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A Merry Christmas to You!

GENE'S MESSAGE

I wish to extend my thanks for the privilege of serving as your president. The standards that have been established by our past leaders is a goal that I shall strive to maintain.

Since my introduction to the Obsidians I have gathered many fond memories --- a baseball game at Weisers, a bivouac at Scott Camp before a climb, a lunch and snooze in some Alpine meadow, the view of an endless chain of snow-capped giants from some lofty peak, a potluck at Obsidian Cabin, a walk along the carpet-covered banks of some gurgling stream. Just what makes these memories possible? First, we must thank our Creator for the great out-of-doors and then for Obsidians with whom to enjoy it. In no other group can you find people so cheerful and ready to extend a helping hand.

What are the plans for the future of our club? We have many members who are devoting much time and energy to the vital work of conservation. They are trying to save beautiful sections of Oregon that are endangered by power and timber interests. Our building committee is gathering funds and completing plans to start the new club house this year. This project will need the support of all members and they will be compensated with a centralized place in which we can hold all our club activities. The trips, climbing, and outing committees are selecting many enjoyable events in which they hope you will participate this coming year. Our entertainment and camera committees are planning lots of social functions which will be entertaining and educational to you. Our membership, library and publication committees will do their utmost to keep you posted and informed of coming events.

Take advantage of these activities and you too will have many enjoyable memories of this Obsidian year,



TRIPS SCHEDULE

December - January

- Dec. 5 Eagle Point. A short hike starting near George Korn's Ski Area. Helen Hughes and Frank Sipe, leaders. Leave park at 8:00 A.M.
- Dec. 12 Christmas Tree Trip. Bertha Deckmann, leader. Bertha knows where the pretty ones are. Leave park at 9:30 A.M.
- Dec. 19 Christmas Party. Details to be announced.
- Dec. 25-26 Christmas Holidays
- Dec. 31 New Year's Party. Details to be announced.
- Jan. 9 Ski Willamette. Those wishing to go by ski bus buy tickets early from George Korn.
- Jan. 16 Southern Pacific Shops. Don't wear your Sunday best. Bring gloves. Bob Medill, leader. Leave park at 1:30 P.M.
- Jan. 22-23 The Beachcombers near Yachats. Blanche Bailey, leader.
- Jan. 30 Ski Willamette. If you wish to go by bus see George Korn for tickets.

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The above list of committee chairmen is one you will want to refer to often. How about cutting it out and keeping it in your favorite reference spot?

Inserted in the January issue will be the revised membership list. Please inform Blanche Bailey, our membership chairman, about changes of address or telephone number.

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The Seattle Mountaineers have decided to have their summer outing in the Tetons.

TRAILINGS



Kay Fahy is off for a winter holiday in the land of the hibiscus and the pineapple. What luxury! Bring us back a lei, Kay.

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Don Temple is back home again, discharged from the service, and ready to tackle a mountain or two.

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How lucky can one be -- Glen and Florence Sims again planning a trailer trip, this time to Arizona. The McBees are also heading for warmer climes with the advent of the first rainstorm. These hardy mountain folk can't be getting soft!

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The Waldorfs are sporting or supporting, a new DeSoto. Why did Roxie and Louis walk home from the Very Little Theatre the first night they took out the new car?

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On the new side, another item of note is Ray Sims' "shocking" new hat. What happened to the old one -- saving it for second-best?

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Glen's and Ray's sister from Salem, Jennie Boyd, visited recently. Also, Ray Harris was privileged to have his mother with him for about a month in November.

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Who searches for the searching party while the searching party is busy searching for the lost?

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Congratulations, Walt and Jean Banks! Karen Rose is the name of the daughter born to them on November 21st.

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Blanche and Merle are in California visiting Ardith and Natalie.

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Karl Onthank was elected state secretary of Izaak Walton League of America.

"Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area," headed by Karl Onthank and Mike Stahl, have prepared a set of slides with map and commentary of the disputed area, available for showing to any group interested, without charge. Address requests to Mike Stahl, 568 South 5th Street, Springfield, Oregon.

Other officers of the new organization are:

Secretary	Frances Newsom
Treasurer	Ray Sims
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George Korn reports that the Maiden Peak Lookout building has been destroyed by the Forest Service, as it was no longer safe for use. George also states that several recent work parties in which local skiers participated have accomplished the clearing of the mile-long ski run from the very top of the ski butte at Willamette Pass area. Skiers will make a 1500 foot drop as they ski from top to bottom.

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A great big thanks goes to the outgoing editor, Ray Cavagnaro, for the splendid job he has done on the paper the past year. An equally big commendation goes to Mary Castelloe for her efforts in getting the copy into print. Mary has been setting up the bulletin for 6 years now, and has graciously consented to continue serving the club in this capacity. Also a thanks to Mishler's Printing, who allow the committee to fold and stamp the bulletins in their quarters.

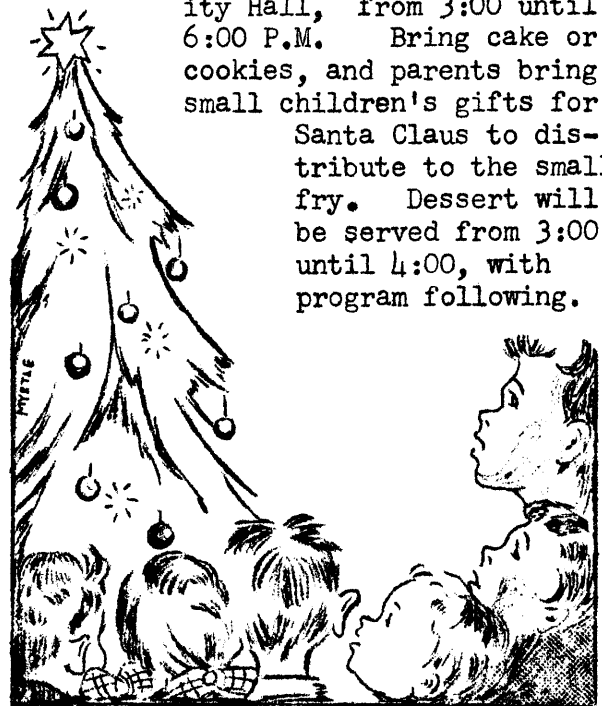
Your new editor will do her best to keep up the standards of Obsidian publications. She not only welcomes news items but requests that anything newsworthy and suggestions be turned in to her.

COMING EVENTS

Our new member, Jim Kezer, will be the guest speaker at the forthcoming meeting of the Natural History Society. Jim is assistant professor in biology at the University. His topic will be "Crater Lake and Mt. Rainier National Parks as Seen By a Ranger Naturalist." The meeting is open to the public, and all Obsidians are especially invited to attend. This will be Saturday, December 4th, at 8:00 P.M. in Room 207 of Chapman Hall.

The Skovbo's have very graciously offered Obsidian Club members the use of their barn for a party of games and dancing. The date will be Saturday, December 11, at 8:30 P.M. It will be an OLD TIMERS PARTY. Come dressed in Old Time costumes --- a prize to be awarded for the best costume. Gals bring a Box Lunch which will be auctioned off at 11:00 P.M. so do your best and make it real purty!

The Annual CHRISTMAS PARTY for Obsidians will be on Sunday, December 19th, at Skinner's Butte Community Hall, from 3:00 until 6:00 P.M. Bring cake or cookies, and parents bring small children's gifts for Santa Claus to distribute to the small fry. Dessert will be served from 3:00 until 4:00, with program following.



New Year's Party

The Entertainment Committee is planning a gala party... and you will be notified as to place and other details.



FUN IN THE PAST

The October 17th scheduled trip to WALDO LAKE was taken by nine, on as beautiful a day as a Fall day could be. The very good time of three hours was made over the eight miles from Gold Lake. As the party arrived at the south sandy beach at eleven fifteen in the morning, the first sight of the South and Middle Sisters, all in white, was mirrored in beautiful Waldo. The party finally agreed that a reclassification to a recreational area was justified, as the area is large and of such beauty that more people should see it. It is understood that the Forest Service would have control over the area. Those on the trip were Helen Hughes, Mary Duncan, Bette Hack, Helen Johnson, Margaret Markley, Helen Weiser, Paul Weiser, and Doris and Ray Sims, leaders.

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Sensational is the word for the SCOTT MOUNTAIN trip October 31st, not only for the view it afforded us of the Sisters but also the splendid turnout of thirty-three Obsidians and four Absurdians. The latter preceded us to the top. Thanks, Helen, for ordering the perfect fall weather. And, Bob, for leading us around those sparkling Tenas Lakes.

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The GOLD POINT trip scheduled for November 7th was cancelled because unpredictable weather lowered hikers' enthusiasm.

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The CHIEFS AND PRINCESSES decided to go up to the cabins over the weekend of the 13th and 14th of November, although there were none to initiate. The Chiefs to the regular Obsidian cabin, where a dozen gathered, and the Princesses and invited guests to the halls of the Forest Service, next door. The evening was spent in constructive talks and cards and the mystery of "two gallons of cider." The next morning, after a hearty breakfast -- some went on short trips while the main party drove up to the Proxy Creek trail sign, and hiked into the beautiful Proxy Creek Falls. It began to rain while at the falls, so on the return nearly everyone got wet hiking around the nearby trails -- many of which the members had not been on, "just looking."

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A potluck at the River Road Women's Clubhouse November 27th was followed by a personally escorted trip to Mexico, when Joe Daniel showed slides taken on his trip SOUTH OF THE BORDER last January.

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Smoke signals rose from atop MARY'S PEAK Sunday, November 28th, as eager wiener hounds prepared and consumed numerous dogs.

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The Natural History Society sponsored an interesting evening on glaciers, in Chapman Hall on the campus, October 22nd. Jim Stovall, professor of geology at the University, gave a fine talk on the workings of glaciers, then showed some beautiful colored slides on many glaciers of the West. Mr. Stovall then introduced Ray Sims, who showed the recession of Collier Glacier, the largest glacier in the Three Sisters region. These slides cover the time between 1906 and 1954. A real story in what has happened to the glaciers of our country is contained in Ray's 45 slides, both black and white and colored, of Collier Glacier.

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Friendly House was packed on Sunday evening, November 21st, when Gerry Fehly showed slides of summer camp, and Ray Sims of the Three Sisters area. Mike Stahl did an excellent job of narration.

BOARD NOTES

The November meeting was held at the home of Helen Hughes.

Reports were heard from the new committee chairmen. Since they are just beginning their year's work little specific information was given. Committee members already chosen by committee heads were approved by the board.

The following new members were accepted: Bruce Johnson, Active

Carl Graham, Junior

Don White, Junior

Dr. James Kezer, Associate

Miss Mary Duncan, Associate

Kermie Clemans submitted his resignation.

In December the board will meet at the Mike Stahl residence.