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EXTRA / LLOYD PLAISTED
NEW PRESIDENT
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ANNOUNCING NEW OFFICERS FOR 1955
YOUR NEW OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER

LLOYD PLAISTED
BERNICE LEHRMAN
DOROTHY STAHL
HELEN HUGHES

THE OBSIDIAN BOARD

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Newly elected to the Obsidian Board of Directors are Ray Harris, Bob Medill, and Bernice Lehrman. These 3 members will serve three year terms, replacing Gene Sebring, Dale Carlson, and Blanche Bailey - whose terms have expired. Each year at the annual meeting three members are elected to the Board of Directors from a slate set up by a nominating committee.

Other members of the Board are Lloyd Plaisted, Dorothy Stahl, Helen Hughes, Walt Banks, Bailey Castelloe, and Henry Carlson.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN --- 1955-1956

OUTING	Henry Carlson
CLIMBING	Ray Harris
BUILDING	Bailey Castelloe
SEARCH	Gene Sebring
MEMBERSHIP	Bernice Lehrman
PUBLICATIONS	Walt Banks
ENTERTAINMENT	Mary Cavagnaro
TRIPS	Bob Medill
AUDITING	Clarence Scherer

The historian and scientific chairman have not been selected yet.

Lloyd Plaisted has been elected by the Board to be our president for the coming year. Lloyd has been an enthusiastic Obsidian and active mountain climber since he joined the club five years ago. He holds the Ten Peak Award, which one would expect of a person who can climb the Three Sisters, Broken Top, and Little Brother in one day. Lloyd has been active on the climbing committee and was chairman of that committee one year.

His interests are not confined to climbing, however. He hasn't missed an outing since he discovered the Obsidians, and successfully chairmanned the summer camp at Tuolumne Meadows this year.

It's always interesting to know how a person became interested in the Obsidians. The Middle Sister beckoned Lloyd to climb one day even before Obsidian was more than a hazy word in his vocabulary. Then Al Lindley spoke some friendly Obsidian words, and from there on our genial new president was definitely in.

We are looking forward to another grand Obsidian year under Lloyd's capable leadership. We are sure all Obsidians and Board Members will help in every way to make 1955-1956 another successful outdoor year.

TRAILINGS

DO YOU WANT MORE MEETINGS?

Ray Harris announced on the Finger-board Prairie trail that he and Betty Mart plan to rope together and go up life's trail as partners. Good news, kids.

Seen on the Scott trail also was a floral headpiece, looking a bit incongruous on a male head, but, well—colorful.

Ray Cavagnaro has left the First National Bank to become business office manager of Sacred Heart Hospital. We wish Ray all sorts of success in his new undertaking.

Helen and Paul Weiser recently explored eastern Oregon, Mt. Hood, and Columbia ways.

The Waldorfs plan to attend the annual Mazama banquet in Portland in November.

More European travelers . . . this time Pete and Hanna Skovbo, who are leaving the first of the month for Denmark . . . their address there will be: c/o Jens Skovbo, Stenlandsvej 3, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Gene, Lloyd, and Ray, those die-hard climbers, trekked to Jeff October 22, went up Jefferson Park Glacier and down Russell Glacier, reporting spectacular scenery.

We all mourn the passing of Dr. J. Hugh Pruett, astronomer and friend of the outdoor groups. He contributed much toward increasing people's enjoyment of nature, not only through his syndicated newspaper articles on astronomy but by encouraging friends and groups to use his outdoor observatory.

The passing of Laurence Moffitt a few months ago brought sadness to the hearts of many Obsidians who knew him as a fine mountain climber and true friend. Some of the youngsters in whom he inspired a love for mountaineering have gone on to become famous climbers.

BLACK CRATER

The 12 who visited Black Crater found many beautiful scenes to record on color film, with the Sisters gleaming close by, other peaks, picturesque white bark pine, pink pumice, black lava . . . The fact that 7 of the party strayed from the trail and scrambled through dense underbrush to the highway, detracted not a whit from their enjoyment of the trip...it was agreed that this experience equalled 2 qualifying trips.

Club members are welcome to attend sessions of the Obsidian Board, which meets the second Thursday of every month at various members' homes. Call secretary Dorothy Stahl for place of meeting. And remember—the host will appreciate knowing in advance how many will attend.

The outgoing entertainment chairman, Bette Hack, and other members have expressed wishes for a regularly scheduled meeting once a month with business discussions and varied social activities, including more showing of pictures taken on trips. Watch the bulletin and newspaper for announcements.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

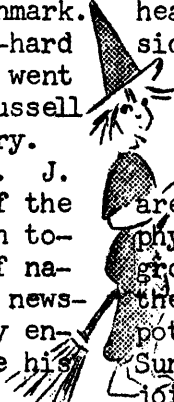
Tim, Tom, and Terry Hermach, young sons of George and Ruth Hermach, are our newest junior members. All three boys have "done" Diamond Peak, Tim three times, Tom twice, and Terry making his first ascent this year. Congratulations, boys!

Newest associate member is William Beaman. We welcome all four new members most heartily and hope we see them at many Obsidian functions.

PRINCESS PARTY

November 19-20

Not to be outdone by the Chiefs, who are fortunate enough to have a few neophytes to initiate this fall, the Princess group is planning an overnight frolic for the same weekend at different location and potluck picnic at the Obsidian cabin on Sunday. All the other gals are invited to join them for either or both events. Information will be forthcoming....so watch for it! Margaret Markley is chairman of the party.

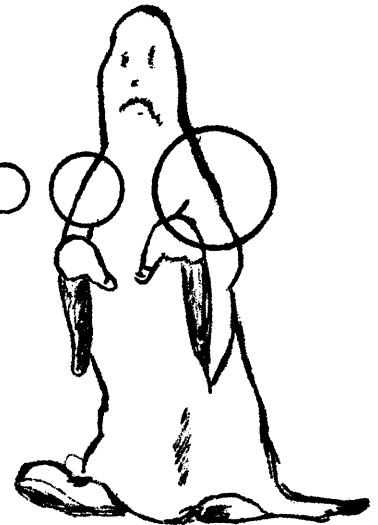


Have y o o o o o

Paid Your Dues?

If not, I'll say
It's time to pay

now



Your new membership chairman, Bernice Lehrman, will receive your money now, if addressed to her at 549 E. 16th Ave, Apt. 5, Eugene - phone 5-1347. Dues are \$4.00 for senior members, \$1.00 for junior members. Please also notify your chairman of change of address or phone number.

SCOTT LAKE AND FINGERBOARD PRAIRIE

The group of 31 hikers left Scott Lake at 9:30 Oct. 2 and arrived at Fingerboard Prairie at 11:45. A side trip to Irish Camp Lake resulted in some of the members having to extricate the leader from the situation he got himself into. Finally the lake was found and the group got back onto the trail and proceeded on to Fingerboard Prairie without any further eventful occurrences.

After lunch we located the trail toward Deer Butte and followed in to the hill that used to be open and saw and heard Linton Creek Falls and Linton Lake. This was our first view of the Three Sisters also. The party then continued toward Lake Melakwa. A short way past Melakwa was "the rockpile" which several climbed for a better look around. The Three Sisters, The Husband, and Sims Butte were very outstanding. All those who climbed this felt that it was one of the high spots (no pun intended) of the trip. On the way down everyone got a bouquet of colorful vine maple leaves.



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF OBSIDIANS, INC. OCTOBER 4, 1955

The 1955 annual meeting of Obsidians, Inc., was called to order by President Gene Sebring in the Memorial Building, Springfield, Oregon, on October 4, 1955. A potluck dinner was held prior to the business meeting. Frances Newsom brought the scrapbook of the year's activities for the members to examine if they so wished. The president appointed the following tellers to count the ballots: Louis Waldorf, Chairman, Ray Sims, Henry Carlson, Ray Cavagnaro. 55 votes were cast in all with the following being elected for the board—Ray Harris, Bob Medill, and Bernice Lehrman.

Treasurer, Helen Hughes, summarized the auditor's report, as Cliff Stalsberg was not present.

Membership Report—Blanche Bailey, chairman, reported that there were 195 members, 163 active, 15 associate and 17 juniors. There are now 8 life members and 3 honorary members. Eleven new members joined during the year. Fourteen dropped from non-payment of dues.

Publications Committee—Bernice Lehrman reported that 10 issues of the bulletin were published with 250 printed each time. Total expenditures were around \$200.

Library Committee—Frances Newsom reported that a new scrapbook had been purchased.

F.W.O.C.—Frances Newsom, delegate, reported that 18 clubs answered role call at the annual F.W.O.C. meeting. Conservation was stressed over and over again at the meeting. The National Parks must be expanded to accommodate 75 to 80 million visitors a year. The next convention to be at Fry Lake near Spokane, Washington with the Hobnailers as host club. Karl Onthank was elected as the new president of the F.W.O.C. and Frances Newsom as secretary.

Building Committee—Bailey Castelloe reported that he thinks if possible we should sell our present lot and get a lot in another area where the value of the land is less. . . Louis Waldorf gave the financial report for the building committee as follows:

\$ 2,167.51 in pledges received	}	\$3,280.95 total cash
926.94 from food sales, donations, misc.		
186.50 Dorr Hamlin Memorial Fund		

The promised coffee at Scott Lake failed to materialize because the lake water was "buggy" and there was no water in the faucets.

Six visitors enjoyed the trip—Eleanor Wood, Lorena Shinn, Norman Klehamer, Harold Swartz, Charlotte Woodward, and Susan Lansdale.

H.C.



BELKNAP CRATER

It "drizzled"—three inches worth—Only the leader turned out (of bed, that is) hoping she'd find no intrepid soul daring to venture forth. She found none.

This trip has been re-scheduled for November 6.

GOLD POINT

Keith Brunig reports marvelous fall foliage, and outstanding trip for the five participants—Anna and Henry Jeppesen, Bob Medill, Lorena Shinn, and leader Keith.

Fall Creek area provides many other interesting spots to explore another year.



Many thanks to Mrs. R. L. Cooper who decorated the tables for the annual banquet. Fall flowers, leaves and branches with red crab apples were used for centerpieces and arranged in a most attractive manner. Management of the Willamalane Building asked that the decorations be left for Springfield Rotary Club Luncheon. Thanks also to Mary Cavagnaro, Helen Weiser, Helen Johnson, who assisted at the potluck.

Scientific and Conservation Committee—Karl Onthank reported that science has taken a back seat, the main work of the year being conservation matters. Chiefly that of the Three Sisters Wilderness area and the Upper McKenzie area.

Chimbing Committee—Jim Jeppesen reported in the absence of Walt Banks. There were 13 climbs of which 2 were cancelled. Margaret qMarkley qualified for her 10 peak award this year. Bob Northrop, Bruce Johnson, and Keith Newsom, qualified for their 3 peak awards, and Pat Stahl is also a 3-peaker.

Entertainment Committee—Bette Hack reported a successful year with 10 different entertainment events during the year.

Willamette National Forest Advisory Council—Frank Sipe, representative, reported several meetings during the year, with one field trip.

Outing Committee—Lloyd Plaisted reported that the Winter Outing was held at Mazama Lodge again. Summer camp was held at Yosemite National Park. \$45.00 worth of food remains for next year.

Trips Committee—Dale Carlson reported 29 trips completed. 550 people went on the 27 trips on which reports were turned in at the time of the annual meeting. A financial loss for the committee was brought about by the Crater Lake trip.

Search Committee—Ray Harris stated that \$28.23 was made on the "Teton Adventure" film. The committee attended a simulated mountain rescue at Stevens Pass in June. The chief rescue of the year was that of Frank Gillette on the North Sister. A litter is now in the process of being purchased from an Austrian firm for further mountain rescue activities.

In a brief meeting of the new Board of Directors, Lloyd Plaisted was chosen as president and Dorothy Stahl as secretary for the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary—Dorothy Stahl

Acting Secretary—Virginia Sebring

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FALL TRIP SCHEDULE - NOV. 6 TO DEC. 18

NOV. 6 - BELKNAP CRATER TRIP at the McKenzie summit has been re-scheduled for November 6 with Helen Hughes to lead. Let nothing interfere with this beautiful summit trip. Wear shoes for lava.

NOV. 13 - ROSARY LAKES - Willamette Highway - Henry Jeppesen, leader.

NOV. 19-20 - CHIEFS AND PRINCESSES INITIATION. Potluck picnic on Sunday for all Obsidians . . . this will be our last visit to the Obsidians' McKenzie cabin.

NOV. 27 - POTLUCK PICNIC AT CEDAR POLE FOREST CAMP ON BRYCE CREEK, east of Cottage Grove, Bob and Mary Medill, leaders. If any of the party wish to climb Adams Mt. via the nearby trail, a leader will be chosen.

DEC. 4 - JASPER ROCKS - above Jasper - Frank Sipe, leader.

DEC. 11 - GREENERY TRIP - Mary and Bailey Castelloe, leaders.

DEC. 18 - CHRISTMAS TREE TRIP.

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