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FRIENDLY HOUSE

Jan. 14. Mr. L.E. Watson will show pictures of Mexico.

Jan. 22. Obsidian night. Rev. Berger. A tour of the Alps.

NATURAL HISTORY

Jan. 26. Mr. and Mrs. H. Harrison Clarke will show pictures of Australia with a sound recording of the song of the Lyre bird. Lots of animal, bird and flower pictures. Science Building. 8 P. M.

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On the recent bird count some one reported 2 red flamingos. Going back to be sure, it was discovered that they were of concrete and were on some ones lawn.

TRIPS FOR JANUARY

Watch the Register Guard. We do not have the line up.

SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN for November has a picture of our own Mike McCloskey and an article telling about the work he is doing for conservation. The article says, and we quote, "Mike is now on the job, and the appeal he wrote on the Waldo Lake problem has now resulted in a review of all Forest Service policies for the high Cascades." The Obsidian club has just received a copy of his report on the Mount Jefferson area and a more complete report just could not be. The report covers 38 pages and represents a vast amount of research and just plain hard work. Anyone interested in reading this report, and it is an eye opener, call Bob Medill and he will see that you get it.

Interest in conservation is increasing rapidly, with more and more articles in magazines and newspapers, even trade journals, having write-ups on the necessity of a more complete analysis of the problem.

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Steve Hadley's name was inadvertently left out of the article on the Chief's Big Night, but we can assure you that he was very much there. Sorry, Steve. And we hope that we have not missed anyone who was out on the New Years party.

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NEW YEARS PARTY

The first ^{hike} of the New Year, without any argument, can go to those who took part in the New Years party. This trip began just after midnight, led by Donn Chase, and if anyone knew just where we all went could, undoubtedly, be classed as qualifying, but after we got back no one knew just where we had been. Anyway it was a nice and unusual hike and we all enjoyed it. After getting back to the cabin we were not long out of our beds. Another unusual thing about this party was a tape recording that Reeve Johannis took of the various snores of the sleepers. The party was held up in the cabin of the Chase's up on Salt Creek. The evening began with a potluck supper. Then games and pictures took up the time until midnight. Donn and Ted cooked and served breakfast (no strings in the hotcakes), then some climbed Baby Rock, while others sought the snow country. The day was one of perfect sunshine all day, until, on the way home when we ran into the blackest fog at Lowell. Then fog from there on home. Those who were there for the night and next day; Donn Chase, Lorene Bressler, Haze Bressler, Bob Medill, Dorothy Towler-ton, Harold Hooker, Ina Foss, Margaret Markley, Catherine Dunlop, Anna Pechanec, Charla Eubanks, Lonnie Meats, Robin Brant, Hella Modersohn, Ted, Mary Jo, Reeve and Rhonda Johannis. Those up for the evening Bailey Castelloe, Mary Castelloe, Ray Sims Myrtle Smith and Mary Medill.

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Douglas Clair came to live with the Stahls December 14th. He was found at the Sacred Heart Hospital. Another potential Obsidian.

BOARD NOTES All members of the board were in attendance as well as most of the committee chairmen and Keith Brunig and a special guest, Mr. Robert Lemon. Mr. Lemon came by request of the board to advise us on finances and financial operation of the club. The fact that we do now have a club-house is going to necessitate one change in our constitution. This is that portion Article VII, Section 1, which says that $\frac{1}{2}$ of the initiation fees and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the dues must go into a permanent investment fund to be used among other things, a building. Not counting income from various other sources, our total income last year from dues and initiation fees was almost enough to cover set costs of the club house. This matter will be gone into further by the board.

A letter was read from Jack Whitney who will be in service $2\frac{1}{2}$ more years. He is now stationed in Northern Italy. Wants to do some climbing in the Alps. Would be glad to hear from Obsidians who have any information about Swiss or Italian guides or clubs over there with whom he might climb.

Jim Jeppesen spoke on possible sites for summer camp. These range from North Calif. to Northern Washington, Idaho and our own Cascades.

Anna Jeppesen told of plans for entertainment and potlucks. The first potluck is Saturday evening, Jan. 20th.

A discussion of the raising of trip fees and summer camp charges, especially for non-members took some time and was tabled to give each one more time to think this over.

LIBRARIAN ART JOHNSON said that he had had an inquiry from a family about whether they could belong if they did not join us in the hiking and climbing part. It was brought out that, according to the constitution that one only needs to attend 2 Obsidian events of any kind to be an associate member.

ENTERTAINMENT Anna Jeppesen will be in charge of entertainment this year. On her committee she is supported by Ray Sims, Mary Jane Kitterer, Betty Soeshans and Mary Jo Johannis, Catherine Dunlop. Hold your hats. What this outfit could devise should be deadly. Next potluck January 20th, 6:30 p.m. Clubhouse.

CONSERVATION Tom Taylor told of working with Mike McCloskey making a study of the encroachment of logging around the west side of Diamond Peak and the desire by him to form two committees to make further studies of this area. These committees to not be wholly Obsidian. One to study the problem and to "Carry the Ball" in defending the area from inroads of one kind and another. The other comm. to make an objective study of the areas in the vicinity that might offer ski possibilities and rating such areas by U. S. Forest Service ski requirements. On the Diamond Peak logging he declared that logging now planned should be studied to ascertain whether it will be inside of or outside of the buffer area and stated that definitely there should be no logging within $\frac{1}{8}$ mile of the dedicated area. Tom says that this sale policy is evidently a squeeze play for after clear cut logging operations the only boundary adjustments that could be made would be inward.

PUBLICATIONS Helen Smith has reorganized the publication of the bulletin. Her crew consists of Dorothy Towleron, Adeline Adams, Nellie McWilliams, Charla Eubanks and Bob Medill. The new system, tried out with the last issue, worked out very well and that is to take our lunch up to the club-house and edit, cut stencils, print, sort, bind, address and stamp all in one day. The work at present is all being done in the main room and the last time it was done mostly with everyone wearing overcoats, but as soon as the wiring upstairs is completed the equipment will be moved up and all work done there.

DON CHASE on trips has his committee all set to go, but would like to have a junior member on his comm. Donn also mentioned that he is planning an overnight bus trip to Seattle to take in the fair.

KEITH BRUNIG representing the Obsidians sponsoring Explorer Post of the Boy Scout will attend a meeting at North Eugene Hi. This post was recently reactivated with a majority of new members.

CATHERINE DUNLOP Youth Activity Chairman reported that Frank Moore Post advisor has had a weekend outing at Lucky Boy and Willamette Pass. Post members and advisor have been urged to attend the Obsidian Potlucks. This committee will check with all other committees chairmen to assure them in following the policy that each comm. have one or more junior members on their committees.

GENE SEBRING Climbing will meet Jan. 9. Members are Rhonda Johannis, Charla Eubanks, Mark McLaughlin, Tom Taylor, Ray and Betty Harris. Gene mentioned that Dr. LeRoy Detling of the U of O Herbarium might in the future, be asked to show pictures and talk on edible plants.

Adjourned - after 11 o'clock.

MEET CLARENCE BANKHEAD, known to us as Clancy. Our favorite bus driver. He says he was born in Cache County Utah in a small town called Avon. When he was three years of age he took off and moved to Idaho. Went to the school at Burley, Idaho. He says at present he is Financial Secretary of the Labor Union representing the Bus Drivers. He joined the Obsidians in 1948. He says, "I enjoy the association of the club members and especially enjoy the summer outings. Altho I no longer live in Eugene I intend to continue being more or less active with the club."

CHRISTMAS DINNER

There were cars and people all over the place Sunday, Dec. 17th at the Princesses Christmas Dinner at the club house. Between 70 and 75 people attended and every one seemed to really enjoy themselves. Santa couldn't attend this year, having come down with the flu, but the Princesses had 40 red stockings filled with nuts and candies hanging on the tree. The tree came from up in the Rosboro forests. It is nice that we can have these big crowds at the club-house. As Eddie Guest says, "It takes a heap 'o living' in a house to make it a home". So, the more we use our club-house the more we will enjoy it and the more fond memories we will have to connect us all together up there.

PRINCESSES CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party was held at the home of Adeline Adams with 19 members present. After the usual business meeting we enjoyed Christmas music and visiting until time for Santa. Catherine Dunlop had a very clever way for us to receive our gifts. Dorothy Scherer invited us to her home for the February meeting.

PAY YOUR DUES!!

FLOWER CLASS

Members of the Scientific committee are Mary Jo Johannis, Mary Douglass Stovall Ruth Onthank and Margaret Merkley. The Committee plans to sponsor the Flower identification class taught through the General Extension Division by Frank Sipe during the spring quarter at the University. Names of interested persons should be given to any member of the committee. If you are interested don't fail to do so.

SPECIAL NOTICE there will be a work party at the club house Sat. the 13th called for 9 a.m. Bring shovels and picks and a lunch. Coffee and cream and sugar will be furnished. There may also be some work on the inside that the ladies could do. If the weather is bad IT WILL BE CALLED OFF.

CHRISTMAS TREE TRIP

Dave Burwell doesn't always have the best weather in the world for this trip, but he sure did on the 10th of Dec. A more beautiful day couldn't be had. Dave led us up Quartz Creek across the McKenzie from Finn Rock, then across Quartz Creek and up a logging road to the top of the world. We stopped along the way to gather our trees and then along to the summit to where Dave had a fire going where we ate our lunch. About 55 were on the trip. Thanks to you, Dave, from all of us.

POISONOUS PLANTS OF THE WEST can be yours for only 25¢. Send the money to Luella K. Sawyer, 50 Molino Avenue, Mill Valley, California. She is the editor of the F.W.O.C. quarterly.

DUES RAISING

The costs of inflation is beginning to make itself felt in the various outdoor clubs. Anyway, some of them are talking about raising their dues. The Sierra Club from \$7 to \$9 and other clubs \$1 or 2. Some clubs are making a charge of 25¢ for a trip. Some clubs, altho they cannot make a charge for transportation, are suggesting that those who furnish rides be paid 2¢ per mile.

F.W.O.C. CONVENTION

Obsidians and Chemeketans will jointly sponsor this convention this year. We have our Karl Onthank working on our end so we know that our part of it will be well taken care of.

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INTERESTING MOVIE TO BE SHOWN

At Bensen Tech. Auditorium in Portland
 January 20th. This movie deals with the
 struggle of one Ralph Edwards for almost
 a half century to make a home and raise a
 family in the wilderness of northern B.C.

Writer, Ieland Stowe, wrote a book about
 this family and their experiences that so
 captured the imagination of all who read
 it that Readers' Digest reprinted it in
 condensed form.

The filming has been done by Ralph's
 son, and advance reports say the work has
 been exquisitely done, and covers not
 only their joys and hardships, but some
 of the most magnificent wild life photo-
 graphy ever done.

Any one interested in going up?

SITRA CLUB is going to have one of
 their summer camps over on the Big Island
 of Hawaii in April. This camp will not be
 around any of the tourist traps, but up
 in the mountains to explore out of the
 way places. \$270. covers all costs from
 San Francisco and return. Stewart Kimball
 is to be the leader and he makes a trip
 over there in February to lay out the
 trips and make all arrangements.

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JUNIORS AT NEW YEARS PARTY

A number of juniors showed up to brighten
 up the New Years Party. Many of these can
 testify that Donn Chase really did take a
 group hiking after midnight. It was a
 rather unique experience for many juniors
 A climb of Baby Rock was done and was
 rather interesting.

BEING AN OBSIDIAN

Rhonda Johannis

Being an Obsidian means more than simply
 belonging to a club. Here there is an
 opportunity for outdoor recreation, learn-
 ing, and bettering oneself. Opportun-
 ities are also open to people interested
 in conservation and legal work. The club
 offers people togetherness, friends, a
 challenge and a broken barrier between
 kids and adults. All of these things we
 have to thank the Obsidians for and we
 most heartily do!!

SKI MOUNTAINEERING

by Charla Eubanks

As you know, a mountaineer must be well
 informed on the use of the equipment.
 Skis, also, are a well rounded mountaineer's
 equipment. For a winter mountain
 rescue they would be a necessity. If juniors
 learn to handle skis with as much
 skill as they handle the rest of their
 equipment, we would be a more well rounded
 group. If more of you would learn to
 ski maybe we could have a more year round
 type schedule.

