climb, with blue water on the summit.

JULY 30-31. MT. HOOD--COOPER SPUR ROUTE. Leaders-Norman Lee, Paul Lafferty. This is the same route by which the Hood River American Legion make their much publicized annual climb. A very good climb.

AUGUST 6-7. DIAMOND PEAK. Leaders-George Korn, Bob Pfeiffer. A good rock and snow climb. Glissading should be good.

AUGUST 20-21. MT. WASHINGTON. From Big Lake. Leaders-Duane Brown, Mac Cox. One of the best rock climbs on the schedule.

AUGUST 27-28. NORTH SISTER. Leaders-Art Johnson, Ralph Johnson. This is one of the Obsidian guardian peaks, and a very good climb.

OBSIDIAN POTLUCK-JUNE 22-HAMLIN'S ORCHARD

MORE ABOUT SUMMER CAMP

SCOUTING TRIP

Sometime in June, probably the weekend of June 12 the camp committee will make a scouting trip to the Spirit Lake area. On this trip the exact site for camp will be decided on, and any further details that might be important or interesting for campers to know, will be included in the July Bulletin. Watch for further news releases!

FAMILY CAMP - THIRD WEEK

All those who would go to the family camp if it can be arranged, please contact Glen Sims, 751 E. 14th, Ph. 4-7087, advising how many adults and children from your family would attend.

THE OUTING COMMITTEE

Here are the four loyal and energetic Obsidians who are going to try to make this camp the best one in history:

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LOCAL WALKS

The Local Walks committee has worked out a very interesting group of trips, extending up to October 30. This schedule will appear later. The first trip on the new schedule will be the 4th of July weekend, and will again be to the Cove Palisades State Park, at the junction of Deschutes and Crooked Rivers. All who went on this trip last year reported it as interesting and different.

MCKENZIE ROAD OPEN! TRIP TO SUNSHINE

MOVED UP 1 WEEK. SKI OR HIKE TO

SUNSHINE SHELTER SUNDAY JUNE 19

HIKERS or SKIERS—leave from City Hall, Sun. 5 AM—drive to Frog Camp (70 mi.) hike to Sunshine (4 mi.)—take plenty sunburn lotion—hiking boots or skis (packed snow all the way)—take hearty lunch.

or

SKIERS—leave town Saturday if you intend to camp at Sunshine Shelter overnight in order to start early Sunday for a trip up the Middle Sister on skis—a long smooth slat ride down! Take food for 3 meals, sleeping bag, etc. A good workout for Hood climb the next Sunday!

CLIMBING COMMITTEE

Norman Lee	Chloeann Owens
Duane Brown	John Skillern
Art Johnson	Gilbert Sprague
C.B. (Bryan) Ryan	Dr. Jess Hayden
Paul Lafferty, Chairman	

CLIMBING AWARDS

Beginning with the climb of Mt. McLoughlin, Memorial Day 1948, the leader of each official Obsidian climb has issued summit certificates for all persons reaching the summit. In addition to this the Climbing Committee, under the chairmanship of Willis Caldwell, last year adopted awards for recognition of mountaineering achievement. These awards are certificates which list the names of the mountains and date of climb. The "Three Sisters Award" is issued to members who climb each of the Three Sisters on official Obsidian climbs. The "Cascades Award" is issued to members who climb each of the following peaks on official Obsidian climbs:

Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson, Three-Fingered Jack, Mt. Washington, North Sister, Middle Sister, South Sister, Diamond Peak, Mt. Thielsen, Mt. McLoughlin.

In issuing the awards, recognition is given to official climbs made in the past substantiated by records of the club.

Chloe Owens, Secretary of the Climbing Committee, and Judy Egge, Club Secretary, are at present tabulating trip records, so that awards for both the 1948 and 1949 climbing seasons may be made at this year's annual meeting.

The board has approved a contribution to Eugene Gateways Assoc. Drive—the amount to match a sum to be given by Obsidian Princesses. Doris Sims, Louis Waldorf, and Ruth Onthank, are on Gateways Comm. Also approved was a gift of \$25 to be used to help pay for the making of a movie of the McKenzie Area—a future project.

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