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## New Years Party

The New Year's party will be at Odell Summit Lodge at the southwest corner of Odell Lake on the Willamette highway. Drive to the parking area and take the boat across the lake or ski in by the Odell summit road.

The party begins about 9 o'clock New Year's Eve with dancing, games, cards, ski skit (written by George Korn), liar's contest, and plenty of good food. The next day's events will be an all Obsidian ski event, and trip to Eagles Rock on the skyline trail back to the lodge for the banquet.

The cost for the lodgings are as follows: Bed in lodge or cabin with linen furnished \$10.00; bunk bed with your own sleeping bag \$9.00; boat house with your own sleeping bag \$8.00. This includes your meals. For the banquet New Year's Day only about \$2.50.

## Annual Meeting

Earl Britton, "Britt" to Obsidians, will head the club for the year 1947-48. Britt serves Eugene as Veterans Agriculture Instructor and you may listen to him every morning at 6:30, over KUGN, where he is Farm Service Director. When informed of his appointment, Britt was very much pleased and said he felt it was an honor to serve his friends in this capacity.

The business of the Annual meeting was conducted very efficiently by Bob Lyon, President, whose retiring speech praised the members themselves for their cooperation and participation in helping the Obsidians to attain a place of considerable importance in the circle of Outdoor clubs.

Treasurer Bob Lemon reported that the club finances for the year were well balanced, with an investment of \$1,500.00 in First Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Out of the routine reports came a few interesting facts. Wayne Bailey reported forty-two trips were scheduled for the year and 33 completed, with 38 people the largest number in attendance on any hike. The Civil Air Patrol accompanied  
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## Photo Winners

In the annual photo contest held on Nov. 3, Bertha Deckman carried off the lioness' share of prizes: 1st and 2nd for snow; 2nd and 3rd for geological; and the grand prize with one of Mt. Washington. Myrtie Hamlin took 1st on geological; 2nd and 3rd in human interest; and 3rd in snow. Mary Castelloe had 1st in human interest; and Ray Boals, Virginia Tompkins and Bailey Castelloe took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively in the landscape classification.

Colored slide winners were: Bailey Castelloe, 1st; Ray Sims, 2nd and 3rd.

The committee in charge were Ray Boals, Ward Haynes, Mildred Vaughn and Doris Sims, chairman.

## Board Meetings

Our newest members:

Senior Active—Hazel Harnsberger, Willis Caldwell, Emil Settlege, Ronald Pupke, Herbert G. Kariel, Hermie Kroeger.

Senior Associate—Helen McGillcuddy, Jo Ort, A. B. Davis, Chelton Leonard, Saul Zaik, Jim Desinger, Bill Vranizan, Jim Donahue, Don Riedel, Connie Jackson, William H. Byrd, Jim Popp, Bob Forbes, Harriett Roberts.

Junior—Tom Temple.

Members resigning recently — Charles Wiper, Tom Wiper, Gladys McCrary, Gordon Gullion, Martha McMaster, James and Helen McKevitt, Mabel Currin and Brian Gillespie.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN—Are invited to every board meeting, in compliance with this policy expressed by the new board at their  
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## C. C. R. C.

At the last Cascade Recreational Council meeting, Geo. Henderson, Pres. of P.N.S.A. explained the new rules for classification of skiers, and the method of timing and recording races. Complete details may be found in a future issue of Skiers' Informant.

The Council recommended hiring Phil Peoples to give free ski instruction to all members of clubs that belong to the council.

## Obsidian Winter Schedule

### Local Walks and Ski

Dec. 14—Hoodoo Bowl—Jere Gillis Memorial Dedication and Junior Boys downhill and slalom meet. Leaders George Korn and Gilbert Bissell.

Greenery—Dr. Gullion.

Dec. 20-21—Sunshine Shelter and Middle Sister—Especially for Junior Obsidians and ex-10th division men. Leader, Paul Lafferty.

Jan. 1—Ski Fiesta in cooperation with the entertainment committee and New Year's Party. Leaders to be announced.

Jan. 4—Mt. Hood—Trail Races. Classes A, B, C.

Jan. 11—Jasper Hills. Bob Lemon, Leader.

Jan. 18—McKenzie area. Bailey Castelloe, Leader.

Jan. 25—Beacon Hill. Roxie Waldorf and Helen Weiser, Leaders.

Feb. 1—Willamette area—County Ski Fair. George Korn, Leader.

Feb. 8—Coast Trip. Glen Sims and Darwin Yorlan, Leaders.

Feb. 15—Hoodoo Bowl.

Feb. 22—Mt. Hood—(Double Holiday)—Giant Slalom, Class C.

Pisgah from South. Frank Sipe, Leader.

Feb. 29—Obsidian All-Oregon Class C and Junior, downhill and slalom—Hoodoo Bowl.

Mar. 7—Seavey's Butte. Paul Weiser and Verne Granger, Leaders.

Bogus Basin — National Junior Championship. John Skillern and Bruce Chase, Leaders.

Mar. 14—Mt. Hood—Class B, PNSA Men's Championship, Downhill and slalom.

Mar. 21—Spencer Butte. Lloyd Helickson, Leader.

Mar. 24 to 31—Tentative date for winter outing.

## Shutter Bugs Meet Jan. 14

The camera committee announce that they have secured a reservation at the Community Center on Wed., Jan. 14 for the initial meeting of the camera enthusiasts. If you have problems, bring them and we will try to get the solutions. We will have an expert at this first meeting and maybe some tip top slides. Plans will be made for future meetings, and complete committee announced.

## "The Obsidian"

Member of: Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

Pacific Northwest Ski Association  
Central Cascade Recreational Council

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Entertainment—Mildred Vaughn, Chm., Ph. 879-R; Paul Campbell, Virginia Tompkins, Willis Caldwell, Judy Egge, Adeline Adams, Geo. Korn.

Outing—Helen Smith, Chm., Ph. 352-M.

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Auditing—Robt. Lemon.

Lodge—Dorr Hamlin, Chm., Ph. 5338-W; Darwin Yorlan, Doran McKee, Glen Sims, Florence Sims.

Climbing—Willis Caldwell, Chm., Ph. 330-397; Art Johnson, Jim Harrang, Duane Brown, Ray Sims, Paul Lafferty, Chloe Owens, Norman Lee, John

Skillern. Alternates—Clif. Stalsberg, Bailey Castelloe.

Building—Doran McKee, Chm., Ph. J.C. 26-F-21; Florence Sims, Doris Sims, Dorr Hamlin, Omar Gullion, Bailey Castelloe, Paul Campbell, Darwin Yorlan, Chester Pietka.

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Scientific—Frank Sipe, Chm., Ph. 3300-229; Dr. W. D. Smith.

## Editorial

### Be Prepared

There are two articles in this issue unrelated, yet closely related.

Our climbing committee is starting a program to make us better mountaineers. Another item deals with national preparedness.

With world affairs in their present critical condition, it seems as though the least we should do is to be prepared, in case peaceful means do not prevail.

Due to their mountaineering, skiing and ski patrol training, our Obsidians classed far above the average enlistees in the past conflict.

If you agree that those who will be called upon should be prepared, write your congressmen to support universal military training.

### Science Committee

Science has arisen from the desire of human beings to understand their surroundings. We enjoy what we see in proportion to how well we understand what we see. We Obsidians have chosen, as the center of our activities, the wild areas of the western country, where Natural History spreads before us in a never ending panorama. We should not be content just to stand off and admire Nature; we should become an active agency for conserving what we have. To do this, we must understand as well as enjoy. We should exercise our heads, as well as our feet and legs.

Let the Science Committee know your interests, and help build a program.

### F. W. O. C.

Cyrus C. Washburn of San Francisco is president of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs for this year. Robt. H. Keudell of Salem is vice-president for Oregon; Melvin Becker, sec.-treas.; and Marie Trappe, 7034 S.E. 20th St., Portland 2, is editor of the federation bulletin.

This information was not available for the last bulletin, so we list it here for the record and the reference of our members.

## Thanks, Bailey

When there is work to be done, whether in Summer camp or elsewhere, one person who can always be depended upon is Bailey Castelloe. The REA recently extended the McKenzie line to Belknap camp. The lodge chairman wanted the building rewired; and Bailey not only donated his professional services and (with the help of a few other members) put in the wiring but also furnished the material at practically cost. So we say, "Thanks, Bailey!"

## Annual Meeting

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the Obsidians on many trips during the year, treating them to ice cream and cake, while adding to the reserve of trained personnel available when it becomes necessary to search for lost parties in the mountains.

Gladys Patterson reported that entertainment for the year leaned toward the educational side, showing good response among the members. Bob Wilson, publications committee, announced a mailing list on address plates which is now available for the use of other committees. Paul Lafferty resumed ski activities for the year. Arlene Keasling reported a total of 260 members, 50 new members accepted during the year. Dorr Hamlin stated that the lodge has been rewired to assume the new load when the REA connects the current. He also presented tentative plans for the town lodge. Development of this project awaits lower building costs. Doris Sims announced the forthcoming picture contest.

Three resolutions were voted on: Dave Faville was made an Honorary member; the new climbing committee will be established as per amendment; the Life membership plan was tabled until next annual meeting.

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## Chiefs Initiate

On Nov. 14 at the Obsidian cabin the Chiefs took three more into their elite circle. Ray Cavagnaro is now Chief Red Face, Mike Stall, Chief Hoot Owl; and Clarence Scherer, Chief Fireball.

Blanche Osborn is now located at Klamath Falls and will probably be found skiing at Crater Lake this winter.

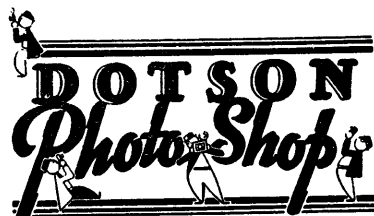
Obsidian Princesses held their Annual reunion and initiation on November 9, spending the weekend at Obsidian Cabin. Doris Sims, President, conducted the colorful ceremony which made Virginia Tomkins, Mildred Vaughan, and Phyllis Hixson new members of the club. Their names were Powder Snow, Many Pinnacles, and Daybreak, respectively. The princesses enjoyed the traditional feast Sat. night and made a short hike next day. Present were: Doris Sims, Thelma Watson, Arlene Keasling, Helen Weiser, Myrtie Hamlin, Mary Castelloe, Florence Sims, Florence Fulton, Nellie Moore, Catherine Dunlop, Vera Heidenreich, Elsie Dotson, and Helen Smith.

Princess Heathre Bloom entertained 18 members at the annual Christmas Party, Dec. 15. After listening to Christmas music and enjoying the holiday decorations, Santa Claus arrived to bestow a present upon each princess. The plum pudding made by Florence Sims was delicious with lemon sauce, ice cream and coffee. Mary Gillespie will entertain the group at the next meeting January 19.

## Decals

For decals, with the Obsidian name and emblem (arrowhead) to put on your car, see the Sec., Mary Castelloe. They are only 15c each.

**SEASON'S  
GREETINGS**  
from



## Board Meeting

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first meeting. The second Monday of each month is the regular meeting night.

The board voted to continue the club's policy of paying classification fees for its qualified skiers (in good standing) who wish to enter competition as Obsidians; also the policy of paying their entry fees will be continued.

Our delegate to the CCRC was authorized to vote for the transferral of our interest in the Dish & Furnishing Fund to the Ski Patrol Fund. Payment of CCRC dues was also approved.

Dorothy Steinmetz was made an active member on completion of her three qualifying trips.

A Camera committee was established by the board with Louis Waldorf as chairman; also a Scientific Study committee was approved and Frank Sipe named as chairman.

A letter from Dave Faville was read which expressed his pleasure on being made an Honorary Member.

The membership committee was authorized to have new membership blanks printed with necessary changes and additions.

Dorr Hamlin was instructed to investigate the present status of the Jackson Hole Monument question now before Congress, and to take action to support the resolution made by the Federation at its recent convention: "That FWOC clubs go on record as being in favor of the Jackson Hole National Monument being incorporated into the Grant Teton National Park."

The board voted "no" on the question of whether the Federation should accept for membership the Tourist Club ("The Nature Friends of America"), on the basis of observations made by the convention, and by Obsidians themselves.

John Skillern was appointed to serve as official delegate to the CCRC along with Sterling Behnke, with two alternates—George Korn and Nancy Hamlin.

Harold Trotter has learned that dirt roads after heavy rain in Oregon are no place even for Model T's. He spent all of one day at the Hand Lake area digging his out.

Olaf Nielsen has left the Eugene Water Board to accept a position with one of the principal electric companies in San Francisco. In the organization are several members of Contra Costa and Sierra clubs, so Oluf will feel more at home.

## Correspondence

Interesting letters were received from John Quiner and Lloyd Gust who are both in the occupation army in Japan. John had climbed Fugiyama. Lloyd hopes to do so next spring and is now on special detail as a ski instructor near its base. The secretary has both letters and addresses and will be glad to show them to anyone interested.

Dorr Hamlin reports that the Obsidian cabin near McKenzie Bridge is now in good shape for the winter. New electric lights have been installed, winter wood in the shed and the building in pretty good repair—ready for any members who wish to make use of it, for skiing parties or otherwise. See him to get the key.

Ray Engles is now living in Eugene on a special assignment with the Forest Service.

Wayne Bailey has joined the married men. He was married recently to Imogene Travers. We hope to see them both often with the Obsidians.

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A great deal of volunteer work has been done on several Sundays at the Hand Lake ski area on the McKenzie. The main run has been extended a thousand feet up the mountain. Harold Trotter and June Porterfield will have ski tows operating every possible Sunday.

Several petitions with long lists of names were presented at the state highway commission's meeting in November, urging that the McKenzie be kept open to the summit. No definite promises were given; but there are indications that more effort will be made to keep it open at least part of the winter.

Marley's Ready-to-wear shop on East Broadway have joined those who consider the Bulletin a good place to advertise. Keep up their confidence by patronizing all our advertisers.

Roxie and Louis Waldorf took a three weeks trip through California, Arizona and Nevada, visiting in Oakland and Los Angeles and sightseeing in Phoenix, Grand Canyon, Death Valley, Virginia City, Reno, etc. They still like Oregon best. They also visited Wm. Peltier who is now on a farm near Bakersfield. His address is Rt. 1, Box 165, Buttonwillow

Among the seven Forest Service men in the United States to receive the "Superior Service" award was John R. Bruckart, Supervisor of the Willamette National Forest. Mr. Bruckart was in Washington, D. C. on Nov. 12 and was presented the award, which reads as follows: "For unusually efficient and effective performance of official duties under difficult conditions in the advancement of forestry in the Willamette Valley of Oregon."

Col. Paul Lafferty, a past president of Obsidians, returned recently from Ft. Knox, Ky., where he was called as an observer at the Army Ground Forces Experimental Unit in Universal Military Training.

This is the National Defense Committee's answer to national preparedness. It is calculated to provide the greatest results for the least expended.

With world affairs in their present critical condition they believe that universal military training should be the minimum in preparedness.

For starting your car on icy snow, carry a small sack of screenings or small gravel in your car.

The Picture Press, of Eugene, for December carries a brief history of the Obsidians by Ray Sims.

The Ski and Local Walks committees have cooperated in planning trips for the winter season, so as to furnish a trip of one kind or the other, or both, for each week end. On the front page you will find the combined schedule. Keep this for reference as it will be the only one issued. Weather conditions may necessitate some changes, so watch the daily paper and bulletin board.

Helen Weiser, one of our popular members and workers, had the misfortune of being hit by a car, which broke one leg at the knee. We wish her speedy recovery; but we know that she will enjoy company in the meantime.

This just proves again that the mountains are the safest place for the Obsidians.

If your bulletin is incorrectly addressed; or if you did not get yours and had to borrow one from another member, notify the editor or club secretary so that revision may be made in addressograph plates. Some extra copies will be available from the editor, secretary, or Hendershott's for yourself or prospective members.

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