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## HERE THEY FOLKS ARE

### The New Officers

Clarence Scherer	President
Dale Carlson	Vice President
Virginia Sebring	Corresponding Secretary
Thelma Watson	Recording Secretary
Walt Banks, Jr.	Treasurer

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Virginia Sebring	Lloyd Gust
Thelma Watson	Walt Banks, Jr.
Blanche Bailey	

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Entertainment	Ray Cavagnaro
Library	Margaret Markley
Membership	Blanche Bailey
Search	Mike Stahl
Building	Mike Stahl
Ski	George Korn
Lodge	Dorr Hamlin
Climbing	Gene Sebring-Lloyd Plaisted
Publications	Virginia Sebring
Scientific	Frank Sipe
Camera	Ray Sims
Outing	Dale Carlson
Auditing	Cliff Stalsberg

### Trips For November

NOV. 16 CLARK BUTTE      Keaslings, Ldrs

A new high point in the Fall Creek area which we have not visited. We will begin hiking at Clark Creek Camp over an easy trail for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles. View the Fall Creek Canyon from a new high vantage site and enjoy this short fall trip with us.

NOV. 23 CHIEF'S INITIATION

NOV. 30 CAP HAGEN      Merle Bailey, Ldr

A return trip to this lookout for a fall view of the McKenzie area in the late fall, and possibly some new snow. An easy, nicely maintained trail all the way to the top - about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

DEC. 7 ANNUAL GREENERY TRIP      L. Gust

Traditional gathering of Mistletoe and greens--makes your Christmas Spirit glow.  
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**NEW MEMBERS**

Thomas E. Taylor               Active Member  
     Alpha Hall, U. of O.  
 Miss Mildred Ball           Associate Member  
     1589 Pearl Street, Eugene

**PRINCESS DOINGS**

Adeline Adams entertained the Princesses at her home Oct. 20, and was pleasantly surprised as each arriving Princess presented her a lovely handkerchief - a gesture of their friendship for and deep admiration of Princess White Heron, and conveying their best wishes for happiness and success in her new position. After a delightful dessert, the meeting opened. Emblems for Chiefs were discussed-those not finished were promised soon; Annual Christmas Party was considered but actual plans postponed; plans for the coming Indian Longhouse Party at cabin were presented.

After a humorous(?) skit by a couple of 'hams', a miscellaneous bridal shower was presented to Virginia Drake.

Florence Sims invited the group to meet at her home, 742 Jefferson, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.

**N O T I C E**

A NEW meeting place for the START of Obsidian hikes has been chosen. We will meet hereafter in the City Park area, 8th and Oak Streets. There will be ample parking space there.

**GREETINGS..** *from the President*

We begin a new "Obsidian Year" following the election of the new members of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting in October. Though it was difficult to choose from any of the club members proposed by the Nominating Committee, it appears that a very fine Board was selected for the ensuing year (the president to be excepted for sure!). We have a young, hard-working, energetic group.

As it is our conviction that Obsidian activity is personified by 'participation' by all members, we plan to continue the policy of affording each of you the opportunity to be most 'active' during the coming year. Lloyd Gust and his Trips Committee will present a schedule that is certain to please; Gene Sebring and Lloyd Plaisted and their Climbing Committee can be counted on to plan a varied climbing program, while Ray Cavanaugh and his Entertainment Committee will provide plenty to keep you happy while you are "resting" in between your hikes and climbs. These, added to all of the committee efforts, will provide an active, interesting and varied program throughout the year for all members with a keen appreciation of the great outdoors.

One big 'promotion' (if we may use that mercenary word in Obsidian circles) for this year, is to spread the Obsidian gospel in an effort to increase our membership. For the past several years our membership has not kept pace with our potential - no doubt many more in our community would like to enjoy the things we Obsidians enjoy. So, do your friends a good turn this year, and invite them to some of our hikes, climbs and social affairs. Then, if they like them - and us - and we like them, follow through - "sign them up", and allow them to continue to enjoy and participate in the things we do.

Clarence

DO-O-O-O-O PAY YOUR DUES! THEY'RE DUE NOW; BUT; - Don't forget! THEY'RE \$4.00. Send your check to Membership Chairman, Blanche Bailey, 643 E. 12th Street or to Treasurer Walt Banks, Jr., 1163 Emerald St., Apt. #3.

## *Safety.....*

### THE GOAL OF OUR CLIMBS

The Obsidian Club is celebrating its twenty-five years of climbing mountains this year, and can point with pride to 25 years of successful climbs with no fatalities.

Not content with Oregon's ten high peaks, club members have climbed mighty Rainier and St. Helens in Washington, - Shasta in California and The Grand Teton in Wyoming.

With "safety" the goal on our many climbs, the thrill has heightened instead of lessened, knowing that all would return. Leadership - GOOD LEADERSHIP - is the NUMBER ONE reason for our very good record.

When our club was first organized it was our first president, John F. Bovard, who told us that 'not less than three' should make up a party on our high mountains. Another word of his wisdom when asked 'should a party follow a leader whom one thought was going wrong?' was 'YES, all stay together.'

The first article in the "code of climbing regulations" adopted by the Climbing Committee in 1948, is, "Anyone accepting the position of leader, - automatically assumes full responsibility to the club for the safe and efficient conduct of the climb he is assigned."

We have all read with sorrow of the recent accidents on other mountains where "leadership" was certainly lacking. Our club is looked up to and is called upon when a search is needed; so let us have another 25 years of good and safe mountain climbing.

R. S.

### Safety Tip . . . . .

If, before each climb or ski tour, you can honestly and in the affirmative answer this question put to yourself: "Can I survive a storm, bivouac, injury or loss of route on this trip?" - then you will not be under-equipped.

## *Did you know.....*

THAT just as this paper went to press our new Editor, Virginia Drake, and Gene Sebring were married at a charming ceremony, Wednesday evening, November 5, with family and friends present. The bride looked lovely in her dark suit and white feather hat, especially so when she and her handsome husband Gene stood smiling in front of the fireplace between the pink and white candle and chrysanthemum arrangements. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harrang stood up with them and helped them get away. Lots of happiness to those two!

THAT another large area is being opened up at the Willamette Ski area and you'd better get out the old wax and polish up your slats?

THAT Sterling Patterson and Dean Pittman were married October 11?

THAT our Adeline Adams has accepted a position as Bookmobile Librarian at the Colfax County Library in Washington? We will certainly miss Adeline very much for she was our hard-working secretary last year and has always been most active in all the club's doings. Good luck, Adeline!

THAT the stork is hovering over the Gust home and may settle anytime?

### OUR JOB

The things we failed to do last year, last month, yesterday, are still with us! The man who thinks the things he didn't do can be forgotten, is only fooling himself. They will be waiting for him again somewhere along the road ahead.

Your part in the world is very essential to the happiness of the world. One grain of corn never filled a bushel measure, but it helps its fellow grains to do so. Your little service to others may pass unnoticed, but the sum of all such helpfulness is what makes the world better today than it was yesterday . . . and builds up our civilization.

In the deep unwritten wisdom of life there are many things to be learned that cannot be taught. We never know them by hearing them spoken; but we grow into them by experience and recognize them by understanding. Understanding is a great experience in itself, but it does not come through instruction.

## PICTURE NIGHT

### November 25th

## A TRIBUTE

On Tuesday, Nov. 25th, a program has been planned we are sure all Obsidians will enjoy. Ted Hansen will show his famous pictures of the High Sierra country.

Ted is a State Department employee who has travelled extensively in America and Europe on his various assignments as an official of the United States government.

Many of us have met Ted, as he has made several trips and climbs with the Obsidians. His hobby is photography, and of course this has worked in quite well with his job. Ted will be in Eugene for the next few weeks, and we feel very fortunate in securing this lecture.

You will want to mark this important date on your social calendar - Tuesday November 25th at the Community Center at 8:00 P.M. The pictures will last about an hour and refreshments will be served directly. Don't forget to bring a friend!

### TRIP LEADERS TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS

The week before each leader's scheduled hike, he will receive a note of instruction, his sign-up and report sheet, and a few applications for membership which he can furnish to any prospective member who may be on his trip, Lloyd Gust, Trips Chairman, reports.

DEC. 14 CHRISTMAS TREE TRIP Castellones

Here's your chance to pick your holiday tree from Nature's own stock pile and have fun doing it.

DEC. 21 CHRISTMAS PARTY Princesses

### NEW SECRETARY

VIRGINIA DRAKE SEBRING - 930 LAWRENCE

### ? WHAT PRICE TV ?

If a TV tower is erected on top of our Spencer Butte, one of our oldest and best-loved landmarks will be commercialized and its rustic beauty spoiled. Can we not do something to prevent this? -- if a site on the Coburg Hills could be substituted?

Last year's officers and chairmen did a prodigious amount of work and the heartfelt thanks of the whole club goes to them. Mike Stahl was one of the hardest-working presidents that the club has had. Nothing was too hard for him, nor too time-consuming. Ruth Onthank's Scientific Committee charted and studied routes into the Wilderness Areas which the Club has long hoped to travel. The Trips Committee with Keith Brunig in charge, worked in conjunction with them to bring us vistas into new and unexplored country. The Building Committee put in long hours of work and planning against adverse conditions which ruined all their well-laid plans; so to Louie and Doran goes our special thanks. The constant care of our financial assets was carefully tended by Ray Cavagnaro - no small task! Mary and Helen gave us one of our best social seasons, and, with Al Lindley's direction we enjoyed a wonderful climbing year. The Outing Chairmen, Dale and Ray Sims, with their colleagues Glen and Gene, worked like beavers affording us a summer camp that will long be remembered.

Their enthusiastic leadership in a most successful year is an example for us all to follow.

### BY THE WAY

It's good to have money and the things money can buy; but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and be sure you haven't lost the things money can't buy.

George Lorimer

### LIST ENCLOSED

The Membership List of the Club is included with this issue. Many of our old members were dropped from our list this month because of non-payment of dues. If only the 1951-52 dues are in arrears, your name appears, but PAY UP NOW.

### SAVE NEW YEAR'S EVE!

For a Bang-up New Year's Eve Party, mark your date now, and save the time for a wonderful celebration with the Obsidians. The locale is a secret and the mode of entertainment hilarious, so be ready for anything!

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