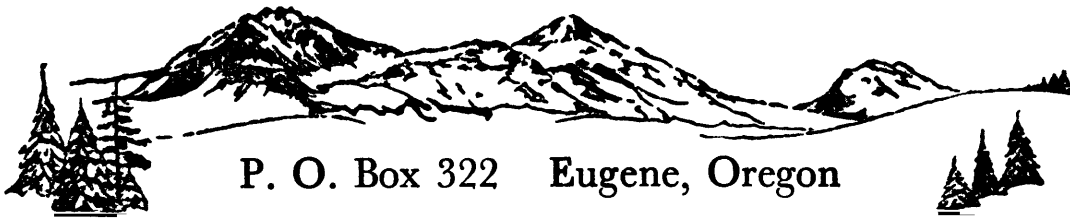


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WHAT THE BOARD HEARD

The regular meeting of the Board was held Jan. 5 at the home of Donn Chase. Heard a letter from Maurine Neuberger re: Kennedy-Johnson Conservation Committee. Recommendation made to write her the club stand on Wilderness areas and Seashore issues.

Heard Treasurer Ray Cavagnaro vouch that all approved bills paid; balance \$506.25 in bank; \$2908.80 installment to contractor (money from savings account); \$40.00 Tom Taylor; Mishler's; Renard, Medill, Reid - Committee expense.

Heard Membership Chairman Fahy report \$53 in dues and new memberships. Board unanimously accepts Wesley family to club. The resignation of Jr. Caroline Orum was read. Secretary was instructed to write an expression of sympathy to family of Dave Simons.

Heard Publication editor Fehly present new printed heading for Obsidian bulletin; it was approved.

Heard Climbing Committee Chairman Taylor name Sebring, Hilt, Jeppesen and Pat Remele to his committee. Recommended that fees for climbs be collected in advance of climb; if trip does not materialize, fee to be returned. An assistant leader to be appointed to arrange transportation and fee details. Motion by Board passed permitting no children under 14 to take climbs without an adult companion or responsible party at least to base camp. Recommended fewer climbs with good leadership; large groups to be divided at base camp. Motion passed to invite YMCA members to participate in Obsidian activities; no special program to be co-sponsored by the Climbing Committee.

Heard Library Committee Chairman Art Johnson's clippings, and approval of Adeline Adams, committee member.

Heard Alan Reid of Search and Rescue re-

port on Portland meeting of MORESCO. A mountain training rescue school will be held at Mt. Hood June 17-18.

Heard announcement that Jim Jeppesen will accept chairmanship of Outing Committee. Explorer Scout troop sponsored by Obsidiansclub was discussed. The new Youth Activity Chairman to work closely with the Scout Advisor to provide good program. Cost to families participating in trips was discussed. Trips Committee to give full report and recommendation at next meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 1 (special time) at 7:30 - home of Gene Renard.

Heard McCloskey, Conservation Chairman report on progress of his committee. Immediate business letter to Neuberger. It is believed the new administration may have some flexibility in policy relative to conservation issues. All conservation problems should be brought to committee attention. Non-members to be invited to Conservation Committee meetings.

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGIES

Due to too much material to get in the last issue and not enough stuff to make 6 pages, some articles were left out. This was not intentional and those items are in this issue.

OUR RANKS ARE GETTING RANKER

The following new members have been admitted into the Obsidians:

Chuck Fluke	Junior
Bob Lyon	Junior
Don Lyon	Junior
Gary Hunter	Junior
Wayne Hunter	Junior
Jo Ann Wesley	Junior
Ted Johannis	Active
Mary Jo Johannis	Active
Harry Wesley	Active
Lois Wesley	Active

Wesleys live near Roseburg - The rest Eugene

 * NOTICE!!! GREETINGS FROM KAY FAHY! *
 * YOU PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT PAID YOUR *
 * DUES PLEASE DO SO. WE WANT YOU AND *
 * YOU WILL WANT TO BE ONE OF US WHEN *
 * WE GET IN OUR NEW BUILDING. *

LOST OR STRAYED - HELP

The Climbing Committee has no report on the location of 2 ropes and one ice axe belonging to the club. If you have any knowledge of their storage place, please call Tom Taylor.

CHRISTMAS TIME WITH THE OBSIDIANS

The annual party was held December 18 at the Washington Park Recreation Center. A fine buffet lunch was served with the Princesses as Hostesses. The tables were eye-catching with gay streamers and small decorated fir trees - all done by members of Dorothy Towler's entertainment committee. Myrtle Smith designed the announcement cards. Bob and Mary Medill and Nellie and Mac made the decorations - Ray Cavagnaro also helped with them.

Clarence Scherer did an able job of Master of Ceremonies, and Bob and Marje Wilson led the carol singing. Several of the younger generation contributed entertainment. They were Gerry Wilson, Linda Shaw, and Nancy, Carol and Susan Scherer. Short, entertaining movies were shown. Of particular joy was the learning study of a golden mountain squirrel done at Crater Lake. The star of the show was Santa Claus Bob.

CHRISTMAS TREE TRIP

The annual Christmas tree trip was led on December 11 by Dave Burwell on Rosboro Lumber Company's holdings on Quartz Creek. Fifty-four men, women, boys, girls and small children were in the caravan that made a short but steep tour to see changes in tree growth since our last trip. Does and fawns were seen on the trip. An unnamed waterfall provided a special scenic note. After cutting trees in a specified area, the group ate lunch around a bonfire before coming home.

HASTA LA VISTA - VAYA CON DIOS !!!

We wish Bob & Mary Medill the happiest of trips - they leave Jan. 12 to tour Mexico!

The years designate unexpired term -- keep this list for handy reference:

President, Donn Chase (2 years)
 Vice Pres., Lorena Reid (1 year)
 Sec.-Treas., Ray Cavagnaro . . . (1 year)
 Margaret Markley (3 years)
 Art Johnson (3 years)
 Bob Medill (3 years)
 Gene Renard (2 years)
 Kay Fahy (2 years)
 Tom Taylor (1 year)

The board asks the cooperation of all members. Any problems or questions the membership may have should be freely discussed with your board. Action can only be taken thru the board.

The Obsidians' suggested transportation charge is, as we all know, 1½¢ per mile. Just thought that we would mention this as we have learned that the Mazamas' suggested charge is 2¢ per mile.

PRINCESS CHRISTMAS

Princess Wild Rose entertained 19 Princesses Dec. 19, at the Heidenreich home on the Country Club Road. After a brief business meeting a three-group contest of designing and dressing with newspapers -- some Christmas card tableaux - were followed by the gift exchange. Dessert featured a sheet cake decorated with special plastic Christmas favors.

The reporter begs to correct an error: November hostess' name is Princess Goldenrod. The January 16 meeting will be at the home of Princess Pine Tree (Thelma Watson), 1549 Mill St.

COBURG CAVES VISITED

On Sunday, January 8, Bob Ashworth led a party of nine on a winter afternoon loop trip to the Coburg caves and other rock outcroppings in the area used for practice in climbing school. Those going besides Bob were Helen Weiser, Helen Smith, Ted and Mary Jo and Ronda Johannis, Susan Cogswell, Dorothy Towler and Margaret Markley.

INVITATION FROM CHEMEKETANS

Chemeketans of Salem have scheduled their Annual Meeting for the evening of Feb. 4. They extend a cordial invitation to all Obsidians to attend. Dinner starts at 6:30 P.M., at the YWCA, 768 State St.

POTPOURRI

The Hasek family, Stan, Barbara, Norman & Bob spent a week at Guerneville, Calif., during the holidays, visiting Stan's mother, Mrs. Karla Hasek, leaving for home the day after Christmas.

We want news of interest of all members for the Bulletin. Will you help by sending items to some member of the editorial staff - travel, travail, promotions, etc.

Donn Chase and daughter, Sandra, are enjoying skiing lessons at the Willamette Ski area and Donn reports having seen two of our newer members, Charla Eubanks and JoAnne Wesley being instructed also. Stan Hasek was there and Rich Stanfield. On the trip home Donn was caught in the big Saturday blow where their car was pinned in between trees across the road, one having fallen only about fifteen feet behind his car. Other cars were corralled at the same spot and the occupants left their cars and hid behind large rocks to avoid being struck by trees which were falling down all around them. This was about four miles below McCredie Springs. It took the Highway Department four hours to cut their way through to them. Donn says he wouldn't want to go through anything like this again.

Dorothy Towleron hopes there will be a good turnout for the potluck Saturday, January 21 as the Rescue and Safety Committee is working with her on the evening's entertainment and there will be an interesting speaker and movies.

Donn Chase tenders his apologies, and wants it in black and white, to the members of the board for the late, late meeting the night of January 5th and promises on his word - never again!

YOUNGEST MEMBER of Obsidians proves himself some hiker by taking his first steps on the first day of the year -- age 10½ months. Congratulations little Joseph Fehly and you have earned the right to pat yourself on the head! (Grandma F.)

Well, here it is girls - the lowdown on what the Chiefs do on their big initiation night. Upon arrival they start nibbling on this and that. Then they start eating this and that. Then they start eating in earnest and continue to eat until morn when they eat a big breakfast.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

With an evening of merriment and a day in the sunshine the Obsidians bade adieu to 1960 and welcomed in 1961. The gathering place was Camp Lane on Route F. Events started with a potluck dinner followed by games, stunts, contests, tests of athletic skill, a movie of a Hawaiian volcano in action, folk dancing, jumping rope, volley ball, and an improvised game of basket ball. Adding to the fun was a jolly group of teenagers.

The New Year was welcomed in in the traditional manner with so much enthusiasm that the midnight supper wasn't served until nearly 1 A.M. The Liars Contest was won by Bob Medill with the biggest one he has come up with yet.

The next morning a late breakfast was eaten in front of the big fireplace before the group drove to the north jetty on the Siuslaw River for a hike in the beautiful sunshine on the jetty and along the beach almost to Heceta Beach.

A late lunch was eaten back at Camp Lane before leaving for home. Catherine Dunlop and Anna Pechanec came the farthest to attend, coming from Vancouver, with the Wesley's next from Roseburg.

Come again, you teenagers. We really need you to put spice in the party.

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Anyone want Bob Medill's recipes for Buckwheat and/or buttermilk pancakes?

THE ROOF IS ON

And the wall sheathing is on. Also inside studs are up and a work party consisting of Adeline Adams, Margaret Markley, Kay Fahy, Lillian Johnson, Tom Taylor and Bob Medill spent Saturday afternoon and on Sunday afternoon, Adeline Adams, Lillian Johnson, Kay Fahy, Bob Medill, and Art Johnson and Mac McWilliams, got most of the siding painted. This is being painted before placing on walls. There has been lots of water there, too, but not coming thru pipes. Everyone who has seen the club house has come away very favorably impressed with both the building and site.

The January 9th work party put the water line in ready to backfill. There will be an announcement in the Register-Guard about a work party this weekend. If any members haven't paid up those old pledges made about five years ago, the building committee could use the money now!!!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MYRTIE HAMLIN--JAN.25th

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CHIEFS' RANKS STRENGTHENED

Eighteen Chiefs met at Beachcombers Rest in November to accompany three initiates past the pitfalls and dangers along the road to Chiefdom. Along toward morning these three attained the status of Chief. Steve Hadley became Chief Two-Bits, Stan Hasek Chief Lost Pack, Jim Sims Chief Rabbit Ears. Chiefs along on the rough and rocky trip were Smoke Turner, Broken Top, Little Brother, Apple Knocker, Hoot Owl, Big Stick, Thunderbird, Posy, Lookout, Eagle Scout, Bantam, Robinson Crusoe, Ab Dulla, Wah, Tee Pee.

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Donn Chase, Gene Renard, Lon Renard, Ray Sims, Bob Medill and Catherine Dunlop made up the work party at the club house on Saturday the 3rd. Most of the work consisted of ditch digging to get the water line in.

TRIP TO HAWAII, ANYONE?

A group of your friends, many of them Obsidians, are taking a tour of Hawaii, beginning April 15. The entire tour, includes jet plane transportation, hotels, meals and many sightseeing events. Included is a hike with the Hawaii Mountain Club. The group will stay on the Island of Kauai. Full cost for 10 days will be \$400. Anyone interested may contact Ray Cavagnaro. The daily schedule of events will be in printed form next week. Those wishing to spend just one week, or to remain longer, can do so at a very special rate. Obsidians are especially invited because a congenial group is our goal.

TRIPS FOR JANUARY

- Jan. 15 Richardson Butte, an afternoon trip with Henry Jeppesen.
Jan. 22 Rosary Lakes, a ski and snowshoe trip from Willamette Pass with Kay Fahy.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEETS

Dr. Walter Youngquist, Professor of Geology, U. O., will present an illustrated lecture before the Natural History Society on Jan. 20, at 8 P.M., in 123 Science Bldg. on the campus. His lecture is entitled "Over the Hill and Down the Creek" (i.e. over the Peruvian Andes and down the length of the Amazon River.) The lecture will be illustrated with Kodachrome slides and snakeskins.

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The Olympians held their summer camp in Jeff Park this year, breaking camp and going out shortly before we went in. They report that they were greeted by 10 million mosquitoes (some estimates ran up to 18 million). When we entered the Park we were greeted by only a few hundred. Thank you, Olympians, for killing them almost all off.

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Here is a record made by a Mazama junior and all these climbs were made last year: 4 times up Mt. Hood, each by a different route. Jack, Shasta, St. Helens, Jefferson, N. Sister, M. Sister, Washington, Stuart, Mt. Index, Glacier Peak, Bachelor, Broken Top, and other trips. And this Junior is a GIRL - 16 years old. Wonder if we have a junior in our bunch who would like to equal that?

DAVID SIMONS

The Obsidians are proud to have known David Simons and to have known his writing and efforts in behalf of conservation. He wrote "These Are The Shining Mountains" which concerns our own loved area of the Cascades. He wrote many other articles and pamphlets on conservation and was a member of the Sierra Club, YMCA, FWOC, and No. & Ore. Cascade Conference. The Sierra Club is currently planning to publish his writings in book form, and will welcome any contributions sent in his memory. (1050 Mills Tower, S.F. 4, Calif.)