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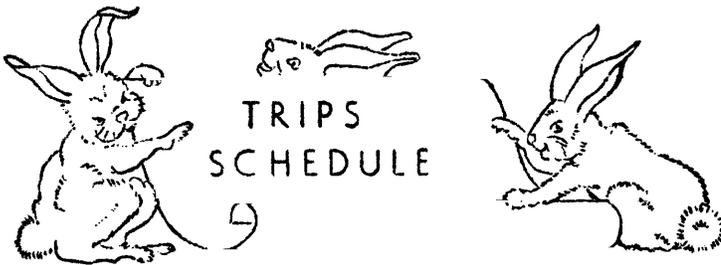
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JOHN CRAIG MEMORIAL

Second Annual PUSA Ski Tour and Race

Plans are rapidly taking shape for the Second Annual John Craig Memorial Ski Tour and Race across the McKenzie Pass April 27th. The Tour and Race are being arranged jointly by the Obsidians and the Tri-Pass Ski Club. The preliminary work on this event has

been spearheaded by George Korn and Harold Trotter. They have attended two meetings in the last month, the first one at Sisters, where plans were laid for the finish of the tour and race which last year began at that point. A great interest was shown by the businessmen of both Sisters and Bend, who were the best of hosts last year to the skiers and officials at many events. Also present at that meeting was Virginia Bloom, Bud Nasholm and Clarence Bankhead, co-chairman of the Obsidian Ski Committee.



TRIPS SCHEDULE

MARCH 30 - HOBO BREAKFAST, Merle Baileys leading. Breakfast in the open at 8 a.m. at Armitage Park. Bring your own bacon and eggs and coffee will be furnished.

APRIL 6 - CRATER LAKE BUS TRIP.
 See story below.

APRIL 20 - EAGLES REST. Ray Cavagnaro leading. A lookout in the Willamette area - fine view of surrounding territory - including Lookout Point Dam.

APRIL 27 - OVERNIGHT TRIP TO CABIN, Thelma Watson leading. This is the date of the John Craig Memorial Race, so be on hand to see some of the fun.

MAY 4 - SEAVEY BUTTE. Frank Sipe leading. A pleasant jaunt over the Co-burg hills. Lots of spring flowers in this area.

Crater Lake

Come on! Here's our long-awaited annual snow trip to Crater Lake and if you've ever gone on an Obsidian chartered bus to this beauty spot, you'll want
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The second meeting took place at Helen's Chateau on Leaburg Lake which was the monthly dinner meeting of the Associated Businessmen of the McKenzie. In addition to George and Harold, Mike Stahl and Doris Sims attended. The four reviewed the highlights of last year's tour and race, at the same time giving the Businessmen an idea of what to expect on the weekend of April 26th and 27th. The Obsidian and Tri-Pass group asked the ABM to write to the Oregon State Highway Commission requesting snow removal from part of the upper McKenzie Highway, to which they agreed. This snow removal will enable the racers and those who are making the tour to get much closer to the starting point of the 18 mile trek. As was agreed last year, the starting point will be reversed each year, this year starting at Alder Springs and terminating some distance east of Windy Point. It is hoped that the Highway Commission will make an area for parking for motorists who wish to see
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NEW MEMBERS

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Did you know...

that Ray Harris was home on furlough last week and is now on his way to Korea? In the few days he was here he found time to do some "rope work" on the Coburg Hills and attempt a snow climb of Jack along with buddies Doc Keller and Gene Sebring. Old Man Winter was too much for them tho' so they had to turn back.

that Helen McGillicuddy and Al Merewether have announced their engagement?

that the Obsidian Volleyball team won their game last week, and Lloyd Gust has joined 'em.

that our new Obsidian songbooks which the Princesses arranged and had printed are now on sale for \$1.00 each, 49¢ of which will be saved toward the building fund.

that Bruce Chase is now stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, not far from where his fiancee Nancy Morse lives.

Our new reporter is KEITH BRUNIG, who is on the job at the Register-Guard office; so send your trip notices to him, Phone 5-2886.

Backward Party

Something unique for April Fool's Day - a Backward Party. This is going to be hilarious, so we hope you are all going to turn out for the fun -- on APRIL 4 -- FRIDAY - It starts with a Potluck Dinner at Castelloe's Electric Shop, 1545 Willamette. Everyone is asked to dress back-to-front, eat last things first, say "goodbye" instead of "hello", come to back door of shop, and behave in general in a backward manner! Everybody come.



WEAR
 YOUR
 OLD
 CLOTHES

BULLETIN AVAILABLE
 TO NON-MEMBERS NOW

It was decided at the last Board Meeting that a subscription rate of \$1.50 per year be set for those friends of the Obsidian Club who wish to subscribe to our paper. This will accommodate the people in other towns who, because of the distance, find it inconvenient to be members of our club.

CLIMBING SCHOOL

The 1952 Climbing School starts April 11th, our Climbing Chairman informs us. This is interesting class work and excellent training for those who like to scale the high ones. A schedule of events will appear soon.

PRINCESS DOINGS

The Princesses enjoyed St. Patrick's dessert served by Charlotte Lemon assisted by her daughter Margaret at their meeting at the Lemon home March 17. Hostess Charlotte told of the Girl Scout Troup's plans for the next day, which included the planting of a tree in Armitage Park. Volunteers were given rounds of felt for the making of new chief emblems.

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I Was Thinking...

We engage in a good many activities every year. Most of them are thoroughly enjoyable, except, perhaps, when ol' Jue Pluvius has a lachrymose spell and weeps all over the place. A few of these activities are so much fun that we repeat them every year; they become an Obsidian "tradition". The Tenderfoot Climb, Summer Outing, the Chiefs' and Princesses' initiations, and, more recently, the Crater Lake Bus Trip, are among these.

Indications are that another event will soon become a tradition. The John Craig Memorial Ski Race and Tour (to give it its full name) was very well liked last year, and promises to be even more popular and successful this year. The combination of a race and a tour over the same course offers much more to skiers than either would alone. All classes of skiers may participate, and the challenge of a course "over the hump" with no cars or "snack shacks" along the way, appeals to the adventurous spirit in all of us.

Skiing used to be an adventure in itself. The good ski slopes were difficult to reach, and once there, the skier had to climb to the top before he could enjoy the thrill of the ride down. And there were usually no crowds; it was a small, intimate, friendly group, each interested in the enjoyment of the others.

Today, skiing is a "Big" sport. The slopes are crowded, tow motors roaring, loud-speakers blaring, hot dogs, coke and coffee available everywhere -- the adventure, the spirit of the wilderness, the joy and friendship of the trail, are gone. It's only on such trips as the Craig Tour that these things are recaptured; only when a group of people venture beyond the reach of motorized civilization into the solitude of the High Country, with the singing wind and the whisper of skis on snow the only sounds, and the snow, the trees, and the mountains forming a challenging background for adventurous effort, do men and women find the true joy of the sport of skiing.

This is why I think the tour will become
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NEWS NOTE.....

During the recent dinner meeting of the Associated Business Men of the McKenzie, Mike Stahl gave a short history of the Obsidians and highlighted some of their activities. He related plans for the proposed pack trip into the Horse Creek and Three Sisters Wilderness area over the 4th of July. An invitation was extended this group to join the Obsidian party on the proposed trip. This group is also vitally interested in the preservation of the McKenzie River country and applause was forthcoming when he told of the Resolution that was passed at the recent FWOC Convention concerning NO DAMS on the McKenzie above Vida.

FROM AN EDITORIAL IN THE OREGONIAN.....

"The first trillium has made its appearance and now the annual trillium slaughter will begin -- considering that we Oregonians regard this as our most beloved wildflower, is it not remarkable how joyfully we rush out to exterminate it? It may be thoughtlessness that causes flower lovers to pull dozens of the charming white, three-petaled flowers, though one or two would make a far prettier picture, arranged in a low container with possibly a weathered or mossy rock for background." --- Hmmm, am I GUILTY?

Can I Help?

While we are pondering the possibility of our being guilty of helping along the inevitable extinction of some of our rare wild flowers, let's stop and armchair hike some of the many trails along which many of these flowers grow. Did I drop a candy wrapper back there --- When we stopped for a brief snack did I leave those darn orange peelings in full view? What did that hiker say under his breath? Wish that gook in front of me would put out that foul cigarette or cigar---sure messes up this clear mountain air -- besides I would like to walk back through here and still see it green. Oh, well I am in a hurry -- some one else will bury the cans and put out the fire.

See you this summer! Hiking along some beautiful trails breathing in the clear sweet mountain air. How lucky can we be?

JOHN CRAIG MEMORIAL TOUR-RACE(Cont.)
the start of the event.

State Policeman, Gene Hulett was present and offered cooperation from his department, at the same time suggesting the "Walkie-Talkie" which was used last year be in better shape. It seems he shouted his head off trying to be heard from Alder Springs to Windy Point! Interest was shown by representatives from the Springfield Chamber of Commerce who attended the dinner meeting.

In addition to local plans for the race and tour, which will honor John Templeton Craig, pioneer mail carrier who lost his life in a blizzard on the McKenzie Pass on a trip from McKenzie Bridge to early-day Camp Polk, letters are going out to the various ski clubs informing them of the race and tour. Repeating last year's "Miss Ski Tour" Contest, the letter will ask the respective ski clubs to send their candidates to represent the ski areas in the contest. The Obsidian Princesses and Chiefs have agreed to serve breakfast Sunday morning for the skiers with headquarters at the Obsidian Cabin and CCC Camp.

Bud Nasholm, veteran skier, will break the trail and set flag markers for the 18-mile tour and race. He will be followed by members of the tour party, who will be carrying the memorial mail and starting at intervals. The varied starting times of groups of the tour party will enable them to be stationed at various points along the McKenzie Highway, in order to offer food and water or help if needed by the racers. The Ski Patrol, headed last year by Al Lindley, and this year by Ed Troxel, will be on hand for any emergency.

With so much cooperation and interest shown by everyone, this Second Annual John Craig Memorial Ski Tour and Race, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Ski Association, will surely be a success.

I WAS THINKING.....(Cont.)

a permanent part of our activities. It fits our tradition of the High Country, the trail, and solitude; it is a splendid finish for a season of skiing; and it offers an opportunity for us to invite other groups to join us on an enjoyable trip. What do you think?

...Mike

CRATER LAKE(Cont.)

to go again. It will be April 6th--Sunday of course--and the bus will leave the courthouse at 5 A.M. It will be a five hour trip with a stop for breakfast at Cres-Dell probably. It's a wonderful opportunity to take pictures and you may ski or play around in the snow if you wish. The bus will make several shuttle trips from Government Camp to the rim for skiers. WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

PRINCESS DOINGS(Cont.)

The Princesses agreed to help with the breakfast for participants in the John Craig Tour, April 27. Helen Kilpatrick invited the group for their April meeting.

"THE TENDERFOOT"

"Meet at the City Hall at 1:30 P.M." I was told. But how does one get there with slacks on, if one doesn't have a car?" the feminine Tenderfoot coyly inquired of an old time Obsidian. "Walk, of course," said he. "What, walk down the street in a pair of slacks!" said the shrinking violet, who had never been seen outside her own yard in such attire. However she was saved this horrible fate by always-on-the-job Louie Waldorf, who apparently thought nothing of walking from his car to the City Hall, two whole blocks, with a woman in slacks. And so started a glorious afternoon.

The first part of the hike was especially interesting, with Mr. Matsler, City Parks and Recreation Director, conducting us through the new Azalea, Rhododendron, and Camelia gardens, and outlining future plans for the beautification of Hendricks Park.

The rest of the afternoon was spent trudging up hill and down dale, even to the top of the reservoir. Much mumbling in the beard was heard here and there about the thoughtless folks who litter the park with beer bottles, etc., broken all over the place.

There was something said about beginners having to be carried home. This one finished the trip tired but in good shape and not even lame the next day, and after seeing some of the regular regalia of the hikers, slacks will never embarrass her again. Who's a Tenderfoot?

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