



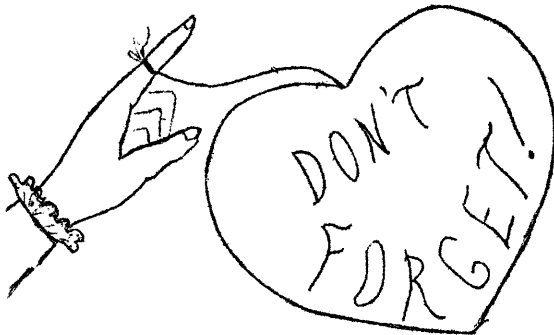
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Valentine Party

The Entertainment Committee announces a party for the evening of February 13 (Tuesday). It will be held at the downtown Y Center, 1076 Willamette, starting at 8 P.M.

There will be about an hour of miscellaneous GAMES, followed by some exhibits of Folk Dancing by Jean Hjelte's group, the "Eugene Folk Dancers"; the audience will be invited to participate in some of these.

Light refreshments will be served, and a small "cover" charge will be collected. Be sure to be there!

FOURTH MONDAYS SET FOR BOARD MEETINGS

Special Invitations To New Members

New members of the Obsidian Club who joined since annual meeting will be personally invited and escorted to the February meeting of the board, it is announced by President George Jack. It will be held at the home of Helen and Paul Weiser, 1245 Coburg Road, Monday evening, February 26, at 7:30 P.M., with Helen and Roxie Waldorf as co-hostesses.

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GENE McMURPHEY

SKI PATROL SHELTER DEDICATION

Scheduled to begin at 2:00 P.M. February 18, at the Willamette ski area, dedication services for the Gene McMURphey ski patrol shelter will be opened by the Willamette ski patrol. Dolph Janes, radio announcer and honorary member of the patrol, will preside as master of ceremonies.

Filling the speakers' chairs, will be: Van Purdy, local ski instructor; Bryan Ryan, designer of the building; Tony Vogel, on the purpose; and pinch-hitting for building chairman, Bob Pfeiffer, now in the army, will be his father, Carl Pfeiffer. A toboggan demonstration will be presented by two teams including Miss Virginia Bloom and Mrs. Allen Lindley for the women and Jack Meissner and Chuck Honey for the men.

Gene McMURphey, a well known Obsidian, ski patrolman, certified ski instructor, and member of the mountain troops, lost his life in the fall of 1948. Chairmen of the dedication plans are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Proudfoot, close friends of the McMURphey family.

Ground for the shelter was broken on Labor Day, 1949, and volunteers donated numberless weekends constructing it, under the supervision of Pfeiffer and Springfield contractor, Gale Roberts. All materials were donated by nearby firms.

By Shirley Couch

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The Obsidian is being sent directly to each of these boys as well as to their homes.

FOURTH MONDAYS SET(Continued)

The meeting night of the board has now been definitely set for the fourth Monday of each month, and all Obsidians are urged to feel free to attend at any time. The newcomers are especially invited, and a special invitation will be sent to each new member for the next board meeting following his or her election to membership. This will provide an opportunity for members to see for themselves just what makes up the business of the club, and how it is conducted. Not only will they keep up on what's new in club activities, but they will also learn some of the basic policies established in other years on which current decisions are made.

TRIPS

February - March

FEB. 4 NEW FILTER PLANT. Ray Boals, Leader. If it's a good day a short hike in Mohawk Hills may be made.

FEB. 11 NORTH COBURG MTS. Thelma Watson Leader. Thelma will take us to a part of the Coburgs not much explored by Obsidians.

FEB. 18 SPENCER BUTTE, from the south. Frank Sipe, Leader.

FEB. 25 CERRO GORDO BUTTE, (near Dorena Dam). Adeline Adams, Leader.

MAR. 4 CAP HAGEN. Wayne Bailey, Leader

MAR. 11 CRATER LAKE BUS TRIP. Ernie and Arlene Keasling, George Korn, Leaders. This trip will be jointly sponsored by the Trips and Ski Committees.

MAR. 18 CHASE GARDENS. Helen Kilpatrick and Myrtie Hamlin, Leaders. This trip is more interesting every year.

MAR. 25 EASTER SUNDAY. A short afternoon trip, Virginia Drake, Leader.

Dorothy and Clarence Scherer are now at home at 919 N. Fourth, Springfield. Lt. Ralph W. Johnson and Anne Goodman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Morris H. Goodman of Portland, were married at Christmas time in Reed College Chapel. They are at home at Fort Ord, California.

Climbing Committee Plans for '51

The 1951 Climbing Committee met at Jean Hjelte's last December 29, for its first session. Plans for the year include an expanded climbing school, and a full season of climbing. We are scheduling "all Ten" as usual and hope to include one or two out-of-state mountains. Mt. Adams will be climbed during Summer Camp, and we are considering either Mt. Shasta or St. Helens. Labor Day Weekend is the only three-day holiday this year, so the more distant mountains will require careful planning.

We plan to have early classes in ice and snow technique this year. These will be held near one of the ski areas, as soon as the snow has settled well in the spring, probably in late March or April. The rock climbing classes will feature more practical work and less indoor study this year. To make this possible, those who plan to attend must do some home study, on general mountaineering practice, using such books as The Mountaineers Handbook, or the Manual of Ski Mountaineering. In addition, we will expect all who attend to be able to tie, without help, the Bowline, the Bowline-on-the-coil, and either the Butterfly or the Bowline-on-the-bight. This will enable the instructors to put in full time on actual practice work.

Watch the bulletin board at Hendershott's for further Climbing Committee information and sign-up sheets.

Suggestions are always welcomed by your Climbing Committee.

Mike Stahl, Chairman

FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

Have you sent in your dollar for your 1951 membership in the FWOC? Remember, this is an organization including all the important western clubs like ours. Its power for good is tremendous, but it is only as strong as the united and informed strength of its members.

If you wish to be counted among a group that believes in working for the preservation of the west's unmatched recreation areas, then put your name and a dollar bill in an envelope, and send to Olga Madsen, Secretary, FWOC, P.O. Box 167, Woodacre, Marin Co., California.

New Years At The Cabins

This New Year was ushered in at the Cabins, by fifty one Obsidians and their friends, amid fir branches and balloons.

There were many things to enjoy: Brit Ash's colored slides of the high Cascades, Jean Carlson's accordion music, singing and dancing, two skits by the Princesses, the Liar's Contest (and guess who won! Marge Beckett!), a midnight supper, canasta till 3:00 a.m. and hot-cakes for breakfast.

We were glad to have the Ashes with us for dinner and the evening. And as always we were glad to have Edna and Roy there with their good food and good humor.

Mike Stahl, Chairman of the 1951 Summer Outing made the annual New Years announcement of the place of our next summer camp. It's to be at Mt. Adams -- so start saving money and making plans to be among those present.

On Monday, a group of irrepressible Obsidians, led by Mike Stahl, decided to try out rock climbing techniques, at Eagle Rock. Those going were Ilse Boughton, Virginia Drake, Dennie Koupal, Ed Keller, Ray Harris.

Happy New Year to you all! from The Entertainment Committee: Helen Weiser and Roxie Waldorf, Co-Chairmen, Jean Hjelte, Dorothy Scherer, Clarence Scherer, and Ernie Keasling; and The Trips Committee: Frank Sipe, Chairman, Virginia Drake, Glen Sims, Wayne Bailey, and Adeline Adams, Chairman of the New Years Party.

Adeline Adams

RUTH HOPSON TO SPEAK AT

NATURAL HISTORY MEETING

Helen Kilpatrick, President of the Natural History Society of Eugene, extends a very cordial invitation to all Obsidians and friends to hear their fellow member, Ruth Hopson, speak at the February 23rd meeting of that group to be held on the campus. Ruth will show some of her collection of remarkable color pictures taken all over Oregon.

ATTENTION CAMERA FANS -

...From Reflex men to Brownie men!

Knowing that you will be interested in something like this - the Camera Committee has scheduled a "Photography Clinic" for Wednesday, March 7, at 7:30 P.M. in the library of the Community Center (Downtown Y Center - 1076 Willamette).

In order to touch more upon what your individual interests are it will not be conducted as a planned program but as a question and answer session.

To enable us to realize where your interests and problems lie, and to give us time to look up any further information which we might need to be prepared to help you -- we would appreciate it if you would send your questions in to us a week or so ahead of time.

This should prove to be a very interesting and profitable evening for you and we hope that all of you camera fans will send in your questions and come to the meeting March 7.

The Camera Committee: Myrtle Smith, Dot Dotson, Paul Weiser and Helen McGillicuddy will be discussion leaders and question answerers.

Please send your questions in early to Camera Committee, 1970 Charnelton - or hand them to any member of the committee.

Helen McGillicuddy

WE SALUTE ROY ELLIOTT

Congratulations to Roy A. Elliott, long a friend of the Obsidians, on his 36 years of fine service to the U. S. Forest Service. His devotion to the preservation and protection of the lands we love is recognized and appreciated by all Oregonians as well as outdoor club members.

EDITOR Blanche Beckett expects to return to her desk at the University Extension Service soon, after spending the month of January getting her strength back after an operation. (FrankSipePinchHitter)

let's go to

CRATER LAKE

MARCH
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LETTER FROM MARGARET E. MURIE

Those who were at Summer Camp last year will remember the Czechoslovakians who are members of the Social Security Council on the U.N., and will be interested in the following excerpt from a letter written to Roxie Waldorf by Margaret E. Murie, wife of Olaus J. Murie, President of the Wilderness Society.

"The Freys thoroughly enjoyed that evening by the campfire. They remarked on the 'good spirit of fun' and I was so glad that we could show them just that kind of real social life. We felt it a privilege to have them with us too and a joy to see how they really relaxed and rested and reveled in the country. I am glad they like the United States so well for since they are not Communists and have nothing to do with the present Regime in their old country they can never go back unless things change a lot. So they hope to remain in the United States for the rest of their lives. Dr. Frey was, in the old order, Jan Masaryk's principal private secretary.

Please give our best wishes to any of the Obsidians who may remember us.

I remember especially the school teacher who recited the comical poem -- was her name Donaldson?

We hope you have a fine winter and do come back to the Tetons again."

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AMENDMENTS
1948 -- 1949

OCTOBER 1948 - Article III, Section 1 -- Amended to read as follows: There shall be five (5) classes of membership -- Active, Associate, Junior, Honorary and Life. Only Active members and Honorary and Life members who were Active when so classified, shall have the right to vote and hold office.

The following Section added to Article III, Section 6 --- to be designated 6A: Any Active or Associate member in good standing and having paid Senior dues for a total of fifteen (15) years, may be granted a Life Membership upon payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) into the club treasury. Any other Active or Associate member may take out such Life Membership upon payment of sixty dollars (\$60.00).

Funds so obtained shall be invested in a sinking fund and no more than the current yearly dues per life member can be transferred to the general fund in any one year.

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OCTOBER 1948 - Article VI -- Amended by adding a new section which shall be designated as Section 4, and to re-number present Section 4 (Entertainment and Educational Committee) as changed by amendment of October 1947 (and subsequently by amendment of October 1949) to Section 5, and to re-number the following Sections in the same sequence that they now appear to Sections 6, 7, 8, and 9 respectively.

The new section shall read:

SECTION 4. SKI COMMITTEE: A committee of five (5) members whose duties shall be to plan, promote and carry out a skiing program for the club.

The committee shall maintain proper contact with and keep the club informed on the activities of such skiing organizations as the Obsidians are affiliated. (These organizations at present being the Pacific Northwestern Ski Association and the Central Cascade Recreational Council).

The activities of this committee shall include the organizing and conduct of programs to provide for: (1) ski trips and ski fairs; (2) ski instruction and proficiency testing; (3) ski etiquette and safety; (4) junior skiing activities; (5) intra-club and inter-club competition; (6) classification and records of competitive skiers; (7) entering competitors in sanctioned meets; (8) advancement of ski touring; (9) promotion of the building and use of overnight facilities for skiers; (10) transportation of skiers; (11) winter rescue and safety in mountainous terrain in cooperation with the National Ski Patrol System, Civil Air Patrol, American Red Cross, Forest Service and other official or recognized groups; and (12) the furthering of general interest in skiing, through the showing of ski movies, style shows, etc.

All inter-club competition and activities pertaining thereto shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PNSA and the NSA of America.

The Ski Committee may appoint with board approval subcommittees to aid in carrying out the skiing program.

OCTOBER 1949 - Article IV, Section 6 -- Amended to read as follows:
Section 6. OFFICERS. The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who with the Chairman of the Outing Committee, Chairman of the Trips Committee, Chairman of the Climbing Committee, and Historian, shall be chosen annually by the Board of Directors from their own number, except that upon a two-thirds vote of the Board, the Chairman of the Outing Committee, Chairman of the Trips Committee, Chairman of the Climbing Committee, and Historian, or any of them, may be chosen from active members of the club.

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OCTOBER 1949 - Article VI, Section 2 -- Amended to read as follows:
Section 2. TRIPS COMMITTEE: A committee of five (5) members whose duty it shall be to take charge of the trips other than major mountains, to arrange for and publish a schedule of the same, and fix upon a suitable charge for those taking part in each trip. The Board may enlarge the number of the Trips Committee and provide for appointment of a Vice-Chairman. It will be the duty of the Trips Committee to meet in conjunction with the Climbing Committee in preparing their respective proposed schedules before presenting said schedules to the Board of Directors for their approval.

The Trips Committee shall present a list of such trips as are to be qualifying trips for new members to the Board for approval and shall list the same in publishing the schedule of trips. No trips are to be undertaken in the name of the club that have not first been authorized by the Trips Committee.

Each Article and Section of the Constitution and By-Laws is hereby amended by substituting the words TRIPS COMMITTEE for the words LOCAL WALKS COMMITTEE, so that the committee will hereafter be known as the "TRIPS COMMITTEE."

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OCTOBER 1949 - Article VI, Section 3 -- Amended to read as follows:
Section 3. CLIMBING COMMITTEE: A committee of five (5) members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, whose duty shall be to schedule, arrange for, and supervise all major mountain climbs, except those on the Annual Summer Outing, and to provide instruction in the principles and techniques of mountaineering. It shall also be the duty of this committee to have available information and data necessary for a leader to conduct and lead a successful Obsidian climb. It will be the duty of the Climbing Committee to meet in conjunction with the Trips Committee in preparing their respective proposed schedules before presenting said schedules to the Board of Directors for their approval.

The Climbing Committee shall submit to the Board of Directors, not later than the March meeting, the proposed schedule of climbs for the season.

The Climbing Committee shall revise from time to time the climbing code and regulations of the club, subject to the approval of the Board, to insure that they be in keeping with the best safety and scientific mountaineering practices, and enforce the same.