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## OBSIDIANS VOTE IN JUNIOR MEMBERS

### OBSIDIANS, INC., HAVE ORDERED SNOW

With autumn already here, and the south side of Deer Butte a mass of red and yellow coloring, the time has come to order plenty of snow for this winter's skiing.

The Local Walks committee of six, met at Mrs. Charlotte Lemon's home on the evening of Oct. 19, and ground out the new winter schedule. Many good ideas were brought out by the new committee and with the aid of past local walks trip reports, an accurate schedule was drawn.

First on the new schedule is a work trip to Camp Sunshine. This trip should have been well attended, as wood will be needed in that high country on the week-end ski trips this winter.

For, with the shelter at Camp Sunshine made into a cabin, with bunks, the Forest Service have started what should prove the thing that will lead to some of that excellent skiing in the high altitudes in early morning and late evening.

For the next week-end a trip to the Cliffs, near Thurston, the leader, Betty McMahan, led this same trip back in '29. And the next trip, Luckey Boy mine and Gold hill, has been scouted by the leaders, Beth Gullion and Blanche Osborn, and is a good trip, with excellent views.

But for the men who like to swing an axe, about this time of year, we recommend work trips on both week-ends, the 30th and November 6th to the Hand Lake area. The Ski Laufers with the help of a few Obsidians, have done a good job already this year, but the clearing out in that area,

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### TRAIL SONG

Follow the trail to the open air,  
Alone with the hills and sky,  
A pack on your back but never a care,  
Letting the days slip by.

Healing fragrance of pines in the dark,  
Glow of the camper's fire,  
Starlight and shadow and music of streams,  
While the grey smoke curls higher.

Follow the trail to the open air,  
Letting the days slip by;  
A smile on your lips, a song in your heart,  
One with the hills and sky!

—Anon.

### INDIAN RIDGE TRIP

Nineteen members on the trail trip to Indian Ridge October 9th, led by Louis Waldorf and Robert Lemon. Although the Ridge was not scaled, a good trail was followed from French Pete past Hidden Lake to Hardy Creek, where lunch was eaten.

All about "mushrooms" was Miss Ruth Hopson's interesting theme for the day. Many specimens were discovered, (and dug up), and also many large blue huckleberries were found. Hikers returned to the log crossing at French Petes before sundown.

### JUNIOR MEMBERS TO BE ADMITTED

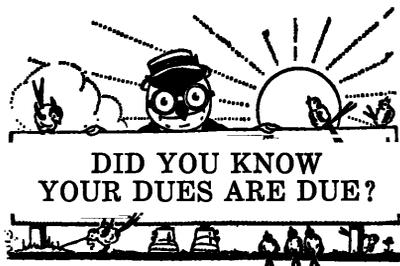
A special Junior membership in the club has been created. By unanimous action at a special meeting of the membership held at the River Road community club house on Saturday evening, October 29, it was voted to admit as Junior members all young people under 18 years of age who would like to take part in the various activities of the club.

The cost to Junior members has been held as low as possible so that this should not exclude any. \$1.00 is to accompany application for membership and this will cover dues until October. Dues will then be \$1.00 per year. Provision is made for Junior members to be transferred to full reach the age of 18 and complete active membership when they the qualifying trips.

This new membership classification should prove very popular and furnish good new material for the club and increase our membership with desirable young people. Attracted to membership through skiing activities, they will become interested in hiking and mountaineering. Also those who start through hiking and mountain climbing may join our ski classes and teams.

Being entitled through our membership in the Pacific Northwest Ski Association to enter members in junior as well as senior competition, this will give us members for both; and plans are already under way to help instruct these young people in the "art and science" of skiing.

New application blanks will soon be ready and any active member may sign up these young people for Junior membership.



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**Why the Obsidians**

(Louis W. Waldorf)

As we start forth on a new year of activities, the question comes to us, "Just what do we wish to accomplish?" And that immediately brings the question behind it, "For what are we organized?"

We are bound together by a common interest: "That of enjoying the wonderful out-of-doors with which the Northwest is blessed; and the companionship of others who also enjoy it; and the preservation of the natural beauty of this region." The writer has often stated that, while you may travel and enjoy its highways; until you have turned off on the by-ways; left your car at the end of the road, and gone on foot out over its trails; and up—beyond, where there are no trails, you have not seen Oregon nor enjoyed it to its fullest.

The reason for mentioning this is that it seems to us there should be more people enjoying our local walks and trips; and we wonder if it is not because the public do not know that they are always welcome on them, and that we do not invite them enough? Possibly some of us who have been hiking and climbing as long as the writer will not be on so many trips; but we are just as interested in having others see and enjoy the things which have been ours to enjoy. We are still looking forward.

So we are very much interested in preservation of natural

beauty; and one of our projects this year shall be the preservation of timber along our highways leading to our principal playgrounds.

The Obsidians have for years been active in ski sports in Winter and have taken the lead in promoting skiing activities and will continue to do so this year. We are interested from a purely recreational and sports standpoint, and not commercial; and the skiing program of the club deserves the support of all members and ski enthusiasts who go into it for pure sport. "TRACK" for a good year!

**THE PRINCESS TEE HEE**

On Saturday evening, October 8th, four new candidates were welcomed to the Obsidian Princess group. The new princesses are: Ruth Carlson (Princess Autumn Leaf), Margaret Norton (Princess Mountain Beaver), Helen Smith (Princess Moon Dancer) and Miriam Yoder (Princess Mirrored Waters).

After the ceremonies a short business meeting was held followed by a potlatch. Sunday morning some of the princesses joined the group on the Indian Ridge Trip.

The following princesses were at the initiation: Many Ponies, Golden Butterfly, Blue Waters, Lightfoot, Drifting Cloud, Lightning, Rain-in-the-Face, Silver Wing Sahalie, Early Bird, Heather.

**LOST and FOUND**

Princesses always have everything in its place — But these were found misplaced after their recent initiation.

- 1 pair Hiking Boots
- 1 Chief's handkerchief
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**FAMILY FAILING**

"You're an apt lad. Is your sister apt, too?"

"Yes, sir, if she gets a chance."

Archibald Percival Reginald Earl decided one evening to call on his best girl. Together they talked of their "kith and kin".

He said, "May I kith you"? and she said "you kin".

**A CALL DOWN**

He: "How about some old-fashioned loving?"

She: "All right, I'll call grandma down for you."

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started by the Obsidians back in 1929, can still be improved upon. So let's all who can possibly go, lend a hand to make Hand Lake a real ski area.

November 12th and 13th, is set aside for the annual Chiefs initiation. It is no secret, but the initiation will be held at our newly elected President's cabin. But don't worry Princesses, the river is cold, and HANDY for snoopers. If a work trip to the cabins, above Lost Creek is wanted, then the next day, Sunday, a good muligan stew at the Cabins will take place.

November 19-20, will be an overnight trip to the new Paradise Camp, above McKenzie Bridge, and on Sunday, a trip up the new trail to Frissell Point. Leaders, Tony Vogel and Ruth Carlson.

November 27—A trip into the Willamette area, with the idea of scaling a rock pinnacle, so the leaders, Paul Lafferty and Tom Miles, can resume the lost art of scouting their trip into a new country.

December 4th — Now comes that large order for SNOW. Of course if it is delayed enroute, the same trip can be taken into Camp Sunshine with a stove for that new cabin, or a climb of Little Brother? Many weeks of skiing follow, with but an occasional trail trip, but the Local Walks committee will announce, if plans now go through, a real treat for a NEW YEAR'S PARTY.

"How about a little kiss, girlie?"

"No, I have scruples."

"Well, that's all right, I've been vaccinated."

### AT THE TENNIS TOURNEY

He: Whose game?

She: "I am", she replied.

"Mama, How much do people pay for a pound of babies?"

"Babies are not sold by the pound, Dear."

"Then why do they always weigh the as soon as they are born?"

## ANNUAL OBSIDIAN MEETING

The annual meeting of the Obsidians, Inc., was held at the River Road Community House on October 4, 1938. Dinner was served by the ladies of the River Road Community Club.

The meeting was opened by Paul Lafferty, President. The Secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting, followed by the treasurer's report. The total assets of the club as of that date, \$2,904.62. Total income October, 1937 to October, 1938, \$329.17, expenses \$218.00.

Reports were given by the chairmen of the various committees.

It was suggested that at least once a year the Obsidians plan a Tenderfoot climb and that the climbing committee should aid all of those interested in climbing in respect to proper equipment, and wearing apparel.

The following members were elected to the board to serve for the coming year: Bailey Castelloe, Paul Lafferty, Vincent Gillespie, Tony Vogel, Harold Trotter, Blanche Osborn, Eileen Baker, and Harriett Plotts.

Louis Waldorf stated that in regard to another winter outing at Mt. Hood that he knew the Mazamas would be glad to have the Obsidians again and that their lodge was open to the Obsidians inasmuch as the Obsidians are members of the Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs.

An announcement was made that a photography class was to be started at the University and all members of the club who might be interested should join.

The prizes for the picture contest were awarded and the committee in charge was complimented upon the manner in which the contest was handled.

The Meeting was closed and the balance of the evening to be turned over to the entertainment committee.

Dr. Warren D. Smith gave a very interesting discussion on the Wallowa district. Inasmuch as the Obsidians held their annual

summer outing in this district a few summers ago, this talk was especially interesting.

Mr. Ruff showed moving pictures of the Wallowa district.

Beth Gullion showed her pictures taken in the Canadian Rockies. Pictures taken by Glen Sims and Bob Lemon in the Olympics were also enjoyed.

### P. N. S. A. Member

The Obsidians are now associate members of the Pacific Northwest Ski association, a branch of the National Ski association. Paul Lafferty, past president of our club returned from Seattle with this news.

As members of the association it gives local ski enthusiasts an official standing and allows members to enter official competition without additional fees.

The reduced age limit to our club and the admittance to recognize competition are expected to prove an impetus to winter sports in our club.

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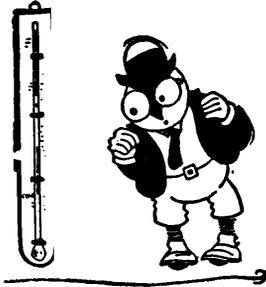
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### TRACK

The program for the coming season drawn up by the Ski Committee will be one of interest and attraction to all members of this organization, especially the great number of younger members who have come into the club during the fall months.

There will be organized trips into that unsurpassed wonderland in the vicinity of Camp Sunshine, Camp Scott and the higher slopes of the Middle Sister. Those of us who know the many beautiful flower tinted meadows of the summer months will find a different picture in the winter. The valleys and gullies and even the steep perpendicular cliffs take on a new form under the heavy blanket of snow which changes the country side from an imaginary fairy land into a reality and the high peaks forming a sky-line to the east reach up and kiss the sky that is bluer than you have ever seen it.

Plan at least one trip to this area this ski season. It can be done very easily in two hours from Frog Camp, with proper equipment.

There will be a group of ski instructors organized who will work out the problems with all members who register in the ski school and a definite date, place and time will be arranged. Classes will be arranged to try to accommodate everyone. Special attention will be shown beginners.

As the season progresses it is

planned to have at least four classes of ski teams to represent the club in competitive meets at Mt. Hood and other areas. There will be senior teams for both men and women and junior teams for the younger boys and girls, of high school age. This will give all members an opportunity to try their skill against some of the other clubs and the juniors will have a chance to prove how well they are advancing.

In the near future Darrell Crooks of the Olympic Ski team will show some motion pictures which surpass anything that has ever been shown here. Watch the local papers for the date which should be along the latter part of November.

### HALLOWE'EN PARTY

About 60 masked personalities met at the River Road Community Club House October 29, for the annual Obsidian Hallowe'en Party sponsored by the Princesses.

The first part of the evening was spent in guessing by trial and error — which it proved to be when Louis Waldorf discovered that Clark Gable and Clara Bow really weren't there after all.

After a formal unmasking the members and their friends were introduced and intermingled by various games and stunts. Some were well entertained by an experienced fortune teller.

Most of the evening however, was spent in dancing,—yes some even started getting warmed up to another winter of schottisching and folk dancing to gay old tunes.

### SYMPATHY

Club members extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mary and Vincent Gillespie in their recent bereavement

### HERE AND THERE

**FLASH!** Congratulations! To the Gilbert Sprague's. A baby girl born October 22nd.

**Flash!** An imaginary "axe" was buried, the past Friday nite, at the home of an active Ski Laufer.

For Heavens Sake! What has happened to Harold's Hooey? Probably skiing season will bring out some Red Headed, or rather Red Hot Hooey.

**FLASH!** Nice going Junior Members, we'll be seein' you.

**THE BLONDE RACE** have, of late, been kickin a mean toe "some where" on the main street. Schottische, Polka, etc.



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