



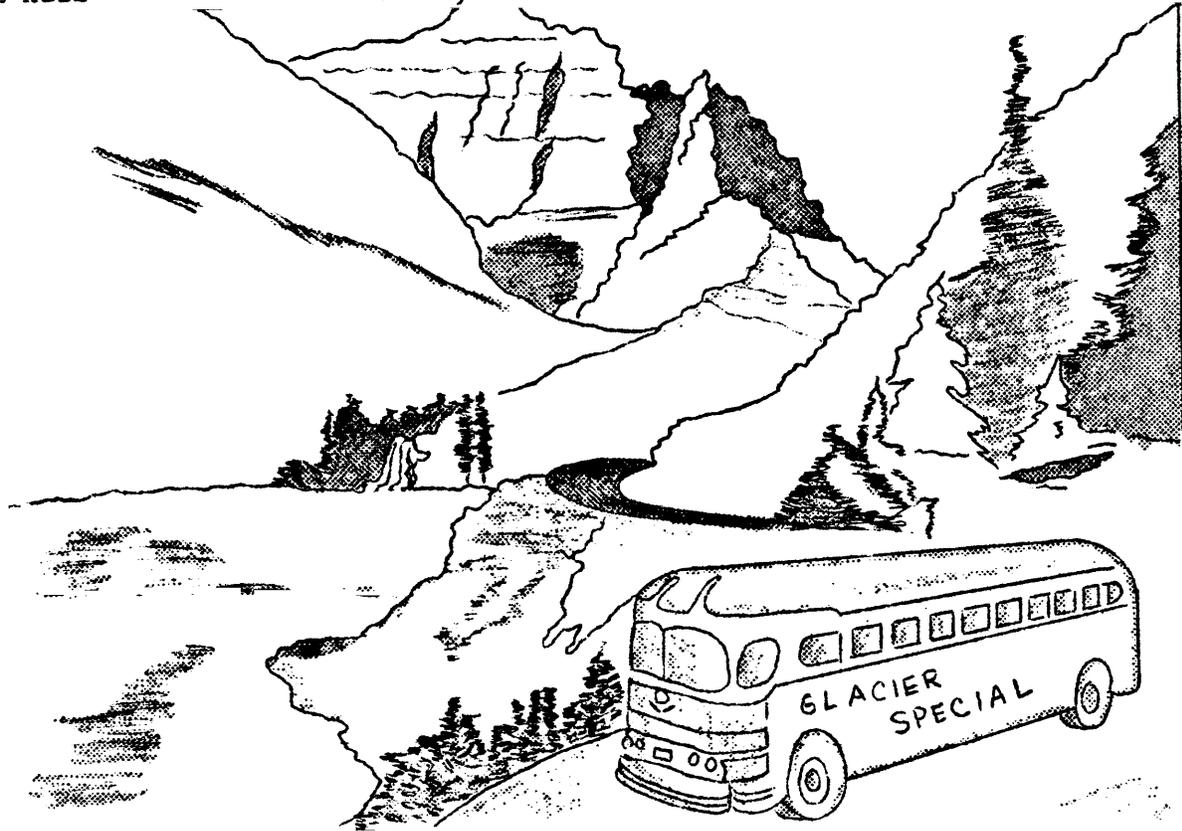
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SILVER JUBILEE SUMMER CAMP

Time: August 9 to August 23

Location: Glacier and Waterton Lakes National Parks

Transportation: Via Greyhound Bus

COST: APPROXIMATELY \$75.00

To celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of our club the Outing Committee, with the approval of the Board, has chosen for your enjoyment a summer camp in Glacier National Park.

Glacier, which is America's third largest national park, was visited last year by over one-half million people. It is beckoning you, located astride the continental divide, high in the Rocky Mountains which are the backbone of our country.

As in our outing to the Grand Tetons National Park, one of our fellow members, Clarence Bankhead, will drive our chartered Greyhound bus. We plan to cover some 2,000 miles in our trip to Montana and Canada with numerous side trips.

We have the promise of a large camp site at the foot of St. Mary's Lake, where we may launch our rubber boat and the anglers may wet their lines. Glacier has over 200 individual lakes, some 60 glaciers, with over 1,000 miles of well-marked trails. Won't you join us in exploring and enjoying this bit of nature's wonderland. Our camp and the food will be as usual, THE BEST we can prepare. For any further information contact: Dale Carlson - Leaburg; Lloyd Plaisted - 5-6393; Gene Sebring - 3-3563.

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Trips Schedule

MEMBER: Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs; Pacific Northwestern Ski Association; Central Cascade Recreational Council.

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DON'T MISS THIS ONE

Reserve March 20 thru 22 for one of the biggest and gayest events of the winter season.

Beautiful Mazama Lodge is the place. The outing is open to members and non-members.

Ski on the slopes of Mt. Hood.
 Sign up early.

The weather man played tricks on a group of eleven touring the U of O Sunday, February 8. With the sun shining and a light, warm breeze blowing, we should have been on Spencer's or Ol' Baldy, but no - indoors on this trip - and glad of it too! Dodging around scaffolding, ducking plaster and paint buckets, Dorr Hamlin, Myrtie Hamlin, Gerry Fehly, Mr. & Mrs. Hutcheson from Springfield, Max Fauch (German High School Exchange Student), Henry Jeppesen, Keith & Bessie Brunig, Lloyd Gust and Margaret Markley, found the \$200,000 Murray Warner Oriental Art Museum very interesting, even in its present state of repairs. From there the group toured the library, under the excellent guiding of Margaret Markley. The trip terminated at the Erb Memorial Student Union "Fish Bowl" after coffee.

LOOK OUT!

March 1 - WHITE BRANCH SKI AREA. If you don't ski, here is your chance to hike, play, and enjoy snow that should not be very deep. Doris Sims has promised to show us a bang-up time at White Branch Ski Area on March 1. This area, one of the very first ski areas to be used by the Obsidians, way back when-- is still a popular hiking ground. The Nazarenes maintain a large summer camp, complete with a huge lodge, small cabins, and recreation facilities, in addition to the existing Forest Service Community Lodge there. Nice drive, short two mile hike, beautiful view, and something for everyone to do.

March 8 - LOOKOUT POINT DAM. Bill Stiles, a member of the Army Engineers Staff, has consented to show us Lookout Point Dam on March 8. If you have merely stopped to view the construction from the Willamette Highway, come along to see it from the other side, on top of, underneath, and all over the thing. Drive over the bridge to Lowell and park in the vicinity of the Engineers Office. Short afternoon hike. We're looking forward to this one, Bill!

March 15- COAST TRIP. The weather is fine at the coast in March and we're all hoping that it will be especially nice on March 15, 'cause that's the day Thelma will unveil an exceptional area near Siltcoos Outlet. Plan now to leave town early Sunday for this one day highlighted event.

March 22- WINTER OUTING. Don't miss this one!

March 29- FISH HATCHERY. Louie Waldorf tells us that construction on the new fish hatchery at Leaburg Dam is nearly completed. This immense project was started a couple of years ago, and to the joy of the nimrods, is rapidly taking shape. Hike through the grounds and then up to a new cattle ranch on the plateau above the river. Come along on March 29 to see all this and more to-o-o-o!

WEDDING NOTE

Dorothy Steinmetz and Gene Anderson were married February 16, and are now en route to North Carolina home.

WINTER OUTING



'53 MODEL WINTER OUTING DELUXE

Say, if you've got a minute to listen I'd like to tell you something fantastic I overheard the other day. I wasn't eavesdropping on this trio of dreamers, it just happened they were so excited about their plan that they were perhaps talking louder than they knew.

They called themselves a committee of a winter outing of some sort. It seems they were trying to promote a bang-up two day week-end for members of a club they represent. They called these club members either Absurdians or Abyssinians.... They must be one or both if they fall for the propaganda this committee was brewing up. Can you imagine two days and two nights spent at a mountain lodge --- and three meals thrown in --- all for a five spot per head? Neither can I but they claimed it was so.

Now the claims they make for this week-end would be lovely if true. However I suspect they are working an angle such as skipping out with the fins they collect. Here are the details as told by them.

Those wishing to go to the Mazama Lodge for two days and two nights of winter fun must sign up at Hendershott's not later than March 14. Transportation will be by private cars leaving Friday, March 20 after work or school. Those going are requested to arrive at the Lodge before midnight. Bring your own sleeping bag. As there are no meals served at the Mazama Lodge Saturday morning or noon you are faced with three alternatives. (1) Eat those meals at either Timberline Lodge or Government Camp at your own expense. (2) Furnish and cook your own groceries at the Mazama Lodge Kitchen. The third alternative is to go hungry and build up a huge appetite for the big dinner at Mazama Lodge Saturday night. The dinner is for free if you have paid up your five dollars. Breakfast and lunch Sunday are also on the house. All this for five bucks and more too --- they say.

Skiing should be enjoyed both Saturday and Sunday. For those who don't ski there is the tramway to ride, places of interest at Government Camp to visit.

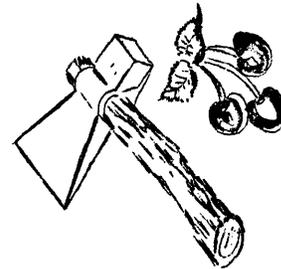
Saturday night at the Lodge there will be entertainment for all. Companionship with members of the Mazama and Trails Clubs will be another highlight of the outing.

Say, you know something? I believe those guys are sincere! You can't get so enthusiastic over a swindle. I'm going to Hendershott's right now and put my name on the top of the list. If you hurry and sign up too, I'll see you at Hood.

D. Carlson

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

To all you loyal Obsidians who responded so promptly to our "DID YOU REMEMBER YOUR CLUB DUES". The postman has beaten a path to our door with well over \$150.00 in current dues, and even a bit extra for the Building Fund from a faraway member who wants to see our club house materialize as much as we do.



A WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY POTLUCK DINNER was held at the River Road Women's Club-House on February 20. One of the interesting events of the evening was a showing of pictures by Kathryn Auld. They were pictures taken on her recent European Cruise.

Her trip took her by freighter through the Panama Canal through the West Indies, Spain, Italy, France, England and Ireland.



April 18th is the date that has been set for the Obsidian Twenty-fifth Anniversary Party. The entertainment committee is hard at work on plans for the coming event. A dinner party is scheduled and complete details will be announced soon. Save this date - APRIL 18 - because we want all good Obsidians there to pay tribute to the founders of our club. We owe a great deal to these folks who have pioneered the forming of a club that provides so much good friendship and enjoyment to its many members.

The entertainment committee will welcome any suggestions from club members in planning this BIG EVENT. Just call Ray Cavagnaro or Roxie Waldorf or Blanche Bailey.

Meantime plan to help us do honor to our 25th year by attending this Obsidian banquet.

PRINCESS DOINGS

The Princesses met February 16 at the home of Margaret Markley. The main item of business on the agenda was the purchase of the new coffeemaker for the club. Thelma Watson has invited the Princesses to meet at her home for the March meeting.

The Princesses met in November at the home of Florence Sims, at Arlene Keasling's for the Christmas Party, and at Helen Weiser's in January.

CHEMEKETAN INVITATION

The Chemeketans are having their Winter outing at Crater Lake the weekend of February 20-22. They have cordially invited any Obsidian members who would like to attend. For further information call Nanette Schmuki at 3-3865 evenings or 5-6850 days.

Did You Know That...

Our President, Clarence Scherer, and his wife Dorothy have just returned from a week in San Francisco where they attended a National Automobile Dealers Association Convention.

1st Lt. Ed Keller is on Winter Maneuvers with the U. S. Army in New York State.

The Princesses are purchasing a new large 48-cup coffee-maker for the Club's use. The Princesses are each donating a dollar towards such purchase.

THE UNANSWERED EDITOR'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, the time neareth and I am
Without copy. My faith waneth, my
Hopes Despaireth. Surely my brethren
Think not of my troubles and woes. The
Snows did come and the skiers did ski,
But naught was I told of their fun and
Accomplishments. The skies turn blue
And the mountains do beckon, but will
My people heed my pleas? Verily, I
Am afraid they will not. Trips they
Will maketh to see Thy wondrous glories
And climb Thy great mountains, but they
Tell me not of these pleasures. My
Head is bowed, my heart heavy, my hair
Turneth grey. And I pray Thou wilt put
Into the minds of readers pity and
Consideration for me in my extremity.
Give them the courage, the time, the
Will, to send to their humble editor
A relating of what they do in their
Life of mountaineering, and Dear Lord,
May it meet the deadline. Amen.

(Courtesy of the Colorado Mt. Club,
Denver Colorado)

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