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THANKSGIVING

Once more we come to the day of special thanksgiving. Our thoughts are turned backward. The days have rolled into the seasons, the seasons into the year. Each day has been crowded with blessings. Each season has brought forth new proofs of the bounty of the land in which we live. On this day we should pledge anew our gratitude and give thanks to Him who has made this all possible.

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NEW OFFICERS

President Bob Medill
Vice President. Gene Renard
Secretary-Treasurer . Dorothy Towlerton

TRIPS

Nov. 12 - COAST TRIP - Frances Newsom, leader.
Nov. 19 - LOGGERS BUTTE - Dorothy Towlerton,
Dec. 9 - SARDINE BUTTE - Gene Renard, leader.

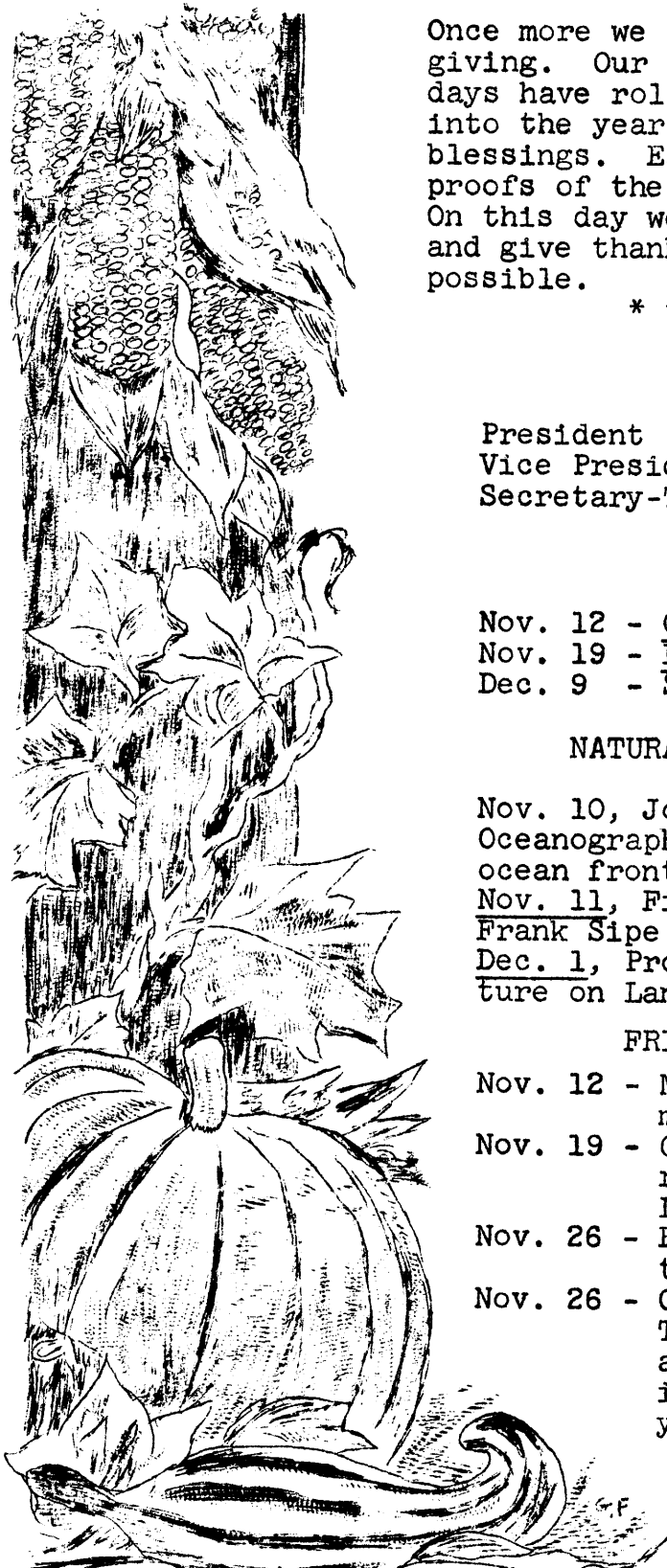
NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Nov. 10, John Byrne of O.S.C., Department of Oceanography, an illustrated lecture on our ocean frontier. Science Building, 8 p.m.
Nov. 11, Field trip to the Florence area with Frank Sipe on a mushroom hunt.
Dec. 1, Professor Jesse Smith, slides and lecture on Landscape & Life in Korea.

FRIENDLY HOUSE

Nov. 12 - Mr. Gruber, showing pictures of Formosa, Japan & the Philippines.
Nov. 19 - Gene Renard will show Parks and Recreation and general scenery around Lane County.
Nov. 26 - Ernest Trimble showing Colorado and the Scout Jamboree.
Nov. 26 - Obsidian night free-for-all. These nights are usually quite interesting. Come and bring your best.

Happy
Thanksgiving!



OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President Bob Medill RI 602908
 Vice Pres. Gene Renard DI 3-1962
 Sec'y.-Treas. D. Towlerton DI 5-4079
 Board Members: Above & Donn Chase,
 Art Johnson, Margaret Markley, Gene
 Sebring, Don Hunter & Kay Fahy
 Editor-Geraldine Fehly DI 3-2784
 Jr. Editor-Charla Eubanks DI 3-6341

BOARD NOTES

Present: Markley, Towlerton, Fahy,
 Johnson, Medill, Chase, Hunter,
 Sebring, Cavagnaro, Renard, McClos-
 key & Fehly.

Election of officers was held as the
 first order of business and the new
 slate will be found on page 1.

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Membership	Kay Fahy
Trips	Donn Chase
Climbs	Gene Sebring
Publications	Gerry Fehly
Building	Don Hunter & Gene Renard
Outing	Jim Jeppesen
Conservation	Tom Taylor
To be filled:	Search & Rescue, Youth
Activities	Entertainment, Scientific,
Education.	

Other committee chairmen will be
 announced in the December bulletin.
 The Board was not able to fill all
 of these positions at the Nov. 2
 meeting.

Motion to pay the following bills
 carried:

Cressey's, receipt book	\$ 1.00
Insurance, Lodge, 1 yr.	51.85
E. W. E. B.	20.96
Chase Plumbing	78.78
1961-1962 taxes on property	42.37
Mishlers & stamps, paper	25.58
Michael McCloskey reports on	

WILDERNESS BILL HEARINGS IN IDAHO

I felt a little lonely after mak-
 ing my statement on behalf of the
 Obsidians and the FWOC Clubs in sup-
 port of the Wilderness Bill at the
 Congressional hearings held on Oct.
 30 in McCall, Idaho. Few in the
 audience supported the Bill. But on
 sitting down I received a note say-

ing "you made a sound, factual anal-
 ysis, and I agree with everything
 you said," signed "Trigger Jim, Ob-
 sidian, Idaho." I felt much better
 knowing the Obsidians had a good
 friend in Idaho who was supporting
 the Bill too.

Later others spoke in favor of
 the Bill but the oral presentations
 were dominated by industrial inter-
 ests from Idaho who were opposing
 the Bill because they want the re-
 sources within the existing wilder-
 ness areas. It was a shock to see
 how few of the lumber and mining
 interests are willing to accept the
 existing wilderness system. They
 kept emphasizing the economic waste
 to let any trees go unharvested.
 They did not mention the greater
 waste of scenic resources entailed
 in harvesting such trees now in the
 wilderness areas. They kept stres-
 sing that a business-like nation
 could not afford to set aside great
 playgrounds for the frivolous few
 who wanted to hike through them.

A central theme of the opponents
 was that the Wilderness Bill is not
 needed if it will not change any-
 thing. It is true the Bill will not
 change the size and management of
 the existing wilderness system. It
 will change one thing--and that is
 the protection given to the system.
 The Bill will give the system the
 protection of law and will prevent
 lumber and mining interests from
 prevailing upon any Secretary of
 Agriculture to shrink the system to
 accommodate them. They made it quite
 clear they want this done. This is
 why the bill is so important.

At the conclusion of the hearings
 supporters of the bill were behind
 in oral testimony, but ahead in
 letters submitted for the record.
 More such letters from Obsidians and
 others are needed to show Congress
 that Westerners do support the bill.
 It was passed by the Senate, is sup-
 ported by the President, and is now
 before the House of Representatives.
 Write before November 20 to Congress-
 woman Gracie Pfost, Chrm. House
 Subcommittee on Public Lands, Room
 1324, New House Office Building,
 Washington 25, D.C.

DO NOT DELAY--WRITE TODAY

DO YOU KNOW ?

We are saving M.J.B. coffee points for a case of coffee? It takes 900 points. We have 278. Perhaps we can exchange Folger stars for M.J.B. points from some other organization. We have 170 star points left from our coffee person-ator project from Folgers. So save Folgers stars and bands from Folgers Instant Coffee and M.J.B.

BETTY CROCKER COUPONS

We have received six tablespoons and four salad forks plus one bonus teaspoon. We now have ordered:

6 tablespoons
8 salad forks
1 teaspoon

Do you realize it takes 70 points in coupons for a tablespoon or salad fork and 35 coupons for a teaspoon? We must add to this 10¢ for each item--which the Princess group is paying.

So save your coupons for the Princesses. They need them. They have spent their last coupon.

Princesses at last have a very attractive directory listing not only their right names, but also their "nom de plumes." The list was typed and mimeographed by our new President and is complete with cover designed by none other than Myrtle. The Princesses want to thank Bob for making this directory and Myrtle for designing the cover for it.

The Princesses also voted to make a recommendation that the money taken in at the rummage sale (which was an all club project) be used to complete the second rest room at the lodge.

Princesses also announce that they have the money to complete the kitchen and want to meet with architect and contractor to make plans for finishing the kitchen and have it completed as soon as possible. Three cheers!

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Resigned: BERREMAN, Dwight W. of 120 Hillcrest, Morristown, N.J.

NEW ADDRESSES

JONES, Catherine, 2960 Pennsy, Boulder, Colorado.

NEWSOM, James, Lt., Rt. 1, Box 861 Woodland Park, Alexandria, Va.

NEWSOM, Keith, 708 E. 11th Ave., Eugene, Phone DI 4-1298

WHITNEY, Jack, Pvt., R.A.19704465 Co. A, 13 Bg. 4 Bde, Ford Ord. Calif.

STAN DARLING - Advanced to Senior membership.

NEW MEMBERS

BOESHANS, Elizabeth, 1706 G St., Springfield, Ore. RI 7-7416

KITTERER, Mary Jane, 2314 Columbia, Eugene, DI 3-6720

WILSON, Eileen, 1591 Willamette, Eugene DI 4-4365

DARK, Robert

DARK, Anita (Mrs. Robert)

DARK, Charles (Jr. member)

DARK, Delyn, " "

All at 85 Rio Glen Dr., Eugene
DI 5-3780

BRANT, Robin, 1261 Alder St.no ph.

MAZAMAS are sponsoring a Survival Program, Friday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m. in the Public Auditorium, Portland. Two color films will be shown: Survival on the River, and Edible Plants of Field and Forest. Odd Bjerke, naturalist and outdoorsman will teach you more about living "off the land" in our Pacific Northwest forests. You can increase your knowledge of this vital topic through participation in this program.

SAVE BETTY CROCKER COUPONS !

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

It is customary for the President to make a statement so I will endeavor to do so.

I do not feel fully qualified to follow in the footsteps of someone who has done such an outstanding job of being President as has my immediate predecessor. However, if the Board members and committee chairmen will put up with me for the next year, I'll try to get along with them, but it won't be easy either way!

There is one thing I think we all agree on, and that is the necessity for the completion of our clubhouse. Since the organization of our club, the desire for our own lodge has been paramount in the members' thoughts and plans, and funds were set up for that purpose and added to over the years. These monies came from several sources. Perhaps one of the greatest was personal contributions. More came from rummage sales held by the Princesses. I feel that this money should now be used for this purpose. I also intend to appoint a budget committee to ascertain the annual costs of maintaining our clubhouse, prorate this on a monthly basis & add a percentage (to be determined by the committee or board) to be put in a reserve fund. In this way will we know how much we have, how much we will need for reserves and how much we can spend. I believe the above can be worked out without any violation of our constitution. The set costs for the club will include taxes, insurance, electricity, postage, water, bulletin, stationery, wood and the summer camp starter fund. The completion of the building can and will cut down on the consumption of electricity and wood.

Once again may I remind you that all members are welcome to attend board meetings, especially new members. First Thurs. ea. month.

PRINCESSES

The Princesses, in secret session, gave the "works" to four candidates the night of October 21st. When it was all over with four more Princesses were crowned and, in solemn, mysterious and beautiful rites, they were christened as follows:

Charla Eubanks	Pine Siskir
Pat Sheppard	Fleet Foot
Jo Ann Wesley	Kalmia
Rhonda Johannis	Glacier Lily

At the last Princess meeting the evening was spent mostly in preparing for the Halloween Maltese Cross Program. This program was instigated by Dr. Hugh Pruitt about 1945 and most of the work was carried on by him until his death in 1955. From then on this program has been carried on by the Obsidian Princesses with Helen Kilpatrick as Chairman until this year when the chairmanship was taken over by Catherine Dunlop. Also on that committee are Helen Kilpatrick, Natalie Morgan and Doris Jones. The crosses are distributed to Police Stations, Fire Stations, schools and this year, because so many people have inquired there for them, the City Library.

The next meeting will be at the home of Princess Wild Rose. Wild Rose will entertain with a showing of some of her pictures of mountain wild flowers. She will be assisted by Princess Red Feather.

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All Obsidians extend to Gene Sebring and family their deepest sympathy in the loss to them of Gene's Father who died at his home in Los Angeles on October 24. Gene and Virginia drove to Los Angeles for the funeral.

Roxie and Louis Waldorf are back at Ambassador Downs Trailer Park in Mesa, Arizona, 2345 E. Main #22.

Beginning with the next issue we are starting a get-acquainted-with-each-other section. Everyone will receive a card by mail to tell a little about yourself so it can be put in the Bulletin. We will run this in alphabetical order so do not expect these cards immediately as we will be mailing out just a few at a time. And if you do not fill out and send in the card we may do it ourselves and maybe you would not like this.

CHIEFS ORGY

About 60 Chiefs are expected to attend this event. And a potluck is scheduled for the next day at 1 o'clock. All Squaws, Princesses and Friends and relatives are welcome. Bring something to eat. Ray Sims has gone to a lot of trouble to make this the biggest Chief's blow-out yet.

TRIPS

Five Obsidians and sixteen Chemeketans sat down in the Chemeketan cabin Sat. night, Oct. 7th, to a turkey dinner. For the hike Sunday the party drove up Whitewater road to the snowline. Here the weather began to clear up as they followed a blazed trail up Jeff. Creek. The Chemeketans carried along axes and clippers and did considerable blazing and brush clearing as they went along. The hike took them by Thunderbird Lake. They ate lunch in six inches of snow. No plates. After lunch Frances McCarter led ten up to the top of the ridge so they could get a close-up look at Jefferson in her new blanket of snow. The scene, they say, was breath taking. Obsidians making the trip were: Margaret Wiese, Henry Carlson, Robin Brant, Catherine Dunlop and Margaret Markley and Ina Foss.

South Waldo Lake trip, led by Frank Jones, saw seven hikers make the long trip. They left Gold Lake at 9 a.m. and returned to the lake at 4 p.m. This is pretty good time. The leader recommends this be made a two day trip., and make it before

deer season opens. Those on this trip were: Charla Eubanks, Margaret Wiese, Margaret Markley, Catherine Dunlop, Hella Modersohn, Kathy Adelotte, Frank Jones.

Sept. 23 and 24th.

Timpanogas Lake. Indigo Lake, Sawtooth Mt. led by Margaret Wiese.

She says the group camped overnight at Timpanogas Lake off Willanette Pass, in a small forest camp. Sunday morning hikers started for either Indigo Lake, or Sawtooth Mt following Sawtooth Way trail. When sufficient altitude was gained so that hikers were on the same level as Indigo Lake, they left the trail and contoured cross country to Indigo Lake. Total hiking about three miles roundtrip. Five of the party Dorothy Towler, Robin Brant, Margaret Markley, Clarence Landis and Catherine Dunlop climbed Sawtooth mountain. They followed Sawtooth Way trail to the talus slope below the ridge, turned left along lower part of the talus, then straight up to the saddle to the right of Sawtooth, and then along ridge to top. Magnificent views can be seen around from there. Round trip about five miles. Others on the trip were Helen Hughes, Thelma Watson and Margaret Wiese.

Sept. 17th. To Sims Butte.

Led by Jim Jeppesen. Those on this trip were Anna Jeppesen, Margaret Markley, Robin Brent, Michael Wills. They left Frog Camp at 10.35 and were on top at noon. They report that the whole upper country was covered by fog, so did not see much.

NOTICE!! Do you have a key to the clubhouse? We want to have a record of all the keys and where they are so if you do turn them in to any member of the board, or Bob Medill or phone RL 6-2908.

And a notice to board members and committee members. The Annual membership renewal forms have been located and are now at the home of Bob Medill.

THE CONSERVATION QUESTION

A very pertinent problem that Juniors are faced with today is the conservation of such places as Waldo Lake and Diamond Peak. Probably most of you have been to one or both of these places. You must then know what an asset they are to humanity. These places are of great scenic value and recreational value. We know that many types of recreation are necessary but different places are suited for different types of recreation.

We need car camps--these can be most helpful to families who have small children but love the woods. They don't want to take their children to a campground with clear cuts all around. There is also much value derived from scenery from a road. On most roads, if a road goes in so does logging. Thus you get a lovely picture of downed trees and smoldering slash. Also the real wild type of recreation is necessary.

This problem is imminent to all teeners. The older folks have woods now but will we and our children? There is a lot that we can do and we had better start.

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SAVE COFFEE BANDS AND BETTY
 CROCKER COUPONS
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There is a lot of early snow this year. In fact, Richard Stanfield had to cancel his trip because of road conditions.

WHAT IT TAKES TO LEAD

Quite a few Junior Members have been leading trips and climbs this year but it has been centered in one small group. This article is written in the hope that more of you will accept this challenge.

In order to lead a trip you should learn about the area. You should talk to someone who has been there or, better yet, go yourself.

You should know your party's strength and stay within its bounds. You should make sure about your timing and be quite sure about equipment needs.

If you are at all uncertain about your ability or your party's ability, find out for sure before you attempt something.

Keep your party together. If you know the above things, you shouldn't have much trouble.

The Juniors heartily welcome two new members, Charles Dark and Delyn Dark. Hope we see lots of both of you.

