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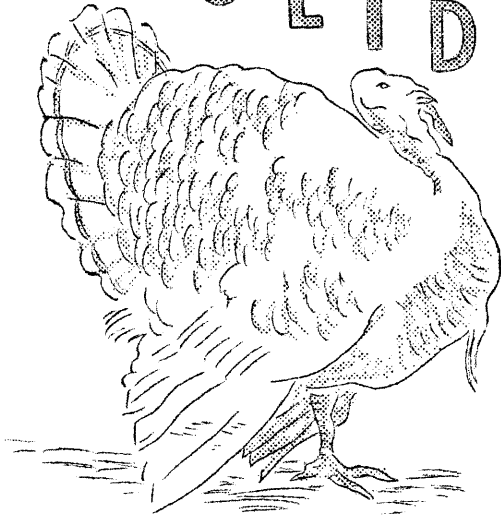


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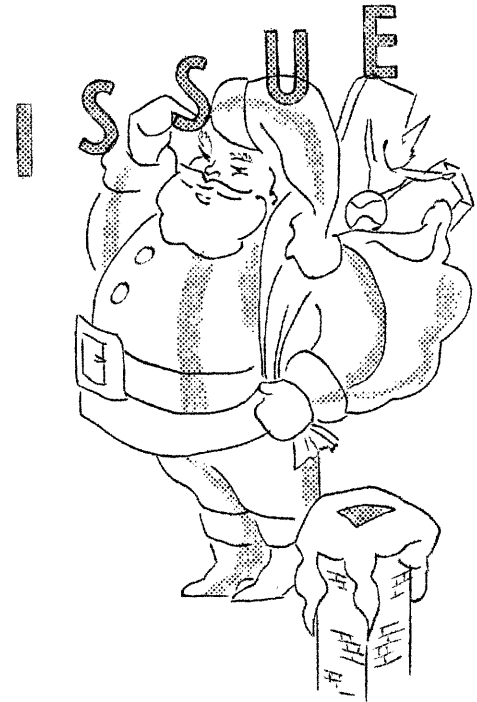


TRIPS COMMITTEE

The Obsidian Local Walks Committee has changed its name -- It will henceforth be known as the "Trips Committee", the change having been made at a specially called club business meeting on the night of the picture contest, when the Constitution and By-Laws were officially amended.

The new committee, under the direction of G. H. Jack, assisted by Thelma Watson, Clarence Scherer, Arlene Keasling, and Wayne Bailey, presents the following new schedule:

Nov. 27 - Chief's Initiation.
Dec. 4 - Mt. Pisgah-Clarence Scherer, Ldr
Dec. 11 - Christmas Greenerly Trip
Wayne Bailey, Ldr
Dec. 18 - Mistletoe Trip-Ray Cavagnaro, L
Dec. 31 - Jan. 1 & 2....New Year's Party
at Obsidian Cabin - Trips Committee
and Entertainment Committee.
Jan. 9 - Visit Willamette Ski Area.....
G. H. Jack



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Obsidian Princesses and the Entertainment Committee will again put on their family Christmas Party this year; it was such a big hit last year. This is for all Obsidians and their friends and their families, emphasis on the children, as much of the entertainment will be planned for them especially. There will be Christmas songs, skits, and moving pictures, in addition to the most interesting part -- the glamorous and exciting array of food on the buffet table. Can't you just picture the table -- decorated with red candles, green holly -- and smelling of pine and cedar?! And we don't need to mention that Santa will be there for the kiddies. A big welcome to all on the night of Thursday, December 22, at the Washington Street Community Recreation Center at 6 P.M.....See you then!

SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO MRS. RAY SIMS, SECRETARY, 2181 WASHINGTON, EUGENE, OREGON

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PRINCESS DOINGS

Obsidian Princesses met at the home of Florence Fulton on Oct. 17. Plans were completed for the Cy Fulton Memorial Showing.

Obsidian Princesses are proud to present their two newest members - Anna Pechanec (Princess Deer Fern), and Margaret Markley (Princess Rainbow-On-The-Fog). They were initiated at the Princesses' secluded te-pee in the mountains with colorful ceremony led by President Mary Gillespie, followed by a bountiful traditional feast.

The Princesses have been invited to
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...To all Obsidians...This is your paper; the publications committee must depend on you for news items. If you have news material, please outline same (it need not be written up as a story) and hand or phone it to one of the publications committee, listed below:

Blanche Beckett, Shirley Couch,
 Dorothy Spencer, Mary Castelloe,
 Frank Sipe.

A VOLUME A YEAR

At the last Board Meeting it was decided that the Bulletin should have a new volume number with each calendar year, whether there is one or several issues.

In looking over back issues, there is a discrepancy between the volume numbers and the number of years of publication.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The brave souls who journeyed up to the Obsidian Cabin on Halloween weekend were well rewarded by a select group of ghosts, haunts and goblins who appeared out of thin air to make the night a "howling" success.

No friendly gleam of light shone from the cabin windows; but from a lofty perch, a jack-o-lantern leered down on us, and a swirling wraith led us through hair-raising hurdles -- up ladders and through trap doors before we could enter. Slimy entrails from long departed spirits surrounded us; dolefully dripping water doused us, and over it all shrieked the blood-curdling wails of -- ghosts.

Thirty-two (or however many there were!) Obsidians and friends spent the night there and had a community breakfast Sunday morning. The weather was gorgeous; so Bailey Castelloe led most of the group on a coon hunt afterwards. He even produced a coon, too, and a wonderful view of the Sisters from Peakfinder Lookout. A potluck dinner that would rival any Thanksgiving feast was served after the hike.

The success of this rollicking party was due directly to Chief Hobgoblins Helen Smith, Mary Castelloe, and Adeline Adams, who certainly know how to harass a ghost.
 --Blanche Beckett

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meet December 19, Monday evening, at the home of Florence Sims; This will be a Christmas Party, with exchange of gifts.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Florence Sims was presented with Obsidian Life Membership No. 1 as an anniversary present from her husband. Florence was 'both surprised and pleased -- but rather more especially pleased' to receive this gift while in Summer Camp.

Many Obsidians have forgotten that the Life Memberships can now be obtained for \$25, after having been an active member for 15 years. Many are now eligible for them.

Bailey Castelloe is Life Member No. 2.

RICHFIELD ENTERTAINS

Obsidians and their friends have received a special invitation by the Richfield Oil Co. to attend a Jamboree Friday, December 2, at the Eugene Armory. Square dancing, and folk dancing will comprise the main part of the evening. Square dancing exhibitions will be given, and elaborate prizes have been planned. The Richfield Reporter will be Master of Ceremonies for the event and real Western square dance music will be provided, as well as some of the Pacific Coast's best "Callers". Whether you wish to participate in the square and folk dancing or not you are all invited to watch the festivities. Door prizes will be given, and an automobile will be the main prize. Friday, December 2, sounds like an evening of real fun! Let's all go!

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Bob Pfeiffer, Obsidian Ski Chairman, - George Korn, Ski Patrol Section Chief, and Norm Richards, representing the U. of O. Ski Club, attended the PNSA Annual Meeting, recently at Mt. Spokane, near Spokane, Wash. The model of the Gene McMurfhey Ski Patrol Shelter, which is under construction at the Willamette Ski Area, made quite an impression. Bob Pfeiffer, building Chairman of the Willamette Ski Patrol, displayed the model. George Korn, presented a plan, whereby scheduled ski tours should be sanctioned by the PNSA as are races. Stripes or emblems would be awarded to people completing the tours. This proposal was granted and the tours will begin next spring. John Litchfield, of the Sun Valley Ski School, was elected President and will devote all of his time to this position. George Korn was again elected to the executive board. The next meeting will be held next April in Walla Walla.

The Obsidians will sponsor four PNSA sanctioned races this season; two at Willamette and two at Santiam. The schedule will include two cross-country meets, one junior slalom, and one giant slalom.

George Korn, new operator of the Willamette Ski Area, attended a meeting of the Oregon Winter Sports Assoc. in Oct. in Portland. The Association is planning to make up a map covering all Oregon Ski Areas, which will be distributed to travel bureaus, chambers of commerce, service stations, ski clubs, and others.

If you're interested in becoming a ski instructor and feel that your proficiency needs only an instructor's card, read this: George Korn, local PNSA official, has received notice from the PNSA stating that instructor's certification examinations will be given at Stevens Pass near Seattle, from Dec. 2 to 4, and at Sun Valley from Dec. 8 to 11. Tests will be given for elementary, amateur, standard, and renewal amateur, standard, certifications. Van Purdy, Local Ski instructor, is planning on the trip and Don Temple and Gilbert Bissell may also attend. Anyone else who is interested

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"SKI TRACKS"(Continued from Page 3)
can get further details by contacting George Korn.

"SKI TRACKS" humbly pays tribute to Bob Pfeiffer, for his hard work to make skiing safer. Bob has put countless hours of work on construction of the "Gene McMurphey Ski Patrol Shelter".... Bryan Ryan is responsible for approximately 250 hours on the blueprints, designing and the two models. Not forgetting Don Nacker and Howard Carrel, -- we mention the fine job they did on drawing up a contour map of the ski butte at Willamette. Nacker is now spending his weekends marking cross-country trails for races, around the area. These are only a few. It would be impossible to mention them all, but their work is deeply appreciated.

Eugene skiers have several good sources of up-to-date ski news, this year - Marley's have a broadcast, each Thursday evening at 10 PM on KASH which features approximately 5 minutes of current ski news. The operators of the Willamette and Santiam Ski areas usually feature a special interview on their program, each Friday night at 10:15. Representatives from Eugene High Ski Club, the Obsidians, Willamette Ski Patrol, and others have been interviewed by Dolph Janes --- who uses the remaining part of the 15 minutes for regular ski news. Eugene High has a special ski column in the EHS News and Ruby Frazier will soon be starting "Ski Data" in the Register-Guard. She is waiting, however, until "the snow lasts at least a week in the mountains."

--- Shirley Couch

Your friend, John Jay, will be in Eugene in person next Monday night, Nov.28, at Roosevelt Junior High School, 8 P.M., to show you his delightful Olympic film, "SKIS OVER EUROPE". Jay, Official Olympic Photographer, is being brought here by the Obsidian Ski Committee, headed by Bob Pfeiffer.

Your evening will be well spent when you join your fellow Obsidians next Mon. night at Roosevelt Jr. High.

ADULTS	\$1.00
STUDENTS	.85
UNDER 12	.25

AMERICAN SKI ANNUAL

If you subscribed to SKIERS INFORMANT (you can still subscribe by notifying George Korn at Hendershott's)...you will note the article on Page 2 of the current issue, concerning the 1949 American Ski Annual. Roger Langley, Exec. Secy, of the NSA of America is the Editor..... and has announced that the books are ready for mailing.

A sheet has been posted on the bulletin board at Hendershott's -- for those who wish to purchase a copy. It is hoped that at least 15 copies will be spoken for, as this will insure a rate of about 70¢ each. The books will be ordered immediately, and a later announcement will be made on where to obtain them.

P.S. You can also sign up at Hendershott's for SKI MAGAZINE (Club rate - \$1.25 per year) and WORLD SKI BOOK..... (Club rate \$3.00).

WATCH FOR

an announcement concerning the Obsidian New Year's Party. Details will be posted on the bulletin board at Hendershott's and will also appear in the Register----Guard.

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