



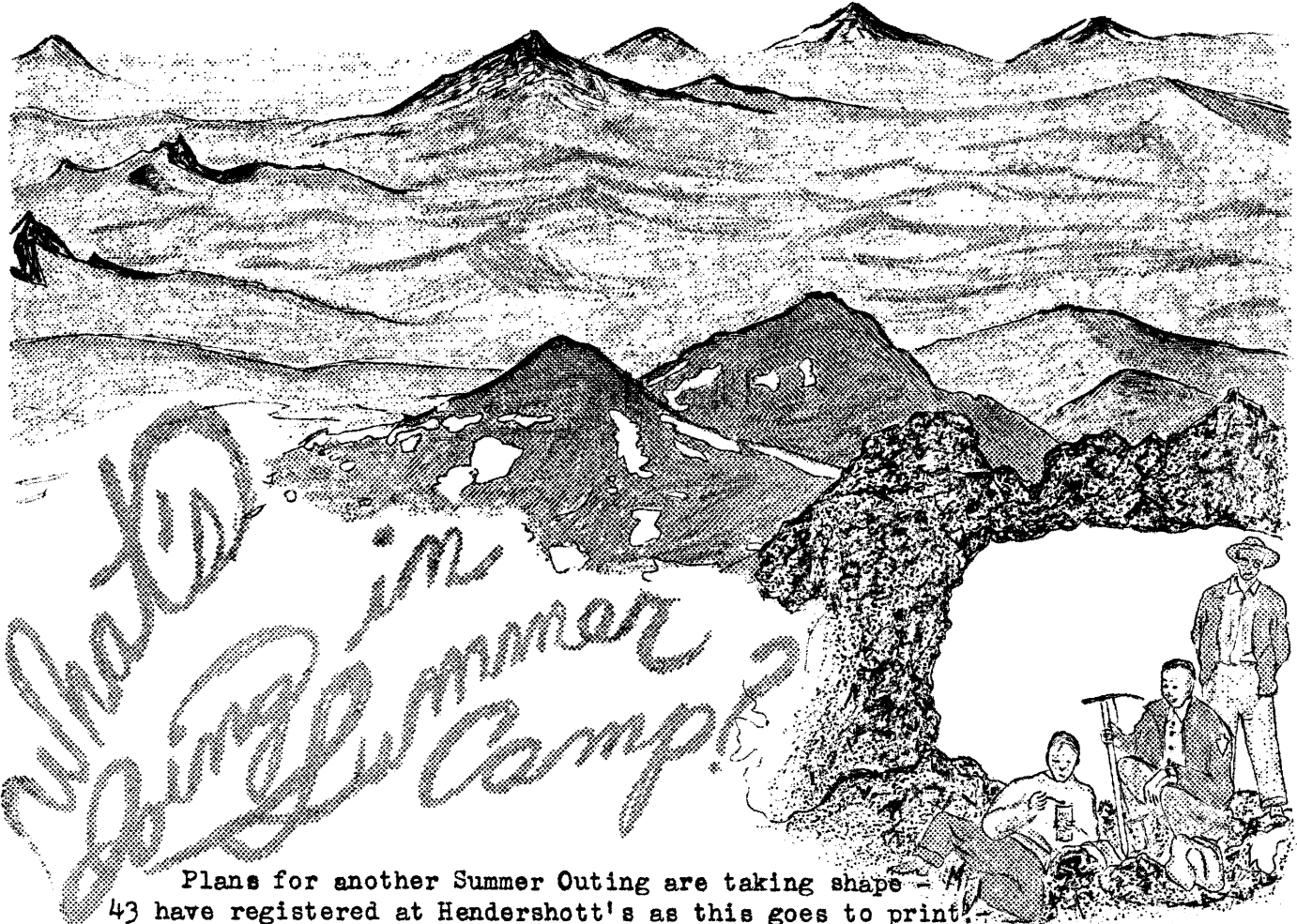
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Plans for another Summer Outing are taking shape - 43 have registered at Hendershott's as this goes to print. (YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP!--FRIDAY THE 27TH DEADLINE). A full schedule of daily trips is presented below; so have your equipment and your hiking feet in good shape--as you will want to make all these trips and many other shorter ones around the Green Lakes area!

SUNDAY, August 5th - Arrive in Camp. First meal served Sunday evening.

MONDAY, August 6th - Exploring trip around Green Lakes area.

TUESDAY, August 7th - Moraine Lake.

WEDNESDAY, August 8th - Broken Top, 9165 Ft. Elevation.

THURSDAY, August 9th - Open.

FRIDAY, August 10th - Middle Sister, 10,053 Ft.

SATURDAY, August 11th - Day in camp.

SUNDAY, August 12th - South Sister, 10,354 Ft.

MONDAY, August 13th - Lake, north side of Broken Top.

TUESDAY, August 14th - Bachelor Mt., 9060 Ft.

WEDNESDAY, August 15th - Chambers Lake.

THURSDAY, August 16th - South Sister.

FRIDAY, August 17th - President's Tea.

SATURDAY, August 18th - Open.

SUNDAY, August 19th - Break Camp - Pack Up.

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ILLUSTRATIONS TAKEN FROM PHOTOGRAPHS SHAPED BY RAY SIMS

ALL BAGGAGE MUST BE CHECKED AND WEIGHED BY THE COMMITTEE AHEAD OF TIME, SO PLEASE BRING IT TO 2181 WASHINGTON ST., EUGENE - BY MONDAY, JULY 30TH - SECURELY TIED UP AND TAGGED WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, READY FOR THE TRUCK AND PACK HORSE TRIP INTO CAMP.

TENDERFOOT CLIMB OF MIDDLE SISTER - JULY 8TH

The traditionally early climbing of the Middle Sister by a "Tenderfoot" crowd was again accomplished by a grand group which numbered 38, on Sunday, July 8th.

Led by the Chiefs and Princesses, the party hiked into Camp Sunshine and Camp Scott, arriving late Saturday, where ideal weather and dry ground prevailed. Snow was not encountered on the trail until after crossing White Branch, which was running high. There was no snow at the camping spots.

Ray Sims and Earl Britton roused the sleeping climbers at 4 a.m. and the party was rarin' to go at 4:30, except the eight who stayed at Frog Camp. The usual west side route was selected by the leaders and it proved to be the fastest and also a good test for those who were there for the first time. Robert H. Lemon, Wayne Bailey, Glen Sims, Ray Harris, Margaret Markley, and Doris Sims, all assisted in leading. As the snow on the mountain was frozen solid, hand line ropes were used to give the newcomers confidence and provided a slow steady climb without slipping.

The eight from Frog Camp, led by Ed Keller and Ray Harris caught up with the main party below the "Horse's Neck" and fell in with the long line of climbers.

After leaving the snow of the west side and starting up the big rocks, a plane was heard and readily picked up by Dave Burwell's fine binoculars. Another was seen spraying dust near the tree tops on Foley and Indian ridges. This afforded many "rest stops" "just to watch the planes". We were then up high enough to see the majestic array of mountains to the north, even to Adams and St. Helens in Washington and to the south, Diamond Peak and Thielsen and the lesser ones.

The many "kids" with their respective relatives were quite in the limelight—but more about them when the sliding down comes.

The entire party arrived at the summit at 11 a.m. and the leaders were complimented on guiding such a successful party. A grand spirit was shown by the group which the leaders thoroughly enjoyed.

A long hour and a half was spent on the summit signing both books and eating lunch, and just taking in all of that awesome sight of beautiful and rugged nearby mountains, with many glaciers still under the blanket of heavy snow and the large valleys where mountain lakes and broad meadows will

soon appear as this winter blanket melts.

George Jack's flashes from Rebel Rock and Charlotte Lemon's from Scott Lake were seen.

But the "Tenderfeet" didn't know what was in store for them until the party started down, down, and down. Jimmy Sims, 9 years old, Bill Forrester, 11, Keith Newsom, 12, and Bobby Lemon, 13, learned from older "kids" the art of sliding down the long and steep snow fields, which had softened up considerably since morning, and others joined them in going "out of their way" just to get another ride.

Although a newcomer, Tom Fortt proved to be a real mountaineer and was one of the youngsters at 14. Dennie Koupal surprised the gang on top by announcing his 17th birthday. Summit certificates were made and given to each on the summit.

The party from Frog Camp decided to go down the North side and were joined by several from the main party, but the West side again proved the fastest way down.

The whole party returned to the bivouac camps by 3 p.m., safe and sound, but before the soft cushions of those automobiles were reached there was more than one "tired kid".

LIST OF TENDERFEET: Dennie Koupal, Bob Elston, Virginia Drake, Beverly Jarvis, Dale Petersen, Dr. Ed Keller, Mac Cox, Joanne Cox, Ron Meskinen, Jim Newsom, Keith Newsom, Robert H. Lemon, Robert N. Lemon, Margaret Markley, Bill Forrester, Doris Sims, Jimmy Sims, Tom Fortt, Kitty Lou Shaw, Keena Shaw, Craig Thurston, E. W. Jacobus, of Palo Alto, Cal., Ann Morton, Donna Buse, Mary Sawada, of Tokyo, Japan, Joann Pappenheimer, Eugene Sebring, Wayne Bailey, Glen Sims, Lloyd Plaisted, Ray Harris, Don Kohler, Jim Jeppesen, Dave Burwell, Gale Burwell, Earl Britton, Ray Sims.

WHAT'S DOING IN SUMMER CAMP (Cont.)

The individual camper should take stock of his "gear" at this time and in order not to forget the essentials should check the list in the prospectus.

Miss Viola Bixby has been selected to do the cooking, replacing Charles Thomas, who secured a permanent job elsewhere. She has met with the Camp Committee and will be in readiness on Sunday, August 5th, to serve you your first meal at Green Lakes — Sunday dinner! She is employed as cook at Carson Hall, University of Oregon.

Dale Carlson and Mike Stahl are working regularly with Glen and Ray Sims on details of the outing, and Roy Temple is to truck our baggage, camp equipment and groceries to Sparks Lake. And so, with the packer engaged, we are all set for two weeks of fun!

WILDERNESS AREA TRIP

On July 15, 16, and 17, the United States Forest Service conducted an inspection trip through the western part of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area to reconsider the proposals for the western boundary of the area.

Those making the trip were Bill Parke, USFS; Leo Isaac, USFS; John Scott, Mazamas; W.W. Huber, USFS; Robert Storm, OSC; Harold Wilm, USFS; O. J. Murie, President of the Wilderness Society, Moose, Wyo.; Britt Ash USFS; Ruth Onthank, Obsidian, and Eugene Natural History Soc.; and Ruth Hopson, Obsidian, and Eugene Natural History Soc.

We walked. First plans included horses, but later it turned out that the horses were for packing. The route was over Foley Ridge Trail to Substitute Peak lookout, then on to Buck Meadows for the first night camp.

The second day the pack horses returned with our beds to McKenzie Bridge, and another string and packer came out to meet us at Harvey Creek, near Horse Creek Trail. We hiked down past Honey Lake, Indian Holes, down Separation Creek - in many places the trail goes up while going down - over innumerable logs across the trail and across streams, and finally up to Harvey Creek, a mile and a half from the Horse Creek Trail. Camp the second night was at Harvey Creek. Here, after an excellent supper, we discussed possible boundaries. We had a leisurely hike out along beautiful Horse Creek Trail Monday, and we believe a more satisfactory western boundary will be arranged soon.

Ruth E. Hopson

CLIMBING SCHOOL

The 1951 climbing school ended with practice in advanced belaying. When practiced correctly, belays will add to the safety of any climbing party. If applied carelessly and inaccurately they will endanger the lives of all the climbers who have placed their faith in the climbing rope. Our practice consisted in the use of an old truck tire, weighing over 100 lbs, - attached to the climbing rope. Each person practiced many belays in which the tire, representing a falling climber, was dropped from various heights and the fall arrested by the belayer by the gradual application of rope friction.

The final session of climbing school was conducted on Baby Rock's southwest face, a vertical slab of rock over 400 ft. high. The route climbed was up several chimneys of varying difficulty. Use of pitons and belays was stressed; total climbing time was 4 hours for the 400 feet.

ALL ABOARD FOR FEDERATION CONVENTION

Preparations have been completed by the Mazamas for the 20th annual convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. It will be held at Mazama Lodge, on the slopes of Mt. Hood, near Govt. Camp, Ore, 50 miles east of Portland. Dates are Sept. 1, 2, 3, and your reservation must be in by August 18 if you plan to attend. Registration forms are available at Hendershott's or from Doris Sims. Meals and lodging will be \$10 per person.

The Obsidian Board selected Dorr Hamlin as official delegate; other club members are urged to attend, since convention location is so close this year and the program offered by the Mazamas, our hosts, is designed to interest everyone. Our own trip to the South Sister area which was scheduled for the Labor Day weekend is being cancelled in favor of FWOC attendance.

JOIN THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY

In view of the fact that the Wilderness Society is putting forth its efforts in our behalf while the present boundary question (Three Sisters area) is unsettled, and that its President Dr. O. J. Murie made a personal visit to the area in question, we Obsidians ought to show our deep appreciation by individually becoming members and supporters of that organization. And furthermore when we realize the over-all work of the society in preserving wild areas in all parts of the country we will want to do all we can to help. The membership fee for the first year is \$1.00. Applications are available at Hendershott's.

A few months ago, fellow Obsidian Ned Graves wrote to each of us, urging us to join the Society, but our response was not very great. Let's make it an enthusiastic 100% now!

MCKENZIE AREA COMMITTEE

The Obsidian board has appointed a committee of three - Ray Boals, Dorr Hamlin, and Ruth Onthank - to keep the club informed of all plans concerning power development on the McKenzie, and to formulate a resolution for the 1951 FWOC convention making clear the club's stand on such plans. The Obsidians will fight for preservation of the beautiful McKenzie country.

HOW TO CLIMB MOUNTAINS

The climbing season is now in full swing and many of us who had never set foot on a summit until this summer are bagging a peak

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HOW TO CLIMB MOUNTAINS (Continued)

a week, with mountaineering parties. It's a glorious time of year for the naive climber, new and rich experiences piling one on top of another. But it may also be a tragic time of year if we do not keep constantly in mind that the beauty of the hills is charged with dangers not always obvious. Pride in one's climbing achievements is entirely proper, but be proud only of SAFE climbing. "When a climber is injured he apologizes to his friends; when a climber is killed his friends apologize for him."

Remember that this is not the only climbing season you will have--unless you make it so. Let us all here highly resolve to enjoy our fine mountains to the full this season, and let us also resolve to be alive to climb again another year.

SONG OF SUMMER CAMP

Tune: The Little Brown Church
In the Wildwood

1

There's a rough ready camp in the mountains
Where Obsidians tent by the rills.
No place is so loved in the summer
As our big happy camp in the hills.

CHORUS

Come, come, come, come,
Come to our camp in the mountains
Come to our camp in the hills.
There's no place where the food is so
toothsome;
Where dishwashing's so lacking in thrills.

2

There's a hike from the camp every morning.
There's a zest to the step that is fun.
But there's no one comes back in the evening
Quite so drooping, so dead, or so done.

3

There's a lovely bright sun in the mountains,
When the cold of the night it dispells,
It's as welcome as coffee at breakfast,
For it's only the sunburn that yells. ss

4

There's a bright burning fire on the camp-ground
When the shadows of evening grow long.
There's the whole lot of people around it,
There'll be chatter and story and song.

5

When the campfire has sunk to its lowest,
Then it's come to that last final rite.
Then each gathers his rock from the stove-top.
It's his hope to keep warm through the night.

Mabel Currin

NEW MEMBERS

Keith Newsom708 E. 11th - Junior
Bob Barber-1245 Main, Springfield - Assoc.
Merle P. Bailey. . . .643 E. 12th - Assoc.
Joseph Daniels, Jr.-2470 Chambers - Active

TRIPS FOR AUGUST

- JULY 29 - HUCKLEBERRY BUTTE and the Island.
Bertha Deckmann, Leader. Easy hike,
starting at Craig Monument and Lake on
the McKenzie Pass. Six miles round trip
hike. Judge Sawyer from Bend will accom-
pany the hikers and give a few interest-
ing facts about "the island", which is
similar to the Sand Hills.
- AUG. 5-19 SUMMER CAMP AT GREEN LAKES.
- AUG. 12 - LOOP TRIP, TO OBSIDIAN FALLS,
SCOTT CAMP, ETC. Qualifying. Frank Sipe,
Leader. Alpine flowers in bloom.
- AUG. 25-26 - MT. THIELSEN. Qualifying --
Or you may climb Mt. Scott, an easy trip.
George Jack, Ldr. Camp at Diamond Lake.
- SEPT. 1-2-3 - CONVENTION OF FEDERATION OF
WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS AT MAZAMA LODGE.
- SEPT. 9 - INDIAN RIDGE. Qualifying. Jean
Hjelte, Leader. In McKenzie country.

NEWS NOTES

- * Darwin Yoran celebrated his 83rd birth-
day July 17. Congratulations, Darwin!
- * Sgt. Robert W. Pfeiffer is now in Europe
with the 2nd Armored Div., Hdq. Bn. His
address is: U.S. 56094029, Sup. Co., 2nd
Q.M.Bn., APO 42, PM, NY, NY.
- * Pvt. Melvin D. Lindley, 7010 Pers. Proc.
Sqd (Repl.), APO 870, PM, NY, NY. Mel-
vin is with the Air Force in Germany.
- * Luhr Jensen, III, was born to Jane (Hall)
Jensen and Luhr, II, at Hood River, on
June 13. His sister's name is Ann.
- * Betty Kierstine was married to Pvt. James
W. McMahan, Monday, June 4. He is sta-
tioned at Camp Stallman, Cal. Betty is
living in Eugene. Congratulations, Betty!
- * Harold Jack is recovering from shrapnel
wounds in Yokosuka Hosp., Japan. Best of
luck, Harold.
- * The paintings of Cy Fulton have been on
display during July in the Erb Memorial
building on the campus, and were also
shown at Maryhill Museum on the Columbia.
- * A friend of ours, Capt. William D. Hackett,
who visited us in the 1946 Jeff Park sum-
mer camp, participated in the recent Brad-
ford Washburn climb of McKinley in which
discovery of a new route was announced.
- * Princesses and Chiefs enjoyed a reunion
potluck at Weiser's grove, July 19, with
baseball game and campfire session.

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