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EVENTS TO COME

Jan. 16. Dance night. The more the merrier Let's dance and be gay -- 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge.

Jan. 20. Coburg Hills in a new place. Up towards Brownsville. Has been scouted. Leader: Gene Sebring.

Jan. 27th. Chase Gardens. If you can't go to Hawaii then come on this trip and see all the Orchids there. Leader Wayne Bailey.

Jan. 31. Dance again!! Music to brighten up and stimulate. 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge.

Feb. 3rd. Leo Paschelke will lead us into the Georgia Pacific timber area above Wendling as far as we want to go. We can also see his rock collection to which he has added new specimens since our last visit with him.

In the future will be a trip to the Ore. Hospital in Salem. A trip to the Pulp mill and metallurgical plant at Albany. Then a trip out to the Stahls Hide-a-way ranch is planned. Also in the planning stage is a trip to the Oregon State University at Corvallis.

May 25th. This is the date for our next rummage sale, so get out what you want to get rid of NOW and call 6-2908 for pickup to store at Lodge until then. DO IT NOW.

Obsidian Picture night at Friendly House is the fourth Monday of the month.

CORRECTION

In last months issue was a notice about a book put out by the University of Washington Press which stated that they had published a book which described the Pacific Crest Trail thru Washington and Oregon in detail. This was an error as the book only covers the Trail in Washington from the Canadian border to the Oregon border.



The Chemeketans, our sister club to the north, invite the Obsidians to attend their Annual Banquet on February 16th, Saturday, at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Christian Church, Marion and Cottage St. (cater-corner from Meier & Franks,) and rumor has it that it's a steak dinner. The entertainment we are keeping for a surprise, but you'll be delighted we will guarantee.

Reservations must be made by February, 13th to Blanche Bailey, 1520 Jefferson St N.E., and she, being a loyal Obsidian at heart, hopes to see many Chiefs and Princesses, even squaws and braves up there from the Eugene reservation. Tickets are \$2.50; Phone 363 0168.

POT-LUCK January 19th. Saturday. 6:30 p.m. Bring dishes to eat from. DO NOT BRING?? SERVING SPOONS. Special treat will be the showing of the latest colored movies made by the Oregon State Game Department of big game in Oregon. These will be presented by a representative of the Game Department.

WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

The eighth biennial Wilderness Conference will be held March 8th to 10th, 1963 at the Sheraton-Palace hotel in San Francisco. For information write Wilderness Conference, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco 4, California.

We expected to announce arrival of a brand new Obsidian this month, but we went to press too early.

CHRISTMAS TREE TRIP Dec. 16, 1962. Led by Gene Sebring. Donn Chast made arrangements with the Forest Service at Oakridge for this trip. Al Sorenson, ranger in charge of Salmon Creek Ranger Station and two younger rangers, John and Phil, made this a very enjoyable trip. We met at Hells Gate Bridge. After a few pointers on cutting we proceeded at the North Fork road about sixteen miles past Westfir. Some ate their lunches and everyone proceeded to cut trees and greenery. Rain started in the late afternoon. Those on trip: Mike Bray; Gudvere Wagnel; Jan Taylor Dorothy Towlerton; Thelma Watson; George Maugas; Mr. and Mrs. Melre Hackett; Mac & Nellie McWilliams; Hazel & Robin Brant; Ted, Mary Jo & Rhonda Johannis; Tom Taylor & family; Bob Medill; Kay Fahy; J. Hodges & family; Norma Hauges & family; Margaret Markley; Irving Brant; Chas Case; John Refsnider; W.A. Brooksby & 3 children; Mary & Mark Castellloe; Chuck & Bob Dark; Betty Boeshans; James, Charles, Louise & Martha Beckey; Mike Forester; Bud Wooten; Mabel Rodger & Norman Liddell; David Lent; Gene, Virginia, Mark, Martha and Dale Sebring; Roma Lisa Case, Lloyd Plaisted; Ken Lodewick; Mildred Wooten; Dave Taylor & family and Catherine Dunlop.

PROXY FALLS & LINTON LAKE-Jan. 6, 1963.

Five cars left Eugene from the Park Block at 8 A.M. and arrived at the Proxy Falls Trail at 10 A.M. Twenty-seven people hiked into the two beautiful falls. Some of the younger ones climbed to the top of the falls while others enjoyed looking at them and took pictures. Both the upper and lower falls were enjoyed. Back to the cars and up to Lower Alder Springs where we ate lunch in the sunshine. Took the trail to Linton Lake. The sign said one mile, but it was a long mile. Made it in one hour. The lake was frozen over which afforded a lot of fun for the younger ones. The ice was 4 inches thick in spots and thicker in others. The sun shining on it made a beautiful sight. Some climbed up to the base of the falls at the inlet of the lake. Back to the cars around 4:30. Weather was perfect all day. Those making the trip were Mac & Nellie McWilliams; Mary & Bailey Castellloe; Kay Fahy; Thelma Watson; LaDella Garber; Pat Garber; Veda Gossler, Mike and Alan Spores; Les Cooper; Herbert & Evelyn McCormack; Rosalie & Jennifer Beals; John Isaacson, Rhonda and Mary Jo Johannis; John Refsnider; Robin Brant; Dorothy Towlerton; Adeline Adams, Keith Brunig; Henry Jeppesen & David Lent; & Diane Milliken.

NEW YEARS PARTY

Gene, Virginia, Dale, Mark & Martha Sebring; Mary and Bailey Castellloe; Mary Jo, Ted, Reeve, Rhoda Johannis; Lary Waters; John Refsnider; Dorothy Towlerton; Betty Boeshans; Margaret Markley; Helen Smith; Catherine Dunlop; and Bob and Mary Medill welcomed in the New Year at Camp Baker. We had four cabins, each with a fireplace and plenty of dry wood. Had our supper potluck style in one cabin and also held all our activities in one cabin. The entertainment put out by Catherine was exceptionally good. She had put a lot of thought and work into it. After midnight a hike was made led by Gene. The next morning breadfasts were prepared & eaten in the various cabins by small groups and individuals. After breadfast a drive out to the coast on the new road to the mouth of Siltcoos outlet and a hike over a nature trail that was rather difficult to follow on account of the October storm. CATHERINE DUNLOP WON THE LIARS CONTEST??? AND CUP.

PRINCESSES

Dec. 17, 1962, the Princesses met at the Lodge. The first to arrive was Chief Robinson Crusoe (upon special invitation). He thoughtfully prepared a good roaring fire in the fireplace. However, he was shy and soon vanished. The regular business meeting was dispensed with and full time was given to popping popcorn, stringing it and the cranberries plus rose hips, personally gathered by some of the more ambitious Princesses. Lights were strung on the tree in readiness for the Obsidian Christmas Party.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Ethel Glaze, 259 East 15th at 7:30 P.M. January 21, 1963. Nellie McWilliams will be assistant hostesses. Invitations are open for hostesses for the meetings. Hostesses for the Dec. meeting were Mary Kaneon, Catherine Dunlop and Jane Hilt.

COMMITTEES

Publications: Catherine Dunlop, Nellie McWilliams, Dorothy Towlerton, Mary Castellloe, Mary Douglass Stovall, Myrtle Smith and Bob Medill to gather news, cut stencils, run the press, staple, stamp, address, etc. Jane Hilt will act as reporter for the Princesses. Anyone who would like to come up and lend a hand welcome from 9 A.M. till finished the first Saturday after the first Wednesday. Visitors always welcome too.

Don't forget the Dance this coming Wednesday January 16th at the Lodge. 7:30.

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A Happy New Year to all you good Obsidians! I know you will rejoice with me in the knowledge that the long project of building a lodge is nearly completed. Thanks to the efforts and contributions of many people in many ways we now have the Lodge to enjoy. I hope you will have occasion to use it often. This year should see us finish its final details and begin doing some work on landscaping our ground. Work parties are being planned for this effort.

Our committee chairmen are busy planning events for the coming year. I hope you will find many that appeal to you.

Many conservation problems still require our interest and support, and I especially commend to you the work of Mike McCloskey, our Northwest Conservation Representative. Do all you can to help him in this work.

Your suggestions and help are appreciated by the Board and committee members. Club members are welcome to attend board meetings if they so desire. New members are especially invited to visit a meeting.

I still find myself surprised and overwhelmed, and also deeply honored, at being your President. I hope you all look forward with me to a year of happy participation and service to the club.

Margaret Markley.

JUDY DOIG our member from Australia has given two books to our library. The titles are: The Banff Jasper Highway, descriptive guide, and Jasper National Park, a descriptive guide, both by Mabel B. Williams. Many thanks, Judy.

Also we have received for our club library as gifts from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation three of the Study Reports of the Outdoor Recreational Resources Review Commission, nos. 3, 5, 7. These are entitled Wilderness and Recreation, The Quality of Recreation, and Sport Fishing. These are now out of print.

MOUNTAINEERING is the name of a new book put out by the Mountaineers, Seattle. It contains 448 pages, 16 full page photographs of climbers in action, 134 illustrations of climbing situations, and has rock climbing, snow and ice climbing, and just about covers the field for the novice as well as the more experienced climber. Cost \$7.50

January 16 & 31st Dance Nites at the Lodge
7:30 EVERYBODY COME AND HAVE FUN!

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+ IN MEMORIAM +
+ WE WERE ALL SHOCKED AT THE SUDDEN +
+ DEATH OF HAROLD MORTENSEN AND WE +
+ EACH AND EVERY ONE EXTEND OUR +
+ DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO OLGA +
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JIMMY SIMS left Eugene on Dec. 26th for the East coast from where he has taken off for Europe. His plans are to spend a full year there. Watch it! Jim. The girls over there may know a trick or two that you never heard of. Jim spend New Years day at Times Square with one million other people.

GENE RENARD sends Season Greetings and Best Wishes to all Obsidians. Their address is: 109 Rosebank Place, Honolulu 17.

HARRY WESLEY has made a gift to the club of two candle holders that is both novel and beautiful. They are made from Knob-Cone Pine that have four cones attached. They were used at the Christmas Party as decorations for the first time.

JIM STOVALL is home after a siege in the hospital. Jim has had some trouble with a leg and has had it all fixed up. Expects to do some trail hiking next summer. We will be looking for you, Jim.

BLANCHE BAILEY also heard from. She says "I want to go on record (as the resolution committee is always saying) shouting loud and clear, that that was the loveliest Christmas Party that the Princesses put on Sunday. No wonder we come from miles around to join the fun. Thanks, Blanche.

PUSSY-WILLOWS are out up at the Lodge. Why aren't you?

RUMMAGE is again being collected and will be stored at the Lodge until sufficient to hold another sale. So gather together what you want to get rid of and call Bob Medill, RI 6-2908 for pickup. (May 25th).

RAY HARRIS mentioned in the news lately in connection with the kidnapping of a police officer and his wife by a wanted person was not our Ray.

DORIS SHINN HAS BEEN ELECTED vice-president of the Hobnailers, Spokane. She is the sister of Lorena Reid.

INA FOSS has been heard from. She is down in Brownsville, Texas and says she is getting homesick for Oregon. She has spent the holidays at San Lois Potosi with the Texas Ornithological Society on a bird hunt in the Occidental Range.

PAT AND DEAN PATTERSON after being residents at 2111 Lincoln St for so many years are now living at 1910 Orchard St.

THE WORLD OF ICE is the name of another interesting book, brochure of this book is at the Lodge in magazine rack. Covers the whole story of ice from the Ice Age up to now. Cost \$6.95.

Also up at the Lodge is the Forest Service's latest booklet, this one is about skiing in the National Forests. It lists 178 areas equipped for skiing in National Forests. This is the third booklet from the F.S., the first called, "Wilderness", the second, "Camping".

PLEASE if you were among those who collected free trees at the opening of the new Equitable building to be planted at the Lodge call Bob Medill for pick-up and delivery. Several people have done so and we now have about two dozen.

DUES ARE DUE and if you are not paid up send it in to Mary Jo Johannis, 3524 High Street, Eugene, Oregon.

THE OBSIDIAN

What do they do and where do they go??? The Obsidian Bulletins, that is. Are they really useful.....are they really wanted??? Ever been around when one was late reaching the 200 and some odd mail boxes for which they are destined???

I use mine for reference of this months activities, and last months accomplishments, what the committees are doing and where, when and how they may need helping hands; for names of new members; for who is ill..and who is traveling; and how Mike is progressing with our ever-active conservation program...and last, but not least....where else could I see my own name in print so often. I also pass them out to people interested in our organization, for as many as I can get the editor to furnish extra copies.

Now this item came about because of some unique uses I saw during the Christmas rush. First of all, even the committee thought this one of the most attractive bulletins it has done in a great while, and subsequent comments confirmed our convictions. Later, while at my daughter's one day, she suggested I

leave her a copy so they could keep up with the Christmas program which they hoped to participate in, (and did). (You probably met the Myers' at the Christmas Party.) It was one of their fertile and agile ideas that here was a list of officers' phone numbers available in case of an emergency if it became necessary to send for anyone who might be out in the wilds and wildernesses....where grandma is almost sure to be. So up it went, more or less permanently on their kitchen bulletin board.

Don Hunter's copy had the most unusual experience I noted. His was placed on top his desk Monday morning after it was published. Along came a salesman, demonstrating projection of transparency materials. Don reached for something to print and project and guess what he picked up??? You're right! That Merry Christmas heading was projected onto the walls there in the A-V department of the University of Oregon Library where it bid "Merry Christmas" the rest of that day and at various intervals the rest of that week. It's back on his desk now, haunting him to get out and go with the rest of us; which is what he has been longing to do anyway.

Then there's the editor's. His must be the copy that winds up in a mock-up..... that issue which is the basis for the next publication. All the little and big news items, reports, and articles like this one are pinned, stapled, glued and otherwise attached to it until the whole is arranged for the typists to use as copy for their stencils. What better end could a bulletin come to???? As soul satisfying as ending up a Christmas tree.

Nellie and Mac save theirs; ask them how many times a month they refer to it; and the same with Mary and Bailey Castelloe and of course Art Johnson, our librarian keeps a complete file in our library collection. Some sail overseas to our members in the service; still others visit more outdoor groups telling about our travels, interests, and activities and making many new friends. A few go to former members who don't want to lose touch; for once you're an Obsidian, you are always an Obsidian at heart. _____ DMT

ARE YOU saving your MJB and Folgers coffee bands? and your Betty Crocker coupons? The Princesses still want them and Thelma Watson is the one to give them to, or hand them to any Princess.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Quite a crowd turned out for this event and all seemed to really enjoy the party put on this year by the Princesses. Santa wasn't presentable, so he sent in helper Chief Substitute, Henry Carlson. A play, "The Little Sad Tree" written by Myrtle Smith was put on. Les Cooper pulled some tricks out of his bag, which, as always, were very good. He also gave a discourse on holes which was just about as funny as anything could be. We found out where the holes in the road up on Spring street are from. Seems as tho some one Les told us about was trying to haul a hole to the University to go on display, but on the way the hole came apart and pieces of it were lost along the road. Among the crowd were Inez Tolmie and Roy from Seattle Clarence and Doris Bankhead from Portland Harry Wesley from Roseburg, Alvine Amort from Corvallis, Merle and Blanche Bailey from Salem. All the Carlson's from Leaburg came in. There was more than enough of goodies for all.

WHERE ARE WE

The National Forest Service official TRAILS HANDBOOK No. 5610.43-353, instructions to Rangers reads, "Automotive equipment, such as scooters and the mechanical packer or duffel carrier, is rapidly coming into general use by Forest Service personnel as well as by hunters and campers. These vehicles can be used by inexperienced travelers who are not able to pack and care for horses. Rangers should ENCOURAGE use of this special type equipment and maintain records showing where use is practical.

EMERGENCY CODE

In case of any emergency, lost, accident, or otherwise, here is the "Ground-to-Air" emergency code. We have put it in this location in the Bulletin so that you may cut it out and not be cutting out any other printed part of the Bulletin.

Need Doctor	← Proceeding This Way
All Well	K Show Direction to Go
J Not Understood	Need Clothing
X Unable to Proceed	N No
F Need Food and Water	Y Yes
Need Medical Supplies	▽ Safe to Land

Make signals 8 to 10 feet long. Stamp into snow or grass, or arrange rocks, etc. Plane answers "OK" by rocking wings or flashing green light. Plane answers "Not understood" by circling right or flashing red light.

LODGE NOTES

Can you imagine the building being completed? That is just about the picture as of now. The downstairs paneling is all on and painted. The baseboard is all on and painted. We have eaves trough on the east side and this will keep considerable water off the parking lot. The only things to be finished are a small job or two in the kitchen, paint the stairs, railing and walls and ceiling. The two end rooms upstairs, of course, need to be finished but no hurry about this. But that is all.

We need three more tables. The material for a table costs \$20. We have six tables three of them donated by one person, one each of the others by three people. If anyone would like to contribute toward a table, send your money to Dorothy Towler-ton. Maybe two of you would like to go together with ten dollars each and have both of your names put on it, or maybe 4 of you could go together with \$5 each towards a table. The only way 3 tables can be made for this price is in sets of 3, so none will be started unless we can make 3. We have the labor necessary to make them. There are also some chairs that don't have names on them. Each chair with a name on it represents \$5 has been contributed for the chair.

We also need a couple of dollies to put the chairs on and quit leaning them against the wall. These will be built in the near future.

MORESCO. Mountain Rescue and Safety Council of Oregon, of which we are affiliated called out in the search for Mrs Gordon Clapp and son, lost someplace in the Jeff Park-Breitenbush Lake Area in August, 1962 brought out some interesting facts. One, the need for ground-to-air communications. Another was what to do with close relatives who come out and foul up the search. Mostly they are in the way and must be cared for. Another one, peculiar to that area mostly, was because of mineral deposits causing extreme deviations in compass readings. This case also brought out the need for knowledge of medical and physical conditions of those lost, and the report mentions that food was again provided by the Salvation Army. This time from Salem.

After being out over night, Mrs Clapp and her son were located by helicopter. Both were in good condition.

Save your rummage and call RT 6-2908.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

The search naturally centered around the Middle Sister, but in this high country, storms continued through-out the search. The new snow made it very treacherous and on returning to Frog Camp at night the rainsoaked tents offered little shelter.. It was here at Frog Camp that Turnbull, Maxey, King and Sims first determined that an organization, similar to the Mazamas of Portland, should be organized in Eugene. Sidney C. Jenkins, A young newspaper man of the Morning Register, who was also at Frog Camp, was approached and consented to feel out the towns people with an article as soon as he returned home.

The search, led by Ray Conway, a leader in the Mazamas, ended in ten days because of the continued storm, without having discovered any more clues.

Jenkins article quoting Ed Turnbull and Ray Sims, as to the need of a mountaineering club, soon brought together a group of 13 people, who met to try and organize such a club.

The first meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms on the evening of Sept. 21, 1927, with the following people present: Dr. John Bovard, Frank Bouck, Ralph Martin, Mozelle Hair, Don Woods, Raymond Sims, Sidney King, J. Ed Turnbull, Emma Waterman, Frank Jenkins, Lyle Kelling, Henry Howard and Sid. Jenkins. Alton Gabriel and two other fraternity brothers of Ferry and Cramer appeared and becoming disgusted at the idea of having women in the club, as they wanted a real HE man organization, and left the meeting. Discussion as to the kind of a club that was wanted in Eugene was the main topic and it was decided to leave it to a membership committee to try and interest more people and have another meeting on Thursday, November 3rd, 1927.

A committee was also appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws to be pre-

SENTED AT THE NEXT MEETING. THIS COMMITTEE CONSISTED OF: Dr. Bovard, Henry Howard, Mozelle Hair, Ed Turnbull and Sid Jenkins. The membership committee were Turnbull,, Emma Waterman, Ralph Martin, Henry Howard and Raymond L. Sims. continued.

BOARD MEETING was held at the home of Mary Jo Johannis, with all officers in attendance. Treasurer reported \$572.81 in checking account. Bills read and approved Stamps \$8.13; Lumber, \$18.32; Paint \$7.97 Electricity, \$26.39. Bal. due on liability insurance; \$6.06. Letter read to Board from Gene Renard in which, among other things, he told about the coming in of New Years. Seems they celebrate their birthday on New Years as well as New Years itself at midnight and do so with a most magnificent and noisy shooting off of fireworks. Everyone gets into the act and for awhile it is impossible to talk and for some it may sound like the second coming of Pearl Harbor. He says that the local paper announced that the fire department had to make 79 fire runs during the blast-off. Board discussed celebrating of our building by having an open house and plans will be made for this event. Probably sometime in April, but not for sure. Discussed the disposal of the two davenport down stairs and putting in a folding rostrum at that end of the building. Following committees were approved: Trips: GENE SEBRING, Chm. Douglas Spencer Jim Jeppesen, Mac McWilliams, Mary Douglass Stovall. BUILDING: BOB MEDILL, Chm., Mark Castellloe, Mac McWilliams, Gene Sebring. ENTERTAINMENT: BETTY BOESHANS, Chm. Bill Martyn, Keith Brunig, Barbara Hasek, Catherine Dunlop. CLIMBING, BOB DARK, Chm. Tom Taylor, Lloyd Plaisted, Gary Kirk, Mark McLaughlin. LIBRARY: ART JOHNSON, Chm. Nellie McWilliams, Adeline Adams, Thelma Watson. OPENHOUSE COMM. BETTY BOESHANS, Chm. Ray Cavagnaro, Bob Medill, Mac McWilliams, Dorothy Towlerton, Gene Sebring.

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