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To those new Obsidians unfamiliar with much of the history of our club, it might be of interest to know more about some of our "traditional events". The first Annual Winter Outing was held in the Bohemia Mountains, in February of 1937. Apparently, from the press accounts, it was a well planned affair. Quoting from an article by Glen Sims, it was held "Feb. 13-21, during a full moon. Headquarters at the boarding house of Champion Mine; food and other supplies taken and stored before snow fall." Later accounts dwell with great enthusiasm on the outing which apparently was a rugged affair.

In 1938 and 1939, the outing was held at Mt. Hood; in 1940, on the Santiam.

This year will find the Obsidians once more enjoying the wonderful scenery and skiing of the Santiam Pass country. Here is the story of this year's Winter Outing, direct from the Committee:

"We're off to Suttle Lake Lodge for a glorious 5 days in the snow, March 22 to 26. This picturesque winter lodge, situated on Suttle Lake -- 8 miles beyond Santiam Summit, offers a world of opportunity to skiers, with lots of terrain for cross country trips, and trail riding.

The cost of the outing depends upon the number of participants, but the committee figures it at around \$3.80 per day for those who attend the whole time, and a little more than \$4 per day for those attending one or two days. The special rate offered by Lyle Baker, manager of the Lodge, is for dormitory type accommodations (bedding furnished) including 3 meals a day.

Days will be spent skiing - probably in Hoodoo Bowl, where tows will be operating --with one or two cross country trips for which this area provides endless possibilities. Evenings will be full of fun - with folk dancing - singing - picture shows, etc.

A sign-up sheet is posted at Hender-shott's; be sure to indicate, when you sign up, length of stay you plan, address, telephone, whether you wish transportation. The committee will need this information as soon as possible.

SUMMER OUTING

This may seem a little early in the season to discuss Summer Outing. But if you enjoy giving rein to your escapist instinct, you will like thinking over the announcement, made at the last board meeting by President Ray that Roy Temple is to be chairman of the Summer Outing project, and that both Roy and the Board were agreed that the Outing this summer, would be in the Grand Tetons of Wyoming. Going to this area has been a favorite topic of planning by various Obsidians, for a long time, and many persons have offered assistance in arranging such an outing. Those who have been there declare the scenery is unrivaled. If the scenery isn't enough attraction to induce you to make the long trek to Wyoming this final announcement will - Edna will cook!

Details about the Summer Camp will appear in later issues of the Obsidian.

Ski Tour Scheduled

The first ski tour of the season has been scheduled for this Sunday with Waldo Lake as the destination. The party will
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NEW BULLETIN BOARD

THANKS to Mr. Osborn, Doris Sims' father, for the efficient looking bulletin board he made for us. It is wider all around, and freshly painted, and has a slot in the bottom for bulletins, schedules, etc. Better go down to Hendershott's and take a look.

SECRETARY'S ADDRESS

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The Committees of an organization like the Obsidians are the real work horses of the club. Many times they spend long and often strenuous hours working on the plans for the various lines of activity. They are for the most part unsung heroes, with their work little appreciated by others in the club. Ordinarily we list only the committee chairman, but we are here listing the complete committee for each activity.

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WINTER OUTING

Lloyd Gust - Doris Sims - Margaret Markley, Ch.

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CLIMBING SCHEDULE COMPLETED

Lloyd Gust, climbing chairman, has announced the completion of his schedule of climbs for the coming summer. He is making preparation for classes in climbing techniques, to be held just prior to the opening of the climbing season. More details will be announced later, but Lloyd submits the following schedule. He invites any constructive suggestions from members.

Middle Sister (Tenderfoot)	June 25
Mt. Adams	July 1-2-3-4
Three Fingered Jack	July 8-9
Mt. Thielsen	July 8-9
Mt. Hood a. South Side Route	July 15-16
b. Sunshine Route	July 15-16
South Sister	July 22-23
Diamond Peak	July 22-23
Mt. McLoughlin	July 29-30
Summer Camp	
Mt. Washington	August 26-27
North Sister	August 26-27
Mt. Jefferson	Sept. 2-3-4

Leaders will be announced later.

Apply for your climbing awards to Lloyd Gust, Stan Ray Hall, B-28, Vets Dorm. Telephone 5-1511, Ext. 381, or sign up at Hendershott's.

MT. THIELSEN

A request was received by the Obsidians that they schedule a joint climb of Mt. Thielsen with the Chemeketans, the Salem Outing Club. In response to this, a trip was arranged for July 9th, for a climb of Thielsen with the Salem hikers.

PRINCESS DOINGS

The Princess Club met at the home of Hazel Stalsberg in January. The February meeting has been postponed from February 20 to 27, and will be at the home of Helen Kilpatrick.

A LETTER FROM HAWAII

One of our members (Mrs. Karl Onthank) is now visiting in Honolulu. She flew over there Thanksgiving to be with her daughter Betty Heinrich who was expecting a visit from the long-billed bird. A son arrived January 3rd. This is the sixth grand-child for the Onthinks.

A few excerpts from one of Ruth's letters might be of interest to this group: One is her description of the cardinal or red-bird. "From my bedroom window I look out onto a Christmas berry tree, coconut palms, banana trees, mango, banyan, blooming poinsetta and right by my window is a bright green leaved plant that showed buds the night I moved in and has already had several huge blossoms - golden cup. They open just at dusk so we sometimes bring in a bud and watch it open at dinner. It is nearly white then, but becomes more and more golden during the next day. I also see the top of the radio pole which tops the house. I already knew the male cardinal (or red-bird) liked sitting there, so before the sun was on anything I heard him and got out of bed to look - sure enough there he was, turned toward the dawn with the first sun of the New Year for me (and him) shining on his brilliant red self. He was singing his fine song to which he usually gives but the introduction. He stayed until long after the sun hit the palm.

Yesterday the children and I discovered a golden shower tree - a large one in full bloom. No leaves, just masses of 2 inch long blossoms all over the tree with the dropped ones making a gold mantle on the ground.

Tomorrow the Trails Club here is going to slide down hill on "ti" leaves - a former royal sport."

These "ti" leaves - pronounced tea - are not what we know as tea leaves, but are huge 2 ft. long, sword shaped things. They are used for making paper, fiber cordage and also the "hula" girls use these leaves instead of grass for their dancing skirts.

Mrs. Onthank was not able to attend the last annual meeting, but enclosed her Obsidian dues in this letter.

Helen Kilpatrick

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WINTER OUTING - SUTTLE LAKE - MAR. 22-26

SKI TOUR SCHEDULED(Continued from P. 1)

DEEP SNOW

Waldo Lake

leave Eugene at 6 A.M. and arrive at the Willamette Ski Area around 8 o'clock. The skiers will gather in front of George Korn's Snack Shack and leave at 8:15 A.M. for the 22 mile round trip to Waldo Lake.

The weather conditions and texture of the snow may limit the distance of the ski tour. If some skiers do not wish to take the complete round trip they may go as far as Gold Lake and return which is a 5 mile round trip.

The registration sheet is posted at Hendershott's where further information may be secured according to Ray Sims and Don Nacker, leaders of the ski tour.

THE DEATH OF A LANDMARK

The old barn on the Willamette Highway which marked the beginning of the trail to Mt. Hardesty, has been torn down, and a graveled road replaces it.

lets go to

Crater Lake

The Annual Obsidian Tour to Crater Lake will be on Sunday, March 19 this year, with chartered Greyhound buses. Bailey and Mary Castelloe will be leaders --- assisted by Ernie and Arlene Keasling, Doris and Ray Sims, George Korn, Clarence Bankhead, and others. Round trip fare is \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased from George Korn at HENDERSHOTT'S, Ray Sims at the U. S. National Bank, and on the Campus, and from the Castelloes.

Please register as soon as possible at Hendershott's or with the leaders --- Phone 4-5168, to facilitate transportation arrangements.

Buses will leave Hendershott's at 5 AM with a breakfast stop at Cresdell Lodge on Willamette Highway, making a 5 hour drive each way. They will start back at 4:30 or 5 P.M.

This trip is being sponsored by the Obsidian Club for everyone interested in seeing Crater Lake in its winter setting.

The skiing and picture-taking opportunities are of the best.

Dorr Hamlin, Lodge chairman, visited the Obsidian Cabin one day last week, finding heavy snow on the roofs, and the driveway impassable, with two heavy trucks stuck in the entrance. Dorr shoveled snow off the roofs, and braced the rafters inside, and reported that no serious damage had occurred.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Janice Kiphart, who was married Saturday, Feb. 11, to Dick Peacock.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Virginia and Jack Meissner, of Cascade Summit, who are the proud parents of baby Julie Irene, born January 29.

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TRIPS SCHEDULE

Feb. 26 - Fern Ridge Dam	B. Deckmann
Mar. 5 - Spencers Butte	H. Jeppesen
Mar. 12 - Old Baldy	Paul Weiser
Mar. 19 - Crater Lake	Castelloes
Mar. 26 - Vinyard Butte	Vina Amort
Apr. 2 - Homecoming Potluck	
	Myrtie Hamlin
Apr. 9 - Easter	

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