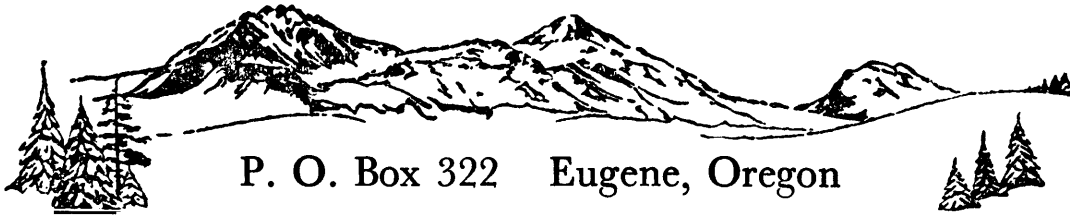


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## ANNUAL BIRD COUNT

Natural History Society's annual bird count for the National Audubon Society will take place Sunday Dec. 31st. Meet at 8:am corner of Kincaid and 13th. Bring binoculars and lunch and warm clothing.

There will be no Picture night at Friendly House this month account of Monday night being Christmas day.

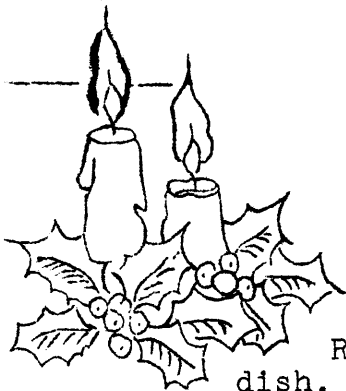
A new camera club has been organized called the Willamalene Camera Club and is affiliated with the Photographic Society of America. This club is equipped to give complete instruction in photography from the beginner to advanced photography. Also planned is picture contests, both locally and on a National basis thru the PSA. This club will meet three times a month at the Willamalene Park building in Springfield. The president is Robert Herse, who may be called for further information. His phone DI 5-5010.

## Friendly House

Dec. 17th John Tysell who spent some time in Russia has an interesting series of pictures taken there and has an interesting commentary to go with them.

The Princesses, in a round-about way, contributed the money for a nice mirror in their powder room, which has been installed. Also in this room they have installed a brass lattice work tray mounted on the wall over the wash basin. This tray looks for all the world like it may at one time have been in a railroad passenger car. Where did it come from? girls?

Work at the lodge, never at a complete standstill, has seen the upstairs walls all sheetrocked and some more done towards the completion of the wiring and some tile put in to help drainage. Those who contributed time and labor were: Donn Chase with his ditcher, Mike Stahl, Bailey Castelloe, Glen Sims Bob Medill, Ray Sims, Gene Sebring Mac McWilliams.



## Pioneer Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 17, 1:30 P.M., at the Clubhouse

Roast Turkey will be served; you are to bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert, and your own table service; coffee will be furnished; a charge will be made for the turkey, etc. Santa Claus will not be able to come to the dinner, however some entertainment is planned. Please make reservations by calling any of the following: H. Weiser, DI 5-1234; N. McWilliams, DI 5-1422; or M. Castelloe DI 4-5168. ALL OBSIDIANS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME.

From the Conservation Chairman of the Los Padres Chapter of the Sierra Club.

#### TRAIL BIKE CURB PROPOSED

A light-weight motor bike that climbs steep trails and penetrates in ever increasing numbers the back country of national forests is becoming a critical threat to wilderness. A veteran hunter in the Los Padres National Forest reports that even the legally dedicated primitive areas are being tracked by these new contrivances.

The experience of a Boy Scout Troop last Memorial Day high-lights the crisis. The Troop in a noteworthy decision voted to camp in the forest back country rather than attend the annual road races at the local airport. Settled in the distant campground, the boys were enjoying the bird songs and the quiet trees when trail cyclists in a pack revved their motors up the canyon, blasted to the end of camp and set up facilities. The machines spun out as they climbed hillsides to tow in the larger pieces of firewood, and the cyclists drove in mechanized style back and forth to the outhouse. The road race atmosphere echoed through the trees; the boys had come a long way to camp on a drag strip.

The letter goes on to ask what can be done to curb this trespass and cites State and National Parks regulations that specifically ban this abuse and says that several counties in California have ordinances restricting vehicular travel in wild areas, Los Angeles County since 1953 have ordinances which prohibit such travel on any country owned trails and on county approved trails in the Angeles National Forest.

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Donald H. Lyon's name should be added to the list of Juniors who have qualified to become Chiefs. He made the three peaks this summer. Sorry, don. and glad you called it to our attention.

Live history of Squaw Amort, spinster. Known by the name of Vene (Vene). She says that she was born at an early age on the lone prairie near Stephen, Minn. Arrived in Oregon 1901. Froil the happy Childher Educated in The Little Red School-house, lit Angel Academy, and Oregon State. When pre-nursing was first added to curriculum. Graduated from Mercy Nursing School, Eugene, P.C. work at Stanford. Course in anesthesiology at St. Vincents, Portland. Introduced to Obsidian Club by the late Elizabeth McMahon while working together in same office. Spent first summer camp in Mt. Jefferson Park under Myrtle's wing. Delightful experience. Joined club in 1933. Left Eugene in 1940 to work on the Island of Maui for 15 months. During war worked in Corvallis and Salem. Had privilege of taking care of my parents their last years. Now living on the old plantation north of Corvallis with my bachelor Brother. Retired from nursing in 1959. Have happy memories of Obsidians. Lived 3 years with Thelma Watson in apartment which spiced up being an Obsidian (all this and more on one card. Ed)

Ohio is the state where Blance Bailey was born, but she says that she never really got to livin' until she came to Oregon, and satisfied that primitive urge to climb mountains. She says that she was so eager on her first one, Broken Top, she broke her arm and had to spend Summer Camp with her arm in a cast. Then she found out that the mountains had been there for a long time and would wait for her she slowed down and finally made "The Three" and gained the privilege of joining the Princess.

Bob Ashworth was born in Eugene. Goes to school at Villamette High. Work: he picks beans in the summer time. He says he particularly likes the Obsidian Club because of the many new friends that he has made and all he has learned about mountain climbing. His hobbies are mountain climbing and boiling.

PAY YOUR DUES NOW ! ! !

## CHIEFS REUNION

Reminiscence from the first four to arrive at the Obsidian Lodge until midnight was the order of the 45 who took part in the reunion and initiation over the Saturday of November 11th. Many "Old-Timers" were on hand admiring the new building. It was said many times, "This is what the club has needed these many years".

Dinner was enjoyed beginning at 6:30 and those bringing food are to be thanked as well as the fine committee of Glen, Bob and Bailey.

Initiation of two new chiefs; Chief Hawkeye (Jim Dotson) and Chief Caveman (Mark McLaughlin) with the originator Chief Horsefeathers doing the honors. During the evening Chief Smoketurner showed slides beginning 41 years ago when E.A. Britton had seven boys on top South Sister. Then followed the 30 years beginning with 1928. Groups at the summit of North Sister led by Smoketurner. The 1929 picture taken after the climb down on Collier Glacier. 30 of the then 42 members were there.

About 15 stayed overnight at the lodge and the new Chief Caveman got up at 4:30 to deliver papers. Then there were 20 for an 8 o'clock breakfast.

The Reunion is to be an annual event and we may set it up a week. O.K. Smokey? Attending-Henry Korn, Ray Sims, Dot Dotson, Cliff Stalsberg, Ed Johnson, Bailey Castelloe, Paul Lafferty, Gene Pearson, E. A. Britton, Art Hendershott, Tony Vogel, Bryan Ryan, Glen Sims, Gilbert Sprague, Bob Wilson, Paul Weiser, Joe Heidenreich, Lloyd Sims, Sterling Behnke, Dr. Norman Lee, Alvin Lynch, Wayne Bailey, Mike Stahl, Geary Workh, Dale and Henry Carlson, Lloyd Gust, Ray Harris, Harold Jack, Henry Jeppesen, Milton Koupal, R.O. McWilliams, Keith Brunig, Arthur Johnson, Bob Medill Bruce Johnson, Keith Newsom, Bob Northrup, Tom Taylor, Bill Beaman, Stan Hasek, Jim Sims, Jim Dotson, and Mark McLaughlin.

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The three rocking chairs used by the "Ranking Chiefs" were so in use both days most thought them to be permanent furniture.

Remember next Year.

The pot-luck dinner on Sunday, 12 following the Chiefs all night initiation was a clamorous success. 55 to 60 people attended, some coming from as far away as Portland and Roseburg. The high spot of the dinner was a huge turkey brot by Florence Sims. This reporter did not have any, but all those who did said that it was one of the best cooked and flavored turkeys they had ever eaten. Florence says that she cooked it all night at low heat. After dinner an auction sale was held to dispose of surplus food that the Chiefs had. \*\*\*\*\*  
\* As you have all probably read in the Register-Guard a bridle-path and hiking trail has been proposed around the East and South side of Eugene being sponsored by various park and recreational groups. This trail will have one end at Hendricks Park and extend around to go over various hills including Spencers Butte. Ray Sims has been appointed to represent the Obsidians.

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From all sources comes the same story. What a wonderful job Mike McCloskey is doing in the Northwest carrying on the work for conservation, as a representative for all the various outdoor clubs. Funds are provided by each club with the Sierra Club matching the contributions sent in by each club. We feel proud that the representative for this work should be Mike. Mike is getting more experience than money out of this work, even at times having to pay some expenses out of his own pocket.

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We hear Gene Pearson's dishes went down to Dotson's for film processing after the last pot-luck dinner at the Clubhouse.

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## PRINCESS NEWS

Princesses Wild Rose and Red Feather (Vera Heidenrich and Margaret Benston) entertained the Princesses on Nov. 20 at Vera's home. Princess rosters were distributed, and the group voted to write letters of appreciation to Bob Medill and Myrtle Smith for their work in making them. It was decided that the Princesses would **assist with the Club's Annual Christmas Party.** Recent newspaper articles were added to the scrapbook. It was reported that two percolators have been obtained with coffee bands, and some stainless flatware has been ordered with Betty Crocker coupons. The Annual Princess Christmas Party will be at the home of Adeline Adams, 1939 Alder, on Monday, Dec. 18, 8 p.m., Moon Dancer, Golden Butterfly, Silver Birch, Ollalie (Helen Smith, Olga Mortensen, Jane Hilt, Catherine Dunlop) assisting White Heron.

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PERSONALS

**Miriam Yoder Barnes is now Mrs. C. M. Perry.** All her friends wish her the best. **She is Princess Mirrored Waters.**

Word from Dorothy Ruse indicates she is having a ball. In other words she is thoroughly enjoying herself. Says she spent her 2 weeks vacation over on Kyoto.

Have you noticed the new heading on the bulletin. Be some others as we go along. This is Myrtle Smith's work as was the Thanksgiving one. Thank you, Myrtle.

Myrtle Smith won 2 firsts at the recent art show held at the Eugene Hotel.

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New Years Party! at Camp Lane!

Pot luck supper, breakfast, drive to the coast New Years Day. Beside usual entertainment there will be showing of Ned Grave's Pictures "--Beauty in the Wilderness" from his collection of wilderness pictures adapted from Quotations from The Bible--on tape.

## BOARD NOTES

Our Board is revising the policy for memberships to our service men. The free membership will be granted for the duration of their initial period of service to those who reply to the letter they will receive inquiring if they wish to have the BULLETIN mailed them.

Other committee heads announced: Scientific--Margaret Markley; Entertainment--Anna Jeppesen; Lodge--"Mac" McWilliams; Youth Activities--Catherine Dunlop. (Committee Personnel will appear in later issues of the BULLETIN.

The Obsidians will pay \$50.00 to the fund for retaining Mike McClosky as Northwest Conservation Representative for the first half of 1962. Our share, which the Sierra Club will match can be augmented by contributions of Obsidian members. Please send these to the Treasurer D. Towlerton.

