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With the advent of spring in our Silver Anniversary year, Obsidians can again scurry off to the mountains, soon to be void of their winter snow, to the high lakes, soon to shed their covering of ice, and enjoy the summer green of the trail, the myriad color of the high mountain meadows and view the expanse of scenery as seen only from T R I P S.

As in the past, this year's trips committee was confronted with the problem of eliminating places to visit due to the wide variety of spots and a limited number of weekends. In any event, long weekends or not, your trips committee hopes you will find pleasure and enjoyment in this schedule containing some new, many old but irresistible areas we love to return to.

Consult your schedule for complete listing. Extras may be had by phoning Lloyd Gust 5-8123.

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WE TAKE TO THE TRAILS

Highlights of '53 Schedule

May 30-31 - **MEMORIAL WEEKEND:** Why drive through heavy traffic? Don't fight the crowds in parks and playgrounds!! Sit back and relax, with Clarence at the wheel, in our SPECIAL Greyhound bound for Humbug Mountain State Park, and the U.S. MAIL BOAT TO AGNES.

Coordination with the Scientific Committee produced two major trips this year to U.S. Forest Service Projects and one to the dam sites on the upper McKenzie River. The Forest Projects will be under the excellent leadership and guiding of trained personnel from the Willamette National Forest Office. We are certain you will find these trips very interesting and educational. June 7 - Fall Creek Reforestation Area; June 28 - Salmon Creek Forest Experimental Area; June 14 - Upper McKenzie Dam Sites.

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WE WISH TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING AS NEW

MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB:

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DID YOU KNOW THAT Donna and Al Lindley are leaving us? They are moving up into Washington and Al is going to work on a commercial fishing boat that is to be anchored for the summer in a small bay of the Olympic Peninsula on the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Donna and little Doug are going to stay on the boat along with Al. In the winter the boat will be anchored in one of the lakes at Seattle. We are certainly losing two fine kids from our midst. We wish them all the luck possible in their new venture.

REMEMBER OBSIDIAN SUMMER CAMP RALLY -
 June 4th!



(Highlights of '53 Schedule - Cont'd)

July 11-12 - Chemeketan Weekend- A Bang-Up weekend as hosts to this fine outing club from the Capital City - Salem. Our guests for pot luck at the cabin, and a hike to Sunshine - Camp Scott - Obsidian Camp Loop on Sunday. Let's really show them some "Obsidianing" in our own area in the heart of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area.

July 26 - Lava Islands - Hugh Currin and Merle Bailey are being mighty elusive about this trip. All we know at this printing is that it will be a real surprise. This little explored area has unexcelled rugged beauty, unique lava formations, and hidden timber, lakes, and meadows seen only by a handful of people. We'll not miss this one.

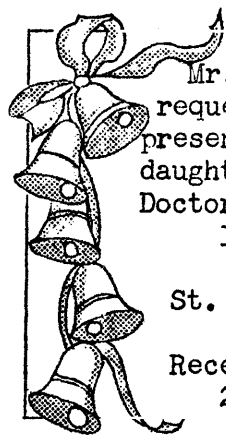
Aug. 2 - Linnton Meadows, the e-e-e-asy way. Overnight pack trip to Obsidian Camp on the Skyline Trail via Frog Camp by horse. Hike the remaining distance to the meadows on Sunday. Climb of Husband, swim in Husband Lake, returning to Lower Alder via Linnton Creek, the "Falls", Linnton Lake.

Labor Day this year will find Obsidians at our "Private" camp site facing the crater of Broken Top. Avoid the crowds, traffic, and busy hub-bub of this long weekend holiday, and join us for a memorable return to a Labor Day favorite.

Have you seen the "Eight Lakes Basin"? Have you hiked on the Skyline beyond the Santiam Pass through the meadows, streams, cliffs, and forest at the base of Three Fingered Jack? A genuine thrill awaits those who have not seen this paradise of mountain splendor dotted with jewel-like lakes. Accompany Bob Lemon, Jr., who has spent many summers hiking in this area and exploring one of Oregon's natural parks, then for a trail trip you will never forget, on September 13.

NOTE TO 1953 TRIPS LEADERS

The Trips Committee has prepared an instruction sheet which may be of help to you in conducting your trip. This form, including the sign-up sheet, trips report, application blanks, and extra schedules will reach you by mail 2 weeks prior to your trip. PLEASE WATCH FOR THEM.



Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Norwood Owens request the Honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Chloean to the Reverend Doctor Evan Rowland Williams.

12:00 noon Saturday
June 13th at the
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
in Eugene

Reception 1:00 to 3:00 at
2065 University St.

CLIMBING NOTES:

Climbing School sessions are almost at a close. Graduation exercises will be a climb of Three Fingered Jack on Memorial Weekend. We are hoping that the weather will clear a bit by that time.

The first class was held at Washington Street Recreation Center with snow and ice technique the main topic for the evening. Nine members climbed Hayrick Butte the Sunday following the indoor session. As a highlight of the trip we had a mother of two of the boys, Mrs. Newsom, with us. It was Mothers Day and she wanted to be with her sons. She proved to be an excellent climber and a wonderful sport. Hats off to her.

Our next indoor session was at the Y-Center and Jim Hosmer showed colored slides for us. Of particular note were his pictures of several mountains in Washington and his climb of them with the Mazamas.

WHERE WILL YOU BE ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 4?

WE HOPE you can be found at the big Summer Camp Rally - at exactly 8:01 pm on Thursday night in the vicinity of the Washington Street Recreation Center.

You will hear the details of a grand 25th Anniversary Year Outing in Glacier National Park.

You will see pictures of this beautiful area and witness what is in "store" for Summer Campers in 1953.

LAST MINUTE INFORMATION ON MAILBOAT TRIP

MAY 30, 31 - BRING POTLUCK

Bus leaves Courthouse 8 AM Sat. morning; cars may be parked around park area Sat. & Sun. - lunch at Coos Bay; Sat. night potluck at Humbug Mt. State Park; Sun. breakfast at Gold Beach; lunch at Lucas Lodge in Agnes; dinner on way home.

All Obsidians and their friends are very welcome to attend the rally. You will enjoy the pictures and the evenings entertainment even though Summer Camp may not be in your plans.

A fine full evening of entertainment has been planned for the night of June the 4th, and an Obsidian dessert "chow-line" will be part of the rally.

CRATER LAKE APRIL 12

The annual spring trip to Crater Lake was taken April 12th by 35 enthusiasts either for skiing or picture taking, as both were again well rewarded.

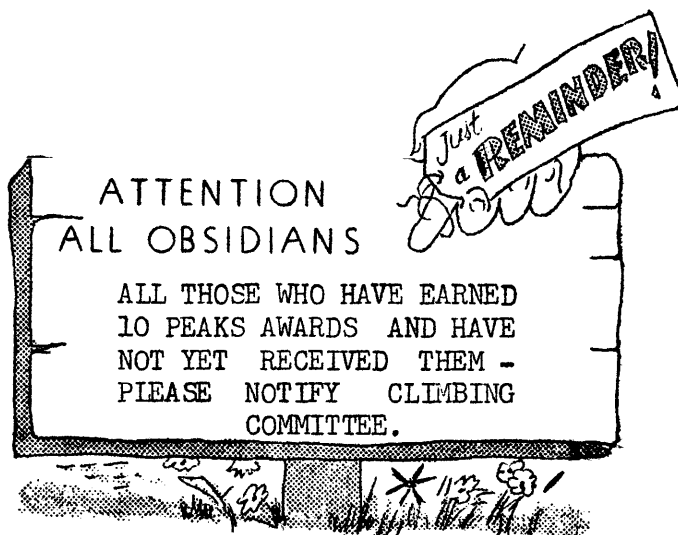
The Greyhound bus driven by Norm Prominsky, left promptly at 5 A.M., all having breakfast in Chemult and arrived at the parking area at Crater Lake at 10-right on the heels of a week's storm--made skiing the best in all the 5 years we have taken this trip.

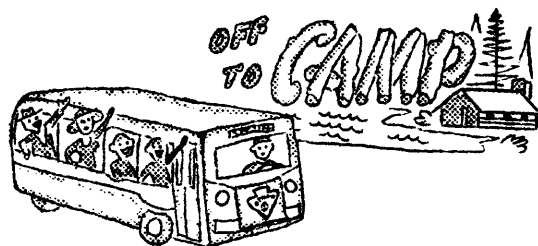
The clouds cleared some and made picture taking and good views of the lake after noon, and many good pictures have been reported.

Skiing down the number one trail was excellent and trips were taken each hour, and with a cool day it got faster as the day passed. The ski patrol again proved their wonderful value by carrying out Vernice Alford with a sprained knee, but to her many friends, she was only on crutches one week, and did not miss work.

PRINCESS DOINGS

The Princesses met at Nellie McWilliams' home on May 18. Next meeting will be a Potluck Picnic at president Bertha Deckmann's home.





Let's All Get Acquainted With Glacier

By Doc Plaisted

In this article I would like to give you an idea on what to expect while in summer camp this year.

We "The Outing Committee" have chosen St. Mary Lake as our Camp site. This is on the east side of Glacier, and is very centrally located. On one side of the lake is the well-known "Going to the Sun Highway", which leads directly to Logan Pass, on top of the "Continental Divide" about 18 miles away. St. Mary Lake is around 10 miles long and lies in a canyon with sheer peaks rising a mile above its waters. It is a delightful area to camp and I think you will agree to this when you see it.

There will be regular bus trips planned during your stay. Some of these I will tell about in later Obsidian bulletins.

Trail hiking is at its best in Glacier, and who wouldn't travel away to see some of the beautiful lakes both in valleys and high mountain meadows, as well as numerous waterfalls. You can also rent horses for trail trips (BUT WHO EVER HEARD OF AN OBSIDIAN RIDING A HORSE).

To tempt the skill of all you fishermen, let's give an ear to this; NO FISHING LICENSE IS REQUIRED IN THE PARK. The fish common to this habitat are: Cutthroat, eastern Brook and Rainbow; and Oh, yes, you have all heard of the b-i-g Mackinaw trout. All right there in St. Mary Lake, so haul out your newest fishing tackle (or willow pole) and let's get ready to catch a few.

COME OUT ONE AND ALL FOR THE CLIMB OF THREE-FINGERED JACK AND START THE SEASON OF ENJOYABLE CLIMBS IN THE CASCADES.

JOHN CRAIG SKI TOUR

The Obsidian touring party and some John Craig racers left by Greyhound bus on the afternoon of April 25th, for the Santiam Lodge, where the night was spent. At seven that evening, the three ancient Fords arrived with the John Craig letters.

The evening was spent with visiting the many skiers and the drawing of numbers by the racers, who also spent much time in the basement "waxing" their special cross-country skis.

The touring party of 15 left Four Mile Spring, the Eastern snowline, at six-thirty the next morning with a light rain falling. Bud Nasholm, John Nasholm, Bob Pfeiffer and his friend Ralph, left the main party to set the course.

The remaining 11, alternating leadership, soon were at Windy Point, where the pavement is always bare and the wind always blows, and as skis had to be removed a light lunch was eaten. While still here the eight from the Sisters high school arrived.

Nearing the summit, Mike Stahl and Lloyd Plaisted left to set up radio communication. As the nine passed thru the "big cut", the yellow line was showing, to prove the lack of snow, and by the time the skiers passed the Dee Wright Memorial it was time to eat again.

It was while here that Emil Nordeen came by, just to see that the trail was good and "keeping ahead of the racers". But as soon as the tourers were on the way again, just down from the summit, the first racer came by, the third or fourth one being Jack Meissner.

On the trip across the lava beds, two planes from Sisters hovered low overhead underneath the clouds, and the one with Ed Thurston as passenger, dropped a wreath at John Craig's tomb. The touring party stopped there to take pictures and gave Glen Sims, the "retired postman", the honor of placing the wreath upon the grave.

The Sisters party of eight caught us here again and left first, so were first to finish. The snow condition was good and the ride down old dead horse hill was very good, and the touring party arrived at Alder Springs at 4 P.M., where George Korn had everything ready and waiting for the needs of the many skiers.

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