



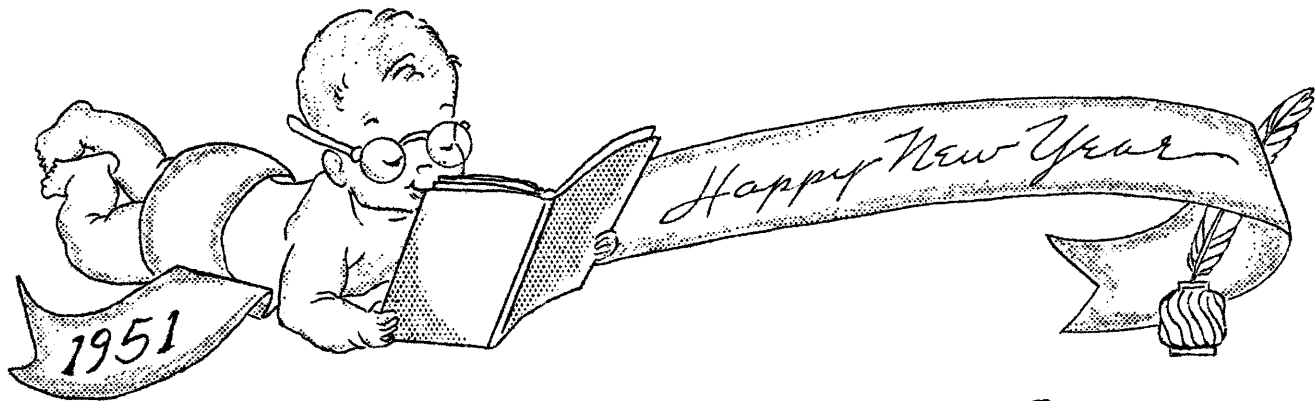
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TRIPS SCHEDULE

January - February - March

- Jan. 7 Ski at Willamette. George Korn has something up his sleeve besides snow!
- Jan. 14 Ski at Santiam. No Host Giant Slalom. Five-man boys team and three on girls team from each club. Come ski and see the fun.
- Jan. 21 Goodpasture Island. Louie Waldorf always has an interesting trip for us.
- Jan. 28 Weyerhaeuser Mill. Henry Carlson says it is closed on Sunday; but an evening tour during the week could be arranged.
- Feb. 4 Filter Plant. The Hayden Bridge plant is now in operation and will be very interesting.
- Feb. 11 North Coburg Mts., Thelma Watson will show us some lovely country from a new angle.
- Feb. 18 Spencer Butte. Frank Sipe, Ldr. An early conditioner to take the (Cont. P. 2 - Col. 2)

A HAPPY NEW YEAR !

How do you suppose we would spend this New Year's season if we knew it was to be our last one on earth under a free flag? Might not the jollity and merry-making give way to a more sober commemoration of that first Christmas time in our efforts to experience more fully the real significance of the Son of God's coming to help a weary world?

For almost two thousand years, the ideal of brotherly love has been held high by freedom-loving peoples. In almost half of the world it has been challenged and snuffed out in a twinkling of time's eye. But out of the darkness can grow a clearer conception of why this season is best celebrated humbly; why the best gifts — the most lasting gifts, are the gifts of human toil and sacrifice.

In this New Year, with so much that is already ours, and with the warm glow of new-found purpose, we can all of us say — deeply, heartily, and with ringing sincerity to each other:

"HAPPY NEW YEAR !"

"THE OBSIDIAN"

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PRINCESS DOINGS

In late October the Obsidian Princesses betook themselves to the mountains for their annual ceremony of initiation. Led by Adeline Adams, their newly elected President, the Indian maidens welcomed three new members to their group: Jean Hjelte, Princess Sunflower; Dorothy Spencer, Princess Vine Maple; and Shirley Couch, Princess Snow Shoe Rabbit. A trip was made to Deer Butte on Sunday in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Obsidian hike.

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The annual Obsidian Princess Christmas party was held at the home of Doris Sims, on Dec. 18. Members exchanged gifts and enjoyed the traditional Christmas pudding. A bridal shower gift was presented to Dorothy Spencer.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The most successful Christmas party in the annals of our club was given by the Princesses for the Obsidians and their families on Sunday evening, December 17. The Recreation Center at Washington Park was beautifully decorated and lighted for the delicious buffet supper which was served first. Following this the entire group sang Christmas carols, led by Louie Waldorf and Elsie Dotson, and accompanied by Chester Pietka on the accordion. A puppet show held the children spellbound; when they responded by taking part individually with songs, recitations and instrumental solos. Santa, the genial soul, presented the small guests with gifts and delighted the audience, young and old with his conviviality. More than 140 of us wish to thank the Princesses.

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winter kinks out of our joints.

Feb. 25 Serro Gorda. Adeline Adams, Ldr. New territory for most of us out Cottage Grove way.

Mar. 4 Cap Hagan. One of our best look-out peaks. Good conditioning trip

Mar. 11 Crater Lake Bus Trip. (Ski Committee. Arlene and Ernie Keasling.) A popular trip to one of Oregon's beauty spots. Even if you don't ski, this is a must!

Mar. 18 Chase Gardens. Wayne Bailey has flowers to show us even in the winter.

Mar. 25 Easter Sunday. Your favorite Church.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome several new members to our club this month, and wish to inform them that they, and any other member of the Obsidian Club are welcome to attend any meeting of the board:

Roeloff O. McWilliams)	
Marjorie Beckett)	ACTIVE MEMBERS
Natalie Beckett)	

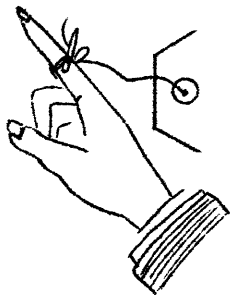
Dr. Edward Kellar)	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
Dr. Sterling Suddarth)	

Barbara Kay Sprague)	
Ian Walker)	JUNIOR MEMBERS
James Newsom)	

CLUB EXTENDS SYMPATHY

We record with sadness the death of Bob Lyon on December 12th. The sincere sympathy of the club is extended to his wife, Doris, his three children and his parents, Colonel and Mrs. Robert M. Lyon. His enthusiasm for the outdoors was unbounded and he observed and practiced the very best in mountaineering.

Bob was a Past President of the Obsidians, Past Treasurer of the Pacific Northwestern Ski Association, and Faculty Advisor for the Pack Rats and Ski Club of Eugene High School. We agree with a Washington Alpine Club member who wrote us and said, "the Great Outdoors and Mankind have lost a great friend."



Don't forget

our

New Year's Party

Dec. 31-1

This year we're going to have a New Year's Eve Party that tops all year's-end festivities! Imagine - two days high in the mountains - "away from it all"; turkey with all the trimmings, cooked by Edna's fair hand; accordion music for some good old-fashioned square dancing and probably even some skiing if Old Man Winter gives with some snow. The rates are very reasonable; ONLY \$4.00 - so sign up while there's still time - at Hendershott's!



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HAVE YOU HEARD?

- that Ray Cavagnaro has been appointed a member of the Willamette Forest Advisory Council, a definite honor we believe. This new cabinet has been selected to confer with the Forest Supervisor, the logging operator, the labor groups, power and water users, and the McKenzie River Guides and the lumberman on the most equitable distribution of the use of our national forests by the local public. We feel confident that Ray will bring to this group his intelligent interest and unbiased opinions on whatever is best for the greatest number of people.

- that Melvin Lindley has accepted a position in Oslo, Norway and is staying with Konrad Wagner there, at #10 Rabbeview, Okern.

- that the TRAILFINDER, edited by our friend Harry James, has six pictures of the Tetons in its latest issue.

- that by the time this goes to press, Clarence Scherer and Dorothy Spencer will have cinched up the matrimonial knot which makes them one. They will be at home in Springfield after the first of the year. The best wishes of the club go to them!

- that Don Riedel is now attending Dental College in Portland - his address is 927 N. E. Holladay.

- that Euc Paris, who was wounded in the Korean fighting, has just arrived at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Mare Island, California, and although still in a cast is able to sit up a little each day, and is improving right along. His mother is to leave this week to visit him, and she has given his telephone number - 397420 - so that all his friends may call him if they wish, or write a note. Obsidians send their very best wishes to you Euc!

- that Lloyd Gust came home last Saturday for the Christmas holidays. He will be at home until Thursday. Merry Christmas Lloyd and Barbara! Happy New Year!

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At The Coast

There were nineteen of us at Beachcomber's Rest the week end of November 25th and 26th. We had a fine time as Obsidians always do. The group gathered by supper time Saturday eve. Afterward we tramped across the little meadow and down to the beach.

It was a balmy evening. We explored the little pools exposed by the low tide, and I hope that our two flashlights didn't frighten a years growth from the little fish and hermit crabs. As Mary Donaldson's poem reads "we were both pleased and surprised" to discover that the ocean wasn't too cold for wading. There was a full moon to go with our beach fire..... Around the moon was the big circle presaging the storm, and within the circle, one star - which means that in one day the storm will come. Now the weather man might smile on hearing such a prediction, but it did come true. We talked around the fire, then walked back to the cabins for two good games of Canasta.

At breakfast, our president, George Jack, treated us to mighty fine hotcakes, cooked by his own hand. We drove up the coast to watch the Spouting Horn and the Devil's Churn. And around 11:00, after the steady hard wind of the night and morning, the rain came.

We enjoyed the best of pot-luck dinners, another game of Canasta and then started home with the windshield wipers swinging all the way. Four of the group stayed at Beachcombers through Monday and had a beautiful, clear, sunny day.

Adeline Adams

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THE TRAILS CLUB of Portland has issued us an invitation to join them on their Winter Outing January 20-28 at T.C. Mt. Hood Lodge. Rates \$2.50 a day or \$25.00 a week. Inquire at Hendershott's.

ANNUAL PICTURE CONTEST

It rained and rained and rained on November 15th but we had the annual picture contest anyway and some hardy souls ventured down to the YMCA Recreation Center in spite of the high water. They were rewarded with pictures & refreshments.

A Kodachrome slide of the climbers going up the trail across a rock slope towards the Grand Teton won Jean Hjelte the grand prize. Other prizes awarded were as follows: Colored Slides: Landscape, 1st, Mary Castelloe; 2nd, Adeline Adams, 3rd, Jean Hjelte. Human Interest, 1st, Florence Sims; 2nd, Mary Castelloe; 3rd, Jean Hjelte. Plant and Animal, 1st, Adeline Adams, 2nd, Helen Erickson; 3rd, Helen Weiser. Non-Obsidian, 1st, Paul Weiser; 2nd, Paul Weiser; 3rd, Helen Weiser. Climbing & Skiing, 1st, Jean Hjelte, 2nd, Bailey Castelloe; 3rd, Jean Hjelte.

Since the black and white entries were so few and so late in being entered, they were not judged in classes as announced in the last bulletin. Winners were chosen by vote of those present at the contest. Prizes were awarded for the following: Mr. & Mrs. Hoodoo Skiing by Mary Castelloe, 1st; Frosted, by Mary Kaneen, 2nd; Tenas Lake Terrain by Mary Kaneen, 3rd.

Judges of the colored slides were: Dot Dotson, Professor Andrew M. Vincent, L.F. Coburn.

Helen Erickson

BIG CHIEF POW-WOW

23 chiefs were at Obsidian Cabin on Nov. 11 for the annual "Chief's Initiation." As usual, the rain came down in bucketsful, so it was a grand success.

Walt Banks	Chief Barefoot
Roy Temple	Chief Hot Shot
Ray Harris	Chief Choo Choo
Dick Ordway	Chief Jingle Bells
Gerry Honey	Chief Tippe Canoe
Harold Jack	Chief Cracker Jack

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