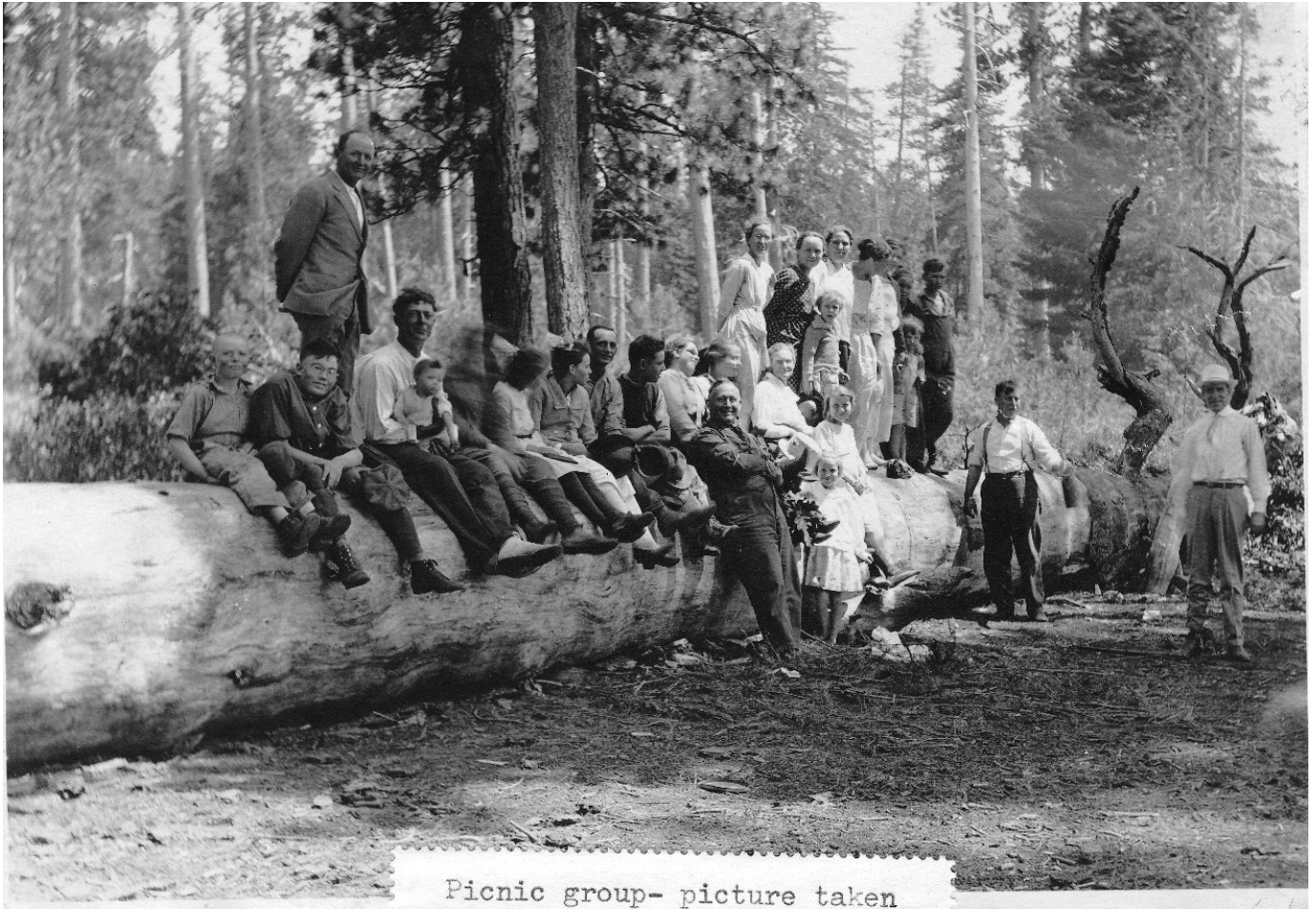




1920 Methodist Church at Suttle Lake



Picnic group- picture taken
by Ed Mason in picture and
being instructed by Rev. Lamb

Lamb.
Jaggart

Bottom Picture from left -
Kenneth Green, Wayne Jones, Mrs Van Noy
man & baby *Eugene Cook - 2 girls*
Guy Corwin - Johnny Lamb
Mrs Cook, (Mrs Cook in front) Belle Shedd
Grandma Corwin (standing on log) Mrs
Van Noy, Mrs Lamb, Myrtle Shedd
Wallace Hannon
Earl Van Noy
on ground - W B Lamb & Ed
Mason - children the Lambs

1920 Rev. Lamb with BSA



Rev. W. B. Lamb
with his scout troupe
about 1920

Kenneth Green, Karl Van Nooy,
Wayne Jones, Johnny Lamb.
Wallace Hannon, Van McTaggart
Eugene Cook & Rev. W.B. Lamb
Jap Seltzer



1920
Rev. W.B. Lamb
At Suttle Lake

At least two years before the Suttle Lake Institute, The Methodist Church of Madras was holding meetings and/or Picknics at Suttle Lake.

Jan. 26, 1922: (Impt) Definite decision to hold an institute at Suttle Lake or near the head of the Metolus River was made last Sunday at the meeting of the Central Oregon young peoples assn. Held at Redmond and attended by many young people from the Methodist Madras Church. Institute will open on Monday July 31 and close on Sunday evening Aug. 6. Several prominent speakers have signified their willingness to attend and appear on the program. Among them Dr. D.H. Leach, Dist. Supt. The Dalles Dist., Dr. Hickman of Kimball school of Theology of Salem and the Rev, Kirkpatrick pastor 1st church of Salem. Camping and open air meeting and numerous other program features promise to be most important of its kind held in the state this year. Attending from Madras were Rev. Hornibrook, E.W. Mason, Wayne Jones, Nellie Shutt and Jessie Nichols.

April 6, 1922: Epworth League Bazaar on April 15th money to be used as portion of expenses for Suttle Lake Institute. Another food sale on April 29, 1922 by Epworth League.

May 11, 1922: Ed Mason, Carl Hering, and Ted Stangland, went to Suttle Lake Mon. evening to pick out the Suttle Lake Institute grounds. They took the big sign to put up on the grounds they had made to avertise the institute.

June 1, 1922: Plans for the Suttle Lake Institute, a state wide gathering of the E. L's under direction of the Leagues in the Cen. Ore. Territory will be held at Suttle Lake the last day in July and first week in August are swiftly nearing completion according to E.W. Mason of Madras, President of the Institute. All parts of the state are interested and most plan to send delegates. The camping site will be between the Miller residence and the lake on the west side of Lake Creek and the natural stadium across the creek will be utilized for the programs. Programs in morning and afternoon for fishing, boating and swimming.

July 3, 1922: Mr. and Mrs. Shutt and family, Ted Strangland and Carl Hering spent the cleaning up ground and preparing for E.L. Institute which is to be held July 31 to Aug. 6 at Suttle Lake.



1922 Madras Group



1922 Madras doing Dishes



& Hiking at Blue Lake

Aug. 10, 1922: The Suttle Lake E.L. Institute held July 31 to Aug. 6 was unusually successful for a young affair as it is the first Institute of this character held in this part of Oregon. 91 registered for week and Sunday attendance was 138. Those attending for the week were Nellie, Louetta and Hazel Shutt, Margaret and Helen Klann, Helen Hering, Mr. & Mrs. Shutt, Mr. & Mrs. Ellis, Rev. Hornibrook, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Mason, Hazel Mason, Ted Standgland, Dorothy Daly, Jessie Johnson, Carl Hering, C.E. Rouch, Mr. Larkins, Carl Watts, Dale Larkins, Marion Klann, Wayne Jones and several others on Sunday. Dr. Leach was Dean of the Institute, Dr. Thomas H. Gallaher of Sunnyside M.E. Church, J.E. Thione, returned Missionary from Malaysia, Rev. Sassnet to 1st Meth Medford, on faculty at the close of the session. Officers were elected- Pres. J.O Gibson of Bend; Vice Pres. Ed Mason, Madras; Treas. Roy Holtberg, Prineville, Mr. Ed Mason publicity and Institute manager.

Dec. 7, 1922: dates set for 1923 Suttle Lake Institute, Aug 13 to 19.

May 17, 1923: Suttle Lake Institute Aug 13 to 19 Faculty announced by E. W. Mason, Manager of the Institute. Thomas A. Temple, Marshfield; John H. Secor, Pendleton; W. H. Hertzog, Salem; D. H. Leach, Portland; Charles A. Edwards, Salem; Thomas H. Gallagher, Portland; Marvin A. Rader, Chicago; and Miss Susan E. Kuler, Ashland.

May 31, 1923: E. L. of Madras to serve ice cream, cake and punch all day Sat, June 9 and dinner at noon. To have cream chicken, hot biscuits, mashed potatoes, gravy and green peas. Price of dinner—50 cents. Helen Van Noy and Louetta Shutt are arranging the dinner and sale of refreshments. Proceeds to be used for Suttle Lake Institute expenses.

July 19, 1923: Suttle Lake Institute plans are rapidly taking shape for the Aug 13 to 19 Institute. The program committee has outlined a course of study for the Institute. The committee is the 4 Central Oregon ministers: A.F. Lacy, Madras; C. M. Brown, Redmond; A. C. Clark, Prineville; and E. R. Sibley, Bend. Officers in charge of Institute are President, J. O. Gibson, Bend; Vice President, Everett Van Wert, Redmond; Secretary, Vivian Rasmussen, Bend; Treasurer, Roy Holtberg, Prineville; and E. W. Mason, Madras, Institute Manager.



1923 Pitching Horseshoes

1923 Raising the flagpole

Aug 23, 1923: Suttle Lake Institute, 204 registration, Madras League won honors, Took grand prize for efficiency and community integrity and the mess club that was organized for the Madras group with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ellis as cooks. 48 attended from Madras and 8 from Metolius. Officers for next year elected: President, J. O. Gibson, Bend; Manager and publicity, Ed Mason, Madras; Registrar, Helen Hering, Madras; Secretary, Vivian Rasmussen, Bend; and Treasurer, Ila Johnson, Prineville.

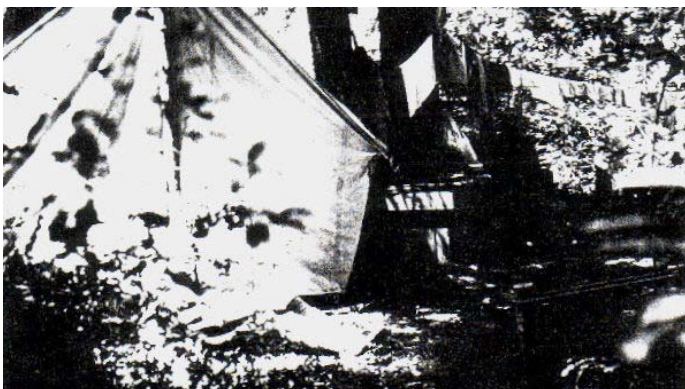


July 17, 1924: E. W. Mason and Carl Watts left yesterday morning with the Madras Trading Co truck loaded with tents, camp supplies, canned goods, etc to be used at the E.L. Suttle Lake Institute camp.



**1924 All Packed Up—
I.F. Shutt, Rev. Lacy and Carl Watts**

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis with Ted Gunderson and Willis Warren also drove up and the entire party will make a 2 day stay getting the campground ready for the Institute next Monday. B. S. Larkin will take up another load of more perishable supplies the latter part of the week. Mrs. W. C. Moore will have charge of the mess this year.



**The first frw years Attendees
camped in tents**

July 24, 1924: Suttle Lake E.L. Institute started Monday with between 75-100 in regular attendance. Fossil has one of the largest delegations on the grounds and Madras is also well represented. Representatives from Arlington, Bend, Redmond, Prineville, White Salmon, WA, and many other points. One large tent served as kitchen and 2 others as dining rooms. The Institute members take their turns setting the tables and washing dishes. Rev. Gallagher from Sunnyside M. E. Portland is back again. Miss Nellie Curtis is Dean of Women. J.E. Purdy, Bend, W. H Herzog, B.E. Parker pastor 1st church Portland and W.N. Byars. The annual Institute at Suttle Lake is one of the big things for the young people of Central Oregon.



1924 Bend and Madras



**1924 Suttle Lake
I.F. Shutt (grandfather), Nellie,
Jack and Carl Watts.
Jack was Baptized by Rev. Lacy**



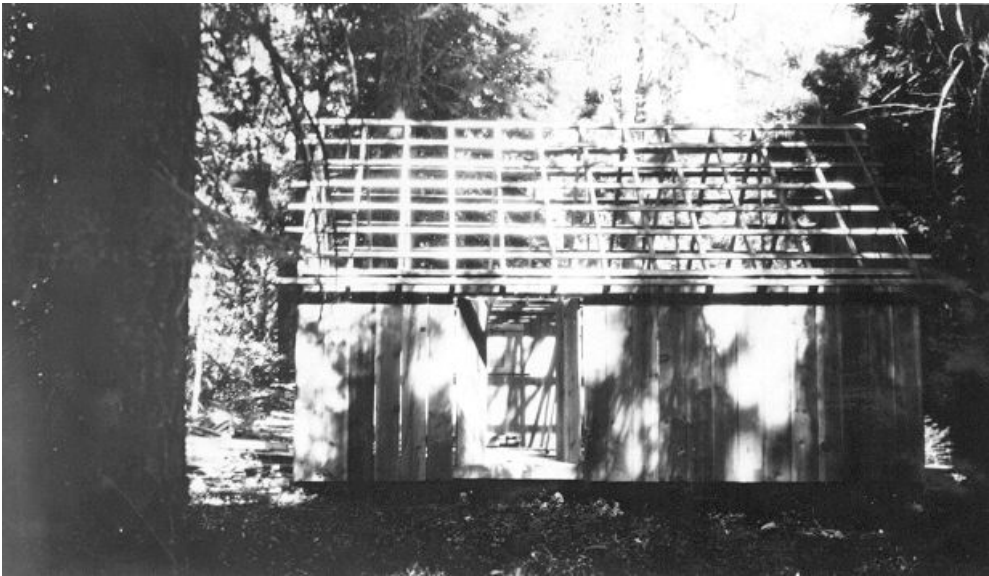
1924 Class in Chapel

Jan 29, 1925: Application has been made to the government for a lease of a permanent site located across the creek from the old Suttle lake Institute grounds. A permanent building 16x24 which will be used as a kitchen as well as 8 new cabins will be erected on the new site. This years Institute will be held July 27 to Aug 2.

May 28, 1925: E.W. Mason, J.O. Gibson, President Suttle Lake E.L. Institute and Rev Frank James, Bend M.E. pastor and district forester H.L. Plumb of Bend made trip to Suttle Lake Tuesday to complete work of surveying grounds that have been leased from the government by this organization. Approval of survey granted by Mr Plumb and the lease of 5 acres for a permanent site will be granted as soon as other preliminary requirements are met. Mr. Mason expects to take a party first of the month to build a road to the new grounds and the 15th of June several Leaguers will go for a week stay and erect building of annual Institute meeting.



**1925
Unfinished
Cabins**



**Unfinished
Dining Hall**



1925 Institute Class



1925 Bread Line Hike Day



1925 Suttle Lake is Cold

Aug 6, 1925: 4th annual Suttle Lake E.L. Institute closed last Sunday and in many respects was one of the most successful ever held. Rev J. H. Secor M.E. pastor at Pendleton, Dean, Miss Nellie Curtis, Dean of women—Other faculty members: B.E. Parker, pastor 1st Methodist Church Portland; Henry Young, pastor M.E. Hermiston; A.S. Hisey, Dist Supt M.E. Church; M.A. Marcy pastor at Hillsboro; E.O. Wolfe of Portland; Frank James, pastor at Bend; Oscar Payne of Fossil; Horace and James Kaye, pastors at Redmond and Prineville respectively; Prof. John B. Horner of OAC, author of a history of Oregon visited the Institute Mrs. Wm Moore and Mrs. Harry Gard were the cooks in the newly constructed kitchen.

April 23, 1926: E.L. convention held in Madras M.E. Church, Sunday. Rev Frank James of Bend and Rev Hoarce Kay, Redmond M.E. pastors were in attendance as well as delegations from Bend and Redmond. E.W. Mason was in charge of afternoon meeting and plans for Suttle Lake E.L. Institute were discussed.

June 17, 1926: (Picture of class at work at Institute) also program printed-institute to began July 26) whole front page of Pioneer on Institute)

July 29, 1926: Water supply for use of Suttle Lake Institute solved by installing a gasoline engine at a well at Lake Creek and piping the water to the grounds. The supply is pure and adequate to meet all needs.

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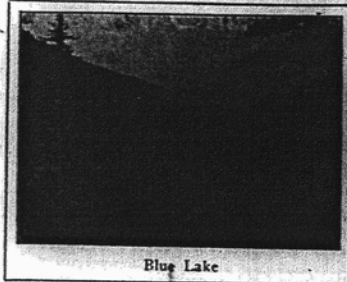
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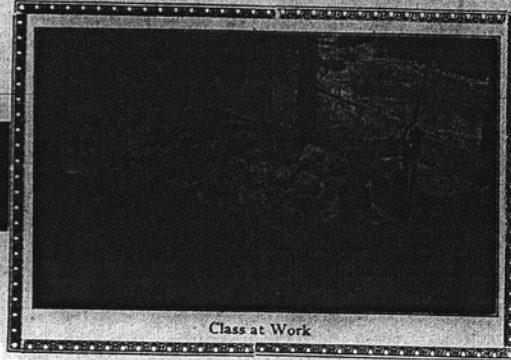
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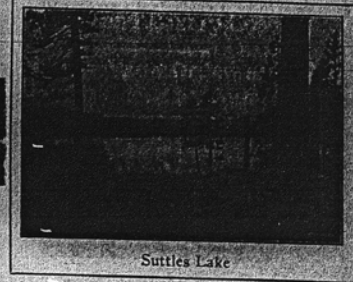
PROGRAMME: FIFTH ANNUAL SUTTLES LAKE EPWORTH LEAGUE INSTITUTE



Blue Lake



Class at Work



Suttles Lake

The fifth annual Institute will convene for its summer session at Suttles Lake on July 26th. This annual affair, which is looked forward to each year not only by a large group of local young people, but by a very great number from other parts of Central and Eastern Oregon, will be one of the biggest and best Institutes ever held. Each year new improvements are made, and conveniences looking toward the comfort of those attending are installed.

The present Institute is the outgrowth of a little meeting held in Redmond in the winter of 1920. A few of the Epworth League members met at that time, and among other things the possibility of conducting an Institute was suggested. These Institutes had become an established thing in other parts of the northwest, but had up to this time been considered too big an undertaking for this small band of people to put over. A second meeting was held in Prineville the spring of 1922, but it was decided to hold an Institute at Suttles Lake, and plans were made to conduct one the same year.

The first Institute, which was a novel undertaking for so small a group, was held on the concession at Suttles Lake, and for two years following the annual meeting was held there.

In order that the site might be a permanent one, a five acre tract of ground across Lake creek, was leased from the government, and on this site the Institute was held last year. Eight cabins, used as headquarters for the Institute instructors, and provided with beds, and other conveniences, were erected. A kitchen, equipped with range, cooking utensils, tables, etc., was also erected; water was piped to the grounds, underbrush cleared away, and a camp site where one could enjoy himself was prepared.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Morning

- 6:00—Morning Call.
- 6:30-7:15—Morning Watch.
- 7:30-8:15—Breakfast.
- 8:30-9:10—Bible Study.
- 9:15-9:55—Stewardship.
- First Department.
- Junior Methods.
- 10:00-10:15—Recreational Demonstration.
- 10:20-11:00—Mission Study.
- Life Work.
- 11:05-11:45—Evangelism.
- Church School Methods.
- Children's Hour.
- 11:50-12:30—Senior Methods.
- Methodism.
- 12:30—Dinner.
- 1:15-2:15—Quiet and Rest.
- 2:30-5:00—Recreation.
- 5:30-6:15—Supper.
- 6:30-7:10—Social Hour.
- 7:15-7:45—Song and Praise Service.
- 7:45-8:30—Evening Sermon.
- 8:30-9:30—Campfire Prayer Groups.
- 10:00—Taps—Lights Out—Quiet.

CAMP GROUNDS

There are plenty of good camp sites around the Institute grounds, so if you wish to camp, bring along your own outfit and pitch your tent.

MESS CLUB

Our mess club becomes more efficient, as we add improvements from year to year. This year the mess is

provided with its own dishes, bought by the Junior Leagues of Bend and Madras. It will not be necessary for you to bring any dishes as you have done in the past.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 6:30—Morning Call.
- 7:00—Morning Watch.
- 8:00—Breakfast.
- 9:30—Bible Study.
- 10:45—Morning Sermon.
- 1:00—Dinner.
- 3:00—Life Decision Service.
- 5:30—Supper.
- 7:15—Vesper Service.
- 7:45—Closing Sermon.

GOOD NIGHT

EVENING SERMONS

The evening sermons will be delivered each evening during the week by Dr. Paul Edwards of Sunnyside church of Portland.

STUNT NIGHT

Stunt Night, the fun night of the Institute, will be held on Thursday evening at 6:30.

FACULTY

The Dean

J. H. Secor will again be our dean. He will also conduct the class in Bible Study. Dr. Secor needs no introduction to Suttles Lake Instituters.

Morning Watch

B. E. Parker will again lead the class in worship in the early morning, preparing us for the activities of the day.

Methodism

A. S. Hisey will conduct the class in Methodism. You will be surprised at some of the things you will learn in this class.

First Department

W. S. Gleiser, a new man at Suttles Lake, but from all reports a valuable addition to our faculty, will conduct this department.

Junior Methods

Mrs. E. C. Alford, who assisted in the Junior work last year will conduct the class in junior and intermediate methods.

Senior Methods

M. A. Marcy will have charge of the class in Senior Methods. Nul sed.

Mission Study

G. O. Oliver, vice president of the Willamette University, will lead us in Mission Study. Mr. Oliver is a new man to us but we will be glad to make his acquaintance, and welcome him as a member of our faculty.

Life Work

E. C. Alford. By all means hear what Mr. Alford has to say about "Getting Into Your Life Work."

Evangelism

C. C. Rarick, another new member of our faculty. After a week spent in Mr. Rarick's class you will see evangelism in a new light.

Evening Sermons

Paul Edwards, of Sunnyside church, of Portland, will deliver the evening sermon each evening during the week. Let us make the most of these services.

MUSIC HATH CHARMS

Don't forget your musical instruments. No matter what you play, bring it along, it will add much to the charm of the Institute.

Columbia Valley Power Company Commences Work of Construction

A. F. DeCastro, engineer for the Columbia Valley Power Company, arrived in Madras early Monday morning, and immediately took steps to get a crew of local men on construction work.

The work of clearing the old O. T. right of way was commenced. Old ties were removed, weeds, rubbish and rocks that have rolled in since the track was abandoned about three years ago were removed. The proposed plan is to relay a portion of this lower track in order to take

the confluence of the Metolius with the Deschutes. Considerable preliminary work has been done toward the development of the Pelton site. About two years ago extensive investigations were conducted with the diamond point drill, and cross country lines for the transmission lines which will be carried across the mountains to supply an electric current for the large valley cities were surveyed.

Before the actual construction of the dam is commenced at Pelton it

is expected that Madras will be made the headquarters for men employed on this construction work, which, when in full swing, will employ between 200 and 250 men.

AIRPLANE BURNS

The DeHaviland plane, owned by Oakley G. Kelley and recently piloted by the owner to Madras for the sole purpose of taking a fishing trip, was destroyed by fire on

The motor stalled at a height of about 300 feet, when the ship burst into flames and crashed to the ground.

WILL CAMP AT SUTTLES LAKE

The Boy Scouts from Moro will camp this week on the Institute grounds at Suttles Lake. A nominal charge is made for the use of the equipment and many organizations are availing themselves of the

PLEAD GUILTY TO OFFENSE

Five people came to trial before Judge Bean of Portland on July 9, implicated in a moonshine deal dating from last February. C. M. Phillips and Frank Dimick were arrested on the 15th of February by the Jefferson county sheriff, Ray Freeman, about two and a half miles from the Heising ranch, on charge of having in their possession a still. Dimick and Phillips were

guilty. Dan Heising received a fine of \$500.00. Harry Heising was given three months in jail. C. M. Phillips four months, Frank Dimick one month, John Hollman a jail sentence of eight months, which will take effect after he has completed serving a term of three months in Klamath county, where he is now confined. Hollman had also been given a fine of \$500.00 for the previous offense in Klamath county.

Aug 5, 1926: Successful 5th annual Suttle Lake E.L. Institute closed last Monday. It is one of three in state. Others in Ashland and Falls City. More than 104 regular attendants registered. Officers elected for coming year: President

Paul Reynolds, Bend; Secretary, Vivian Benson, Bend; Treasurer Lois Morris, Fossil; Publicity Manager, E.W. Mason, Madras; J.O. Gibson, Mgr. Institute. Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Ellis in charge of the mess. Next year Bend will be in charge.

June 30, 1927: history of Suttle Lake Institute (brief) and program for this year also printed and a Junior Institute to be held at the same time.

July 7, 1927: Several car loads of "Institutors" from Madras, Redmond and Bend spent July 3rd and 4th at the E.L. Campgrounds at Suttle Lake. Sunday afternoon and evening given over to quarterly convention of Central Oregon Methodist young Peoples Association. Madras President Paul Reynolds who also led the evening service. Rev E.C. Alford of Redmond acted as song leader and the evening address was given by Rev Earl B. Cotton of Madras. On Monday all helped with cleaning the grounds for the annual Institute July 25th to Aug 1st. The carpenters and group began construction of new dining room on south of kitchen.

July 28, 1927: 6th annual Suttle Lake E.L. Institute opened Monday. Delegations are from Madras, Redmond, Bend, Klamath Falls, Fort Klamath, Bonanze, Hood River, The Dalles, Pine Grove, Dufur, Salem, Portland, Terrebonne, Moro, Fossil and Chicago. Those from Madras: Dorothy Moore, Pearl Poulsen, Hazel and Louetta Shutt, E.W. Mason and family, Mrs. B.S. Larkin and son Dale, Miss Elva J Smith, Rev E.B. Cotton and family, Rev A.F. Lacey of Pinegrove, Rev G.P. White of Fossil (both former Madras M.E. Pastors).

1927 Faculty

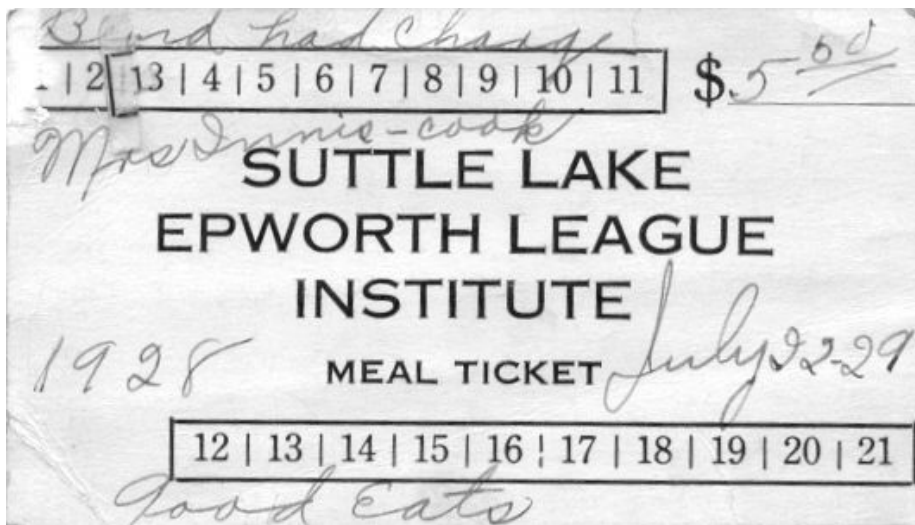


July 5, 1928: 7th Annual Suttle Lake E.L. Institute to be held July 23 to July 30th. Manager J.O. Gibson, Bend; Registrar, Rev. Henry Young, Hood River; Secretary, Vivian Rasmussen, Bend; Treasurer, Paul Reynolds, Bend; Rev Earl B. Cotton, Madras, Business Mgr.

July 19, 1928: Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hering and daughter, June, Mrs. B.S. Iarkin, Hazel Shutt, and Harl Van Noy left first of the week for Suttle Lake to make preparations for the E Faculty.L. Institute. There is a water tank being put up which will permit water to be piped into the kitchen. B.S. Larkin and son, Dale, took up a truck load of provisions and supplies.

July 26, 1928: 20 delegates attending E.L. Institute from Madras and others are planning to attend on Sunday.

Aug 2, 1928: 7th annual E.L. Institute at Suttle Lake. Morning Watch conducted by Dr. A.S. Hisey, Sut. Eastern District. Other Instructors: Dr. J.D. McCormack, Salem; Mrs. R.A. Feenstra; Moro; Rev. Dean Poindexter, Ft. Klamath; Rev A.F. Lacy, Pine Grove; Rev E.C. Alford, Sutherlin; Ira Aldrich, Bend, Dean of Institute; Prof. Jas. T. Matthews, Willamette University; Rev W.S. Gleiser, Newberg; and evening speaker Dr. F. Wemett, K. Falls; Dr. Clarence Tru Wilson from Washington D.C., one of the speakers.



1928 Meal Ticket

July 18, 1929: Annual Suttle Lake E.L. Institute to begin July 22. Principal speaker will be Dr. Wilbert Dawson, pastor of the First Methodist of Portland. Rev P. M. Blenkinsop, Bend, Dean; Mrs. F. R. Wemmett, K.F., Dean of Women; George Childs, Bend, Manager; Dorothy Moore, Madras, Registrar; Paul Reynolds, Bend, Registrar; Dean Poindexter, Hood River, Publicity Manager; Louetta Shutt, Madras, Secretary; Dr. J.P. McCormick, Salem, Life Service

Sec., and Miss Ada Newby, Bend, Junior Department Worker. E.L. Institute 110 delegates.

July 17, 1930: July 21st, from 100-200 young people will gather at Suttle Lake for the 9th E.L. Institute. They will come from as far away as Pendleton, Hood River and Klamath Falls. A strong faculty has been procured and a stimulating program is provided. Central Oregon is fortunate in having such a gathering in our midst where the young folks can meet at this beautiful lake for inspiration, fellowship and fun.

July 24, 1930: Among Madras people attending Suttle Lake Institute this week are Mrs. B.S. Larkin and Dale, Mr. and Mrs Carl R. Watts, Miss Louetta Shutt, and Rev and Mrs. R.R. Finkbeiner.

May 28, 1931: E.L. from Bend and Madras are going to Suttle Lake Friday and Saturday to clean up Institute grounds. They will remove blown down trees from recent wind, repair and clean buildings and general cleaning. Rev Alford of Bend, Rev Finkbeiner, Carl Hering and Carl Watts of Madras will have charge of the work. 26 members went from Madras.

July 16, 1931: E.L. Institute will convene July 24, through Aug 2.

July 30, 1931: Attending E.L. Institute at Suttle Lake this week are Mrs. Carl Watts and children, Mrs. Dorothy Moore, May Ringo and Rev and Mrs. R.R. Finkbeiner and children.

June 9, 1932: A goodly delegation of E.L. Members went to Suttle Lake over Memorial Day weekend to assist in clean up of Institute grounds. On Monday, more came from Metolius and Bend.

July 14, 1932: E.L. Institute to be held July 22-28. District Supt. Dr. Thomas D. Yarnes, Salem. Dean Rev W.S. Gleiser, Newberg; Dean of Women Mrs. Nellie Watts, Madras; Manager, Rev R.R. Finkbeiner, Madras; Treasurer, Paul Reynolds, Bend; Director of Music, Rev Payne, Hermiston; Director of Recreation, Rev Nat Buckley, Hood River; Publicity Manager, Rev Joseph Knotts, The Dalles

July 28, 1932: Suttle Lake Institute, Dr. Harrison, former pastor of Centenary Wilbur Church of Portland is evening speaker. Local people attending were Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Ellis (in charge of mess), Mr. and Mrs. Carl Watts and Caryl Ann, Eulalia and Lottie Crews, Alma Gunderson, Dale Larkin, Rev R.R. Finkbeiner and family. 100 registered to attend.

July 13, 1933: Suttle Lake Institute opens today under direction of Rev A.J. Finkbeiner of Madras, manager, assisted by Walter Weaver of Wasco. Dean of

Institute, Rev W.S. Gleiser of Newberg, Mrs. Carl Watts Dean of Women. About 200 were present. Madras E.L. to present play "What Will I Do With Christ" written by Rev. A.J. Finkbeiner. Madras delegates: Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Links and family, Rev. and Mrs. A.J. Finkbeiner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Watts and family, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Ellis, Erma and Margaret Sumner, Loretta Crews, Dorothy Moore, Rachel Patterson, Maxine Godney, Margaret Jackson, Helen Andrus and Evelyn Cottle. Each year the Institute gets larger and better and is a wonderful vacation for the young people.

Feb 15, 1934: Suttle Lake Institute Commission will meet for a school session at the M.E. Church in The Dalles. Those from Madras and Metolius to go are Mrs. Dale Larkin, Miss Dorothy Moore and R.R. Finkbeiner. Plans for Institute for the coming summer are to be discussed.

July 12, 1934: Mrs. Nellie Watts, Iva and Eulalia Crews and Mrs. Dale Larkin, Evelyn Cottle, Dale Larkin, Vern Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hering, June and Hazel Shutt, Barbara and Vernon Mitchell, Steven and Mary Anderson are among Madras people attending E.L. Institute at Suttle Lake.

July 26, 1934: Approxamatley 130 people representing 15 towns are attending E.L. Institute at Suttle Lake. 15 from Madras and Metolius. Officers; Dean, W.S. Gleiser, Pendleton, General Manager, Rev. R.R. Finkbeiner, Metolius, and Dean of Women, Nellie Watts. Evening speaker, Rev. Acheson of Centenary Wilber, Portland, campfire service follows evening service.

July 4, 1935: E.L. Institute July 16-22. Officers Dean C. Poindexter, Dean of Women, Nellie Watts, Manager, R.R. Finkbeiner, Director of Recreation, H.E. Shellhart, Life Work Secretary, Rev. C.F. Restow, Registrar Elaine Merchant, Leaders are, O.R. Vincent, Hood River; Louis Megin, Salem; Frances Kinsh, Shedd; Ralph Kleen, Brownsville; S. Raynor Smith, Tigard; J.B. Coan, Klamath Falls; L.A. Wood, Lebanon; S. H. Shellhart, Wendling; Alice Brown, John Casteel and C.F. Ristow, Eugene; and W.A. Briggs. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis will cook for the group.

July 25, 1935: 14th Annual Suttle Lake E.L. Institute closed Monday. More than 160 attended. Those from Madras were Rev and Mrs. Paul G. Roeder and Betty Ann, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Ellis, Mrs. J.R. Blakely and Betty Jo, Mrs. Nellie Watts and Caryl Ann; Iva Crews, Verla and Ruth Moehring, Myrthena and Fred Martin, Ruth Killingbeck, Audrey Tucker, Barbara Thomas, Dick Fuller, Edgar Winters, I.F. Shutt, and Hazel Shutt.

July 9, 1936: The 14th annual E.L. Institute will open Monday at Suttle Lake. Officers of the Institute: District Supt Sidney Hall and Louis Magin both of Salem; Dean, Rev. Dean C. Poindexter; Assisstant Dean, G.W. Bruce, The

Dalles, Dean of Women, Nellie Watts, Manager, R.R. Finkbeiner, Hermiston; Director of Recreation, H.E. Shellhart, of Wendling, Life Work Secretary, Rev.C.F. Restow, Eugene; Registrar, Elene Merchant, Bend. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis assisted by Mrs. Eliza Kemp and Mrs. B.B. Bell in charge of kitchen and Fred Martin in charge of grounds.

July 16, 1936: Jefferson Co. people attending Institute were Rachel and Blanche Patterson, Erma Sumner, Loretta Crews, Verla Moehring, Patsy and Joe Toothman, Mrs. Nellie Watts, Frederick Martin, Rev Paul G. Roder, Mrs. J.W. Warren, Mrs. B.B. Bell and Darlene, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Ellis, Mrs Eliza Kemp, Jackie Watts, Mrs Carl Wawrinofsky, and Rev and Mrs G.A. Maag.



July 23, 1936: 210 attended E.L. Institute last week. 24 from Madras and Metolius, 23 from Salem, Hermiston and Echo 22, The Dalles 23, Bend 9, Hood

River 14, Wendling 14, Eugene 9, Klamath Falls 20, Portland, Pine Grove, O'Dell, Halsey, Oakridge and Shedd also sent delegates.

July 22, 1937: E.L. Institute at Suttle Lake to open July 12 through 18. 165 people attended E.L. Institute. Rev Fedje was evening speaker. Fred Martin re-elected manager for next year assisted by Rev. R. R. Finkbeiner of Hermiston, Dean Poindexter will be dean and Mrs. Nellie Watts. Dean of Women. Cooks are Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. J. R. Blakely, Redmond, and Maxine Kelley, Madras. Attending from Madras were; Jack Watts, Erma Sumner, Lottie Crews, Rev. and Mrs. W.J. Douglas and Fred Martin.

July 7, 1938: E.L. Institute to be July 16-22. Fred Martin and W.A. Ellis are working on connecting the Institute camp with government water line.

July 28, 1938: 275 on Sunday at Institute. Enrollment 252 and average attendance of 220 during week. Attending from Madras were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ellis, Maxine Kelley, Mrs. Ralph Moore, Fred Martin, Mildred Zemke, Joe Toothman, Jack, Lynden and Mrs. Nellie Watts, Rev. Frank. Brown, Billie Thomas, Kathleen Cooper, Olive Crews. Two outstanding features; Galilean service held at the edge of Suttle Lake and communion service in temple in the woods. Dr. Stevens of Corvallis M. E. Church was evening speaker. There was a hike to the top of Black Butte where morning watch service was held. Officers for year were elected. They are: Dean, Rev. Roy Fedje Hood River, ass't Dean, Rev. Ross Knotts, Odell, Grounds Manager, Fred Martin, Gateway, Business Manager, Rev. Stearnes Cushing, Jr., Hermiston, Recreational Director, Rev. Frank E. Brown, Madras, Register, Fredora Hall, Bend, Dean of Women, Nellie watts. Camp Beautiful prize awarded to Madras and Bend took prize for camp improvements.

July 6, 1939: Fred Martin, W.A. Ellis and Harvey DeVries made trip to Suttle Lake Wed. to prepare grounds for Institute July,5-22.

July 20, 1939: E.L. Institute opened Sat. at Suttle Lake with Meth. Youths from all parts or Oregon present. About 230 registered are attending this year. Mornings and evenings devoted to study, afternoons to recreation activities. Outstanding speakers and Instructors include Dr. Sidney W. Hall, Dr. Bruce Baxter, and Dr. B.E. Parker of Salem, Dr. Ray Dunn, Dr. Guy Goodsell, Miss Bertha Pease of Ptld., and Miss Sybil Tucker of Corvallis. Fred Martin is grounds mgr. and Mrs. Nellie Watts, dean of women. Attending from Madras, Rev. Harvey deVries, Caryl Ann and Jack Watts, Joe Toothman, Olive Crews, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Ellis and I.F. Shutt. Representatives from 27 Oregon Towns present. Institute given Additional grant of land making 8 5/8 acres. New platform for outdoor auditorium, and extension of electric lighting system. Fred Martin, grounds mgr. supervised work.

July 11, 1940: E.L. Institute to begin at Suttle Lake Sat. July 13-20, Fred Martin, Grounds mgr. Nellie Watts, Dean of Women. Others to attend I.F. Shutt, Lynden and Jack Watts, Mary Ann Crews, and Laurel Gard, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Davis.



1940 Rev Charles Brown



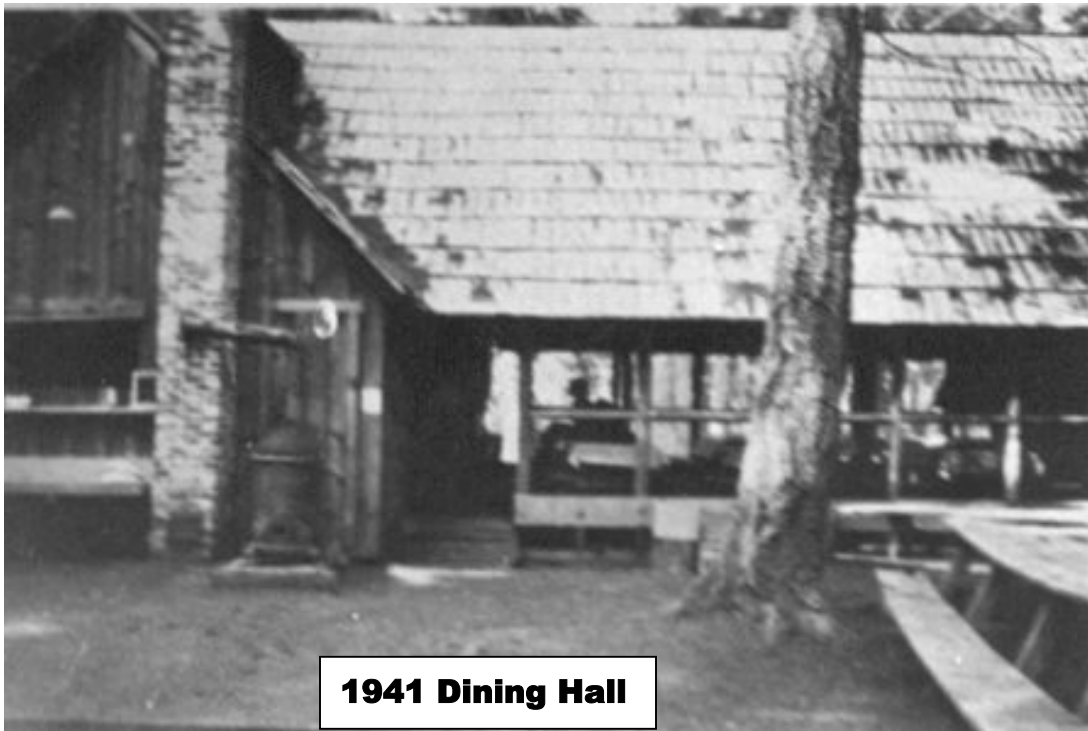
1940 Rev Dean Poindexter



1940 Student Body

July 25, 1940: Two hundred young people and their leaders at Suttle Lake Institute. The Galilean Service by the Lake most impressive. A lighted cross on one boat and the speaker in another. Across the lake Lynden Watts played a trumpet which sent it's bell like tones across the water and added to the impressiveness of the service. About 25 Leagues represented.

July 10, 1941: Mr. and Mrs, Emil Henske and children, were at Suttle Lake July 4, helping fix up the grounds for Institute. Fred Martin and Jack and Lynden Watts were also there. July 12-19' Suttle Lake Institute)



1941 Dining Hall

Right, 1941 Student Body Hour

Below, 1941 Lake Creek Bridge



Student Body Hour



Sept 25, 1941: Plans for development of Suttle Lake Meth. Institute through construction of a new bldg. were discussed at a committee meeting with Ralph W. Crawford, Deschutes National Forest supervisor in Bend Tues. Construction to be on Institute grounds. Plans to be drawn by Forest Service regional architect. Present for conference were, Oliver Gill, Pendleton; Dean Poindexter, The Dalles; Ben Davis, Dufur, and Fredrick Martin, Madras.

June 18, 1942: Suttle Lake Institute will be held July 11-18. Rev. Roy A. Fedje of Astoria will be dean and Nellie Watts, Madras, dean of women, and Fred Martin, Madras, in charge of grounds.

July 16, 1942: Suttle Lake Institute opens Sunday. Those attending from Madras: Mrs. Nellie Watts and Carylann Watts, Jewell Links, Wesley Henske, and Kenneth Hodge. More than 360 in attendance Wednesday. Faculty from the entire Cascade District. Largest group from Portland 68, 2nd was 61 from Salem.

July 15, 1943: About 9 people from Jefferson Co. will attend Suttle Lake Institute July 17-24. Planning to attend are: Rev Mrs. Ed Carlson, Nellie Watts Dean of Women, Jewell Links, Donna Ramsey, Wesley Henske, Jack and Lynden Watts, Betty McKenzie, and Carylann Watts. This is the 23rd annual Institute.

July 29, 1943: 194 attended Institute from Klamath Falls, Lakeview, The Dalles, Hood River, Hermiston, Pendleton, Prineville, Alpine, Astoria, Canby, Salem, Portland, Junction City, Lebanon, St. Helens, and Seaside. Closed Friday night with a communion and decision service held on top of the hill in back of the auditorium with a log covered with moss for an altar and 3 tall crosses.



1943

July 6, 1944: The youth camp which began its history at Suttle lake originally designated as Epworth League Institute, was started as a joint Project by

Methodist churches of Bend, Redmond, Prineville, and Madras. It is now a conference project which makes it Statewide in influence. This year the camp will be held from July 15 to 22. Mrs. Lucille Libby, returned missionary from China and now pastor at Donald, Oregon will conduct morning watch. The evening speaker will be Dr. Knight of Willamette University of Salem.

July 20, 1944: Those attending from Madras, Mrs. Nellie Watts, serving as Dean of women, Jewel Links, Donna Ramsey, Norma Kennedy, Betty and Shirley McKenzie, Caryl Ann Watts, Marion Rumohr, Eldon King, and Rev. Mrs. Ed Carlson, Meth. Pastor. 299 in attendance. Dean of Institute Rev. R.A. Fedje, Astoria; Assoc. Dean, Rev. Glenn Olds, Evanston, Ill.; Bus. Mgr. Rev. Robert Mc Ilvenna, Bend, Asst. Bus. mgr. Rev. Carl Mason, Junction City; acting grounds mgr. Rev, Robert Mc Ilvenna, and asst., Rev. Myron Pogue; Registrar-Treasurer, Mrs. Fredora Lingerfelt, Bend and many other faculty members.



1944

Sept. 14, 1944: Meth. to improve camp. The enrollment has far outgrown the Present dinning room and kitchen facilities. Also a room is needed to be used as an auditorium. A portion of a large estate known as The Carrier estate left to Suttle Lake Institute bldg. fund on a percentage basis. For every dollar raised for

this fund, we will receive one percentage from the Carrier estate. Sunday, Sept 30, will be known as Institute Sunday and pledges will be received, to be paid by Nov 1st.

July 12, 1945: Meth. Institute at Suttle Lake July 14-20. Mrs. Nellie Watts, dean of Women and chaperon of the following group of young people: Wesley Henske, Jackie Bryant, Caryl Watts, Joan Lewis and Leoda Wallace will leave Sat. for Suttle Lake Institute.

July 19, 1945: Institute, 35 Meth. Churches represented from the Willamette Valley and Eastern Oregon. Thirty-six from Rose City Park Church in Ptld., largest. Mrs. A.B. Lingerfelt, Registrar; Rev. Robert McIlvenna, Bend, grounds mgr., Rev. R. A. Fedje, Astoria, Dean; Rev. Albert Place, Lakeview, recreation director; Rev. Ralph Kleen, Tillamook, bus. mgr. Rev. Glenn Olds conducted morning service Sunday and Dr. Frank Bennett, Supt. Salem schools, gave evening address. Construction of a lodge and cabins on the Institute grounds will start as soon as materials are available. A bldg. fund of \$9,500 is now available.



Aug 2, 1945: The Meth. Church is holding its first Institute at Suttle Lake for intermediates. Those attending from Jeff Co are Florence Henske, Carol Lochrie and Harriett Hawkins.

July 25, 1946: 187 participated the past week at the annual Institute of Meth. Young people at Suttle Lake. Those attending from Madras: Jewel and Gordon Links, Florence and Wesley Henske, Caryl and Jack Watts, Betty Stiegelmeir, Jimmy Ramsey, George Moore, Lewis Crocker, Joe Cram, Rev. W.J. Hamilton and Mrs. Nellie Watts. Aporex. 75 intermediate young people are encamped at Suttle Lake this week.



1946 1st Session



1946 2ed Session

July 24, 1947: 210 present at Meth. Institute at Suttle Lake, July 7-19th., 160 were students. Those attending from Madras: Rev. C.E. Brittain, Florence Henske, Mrs. Nellie Watts, Caryl Watts, Darlene Nichols, Cecile Kemp, and Jack Waud. A second session will be held Aug. 23-30. This year's theme was "We Test Our Lives by Thine".

July 8, 1948: With the first group scheduled to gather at the Suttle Lake Meth Youth Camp Sat. July 10, Dr. Roy A. Fedje of Salem, Dist. Supt. of Salem Dist. reported that work on the camp, which will eventually make it a \$50,000 to \$60,000 development, is well underway. The dining room has a seating capacity for 240 persons. Fireplaces in both dining halls and the basement, also cooks quarters. A light plant is being installed.

July 15, 1948: Those attending Meth. Suttle Lake camp from Madras are Mrs. Nellie Watts and Caryl Watts, Dorothy Lewis, Harriet Hawkins, Carol Lochrie, Gordon Links, James Ramsey, and Rev. Walter R. Warner.



1948

July 14, 1949: Madras Methodist church folks will use the new \$75,000.00 lodge at Suttle Lake for first time Saturday when they move in for a weeks stay. Members going are Mrs. Nellie Watts, Joan Hedgepeth, Dorothy Lewis, Frank Ross, Gordon Galbraith, jr., and Rev. Walter R. Warner. Mrs. Watts will hold her traditional post of Dean of Women of the camp and Rev. Warner will be leader of a guest group.

July 28, 1949: Nine children left from Madras Methodist Church Sunday for six days at Suttle Lake Methodist Camp. They are: Helen Links, Leatrice Dwigans, Jeanette Van Wert, Helen Albrecht, Sandra Beasley, Gail Clowers, Alan Stevenson, Merle Combs and Dick Warner.

August 25, 1949: A total of twenty-three members of the Madras Methodist Church have attended church camps this summer either at Suttle Lake or at Camp Magruder and camp activities ends this Saturday. The Sunday service will be observed as Suttle Lake Sunday and the members attending some camp this summer will participate in the service.

July 20, 1950: Mrs. Nellie Watts, Jack and Caryl Watts, Bob Drain and I.F. Shutt attended morning service of Methodist Youth at Suttle Lake Institute Sunday. Rev.Laurance Burdette of Prineville is the dean in charge.

July 12, 1951: Rev. Armon Lathrop, new minister of the Methodist Church is spending this week at Suttle Lake Methodist camp.



1951

January 1, 1953: At an interdenominational "Snow" retreat of Central Oregon protestant youth Sunday and Monday at Suttle Lake, Shirley Henske of Madras was elected President and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clowers were elected adult counselors. A total of 76 young people from Madras, Metolius, Warm Springs, Bend, Prineville and Redmond attended.

August 13, 1953: Bunny Hedgepeth, Gregg Macy and Ronald Wilhite spent last week at Suttle Lake Youth Camp.



Earl Mitchell,
Dean of
Little Lake
Student Camp

Council
July 31 to
August 6

Camp 1955

Right ① Leatrice
Dwigans

Set ~~at~~ Church
1955 Camp Little Lake -
Special Dinner

Japan table

"Lurena"

Left - ① Marilyn Macy
② Sally Galbraith

Right ② Leatrice
Dwigans



Little Lake
Church Camp -
talent night -
very daring in
short pjs!

Left → Right

① Leatrice Dwigans
② Marilyn Macy ③? ④?
⑤ Earl Hedge, counselor
⑥? ⑦ Sally Galbraith
⑧? ⑨?

1955 Waiting
to go home from
Suttle Lake
Top of stump -
Marilyn Macy
Left - Sally
Galbraith
?
Right - Leatrice
Dwigans



August 18, 1955: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dwigans drove to Suttle Lake Friday to bring their daughter Sheryl and Carol Olsen home from the Youth camp.

December 15, 1955: The M.Y.F. group met Sunday evening with Mary Stratton and with Richard Snapp in charge of program. Plans made for their snow retreat to be held December 30 - 31 at Suttle Lake. They will hold their Christmas party December 21 at home of Leatrice Dwigans. At the close of meeting Sally Galbraith was surprised with a birthday cake and "Happy Birthday" song

July 12, 1956: Madras Methodist men donated material and more than 100 hours of labor to build a cabin at Suttle Lake during Salem District Methodist retreat, June 29 to July 1. The 12 x 18 foot one-room cabin will accommodate five bunk beds and will be available for youth attending various functions there.



Building the "Madras Cabin"



Building the "Madras" cabin



July 1956 Cabin-"Madras"



Everett Van West of Madras the "Madras" cabin



Building the "Madras" cabin

August 9, 1956: Five Madras Young people, Marilyn Macy, Marilyn Horigan, Leatrice Dwigans, Sally Galbraith, and Alan Stevenson attended the Methodist Youth Camp at Suttle Lake July 29 to August 4. They were accompanied by the Rev. Charles Kerr who acted as counsellor at the camp.



1956 Suttle Lake Lodge





"Crawdads" 1956
Phil Stevenson
Daug Mary
Larry Farrell
John Newton



1956 - Jeanette Macy
(seated)



Evelyn Durgans and
Madras kids



August 1, 1957: Attending the Methodist Institute at Suttle Lake this week are Carol Olsen, Lynn Holmes, Sheryl Dwigans and Rev. Charles Kerr, who is a counselor there.

June 25, 1959: Madras Methodist families are to attend the layman's' service this weekend at the Suttle Lake Methodist Camp sponsored by the Methodist men's group of Salem District Friday evening through Sunday noon.

September 24, 1959: Methodist Churches of Central Oregon scheduled a retreat at Suttle Lake Methodist Camp for September 26 and 27. The theme of the retreat is to be "Prayer". Resource leaders will be Rev. James Thompson, Bend; Reverend Dale Harris, Gilchrist; and the Rev. Charles Kerr of Madras. Special speaker will be Dr. Rector Johnson, District Superintendent of the Salem District, Dr. Stauffer, Marriage Counselor from Eugene.

February 6, 1964: Seventeen members of the Madras MYF attended the annual snow retreat at Suttle Lake over the past weekend, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clowers. About 50 young people and their chaperones were present from Methodist churches in Bend, Gilchrist, John Day and Madras.

July 11, 1968: The Rev Thomas W Foster, pastor at Madras Methodist Church served last week as Dean of the Senior High Methodist Camp at Suttle Lake. The Rev Wayne L. Hill of Bend Methodist church filled the pulpit in Madras on Sunday.

MYF at Suttle Lake 1960s



**Shirley Groves, Cheryl McClasky, Rebecca Macy, Maureen Dwigans, Carol Jasa, Diana Raburn, Judy Brooks, Sharon Jones
Front: John Nettleton, Wayne Maw, Doug Macy, Phil & Brian Stevenson, Jerry Morris**



Sharon Jones, Judy Brooks, Diana Raburn



John Nettleton, Jerry Morris, Wayne Maw, Brian Stevenson, Doug Macy, Phil Stevenson almost out of photo

July 1, 1976: The Methodist Suttle Lake Camp will be the location for the July 3 celebration of the 1926 signing of a lease for five acres of land at the lake. A metal box, placed behind one of the rocks in the lodge fireplace, will be removed in the 11:30 A.M. ceremony and its contents examined. The box was placed there August 19, 1948. A potluck picnic lunch will be held at noon. Those attending from Madras were; Rev. and Mrs. Tom Foster and family, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Van Wert and two granddaughters, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Galbraith, Mrs. Helen Hering, John Watts, Nellie Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Links and daughter Helen.

In the 1970's, a major transition was underway nationwide among camp leaders - a realization that outdoor ministries needed program Directors that could also manage site facilities in order to meet the challenges of the times and anticipated in the future. In 1978, Bob Cagle was appointed as the first Director/Manager at Suttle Lake - ending the days when it was sufficient to operate a camp with only a year-round caretaker on site. Bob is remembered for excellent leadership in recruitment and training of volunteers for both program and site development. Many people of all ages became involved in facility improvements through annual Memorial Day weekend "Round-ups" which continue to this day. One of the practices introduced then that continue today was the establishment of split rail fences to limit footpaths and vehicles on site, and involve participants in reestablishing natural re-vegetation areas.

In 1979 plans for a new retreat center and apartment for housing an assistant manager were under way. Wesley Meadow Lodge was completed in 1981.

A Director's Residence was completed in 1991, expanding the possibilities for staff housing beyond the apartments in Pioneer and Wesley Meadows.

Over the years the camp built relationships with many community organizations and groups - hosting church groups from a variety of denominations, schools, and others. Special arrangements with a few organizations deserve mention here. The Crook County School District has continued a strong tradition of weeklong outdoor schools since May of 1957 still providing instruction in forestry, plant studies, wildlife, creative writing, water quality analysis, and outdoor survival skills. They call the week at Suttle Lake "Camp Chinquapin". Each year the participating classes have planted a tree or bush on the campgrounds. The Presbytery of the Cascades used to operate a camp on USFS land at Santiam Lodge. When that was no longer possible, a long-term agreement was entered into with the UMC at Suttle Lake, and Suttle Lake continues to be home to all the Presbyterians in central Oregon and the Willamette Valley areas today. Other well-known groups that count on Suttle Lake for hospitality include Redmond/Bend/Sisters Hospice (Camp Sunrise), Janus Youth Program- residential programs for at-risk youth, Oregon Fish and Wildlife - for their program "Becoming an Outdoor Woman", the Oregon Lung Association - statewide camp for children with asthma, and the House of Umoja - a camp experience for young men in an Afro-centric transition program in Northeast Portland.

The camp operates under a special lease permit through the US Forest Service.

The Suttle Lake area is a unique eco-system where the vivid green from the west meets the sunny east. If you were to go 5 miles in any direction from the camp, you'd find a very different setting.

Suttle Lake is one of the largest and best known moraine dam lakes in Oregon. When the glaciers of the last great Ice Age began to retreat 20,000 years ago, they left basins carved in rock and they left moraines. After the glaciers receded, many of the moraines acted as dams and impounded water from each winter's melting snowfields.

Native American peoples used the land near the outlet of Lake Creek as temporary camps for groups returning from the Obsidian Cliffs quarry near the Three Sisters. (approximately 2,000 - 4,500 years ago)

The camp strives to make ecological choices in its operations. Recycling and composting are just a small part of what you'll see at Suttle Lake Camp. Staff find innovative ways to conserve resources; including installing on-demand water heaters in the upper shower house, and making education choices when purchasing cleaning supplies.

Link Creek joins Suttle Lake with the spring fed Blue Lake. Lake Creek flows from Suttle Lake to the Metolius River, which joins the Deschutes River approximately 100 miles above the confluence of the Deschutes and Columbia River. The Columbia River flows along the northern border of Oregon and flows into the Pacific Ocean near Fort Stevens State Park, just west of Astoria, Oregon.

In 2004:

- 3,379 people were guests at Suttle Lake
- over 70 nonprofit organizations were served at Suttle Lake
- 26 different multi-day events were offered by Suttle Lake
- 611 children and youth participated in our 2004 summer events
- 18,089 individual meals were served

GROUND BREAKING Aug. 30 '80
Suttle Lake Self-contained Lodge
Lee Barker, Contractor
Warren Seward, USFS with Bill Vollmer and
Dave & Kathy Stevenson, Site and Bldg. Committee





Aug. 1980 ? -- ?-- David & Kathy Stevenson & Bill Vollmer

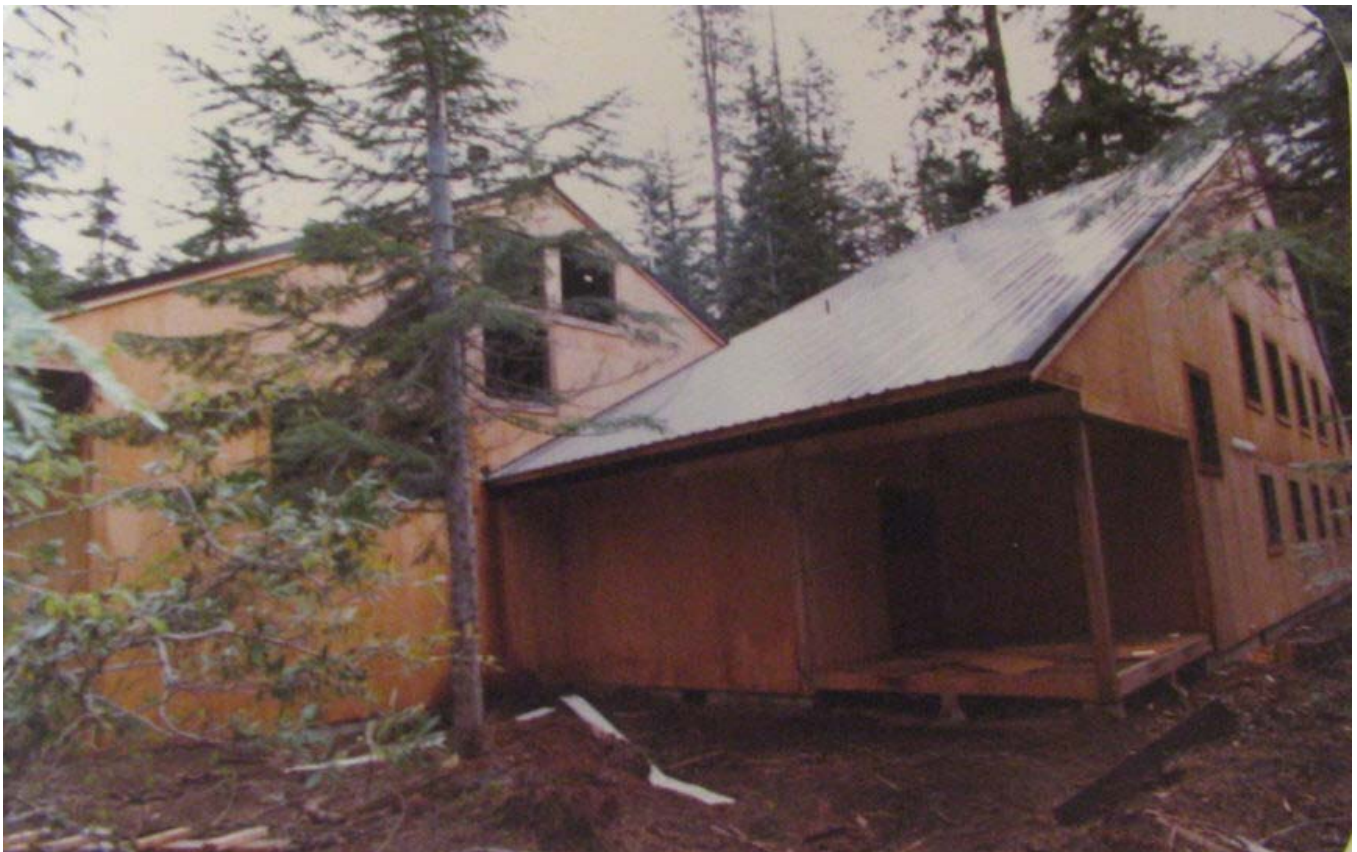


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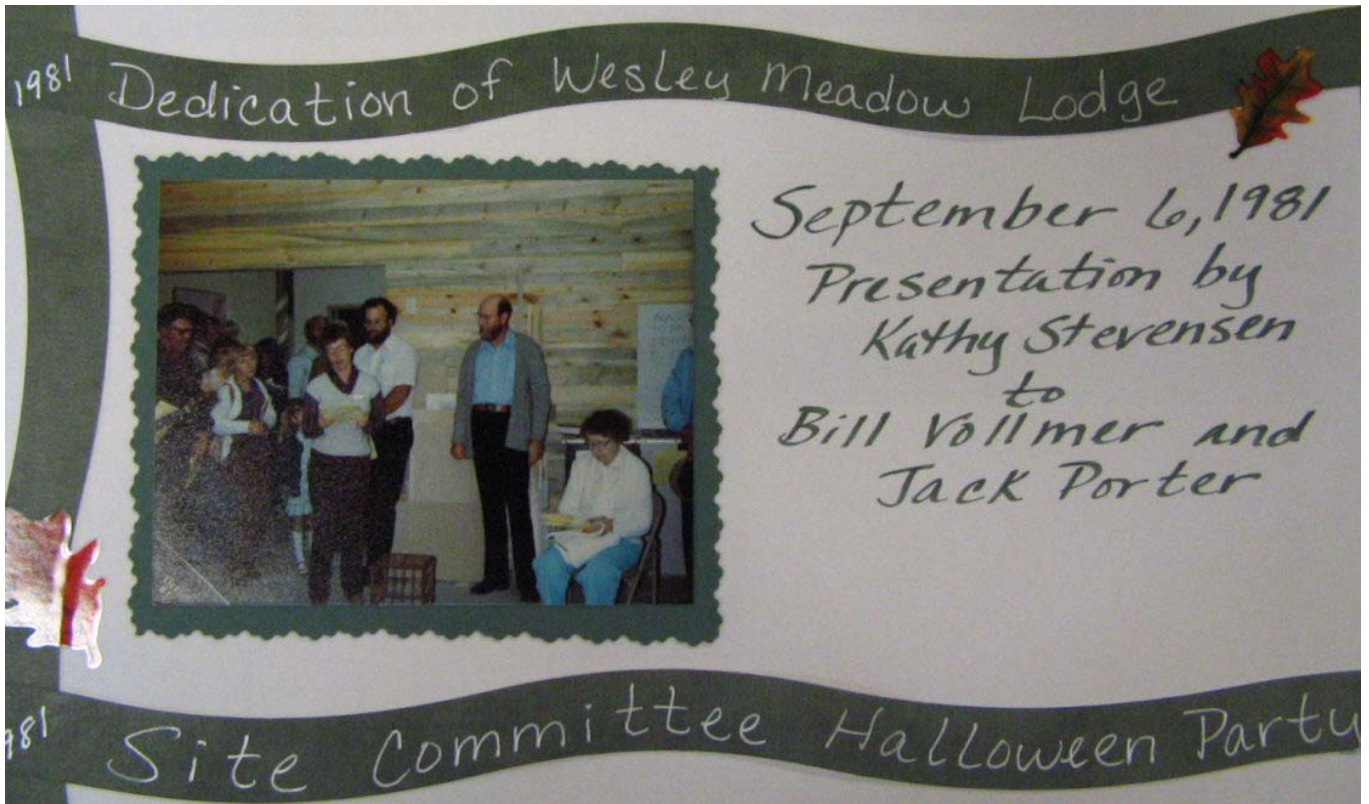




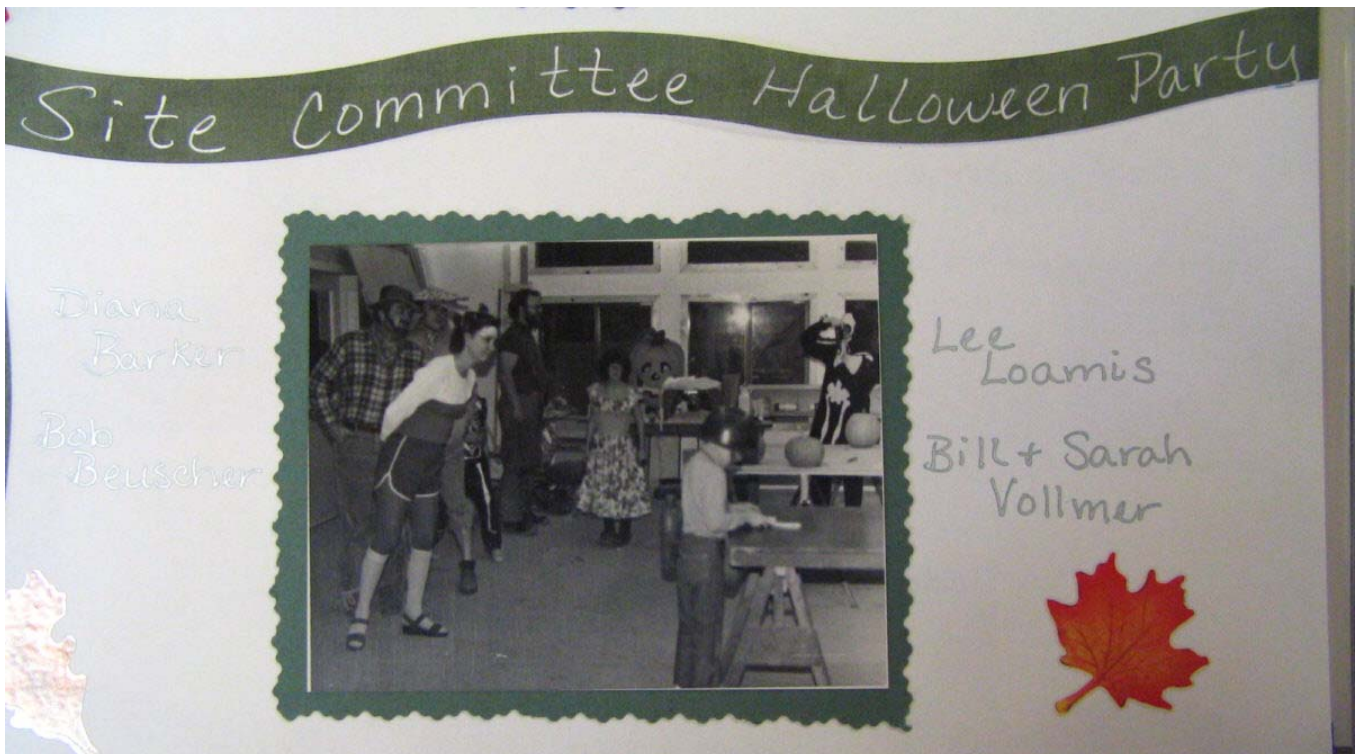
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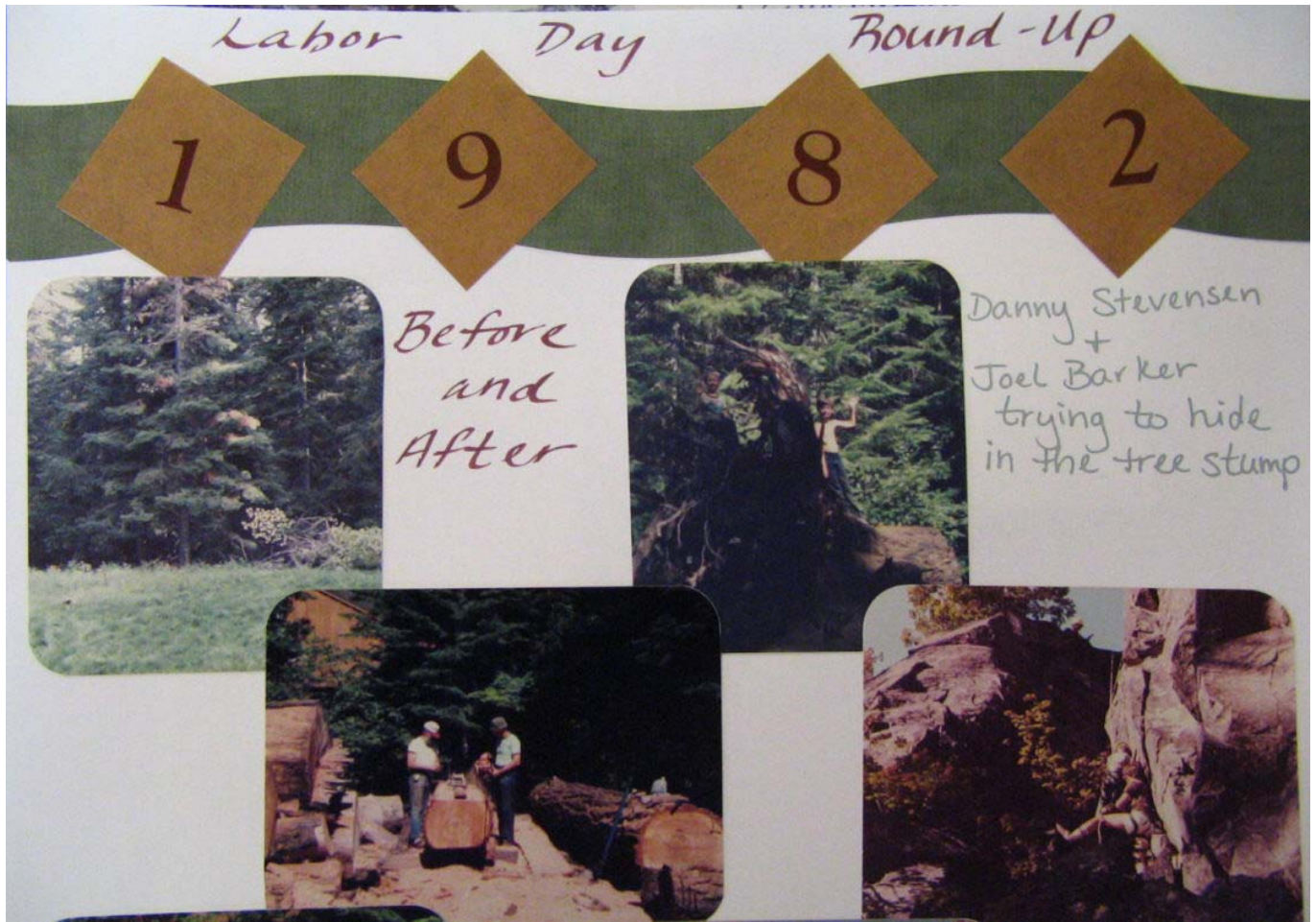
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1981 Wesley Meadow Lodge Dedication & Halloween Party



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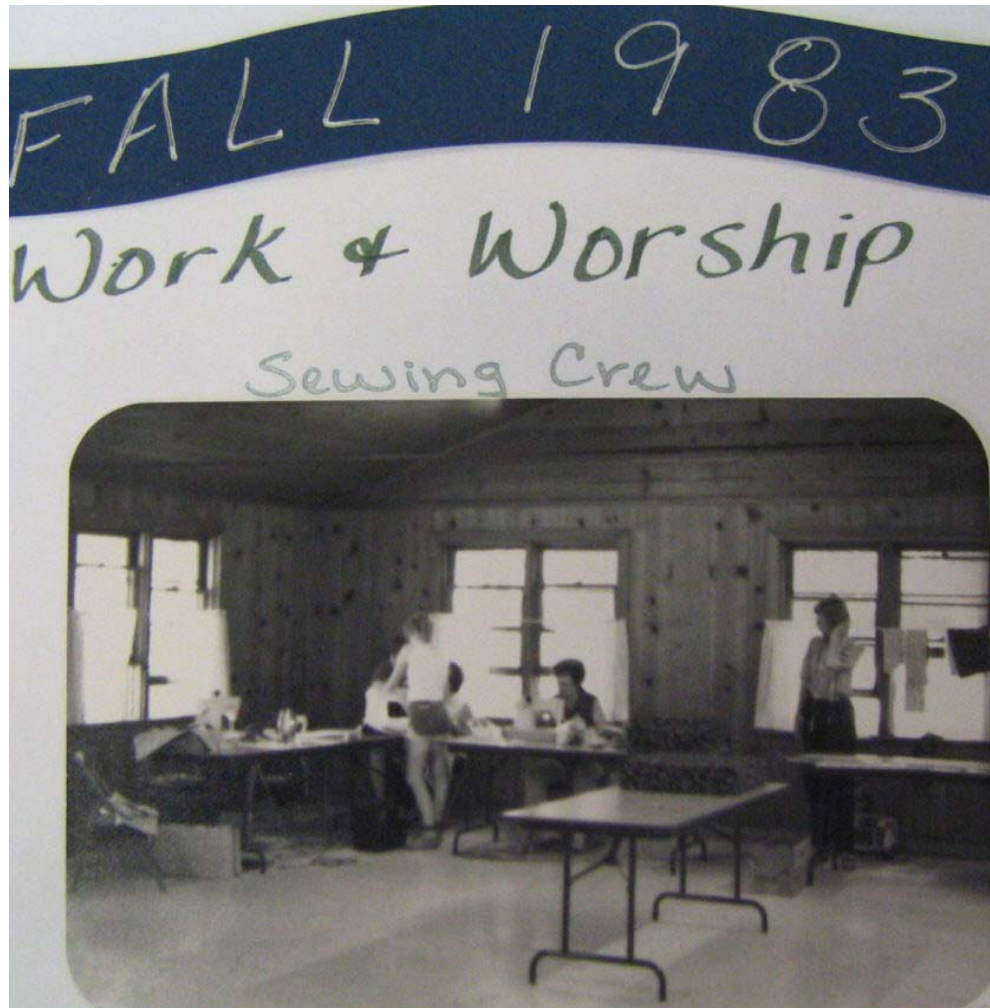


1982 Labor Day Round-up



David & Roy Stevenson split wood with help of others.





Fall 1983 Sewing Crew



Fall 1983

Fall 1983 Suttle Lake



Becky & Bill Walton (Bend)
Mike & Matt Stevens

Bill Volmer
(1984)

1984



1989

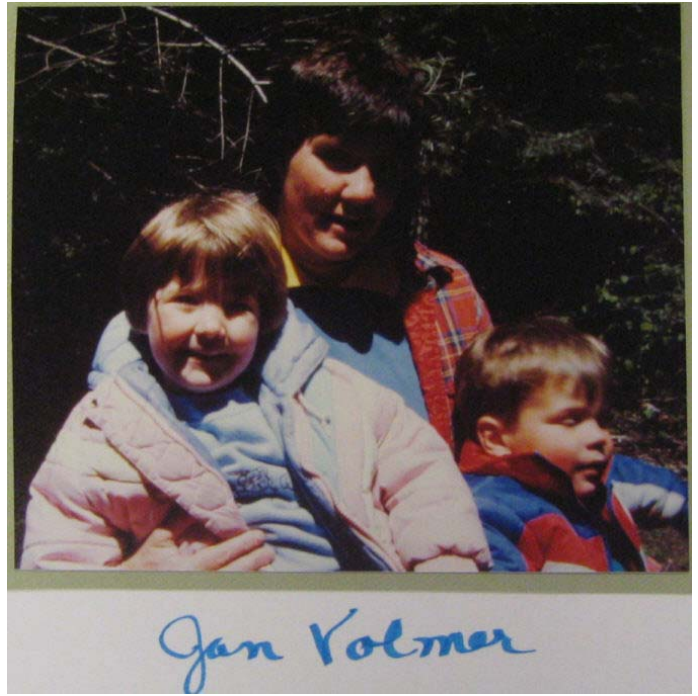


1989



Susan Matheny

1989



Jan Kolmer

1989



1989



Bill Vollmer ~ 1989

1989 Bill Vollmer



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Bill Vollmer



1989



1989 More wood split.

As an individual participant: Camp is for all ages, and there are great events all year! Check out our web page at www.gocamping.org for details on individual events or pick up a catalog while here.

Be an advocate: Help spread the word about Suttle Lake. *There is no need to keep Suttle Lake Camp a well kept secret!* Let others know what it's meant to you to be at camp, and how important this place is. Invite others to consider attending one of our camps or consider the site for a retreat for their non-profit group.

As a volunteer leader: Whether you are a skilled carpenter, love to wash dishes, have a special talent or interest to share with campers, or aren't sure where your gifts might fit into camp there are many opportunities to serve at camp. Training is offered. Pick up an application while at camp or download one from our web-page at www.gocamping.org. Feel free to talk with the camp staff about how you might get involved.

Donations are needed: The generosity of individuals makes numerous improvements possible that would not happen otherwise. The camp relies on donations, standing by a firm commitment to keep camp affordable to all campers and accessible to the numerous non-profits who utilize the camp. Donations allow hundreds of people served by Suttle Lake Camp to enhance the quality and safety of their use of the camp setting.

Some of the current needs at Suttle Lake include:

- Sturdy wooden bunks and mattresses for downstairs Pioneer (\$250 X 18 = \$4,500)
- A new shower house for the upper cabin circle (\$240,000)
- Camper-ship funds to help low income children and youth attend camp
- Photo quality colored printer (\$200)
- Architectural drawings of site to complete master planning (\$4,000)
- New / Used mountain bikes for summer program
- Contributions towards maintenance endowment, "Buckaroo Club" (supports camping programs and hospitality services), or development fund

1990

Suttle Lake

United

Methodist

Camp

75th

Anniversary

1922-1997

In the winter of 1921 a group of young people of the Prineville, Redmond, Bend and Madras Methodist churches met for a business meeting in Redmond to consider the possibility of starting an Epworth League Institute. The result was that in the summer of 1922 the first Suttle Lake Institute was held with Dr. D. H. Leech, superintendent of the Eastern District, as dean. The institutors camped by the lake shore at the point where Lake Creek flows from Suttle Lake.

In the spring of 1925 work was begun on a kitchen and faculty cabins on our present camp site. The work was done largely by the volunteer labor of young adults from Madras and Bend. Young people came and helped "shake" the cabins. The Junior Leagues of Bend and Madras raised money and bought dishes.

With the building of modern highways young people from Willamette Valley points began to flock to Suttle Lake and attendance increased until it reached 300 in 1945. Meanwhile, in 1941, a master plan for the development of the camp was worked out with the Forest Service. Plans for a new dining hall were prepared and a building fund was started. Then came the war, preventing any building program.

During these years, however, the Oregon conference was developing a conference-wide camp program in which Suttle Lake had a part. We benefited from the united financial effort. We also gained new visions for the future of our camp. A Christian Adventure (junior high) camp was established and the high school camp was divided into two sessions. With junior, older youth, young adult and family camps already established elsewhere in the conference, with various types of laymen's and ministers retreats and conferences being planned, Suttle Lake's building committee, under the farsighted leadership of Mr. Fredrick T. Martin, has constructed a building with a vastly expanded use in mind. The building is not only a dining hall, but a lodge with full basement providing an activity room for recreation, for visual education, for meeting purposes in stormy weather and for dormitory use in winter. Provision has been made for adequate sanitary facilities within the building, adding to convenience and making possible year-round use in this popular winter sports area once adequate heating and accommodations for a caretaker are provided.

Looking to the future we dream of gas stoves and a dishwashing machine for our kitchen; we dream of an oil furnace; we dream of a piano; we dream of additional sanitary facilities, an infirmary, the development of our own softball field, bathing beach, dock and boathouse; we dream of a caretaker's cabin. Some day these dreams will come true, and even greater dreams. But most of all we have in our minds a long procession of thousands of young people to whom Suttle Lake means the most

memorable time of their lives-truly a mountain top experience. (Taken from Suttle Lake Dedication Service -August 22, 1948)

CABINS:

In 1979 **plans for a new retreat** center and apartment for housing an assistant manager were under way. Thanks to a lot of volunteers the building was completed in 1981. The new facility is known as Wesley Meadow Lodge and was dedicated on September 19, 1981.

SHALOM TOTEM POLE:

The Shalom Totem Pole was planned and carved by Hades Nevo in the summer of 1981. Hadas was a Sabra (meaning native born) citizen of Haifa, Israel. She was serving on the camp kitchen staff for the first half of the summer. As an extra, spare-time project, she undertook the carving of the totem pole. She used a tree which had been removed from the present site of Wesley Meadow Lodge. The pole includes traditional Native American totems or animal forms as well as the inscription of the Hebrew word "Shalom" in transliterated form as well as in the original Hebrew. The two versions are superimposed one over the other near the top of the pole.

The pole was erected through the use of human labor, free of mechanical assistance.

The pole was cleaned and repainted during Spring Roundup of 1989 under the direction of Andy Groh who shared in the original construction efforts.

ROUND UPS: Started in 1977.

BELL:

The bell came from a German Methodist church in Metolius, Oregon. The church merged with the Madras Methodist Episcopal Church in 1957 and the bell was given to the camp. The bell was cast in 1887 in St. Louis, Mo. The bell is used to call campers to meals and programs. It is also used for emergency purposes.

Many dreams have been fulfilled from the summer of 1922 when the first Suttle Lake Institute was held until today 1997, 75 years later. We are still looking to the future and many more dreams. This is truly a diamond in the rough-a mountain top experience.

MEMORIES OF SUTTLE LAKE CAMP:

Our first visit to Suttle Lake was in 1946. There were 140 **campers and had** as choir of 40 who prepared numbers for the evening services--one of which was most inspiring. It was called the Galilean Service. The Galilean Service was held on the hill (the highway side) for at that time there was hardly any traffic and sound was audible. The choir and campers gathered on the hill and the Kleens and quartette of voices plus the speaker were in a boat on the lake. (I had my violin in the boat also). In the boat was a cross of lighted flashlights. The choir sang "Jubilate" with the echo voices coming from the quartette in the boat. After the service campers followed the boats lighted cross back to camp as they walked the trail in silence to their tents.

There were only out-houses --- no showers, so the bath was a swim in the lake. We had to eat in two shifts since there was not room in the covered shed to accommodate everyone. We slept in tents.

One episode surrounding the events of the week was the Jewish Rabbi falling into the huge excavation (excavation for dining hall) one night. In the darkness of night he always accompanied his wife to the outhouse on the other side of the excavation since she was afraid of animal encounters (they came from L.A.). When he heard footsteps of 2 other women, he decided, in order to avoid frightening them, to step to one side of the path and he fell into the excavation hole. It was a great idea for a skit on "Skit Night"---"Joseph in the Pit". So the scripture was read and the faculty portrayed the event. What a ruckus it caused among the parishioners when the kids returned home to reveal what we had done. SACRILEGIOUS!!!

I resumed being a counselor in 1964. This time we had showers and restrooms and a cold cabin. A new swimming area was provided close to the camp. The most inspirational event in my mind of these two camps was the trek up the hill of the camp to take communion. The campers prepared the path and the communion area with music from a quartette en route. The beauty of the stars, the smell of the trees, the campfire glowing in the area, and the quietness of returning from a sacred moment in silence was most impressive for me and the campers. Written by Hortense Foster.

When we moved to Bend in 1945, we transferred our membership in the Methodist Church from Borger, Texas. Soon we were involved in the camping program of Suttle Lake. The big old building that was the mess hall had a lot of heavy poles and old lumber that had to be disposed of. It was necessary to remove the old building

contents, haul the old stoves away and remove the old building to make room for the new lodge.

After the new building was completed, or at least usable, we were responsible for opening the lodge for groups to use and again closing it until the next group came. This meant Martha building fires in the fireplaces to heat the lodge and Randall started the diesel engine in the engine house to have power for lights.

The fireplaces had to have three logs at least axe handle length and kindling besides the big old barrel furnace to heat the water that used smaller wood. Each group that used the lodge was expected to replenish the logs for the next group. There was no electric heat for many years.

The water came from a storage cistern filled with natural springs up on the hills and across the highway. We had to drain everything when we left. The water drained back into the lake but when we came up to open for the next camp, the valves down on the lake had to be opened.

One time Randall couldn't get the front door open. The heavy snows had caused the scissor trusts to pull apart. The building was repaired with strut rods the next week to pull the building together.

One time when a group of boy scouts were at the lodge, one of the leaders was aware of burning odors, then smoke in front of the upstairs fireplace. The charred wood was soaked down so there was no fire. someone was to repair the hearth but we were to get the 2 x 14s up to the building, The road hadn't been plowed so since we had about six 2 x 14s to move up to the lodge, we laid one down on the snow to walk on then I passed Randall the next one to walk on and then I passed him the rest and he stuck the ends in the snow. Then I stepped on his plank and handed him mine and he laid it down for a walk. We continued that all the way to the lodge. Quite a trek!

Finally, living quarters were added to the back of the lodge and a larger pantry. A caretaker was hired. Leslie and Jewell Martin were the first permanent caretakers as I remember. Written by Randall and Martha Moore.

Epworth League was a nation-wide organization of Methodist youth which originated about 1890. The Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) may be considered an outgrowth of the League, although they differed in many ways.

Epworth Leagues were chartered to individual churches where youth of high school age or older were eligible for membership. The Leagues met weekly in their churches and monthly in "conventions" which brought together representatives of all the Leagues in a district. At the Conventions plans were made, ideas exchanged and often program resources were shared. By 1924 there were Epworth League organizations east of the Cascades in Bend, Pendleton, Fossil, Madras, Redmond, Prineville, LaPine, and McGilcrist and sometimes Klamath Falls. League campers from all over Oregon came to the Institute at Suttle Lake.

Because they were the closest to the camp, the Bend Methodist Episcopal Church and their League group often took the lead in the maintenance of the Suttle Lake campsite. The highlight of the Epworth League year was the weeklong Institute at Suttle Lake when all of the Leagues in the area came together to enjoy the companionship, inspiration and competition of the large group. Attendance in a single summer session was probably well over 300.

Adult leadership and assistance was provided by pastors, parents, and other interested adults from individual churches. Helen and Ethel's grandfather, for example, built the road into the campgrounds from what is now Highway 22. Their Mother, Mrs Alfred, served as camp nurse for a number of years.

Suttle Lake camping was quite different in appearance in the early nineteen twenties. Campers came to camp in family cars, bringing their tents and canvas cots as well as sleeping rolls with them. Cooks were employed to feed the group., which were frequently more than 100 in a single session. Both sisters remembered washing the porcelain plates, cups and bowls on which the meals were served. The kitchen area contained locked storage areas, but a portion of it was an open shed. Meals were also provided in an open structure.

Each church league set up their own campsite, clearly marked by signs and banners. The Bend camp had an archway with the name spelled out in sticks. Competition was keen in camp-keeping as well as swimming, other sports and activities among the groups.

Helen recalls that the camp faculties were housed in very small "shacks" set in a row on the hillside

The daily schedule was impressive. According to Helen and Ethel, Morning Watch at 7:00 AM and ending after the evening sermon about 10:00 PM: There was scheduled time for classes, projects to improve the camp, personal meditation, and special worship services.

Campers then and now had much in common. Some of the early customs, however, were lost in the passage of time. For example, three crosses were erected by the campers from Astoria at the summit of one of the surrounding hills. This place was called the Chapel of the Crosses and it became the site of Communion Services as well as Morning Watch and individual meditation. Campers decorated the area with mosses from the surrounding woods, some of which were phosphorescent.

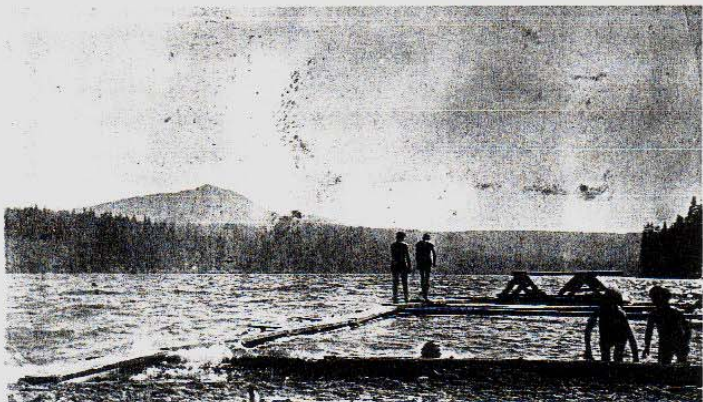
Helen and Ethel also remember the very impressive Galilean Ceremony. Across was erected in one of the rowboats on the lake. Flashlights were fixed onto the cross and the boat was rowed slowly across the lake toward the shore where the campers were assembled in silence. This service commemorated Christ's miracles on the Sea of Galilee. After an appropriate benediction the campers walked silently back to the campground and their beds. This deeply impressive ceremony was only one of the life-long memories the dedicated campers took with them on their return home. (Notes from interview with Helen Larson Hofhines and Ethel Larson Jones, March 21, 1996).



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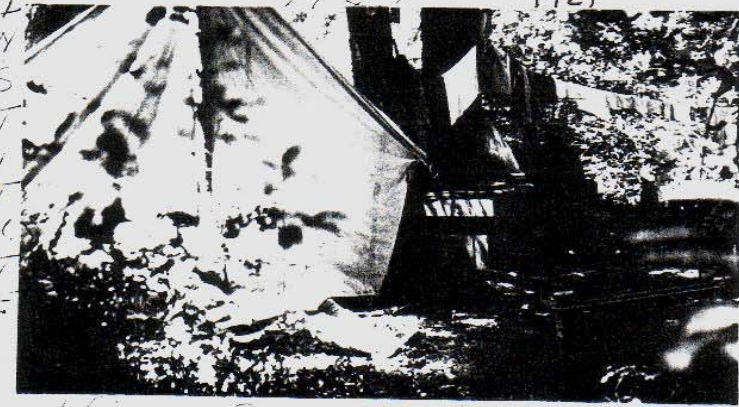
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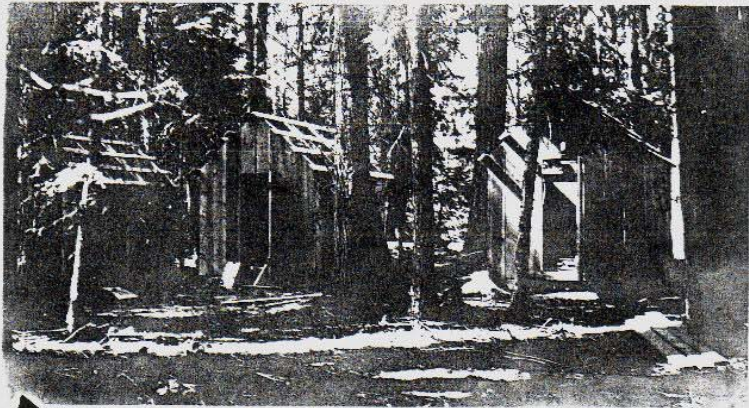


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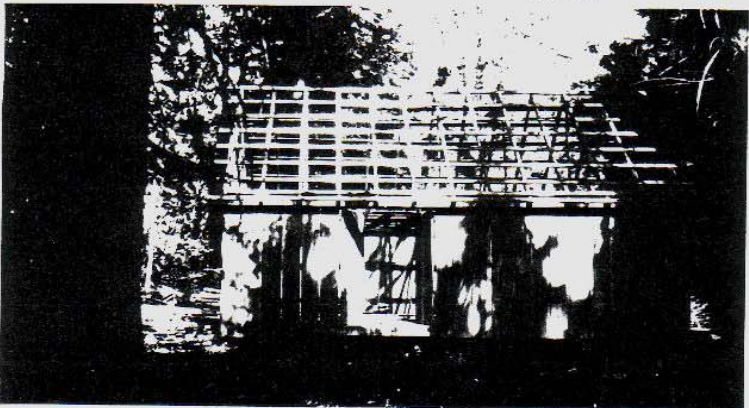
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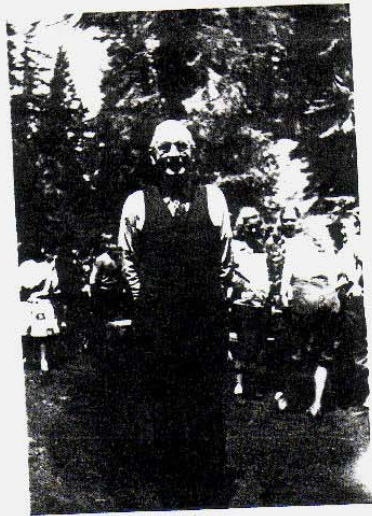
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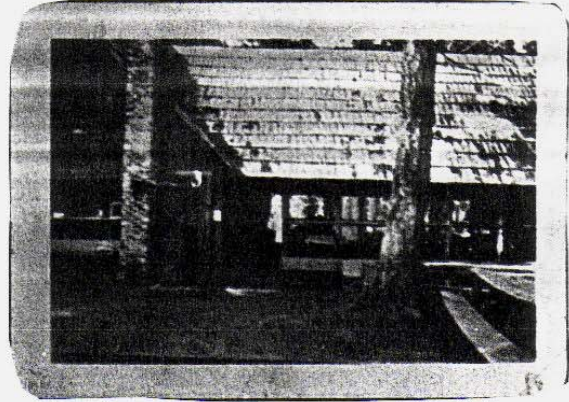
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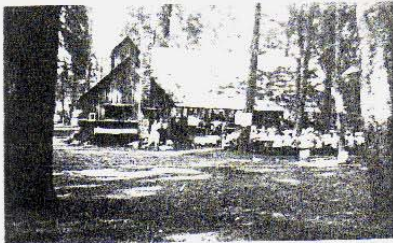
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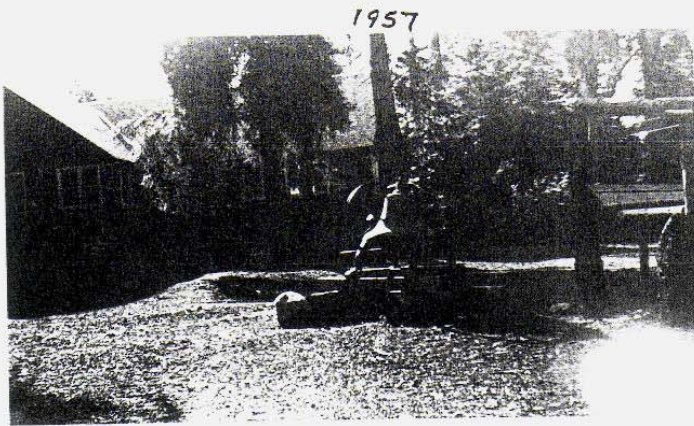
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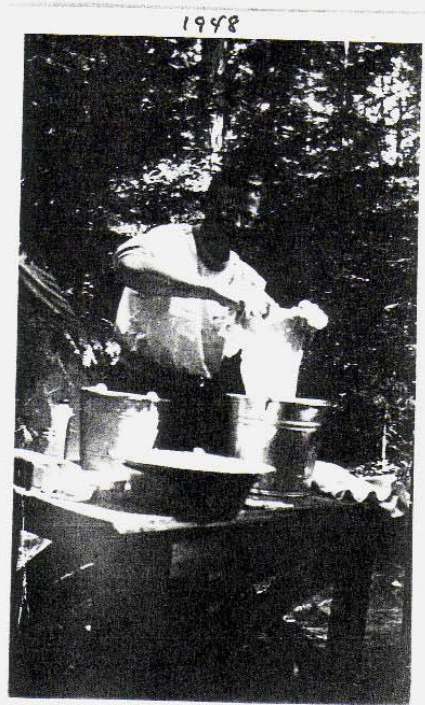
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**2005 Beverly Horttor & Suttle Lake Camp
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2005 Main Lodge Suttle Lake Camp



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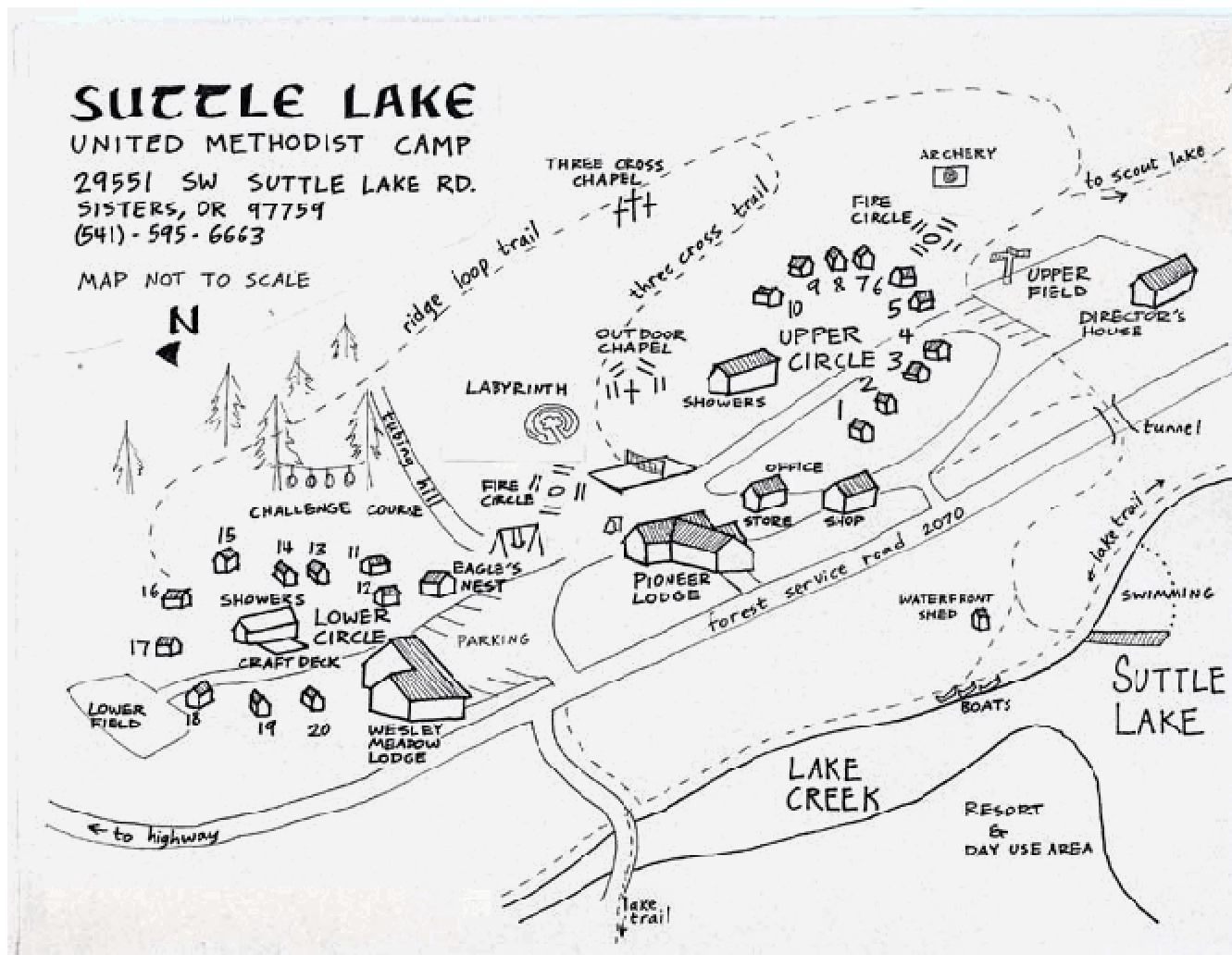
2005 South Side Wesley Meadows Lodge



2005 Bath house



2005 Sign at the Gate to Suttle Lake Camp



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Map to Suttle Lake

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