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Feb. 13th. Wed. night, 7:30 Dance Night at the Lodge.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY will meet Friday February 15, at 8 p.m. 150 Science Bldg. University Campus. Adolph Murie, field Biologist with the National Park Service will give a program of slides and movies entitled, "Wildlife in Mt. McKinley National Park." Mr Murie is an authority on wildlife, and especially grizzlies and predators.

Feb. 17. Mel Jackson will lead us up in to the Coburg Caves area. Note article in board notes. This will give us a trip up there with a special interest to it.

Feb. 23. Sat. A snow trip into the Clear Lake area. Margaret Wiese, Leader.

Saturday, February 23rd. Big Pot-luck this night at 6:30. Don't miss this one Special! Games for everyone from 9 to 90. This is being engineered by Keith Brunig and Myrtle Smith, so it's got to be good.

Feb. 25th. Obsidian picture night at the Friendly House at 8 p. m.

## SEATTLE BUS TRIP REUNION

March 9. at the Lodge. This will be a pot-luck affair at 6:30. For further information on this call Ray Sims. 4-9546.

March 10. Sun. We go to Salem for a tour of the mental hospital and possibly other places. We will be led around on this trip by Merle and Blanche Bailey. Call Gene Sebring for leaving times and meeting place in Salem.

March 31. Sun. A tour of the proposed Emerald Crest Trail. With Margaret Markley

## SPECIAL NOTICE

The first of March we come out with our new membership list. Will your name be on it? Not unless your dues are paid up. We certainly do not want to leave your name off.

## FLOWER IDENTIFICATION CLASS

Another flower identification class will be put on by the University Extension Division starting March 28, from 7 to 10 evenings. This will be for beginners as well as for advanced students. Fee is \$18 and enrollment will be limited to 25. Frank Sipe will be instructor and for further information call either Frank or Mrs Dorothy Smith at the extension Div.

## JOHN DAY RIVER TRIP

Prince Helfrich, of Vida, is offering members of outdoor clubs of this area the opportunity of running the John Day River with him on a 5 day trip beginning June 10th. The party will put in at Clarno and take out at Cottonwood Bridge, a Distance of about 70 miles. Those owning suitable boats, rubber rafts, fold boats, etc, may use them. For others the trip will be made on large rubber rafts, or Salmon River sledges, piloted by guides. Food and a cook will be furnished.

The cost will be about \$60. Less if you have your own boat. Drivers for car shuttle service will be arranged for. He would like to have 30 to 40 people.

Reservations should be made by April 1. A small deposit is required at time of reservation.

The John Day canyon contains a great deal of biological, geological, and archaeological interest. This is a superb opportunity to run this wilderness type river with this famous river guide and outdoorsman.

For further information call or write Margaret Markley, DI 4-0716, 1967 Adams st, Eugene.

MORESCO next meeting will be at the Marion Hotel in Salem April 20th.

RUMMAGE Co-operate with the Rummage Committee by calling 6-2908 for collection. Rummage sale is May 25th. Rummage is being collected and stored at the Lodge.

President....Margaret Markley.....4-0716  
 Vice-pres....Dr. Robert Dark.....5-3780  
Secy-Treas...Dorothy Towlerton.....5-4079  
 Editor.....Bob Medill.....6-2908  
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 Material for publication must be in not  
later than the 1st Thursday of the month.  
 Bulletin Subscription.....Membership.  
 Non-Members.....\$2 per yr.  
 Club dues.....\$4 per yr.  
 Juniors.....\$1 per yr.  
Dues are due.....October.  
 Committee Chairmen: Trips; Gene Sebring,,  
 Building; Bob Medill, Entertainment; Betty  
 Boeshans, Climbing; Bob Dark, Search and  
 Rescue; Stanley Hasek, Library; Art John-  
 son, Membership; Mary Jo Johannis, Conser-  
 vation, Don Hunter, Outing; Jim Jeppesen,  
 Youth, Frank Moore, Grounds; Mac McWilliams,  
Scientific; Mary Douglass Stovall.

### PRINCESSES

Lucky "13", or was it "13" lucky Prin-  
 cesses who met January 21st at the home  
 of Ethel Glaze. Actually, it was Frances  
 Newsom, the 13th, the last one to ar-  
 rive who was the luckiest one. A prize was  
 presented by Ethel Glaze, of a ceramic  
 bud vase containing everlasting flowers  
 to Frances.

A lively evening ensued. Great issues  
 were discussed, such as Gold Bond stamps  
 and points and a possible tour thru the  
 Iverson Paint Co. plant. The club would  
 be given 50¢ for each person making the  
 tour.

Nellie showed delightful colored slides  
 of past secret initiations. These were  
 more than choice material. That is ano-  
 ther reason for "Lucky 13".

All were happy to welcome Barbara Hasek  
 to her first Obsidian Princess meeting.

Great interest was shown in the invita-  
 tion by Elsie Dotson for the next meeting  
 Feb. 18 at her home, 2059 Charnelton. This  
 will be a Sara Coventry Jewelry party and  
all Obsidian women are invited. 15% of  
 the profit from all jewelry sold will be  
 retained for the club.

Nellie McWilliams assisted the H'stess  
 with refreshments.

TIP TO PACKERS and this works equally as  
 well for all campers. Cut into quarters  
 SOS pads. One quarter, you will find, is  
 sufficient to clean all dishes, pots and  
 pans after a meal and then can be dis-  
 carded. No soap nor dish cloths needed.

DO YOU HAVE RUMMAGE?

Call 6-2908

### CAMPING EQUIPMENT

At the Lodge is a new catalog that has  
 the widest range of camping equipment one  
 can imagine. No mountaineering equipment  
 with the exception of mountaineering tents  
 It contains the widest selection of  
 tents to be seen in one catalog, also in-  
 formation on how to take care of tents.  
 In the section devoted to sleeping bags  
 it tells one what kind of a bag one needs  
 for different temperatures. What the dif-  
 ferent bags are composed of, what is in  
 them, what the different kinds of filling  
 are and a host of other information. There  
 is also a list of places to get informa-  
 tion on camping out in several foreign  
 countries including Russia. It tells what  
 all the different makes of air mattresses  
 are made of, how constructed, etc. Truly  
 a most interesting catalog.

POT-LUCK held Jan. 19th was attended by 35  
 to 40 people all of whom thoroughly en-  
 joyed themselves. Good food; Good fire  
 and an interesting programme. Good fel-  
 lowship and best of all was the showing  
 of the State Game Dept. film, mostly on  
 antelope, but also some pictures of sage  
 hens and lynx. These were shown by Robt.  
 Jugger, local Game Representative, who  
 followed the pictures with a talk and an-  
 swered questions. The movies were in col-  
 or with sound. The sound was not of the  
 best, but was understandable. Photography  
 was excellent and the telephoto lens used  
 must have been of very high magnification  
 because of the beautiful closeup appear-  
 ance of the subjects.

### WITHERING HEIGHTS

Parking facilities have been improved  
 at the north end of the Lodge until now  
 there is room for 5 or 6 cars to park.  
 Three more tables have been built so we  
 can get rid of that long unsightly table.  
 Contributions to the table fund came from  
 Ray Sims, Bob Dark, Dorothy Towlerton,  
 Betty Boeshans, Catherine Jones, Margaret  
 Wiese and one complete table from Helen  
 Wieser in memory to Paul.

RAY CAVAGNARO is chairman of the Open  
 House committee. Others on the committee  
 are Betty Boeshans, Mac McWilliams, Gene  
 Sebring, Dorothy Towlerton, Bob Medill.  
 This will probably be sometime in April..

IS YOUR NAME on a chair? There are a  
 few lonesome ones up there that do not  
 have a sponser.

RUMMAGE SALE SET FOR MAY 25th. CALL 62908

INTERNATIONAL WOODWORKER of Wed. Jan. 9th 1963 carries an article written by Mrs. Fred Hayes of Oakridge. Much as we would like to we cannot reprint her entire article because of lack of space. She attended the Conservation Conference held at Timberline Lodge Dec. 9 and 10. Here are extracts from her letter.

"Cows are tramping some of our Three Sisters Wilderness Area fishing lakes into bogs. If someone found high grade ore on the top of Mt Hood, they could legally lop it off. A pumice mine is planned on the side of one of the Three Sisters. Congress would have to change the laws to prevent mining on the rim of Crater Lake if a valid claim were found there. There is no place set aside entirely unavailable to commercial interests.

Mike McCloskey, the very dedicated, young Harvard-trained "Northwest Conservation Representative", is doing a fine job as a rule, but is to the mind of a loggers wife, sometimes too gentle to say what needs to be said. While gentle people are fighting our battles politely, our mountain resources are being depleted very impolitely.

The first industry of Oregon, which furnishes your bread and butter and mine in diminishing. The potential for the second, recreation, is being depleted by hurried planning for a buck today regardless of tomorrow. The average person is convinced that no one would pay any attention to him, so he doesn't fight: he just gripes to his friends. McCloskey told me that there would sometimes be a place for a logger to speak his views before a group if he were capable of giving a well thought out and worthwhile statement. You can write him at the Tiffany Bldg. in Eugene if interested". Mrs. Fred Hayes.

Mrs. Hayes, your letter was very interesting and only wish that we could publish it in its entirety. Where you mention that the average person is convinced that it is useless for him to squawk want to call peoples attention to the fact that a lot of "Average Persons" are in the fight by lending their support thru organizations such as the Obsidians, Friends of the Three Sisters and others who are the contributors to the Conservation program. which Mike McCloskey leads.

The above reprinted by permission of The International Woodworker and Mrs Fred Hayes.....

THEY SAY that crime does not pay. Why doesn't the Government subsidize it?

## DIED JANUARY SIXTEENTH 1963

Paul Weiser. It is not easy to have to say farewell to someone like Paul. He was a friend to and of all who knew him. A long time member of the Obsidians, most active and ever willing to help. He was the sixty first Obsidian to become a Chief. You will be missed, Paul, and remember for a mighty long time.

READERS DIGEST issue of February, on page 196 is an article called, "They're closing in on the Great Open Spaces that makes for real thoughtful reading.

While we are back on the subject, (were we ever off of it) of conservation here is a thot. Have been reading so much complaining from the lumber industry about the importation of lumber from British Columbia and so many complaints from the people about us losing our wilderness areas, why not all outdoor groups, fishing groups, (fishing in Oregon is practically just a memory) and all others interested go together and buy up the Province of British Columbia for one big wilderness area. Perhaps the lumber industry in the United States would help as in this way it would solve the question of lumber imports from there.

## CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Among our many organizations that we exchange bulletins with is the Chicago Mountaineering Club. The literature they put out is really quite interesting and full of real top quality articles and all real well written. Also generally comes with top quality pictures. Their material is on file at the Lodge. Their last bulletin has a supplement with it with all the various terms used in climbing. There are close to 300 definitions given and also the names of the country from which they originated. Did you know that most of the terms used here in our own climbing are derived from French? Arete, Col, Crevasse, Gendarme, Glissade, Moraine, Piton, Rappel, Serac, are all French. Carabiner is German. No wonder climbing is so difficult.

DUES ARE DUE, in fact are past due if you are not paid up. Send to Mary Jo Johannis 3524 High st., Eugene, Oregon.

RUMMAGE is being collected. Call 6-2908

All members present. Had a visitor from the Eugene Parks and Recreation department, Mel Jackson, who came to give us a run down on the contemplated use of the Coburg hills for home sites and the use of the Coburg Caves for a rock quarry. Mel's purpose for the visit was to get us acquainted with the facts and to ask us to join others who are trying to find ways and means to save at least the Caves area.

Treasurer's report \$406.94. Bills read and allowed: Postage, \$12; receipt book, \$1; Mishlers for paper, address plates & stencils, \$23.65; electricity & water, \$28.80; flowers, \$5. Read an offer from Dorothy Scherer of a piano which was accepted. Two reports heard that were outstanding were the entertainment report of Betty Boehsans and the climbing report of Bob Dark. Both have had committee meetings and have given their work considerable thought. Betty has plans made that extend several months ahead and they sound good. Bob Dark's plans for climbing school are going to be some what different this year and with one of the indoor sessions will hold a back packing class. This last at the request of Dan Sellard of the Register Guard. Bob has services and equipment offered for the back packing class from a lot of dealers, some as far as Portland. Discussed at some length fees to be made of those who climb and a resolution was finally passed making the 50¢ and \$1 fee applicable to all ages, and also to be collected at the start of the trip. Don Hunter played tape of parts of talk made by Mike McCloskey which was quite interesting. Don also has a series of pictures which he calls, "Oregon's Volcanic Cascades. This ties in with conservation and Don will put the show on where there is a request. Show lasts about 35 minutes and all who have ever seen one of Don's shows know that it will be tops.

Stan Hasek has prepared and had made 40 pamphlets dealing with search and rescue. He has lined up his groups into two, A & B. He has lined up a telephone calling service. Who to call. Who has keys and all pertinent information. Four pages in all.

Lodge now has that lived-in feeling. It was reported that we have now caught our first mouse.

IF YOU WANT to stop smoking, chew baby teething rings; it's becoming quite the fad.

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\* Our sympathies are extended to \*  
\* Clarence and Dorothy \*  
\* Scherer in the recent death \*  
\* to Clarence of his brother and \*  
\* to Dorothy in the death of her \*  
\* father. \*  
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CARLSON, Dale & June have a new boarder, too. His name is Martindale.

HARRIS, Ray and Betty had a new caller came to visit and decided to stay. Name? Jeffery.

LYONS, Doris is walking again and is able to be back at work.

BALL, Mildred has had a seige in the hospital, but is considerable improved. Somebody has to keep the hospitals going, Mildred.

WELCOME to new members:

Edward Trione, 3025 Firwood Place,  
David Trione, Corvallis  
Hope to see you often, Ed and David.

COFFEE BANDS Are you still saving them? When Thelma gets back from the Islands she will want them. And Betty Crocker's.

#### CHASE GARDENS

January 27th. Left Park Block at 1:30 p.m. arriving at the Chase Green Houses around 2 o'clock where we were met by Wayne Bailey, who gave a short history of the Chase Gardens. Went thru the Rose Green House, then to Gardenias, then the lovely Orchids where quite a few pictures were taken. Later to the potting plant and on to the shipping rooms. Those making the tour were:

Mac McWilliams, Ted and Mary Jo Johannis Douglas, Amy Lou, David and Susan Spencer Tina Rubenstein, Gudvere Wagnel, Gene, Virginia, Martha, Dale and Mark Sebring, Mr and Mrs Drake, Ray Sims, Dorothy Towlerton, Mr and Mrs G.M. Wright, Mr. Nad, Mrs Carol Miner, Mr and Mrs Myers and four children, Margaret Markley, Bill & Erolina Martyn and 2 children, Betty Boeshans, Arthur Herron, Mary and Bailey Castelleo, Ruth Marble, Tanya Marble, Delbert Blatler, Jim Freedenburg, Hazel Calef, Mr and Mrs David Lent, Mrs Hornstra, Catherine Dunlop, Beverly Ebling, Magie Paine, Glen and Florence Sims.

Nellie McWilliams had been asked to lead the trip and had made plans to do so but due to an accident she was unable to take the trip so Mac took over for her.

PASCHELKE'S ROCK COLLECTION TRIP

Fifteen hardy souls braved the weather Sunday, Feb. 3, and showed up full of enthusiasm at the Park Block for the trip of the day. The party left in cars for Leo's home at Marcola at 8:15 a.m. Leo met us as we arrived and took us for a tour of his most impressive rock collection, which was placed in various parts of his garden, were specimens of barite, lava bombs, petrified wood, agates and many others too numerous to mention, (also I cannot nearly remember all the different names). Some of these specimens were very large and Leo told us of the work involved in transporting them to his home. After viewing his indoor collection, we proceeded on our hike. As we walked thru Wendling, Leo pointed out many points of interest in this now abandoned town. Remnants of the past were still visible, altho the houses, stores, and mill are no more. We saw the location of the community hall (now Moose Hall in Springfield) where Leo told us of the rip-snorting dances held on a Saturday night. As we walked along the road we found many interesting rock specimens, easy to find because of the washing by the down pour of rains. The rain stopped just about time for lunch and Leo showed us how to make a fire using pitch from an old dead log. After lunch we started up the road once again and Leo pointed out a mine across the Mohawk where some miner has prospected years ago. After viewing the site of the Boy Scout Encampments, we headed back to our cars and on to Leo's house. Leo wanted us to see his private picnic grounds and swimming hole and has offered the Obsidians use of these facilities any time. We also saw Leo's own rock quarry and the slabs of rock he splits and sells commercially. Some of this rock is being used in the construction of the new Citizens Bank at Springfield. Thanking our host for a most enjoyable day, we left for Eugene, so glad we braved the rain and really looking forward to that nice warm shower bath. On the trip were Margaret Markley, David Meyer and Mrs. Meyer (graduate students of U of O from Ohio and both interested in the Obsidians) Susan Wilkins (under 12), Art Johnson, Mary Jo, Ted, Rhonda Johannis, John Refsnider, Ardis Hacker from Ohio and works at "Y", Ken Lodewick, Barbara, Bob and Stan Hasek and Leo Paschelke. Leaders were Leo and Stan.

SPENCER BUTTE January 13 led by Henry Jeppesen left Eugene at 1:35 p.m. and drove out to the Butte. In due time every one reached the top. However in moving over the ground at the lower elevation we had to go thru a lot of limbs and tree tops and such. There seems to be considerable logging going on. Anyway they are making a terrible mess out of this part of the Park. The weather was partly overcast. However on the west side of the Butte it was fairly pleasant going up. The ground had not thawed out yet, so walking wasn't slippery. The view over the country was hazy and smokey. By 4:15 we left and went back to town. Names of those on the trip: Henry Jeppesen, Anna Jeppesen, Robin Brant Helen Weiser, Mary Castellloe, Greg Prior Ken Lodewick, Helen Smith, Ted, Mary Jo, Rhonda Johannis, John Refsnider, La Della and Pat Garber.

ANOTHER John Day River trip will leave Eugene June 1st. Put in at Clarno and leave the river at Cottonwood Bridge. Bob Medill is leader of this one and anyone who would like to go along must have their own boats and equipment and do their own cooking.

TREES TREES TREES

We now have planted at the Lodge almost any kind of evergreen tree one could want Redwood, Sugar Pine, Knobby Pine, Digger Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Yellow Pine, (Gosh! no Lodge Pole) True Fir, Nobel Fir, Cedar and a Myrtle tree.

THE NICEST WAY to drop out of the Obsidians is to send in your resignation. Just a note in an envelope is all that is necessary and it will keep you in good standing if you ever want to come back in. It also would save a lot of work on some people who are already overworked. But the best way is to send in your dues if you haven't done so. Send them to Mary Jo Johannis, 3524 High St. Eugene, Ore.

ALOHA! ALOHA!

Off for a two weeks visit to those glorious Hawaiian Islands with Ray Cavagnaro for a guide and host went Obsidians: Helen Weiser, Thelma Watson, Kay Faye, Dorothy Scherer, Donn and Jean Chase.

While they are basqueing in the ocean waves and warm sunshine, we will be envying you the rest, suntans and fun you are having.

LATEST NAMES TO GO ON CHAIRS: Nellie & Mac McWilliams and Dorothy Towlerton.

COBURG HILLS (South of Brownsville)

Jan. 20th, '56 (note '56) Obsidians and friends took advantage of a very beautiful January day to take an enjoyable hike into what we consider the Northern Coburg hills. Left Eugene at 12:10 and proceeded to Coburg school, then on to the Diamond Hill road, then east until we hit the Gap road. We then went north to Branch road 1200 which has a sign saying Bear Valley which I believe to be wrongly named. We went up a gravel road for about a mile, then the gravel gave out and it became very muddy. We then swung back to the northeast up a draw which led up to what I think was Goat Rock. The group split and Mark McLaughlin, as leader, led about half onto the summit where Jefferson, Washington, and Jack were seen. The low altitude group of 19 ate and rested then took a more direct route down. All returned safely to their cars. Mac McWilliams returned the way we had come to make sure that no one was left behind. Mark Castelloe was rear guard. Permission was obtained from Elvin Northern who lives about 2 miles east of Brownsville. His phone No. is 4665532. Possibility for another trip just east of his house, (a trail leads to Scott Mt. Lookout on Bald Peter 2136 ft.) Those on this trip were:

Gene, Virginia, Dale, Mark and Martha Sebring, Catherine Dunlop, Mark McLaughlin, Betty Lynch, Mark Carter, Deloris & Lew Madsen, Betty Boeshans, Nellie and Mac McWilliams, Gudrun Waugnall, Jack Nitzel Carrol and Helen Miner, Dorothy Towlerton Margaret Markley, Ken Lodewick, Robin Brant, David Lynch, Margaret Wiese, Mary and Bailey Castelloe, Catherine Jones, Dr McCormack, Helen Smith, Barbara & Stan Hasek, Bob Hasek, Don, Gary and Wayne Hunter, Rhonda Johannis, John Refsnider, Mike McCloskey, Kenny King, Milton Steinhauer, Lavella and Pat Garber, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Blundon and 2 children and Joe & Bert Richards and 2 children, Jon & Mary Joseph & 3 Children & Frances Freedenburg

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS part 3

from the beginning

by Ray Sims

The two committees, constitution and membership, met favorably at the meeting Nov. 3, and formed a club known as The Eugene Outdoor Club, but left the Charter Membership open to include the next meeting Nov. 17, 1927, when election of officers would take place.

At the Nov. 17th meeting it was decided to have monthly board meetings. The first board meeting resulted in the following: John F. Bovard, Pres.; Henry Howard, Vice Pres., Emma Waterman, Secy., Frank Jenkins Treasurer, J. Ed. Turnbull, Outing Chairman, Marion McClain, Local Walks Chm. Mozell Hair, Historian, Sid C. Jenkins, Publications, Rodney Roach, Membership, Mrs Harry B. Yocom, Entertainment, but was outside of the board. The Charter members were: Elmer Adams, Kathryn Agee, Clifford Baird, Carl Baker, Frances Baker, Jack Benefiel, Glen Bessonette, Edward Best, Frank R. Bouck, John F. Bovard, Lee Bown, Dr. V.L. Brooks, Percy W. Brown, Irvin D. Custer, B. Dot Dotson, Tom J. Flippin, Jr., Prince J. Glaze, Mozelle Hair, Henry S. Howard, Earl O. Immel, Frank Jenkins, Sidney C. Jenkins, Lyle T. Kelling, Sidney A. King, Nelson F. McDuff, Ralph W. Martin, Elmer H. Maxey, Marion F. McClain, Dr. Fred Miller, Mr & Mrs Earl L. Neet, Florence P. Ogden, Dr Wilmuth Osborn, Wayne A Reid, Raymond L. Sims, Edward M. Thurston Ernestine Troemel, J. Ed. Turnbull, Emma Waterman, Don M. Woods, Reuben C. Young, Catherine W. and Harry B. Yocom.

A schedule of trips was drawn up by the Local Walks committee and trips were made every other week. These proved very fascinating and an average of 20 people made each trip. One of the very first trips was on the afternoon of Dec. 4, 1927 to "The Braes", where KVAL is now located.

An all day trip was made to Castle Rock with 37 in the party led by Prince Glaze.

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