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It is that time of the year that our thoughts are of our friendships . . . Goodwill is in our hearts and plans for the new year are filled with determination. So on behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to extend to all of you sincere best wishes for the Holidays.

Our club is founded on our friendships with our fellow hikers, and has been fostered by each member's loyalty and willingness to help with the various tasks in the administration of our club.

Throughout the Christmas season and the coming year, may the Peace of God and the friendships we enjoy, endure with you all.

Sincerely,
Clarence Scherer
President

.....about NEW YEAR'S EVE

Plan to celebrate with your Obsidian friends. WHERE? Why right here in Eugene in the River Road Club House (remember the nice large hall and the wonderful fireplace?) . . . WHEN? at 8:30 P.M., New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31, 1952. WHY? Because a New Year's celebration is traditional with the Obsidians, and this one is going to be a dandy.

You won't be amazed at the fun we will have because Obsidians always have a JOLLY time when we get together, but we know you will be both "pleased and surprised" at the plans your social committee have made. Just come dressed to have a very informal time -- as a kid perhaps, or a hiker, or - well, whatever you do have around the house to put you in the mood for a fitting evening to send old Mr. 1952 on his way to History, and to welcome Little Mr. 1953 with his promise of a HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

The admission--gosh--it's only a few sandwiches, salad or dessert and a piece or two of silver to jingle in a soup plate. Wonderful games and fun have been planned, with favors and kissin at midnight (wow). So come on folks, help make this New Year's Eve one we will always refer to as . . .

THE New Year's Party

To properly plan our program and refreshments we must ask your cooperation in signing up at Hendershott's not later than Monday the 29th of December. Your friends are most welcome, but please sign them up before the 29th.

OBSIDIANS, INC.

Your new Obsidian Constitution is just off the press and your copy is enclosed herewith. We urge you to read it carefully and file it away in a handy place for future reference. Our thanks go to George Jack and his committee for the many hours spent in revising and correcting the club Consitution.

SKIING FAN?

A very well written and comprehensive booklet is available to members free of charge, entitled:

HOW TO SKI

These nicely illustrated and diagrammed booklets are a gift of Sears, Roebuck & Co. Your copy may be obtained from your Ski Chairman, George Korn, or by writing: Obsidians, Inc., P. O. Box 322, Eugene, Oregon or through Ray Cavagnaro. Sears are going to send a man out here to see if our skiing has improved so you better get your instructions while our supply lasts and read the lesson well.

WELCOME TO THE FOLD

Tom Taylor, Mildred Ball, Lawrence Maves, and Mrs. Keith Brunig(Bessie), are our newest Obsidian members. We hope to see you often at our club activities.

BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY

is our heartfelt thought to Virginia Sebring's mother, injured in an auto accident and Jerry Fehly's mother, just over a serious operation.

HERE ARE THE TRIPS FOR JANUARY

you will want to take with the club:

DEC. 28th - SPENCER BUTTE, with a stop at the proposed sight of our Obsidian Club house.

JAN. 4th - EUGENE PLYWOOD PLANT, Waldorf - An interesting trip through a plywood operation - a big industry of our city.

JAN. 11th - UNIVERSITY OF OREGON - Stahl - A look-see at the new buildings and Erb Memorial as well as other interesting places on the campus.

JAN. 18th - INDIAN HEAD - The McWilliams A nice little jaunt you will enjoy out in the Roland country around Twin Buttes.

JAN. 25th - OAKRIDGE HEIGHTS - - Hazel Harnsberger. A trip through some of the beautiful Oakridge setting.

The trip for December 21st is a stay-at-home, decorate and prepare-for-Christmas trip.

YOUR BOARD NOTES

...we think you will be interested in some of the highlights of your December Board Meeting. What they did:

...read a letter from Ned Graves recommending a special non-resident fee. The feasibility of the plan will be investigated.

...welcomed back to Eugene, after a long stretch in the service, Ron and Gladeus Pupke. Agreed to reinstate to active membership upon payment of current dues.

...hear a report by the president of meeting of Eugene Park and Recreation Commission attended also by Dorr Hamlin, a member of the 1952 Board of the Committee.

...heard a report on activities of FWOC by delegate Waldorf. A complete detailed report of meeting is now in club file.

...heard a report by Harold Trotter of meeting of Lane Co. clubs regarding recreation facilities survey promoted by Rotary(Scherer and Korn elected to permanent "steering committee" of group).

...received report by Korn on the PNSA meeting in Seattle which he attended as Obsidian delegate.

...Discussed and approved the Trips Instruction form to be sent to each leader prior to designated trip. The form designed by Gust outlines duties and responsibilities.

...approved Outing Committee Carlson's choice of Sebring and Plaisted to assist him. Made basic plans for a fine WINTER OUTING. (Watch for the announcements of this event.)

...approved Sipe's Scientific Committee members - the Onthinks and Doris Sims.

...heard formulation of plans for a 25th Obsidian Anniversary week in Eugene to be climaxed by a banquet.

...recommended to librarian Markley to engage Ray Sims to compile history of club for 25th Anniversary event.

...heard Stahl's report that a likely lot near the Dunn School was available for Club house.

...read a letter offering Ski Accident Insurance -- the info to be posted at Hendershott's.

...read an appeal for funds from the Crusade For Freedom campaign. Members are urged to support this fine cause.(It is not the policy of the club to make donations to philanthropic organizations). Individual members may contribute at their discretion thereby satisfying the cause.