



# The OBSIDIAN



Volume II.

Eugene, Oregon, January, 1938

No. 3

## NEXT WINTER OUTING AT MOUNT HOOD

### THE OBSIDIAN CLUB WHY? HOW? AND WHEN?

*By Ray Sims*

The "search" committee is still one of the important phases of the Obsidian Club, but to the first few years of the club's existence, it stood out as the most important.

After the fruitless search for the lost boys in the Three Sisters region, the Club was called upon to assist in the search for a girl lost in the Siuslaw Forest, where several hundred combed the wooded hills until she was found.

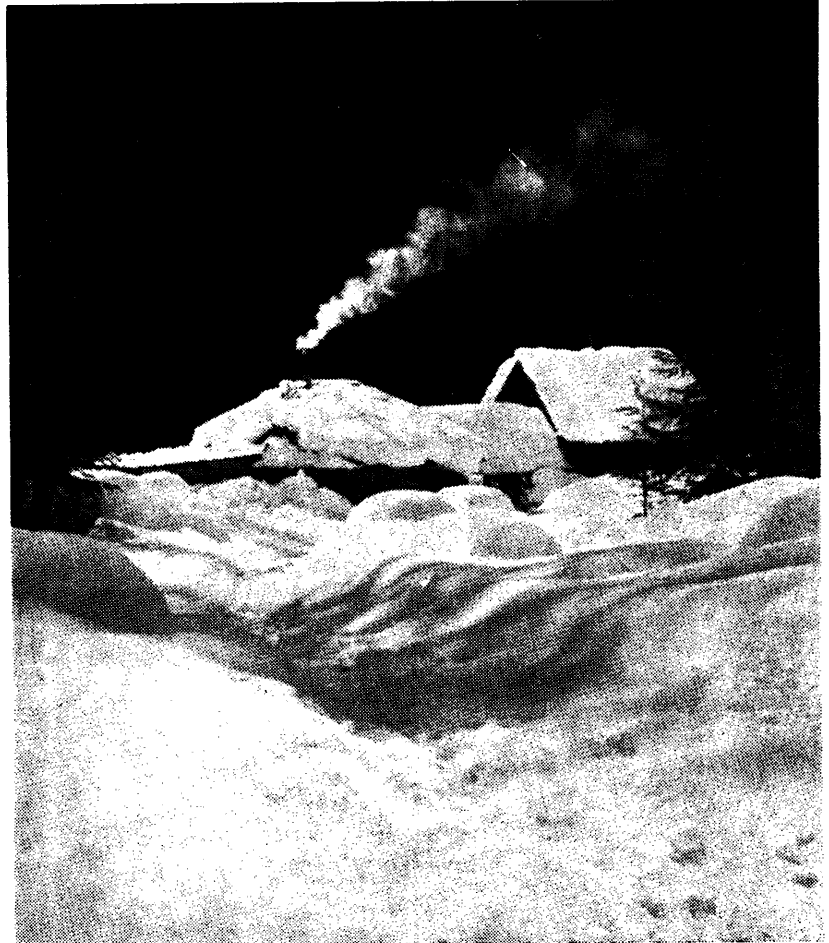
Again leaders of the Club played an important part in the search for the boy that was shot in a hunting party in the Lake Creek country. And again in the five day search for the three climbers from Portland who lost their lives on Mt. Jefferson on Labor Day, 1933.

A number of times also, Chief Horsefeathers has been aroused from his sleep, of late Sunday night, when someone has reported someone to be lost, so the search committee would make ready, then luckily, the lost parties would turn up Monday morning.

An incident in the 1927 search in the Three Sister region for the two lost University boys to determine which mountain they might have been lost on, shows the daring that men will go in such circumstances. Nels Skjershea and N. J. Wulsiberg climbed the South Sister in a mountain storm, braving the snow and sleet and camping out in the rain and sleet one night, to bring word that they had not reached the South Sister summit.

With this word, E. A. Britton joined them to climb the Middle Sister in the same kind of weather, where they found the boys

(Please Turn to Page Two)



—Picture by Ray Sims.

### THE WINTER OUTING

The Obsidian and Ski Laufer winter outing for 1938 will be held at the Mazama lodge on Mt. Hood. One whole week the winter sports enthusiasts will play in the snow, from February 13th to 20th.

The committee reports, they have engaged the services of an instructor, Brad Adams, who has been holding classes in skiing at Mt. Hood this season. He will work the entire week and this outing will give the people who

(Please Turn to Page Three)

### Highlights of Board Meeting

The monthly Obsidian board meeting was held at the home of Paul Lafferty, president, January 12th.

Reports from the various committees were read and discussed. Bryan Ryan, social and entertainment chairman, turned in his resignation for the ensuing year. A successor to the job was not named.

Tony Vogel reported on plans being formulated for the coming Winter Outing. Mrs. Lafferty served refreshments and the meeting adjourned.

**"THE OBSIDIAN"**

*Member Federation of Western  
Outdoor Clubs*

Published by the Library Committee: Doris Osborn, Chairman; Marge Ferguson, Eileen Baker, Marian Yoder, Nellie Moore.

**EDITORIAL**

The picture on the front page, **THE OBSIDIAN CABINS**, taken on "another winter outing" Feb. 22, 1932, seems to have been outgrown, except for small ski parties some weekends.

Only a short six years ago, the center of activities was at these cabins located on White Branch Creek.

How 101 people (and possibly more) sat down to Turkey dinners, in these small cabins, a few years ago, will be subject for the annual Liars Contest in another year or two.

But times like that really happened and with the interest shown this winter, just think of it, 400 to 500 people skiing in the "UPPER" McKenzie.

It is time for "thought" of another LODGE.

**CLUB PURPOSE**

To explore, enjoy and render accessible the mountain regions of Oregon: to publish authentic information concerning them: to make excursions into the trailed and untrailed portions of the Pacific Coast: to bring the people of the cities into the open and to the free enjoyment of natural wonders of the state: to enlist the support and co-operation of the people and the government in preserving the forests, wild life and natural features of the mountains, the State and National parks: to educate the people in the matters of geology, plant life and kindred subjects and in the matters of conservation and forest fire prevention: to cooperate in the enforcement of all State and National fish, game and forest laws.

**COMING EVENTS****January**

Sunday, Jan. 30—SKI TRIP

Destination of trips to be announced by the leader, being governed by weather conditions.

Leaders: Henry Korn, Ruth Hopson.

**February**

Saturday, Feb. 5—SKI DANCE

See story elsewhere in this issue for more details.

Sunday, Feb. 6—SKI TRIP

Leaders: Tom Kaarhus, Tom Wiper.

Wednesday, Feb. 9—

Monthly board meeting at home of Bob Lemon.

February 13 to 20—WINTER OUTING

Mazama Lodge—Mt. Hood.

Sunday, Feb. 27—SKI TRIP

Leaders: Glen Sims, Reva Moore.

Sunday, March 6—GUM BOOT & SLICKER TRIP

Leaders: Bryan Ryan, Eileen Baker.

**The Obsidian Club**

(Continued from Page 1)

ast writings in the summit book.

A "thrilling" adventure for most everyone going to Frog Camp that first weekend was the meeting of Elephants on the Highway. Many stopped and rubbed their eyes, only to find out that a Circus was "walking" over the pass, from Bend to Springfield.

(To be continued.)

What is a gumboot and slicker trip?

We don't know but it sounds wet.

**If Hungry . . . .**

to or from a day of skiing,  
drop in at

**SPARKS RANCH**

Mrs. Sparks famous meals  
can't be beat.

Mrs. Rosa Sparks, Prop.

**NEWS NOTES**

Jimmy had a great disappointment recently. While roller skating near his home he broke his arm thus eliminating all plans made for skiing at Pendleton. Young Jimmy is the son of Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Donahue. Since the snow season he has spent many weekends in the McKenzie area.

Miss Eunice Hamlin, niece of Dorr Hamlin, has been visiting at the Hamlin home the past few weeks. Eunice is a rhythm dancer, having come to Eugene from her work in the Canal Zone, and is planning to return to her home soon in New York.

Mildred Hultgren, bookkeeper of McCracken Bros., Portland, was down the past weekend to participate in a weekend of skiing.

As soon as Marge Thayer can leave her sail boat for a few weekends, we will see another ski enthusiast enjoying our winter wonderland.

**After Skiing**

Stop at the

**BELKNAP  
HOT SPRINGS**

and warm up with a  
swim.

IT TAKES THE KINKS OUT

**AT WINTER CAMP**

feel your best in  
Clean Ski Togs

**EUGENE CLEANERS**

Dresses	Suits
O'Coats	L'Coats
B. Robes	Top Coats

Pick Up & Delivery Service  
245 E. Bdwy. Phone 75

## Ugh!! Ugh!! Princesses Likee Noodles: Velly Skookum

Probably for the first time in history a pow wow of Indian Princesses sat in a circle and inhaled noodles with chop sticks, at Princess Evening Star's teepee, Tuesday evening, January 11th.

The occasion was a visit of Miss Mabel A. Wood, University Home Economics instructor, who has just returned from a year in China. While she displayed a keen interest in the Princesses' Indian costumes, the girls were even more interested in her authentic Chinese robe of black silk with red pipings. Miss Wood, who has attended "Skiing Sundays" several times, and plans to take up her skiing again soon, showed the Princesses lantern slides of Chinese scenes, including many photographs taken inside the "Summer Palace", famed estate of the Chinese emperors.

Even more interesting were the contents of two big boxes which were passed around. Wonderfully fine Chinese silks, old embroideries and carvings, rare linens, hand made books of great value, and a series of mannequins, dressed in the correct clothing of various classes of Chinese citizens were shown. A red silk wedding skirt more than 100 years old, and heavily embroidered, was much admired.

Evening Star served dishes of noodles with chop sticks, little side dishes of nuts and candies, and real Chinese tea served in a samovar.

## The Winter Outing

(Continued from Page 1)

have never skied before a chance to learn more in this one week than some of us have learned in the whole season.

The instruction fee will be included in the cost of the outing. In fact these winter outings are conducted in the same manner as the popular Summer Camps. All you need to bring is your personal belongings. The club will take care of the food problem and the cook will be a good one, one of the most popular cooks we have ever had in our summer camps.

So why not plan to take a week off and join the gang in a real outing? If you have never skied before, come and find out why this sport has become America's number 1. If you have already found this out, come and have an expert help you. Don't hesitate about coming because of someone seeing you fall.

We're all still learning and we all spill often.

And then beside skiing, there will be entertainment in the evening. It is as much fun to watch the skiers trying to learn the Schottische as it is to take part in it, however we'll wager that everybody who attends the outing will be Schottischeing before the week is over.

Who knows—perhaps some of us who take this skiing seriously may even acquire an Austrian accent. This could be brought on in such a setting very easily—skiing on the long rolling slopes of Mount Hood, just like we see in those pictures taken in the Alps, and dancing at the lodge in the evening, taking a few moments off now and then to relax before the large fireplace.

There will be cross country trips to the interesting places near the lodge—Multigor hill, where the jumping events will be held—to Tom Dick and Harry Mountain, and of course trips to the New Timberline Lodge and up the mountain to Crater Rock.

On the opening day of the camp, February 13th, there will be a ski meet on the mountain and we will be able to see some of the best skiers of the country in action.

The committee asks those who plan to go, to register early. Your cooperation in this manner will help complete the plans before the last day. Watch the newspapers for more information or see some of the committee. Glen Sims, Bill McCracken, Tony Vogel, Harry Wright, Cliff Stalsberg and Ed Thurston.

Registration will be at Hender-shotts and Babbs. The cost of the outing will be \$14 per week or \$2.50 per day for members, and \$19 per week for non members. A \$5 deposit will be necessary by February 5th and the balance February 11th.

## Extra! Extra! Special

Of interest to old-timers, newcomers, prospective members, and everyone who would like an evening of fun will be the "Ski Dance" being arranged by a committee headed by Paul Lafferty, and assisted by Tony Vogel, and Bob Lemon.

Your ski costume or other appropriate outfits will be the order of the evening. So let's all keep the date of Saturday, February 5th, open and treat ourselves to an evening of real fun and entertainment.

The committee promises the best of music, and also, that we will go away saying, "Well, that Schottische, polka, or Klapp Dans, Bleking, or whatever it may be, has certainly got me".

## Notice to Members

Any member having a change of address, please notify Harriet Plotts, Tel. 1748 or 1381-J.

You may still get your Obsidian emblems from Thelma Watson, Washburne's, for 35c.

Have That Early Morning  
Breakfast  
at the

## IMPERIAL CAFE

"Where Obsidians Meet"



**Shelton-Turnbull-Fuller Co.**  
**PRINTERS**

Phone 1663

44 W. 10th Ave.

Eugene, Ore.



Page Four

## The OBSIDIAN

## THAT NEW YEAR'S PARTY

The Obsidians held their New Year's Party at the Belknap Hot Springs having use of the hotel, cabins and swimming tank. About one hundred were there to enjoy the fun, and what a time. To handle a crowd such as we had would be hard to beat. With its hotel accommodations, cabins, warm (mineral water) swimming pool, spacious lounge, dining room, kitchen and parking space for cars—it's got what it takes. It is a mecca for a holiday crowd.

To start with, the watch dogs of the Treasury (Bob Lemon and Ray Sims) were at the door to welcome everyone who had the price of admission—and say how those boys could figure up your "totals". Well, they also had what it takes. The early birds toasted their shins around the fireplace until the crowd formed enough to start the "ball rolling". The dancing commenced about 8:30 and from then on nothing could stop them. The committee on arrangements headed by Bryan Ryan, were on their toes, because things were well arranged and showed evidence of real work.

The Master of Ceremony was Roland Burkhardt, and he surely kept things going, until Tom Kaarhus finally knocked him out with a musical blow and got in about half an hour of Obsidian Community singing which was enjoyed by all. Thanks Tom, you are some leader. You surely know your "Alouette".

Next came the Liars contest—Three of the biggest liars in the crowd were chosen to vie for honors, Ronald Burkhardt, Louis Waldorf, Wallace "Killer" Clark. No one will question the choice, Roland Burkhardt won the "Horsefeathers" Trophy. He claimed Deer Butte was made

from the deer he had killed—We all know that to be a lie, for when he was camped on the South Fork, and the deer came stamping around the camp at night, he was so frightened his young son had to take him by the hand and lead him to where the deer were to show him they were harmless. (It isn't too early to start cooking up your stories for we want real competition for Burkhardt next year—Let's show him!!)

As soon as the lies cooled off, dancing was again resumed. At midnight we had an Auld Lang Syne dance and welcomed in the New Year with much "gusto", and a real honest-to-gosh feeling of fellowship prevailed. Boy, what a time.

Rumor had it that the young son of the Lemons was to make his appearance at the stroke of twelve. Must have been too much of that "gusto", for the little fellow slept right through it. After this we had a feed, and some feed it was. After the lunch the crowd started a new session of dancing.

Ralph Lafferty proved to be a popular Schottische teacher of the evening. Before the dancing was over even Tony and Ray had found the dining room as just the place for practicing a bit of the popular dance.

Some swam until 3 A.M.—and one party dove off the hotel roof and missed the tank and landed in the McKenzie River and had to swim across and this happened when the cooks were already up preparing breakfast. Now the "timid soul" couldn't be found, but anyway we wouldn't tell.

All were on deck for a wonderful breakfast, fruit, hot cakes, sausage, eggs, etc. Breakfast over we all drove to Frog Camp and skied to Hand Lake, where the races were held.

Everyone enjoyed the skiing on the slopes around the Lake. At 3 P. M. we all arrived back at

Belknap for one of the best dinners ever spread for a New Year's Party.

New Year's night was also spent at the Belknap Hotel with dancing and singing, Louie Waldorf leading the singing, which was very masterly done and enjoyed very much. His songs mostly were of a comic nature. He got the air so contaminated with noise that it lasted around some of the cabins until about 2 A. M. Not enjoyed by those who were sleepy.

Next morning, Sunday, all were off again for the ski grounds at Frog Camp. From there some went to Hand Lake, other to Sunshine, Deer Butte, and some stayed at Frog Camp. Same day at about 4 P. M. we were all back at Belknap for our final meal. After dinner all returned to their homes with nothing but praise for the time they had had. Thus ended our 1938 New Year Party.

"These rock formations", explained Ray, "were piled up here by the glaciers".

"But where are the glaciers?" asked curious "Killer" Clark?

"Oh, they have gone back to get more rocks", replied Ray.

Bryan: "What's that hole doing in your ski pants?"

Tony: "Showing my underwear".

### Don't Forget!

Film for the Winter  
Outing

- Movie Film
- Roll Film

Both in either Black and White  
or Natural Color.

Ask Dot to show you samples.

**DOTSON PHOTO SHOP**

KODAK - COMMERCIAL

11th & Oak

Phone 202

