



# The OBSIDIAN



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Obsidians.

This has been a very pleasant year for me in the club. First summer camp which brought me nothing but happy memories--due mostly to the wonderful committee I was lucky enough to get--and now the honor of serving as president.

This should be another active Obsidian year. Our Clubhouse will be ready to occupy early in 1961. We should be able to have many good times there and it will be nice to have all our records and books in one permanent place.

Everyone has been very responsive when asked to serve on a committee. As a result our committees are all headed and chairmen are going to use as many new members as possible on their committees.

I would like to see some skiing activities. Maybe a club championship and most important of all--more things arranged with the younger members (those 10 to 16 years old). These younger members who are the future of our club, often don't enjoy trips or potlucks unless there are some of their own age group along.

We have 216 members who must work together, old and new, to make our club more active than ever in this, its 32 yr. Let's all turn out for everything. See you on the trail and at the next potluck.

## BOARD NOTES MEETING DECEMBER 1960

The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held Dec. 1 with all officers and Board members present.

A letter from an Idaho Falls climbing club was received asking for information about the Obsidians, and our climbing school and activity.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand as of Dec. 1 of 688.35. Bills approved for payment were Mishlers 15.33; postage 6.00; Architect fee 40.00; United Pipe 114.70; Fuller Paint 11.40; V.A. Harding Cont. 1800.27 (2nd installment).

Trips Committee: Margaret Markley, Chairman, received approval of Gene Renard,

Mary Douglas Stovall, Jim Rear, Margaret Wiese as committee members. A short report of past month's trips was given and announcement of coming trips, a mainevent to be the Christmas tree trip on Dec. 11.

Building Committee: Gene Renard, chairman received approval for the following members: Bailey Castelloe, Gene Sebring, Mike Stahl, Lloyd Plaisted, Ray Cavagnaro (ex officio) as Treasurer. Clubhouse progress is good. Large timber framing in place. Tom Taylor reports that he is in constant touch with contractor. There have been minor construction changes. Need of a gate was discussed for entrance, and the possibility of a clever design to suit the purpose. Work parties are a necessity and will be scheduled each Saturday.

Entertainment Committee: Dorothy Towler-ton, Chairman, received approval for her committee of Barbara Hasek, Thelma Watson, Ken Lodewick, Bob Medill. The annual Christmas Party will be held December 18 at Washington St. Recreation Center. The Obsidian Princesses will co-sponsor the event.

Constitution Revision Committee: Mike Stahl, Chairman. Request made to plan details for notification of membership. Discussion to be at special meeting.

Climbing Committee: Tom Taylor, Chairman has not appointed a full committee as yet.

Library Committee: Art Johnson, Chairman, received approval for members, Lillian Johnson, Thelma Watson.

Publication Committee: Medill reported for Chairman Fehly. Committee approval was given for Barbara Hasek, Dorothy Raines, Myrtle Smith, and Bob Medill.

Scientific Committee: Mary Douglas Stovall Chairman received approval for Frances Newsom, Helen Weiser and Frank Sipe as committee members. Possibility of study club activity was discussed. Mary Douglas offered the support of her committee for any needed activity. (Cont. on Page 3)

President: Don Chase.....DI 4-3808  
 Vice-President: Lorena Reid.....DI 5-6131  
 Treas. & Secy.: Ray Cavagnaro...DI 3-8357  
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## SEARCH AND RESCUE

## CLUBHOUSE REPORT

Steady progress is being made on the building. Some delay due to bad weather. Here is an accounting of the construction:

Excavation . . . . .	\$350.00
Permit . . . . .	32.00
Concrete . . . . .	528.00
Gravel . . . . .	350.00
Steel . . . . .	335.00
Lumber . . . . .	700.00
Labor . . . . .	1978.30
Total to date	<u>\$4273.30</u>
Balance to finish	7751.00

A few years ago a drive for funds was made with a special request to the Chiefs and Princesses to pledge \$50.00 each for our clubhouse. There was no obligation and no list was ever intended to be published. Many \$50.00 pledges were received to be paid when possible or at the time the clubhouse was being built. Some of these pledges have been paid, some have not. It will be helpful at this time if club members would complete payment of their pledge. Too, members who have not made a contribution are urged to help to the best of their financial ability. We need to furnish the clubhouse which will take additional funds. The Dorr Hamlin Memorial Fireplace Fund now totals 186.50. Anyone wishing to contribute to this special fund may send donations to the club treasurer, Ray Cavagnaro.

## BARITE MINE TRIP

Interesting was the trip to Leo Paschelke mine. The group left Eugene at 9:30 A.M. and drove up the north side of Lookout Point reservoir. It was a short hike to the mine. One would guess that the mine was full of gold, the way Leo has it guarded. The interior of the mine is solid crystals, and a very interesting spectacle. Miners were Margaret Markley, Mike Forrester, Mac and Nellie McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Foley, Allen Heiwich, Ken Lodewick, Henry Jeppesen, Herbert, Evelyn, Noelle, Cheyla and Lei McCornack, Ted, Mary Jo and Reeve Johannis, Thelma Watson Art, Lillian Johnson, Marion and Therese Johnson, Mike Stahl and Bob Medill.

Enclosed with this month's bulletin is a questionnaire, which your Search & Rescue Committee would like to have filled out by all club members who would be willing to help if a search or rescue becomes necessary. We will need non-climbing help as well as that of climbers.

We hope this is never needed, but I feel that the club has an obligation to have an effective organization, both to take care of its own people and to help others. If any club member had difficulty in the mountains he or she would certainly appreciate help from any others able to give it. We should in return be willing and prepared to give what aid we can if someone else has difficulty.

Under climbing experience we are more interested in type than a list of specific summits. Rate amount of experience as slight, moderate, or extensive and give class of climbing you are able to do, (as class 2,3,4,5, or 6). Also put snow or glacier climbing under this heading. Under equipment give size and amount of items such as rope, pitons, carabiners, etc.

Send completed forms to: 1835 Jefferson St., Eugene, Oregon, or to P.O. Box 322, Eugene, Oregon, c/o Search and Rescue. They may also be left in the envelope provided on the bulletin board at Gilberts where extra forms may also be obtained.

## PRINCESS DOINGS

Seventeen princesses met at the home of Helen Weiser on November 21, Business matters filled the evening. Reports were made on two projects: the rummage sale and the Maltese Cross plan which the princesses sponsor annually in memory of Dr. Hugh Pruett who devised it for the service of those who should not be disturbed by Halloween trick-or-treaters.

Artistic skills of three princesses will soon be displayed in emblems of the new chiefs. Princesses accepted the proposal that they plan the Obsidian Christmas party since the entertainment committee for the coming year had not yet been organized.

Princess Blue Water and Princess Meadowlark served a delicious dessert of pumpkin pie, candied nuts and Thanksgiving bonbons. The Christmas meeting will be at Vera Heidenreich's on Dec. 19.

## BOARD NOTES (Cont. from Page 1)

**Search & Rescue:** Lorena and Alan Reid, co-chairmen. Plans include Alan's Attendance at an organizational meeting of the Mt. Rescue & Safety Council of Oregon. Alan discussed two movies available of interest to members. Presentation to be worked out with Entertainment Committee. A Search and Rescue poll to be mailed with bulletin.

**Summer Outing:** No chairman appointed. Recommendation made that camp be held for two weeks beginning August 6, 1961. Auditing - Committee chairman Bob Lemon approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m., the next meeting to be held at the home of Donn Chase, January 8, 1961, at 8 P.M.



NEW YEAR'S PARTY TO BE  
AT CAMP LANE



An overnight New Year's party for Saturday, December 31, is being jointly planned by the Entertainment and Trips Committees. Center of activities will be Camp Lane's big log cabin, with its huge fireplace. Camp Lane is 42 miles west of Eugene on Route F.

The party will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by an evening of merriment and games. The New Year will be welcomed in with a midnight supper furnished by the committee. One feature of the evening will be the Liars' Contest. So come prepared, all you tellers of tall tales!! The trophy will be awarded to the best one.

And WHO HAS THE LIARS' CONTEST TROPHY? Sleeping accommodations will be dormitory style. Take your sleeping bags and air mattresses.

Breakfast on Sunday morning will be furnished by the committee. Hikes will be scheduled after breakfast in the immediate area. Each person should bring lunch for Sunday noon.

For the use of the building, the party, midnight supper and breakfast the cost will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for juniors under 15. Arrangements can be made for those coming for the evening only.

Sign up for this gala event by December 29 at Gilbert's Shoe Store, 49 East Broadway, or call committee chairmen Dorothy Towleron, DI 5-4079 or Margaret

Markloy, DI 4-0716, evenings. Be sure to get counted in on the best shindig on New Year's Eve in Lane County!

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And speaking of skiing, and who isn't, in Readers Digest, Dec. issue, is an article on man made snow for ski slopes. According to this article snow slopes all over the country are now being snow covered by a certain type of snow producing sprinkler whenever the temperature is below the freezing point and with the cost no more than ski lifts it would seem that before too long we should see a start made here in Oregon in installing these snow producers.

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Geologically speaking, Oregon is a fluid state resting on flows of lava that may extend thousands of feet deep, but at one time saw either the bottom of the sea, or daylight and up thru this erupted hundreds of eruptions from small cinder cones to massive mountains. These eruptions cover hundreds of millions of years with the oldest being Three Fingered Jack, Mt. Washington and Thielsen. Newcomers to the state, after once getting settled and becoming more or less acquainted with our mountains and lava flows are divided into two trains of thought. Some believe all this has taken place in the dim past and that there can be no more active volcanism. That every thing is all settled while others express some wonder that it may all happen again. No geologist would venture to say that all is quiet on this western front and point to the fact that St. Helens blew up just a little over 100 years ago and Mt. Lassen within the memory of man. One can also point to Mt. Vesuvius which had been completely dead for many centuries, even to the extent of having timber growing in its crater, then blowing up with explosive violence to destroy Pompeii.

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Now we are told that our club house is going to be taxed, along with all clubs, lodges, fraternal organizations. If you feel this is wrong your only recourse is to write to our legislators. We are told that with the addition of this property to the tax rolls it will tend to decrease taxes on other property.

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Found: a flashlight, 2 cell, at Beachcombers rest after Chiefs party. Call Bob Medill

Because the next Obsidian picture night at Friendly House falls on Dec. 26, there will be no meeting there until in Jan. 61. However there will be a potluck at Friendly House on Dec. 27th. This is not an Obsidian pot-luck, but will be a Friendly House pot-luck with every one invited. If you intend to go, CALL Ken Lodewick not later than the 20th.

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Now that we have Freeways around here to travel on it behooves us to pay particular attention to what lane we get into to get to where we want to get. Bob Medill tells about taking off for Seattle the other day and between his home and Eugene he got into the wrong lane and traveled 7 miles before he could get back and get into the right lane.

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Ernie Keasling's new job is taking Ernie and Arlene to Portland. We will all miss both of you. Good-bye and good luck.

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The Waldo Lake trip, led by Mac McWilliams, didn't reach Waldo but did get almost to the Sky-line trail past Gold Lake. They had to leave their cars out on the highway account of snow and the farther they went the deeper the snow became. Those going were Don Lyon, Chuck Fluke, Margaret Markley, Mike Forrester, Charla Eubanks, Thelma Watson, Dorothy Towleron, Mary Jo Johannis, Don Hunter, Gary Hunter, and Wayne Hunter.

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Hey! You Gals. Would you all like to know what goes on at the Chief's annual Pow-Wow? See next bulletin and learn!

About a year ago the Bulletin carried an article about "Ski-Bobs". Now the Obsidians have a catalog from Germany which carries them in stock. Anyone interested? And speaking of catalogs, the Obsidians get them from various places and also get other clubs' literature, etc. Some of this stuff is very interesting and if the club members would like to see some of this mail contact Art Johnson in early evening.

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The love for friends and country was shattered by the first storms of winter for the Waldorfs and so, on December they left with their travel trailer for Mesa, Arizona where they will be at home at the Ambassador Downs Trailer Park for the winter.

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The Hasek family spent quite a few week ends this fall getting the Willamette Ski Patrol shelter in shape for the skiing season. The Shelter was painted a slate grey with pink trim, water pipes were repaired and many, many cords of wood were cut. The Shelter is now ready to help house victims of unfortunate skiing accidents.

The snow came early this year and already the skiers have been skiing for three week ends. Last year, we were not able to ski until the Xmas holidays; so it looks like a long, wonderful skiing season this year. All Obsidians that come up to Willamette Pass are invited to visit the Patrol Shelter (as a guest, not a victim)! The Haseks are there every week end.

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*Christmas Party*  
 DEC. 18, 1960 6:15 P.M.  
 WASHINGTON ST. RECREATION CENTER  
*Program with Santa Claus*  
 PARENTS SHOULD BRING GIFTS  
 for their CHILDREN & MARK CLEARLY  
 BRING SALAD, SANDWICHES OR  
 COOKIES and YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE  
*Coffee, tea and punch  
 will be served*