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# IT'S HERE AGAIN! 1939 NEW YEAR'S PARTY

## 1939 WINTER OUTING

Now is the time to plan for that glorious week of Skiingand dear Obsidians and Friends by that, we mean the 1939 Winter Outing at Mazama Lodge starting February 5th. Everyone attending last year's perfect outing will tell you that a better time could not be found, and skiing?—well—it's tops.

A regular program for the day of skiing and for the evening around the big fireplace has been worked out by the outing committee.

The ski bowl will be the main attraction if comments of last year's group is any indicationbut don't forget the Alpine trail and that wonderful ski ground above the Timberline Hotel—and too, that Timberline Party a gift for your friend? Hotel itself.

The cost of the outing is even lower than last year's low rates, \$12.00 for members or \$13.00 for non-members, for the entire week. Your transportation may be arranged by yourself. Tony Vogel will be the instructor and Tony is right on Brad Adams heels. Have you seen Tony ski this year? And he can teach too.

An advantage of having the outing early in February, will give those taking advantage of it, all the better skiing the rest of the winter. The instruction at

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## **NEW-YEAR'S PARTY** RATES

The schedule of rates for the Two-Day New Year's Party has been given to the local walks committee as follows:

Rates are per person.

Hotel Rooms

\$2.50 for the 2 nights Meals

\$3.50 for the 2 days

New Year's Dinner, \$1.25 Other meals at the rate of which will be 75c.

Cabin Rates are: 75c and against this year's aspirants. \$1.00 per night. No bed-Master of Ceremonies. To ding is furnished and sleeping bags are necessarv.

Why not make a ticket to the

### **Obsidian Contest Pictures**

The winning pictures of the another New Year. 1938 Obsidian Contest are on display at the Eugene Register-Guard window. This contest is open each year to all members and it is hoped that more will enter pictures at the annual meeting again next year.

Olga Mortenson won the grand prize with her picture of a girl skier in the archway of the huge archway of the huge door at Mt. Hood's Timberline Hotel. Other contest winners are: Louis Waldorf, Mertie Hamlin, Ray Sims, Nellie Moore and Ruth Hopson.

Greenery Trip

The always welcome chance to get mistletoe, Oregon grape and other Christmas greens will be offered Sunday, December 18th.

Helen Kilpatrick announces the trip will be at 11:30 A. M. and in the vicinity of Eugene.

Belknap Springs Hotel will supply the setting for the Obsidian New Year's festivities, Saturday, December 31 and January 1. United efforts of Social, Local Walks, and Ski Committees are now making preparations for a gala party.

A program of entertainment will start at 9 P. M. in the Hotel lobby. Short skits and stunts will Anyone coming only for be presented by Chiefs and Princesses, and the Annual Liars Contest will be a feature of the even-50c except Monday dinner ing with Roland Burghardt defending his Horsefeather trophy

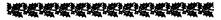
> Master of Ceremonies. Tom Kaarhus, will lead all funsters in song, as well as swinging those tricky Norwegian steps. Excellent music for shag and waltz will be supplied until 12, when a blaring of horns and a tangle of confetti and balloons will herald in

> Midnight lunch will climax festivities. We'll see you there!



A Happy New Year

JANUARY



## "THE OBSIDIAN"

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## Are Summer Camps Doomed? By Louis Waldorf

The records of other mountaineering clubs as well as our own show a marked decline in Summer outing registrations. The number attending Summer camp last year was very small-necessitating a reduction in the schedule to break even on the expense. The Mazamas have become quite concerned over this same situation. In 1939 they are trying out the idea of two separate one-week outings.

But is this the solution, and the cost the principal reason for reduced registration? We think not.

The cost of an outing must always be kept as low as possible for what is offered and we can not always take trips to distant points. However, we believe that the number who will attend any outing is in direct proportion to the attraction of the region or the interest which is created in it by the Outing Committee. A study of our outing records will bear this out.

mas who have been members for individual candles were lighted years that attend almost every and the group sang "Auld Lang outing. To them their two weeks Syne." in the mountains is as much a regular part of their lives as any-till one o'clock. The music and the thing they do. A number of Ob- floor were both very fine. sidians feel the same way. Some of us are so tied down in the Sum- Mazama "Cousins" in their former that we can not get away mal evening clothes.

every year but would do so if it were possible.

But the younger members seem to take a little different attitude ings. They are inclined to rush in. climb a mountain or two and hurry out. They have not learned way, with headquarters to be at the real enjoyment which comes Pole Bridge Cabin. from a Summer camp—that of a complete change from their every President, is division Chief at replaces these with fun, exercise, rest, disregard for time, whole- ians. some companionship— real REcreation.

our outings to the more remote ers. places — where members cannot continually come and go—have been the most enjoyable—they have brought out this real outing spirit.

So we believe that this idea especially the younger ones. Let us decide on a good outing location and then talk it up and First Aid kit. put this idea across; and we will have a successful one every year.

# Attend Mazama Meeting

Elizabeth Gullion and Louis Waldorf attended the Annual Mazama Dinner and Dance held at the Neighbors of Woodcraft building in Portland. Most of the member clubs of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs were represented, there being about 275 people at the party.

The party was under the capable management of Beatrice De-Lacey McNiel. Frank Branch Riley was "roastmaster", with President Baxter of Willamette University giving the address of the evening.

Before the dining room was There are a number of Maza- left in favor of the dance floor.

Dancing was in order from ten

It was lots of fun to meet our

## SKI PATROL

Organization of the Willamette toward the mountains and out- Ski Patrol, a part of the Northwest ski patrol, affiliated with a National Group, is well under

Paul Lafferty, former Obsidian day life of work, study, hurry and Eugene, with Guy Wright patrol conflict. A real Summer outing chief of the Ski Laufers and Tony Vogel patrol chief of the Obsid-

The members of the patrol. numbering about 40, were drawn We believe that THIS is why from the Obsidians and Ski Lauf-

> Ten men of the patrol will be on duty each weekend to render assistance in case of accidents, and are distinguished by means of an orange and black armband.

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## JUNIOR OBSIDIANS

Did ja see the swell line we got in the WESTERN SKIER about the new Junior Obsidians? It's the official paper of the Pacific Northwest Ski Assn., with which we are affiliated.

I see where a young Junior member just about took the other girls over the fence, in the Women's Slalom race on Dec. 4th. And her first day out too.

Well—there sure air a lot of those young uns goin up to Maza- his return. ma Lodge over the Xmas Holidays. At least eight have already Harriett Plotts, our Secretary, said they were goin.

want a ski tourney, they had better offer to do a little help, like packing the course, and helping to publicize the event and MAIN-LY to sign up at Hendershott's the day BEFORE the meet.

Why don't the Juniors show a little spirit and come to these dances the Obsidians are putting on . . . to help raise a little money to finance these tourneys.

Or better yet what say all you Juniors WE put on a party or formed of the movement. dance etc., to raise money to sponsor a Junior Ski team and to help fix up the Lodge.

Oh yes, Juniors, the Obsidians do have a Lodge . . . above Lost Creek Ranch. Why not take an Obsidian with us and go up for a week-end? It's a swell place and you can have glorious times there. We can help in the upkeep too.

A JUNIOR MEMBER. W. "K" C.

The Eugene Fruit Growers Association suggest candied fruits and nuts as a gift for your outof-state friends.

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## OBSIDIAN BOARD MEET

The monthly Board meeting was held December 12th, at Eileen Baker's home. The local make plans for the annual New Year's Party.

membership applications were received and approved.

wished to have his membership "Given leave of absence", until

A letter of resignation from was accepted by the Board. A new Secretary will be appointed A hint to the Juniors when they by the Board to take over her duties.

> A letter from the Oregon Roadside Council was read by the Secretary. They have undertaken a statewide program of education in an effort to bring to every person and community an increasing realization of the value of Oregon's natural beauty and the importance of preserving it. The Board suggested that the Secretary write to the Council and let them know that we are interested and the membership will be in-

> The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Eileen.

# CHIEFS INITIATION

The Honorable tribe of Chiefs, of the Obsidians Inc., met at the summer home of Chief Paint Brush, on the McKenzie, Saturday night, November 12th, and welcomed two more "braves". (One of them said he had to be brave on such a night.)

Rain came down in torrents, so the night was ideal, though it did dampen the spirits of two.

Vint Gillespie was dubbed Chief Windless and Dr. Henry Norton, Chief Lone Wolf. Others at the conclave were: Brokentop, Packhorse, Paintbrush, Wet Wash, Big Wind, Huckleberry, Little Brother, KIYi, Hen Scratch and Smoketurner.

# Greetings—New Members

The Obsidians extend a warm welcome to their new members. The following members were adwalks committee also attended to mitted to membership at the recent Board meetings:

Adeline Adams, Obsidians: Six Senior and twelve Junior Norman Lee, Don Umphrey, Ralph Lafferty, Jean Cochran. Norman Holt.

Tony Vogel reported that Dr. Junior Obsidians: Jean Mc-Kremer, who is now in Europe Morran, Ruby Jackson, Phoebe Smith, Bob Brandt, Bob Keeney. John Merrill, Gerald R. Johnson. Al Hoffman, Wallace Clark, Richard Hewitt, Elizabeth Edmunds. Marg DeCou.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

About thirty Obsidians gave Carl Young a surprise party at his home at Walterville. Thursday, December 8th, being his 78th birthday. It was also a house warming as Carl has recently completed a new house of his

The Club was shocked Saturday morning to hear of his serious illness. It is hoped he will have a speedy recovery.



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#### The OBSIDIAN

# A Letter From Carmel

A very interesting and encouraging letter was received by the was sponsored by the Obsidian Carmel Newland, Secretary of McKenzie Pass, Sunday, Dec. 4. the new UMPQUA SKI CLUB, Plenty of snow was found but not of Roseburg.

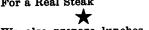
Little River, from Roseburg.

up members to start, and the snow on the highway.

town going "ski crazy" beside that, Obsidians, let's go skiiers. down and have a day of skiing with our own Obsidian members lined up by Tony Vogel, Tom "The restaurant owner might Miss Newland, Mr. Britton and Wiper, Bryan Ryan and Ray Mr. Unrath.

## AFTER SKIING

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## JUNIOR SKI MEET

The first open Junior Ski meet local walks committee from Miss Club at the Sand Hills, atop the until Bill McCracken had "brok-She says Mr. E. A. Britton and en trail" with his big car clear Mr. Ernest Unrath (Obsidians) from the Pole Bridge Cabin. The were among the first to see the Pass had been falsely reported possibilities of a ski area in their closed and in spite of the adverse own back yard. Red Butte is the publicity a grand turnout of name, about thirty-five miles up more than a hundred skiiers were on hand to help in turning the She does not have to say they cars around in the center of the are enthusiastic, with 109 paid lava beds with a foot of slush

All then set out for the Sand Miss Newland writes to ask for Hills where a stiff wind and a regulations on such an area, but few swirling clouds greeted the

> At one o'clock the juniors were Sims and the slalom and down hill races were run.

> Ralph Lafferty won first in the slalom in 30 seconds, Ed O'Reilly second in 31 seconds and Wallace Clark and Bud Hurlbert third in 35 seconds.

> The junior down hill race was won by Joe Jackson in 9 seconds, Wallace Clark was second in 10 seconds and five tied for third in 11 seconds, Ralph Lafferty, Bud Hulbert, Jimmy Donahue, Coulter Mitchell and Ed O'Reilly.

> The girls slalom race was run over the same course and was won by Ruth Carlson in 64 seconds, three were tied for second, Blanche Osborn, Eileen Baker and Harriett Plotts with 65 seconds and Elizabeth Edmunds third in 72 seconds.

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these outings has been a great benefit to all skiers.

Registration at Hendershott's will soon begin and Harold or Tony will be able to inform those about the Outing. Register early.

## FIRST-AID CLASSES

The First Aid classes sponsored by the Ski Patrol, are being well attended. These classes are being held at the City Hall each Wednesday evening at 7:30, and are open to any member of the Obsidians or Ski Laufers.

Mr. John B. Patterson, of the Bell Telephone Co., is instructing the classes and is well known for his splendid work. Mr. Patterson has worked for many years here with the Red Cross First Aid courses and is making these classes especially interesting.

#### OBSIDIAN

Burghardt: "We were slowly starving to death, but we cut up our boots and made soup of them."

Dotson: "Sh-h-h! Not so loud." hear you. He is always looking for new things."

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