



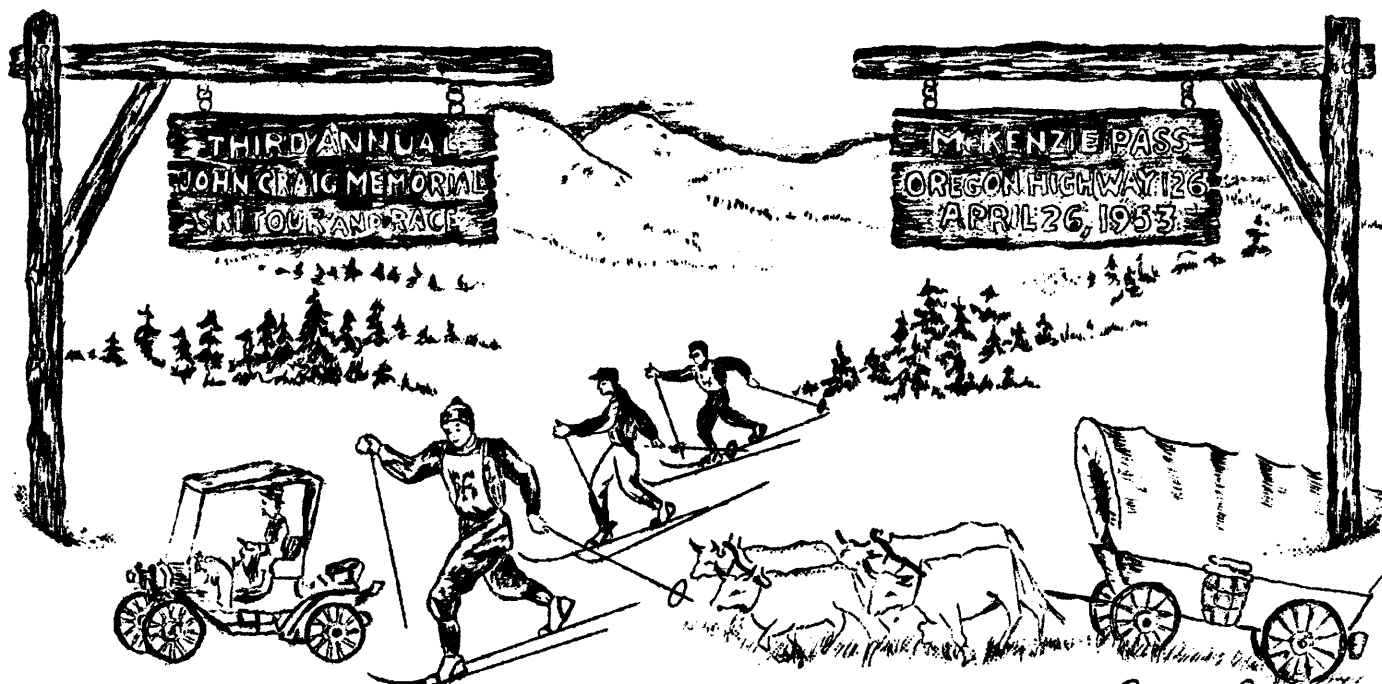
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FOUR MILE SPRINGS, WEST, TO ALDER SPRINGS

Snow Line
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JOHN CRAIG

Annual Ski Tour - April 26th

For the third year the JOHN CRAIG MEMORIAL SKI TOUR will be held over historic McKenzie Pass. This time it will go "down-hill", east to west, starting at 4 Mile Springs and terminating at Alder Springs.

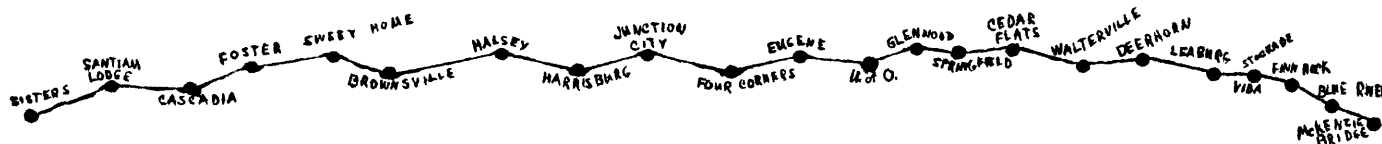
Tentative plans are shaping up by the Obsidians, sponsors of the tour, and the Tri-Pass Ski Club, sponsors of the cross-country ski race. General chairman George Korn and Co-chairman Harold Trotter, the originator of the idea, say that snow conditions the past week will assure snow the length of the course.

The Obsidian Ski Committee consisting of Mike Stahl, Doris Sims, Clarence Bankhead and Glen Sims are working out details

for a bigger and better tour. The Ski Patrol will also take an active part.

The annual letter sale will have a new twist with an antique auto race from McKenzie Bridge to Eugene picking up the mail along the route. These letters help underwrite the promotion, trophies and the dining and lodging of the ski tour and race contestants.

Skiing will be in order at Hoodoo Bowl Saturday previous to the race with tour and race headquarters at Santiam Lodge. Sunday morning the tour will proceed to the McKenzie Pass and, with the ski patrol, pave the way for the racers. The banquet after the race will be held on the McKenzie side at the McKenzie High School. The finish of the race on this side should be of a great deal of interest to Obsidians not wishing to make the trip over the pass. Send a letter to a friend, too.



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NEW MEMBERS

Tracy Caldwell Active Member
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TAKE THE BUS WITH CLARENCE ON MAY 30-31 FOR "RIDE THE RIPPLES OF THE ROGUE IN U. S. MAIL BOAT" TRIP.

Should O' Be'n There

Remember that beautiful sunshiny day a couple of weeks ago on the 1st of March? A small group of seven stalwarts arrived at the parking area at White Branch - packed their light lunch packs - mounted them on their backs, put on their skis and started up the McKenzie Highway where no cars, diesel trucks, hay trucks, or swaying trailer houses had congested the road since way last October. The small group consisting of Bailey and Mary Castelloe, Florence and Glen Sims, Ray, Doris and Jimmie Sims, enjoyed the unexcelled beauty of rugged grandeur untouched by human hands. The only signs of life in this magnificent setting were numerous snowshoe rabbit, deer, cougar, and wildcat tracks. The Three Sisters stood out majestically, framed in the green timbered slopes of Deer Butte and Foley Ridge with their new blanket of glistening snow. The weather cooperated beautifully throughout the entire day, and the snow conditions were ideal for touring. The area in and around White Branch, which was as far as the party drove, was in wonderful shape and waiting for those people who do not ski to view and play around and enjoy it in its winter dress and splendor. One member of the party said: "What a glorious feeling - I feel like a Pioneer". Should o' be'n there!

CRATER LAKE - APRIL 12, 1953

APRIL 12TH is the day we fill one or more Greyhound busses for that annual trip to CRATER LAKE. This will be the fifth year that the Obsidians have sponsored this grand "ski and take pictures" trip.

The one Greyhound driven by Clarence Bankhead in 1948 proved to be such a perfect trip, that in 1949, one hundred fourteen people went on that one day winter trip to Crater Lake, in THREE Greyhounds. And it was lucky for those, because 1949 is the only time that Crater Lake was completely frozen over. Two busses were loaded for both the 1950 and 1951 trips, but last year's trip was interrupted by the bus strike.

This is past midseason, so mark it on your calendar as April 12 is that "Extra Special" Ski Trip to Crater Lake by Greyhound bus.

WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR MORE DETAILS

Preview of Coming Attractions

Complete schedules will be out in a few weeks containing a variety of impressive places we shall visit this coming summer. With a definite lack of long weekends this season, we will have to stick around our areas near home with the exception of a few distant trips.

Watch for the repeat on beautiful Rainbow Falls in May, and the "Mail Boat Trip To Agnes" which will be a bus trip to Gold Beach. Details are rapidly taking shape on this one.

Look for a real surprise when Hugh Currin and Merle Bailey unveil their specialty: "Lava Islands".

From the Sisters to the Santiam, from the Coast to Crater Lake, there will be a trip to meet your taste. Watch for them, sample them and enjoy them.

LOOK OUT!

THE BLUE MOUNTAIN CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TOUR
 Five Obsidian skiers completed the ten mile PNSA Sanctioned Ski Tour sponsored by the Blue Mountain Ski Club on March 8 in the Blue Mt. Summit area, near Tollgate-Spout Springs in Eastern Oregon. Glen Sims, Florence Sims, Doris Sims, Bailey Castelloe, and Mary Castelloe were each presented with a complimentary Blue Mt. Ski Club membership pin by Dorothy Egg, Tour Chairman and Leader.

About Our 25th Anniversary Party

A fine dinner, and a highly entertaining and interesting evening have been planned for all Obsidians, past and present. Your friends are cordially invited to join us.

Members can "hob-nob" with the founders of the club as well as several of the charter members. You will hear the history of the Obsidians and about the events that have high-lighted the club's 25 years in Eugene.

The 25th Anniversary Banquet will be held in the Osburn Hotel Dining Room, Saturday evening, April 18th. Dinner will be served at 6:45.

Due to the nature of this event and in consideration of the plans that must be made for the dinner, admission will be by reservation. The Committee would appreciate having members' reservations by April 14th. This can be done by contacting one of the following members: ROXIE WALDORF 4-5302, MERLE BAILEY 4-9388, GERRY FEHLY 3-2784, FRANCES NEWSOM 4-1298, CLARENCE SCHERER 6-1345, RAY CAVAGNARO 5-6704, RAY SIMS 4-9546. Cost per person will be \$1.85. We feel sure you will enjoy the evening, the food and the company, so set the day aside. Get your tickets as soon as you can to aid the entertainment committee in their plans.

CLIMBS FOR 1953

May 30 & 31 - THREE FINGERED JACK

This two day trip will climax the Climbing School's course with a good stiff climb. Camping near Jack Butte near Jack Lake or on the Skyline Trail at Santiam Lake - either will make a good camping spot. The climb led by Lloyd Plaisted will take place on Sunday with plenty of help from the Climbing Committee.

June 21 - MT. HOOD - South Side

Drive to Timberline on Mt. Hood, Saturday, June 20th or camp at the designated camp ground selected by the leaders. This will be an all snow climb, so be prepared. Leaders, Don Kohler and Chuck Turner.

July 4 & 5 - ST. HELENS - Spirit Lake

Relive the 1949 Summer Camp site. The climb of Mt. St. Helens will be led by Joe Daniels and Doris Sims and will be

another snow climb. St. Helens is beautiful from Spirit Lake, and if you do not want to climb, take "Jack's Boat".

July 19 - MIDDLE SISTER Tenderfoot Climb

Dale Carlson will lead the tenderfoot climb and it is hoped there will be one hundred turn out for this year. Let's all turn out and give Dale all the help he needs.

July 26 - NORTH SISTER

If snow conditions permit, this climb will start from the East side, where Ray led the 1931 campers up from Squaw Creek, but if not, the north ridge will be climbed again for Ray Sims' 26th climb as leader of the North.

August 2 - MT. JEFFERSON

On a weekend climb of Jefferson, Pamela Lake is probably the starting camp again this year. Ably led by Gene Sebring and Jim Newsom.

August 9th to 23rd - SUMMER CAMP - GLACIER NATIONAL PARK - MONTANA

August 29 & 30 - SOUTH SISTER

Mike Stahl plans a new way up the South. Plan to take this beautiful climb to the blue lake on top.

Sept. 6 & 7 - LABOR DAY CLIMB OF MT. SHASTA

Allan Lindley will lead this fourteen thousand foot mountain, probably from Panther Meadows. This is a good late season climb.

Sept. 13 - MT. WASHINGTON

Lloyd Gust will lead this all rock climb of one of Oregon's best.

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A Good Time Was Had By All

March 20-22 thirty-seven Obsidians and friends spent an enjoyable winter outing with the Mazamas at their lodge near Mt. Hood. Skiing was not the only exercise (the cars had to be dug out Sunday morning after it snowed all night). The hospitality of the Mazamas would be hard to beat as also would be the wonderful meals served to us at the lodge. Trips on the "Ski-Hook" (the tramway), Timberline Lodge and skiing the trails high-lighted the weekend.

WHAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DID AT THEIR MARCH MEETING

...approved the schedule of hikes for the year prepared by Gust's Trips Committee. An interesting schedule of new places has been planned as well as including some of the "old favorites". Some fine weekend outings are also on the schedule.

...approved Sebring-Plaisted's Climbing Committee schedule for the summer. It begins with a series of climbing school sessions and embraces much of the Cascade Range, including southern Washington and Northern California.

...heard Scientific and Conservation Committee chairman Sipe make an appeal for all Obsidians to join the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Membership is only \$1.00 a year, and while a small donation it is a big help to the FWOC cause for conservation. A quarterly publication is sent contributors. Sipe, who is probably the club's foremost exponent of conservation, also urged club members to write their Senators and Representatives to vote in favor of Bill HR 1972. This bill if passed would allow the U.S. Forest Service to spend 10% of their receipts to maintain parks. Scientific Committee has been successful in securing services of U.S. Forest Service men to conduct trips for the Obsidians this summer.

...welcomed and approved membership of Tracy Caldwell and Tim Moriarty. Watch for these new members and get acquainted with them.

...gave a "go-ahead" to Building Committee Chairman Stahl to make application for organization site on the shore of Lookout Point Dam Lake. An idea was advanced that a covered shelter with fireplace and cooking facilities be built for use as a picnic area. Approved a motion to have Board members meet at Hamlin Orchard to investigate a Town House building site.

...approved the plan of Ray Sims' Camera Committee to use the program sponsored by Dot Dotson at McDonald Theatre for showing Obsidian pictures to commemorate the club's 25th Anniversary. Other publicity plans for this event heard and approved.

...heard report of Entertainment Committee plans for Anniversary Banquet on April 18.

...agreed to write a letter to the Lane County Electric Co-op in support of their action to prevent construction of dams on the McKenzie River.

...discussed club's participation in the John Craig Memorial Ski Race-Decided that although club could offer no financial aid to the promotion, would help if possible in carrying out the event.

ARE YOU MISSING 'EM ?

Your Trips Committee has scheduled some fine trips this winter, some of which were rained out, and others had to be cancelled for lack of interest and registration. Surely Obsidians do not cease to enjoy the grand out of doors in the winter, as the recent sign-up indicates. This is an appalling thought. Granted, many go skiing at the fine, developed areas of the Willamette and Santiam and others journey still farther; however, these are not the only areas available to us during the winter months. For a genuine thrill that will be long remembered, sign up and join us on these late winter-early spring trips.

MARCH 29 - Did you notice the picture and story of the fish hatchery in a recent Register-Guard? We will have an opportunity to view this large, modern installation under the excellent guide of Louie Waldorf. This hatchery is situated to the south of Leaburg Diversion Dam on the shores of the picturesque lake it creates. APRIL 19 - Clover Patch Butte is situated on the north side of the Willamette River just above the old Westfir Road. As the story goes, cattle men in days long ago used this road to drive their herds over the pass. It was on this butte where evening grazing took place in the lush clover. Much of the clover today is gone, but in its place have grown small balsam, flowers, and wild roses nestled in the terrace-like rock gardens on its slopes. Short drive, enjoyable hike. The Baileys lead.

THE SKI COMMITTEE IS WAIVING ITS TRIP TO BACHELOR BUTTE ON MEMORIAL WEEKEND IN FAVOR OF THE BOAT TRIP UP THE ROGUE RIVER PLANNED BY THE TRIPS COMMITTEE.

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