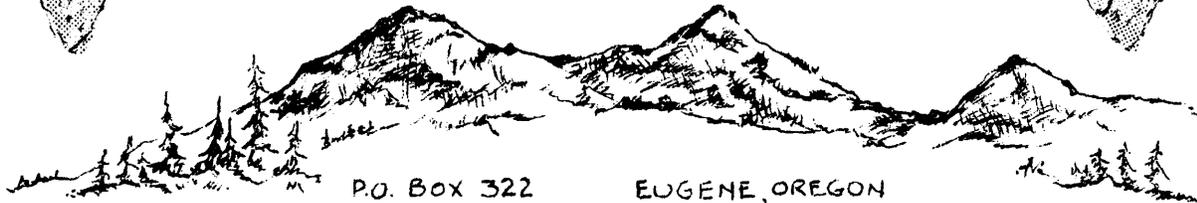




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## DR. ROBERT DARK

### OUR PRESIDENT FOR 1963-1964

Bob is a newcomer into the Obsidians, but has taken such a deep interest and such an active part in our affairs that we are fortunate indeed to have him lead us thru the next year. Bob was born in Oklahoma and came to Eugene in 1960 and opened up his office as dentist. He has a most charming wife and two children, all of them Obsidians. The daughter, Delyn is at home and the son, Chuck, is now homesick in the Navy. Other officers, committee chairmen and committee members are as follows: Vice President: Gene Sebring,

Secretary: Mary Castelloe

Treasurer: Dorothy Towlerton

TRIPS: Mac Mc McWilliams, Helen Weiser, Helen Smith, Keith Brunig, Lorene Bresler, Clarence Landes.

CLIMBING: Stan Hasek, Bob Gannon, Charla Eubanks, Bob Ashworth, Gary Kirk, Mark McLaughlin, Tom Taylor.

OUTING: Gene Sebring, Helen Smith, Dorothy Towlerton, Frank Moore.

SEARCH AND RESCUE: Mark McLaughlin, Donn Chase.

ENTERTAINMENT: Ray Cavagnaro, Gerry Fehly

LIBRARY: Gary Kirk.

MEMBERSHIP: Mary Jo Johannis.

PUBLICATIONS: Bob Medill, Mary Castelloe, Dorothy Towlerton, Nellie McWilliams, Vera Heidenreich, Robin Lodewick.

SCIENTIFIC & EDUCATION: Margaret Markley, Mary Douglass Stovall, Frank Sipe, Ruth Onthank.

CONSERVATION: Don Hunter, Karl Onthank, Ruth Onthank, Mark McLaughlin, Tom Taylor.

YOUTH: Bill Martyn.

BUILDING: Bob Medill, Mark Castelloe, Bob Dark, Mac McWilliams, Gene Sebring, Ray Sims. The first named in each case is chairman.

CHANGE OF DATE: Obsidian night at Friendly House November 18 instead of the 25th as originally planned. NOVEMBER only.

BOARD MEETING: Bills read and allowed; EWEB \$26.20; Tax \$310.84; Mishlers, mimeo supplies, \$9.73; Postage, \$22.00.

A letter was read from the Chemoketans asking us to take part in a discussion to be held in Salem at their headquarters to talk over the most recent plans for the establishment of the Jefferson Wild Area. This is to be attended by several outdoor clubs from the Northwest and is scheduled for the evening of November 15th.

Outing committee chairman says he wants to have the Summer Camp site question settled by New Years party time.

An invitation to come up and see them some time was read from Gene Renard. Lets all go. Gene guarantees he will lead us on a good hike on Oahu.

NOVEMBER 14th The Firesiders will again congregate at the Lodge for sitting, story telling and dancing. Maybe some eats.

Nov. 17 A Coast trip being engineered by Margaret Markley.

Nov. 24 Mt. Pisgah. This trip will be led by a gal that has something on almost all the women in Eugene and surrounding area, Thelma Watson.

Nov. 30 Saturday. He He Creek with Helen Smith. About ten years ago a big forest fire raged thruout this area.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Judy Radabaugh, 90 Oakleigh Lane

James Berkey, 190 East 37th

Louise Berkey, (Mrs. James)

Martha Berkey, Jr.

Gladys Asconeguy, Montevideo, Uruguay

Temporarily 190 East 37th

Boyd Morgan, 105 Alberta

Luch Schattenkerk, Star Rt Box 16, Winston

Mrs Agnes Roth, Star Rt Box 220, Winston

Howard Byerly, P.O.Box 11, Days Creek

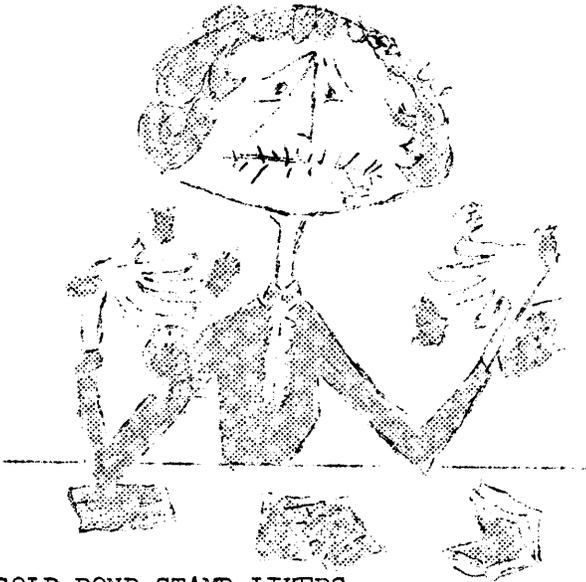
Cliff Tyler, 1191 Kalmia St, Junction City

Paul Griffen, Jr. 28 66 Manor Dr. Spgfld.

Helen Hughes is now a Life Member.

BOAT TRIP TO S. JETTY SIUSLAW Sept. 29

We left Cushman 10:30 a. m. from the Siuslaw Marina with nine persons on the Leaders boat and ten on the Mike Forrester boat. We had a nice cruise down the river and tied up at the South Jetty and then over the dunes to the beach where a large picnic fire was built and lunch was eaten. After lunch most of the group hiked about three miles down the coast exploring as they went, then back to the fire for a coffee break after which a hike was made out on the South Jetty. Half the group was taken back by the Leaders boat to Cushman at about 5:30 and the second and last group was taken back at 6:30 and we were all back in Eugene by 8. The weather was absolutely perfect and a good time was had by all. Those on trip: Donn and Jean Chase, Elizabeth McMullin, David and Karen Seidel, Florence Fulton, Helen Kilpatrick, Ada Spicer, Ruby Smith, Nellie Mc Williams, Helen Weiser, David Lent, Keith Brunig, Mark Castelloe, Jerry Zook, John Pilafian, Mrs John Pilafian, Bob Medill and James Lesiak. And Donn, we all appreciated the ride in your nice new Chris-Craft.)

GOLD BOND STAMP LIKERS

Some people are sending in full GOLD BOND STAMP books and some are sending in the validated back cover. They are all needed and appreciated. Keep them coming to Nellie Mc Williams, Already we have acquired a beautiful serving cart.

PAUL WEISER MEMORIAL PROJECTOR FUND HAS had \$10 added to it by Harry and Lois Wesley, the Apple King of Roseburg. They are the nicest people.

RUMMAGE SALE November 23. We are needing help, sacks and stuff. Call Nellie Mc.

GOLD POINT LOOKOUT we're comin'. Oct. 27

Thru Jasper to Unity then continue on Big Fall Creek road, then 6 miles to end of Gold Creek road which is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from Gold Point L. O. Distance 52 miles. Driving time, 2 hours. Hiking time to L.O. about 25 minutes. 30 foot tower at L.O. View-Logging patches, several canyons and roads, colorful maple, (vine and large m) & all the green timber and logging areas. See Mt Jefferson, Three Fingered Jack, Mt Washington, and the Three Sisters: just the tops of them. A good covering of snow on all of them. Return trip by Logan Crk. Trail  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles. 9 made this route-Helen Landes and Mrs Down brot the two cars around to Crawfish Creek which is  $2-\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{4}$  miles up Portland Creek road then  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile up Logan Creek road to Gold Point L. O. trail sign. The Logan Creek Trail is little used. The trail surface is good but Oregon Grape and Salal have grown into the trail in about half of the way.

Could be wet, but was dry for our trip. Weather--High clouds with some sunshine, and some wind. Road good. Water about 200 yards from the trail junction about 200 yards from the L.O. Return by Logan Creek trail to cars-2 hrs.  $3\frac{1}{4}$  M) Return to Eug. about 4:30 to Park blocks. A very good group. Those on this trip: Frank Sipe, Mac Mc Williams, Robert Downe, Mrs Downe, Beatrice Ferris, Helen Smith, Carol Klocke, Ken and Robin Lodewick, Helen Landes, and Clarence Landes, leader.

JUNIORS ARE GROWING UP The following have been advanced to Seniors: Bob Ashworth, Sharon Brickley, John Dotson, Joe Frazier, Jim Freedenburg, Nina Harmon, Tim Hermack, Bob Lyon, Richard Stanfield, JoAnne Wesley.

PRINCESSES

Mary Kaneen is their new President. Lorena Reid, vice President and Natalie Morgan, Secretary. At their Sept meeting the business before the house was mostly the coming initiation of the new Princesses. The initiation occupied most of their time at the October meeting, but it was decided then that the next meeting after initiation will be held at the home of Princess Lil' Warbler, at which meeting they will have their annual Christmas party. This does not include Chiefs nor Bucks. This will be held on their regular meeting night, December 16.

JOE FRAZIER is back from traveling around over-there. he has been sight-seeing in Europe for some time and now may we see you out with us more often, Joe.

AND ANOTHER DAM

This one on Fall Creek. Outdoor people are much concerned about the loss of our rivers and streams, and all other people should be. The Willamette River from Lowell to Campers Flat was one of the most beautiful streams in Oregon. We have lost that. The South Fork of the McKenzie and that is gone. Round Butte dam is going to wipe out miles of beautiful river as well as taking away from us Palisades Park. We are going to lose the wonderful Rogue and all of the Deschutes unless we can stop it. No one will deny the value of some of these dams as flood control projects, but their value as electric producers can be questioned. Atomic power IS being used to produce electricity now. One such plant belonging to the Pacific Gas & Electric Company has been in production at Eureka, Calif. This plant uses a very low grade of uranium classed as 5% while that used in our atomis powered submarines is rated 95%. The cost of producing electric power there is slightly more than if they used gas or oil or coal, but they claim that the cost is being reduced every time that a new plant is built by using new and improved methods. The plant at Eureka stores at one time 17 tons of U235, (U238 being the more powerful), and they said that that is equivalent to 750 thousand tons of coal. PG&E Co. is building another plant at Bodega, Calif. which they say, will incorporate many new improvements to lessen the costs. We are always being told about how much cheaper we get our electricity by using water power. That is not all that we are going to save. Just think of all we are going to save by not having any beautiful streams to drive to, along by and to listen to.

GRAND CANYON the one, the only is on the verge of being submerged by two dams. The Marble Canyon and the Bridge Canyon dams which are not only in the planing stage, but test drillings are now going on. These dams will not only fill up the main canyon, but all side canyons. The Sierra Club is not only soliciting all their members to write, but is also asking all interested to write. This will be the only way to save them. Write to The President

Our Senators  
Senate Office Bldg  
Washington 25, D.C.

The White House  
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Stewart L. Udall Also  
Secretary of the Interior our  
Washington 25, D.C. Representatives.

House Office Bldg.

CASTELLOE'S MARK AND MARY have returned from Prescott, Wisconsin, where they had a nice three weeks visit with Mark's sister and her husband.

LOST. Daylight saving time. Wouldn't it be a good thing to just leave it fast all the year round. Then next spring we could advance the time again and call it super daylight time. In a few years we would be having the whole afternoon off.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN is Vera Heidenreich who has gone back east to Springfield Virginia to visit with her daughter. In case your wondering just where the heck is Springfield it is just outside of Washington D.C.

MRS MARRINER ORUM has on display one of her paintings in the Bon Marche. A very nice piece of work and well worth the time to stop and look at it if you are in the store.

EROLINE MARTYN'S mother passed away recently in Seattle. She had been ill for some time and for the last seven weeks had been confined in a hospital there. This had necessitated a lot of running back and forth for Bill and Eroline. We all extend to you, Bill and Eroline, our sympathies.

HELEN KILPATRICK has for sale a breakfast table and four round backed wood chairs. These are all solid; no wiggle, and all for only \$5. 1889 Orchard. 345-1806.

NOVEMBER 25th will be Obsidian picture night at Friendly House, having been resumed after summer vacation. The first night was in October and are held the 4th Monday evening in each month at 8 o'clock.

THIS IS THE LAST CALL FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE OBSIDIAN RUMMAGE SALE. THEY ARE NEEDED AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CALL BOB MEDILL, 746-2908 AND HE WILL PICK IT UP. PAPER SACKS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE, TOO. CALL NELLIE McWILLIAMS IF YOU CAN HELP AT THE STORE. HER NUMBER 345-1422.

TEN CHAIRS without names. Thats all that are left. Ten chairs that have not been sold. If your name has not been put on one and you would like to have it there do so.

PAST DUE And once again we come to that time when we can say, "Your dues are past due." Please get them in to Mary Jo Johannis, 3524 High st., Eugene, Oregon. \$4.

Bulletin Subscription.....Membership.  
Non-Members.....\$2 Yr.

CHANGING TIMES magazine for August, '63 in an article called "Go take a Hike" says "Heart specialists say that walking will lengthen your life span. So one way to stay healthy is to figure out a way to make walking fun. The commonly accepted way is to call it hiking. A man will fuss and fume if he can't get a taxi to go 3 blocks to a restaurant for lunch, but he will cheerfully hike up a mountain humping a 20-pound knapsack".

Then to try it out and see if persons unused to hiking could really take it they organized a test party and put them on a hike. They used one of their senior editors to make the test. Following is his report:

Materials undergoing test: one sedentary man, aged 50, two sedentary women, of young but undetermined age, four girls & two boys, ages ranging from 7 to 12.

Locale: Keys Gap, near the northern end of the Virginia-West Virginia border, to Harpers Ferry on the Appalachian Trail, described in brief as follows: "There is very little climbing on this section when traveled from south to north. For the most part the footway is excellent. The Trail goes thru a pleasing forest growth with pleasing outlooks on either side at intervals. Of interest are rock breastworks along the ridge, said to have been erected during the Civil War."

Distance hiked: 7 miles.

Duration of test: driving time  $5\frac{1}{4}$  hours hiking time,  $4\frac{3}{4}$  hours.

Equipment: 2 knapsacks, 1 guidebook, 2 maps, 1 whistle, 2 cameras, 1 flashlight, 1 compass, 4 jackknives, 1 sheath knife, 1 slingshot, 1 softball, 1 pack baseball cards.

Food and drink: 2 canteens water, 3 cans of beer, 6 bottles cola, 2 vacuum bottles of fruit juice, 1 vacuum bottle of coffee 2 egg salad sandwiches, 3 bologna sandwiches, 7 pieces fried chicken, 3 bread & butter sandwiches, 1 bag potato chips,  $\frac{1}{2}$  jar sweet pickles, 1 box cookies, 8 apples

Procedure: The party got under way in a sedan and station wagon at 9:15 a.m. and drove to Harper's Ferry. Left the wagon near spot where a sign indicated trail crossed the road. Drove to Keys Gap, arriving at 11:55 a.m. Debarked and made final check of equipment and personnel. Consumed several minutes in settling fight as to who would be allowed to carry knapsacks. The youngest were allowed to carry them, which turned out to be a temporary solution.

At noon all systems were go, and the party started up the trail single file. After about a mile the path forked and the party's peerless leader and outdoorsman, reading the guidebook as he trudged along, decreed the left fork. The older girls were allowed to scout ahead and hence got half way down the mountain before the mistake was discovered. After much shouting and whistle blowing, the main party recalled the girls. It was noted that if the leader had not had his head in the guidebook, he would have seen a large white blaze on a tree on the right fork.

At 1:40 stopped 35 minutes for lunch and tree climbing. At 3:15 p.m. came to side trail and sign pointing way to Chimney Rock overlook. Cached knapsacks and started down. Halfway down the women stopped, diagnosing the path as "too steep to get back up."

Upon reaching Chimney Rock the children ran out onto a granite shelf and peered down a 400-foot drop to the river. The peerless leader followed on his hands and knees. The younger members ran up the 700 foot ascent to the main trail. The leader came up very handily, also, although he chose to stop every 100 ft to admire the view. (After one stage he had to lie down to admire the view.)

The rest of the trail was a matter of descending to the road that runs along the river across from the town of Harper's Ferry. Arrived at the station wagon at 4:45 p.m. after passing a dead raccoon by the road. Arrived home at 7:50 p.m. Conclusion from test: Trail discipline should have been better enforced. Children should not be allowed to scout ahead as they get out of touch with main party. 2. Should have had more water. In fact, everybody should have had his own canteen. This would have avoided arguments as to who had how many sips. 3. The trip of 7 miles was well within the capabilities of every one. In fact, according to the amount of energy consumed in singing, shouting and giggling on the way home, the younger members of the party could have gone a great deal farther. (hope you get a laugh out of this as much as I did. ed.)

SOME BUCK DEER has been polishing up his horns on some of our small trees at the north end of the Lodge and from appearances, he sure had a good time.

PAPER CUTTER, brand new, has been donated to the publication room., by some kind sole. It can sure be used, especially on jobs like making the constitution books.

A LAUGH FROM CLARENCE LANDES

On the Labor Day Green Lakes trip Bob Medill, the leader, had to loan Clarence Landes 25¢ to pay for Helen's trip fee. This to keep the trip fees straight. On October 24th Bob received the following from Clarence and that it so humorous it should go in the Bulletin so you can all laugh.

Dear Bob: The article in the Bulletin about the Green Lakes grip reminded me of the "Financial" arrangement we made on the trail for Helen's trip fee. The accounting should go like this:

Trip fee.....	25¢.
Delayed payment.....	25¢.
Fine for not taking change along so as to pay trip fees.....	50¢.
Total.....	1 \$

Please accept enclosed amount.

Sincerely, Clarence.

O. K. Clarence. And so you wont get it back the dollar has gone into the Projector fund.

Clarence added a P. S. "The results as shown by the report on Publications means you folks have done a real job and all of us thank you. The response to the extra trips and climbs as scheduled also shows that the need is there and those committees are to be congratulated for their ideas and work. Clarence

HUCKLEBERRY-BUTTE-LAVA FALLS Oct. 6.

The day was cool but mostly sunny and a very good day for hiking. We drove into Huckleberry Lake, followed roads to base of Butte, and climbed Butte from the north. Returned down the west side to other very interesting lava flows and old huckleberry picker camps. After returning to cars we made the trip over to the "Island" to see the Lava Falls as some in the group had not been there. Those on the trip were: Kenny Lodewick, Robin Lodewick, Dawn Hupe, Elizabeth McMullin, Helen Smith, Jim and Louise Berkey, Gladys Asconeguy, Bob Saxton and Frank Sipe, Leader.

LOGGERS BUTTE Oct. 13.

This is a very pleasant drive past Hills Creek dam and up a new logging road to the top of a ridge. Then a 1/2 mile hike to the Lookout. The view was very nice from Maiden Peak south including Mt McLaughlin and overlooking the Willamette drainage basin. Distance by car is 15 1/4 miles, by trail, one mile. Those on trip were: R. O. McWilliams, Ruby Smith, Elizabeth McMullin, James Stovall, Mary Douglass Stoval, Margaret Wiese, Ted and Mary Jo Johanns and Helen Weiser, leader.

BLACK CRATER Sept. 8.

Left town at 7 a. m. and arrived at the Pass at 9:30 a.m. The trail to Black Crater lies three miles east of the Pass. The trail sign said 3 miles to the top. Weather was some what hot and the trail dusty, but everyone made it without any trouble arriving at the top at 12:45. We were able to see Mt. Hood faintly. Those making the trip were: Helen Weiser, Derald Hember, Bob Medill, Dave Lent, R.L. Cooper, Ruby Smith, Nellie McWilliams and Mac McWilliams, the leader.

BELKNAP CRATER October 20.

Nineteen people signed up for the trip and nineteen went. The group left the Park in Eugene at a little after 7 a. m. and drove to where the Skyline Trail joins the McKenzie highway from the north. All were ready and on the trail at a little before ten o'clock. There had been a trace of rain when leaving Eugene, but it was just cloudy with high clouds over the lava beds. The trail winds thru the trees on the Island for about 1/4 of a mile before starting over the lava trail. Except for one short stretch it is all rock for approximately three miles, or just a short distance beyond where the trail to Little Belknap branches off to the right. We left the Skyline Trail there and followed the base of Big Belknap around to the right. Part way up and while still where there was some shelter from the wind we stopped to eat and rest around a fire. It started to rain a little and a few turned back at this point. The going was steeper from there on and in loose fine lava. By the time some of the party, leader included, had reached the top the fog had closed in and it was so windy and rainy that we decided to turn back. (first checking to find out how many were still above). Three of us waited at the edge of the lava until the three who were behind caught up with us. By this time it was raining and blowing and we made all time possible getting back to the cars where the others were waiting for us with warm cars. Hot coffee, etc, were welcome at a cafe part way down the McKenzie. It was close to noon when we stopped for lunch and a little after four when we arrived back at the cars. Those on the trip were: Arthur H. Bobus, David O Furness, Helen Weiser, Arthur M. Johnson, Susie Williams, Nellie McWilliams, Mac McWilliams, Carol Klocke, Ted Gary, Al Thiessen, Ruby Smith, Derald Hember, Les Cooper, Ann Lindley, Sonny Lindley, Dorothy Towlerton, Keith Brungi, leader.

## HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

from the beginning

by Ray Sims part 11

Precedents were many in this second of Obsidian Summer Camps, first, several organizations making a "mass assault" on a mountain as the 80 on the South Sister summit, lakes, when available to fish and in the future only 2 weekers through the 1931 summer camp attended.

Another noted event was the writing of the Obsidian song by the young talented David Faville. He wrote a verse after each climb, as of the first week-"There lies a mountain to the North-Whose sides are very steep". Then on Sunday-"Now to the South a Sister lies-With sides of gentle slope". The second week brot-"The Middle Sister stands so prim-With nothing much to do". And lakes and lakes that really can't be found" were spelled out in the dirt around the evening campfire. Well Dave had lots of fun in his first summer camp with the Obsidians and as an excellent singer, he had no trouble finding the proper tune.

Another event was the introduction to Ted Easton, Naturalist and teacher, who scared some as he arrived on foot about sundown wearing tennis shoes and socks, an army shirt which covered his shorts, and he was very brown with full beard. Ted had been nature study man at the Scout camp at Todd Lake and had circled the South Sister to pay us a visit. He later became an Obsidian Chief. (Chief Tarzan)

The camp on Hinton Creek broke up on Sunday, August 16, 1929. On August 30, '29 not far from our camp of two weeks, a Pack horse party, led by Harry Hayes of McKenzie Bridge and Ray Conway of Portland found the body of Henry Cramer lying by the side of a partly dried up lake in the saddle between the Middle and South Sisters. Two days later on the return of Mr. Hayes accompanied by Coroner Branstetter and Dot Dotson, who recorded the scene with pictures, the body of Guy Ferry was found lying at the eastern edge of the lake shore where the moraine sticks up

abruptly. This discovery cleared up the mystery of their disappearance which was one of the reasons that led to the formation of the Obsidian Club.

THE MOUNTAINS

For thousands of years the mountains have inspired man to creat many beautiful works of art, but it is impossible to paint a picture that portrays the true might of a great snow-laden peak. Stand at a distance or climb it, one will see a true wonder of the world. Take for instance the view from the summit of the North Sister right here in our own State of Oregon. As one relaxes for the climb back down, he sees the northern extent of the Cascade Range. Other mountains such as Mt Washington, Three Fingered Jack, Mt Jefferson, Mt Hood, Mt St Helens, Mt Adams and Mt Rainier can be clearly seen. All setting on lush carpets of green forests. To the west one sees the hugh Willamette valley, the Coast Range and an endless stretch of rolling tree covered hills. To the south one sees the Middle Sister, the South Sister, Broken Top, Diamond Peak, Mt Thielsen and Mt Shasta. These, too, sit high up on another carpet of green pines with hundreds of sapphire blue lakes dotting the scenery. Then there's the vast, open, semi-arid plains of eastern Oregon. One can plainly point out the towns of Bend and Sisters. The local geographer could point out the many teeming lakes such as Three Creeks Lake and Elk lake. One can even see the tiny tributaries of the Deschutes River that flows from the east side of the Middle Sister. Below ones feet one can see the majestic Ponderosa Pine forests that slowly dwindle out to Juniper and sage brush flats

Yes, the mountains have indeed inspired man to do wonderful things. They continue to challenge people from all over the world and seem to say;

"Climb me and see what you are living for"

Ken Sherman

ANNUAL REPORT of the publications committee in the last issue neglected to give their costs for the year. This was \$46.67.

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