

## Obsidians Hike To Two Points

Two groups of Obsidians took trips over the weekend, with one group of eight led by Thelma Watson hiking to Naldo Lake and another group led by Norman Lee and Paul Lafferty climbing Mt. Washington.

Making the trip to Waldo Lake were Thelma Watson, Glen Sims, Florence Sims, Mike Stahl, Helen Erickson, Mary Paul, Bailey and

Mary Castelloe. They followed the trail from Gold Lake Forest Camp, passing Gold Lake, Howkum Lake, Horsely Lake and Tiny Lake. At their destination they swam and ate lunch.

The 18 climbers who made the ascent of Mt. Washington Sunday were divided into two groups, and made the climb from Big Lake Forest Camp in three and a half hours.

Weather and climbing conditions were perfect, and climbers were guided up steep slopes with the rope relay technique, using rope slings around each with butterfly knots.

Climbers in addition to the leaders were Jack and Anne Kerrebroek, Mildred Vaughan, Virginia Tomkins, Nancy Lee, Olivia Watt, Mae Cox, Dick Ordway, Bill McCracken, Jr., Bill Sloan, Dick Moffitt, Bill Johnson, Geary and Joe Worth and Paul Clvin.

**MULTNOMAH FAIR ENDS**  
GRESHAM, Ore. (U.P.)—Concessionaires and exhibitors packed and left the Multnomah County Fair grounds Monday and officials said attendance at this year's fair was 5000 below the all-time high of 139,117 set a year ago. But, said Manager A. H. Lea, the per capita expenditure of customers was expected to exceed last year's average.

## Legislature Group to Receive Objective Report on Highways

A blunt analysis of Oregon's street and highway needs will be reviewed at 1:30 p.m. Friday when the Legislative Interim Highway Study Committee meets at Portland's Multnomah Hotel.

Rep. Ralph T. Moore, Coos Bay, committee chairman, said the year-long survey of highway needs was to determine present deficiencies and construction requirements for the next 10 years.

It will present, for the benefit of the legislature, a balanced program which will enable the state to bring its street and highway systems up to date and provide ample facilities for motor vehicle traffic during the foreseeable future.

The report to be considered Friday covers the engineering phase of the study and is expected particularly to point up the need for arterials to handle Oregon's traffic flow.

The engineering study was conducted by personnel loaned by the Automotive Safety Foundation of Washington, D.C., a non-profit organization which maintains a corps of engineers available for loan to governmental units for objective studies of this character.

Chairman Moore said, "Hundreds of engineers—city, county, state, and federal—have taken part in the survey. The report contains an objective and factual measure of Oregon's highway transportation requirements and sets forth a long range improvement program for meeting essential needs."

In preparation for the study hearings were held during late 1947 and early 1948 in Portland, Salem, Tillamook, Coquille, Eugene, Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend, Burns, Ontario, Baker, LaGrande, Pendleton and The Dalles.

The group decided to engage a pastor around the first of October, and regular Sunday School and church services will be held at a River Road location to be announced.

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## Freckles Give Kids Fair Bonus

CHICAGO (AP)—Freckle-faced children could walk into the Chicago Railroad Fair for free between 10 and 11 a.m. Monday.

Officials of the big rail exposition on the lake front stipulated the children must have 100 or more freckles. They didn't say who was going to make the freckle count.

Tuesday between 10 and 11 a.m. all red haired children will be admitted free of charge. No charge will be made on Wednesday for all little girls with pigtails.

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## Pacific Highway Project Opened

SALEM (AP)—Part of the \$1,686,000 Pacific Highway improvement project in Douglas and Josephine counties was opened Monday, and the rest will be opened within two weeks, state highway engineer R. H. Baldock said Monday.

The project is the Johns-Mackin Gulch job, and it is 14.4 miles long. It eliminates the worst section of the Pacific Highway in Oregon, cutting straight through the mountains.

Slightly more than half of the project was opened Monday. This section is from the north end of the job to a point below Stage Coach Pass.

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## Methodists Set Church Building

A new Methodist Church in the Eugene area will be built in the near future on Maxwell Lane in the River Road district, it was announced Monday by Rev. L. O. Griffith, pastor of the Eugene Methodist Church, and Dr. S. Raynor Smith, Eugene, district superintendent of the southern district of Oregon.

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