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## THE NEW YEAR - 1960

### TRIP SCHEDULE

- JAN. 17 SPENCER BUTTE - Weiner Roast  
on top - leave at 11 A.M.  
JAN. 24 NOTI LOOKOUT - BADGER MT.  
JAN. 31 SKI TRIP to GOLD LAKE after over-  
night at DONN CHASE cabin on Salt  
Creek.  
FEB. 7 COBURG HILLS - FRANK SIPE.  
FEB. 13 & 14 JOINT TRIP WITH THE CHEME-  
KETANS at THE PADDOCK - YACHATS-  
- "BOUILLABAISSE" trip,--Kitchen  
Diner - Upstairs bunks & short  
hikes - limited to 20 OBSIDIANS.

### JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Meeting at Ray Cavagnaro's house Jan-  
uary 8 for the regular Obsidian Board Meet-  
ing were: Tom Taylor, Mike Stahl, Gene  
Ranard, Jim Stovall, Ray Sims, Kay Fahy,  
Anna Jeppesen, Karl Onthank, Mike McClos-  
key, Lorena Shinn, Donn Chase and Ray Cav-  
agnaro.

Tom Taylor opened the meeting by stat-  
ing that his family is in their new home  
at 3635 Donald. Lorena read the minutes  
in place of Gerry, whose mother is quite  
ill. Ray Cavagnaro gave the treasurer's  
report, and Anna gave a good report of the  
successful Christmas Party which was at-  
tended by 85. She announced the Jan. 16  
POTLUCK at the Water Board Bldg., which  
will be a STYLE SHOW - a number of people  
will be called to help display the latest  
or most unusual clothes. The Board was  
asked to attend as well as all members.

Mike stated that no one had gotten lost  
or had to be rescued.

Kay reported two new junior members,  
Michael Fehly and Richard Stanfield, who  
were voted in as members.

Ray Sims reported as usual he and Bob  
were getting the paper together.

Donn Chase reported that he had asked  
Mac McWilliams and Lloyd Flaisted to as-  
sist with summer camp and that Jefferson  
Park was still leading in sites.

Jim Stovall presented the Club with  
Howell Williams' latest book, "Ancient  
Volcanoes of Oregon." The discussion  
led to the summer during the 1940's when  
Mr. Williams was here. Karl and Mike pre-

sented the Conservation discussion and the  
Board voted to have their committee back  
the Water Resources Board and also to send  
a letter to our Congressmen backing the  
Wilderness Bill which it is hoped will be  
passed in the present Congress.

Gene reported the schedule of the com-  
ing trips(see column on left).

Lorena reported that our advanced Scout  
troop needs a leader and both of the two  
Mikes - Stahl and McCloskey offered their  
help to renew the boys' Charter in Feb-  
ruary. Jim Jeppesen sent a note as he  
could not attend; the Board approved his  
committee of Jim Richardson, Bob Nichol-  
son, Henry Carlson, Larry Hilt, Lorena  
Shinn and Ray Harris. It was also agreed  
that the climbing school "thinking" should  
be done real soon - as many sessions as  
possible - last year - two indoors - three  
out. Another question of Jim's - and the  
Board had a good idea - to schedule  
climbs only every two weeks - and maybe  
only five or six - then one the weeks be-  
tween - if a group would like to climb  
one of the others - that would be fine -  
then too - if the "experts" wanted to go  
to another mountain on an off week - that  
too would be in order. Jim has a good  
committee but the Board is also willing  
to help when needed.

Ray Sims reported for Henry Carlson on  
the "lodge" committee - as favorable to  
the finances in running the lodge when  
built.

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### OBSIDIAN POTLUCK

Saturday, Jan. 16 - Water Board Bldg.

The next Board meeting will be FEBRUARY  
4th at Tom Taylor's - 3635 Donald St. S.

### MEMBERSHIP NOTES

If you are not getting your bulletin each  
month, - or if you wish to pay your dues  
- or if you would like to purchase a new  
emblem or a car sticker or a songbook -  
if you'd like to get a membership appli-  
cation blank or turn one in - P L E A S E  
contact KAY FAHY, Membership Chairman, at  
DI 5-4186, or write to her at 1060 W.17th.

## T R A I L I N G S

The December issue of the Bulletin was mailed out on the 9th. It has come to our attention that even as late as the 14th some people had not received their copy. We are doing our best to get the Bulletin to you within as short a time as possible after Board meetings, so if it seems late in coming maybe the fault is not ours. M.

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Lost: Anna Jeppesen lost a large table-spoon at the Christmas Party. It has a piece of adhesive around the handle. And the tablespoon that the Medills got away with from the Women's Garden Club potluck has not been claimed yet. M.

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I am not going to harp on conservation, we already are educated along that line, but want to call your attention to an article on page 149 in the January issue of the Readers Digest. M.

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How about a Grandmas' climb of the South Sister? Bob Medill has said that he will be willing to lead it if arrangements can be made with the climbing committee and he has one signed up now. Instead of 3 in one day will take about three days to make the trip, camping overnight up near Lewis Glacier. M.

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1st Lt. Jim Newsom is going to get wed. Nancy Lou Gerda, a New Jersey girl. They both met while Jim was at West Point. The wedding will take place in Munich, Germany Jan. 27. Jim is in Co. D. 3rd Eng. Battn. APO 29, New York. M.

Keith Newsom is at Stanford. He has a Naval Reserve Scholarship and is taking engineering. His address is P.O. Box 5583.

Ron Green is in the Air Force and at present is at Fairchild, Wash. M.

Gregg Brunig is radioman on the Carrier Bon Homme 191st Fighter Squadron in the Far East. M.

David Simons is also in the service of his country but as yet doesn't know what branch he will be in. M.

Pat Stahl Remele is the proud mother of Cynthia Marie, 7 lbs., 6 oz., born Dec. 30. She is convalescing at the home of Mike and Dorothy. M.

Karl and Ruth Onthank are back home after visiting for a month in Cal. M.

Frances Newsom is the new Sec-Treas. of Western Section American Nature Study Society. M.

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FRIENDLY HOUSE PICTURE NIGHT is Monday, January 25, 2445 Kincaid. Glen and Florence Sims will show pictures taken in Arizona.

## NEARLY A QUARTER CENTURY AGO

At a Princess meeting Helen Kilpatrick was honored as all new grandmothers should be. She said that she had just heard her granddaughter's voice over the phone when only 20 minutes old. Wonder what it would sound like today. The baby, that is. M.

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From the June issue, 1937. "News has just been received that the Three Sisters area has been made a primitive area. This means that it will forever be an area of woods and trails and natural topography. Roads will not be permitted. Thus the hiking and climbing of the Obsidians and others in this area is forever guaranteed to be free from the roar of automobiles and the signs of hot dog stands." Another evidence of our phrase, "Our friends, the Forest Service." M.

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Dot Dotson has movie cameras for \$9.95. Don't rush however as he is all sold out. In fact sold out over 20 years ago. M.

## T R A I L I N G S

Thelma Watson has invited the Princesses to her home for their January 18th meeting.

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As far as Obsidians phoning in news for the Bulletin, Bob Medill says his phone comes under the heading of Silent Service.

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A new skiing device called a ski-bob has made its appearance in this country. Originated in Europe and proved popular--the first one came to the United States last winter. It consists of a pair of cut down skis mounted on a frame similar to a bike with handle bars and a seat. The seat has a built-in shock absorber. Suppose we will be seeing them on our ski slopes before too long. M.

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The Pioneer Centennial Butte trip turned out to be a rather wet affair but just the same between 45 & 50 people braved the wet to make the trip out to where in 1859 pioneers held a picnic to celebrate Oregon's entry into the union. After getting out there about 30 made the climb to the top of the butte. The unanimous opinion of those who made the trip was to have a picnic out there on top of the butte next year. Leader of the trip was Merle Moore assisted by Nellie McWilliams & Mary C. & Bob Medill. M.

## THE OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Tom Taylor	DI 3-3237
Vice President	Mike Stahl	RI 7-9335
Secretary	Gerry Fehly	DI 3-2784
Treasurer	Ray Cavagnaro	DI 3-8357
Board Members:	The above and Lorena Shinn, Ray Sims, Kay Fahy, Gene Renard, Donn Chase.	
Editor:	Ray Sims	DI 4-9546
Assistant:	Bob Medill	RI 6-2908

Under the heading "Don't Pet The Animals" The Western Outdoor Quarterly has this to say. That the disease, the dreaded relapsing fever, has been found in 21 counties in California. This disease is picked up from the bite of a small tick or from contact with animals such as chipmunks, - pine squirrels, etc. This article also called attention to the fact that bats also carry rabies and mentions that people have picked these up out of curiosity or just wanting to pet something - so heed this warning. M.

## EDITORIAL

I am quite sure that our President's message has gotten us all to thinking -- and well it may be, as the leader situation was at a low ebb the past season.

But remembering the disunity that came from the nine member climbing committee when it was first established - I am sure a solution can be found.

My thought at the present writing is to take the Chiefs' list of 135 and start at the bottom - go back about forty names - plus a few farther back like Mike Stahl and Ray Cavagnaro - add some of the recent Junior members who have been climbing for several years and have shown leadership - and I do believe we will have volunteers for the only TEN or possibly one or two out-of-state climbs. With this number, there would be leader and assistant for each mountain - of course all would not be required to lead Mt. Jefferson, the North Sister or Mt. Washington, but there are those who could.

It is also thought to have a meeting of this number, in the spring, before the schedule is made up - I am sure leaders could be found at such a meeting - AND we have in the club - two or three GIRLS who have climbed "all three in a day" and was it not "five in a day" the last time? Surely the "honor" - The "companionship" and the "thrill" of leading one of our big mountains is not dead - I know from the experiences I have had over these many years.

Ray Sims.

## T R A I L I N G S

G I R L S-----IT'S LEAP YEAR!

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One of the Southern F.W.O.C. member clubs, finding so many teen-age members joined during the climbing season - now have included in their schedule - bicycle trips every two weeks.

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A number of years ago - when short of gasoline - a number of Obsidian trips were on bicycles - one time nearly 40.

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Alarm Clock: A small mechanical device to wake up people who have no children.

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Schedule of a Northern F.W.O.C. member - Dec. 19 - 20 Christmas Party (no children please).

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Reprinted from RAMBLINGS, INC. - Bob W., an engineer in Yosemite NP, had occasion to meet a woman tourist, who violated a most sacred Park rule by plucking a flower and haughtily demanding "Tell me, Ranger, just what kind of flower is this? You are supposed to know such things aren't you?" This was not in Bob's field as an engineer and he did not know, but his answer will long remain a classic: ... "That, lady, is a PICKED flower."

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The Eugene Police Department wishes to educate drivers, to make traffic flow more freely by printing leaflets---

THERE ARE THREE OCCASIONS WHEN YOU CAN  
TURN ON A RED LIGHT--REMEMBER YOU MUST  
STOP FIRST.

LEFT FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY  
ALL RIGHT TURNS

LEFT FROM ONE-WAY TO ONE-WAY

Think these over - then do.

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(from Jan. '60 Hobnailers Traildust) A nice surprise at the end of the hike was a visit to Doris Shinn's trailer house at Hill Top Trailer Court. "Such a Big Trailer for such a Little Girl." S.

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A January visit to the Obsidians acreage at 29th & Spring discovered all the small Christmas trees the Club needed a month ago. We went to check on the fire hydrant nearby. We found no poison oak. S.

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JANUARY BOARD MEETING(Continued).....The last report was of the Recreation Commission of the City--a surprise move--to move the Amazon - in the controversy with the Planning Commission. S.

## 15,156 BIRDS COUNTED

The National counting of the birds was again participated in by the Natural History Society and the Obsidians, Sunday, December 27th, in and around Eugene.

About 20 left Condon Hall soon after 8 a.m. and 5 cars went to cover all areas. The day was clear but cold, as much hiking was done to cover the wooded areas.

As darkness came 24 "counters" met at Arthur Flynn's residence, 1764 Columbia, to total their sheets. It was found that 85 species and a total of 15,156 birds were counted. Robins and Crows were more plentiful than other kinds. Adeline Adams phoned her count in during the evening. Others: Ben Pruitt, Catherine Dunlop, Gene Renard, Lon Renard, Helen Kilpatrick, Ray Sims, Margaret Markley, Joe Daniel, Doris Daniel, Sue Hutcheson, Kerry Hutcheson, Laurence L. Daggett, Freda Hull Baker, Mrs. John Radmore, Victor Favior, Vance McDowell, John Bodley, LeRoy Fish, Eru Lindgren, Irene Flynn, Ronald Flynn, Richard Flynn and the host Art Flynn who served a complete "buffet" dinner to the counters. Thanks Art and Irene. S.

## CHRISTMAS TREE TRIP

The Greenery and Christmas tree trip on December 13th was taken by five car-loads, led by Jim Richardson, who had obtained the key to the iron gate up Lost Creek.

Stops were made along the paved road to look for trees back from the roadside; Mt. June was to our south and Eagles Rest Look-out to the north. Nearly all obtained trees and also many branches of cedar were taken for the holidays. It was a beautiful day but not leaving until afternoon made a very short one and it was dark on our return to town. Those on the trip: Thelma Watson, Dorothy Ruse and Mr. and Mrs. Ruse, Catherine Dunlop, Ray Sims, Margaret Markley, Mike Forrester, Gene Renard, Lon Renard, and Jim Richardson and his three children. S.

## PRINCESS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Princess Christmas Program was held at Arlene's with Natalie assisting hostess, and several prizes being given out. But the whole affair was fixed, none but Princesses winning. The next crooked meeting will be at the home of Thelma Watson on January 18. M.

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 Something that was decided many summer camps ago - to remember those who must be on the job on the first of the month - this year's outing will be AUGUST 7 TO 21, 1960.  
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## THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Another beautiful Christmas Party was enjoyed by about 65 Obsidians and their friends - this year held in the spacious Water Board Building Sunday, December 20th.

Many colorful dishes and Christmas delicacies (cookies, etc.) graced the long food table, while over each table hung ....the "thing - a - ma - doodles" and streamers that Anna Jeppesen's entertainment committee has been busy with. The children as usual put on the enjoyable program - Mark and Dale Sebring, Lon Renard - and Nancy Scherer delighted everyone with their Christmas offerings. It was like old times when Marg and Bob Wilson joined in, Marg playing the piano with Bob helping with the singing of "Christmas Carols". After their departure, Blanche Bailey accompanied us with singing - until SANTA CLAUS arrived from Springfield, with his snow white bag jammed full of presents for Obsidian children.

This was the climax, with even the youngest talking with Santa and many others expressing their appreciation with another enjoyable Christmas Party. S.

SAT. - FIRST POTLUCK IN 1960 - JAN. 16 -  
 The Entertainment Committee headed by Anna Jeppesen meets regularly and wants to make the first potluck and S T Y L E S H O W a gala affair - to be participated in by all the members. Please bring your "unusual" wearing apparel to put on (there is a place to change clothes) or COME DRESSED to demonstrate mountain climbing or skiing styles or equipment. Please bring a hot dish or dessert and your own table service; it will again be at the Water Board Bldg., 500 E. 4th. IT IS HOPED THAT MANY WILL TAKE PART IN THIS VARIETY STYLE SHOW... "bearing in mind" Anna says... "laughter is the best medicine". S.

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Latest from Louie and Roxie. They have been electrocuted, tornadoed and cloud-burst. They maybe should have stood in Oregon. No one can complain about the weather here so far. Their address is 2345 E. Main, Mesa, Arizona. M.



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