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## WINTER OUTINGS



### *Ski Holidays ... Ski Tours ... Parties*

NOW IS THE TIME, if ever, for you to satisfy that urge to test and develop your skill on the slats. The mountains are fairly groaning with loads of snow; the frost-covered firs are beckoning a welcome. Our indefatigable Ski chairman, George Korn, and Doris Sims have worked out some fine ski tours; so, wax up those boards, do a few knee-bends and practice a yodel-ski-heil, for the stem-christy and schuss season is here!

#### WINTER OUTING

The Ski Committee announces that reservations have been made for a Winter Outing at the Trails Club Mt. Hood Lodge for four days - March 21 to 25. The Lodge is situated "about 2 miles north and east of Government Camp and 60 miles from Portland. It is close to the Summit ski area and the Alpine Ski Trail. Other ski areas are readily accessible"-quoting from the Trails Club description in their directory.

The charge per night is \$1.00 per person - bring your own sleeping bag. As

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#### CRATER LAKE

ATTENTION: KEEP WATCHING THE REGISTER-GUARD AND THE BULLETIN BOARD AND LISTENING TO THE RADIO FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING THIS TRIP. IT MAY HAVE TO BE POSTPONED BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT GREYHOUND BUS STRIKE - IF SO IT WILL BE ANNOUNCED IMMEDIATELY.

You still have a chance to sign up for the Crater Lake trip, on March 11. The deadline for registration is Fri. Mar. 9 at 9 p.m. It is requested that you buy your tickets from George Korn at Hendershott's when you sign up.

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A permanent roster showing ranks and addresses will soon be posted on the bulletin board at Hendershot's and every effort will be made to keep it up to date. A copy of the OBSIDIAN is sent to each service man personally, and also to his family.

*News Notes*

\* There's a new note in the Bob Wilson family scale - a little new son named Gerald who was carefully selected to make the third of a perfect trio. How soon can we try him out on Spencer Butte, Bob?

\* Our sincere sympathy is extended to Arlene and Ernie Keasling in the recent death of their mother, Mrs. Clarice Keasling. They have gone to Ionia, Iowa, where burial will be made, and will return March 11.

\* Bill Peltier is back in the service again - training inductees at Camp Roberts, Paso Robles, California.

\* Ray Cavagnaro has been chosen to represent the Obsidians on the Lane County Recreation Commission, a group which is investigating the possibilities of recreational use of reservoir projects of the Corps of Engineers.

\* Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Bissell and Roy and Edna Temple are visiting Gilbert and Don at Wichita Falls, Texas.

\* The Publications Committee has lost a member - Bill Lindgren. He writes in a letter to his fellow workers at the U.O. library: "I am assigned to the 409th Engineer Special Brigade, an amphibious outfit whose job it is to land infantry at beachheads on hostile shores." He will spend 6 weeks in preliminary training and then will be able to specialize. Full address: Pvt. W. F. Lindgren, U.S. 56110128, 2nd Tr. Co., 1st Prov. Bn., 409th Eng. Spec. Brig., Fort MacArthur, California, which is on the water front at San Pedro, California.

\* Pvt. Jack Lyons is at present stationed at Hickam Field in Hawaii; he has a clerical job. His address is: Pvt. Jack A. Lyons AF. 19382619, 1500 Sqd. APO 953 c/o P.M. San Francisco, Cal. Unit Bx.39.

\* Harold Jack left San Diego on February 14 for overseas duty. His address now - more or less permanent - is: Harold Jack, H.N. 734-69-34, F.Co.6th Replacement Draft, FMF, PAC, c/o FPO, S. F.

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## VALENTINE PARTY

The crowd which attended the Valentine Party at the Y Center on February 13th had an evening packed full of entertainment and jollity. We started out calmly enough with an interesting guessing game; but when we started "ping-ponging" the hilarity began. Then the folk dancing group whose members include Thelma, Adeline, Jean, Margaret, and Ray, came over en masse and gave us a whirlwind exhibition. A general invitation for the Obsidians to join in was given and everybody sashayed the rest of the evening - led by the indefatigable Pirrko Roecker. That gal could inspire a marble statue to dance we'll betcha! Buffet refreshments topped off the evening served by our twin entertainment hostesses - Helen and Roxie.

## THE PICTURES PROVE IT

Doing triangulation work on the Upper McKenzie River and endeavoring to obtain a geodetic position for Sand Mt., Dean E. Hodges, engineer at the Eugene Water and Electric Board was confronted with more than one summit to the near-by mountains, last fall. He was directed by Hugh Currin, to Ray Sims and his big scrapbook.

Ray obliged by taking his big book of many mountain climbs down to Mr. Hodges' office and it was plain to see in the black and white pictures of the TOPS of the mountains in question, that some had more than one top.

As in the case of Mt. Washington, about ten feet East of the rock that holds the box, another rock practically as high, was there. And also the North and Middle Sisters presented problems to Mr. Hodges and his powerful instruments. However, Ray's pictures proved what he wanted to know.

Mt. Jefferson, also, as many Obsidians know, has two summits.

## NEWS NOTES(Continued from Page 2)

\* Ruth Onthank has assumed the chairmanship of the Scientific Committee, as of the board meeting last February 26 and is already making plans.

## WINTER OUTING(Continued)

the Lodge does not serve meals except on Saturday evening and Sunday morning - those planning to go will work out their food problem together

The sign-up sheet is posted at Hender-shott's - please sign up by Mon. Mar.19.

The Obsidian records will be taken along so that we may have music and dancing. Come on! Let's all go and have some fun!

## CRATER LAKE(Continued)

The bus will leave at 5 a.m. from the Eugene Courthouse, corner of 8th & Oak. Midway in the 5 hour trip, a stop will be made at Cres-Dell Lodge for breakfast. On arriving at the Lake the day is yours - to take pictures, hike, ski, or just look, as you please. If you like to use snowshoes, bring them along. If the day is sunny, as we hope, the color of the lake will be a delightful blue, and its white setting will provide a combination to thrill every heart. Even on grey day when the water is leaden in color, the lake is a beautiful sight.

If you do not wish to take your lunch you can obtain it at the snack shack.

The bus will make several trips from Government Camp to the rim, to shuttle skiers who wish to ride the trails.

## SKI TOURS

Every winter the Obsidian Club sponsors a series of ski tours; trips into the more remote and inaccessible places in the mountains. These trips, which will be scheduled during April and May, will take the skier into such areas as Waldo Lake, Bohemian Mts., Sunshine Shelter at the base of the Sisters, and Skyline Trail from Santiam Ski Area to the summit, etc. Exact dates will be announced later by the Ski Committee.

## SKI PARTIES

There will be a Moonlight Ski Party on the weekend of March 24th, and if you've never skied by moonlight, you have a thrill coming! The party will take place at the Willamette Ski area and there will be an Easter Service at noon on Easter Sunday, with a slalom tournament slated for afternoon.

## COMPETITIVE SKIERS

Any Obsidian who wishes to enter competitive skiing in the name of the club is urged to do so. The club will pay classification fees for skiers who represent it.

LET'S GO SKIING!

## T R I P S

During the month of February a perfect score was achieved. All four of the scheduled trips -- Filter Plant, North Coburg Mts., Spencer Butte, and Cerro Gordo -- were carried out. For the winter month of February, this is a wonderful record.

Just as a reminder, the March trips are:

MARCH 11 - CRATER LAKE BUS TRIP. -- (In case of postponement -- announcements will be made by radio, newspaper, and bulletin board).

MARCH 18 - CHASE GARDENS. Helen Kilpatrick, Leader, says -- meet at City Hall at 1:30 P.M. One of the most interesting sights at the gardens is the vast collection of orchid plants, many of them now in bloom.

MARCH 25 - An afternoon hike after Easter Service. Leaving City Hall at 2 P.M. Virginia Drake, Leader.

APRIL 1 - PICNIC BREAKFAST. This being April Fool's Day, the Trips Committee decided we would try something "foolish" so scheduled an early morning trip, probably to Armitage Park, where we will proceed to have a "cook out". After breakfast, which will be probably somewhere between 6 A.M. and 9 A.M., there may be hikes into the surrounding country. Watch the bulletin board, and paper, for more details.

## MORE NEWS NOTES...

\* Those sun-tanned faces seen around town lately belong to the Paul Laffertys, the Norman Lees, and Chloe Owens... They've been skiing at Sun Valley recently!

Of all the fools that  
ever lived,  
The zaniest are these -  
We who get up at 5 A.M.  
To slide around on skis!

M.J.B.

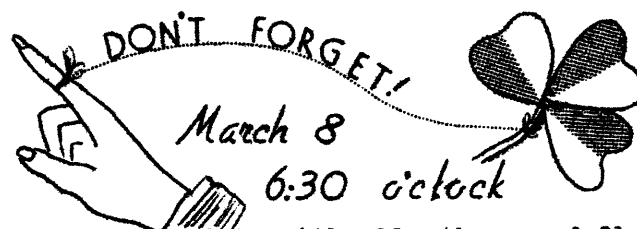
## P R I N C E S S I N G S

The January Princess meeting was held at the home of Florence Fulton. A new project was presented for consideration: the sponsorship of a showing of the oil paintings of late Obsidian Cy Fulton, with the idea of making sales.

Charlotte Lemon entertained the Princesses in February. At this time a committee was appointed to study ways and means for the new project. The members worked on emblems for the new chiefs. Hazel Stalsberg invited the group for the March Meeting.

## D U E S

Some members' dues for the year 1950-51 are still not paid. And some are two years overdue. If this applies to you -- then maybe it will remind you to send the money NOW -- to Doris Sims, Secretary, 2181 Washington St.



you have a date with all other good Obsidians who enjoy excellent food and good companionship for a Potluck Dinner at the Washington St. Recreation Bldg. Dorothy Scherer is in charge of arrangements and will serve coffee and cream.

Dig up your favorite recipe and bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert, and particularly your own table service -- sayes dish-washing.

There will be movies of trips and summer camps after dinner. New members are especially invited.

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