

The OBSIDIAN

Season's Greetings

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No 3

NEW YEARS EVE AND NEW YEARS DAY

Calling all Obsidians and their Friends to the Lodge for a Series of Parties to Usher in the New Year! Starting at Eight o'clock p.m. New Years Eve There will be Games, Dancing and Sociability for All and Old Time Liars Contest and refreshments. Bring a few Sandwiches or Cookies. Those Unable to go or Unwilling to go Home after the Party can bring Sleeping Bags and Breakfasts and Spend the Night. At 1:30 p.m. January 1 1964 we will Have a New Years Dinner. Meat Dish will be Furnished and Guests are Asked to Bring Salad, Vegetable or Desserts. There will be Sign up Sheets Posted at Gilberts. It will be Necessary for all Coming to the Dinner to Sign up or Call Nellie McWilliams

Helen Smith 345-1422
 Helen Weiser 343-4720
 Helen Weiser 345-1234

Deadline is December 28

The above does not Mean that you have to Call all Three of the Ladies, but do remember What the Lady Did say. Sign Up or Call One.....

OTHER EVENTS

Dec. 15th. Christmas Tree trip. No complete plans have been made as of now, but watch announcement in the Register-Guard, or call Donn Chase.

Dec. 22nd. Christmas Party at the Lodge. Plans have not been completed for this, either, but watch Register-Guard for details

BOARD MEETING NOTES

All officers present except Bill Martyn Bills allowed: EWEB, Light and water, 1950 Mishlers: for postcards announcing Thanksgiving party, 5.75, Postage: 8.00, Lumber for the two porches, 17.68.

Three new members taken in:
Martha Sebring, Jr Eugene
Earl Hull, Jr Lebanon
Evon Hull, Portland

Donations for chairs received from Kay Fahy, Thelma Watson and Alvin Lynch. Only six chairs left. If any of you want to donate a chair you will have to hurry.

PAUL WEISER MEMORIAL PROJECTOR FUND is now complete and projector purchased. Don Hunter had it at the Board meeting and ran thru two reels of sound pictures for the Board.

All committees are getting in a few meetings and are doing some real hard work to get things lined up for the coming year. The Outing committee expects to be able to announce next years summer camp at the New Years Party. With all committees the word is "GO". Building committee suggested that we start making plans for a big swimming pool at the Lodge. Also suggested a porch running the full length of the building on the east side.

HAWAII ANYONE?

Ray Cavagnaro is taking a small group to Hawaii again. The tour leaves January 26 and returns on February 7th. Three interesting and beautiful islands of Hawaii will be visited, and all the outstanding events offered in each locale will be enjoyed by those making this tour. This will be a pleasant, friendly and relaxing vacation. Call Ray for details of this fun filled, economical tour.

Obsidians are especially invited

President.....Bob Dark.....345-3780
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HILLS PEAK Nov. 3

Nobody Came.

Weather Cloudy. Roy and Edna Temple.

SPENCER BUTTE Nov. 10 Mac McWilliams, Ldr.

We left for Spencer Butte at 2:15 p.m. from the Park Block. The weather was not cooperative, but at least it did not rain. We arrived at the top after viewing the scenery from several different points, at 3:40. The view was not clear but we could see Mt. Jefferson. The Sisters and other Mts. were not visible. The trail has been changed some and is much better than in the past, but was quite slippery in places after the rain the past few days. Those on the trip were: Ruby Smith, David Lent, Nellie McWilliams, Bea Faris, Kenneth & Robin Lodewick and Dawn Hupe.

DUNES, CLEAR LAKE NE FLORENCE Nov. 17

Margaret Markley, Ldr

Only two of us braved the rain to meet at the Park Blocks on Sunday morning. The light rain stopped by the time we reached Horseshoe Motel, where we asked permission to park the car and use the trail. There were loads of huckleberries along the trail. The light green-gray lichens which grow on the ground in this area looked almost luminous in contrast to the overcast sky. The dunes were wet and hard packed, making excellent walking. The sun shone fitfully. A light rain began as we were eating lunch near the big dune by Collard Lake but ceased by the time we were back at the huckleberries. We stopped to pick some to take home and were back at the car before 3 p.m. Those on this trip, Helen Weiser.

MT PISGAH Nov. 24 Thelma Watson, Leader
 Left Park Blocks 1 p.m. Drove across river at end of Seavy Road. After all cars parked and all made ready for hiking we left on our jaunt to Mt Pisgah. The weather was cloudy but no rain. The view from the top is always interesting--no snow covered Mts visible--after a snack break we made our way to the knoll to the north to do some rock hunting--2 came with rock hammers--Art and Susie. Then down the steep side and on our way to the cars. Lots of mistletoe but no berries. Everyone made the top but Roxie. Was a refreshing time in the cool air. On this trip were: Mr & Mrs Sullivan, Shannon and Kelly Sullivan, Art Johnson, Susie Wilkins, Kay Fahy, Louis Waldorf, Roxie Waldorf, Kenneth and Robin Lodewick, Helen Smith and Ruby Smith

PRINCESSES INITIATE

Two new Princesses were welcomed into the group Nov. 9&10 at a remote retreat in the mountains; they are Princess High Sleeper, Dorothy Towleron, and Princess Arrow Maker, Judi Hurst. Princess Grey Feather, Mary Kaneen, officiated at ceremonial rites in which everyone present took part. Princesses Lil'Warbler, Natalie Morgan; Evening Star, Helen Kilpatrick; Blue Water Florence Sims; Moon Dancer, Helen Smith, Rain-bow-on-the-Fog, Margaret Markley; Pine Tree, Thelma Watson; Golden Rod, Helen Weiser; Prairie Flower, Margaret Weise; Singing Waters, Blanche Bailey; Golden Slippers, Marge Beaman; Dawn, Elsie Dotson; Ollalie, Catherine Dunlop; Silver Birch, Jane Hilt; Orange Blossom, McCastelloe. After a bounteous feast around the campfire, a sweet sleep by melodious waters, and a snappy breakfast, the group hiked through the woods, viewing the startling gold florescence of the maple trees among the evergreens; this marvelous sight was enjoyed all the way home. Recent news of Princesses omitted names of Hostesses Florence Fulton at S pt. Lodge meeting, and Helen Weiser, Oct. meeting at her home Annual Princess Christmas Party, Mon, Dec. 16, will be hosted by Natalie Morgan, and Nellie McWilliams, at Natalie's home 105 Alberta; each is asked to bring the usual \$1 gift. Merry Christmas!

STILL MISSING are the four copies of the Summit books. These cannot be duplicated and entailed a lot of work to produce and were left at the Lodge for the pleasure of all who might be interested and that included most everybody. If any of you know where they might be please get them back to the Lodge.

A Thanksgiving Dinner Party, planned and carried out by Ray Cavagnaro, Ent.Ch., and Gerry Fehly, Comm.mbr., with original decorating ideas and help by Mike Fehly, Nancy & Carol Scherer, was hugely enjoyed by the 25 Obsidians who attended: Mr. & Mrs. John McManigal & 3 small boys; Bailey & Mary Castelloe, Harmon Pennoyer, Mary & Bob Kaneen & Mary's brother Mr. Haight; Roxie & Louie Waldorf, Wanda & Smith Mountjoy, Ray Sims, Mae & Les Cooper, Elwina Meacham, Nellie & Mac McWilliams, Helen Weiser, Dorothy Towlerton, and Myrtie Hamlin. The planning included every detail beautifully carried out, from the preparation of the delicious turkey by our much-loved camp cook, Selma Vangsnes, down to the loveliest silver service used on the tables, candles, flowers, and beautiful fall leaves gracing corners of the white place mats, and white napkins decorated with a Thanksgiving Prayer:

For peace and plenty in our land,
 For friendships warm and helping hand,
 For health and strength to work and play,
 For all your care of us each day,
 For harmony and sweet accord,
 For blessing this, our festive board,
 We thank Thee, Lord.

The serving table groaned under a delightful variety of Thanksgiving food, much the same as that first Plymouth table long ago. Surely every dish that ever graced such a festive board was here! - and delicious! Our lovely serving cart, recently obtained with Gold Bond Stamps, was used to display the turkey. A variety of games were enjoyed in front of the fire including skittles, made by Smith Mountjoy and presented by him as a permanent Lodge fixture. This gift is much appreciated - thank you Wanda and Smith. Everyone agreed heartily that this event should be an annual one. Each contributed for the turkey and usual trip fee.

THE KOUPALS, DENNIE

Along with his dues for the coming year was a nice little note from Janet (Mrs. D.) She says "Our vacations are so short that we have not been able to participate in any Obsidian activities during our visits to Eugene. However we hope we might be able to change this some day and take in a hike or climb with you.

We have 3 sons now. Kenneth is 4. Bobby was 3 this month and our latest edition, Thomas Dean--was born Oct. 17.

Please extend an invitation to all Obsidians to see us in San Diego." Janet.

ART JOHNSON had on display at the Chiefs initiation a collection of photographs that belong to the Club. This is a most interesting collection and it should be on permanent display at the Lodge. Anyone seeing this series of pictures will agree that it should be. It is a group that we all would enjoy seeing every time that we were at the Lodge. Perhaps Art and a committee could figure out some way to display them there.

AN OLD PICTURE has just been added to the collection that Art Johnson is gathering together for the Club that was taken inside of one of the old cabins-in the picture are Darwin and Josie Yoran, Jane Hall Jensen, Bertie McKee, Dorr and Myrtie Hamlin, Thelma Watson, Helen Smith, Ruth Hopson, Nellie Moore (McWilliams) and Olga Mortensen. Don't know who took the picture

COFFEE A WHOLE CASE has been given to the club for coffee can bands. However have been instructed to tell you that no more coffee bands are wanted, but they do want all the Betty Crocker coupons you can get to The Princesses, like Thelma Watson for instance.

RUMMAGE SALE brought in \$133.00. After deducting \$15 for rent this leaves a nice net. And Nellie wants to thank each and every one of you all for your rummage and your help in gathering it all up, your assistance Friday night in arranging the stuff and also your help on Saturday with sales. There is a whale of a lot of work in putting on a rummage sale and without all your help it would not be put on. We hope to be able to tell everybody where the money received has gone.

IMPROVEMENTS at the Lodge is the installation of hand rails up the stairs and filling in the ladder ways on the two porches and placing hand rails around the porches. One man fell thru one of the holes on the North end of the building. All that happened to him was the loss of a couple of days work, but could have been much more serious.

MICHAEL BRAY is one of the 1963 American Field Service Semi-finalists at South Eugene High School.

ZIP CODE numbers will be put on your mail as you get them to us. Another thing, when you move be sure to give us your new address. The post office will not forward any third class mail, so if you want to get your Obsidian mail then send us your new address.

CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB in their Oct. issue give a short account of their summer camp held in the Washington Cascades above Lake Chelan. They were greeted with torrential downpours. Some of the campers did not get into camp until 2 a.m. and the rains persisted for the 12 days they were there. Reminds us of last years camp up at Twin Lakes in the Mt. Baker area. They had planned several bivouacs of two and three days, but because of the weather these were all cancelled. Their publications are all at the Lodge.

MOUNTAIN SPORTS latest catalog is also up at the Lodge. This contains the most complete line of down filled sleeping bags and clothing and their prices seem quite reasonable.

FOREST SERVICE-their latest bulletin, "The National Forests-Americas Playground," is up there, too. It is a revised booklet on skiing. It lists the following ski areas in Oregon (in National Forests):

Anthony Lake.....Wallowa-Whitman, Baker
 Arbuckle Mt.....Umatilla.....Pendleton
 Bachelor Butte.....Deschutes.....Bend
 Cooper Spur.....Mt. Hood.....Portland
 Hoodoo Ski Bowl.....Willamette.....Eugene
 Little Alps.....Wallowa-Whitman, Baker
 Multorpor.....Mt Hood.....Portland
 Mt Hood Ski Bowl.....Mt Hood.....Portland
 Spout Springs.....Umatilla.....Pendleton
 Summit.....Mt Hood.....Portland
 Taft Mt.....Umpqua.....Roseburg
 Timberline.....Mt Hood.....Portland
 Tomahawk.....Winema..Klamath Falls
 Union Creek.....Rogue River...Medford
 Warner Canyon.....Fremont.....Lakeview
 Willamette Pass.....Willamette.....Eugene
DUES ARE DUE ARE DUE ARE DUE ARE DUE

There are approximately 100 members who are behind in their dues. This happens every year and means an immense amount of work for our membership chairman. It also means work for the printer in getting out 100 postal cards to be sent to each of you. This means that it will cost the Club \$4.50 for this job. In almost all other clubs the dues are higher than in ours. And in no other club do you get any more than you do in the Obsidians. We get representation in the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. We also contribute to conservation which is becoming more costly year by year. We have a valuable piece of property which, if we should ever liquidate, would be a tidy sum for each of us. Please pay your dues and save some people some work.

GOLD BOND STAMPS and validated back covers are coming in and please keep them coming in to Nellie McWilliams.

BACKPACKERS and those who want to become backpackers, if you are thinking of acquiring equipment or of improving your present equipment, here are the names and addresses of some very good out--of--town sources. Why not put a postcard in the mail today asking for their catalogs. By starting now you will not only give Santa Claus a chance to bring you something, but also give yourself a chance to earn the money to buy equipment so that you will be ready when summer comes.

Kelty Packs
 P.O. Box 3453
 Glendale, Calif.

Trailwise
 1615 University Ave.
 Berkeley 3, Calif.

Holubar
 Box 7
 Boulder, Colorado

Dri Lite Foods
 8716 Santa Fe Ave.
 South Gate, Calif.

Dear Readers: The writer of this column would like to receive the names and addresses of other companies from which you have obtained good equipment and dehydrated foods. She will then ask for them to be printed in the Bulletin.

Helen Smith, 950 Hammock Road, Eugene.

FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS -- is seeking to raise their membership this year by 1000. And this organization spends its energy and moneys in conservation.

NEWCOMER LUCY SCHATTENKERK in the November issue had her name spelled wrong. It was spelled Luch and should be Lucy.

GEOLOGY LECTURE SERIES

The Scientific Committee wishes to call to the attention of the club members a course in geology for interested laymen to be given at the University during the winter quarter. This Geology Lecture Series will be offered by the Division of Continuing Education (formerly the Extension Division) on Thursday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Room 254 Science Building. Ten lectures will be given by various members of the Geology Dept. beginning on January 9. This is a non-credit course. Registration fee will be \$15, payable at the first meeting.

For further information call the Division of Continuing Education, 342-1411 Ext 2171, or Margaret Markley, 344-0716.

This Lecture Series will cover: Rocks & Minerals; Origin of the Earth; Geomorphology; The Sea, Submarine Geology, Marine Sedimentation; Structural Geology; Maps of the Earth & Moon; Economic Geology; Geologic Time; Geology of Oregon.

AND have YOU paid your DUES??? (did you forget???). Be sure to read that article up there at the left.

NORTHWEST CONSERVATION BRIEFS from Michael McCloskey.

Nearly 600 people attended the hearings at Seattle and Mt. Vernon and Wenatchee on the North Cascades. At Mt Vernon and Wenatchee the testimony went 2-1 against expanded protection & 3-2 for at Seattle. Most opposition came from business, C.ofC. local taxing groups and hunting groups. Support came from mostly outdoor, animal and garden clubs.

OREGON CAVES

Negotiations are underway to create a new camp ground on the northern boundary of the Monument and to build nature trails in cooperation with the Forest Service to go thru Port Orford cedar stands. Forest Service has recently withdrawn 289 acres of land around the Monument from mineral entry to act as a buffer strip.

CRATER LAKE

Pressure is still on to construct some kind of mechanical device to lower and raise visitors to the Park. Oregon Highway Commission is back of this for one and their reason is to help keep tourists there for a day or two longer.

MINING

Senator Maurine Neuberger revealed statistics showing extent wilderness areas are being decimated. She said that Forest Service records show 537 new claims filed since Senate passed Wilderness Bill in 1961 to stop this filing of mining claims 172 of these claims are in the Northwest, with 79 in Oregon. And now a Cement plant is going in in the Mt. McKinley National Park, because of a loop hole in the law. In the Deschutes National Forest pumice gravel is being strip mined west of Bend, on claims filed prior to 1955. This strip mining is leaving conspicuous and permanent scars. Rock Mesa Mining Co is going to build their road following an old sheepherders trail and avoid any part of the Skyline Trail.

PESTICIDES Kills running into the millions of salmon fingerlings is reported from up in British Columbia thru the misuse of sprays. Such sprays have been reported to have killed thousands of fingerling steel head on the North Fork of the Umpqua.

ROGUE RIVER According to J. Michael McCloskey jet boat promoters are blasting the rocks out of the rapids on this river to make smoother going for the jet boats. The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs has asking for assistance from the BOR to help combat this menace.

SAVE A DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY * *
December 22 at the Lodge, 6 p.m.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT ON TRAILS The big problem in controlling unauthorized use of trails has been one of jurisdiction. The trials of mususers has to be heard in the Federal District Courts which are snowed under with major cases. If H. B. 7588 goes thru this will allow these petty cases to be heard by U. S. Commissioners. Another recent improvement: federal regulations were amended last summer to make the restrictions on motor vehicles in wilderness areas also applicable to Primitive areas. This has led to the American Motor Scooter Assoc. instituting a test case in the use of motors in the Sawtooth Primitive Area. The Nez Perce National Forest has set a years deadline for the removal of all motorized equipment from the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Area by all inholders. Power saws and lighting equipment, while not banned is being discouraged if possible. Permission has been granted for the users of helicopters in the Three Sisters Wild Area for the making of maps.

WATER POLLUTION is a problem where ever there is water. But one case demands mention of all the different cases of pollution Mike has mentioned and this one is up in Washington. Anti-pollution groups, including the Pacific Coast Oyster Growers Assoc., and Citizens for Clean Water have given up trying to get the Commission to deny a permit for the discharge of pulp liquors into Bellingham bay, saying they "cannot fight both the commission and the pulp industry" They have charged that the Commission "does not intend to push enforcement of the water pollution laws of this state".

MT JEFFERSON WILD AREA plans announced by the Forest Service last August are to increase the size by 10,244 acres. A group of Salem promoters have requested permission to develop a ski area on the east side of Three Fingered Jack in the proposed Wild Area this request having been denied by the Forest Service.

WALDO LAKE AREA A small victory was won by conservationists who had objected to timber cutting in the East Basin Landscape Management Area when the Forest Service admitted that it would probably be better to let the timber in this area stand as they do not have any method to log in this area without doing irreparable damage.

THE OREGON SCENIC AREA COMMISSION has recently set aside 78 miles of highway between Salem and Sisters as a billboard free zone. 29 miles were left open for billboards.

MT RAINIER

Senator Henry Jackson announced plans for the construction of the largest day-use lodge in any park in the nation at Mt Rainier. A \$1.6 million lodge will be built at Paradise, with construction to start next June and completion scheduled by the winter of 1965.

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

Senator Jackson is also indicating interest in over-night facilities here on Hurricane Ridge. Park Service officials have indicated they think that soils are too fragile on Hurricane Ridge for any more facilities and that the season is too short to make it financially feasible.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Accelerated Public Works appropriations has permitted the Park Service to pursue a vigorous policy of acquiring private inholdings in the park this past year, and of removing non-conforming structures. Some 26 structures have been removed with the obsolete chalets at Sun Lake and at St Mary Lake and a power house at Many Glaciers being removed. Recently acquired was the Village Inn Motel right on the shore of Lake McDonald. This will be moved. Some 3500 acres of inholdings still remain mostly on the north and south ends of Lake McDonald.

DETERGENT POLLUTION

The problem of pollution of water supplies with nondecomposable detergents may be on the way to solution as the Soap and Detergent Association had promised Congress that it will have decomposable detergents generally on the market by the end of 1965. There are some such detergents on the market now. About 10% of water pollution is said to be due to detergents, with 40% of Americans now estimated to be drinking re-used water.

ROGUE RIVER AGAIN

The Forest Service has just announced plans to trade timber lands in the Siskiyou National Forest with the United States Plywood Corp. to bring ten miles of frontage along lower Rogue River into public ownership. The Forest Service says it hopes to have the new acreage it hopes to acquire withdrawn from mineral entry and preserved in its natural state.

CASCADIA STATE PARK efforts to save this are continuing with over 3000 signatures on petitions being sent in.

The above are condensations from just a few of the reports by J. Michael McCloskey. His latest full report covers a lot of things covering the west and northwest, which may be read at the Lodge.

DON HUNTER at the Federation convention showed his slides of the "Oregon Volcanic Cascades" and here is what they thought of the show at the convention.

Dear Mr. Hunter:

I could not complete the duties of closing my office without letting you know how very, very much the delegates to the convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs enjoyed your outstanding and thrilling slides on the Oregon Volcanic Cascades.

In the many years that I have viewed slides and films I have never seen any more beautifully presented, not only in the excellent photography but the sound effects. It was a production that would be hard to equal and the impression I am sure it made on us all will never be forgotten.

Thank you for your devoted service to the Conservation field and all that it means to our heritage and the American people. Your slides should be seen all over the country and I sincerely hope that people outside of Oregon will be able to enjoy them, not only for the pleasure they bring but for the sincere message for everybody. Emily Haig

Past President

Dear Don:

Your film "Oregon Volcanic Cascades" made a wonderful climax to the closing of the program part of our convention. Everyone was truly impressed. Thank you for the part you played in making our convention a success.

May you go on in this field, making other fine films—we could use one in Washington next September. Good luck to you.

Fern B Hall

President.

NEW CATALOGS at the Lodge includes one from Munich, Germany and it is sure full of interesting stuff. All kinds of skis and ski clothes, but you must know German or have an interpreter with you when trying to analyze costs, etc. It also contains quite an assortment of climbing clothes and equipment.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS The annual party will be at the Lodge, Sunday, December 22 at 6:00 p.m. The ladies please bring one dozen cookies or sandwiches. Punch & coffee will be furnished. Watch the Register Guard for more information.

Kenny Lodewick is making 5 dozen cookies today—see him if you don't have time to make your own.

THE WILDCAT SWAMP was visited last July by three Obsidians, Helen Smith, Robin (Brant) Lodewick and Scott Van Fossen.

Two years ago on the Friends of the 3 Sisters trip several duplicated sheets were given out listing some of the favorite trips of members. On the last sheet was a trip to Wildcat Swamp. It was a loop trip starting from Frizzell Crossing on the South Fork of the McKenzie, hiking on the Olallie Trail to the Swamp Trail, then thru the Swamp as far east as Mink Lake, then turning back towards the west and coming in on the South Fork Trail. It was a distance of about 25 miles and was recommended as a three day trip.

The above travelers three took four days and found themselves traveling 30 miles. It was a very challenging and rewarding trip. None of us had ever been there. The trail thru the swamp didn't even show on our maps, just the name. (The leader did obtain additional information and looked at a fire map in the Willamette National Forest office before going). The trail hadn't been used in years and wasn't maintained. It was hard to follow at times especially when crossing swampy spots. We didn't see another person until we reached Mink Lake. But by use of map and compass we went in and came out just as planned. We left the car Saturday morning with our packs and climbed to the top of the ridge on the Olallie Trail where we found a new sign board pointing to Wildcat swamp, 4 miles. We had hoped to find water late in the afternoon and make camp but no such luck. Finally we came to the swamp and an old sheep camp. It was a huge swampy meadow with a large grove of quaking Aspen trees on the far side. It was the largest meadow-swamp any of us had ever seen in this country. The sheep camp was a very nice spot, there was even a piece of metal for a stove top, but--no water! We hunted and hunted for good water but finally had to give up. By wading out a little ways we obtained a bucket of reasonably clean swamp water which when boiled was usable. The next morning after packing our gear we moved on--just 15 minutes of hiking brought us to good, cool, clean water!

By noon we were starting to cross another swampy meadow with a blazed tree in the middle where we were stopped---couldn't find the next blaze. We hunted and hunted along the far end of the meadow--but no luck, so decided to stop for lunch and after resting hunt again. This time we

found the trail, just hadn't gone far enough to the right.

Late afternoon found us at Goose Lake--beautiful camping spot where the deer, and the elk had been feeding on the Hellbore. In fact we enjoyed their company about dusk. The elk were quite shy but the deer were bolder and were still around the next morning. We hated to leave this spot but did so and reached Mink Lake at noon. We found this to be a beautiful long high mountain lake, again we didn't want to move on, but felt we should go as far on the trail out as we could before evening. From the lake we turned west on Martin Way to the McBee Trail then southwest on that trail to the Elk Creek Trail. We were planning on coming out on that trail because on the map it looked more like interesting country. As it turned out that was the best thing to do because we could not even find the South Fork Trail. We had been traveling on the McBee Trail for sometime when we came to a cross trail we felt sure must be the Elk Creek Trail but it was unmarked. We pulled out compass and map and decided the upper trail went in the direction we wanted to go. Afterwards we found out that the lower trail would have ended up out at the Box Canyon Guard station--a long way from our car.

In addition to our map we had a trail log out by the Forest Service which helped us find a camping spot for the last night by having water sources marked. The first such mark said water 300 ft. to the south but it was almost dried up. The second mark said water 500 ft. so we took a chance and went that way and it turned out to be a nice stream across the trail. The next day we arrived at the head of the Elk Creek road at noon. Our map showed a trail crossing the South Fork at this point and connects with the Olallie Trail thus making it possible for us to return to Frizzell Crossing where our car was. We couldn't find a trail at first but by going towards the river we found one at the edge of the woods which led us to a good foot log and wire handhold for crossing. We paused here for lunch and while looking around found an old forest service shelter--the Elk Creek Shelter. It was a beautiful spot with big trees overhead filtering the sunlight and a mossy, flowery carpet underfoot. The Trail from here to the Olallie Trail was overgrown with field fern but our feet found it. We arrived back at the car by late afternoon having had a most enjoyable four days.

Helen Smith.

OBSIDIAN CHIEFS INITIATE FOUR

Irv Custer a welcome guest.

Twenty-seven were in the Chiefs party at the Lodge Saturday November 9th, when four more Chiefs were added to make the long list 147. The four new Chiefs-Robert Dark Chief Dark Horse-John Dotson, Chief Flash Joe Frazier, Chief Wander-Don Hunter, Chief Music Man. Irv Custer, who had not been with us since the early days of the Club, as a member of the first climb of the North Sister in 1928 and finishing up the Middle and South from the '29 summer camp. It was grand to hear of his many years of school teaching after leaving the local Y.M.C.A. He is now retired and living in Newberg. Ten of the Chiefs stayed overnight at the Lodge and were joined by 3 more at a nine o'clock breakfast. After the Lodge was cleaned up-the wood room was filled-and the three tiers of wood was moved from in front and to the rear of the Lodge-much good fireplace wood. The 27: Smoke Turner, Kodak, Tallmeat, Irv Custer, Brokentop, Little Brother, Hoot Owl Big Stick, Q Ball, Thunder Bird, Smokey, Look Out, Bantam, Wise Owl, Robinson Crusoe, Sea Gull, Feather, Ab Dulla, Wah, Moose Watcher, Falling Rocks, Yukuma, Cruiser, and the four Dark Horse, Flash, Wander and Music Man, and Honker. Plans were laid for another "Big Reunion" for next year when it is possible for 100 to attend.

TED S. (TARZAN) EASTON

The irony of fate-seemed to fit the untimely death of Ted Easton, as only last month I introduced him to the early days of the Obsidians. Ted had gone down to Death Valley about the first of August and in a few days from there, climbed Mt Whitney, so he had his ambition to be at the lowest and the highest parts of the Continental USA. But on his return and only an hour from home, another car must have crossed the line and met him headon. His death was instant, just below Roseburg

I would like to copy part of the write-up in the Coos County paper-"A great lover of nature, it is said that Mr Easton enjoyed close communion with flora and fauna on his regular morning walks from the family home at Dora," which he called "Jungle Bank". The wild deer feeding on apples about his place. The hundreds of growth rings in the butt of a giant Douglas fir; The botanical data on the Myrtle trees; These and hundreds of other phases of life about him were far more interesting to him than silver or gold. Ray Sims.

FOR SALE

Clarence Landes has a real good oil heater and a wall lavatory that he does not need anymore. 344-4500

AND DEAN PATTERSON has an imported pair of hiking boots made in Italy that are really nice. She has only worn them once and they do not fit her. She will let them go for only \$7.50. About size 7. They are at the Lodge, or call her-345-9738.

THE DARKS Robert and Anita and Delyn and Charles have all bought a chair each, so that just leaves two to go. Who's next? Just two more and that will be that.

KEEP OREGON GREEN

With the maze of traffic signal lights one is confronted with in driving around town and when it seems 99% of them turn red just as you are nearing them, then is when one wishes that we could KEEP OREGON GREEN.

LATEST revised and corrected list of officers of the Order of Princesses:
Lorena Reid, Retireing President.
Mary Kaneen, President.
Jane Hilt, Vice Presi. ent.
Natalie Morgan, Sec. Tres.

GALE BURWELL No one knew that you were in the hospital for a major operation, but we are certainly glad to hear that you are home and improving. We all miss you.

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