



# The OBSIDIAN

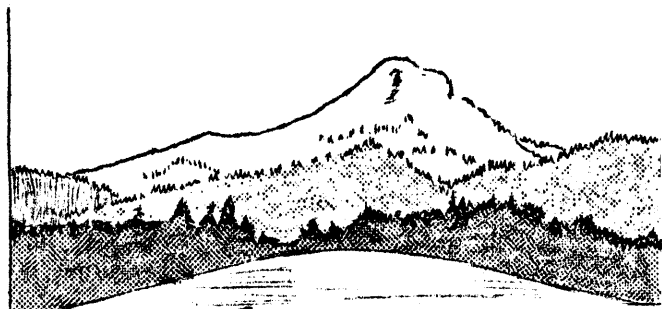


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## MT. HOOD



Throughout the twenty-six years of our club's history we have gradually acquired several annual events, which today we would not give up easily. These include the tenderfoot climb, holiday parties, the Crater Lake bus trip and the Chief's and Princesses' initiations; and certainly one of the most popular of these events is our annual Summer Camp. It was the first of these events to take hold and stay with us.

The first Summer Outing was held at Obsidian Camp (Near the West base of the Middle Sister) in 1928 and attracted 18 people. Since that time the camps have become increasingly more popular, with a high of 67 attending our Spirit Lake Camp in 1949. With the exception of two war years there has been an outing for each year of the club's life, or a total of twenty four. In the early days the camp equipment as well as personal gear was quite primitive compared with that of today. The first camp had no dining tables and the cookstoves were very crude as was most of the kitchen equipment. Few members owned sleeping bags so took blankets for bedding. The comfort of an air mattress was unknown so evergreen boughs sufficed for those requiring a softer bed.

Those early campers might be expected to look upon our now modern equipment with scorn, but no, actually it is they who have brought about the majority of the improvements. Many of them still frequently attend the outings and thoroughly enjoy the new-found comforts of camp.

This year's outing should prove especially popular as it is to be held in a lovely area where we have not camped or explored before and the location is not far from our homes. Eden Park, on the North side of Mount Hood is said to contain some of the finest beauty spots in the Cascades, and has been selected as this season's camp site.

More than 800 people have enjoyed our Summer Outings since their beginning and it is safe to say that each of these people have enjoyed several interesting experiences while at camp. These events have not been forgotten, but undoubtedly many interesting details have innocently been added during the ensuing years. This is forgivable as it only makes these memories even more entertaining when told around the evening campfire.

Already the thought of it excites me. The memories of past Summer Camps, of the pleasant hikes, the swimming, the boating, the indescribably scenic beauty, the clean fresh air, the clear blue skies, the plentiful and tasty food — all tend to make me long forward to the arrival of August.

Dale Carlson

## C O M E

Obsidians will honor Willamette National Forest Supervisor Bruckart on June 26th with a grand potluck at Weiser's Grove. Saturday, June 26th has been officially declared "Bruckart Day" by president Carlson, and all Obsidians and their friends are urged to help fete Ray Bruckart who has been a wonderful friend of the Obsidians for so many years.

The ball games start at 4 P.M. and dinner will be served at 6 P.M. In addition to the potluck, folks are asked to bring their own table service and a camp style or folding chair. The Chiefs have charge of a fine program.

Be sure to save the date - June 26th — so that we can all be together to honor our club's friend, Ray Bruckart.

## TRAILINGS . . .

To have a good friend is one of the highest delights of life; to be a good friend is one of the noblest and most difficult undertakings. Friendship depends not upon fancy, imagination or sentiment, but upon character. There is no man so poor that he is not rich if he has a friend; there is no man so rich that he is not poor without a friend...

--We have some really good news to announce to our members. It is the marriage of Dale Carlson and June Lundy on June 20. We wish these two fine folks every happiness in their future years together.

--Dorr Hamlin recently got overhauled, and Ray Sims got his motor tuned at Sacred Heart Hospital. Both are in a good state of recovery, and we hope they will be running smoothly again. <sup>Bailey Castelloe wasn't satisfied so went there too.</sup>

--A recent publication from the government printing office announces a new wall map of the U.S. for sale. It includes territories and insular possessions, showing National Parks, Forests, Wildlife Refuges, Reclamation projects and Indian reservations. The nine color map (2 sheets, not folded) shows all boundaries and rivers and includes many cities and towns. Dimension overall is about 5x7 ft.; sells for \$4. Address: Supt. of Documents, Gov. Print. Off., Wash 25, DC. Ask for Catalog No. I-53.11: Un3.953.

--The Obsidians have presented a beautiful piece of Obsidian rock to the California Alpine Club for use in their new lodge fireplace. The stone is suitably inscribed - "Obsidians - Eugene, Oregon."

--George and Irene Jack are back in Eugene again at their old homestead. Glad to see you back folks, and we hope to see you on the Obsidian Trails soon.

--Lloyd and Barbara Gust are in the midst of preparing to move to Portland where Lloyd will begin study for an overseas assignment in Japan with Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. We wish you well, Lloyd, and while you will be a long way from our Obsidian haunts, the fine impression you have left with our club, and the vast work you have done on our behalf will long be remembered. Good luck. <sup>Lloyd's degree - B. Bus. Ad.</sup>

--An enthusiastic group of Obsidians viewed slides of the Summer Camp area at the Camp Rally, Thursday, May 27th. The general area was described by Louis Waldorf; Gene Sebring showed slides (donated for the occasion by the Mazamas) which pictured the area as an ideal spot for Summer Camp. Delicious doughnuts, coffee and punch were served by the Entertainment Committee.

Please excuse results of experimentation with new typewriter. M.C.

--Blanche Bailey journeyed to Colorado recently to attend the graduation exercises of her daughter, Natalie. Natalie plans to remain in Colorado for several months, returning to Eugene in time to attend Summer Camp. <sup>Natalie received her B. A. Degree in teaching - C. S. C. E.</sup>  
--Bob Northrop is graduating from Oregon State with his Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Technology.

## ATTEND

The Climbing Committee invites all Obsidians and their friends to a social evening at the home of Walt and Jean Banks on Wednesday, June 16th at 8 P.M.

A nice program has been planned which will consist of a short movie and a colored slide presentation by Mike Stahl. The movie, "Daredevils of the Alps" was filmed in the Alps by Marcel Ichac -- and depicts climbing there at its best. Mike's lectures and slides will demonstrate mountaineering in our own Cascade Mountains. Weatherman cooperating, the program will be held in Walt's well-cared-for back yard at 2865 Mill Street.

## MAZAMAS

A recent letter from the Mazamas extends a cordial invitation to all Obsidians to join the 61st Annual Mazama Outing, Kings Canyon National Park in California, July 18 through July 31st. Editor has details and prospectus.

## OREGON CAVES RECAP

How very very lucky we Obsidians are to have a bus driver member like Clancy - he doubled our enjoyment of the trip by stopping in the most pleasant places, at Roseburg for a snack at Winchester dam for a look at the fish ladders at Sardine Creek where we ate lunch, and panned gold. The whole group visited the Oregon Vortex...the Mystery House was dizzying...and the mystery of the tall and short of it was intriguing. And the way he navigated those curves on the last ascent to the caves, was both thrilling and marvellous!

The management at the Chateau, Mr. Dick Sabin & Co., was extremely helpful and courteous to us, even though short-handed. After dining in style, we sat around a cozy fire in the lobby and raised our expert? voices in song (we outlasted the card players....then some of us took it up). The night-long rain favored a good sleep. After breakfast we made two groups for the caves trip, one group bristling with cameras, flash bulbs, etc.--no one was lost from either party, so all enjoyed lunch together. Then, each to his own interests, (many a chipmunk...or maybe the same one...stuffed his cheeks to the popping point with filberts from Adeline's gentle hand. An early start for home, lunch stop at Roseburg - and several lusty song sessions, and home.

We want to express our appreciation to Clancy, to Thelma, and to all who participated in the trip; your cooperation was indeed fine, and each added in his or her own way to the congeniality of the whole group.  
Mary and Bailey Castelloe

## I WISH

So many people have the expression "I WISH", in which they infer doing or becoming something. It is a crave which is seldom satisfied. People have all kinds of wishes like being a doctor or having money or social prestige, and thousands of other desires. The majority of people who wish they can do things in outdoor attainments fail, for they feel that those feats are too difficult, or require a great deal of experience, or that they themselves are "too soft." But there is more to it than that --- people who wish a lot but....do nothing about it will never succeed. So this is where we, the Obsidians, enter into the scene to bring the wishes of these people into reality instead of mere desires; to tell them the purpose of the club and to insure them a safe and interesting trip, not to discourage them from participation. Talk up the outdoor life, the entertainment and relaxation one can find in our outdoor activity. Show them that one can find beauty of nature and see the wonderful things that God put on earth for man to enjoy, that they cannot see staying home watching TV and Wishing that they could be something. Our club and its objectives will help these people realize their dreams. So let's strive for their self satisfaction or fulfilling the many wishes as future outdoor enthusiasts!

Ray Harris

## JULY 4TH - - - - JULY FOURTH

There's a grand holiday in store for Obsidians at the Lava Beds National Monument in California. The trip will be over July 3-4-5. Make plans right now to join this gang.

The Lava Beds National Monument is of much interest both geologically and historically. Some of the most recent lava flows of the West are to be found here, with numerous caves or "tubes" resulting from the way in which the lava hardened. At this time of year, there should be many wild flowers. An improved camp ground is located at the Park headquarters. Near and in the Lava Beds area one of the fiercest Indian wars was fought. Captain Jack's stronghold, in the North part of the Park is where some of the battles took place. At other places in the Park, ancient inhabitants of the area have left pictographs and strange writings in the caves, and some of the cliffs. The whole area is fascinating and a week end will be all too short to see it all.



## MT HOOD SUMMER OUTING

August 1-14

PLAN TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER VACATION AT THE OBSIDIAN SUMMER CAMP AT EDEN PARK. --- IT WILL BE SOMETHING YOU WILL REMEMBER THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, SO COME AND STAY"YOUNG AT HEART." THE RATES WILL BE:

Two weeks adult members - \$50.00  
 One week adult members - \$30.00  
 Junior members (6-17) -  
     one-third less than adult rate  
 Non-members add \$5.00 to above  
 Day rate - \$5.00 per day

Sign up at Hendershott's and make deposit with Ray Sims or Ray Cavagnaro by July 1. Prospectus may be obtained from them. For a wonderful Summer Outing, come to "Camp Carlson."

## LETTER FROM "SUDS"

A letter from Dr. Sterling B. Suddarth, one of our Obsidian Service Men, with whom we enjoyed hiking a few years ago:

Sterling B. Suddarth, Catron Clinic  
 3600 S. Broadway, Englewood, Colo.

Dear Friends,

I have certainly enjoyed reading about the Obsidian doings while I was in service and regret that I'll not be able to resume old friendships and outdoor activities with you.

I'm going to be practicing in Colorado and hope to get to know the mountains well - and I hope that anyone that is interested in this area will feel free to stop with me for lodging or advice.

I've enclosed a check for whatever you feel is most important to the Obsidians. Many thanks for your good fellowship.

Sincerely, "Suds"

Well, Suds, it was very much OUR pleasure to have you with us for a while, and we thank you for your kind invitation and especially for your contribution. It is greatly appreciated. Our welcome mat is always out for you also, if you ever revisit Eugene and the Three Sisters area.

## SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION

Our Science and Conservation Committee is hard at work on urgent matters of the cause of conservation. Their report follows:

**NATIONAL PARKS APPROPRIATION**, cut by the house is now in Senate. Funds could be restored if Senators are urged enough. Dinosaur Monument-Echo Park Dam is still in House committee. Keep the pressure on committee members and Representatives. The following telegram is excellent pattern: Sent to William F. Knowland, Thomas H. Kuchel, Senate Office Bldg., Washington D.C. "Please give strong support to restoration of appropriations for National Parks. We fully agree with need for economy but urge that current efforts for greater efficiency in administration be given opportunity to achieve such results rather than crippling cuts in budget already inadequate to carry out National responsibility for our parks and monuments. Budget requested was already dangerously below previous appropriations per visitor served or area protected. Fifty million people expected to travel to National Parks areas this year, will not consider it economy to cut National Park budget 25% but Bureau of Reclamation only 2% and at same time consider bills to authorize one billion for upper Colorado project which State of California has pointed out dangerously lacks adequate economic or engineering data. Thanks for your help. (Signed Sierra Club, Richard Leonard, President)

**THE BAKER BILL** (HR8225) sets up for the first time by Congressional act, recreation as "beneficial and proper use of the National Forests and the development of areas and facilities for public use. A new financing arrangement is included. The bill is heartily approved by all outdoor organizations. Recommend writing to Rep. Clifford Hope, Ch. of House Agriculture Committee urging support for Baker Bill. Also to Senators and Congressmen asking them to appear at Baker Bill hearings and to give it their support. Your directors instructed the Conservation Committee to do this in the name of the Club; urges that

Obsidians individually write also. Under such a law Forest facilities would be better, proper use would increase, more people would realize that they have a stake in preserving this kind of natural resources and the resulting interest would greatly strengthen the defense of threatened areas as well as add to the aggregate enjoyment of our Forests, hence the importance of pushing hard for this bill.

**UPPER MCKENZIE**: headline in recent R-G reporting "EWEEB Drops River Project" was misleading. As the article itself clearly stated the Clear Lake-Beaver Marsh project is not being dropped and that includes many if not most of the objectionable features of the whole original proposal—the dam across the Clear Lake outlet, the tunnel and conduit connecting this with the Beaver Marsh power-house, and the heavily fluctuating flow between these points, and downstream unless a regulating reservoir is constructed there or elsewhere. Not mentioned in the article is the wide swath down the valley for the power-line right-of-way and the inevitable siltation from dam construction and related operations. McKenzie people are getting a "Save the McKenzie" organization under way with assurance of support from people everywhere who come to the McKenzie to enjoy its scenery and its fishing.

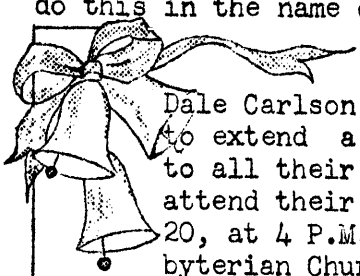
**LANE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION** has just issued "The First Seven Months, - A Progress Report." An encouraging start has been made. All Obsidians should be posted and helping. Copies may be had on request to Karl Onthank or to Gene Renard, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, Court House.

**WESTERN FEDERATION OF OUTDOOR CLUBS**: Some Obsidians belong; most should. Send \$1 to Louis Waldorf, receive the Bulletin and add your weight to that of others interested in the proper defense, and development of our natural recreational resources ...The chairman, Karl Onthank, has lots of literature on the "controversial" issues, Dinosaur, Rainier, etc., (mostly just one copy) which others may arrange to read by calling him.

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Our Building Committee needs your help and cooperation in getting your pledges made. Our "Obsidian Home" will only become a reality if everyone contributes whatever he can.

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Dale Carlson and June Lundy wish to extend a cordial invitation to all their Obsidian friends to attend their wedding Sunday, June 20, at 4 P.M. at the Central Presbyterian Church.

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