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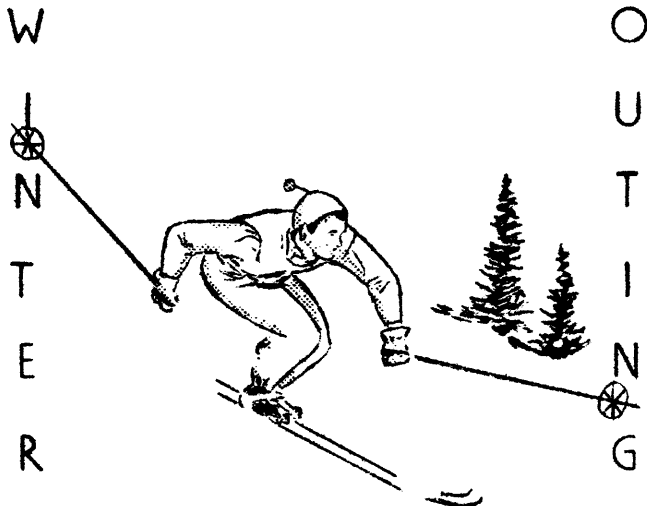
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR... OBSIDIANS SCOOP

The summer camp for 1955 will be: Yes, you guessed it, TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA OF YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, as was announced at the New Year's Eve party. This will be the first two weeks in August. The committee is working on the cost and transportation methods to make the outing as low in cost as possible and the most enjoyable to all.



Well, well: Here it is January, the first of the year and middle of winter. You all know what that means, don't you? Yes, shiver-ee it's time to turn out and ski. That, my friends, means it is time to tell you of the winter outing being planned.

After browsing around, -- playing a question-and-answer game, we the committee have again come up with the most logical and popular outing place. Of course we mean Mazama Lodge on the slopes of Mt. Hood. We have asked for and are planning on the week-end of February 26-27.

Better start planning now because February will soon be here.

And a grand, good year this should be for the Obsidians, with the outstanding events forecast on this page only the beginning of many thrilling times together. Take note of the trips schedule, save it, sign up at Hendershott's when participating in a trip, and above all invite others to share everyone's outdoor heritage with us. We sincerely welcome the most recent additions to our membership—Jim Kezer, Mary Duncan, Bruce Johnson, Carl Graham, and Don White. They already are an active force in the club.

### TRIPS SCHEDULE

Jan. 16 Southern Pacific Shops. Don't wear your Sunday best. . . Bring gloves. Leave Park 1:30 PM. Ray Harris will assist Bob Medill,ldr.

Jan. 22-23 Beachcombers Rest - 3 miles south of Yachats. Arrive any-time Saturday afternoon. Bring your own supper, and a potluck dish for Sunday. Pancakes and coffee will be served Sunday morning; but if you want extras—ham, bacon and eggs, fruit juice and fried potatoes, BRING THEM YOURSELF. Also load up your sleeping bag and mattress (only the infirm can expect innerspring comfort!) and come prepared for wet feet although fine weather has been ordered. The Merle Baileys, leaders.

Jan. 30 Ski Willamette. If you wish to go by bus see George Korn for tickets.

Feb. 6 Hike Spencer's Butte. This will probably be an afternoon hike. See sign-up sheet for details. Dorothy Stahl, leader.

Feb. 13 Ski Trip. Willamette or Santiam.

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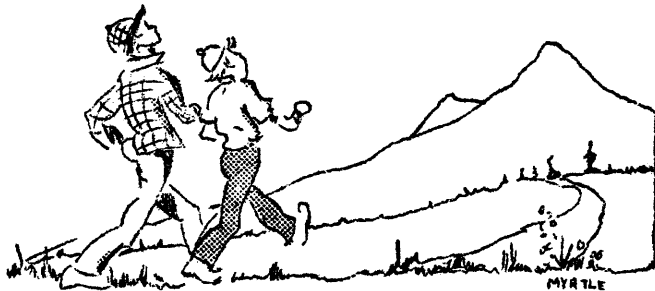
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## TRAILINGS



Thanks to Bob Frazier for his fine editorial, "No Stairway to the Stars" in which he thanks Interior Secretary Douglas McKay for his stand in not allowing the building of the tramway up beautiful Mt. Rainier.

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Mary Trotter's Ski Rental and Equipment Shop is now operating every week-end at Willamette Ski Area, with the same services available at her home, 258 E. 16.

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Harold and Diane Jack have identical twin boys, James Keith and John Kelvin, born November 20. They live in Auburn, Washington where Harold is a photographer at Boeing.

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Mae Beaman is a proud new grandmother as of December 29, when little Pamela Sue was born to Bill and Marjory Beaman. Blanche and Merle Bailey are pleased as can be to become grandparents, too.

There's a baby in the Sebrings' wigwam — Mark Norman was born at noon January 7, weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

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Dr. Gullion again made generous contribution to the building fund and in a letter to Obsidians, paid high tribute to George Korn's tireless efforts in developing the Willamette Pass Ski Area.

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Henry Carlson managed to pull a tendon in his leg recently and was a resident of Sacred Heart Hospital for a few days. . . With his leg and foot in a cast, he'll be off the trails for a little while. But no Obsidian is down for long.

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Trailer trekkers these days include the Waldorfs, who have just purchased an 18-footer, and the Pattersons. Neither have started their trips yet, but are making plans. And the Glen Sims' have moved into a bigger and better trailer.

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Tony and Lucille Vogel, former Obsidians, lost their seven year old son, Niki, the day after Christmas. Our deepest sympathy is extended to them.

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Ruth Hopson presided at the recent meetings of the American Nature Study Society held in Berkeley, Calif. Other Obsidians who attended the meetings were Karl and Ruth Onthank, Catherine Dunlop, Frances Newsom, and Jim Kezer.

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Cadet James Newsom of West Point traveled to Davos, Switzerland during the holidays with the West Point Ski Club. Since "night life would be their own" we are sure that, regardless of ski competition results, Jim had a gay time.

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The annual bird count sponsored by the Natural History Society reports 93 species observed, the largest number ever spotted here during this season. Thirty-four people participated in the count.

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Ray Sims and his collection of pictures on "The Recession of Collier Glacier" again made an appearance, this time to the monthly meeting of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

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The Obsidians' obsidian sent to the California Alpine Club is about to be installed in their new building's fireplace — reports Frances Newsom.

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PAIN MAKES MAN THINK - THINKING MAKES MAN WISE  
WISDOM MAKES LIFE ENDURABLE

(from CCHC Knapsack, Nov., 1954)

## WILDERNESS AREAS, HERE AND ELSEWHERE

The forest service sponsored hearing on the Three Sisters Wilderness Area will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Building February 16.

Everyone interested in preserving this area is urged to write personal letters to the following two people requesting that the Olallie Ridge boundary be decided upon -

J. Herbert Stone, Regional Forester  
U. S. Forest Service  
Box 4137  
Portland 8, Oregon

Richard E. McArdle, Chief Forester  
U. S. Forest Service  
Washington 25, D. C.

### Natural History Society Meets Jan. 29

The Natural History Society will meet January 29, 8:00 P.M., in Chapman Hall, University of Oregon campus. The topic for lecture and discussion will be the Wilderness Area concept, especially as it has been developed in the United States, and features which characterize such areas. Slides of various U.S. Wilderness Areas have been obtained from the United States Forest Service and will be shown to illustrate points of the discussion. Dr. Bonita Miller, who will give the talk, is especially well prepared. She has taken graduate work in plant ecology at Oregon State, in Wales, and at the University of Wisconsin. It is hoped many Obsidians will be present at this program.

## *Board Notes*

The December meeting was held at the home of Mike Stahl.

Bills were presented and approved.

There was discussion on whether or not to keep the cabin on the McKenzie because of its unsanitary condition. It was decided not to initiate any action now.

The suggestion by an out-of-town member that the date for the annual meeting be on a week-end night was discussed. The board opined that town residents might also be inconvenienced by a week-end meeting, so no action was taken.

The Trips and Climbing committee chairmen presented names of their chosen committee members which the board approved. Serving with Dale Carlson on the Trips committee are Frank Sipe, Helen Hughes, and Doris and/or Ray Sims.

Those approved as Climbing committee members are Jim Jeppesen, Ray Harris. Walt Banks chairmans this committee.

The Trips committee reported that 16 braved the cold to enjoy the sunshine on the Mary's Peak trip. Icicles dangled from the lookout. The December 5 Eagle Point trip was cancelled.

The outing chairman said the summer outing location would be announced at the New Year's Party. The latter part of February is set for the winter outing.

The search committee has been working on rescue techniques.

It was voted to contribute ten dollars to the expense fund of the Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area.

January meeting will be at the home of Walt Banks.

### CHIEF PACKHORSE LEAVES OUR RANKS

Our club has been saddened this past month by the death of our long time friend, Dorr Hamlin. The memories of these many years of friendship return, to remind us how much Dorr enriched our lives with his good humor, his fine advice and his untiring efforts on behalf of our Obsidian club that it would prosper and provide more fun for its members.

We like what the Eugene Register Guard had to say in an editorial paying tribute to Dorr. It said, "His life is the story of a good citizen." These words completely express the facts as we feel them in our hearts.

Dorr will always be an honored member in the annals of the Obsidians. He enjoyed the club activities, and each trip was a nicer experience if Dorr was in attendance. He had been an Obsidian for more than twenty years, a past president, and had served the Board of Directors for many eventful years. Everyone respected Dorr for his clear judgment in the conduct of the affairs of the club and he earned high regard and admiration from all his associates.

Our club extends deepest sympathy to Myrtie and her sons. We sincerely hope that their sorrow will be lightened with the thought of the joy Dorr brought to all those who enjoyed his companionship. Besides Myrtie, Dorr is survived by sons Clare & Miner; granddaughters Sunny Lee and Terry. A first son, Olney Kenneth, 9, died in 1915.

Now that the climbing and hiking are over for the season we all have more dark Sundays and long evenings to spend on reading. And what could make more satisfying reading for Obsidians than books on mountaineering?

The dramatic Annapurna started the mountaineering book cycle two years ago and initiated a wide audience into the drama and excitement of the sport. Forerunners to Everest is an account of the 1952 Swiss expeditions that supplied the later British trip with so much useful data. Following this the book Conquest of Everest by Sir John Hunt tells the now familiar story of the successful British attempt in 1954.

As a follow-up to these titles, there is a special photographic report of the 1952 Swiss expedition to Everest that is one of the most handsome collections of mountain photographs we have ever seen. The pictures in this volume reveal the size of the accomplishment of these various undertakings.

James Ramsey Ullman has revised his well-known volume High Conquest bringing it up to date. In The Age of Mountaineering he stresses the international importance of mountaineering since the war: the American expedition to K2, the Swiss on Dhaulagiri, Austrians and Germans on Nanga Parbat, and so on.

K2 is the book about the American expedition that attempted Mt. Godwin-Austen, second highest mountain in the world. The mountain was finally conquered in August of this year by the Italians. The book is appropriately sub-titled, the Savage Mountain.

The first and only collection of its kind, A Treasury of Mountaineering Stories is an anthology of the best mountaineering literature from all over the world. Stories, both fact and fiction, mirror the challenge and excitement of a great sport. Any one or all of these books should supply many satisfying hours of reading for Obsidians.

Book Reviews Courtesy Margaret Johansen of The Bon Marche

## NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Twenty-five hilarious Obsidians gathered in the College Crest Clubhouse and spent a jolly evening dancing and playing games. Margaret Markley taught us some old-fashioned dances and Mary Castelloe made a permanent record of the evening with camera and flash bulbs.

We welcomed the New Year with horn-blowing and loud calls of "Happy New Year, Everyone!" In keeping with the Obsidian tradition we joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

The Liar's Cup was won by Bob Medill, with the assistance of Thelma Watson and Don Temple. What a vivid imagination Bob has--and how clever he is at presenting such a gory spectacle.

A diligent search among the decorating balloons disclosed a paper telling that the 1955 summer outing will be held in Tuolumne Meadows.

How quickly the committee prepared a beautiful buffet supper! As we ate we sat in a circle and took turns telling funny -- really funny -- jokes.

We were surprised when someone said "Do you know--it's one o'clock." Everyone became a member of the clean-up committee and soon we all left, wishing everyone a sincere Happy New Year!

## PRINCESS NEWS

Obsidian Princesses enjoyed a delightful Christmas party at Helen Smith's lovely new home. Helen Kilpatrick will be the Hostess in January.

## MEMORIAL TO DORR HAMLIN

We are happy to announce that a memorial will be built into our new Obsidian Club House to Dorr Hamlin. It is a way our members can pay tribute to this man who has done so much for all of us. The Obsidian Building Committee or Ray Cavagnaro at the First National Bank can give you information and accept your contribution.

