



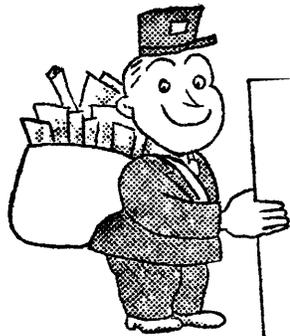
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 IN THE
WALLOWAS
August 3rd to 17th

H O R S E S H O E L A K E T O B E 1 9 5 2 S U M M E R C A M P S I T E

Plan your vacation now, to attend the 24th annual Summer Outing of the Obsidians, in that grand vacation land of the Wallowa mountains in Northeastern Oregon.

AUGUST 3RD TO 17TH ARE THE DATES

The same campsite at beautiful Horseshoe Lake, as we had in 1936 and 1940, will again be the camping spot for the 1952 outing.

Horseshoe Lake is the first of seven beautiful lakes in the lake basin, which is but seven miles long and has Eagle Cap mirrored in Mirror Lake at one end and the ten thousand foot white granite Matterhorn at the other end. Both of these ten thousand foot mountains are easily reached from camp.

The Wallowas are reached by either of two routes -- to Portland, The Dalles, and to Pendleton -- or across the McKenzie Pass, through Redmond, Prineville, The Ochocos, John Day, Canyon City, Baker, La Grande, Elgin, Enterprise and Wallowa Lake. Either way is about 480 miles.

Cars are left at Wallowa Lake Lodge and the trail which can be taken by horseback leads up nine miles to Horseshoe Lake. Where everything is taken into camp by pack horse, one can hike into camp if they do not want to ride horseback.

As has been the custom of generally taking two days to reach camp, this is true of this year's camp, but one-weekers will find it worth while to attend as well as two-weekers. There were one-weekers and two-weekers at both of the previous camps in the Wallowas. It is possible to come home in one day.

More will be written about camp at a later date and also a picture night is planned, but information can be had from any of the committee, who are: Dale Carlson, Ray Sims(4-9546) and Glen Sims(4-7087). **PLAN NOW!** And, Fishermen --- get your gear ready.

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PRINCESS DOINGS

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DID YOU KNOW.....?

* That the Clarence Bankheads are proud parents of a son, born January 27, the day Clancy drove the Obsidian bus to Hoodoo.

* That Earl Britton was recently appointed Secretary of the Lane County Production Marketing Administration Committee. Britt deserves a lot of credit for aiding the building fund by \$19.46 when he auctioned off several beautiful cakes at the Valentine Party.

* That the engagement of Lloyd Helikson to Doris Cameron of Canada was recently announced, the wedding to be in June.

* That Ed Keller, Gene Sebring, Jim Harang and Bill Bryant were the first to reach the top of Mt. Washington in 1952.

* That the Red Cross is now offering an advanced First Aid Course for outdoor people; it started February 11, and you can still take advantage of it.

* That our president Mike Stahl wrote an excellent summary of club activities for the February Western Outdoor Quarterly; it covers the whole column on Page 8. By the way, let this be a reminder to send in your Federation dues, \$1.00. Send to Margaret Peper, 755 N. Church St., Salem, Oregon, or hand to Dorr Hamlin.

* That Sgt. Bob Pfeiffer won two races and placed in another as part of a team racing at Berchtesgaden, Jan.20-22. His team won the championship plaque. Read about him and see his picture at Hendershott's.

* That Grace Raine is now Mrs. William Stiles, and lives at 939 1/2 E. 20th.

Definition: Morning -- That time of the day when the rising generation retires and the retiring generation rises.

January Meeting: Ruth Hopson, who was elected vice-president of the American Nature Study Society at its annual meeting in Philadelphia in December, gave a report on her trip, and suggested a project for the Princesses' consideration. After discussion the group voted to undertake this project which will be the preparing and serving of a camp breakfast to the representatives and delegates of the American Nature Study Society when it convenes in Corvallis June 16 to 23. This will take place on the morning of Thursday, June 19 at a selected location on top of Mary's Peak. Ruth Hopson, who is Program Chairman for this convention, has planned a nature walk for the ANSS group following the breakfast.

Mary Gillespie suggested that the members of Girl Scout Troup #69, sponsored by the Princesses, be invited to a bonfire party in her back yard on the evening of the regular meeting date in May.

During the meeting a linen tablecloth was presented as a bridal gift to Jean Hjelte. Birthday cards were presented to Myrtie Hamlin as a surprise. Ruth invited the group to meet at her home on February 18.

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February Meeting: At this meeting at Ruth's home, Charlotte Lemon, leader of Girl Scout Troup #69, gave a report on their activities; they meet every Tuesday, and join in some activity every Saturday. Recently they spent a Saturday skiing at Willamette Ski Area.

It was decided to recommend to the Obsidian Board that the new song books be offered for sale to club members, by the Princesses, the price to be \$1.00 -- 50¢ of which will go to the Building Fund. Adeline Adams, Helen Smith, and Mary Castelleo - the three Princesses who spent many evenings organizing and typing copy for the books, were each given a book free of charge.

Many announcements of coming events were made, and the June breakfast was discussed, with a tentative sign-up being made of those who could help.

Ruth showed some bird study slides and some of her own from the Three Sisters Area. Charlotte Lemon invited the group to meet at her home on March 17.

A colored movie of mountaineering adventure on Mt. St. Elias, Alaska, will be shown Feb. 28, 8 P.M., Roosevelt Jr. H. S. - Adults 50¢, Children 10¢.

or Frank Sipe

I WAS THINKING.....

Judging from the amount of activity in our committees, this club is really a going concern. The Board of Directors guides the activities of the club, (and gets most of the credit) but the committees are real workhorses. For example:

The Building Committee has been busy for several months on plans for a town clubhouse, and has been trying to get our lot at 17th and High rezoned so that we can build there. The club bought the lot during the war, from the city, for a clubhouse site, and before we could build, the city classed the area as zone R-3, which does not allow clubhouses!

The Eugene Planning Commission seems reluctant to recommend rezoning to accommodate us, so the City Council has not yet acted on our petition. There the matter stands at present.

Our Ski Committee has been sponsoring some fine bus trips to the ski areas, with Clarence Bankhead at the wheel of the bus. They are now busy with plans for three more ski activities, a moonlight ski party, the annual Crater Lake bus trip, and that event that is already attracting attention all over the Northwest, the Craig Memorial Ski Tour and Race. This last event takes a great deal of work; planning, arranging, writing letters, etc. But, in cooperation with the Tri-Pass Ski Club, we will have a really worth-while ski event.

Another committee, one that most of our members probably have never heard about, is the Constitutional Revision Committee. It has been brought to our attention that we are not always following the Constitution in some of our activities, and that, in fact, some of the provisions in said Constitution are obsolete, or are not specific enough, and so on. So George Jack, Bob Lemon, and Clarence Scherer have been working on several changes, which have been presented to the Board for approval. There will probably be a special meeting called early this summer, at which the club will vote on these changes.

These are just three of our committees, with a resumé of their present work. The others are doing their jobs as well, and we will all receive pleasure and benefit from the results.

.....Mike

The club extends its deepest sympathy to Karl and Ruth Onthank upon the recent death of their daughter, Mrs. Edith Ann Tour, on January 16. And to Mrs. Cora Morgan, upon the passing of her husband Roy Morgan, on January 17. The club also notes with regret the passing of Kenneth Beebe, president of the Beebe Company in Portland, past president of the Mazamas and a member of that club for 26 years, friend to all mountain clubs.

TRIPS COMING UP

Mar. 2 RICHARDSON BUTTE, Helen Weiser, Ldr.
 Mar. 8-9 MOONLIGHT COSTUME SKI PARTY.
 Mar. 9 BEAR CREEK, Bertha Deckmann, Ldr.
 Mar. 16 SHAMROCK POTLUCK AT CABIN, F. Fulton
 Mar. 23 VINYARD BUTTE, Vina Amort, Ldr.
 Mar. 22-23 SPRING SKI OUTING
 Mar. 30 HOBO BREAKFAST, The Merle Baileys.

WE SKIED HOODOO

The second Obsidian sponsored Greyhound Bus to Hoodoo on the 27th of January gave the eighteen passengers a rare treat in seeing 16 feet of snow in the bowl, with the roofs of all buildings just sticking out.

The day was ideal and the chairlift which Ed and Ruth can be quite proud of, gave the sightseers as well as the skiers a real view of our favorite mountains from the top of Hoodoo Butte.

The ski schedule is to run a bus to George's Willamette, and to Ed's Hoodoo once each month...so - members....let's o Greyhound and enjoy skiing.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LET'S DANCE...

On February 28, Thursday night, the Entertainment Committee invites you to come to a folk dance at the Washington Street Recreation Center, from 8 to 10. The Obsidian records will be used for the Schottische, Polka, Hesselbysteppen, Ace of Diamonds, Tuxedo, Rye Waltz, Hambo, Swedish Waltzes, and some Square Dances...the dances that Obsidians have always enjoyed doing, and which fit in so well with our skiing and climbing activities. We hope you will take part, although we don't want to keep you from attending the mountaineering picture on the same night at Roosevelt Jr. High School....but drop in after the movie and dance a few rounds.....We'll save the last dance for you!



THANKS TO VALENTINE PARTY HELPERS

The committee feels that a special vote of thanks should go to the ladies of the Building Committee (Lillian Boals, Myrtie Hamlin, Bertie McKee, Doris Sims, Florence Sims, and Roxie Waldorf) who made the beautiful Valentine cakes which were auctioned off -- benefiting the Building Fund by \$19.46.....and to Earl Britton who did the auctioneering (a special lounge chair will be installed in the new clubhouse for the personal enjoyment and relaxation of Britt himself!). Thanks also to the Stanfords, and Helen Weiser, and Glen Sims, for their interesting pictures, and to the folks who provided such comical entertainment and old fashioned music to go with it.

OBSIDIAN SHAMROCK POTLUCK, AT OBSIDIAN CABIN, MARCH 15 & 16...

March brings good old St. Patrick's Day and we are celebrating with a party at the Obsidian cabin. Come up Saturday evening, play Canasta or Five-Hundred, to the jingle of some Irish tunes, and, begorra, there may be a cup of hot chocolate to give you some inside pleasure before you pull on the sleeping bags. Bring your own breakfast.....and "you bring the pot and we'll trust to luck" for dinner. Vital Statistics: Bring a little change for lodge fee and cover charge; bring your sleeping bag; bring your potluck; and you may want some hiking shoes or some skis. AND WEAR SOMETHING GREEN. If you can't make it Saturday evening, come Sunday morning, and join the potluck.



BARN DANCE AT SKOVBO'S...

Later in March, date to be Thurs., Mar. 20, we will dance again....this time Pete and Hanna Skovbo have invited us to romp in their barn loft. Pete is an expert on the Hambo. We may try out the Maxina or the Korobushka.....you'll like them!

HAVE YOU READ.....

In the local paper, on the Sport page of late.....and found that the Obsidian volleyball team has not won a game in four weeks? The practice down at Doran and Bertie's and out at Paul and Helen's doesn't seem to have helped.....or were they too far apart?

The seven other teams are made up of young fellows over six foot tall.....at least some on each team, and they also practice - and they do win ball games!

Do we have any members who are 6 or 7 or 8 foot tall, who can play volleyball?

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ERNIE LUTZ sends a greeting to all his Obsidian friends through Doris and Ray Sims. His address: Ernst Lutz, Wien II, Boculinstrasse 88, Austria, Europe.

BOB PFEIFFER was heard on KORE Sunday evening, Feb. 24, on Overseas Report.

MEET YOU AT THE MOONLIGHT SKI PARTY!

If you haven't attended the Moonlight Costume Ski Party held every year at the Willamette Ski Area--you certainly ought to go this year on March 8. A most colorful show is planned for your pleasure, with glamorous "out-of-this-world" costumes, torch parades, fun ski races, bonfire treats, snappy music...all to make smooth sailing for your majesties ---- A silvery ice kingdom with fairies and goblins awaits your pleasure.

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