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Season's Greetings

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CHRISTMAS TREE TRIP

There will be such a trip and it will be Sunday, December 20th. For further details call Mac McWilliams - 345-1422 Also watch your Register-Guard for more

PRINCESS DOIN'S

Next meeting will be at the home of Jane Hilt, Princess Silver Birch. Dorothy Hasek and Florence Fulton will act as co-hostesses. At this meeting the annual Christmas gift exchange will take place with a one dollar limit placed on each gift.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

There will be a meeting of all Search and Rescue personnel on Tuesday night at 8 p.m. Dr Moffit will speak on first aid and Bill Byrd on rescue technique.

It would be good if we could meet each other so please try to keep this evening open.

The Lodge is situated at 2250 East 29th. To get there go east on 24th to Columbia. South to 27th. East on 27th to Spring Blvd. Then go South on Spring to 29th. Turn East here and see the Obsidian sign.

PORCH FUND

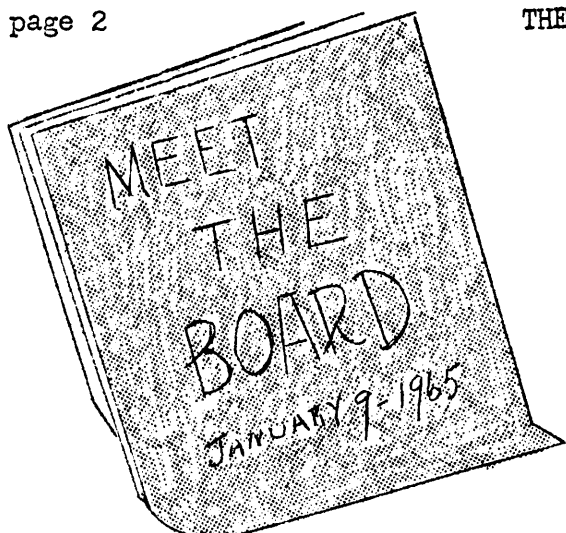
It gives us great pleasure to announce that, with several more contributions, the porch fund deficit has been cut down until only \$50.70 remains to be raised.



OBSIDIANS NEW YEARS PARTY

Our big annual New Years party will be held at the Lodge Thursday, December 31st starting at 8 p.m. There will be games and interesting movies, dancing and a general good time is on the agenda. And don't forget the Liars contest. Be Prepared. Also bring any noise makers you can make, steal or borrow or buy. LADIES: If you want to come under this classification bring sandwiches or cookies. Punch and coffee will be furnished.

January 1st at 2 p.m. we will have our annual New Years dinner for all who will be able to get up the hill to the Lodge. Meat for dinner will be furnished with the cost being prorated, and the women are to bring a vegetable or salad or dessert dish Sign-up at Sterling Behnke's shoe store or call Helen Weiser -345-1234, or Nellie McWilliams-345-1422 for reservations at the New Years dinner not later than December 29th. This so the committee will know how much dinner to prepare.



The 1965 Obsidian President, Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen will be formally presented at a reception at 7:30 P.M. Saturday, January 9th at the Obsidian Lodge.

All members are encouraged to attend to meet the Board members and learn their plans and goals for the year. It will be an excellent opportunity to voice your own opinion that may help their work. Constructive criticism will be welcomed and an opportunity to submit written questions will be provided. You will meet a hard working group of people who are serving their club this year. This reception is in their honor, and is being held so that members may give the Board valuable suggestions and ideas.

NOVEMBER 26th AT THE LODGE

Thirty three Obsidians and friends sat down to a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner at beautifully decorated tables after expressing their grateful thanks in song. Six tables were arranged as one so that all could gather around it. Candle light and silver and autumn decorations graced the white tablecloths. The buffet table was also gracefully decked. All this was done by Myrtle Smith, Gerry Fehly, Ray Cavagnaro, Paula Vehrs and Nellie and Mac McWilliams. Selma Vangsnes and Ray Cavagnaro cooked the hugh turkeys, accompanied by dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, etc. Other Holiday foods were brought by diners. We hereby express our appreciation to Selma and Ray and committee for this lovely party and hope it will become an Obsidian tradition.

After dinner, and with everything cleared away, several remained to sit around the fireplace and enjoy the beautiful fire and spin yarns and jokes.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

Norman Hasek is attending Oregon State University up to his neck in General Science. His interests at the present time are in oceanography. He also is playing in the orchestra there.

BETTY CROCKER sometimes come in big bunches but the biggest bunch so far came from Inez Tolmie of Seattle when she sent in about 75 at one time. Inez is a daughter of Mary M.

Dr. John Bascom

Named to a two year term on the executive committee of the Lane County Medical Society.

OPEN HOUSE

Kenneth and Robin Lodewick will hold open house January 3 from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. They have just completed the remodeling of their home and are justly proud of their new home. Congratulations to the Lodewicks.

GARY KIRK

And family will soon be living in Eugene. They have sold their home in Roseburg and their new address in Eugene will be 1901 Jackson. Gary is employed by the R-G.

JIM SIMS

Is attending Portland State College in Portland. Just can't keep Jim out of School.

KEITH BRUNIG

Is back at work after his stay in the hospital and feeling much better. In fact he is helping put out this issue of the Bulletin.

DOROTHY TOWLERTON

Was on TV. She represented the Princesses in putting the Maltese Project before the



HAWAIIAN SUN & FUN TOUR

Not the hips
Ray Cavagnaro is again leading a trip to the Hawaiian Islands. Leaving April 18th for two weeks. The tour will be to four of the islands, and event filled. Ray has all the information in print and Obsidians are especially welcome.

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SADDLE BLANKET MOUNTAIN Nov. 8

Saddle Blanket greeted the five hikers

An especially high look-out tower atop Saddle Blanket greeted the five hikers sauntering along the trail from Little Blanket Shelter to the Saddle Blanket Look out. Climbing the tower seemed challenge enough in itself even tho heavy clouds and fog obscured the superb mountain and lake view visible here on clear days.

The early return to Little Blanket Shelter found no one in the mood to come home, so we drove back one mile to a junction where the road skirts the mountain. A "road Closed" sign just had to be investigated and a short walk brot us to an area where some extensive excavation of gravel had loosened everything. Hugh cracks along the edges of the road betrayed this undermining, and sunken roadbed, about to slide in to the canyon, left no doubt about the sign. Walking seemed safe enough, however, so we picked our way carefully, peeking into the large cracks. Past this danger spot we found the road as good as before and discovered small mountain streams from time to time, quite a display of the coral fungi and even a few late flowers. We were sorry indeed, to find ourselves running out of time, especially since the clouds lifted briefly as we retraced our steps, giving a delightful view of the surrounding mountains. I couldn't help humming the tune: "I don't mind walking in the rain, If I'm walking in the rain...with you"....

Spectacular fall colors enroute were an inspiration in spite of the scattered showers, so we enjoyed a refreshing day. One car took Lois and John Schreiner, Joe Harry, Ruby Smith and Dorothy Towler, Ldr. MINK LAKE AND PACKSADDLE MTN. July 4-5

Drove up the South Fork of the McKenzie and in on the Crossing Way road to the Crossing Way trail. Hiked 1½ miles to the McBee trail then turned north--hiked on the McBee trail to Elk Creek Trail--turn east to Starwano trail and Packsaddle Mtn. trail junction. Went north on Starwano trail a very short distance to Packsaddle creek and Starwano camp. Camped here Sat. night. Distance hiked 6 miles. Some of the party hiked 1½ miles into Mink Lake to fish Sat. night and some went in Sunday morning. Others climbed to the top of Pack Saddle Mtn. Sun. 4 of the party left Sunday afternoon and hiked out the Elk Creek trail--a distance of 5 miles to the cars. 2 cars had been left at the end of the Elk Creek trail Sat. morning. Three of the party hiked to the top of Packsaddle, then down, and
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We're happy to hear Smith Mountjoy is home

cross-country to Mink Lake and back to camp. (Helen Hughes, Margaret Weise, Helen Smith). The McManigal family climbed to the top of Packsaddle and back to camp by the trail. All went out Monday by Starwano Way to the McBee trail then to Elk creek trail and back to the car. Margaret and Lenore were driven to their cars on the Crossing Way road. It was a very good trip, Nice weather, interesting country and a party of 14. Would recommend it as a good repeat trip for early in the season. Snow patches were around with lots of water but very few mosquitoes. On the trip were: Margaret Weise, Helen Hughes, Wilma McBee, Frank Moore, Rick Craven, The McManigal family John, Lenore, Richard, Rex and Steven, Margaret Murray, Myron Moraz and another young man with Frank Moore, (I lost my original report and sign-up sheet) Helen Smith, Leader.

DUES REMINDER

Obsidians are very lenient about the payment of dues, but dues are just as necessary to us as to any other organization.

Mazama Lodge requires dues to be paid on or before November 30th. After December 1st with them you are delinquent and must add on a 50¢ delinquent fee. If a resignation in writing is not received by their Board at their first meeting in January you are dropped. According to our constitution we must carry you for 15 months. Please send in your dues to Mary Jo Johannis, 3524 High. THE FOREST SERVICE

Sends us the latest maps of the Cascade Crest Trail in Washington. It is in eight sections and lists all the camp spots and the distance between and all the points of interest and in some cases a bit of the history of the area. They also give the distance from the Canadian Border and the Columbia River to each point on the map.

New to the Editor is National Grasslands but we have a map from the Forest Service of the Crooked River National Grasslands, as well as a map of the Ochoco National Forest and one of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. All the above is up at the Lodge.

WILDLIFE ON PUBLIC LANDS

Is a book put out by the Bureau of Land Management and it does not pertain to two wheeled hot-rodders, beer drinking parties nor to night life parties, but tells about wild animal life. The book is full of pictures too, and to get a copy all you have to do is send 35¢ to---

Bureau of Land Management,
Supt. of Documents, Gov. Printing Office,
Washington, D.C.

and ask for "Wildlife on Public Lands". --
We're happy to hear Smith Mountjoy is home from hospital--we send our Best Wishes.

BOARD MEETING

Bills allowed; EWEB \$20.00. Postage \$12. Membership chairman, Mary Jo Johannis, Mishlers Bulletin supplies \$29.45. Cresseys lists 63 seniors and 12 juniors who have \$4.43. Our auditor, Clarence Scherer, for not sent in their dues. Quite a discussion this year has completed auditing the books took place on how best to meet this annual for this last year and reports books have been kept in excellent shape and also up names of those who are delinquent, but this to now the Lodge is solvent. was tabled until next meeting.

The endowment fund came up for much discussion. A lot of work has gone into this and an outline of what we need has been drawn up by Douglas Spencer. This was sent back to Doug for some more explanations. Purpose of creating an endowment fund is mostly due to the fact that two people in their wills have left some monies to such a fund, this to be used in furthering the work of the Lodge and other purposes.

Entertainment Chairman, Ray Cavagnaro, told us, that because of an apparent lack of interest, there would be no Christmas Party this year. And because of no Christmas party they would concentrate on making a humdinger of a New Years party. So as to Building, Mac McWilliams reports that the building of cabinets upstairs is in the planning stage as well as placing bumpers at the lower edge of the parking lot. Mac also talked about plans for the creation of another road leading into the parking lot giving us two roads and making them one way. Conservation Chairman, Don Hunter took exception to this and said that the conservation committee would do everything possible to stop such desecration of this area of unspoiled wilderness. Mac would also like to know of all those that have keys to the Gate and Lodge report same to him. Call 345-1422.

To eliminate confusion over when the next potlucks & paffy will be held the Committee decided to have this on the Last Saturday of Each Month. So--Remember--the Last Sat.

Outing: Frank Moore reports that his committee has narrowed the site of next years outing site to the three western states. Hopes to be able to announce the location at the New Years Party. Selma will be in charge of overeating and indigestion.

Trips: Rex Stevens could not attend the meeting, being out of town so we have no trips to get in this Bulletin, so watch the Register-Guard for same. However there is to be a Christmas Tree trip. See front page. Several new types of trips were discussed at the meeting. Also possible cross country ski trips. A coast beach agate hunting and trips for rock-hounds. If you can lead a ski trip or a rock hunting trip call Rex and let him know.

Two new members were taken in, both Jrs. Richard Scherer and Robert Scherer of Springfield.

SEARCH & RESCUE: Derald Humber has lined up quite a formidable organization, with the help of Mark McLaughlin, Jim Jeppeson, Gary Kirk and Tom Bauman. Gary has a call list of 22 members and is set up to work thru the Lane County Sheriff. He also has the services of a doctor and has contacted the army headquarters in Portland for the use of helicopters if necessary. Any of you who have never had a ride in a helicopter and wish to do so all you have to do is to go up in the mountains in an impossible place and fall off a cliff. However, a warning. Gary did not say whether he, or the army would be handling the machine.

HUCKLEBERRY LAKE AND "THE ISLAND" Oct. 4th

The group left the city park block at 8 a.m. The day was clear and cold. Fall Colors on the McKenzie were lovely. We missed connection with one car at Huckleberry Lake but all finally got together for a climb of Huckleberry Butte. After lunch we descended to cross the lava flow to "The Island". The going was slow for some for there was no trail here, but all made it without injury. We walked north to the frozen lava cascade, some explored the cone and some the rim. Following the lava flow to the old stock trail, we returned to Huckleberry Lake to meet Mildred Ball who had spent the day gathering cones. It was a pleasure to have with us Hans and Ilse Spielman who had left Germany only a month before. Hans is a graduate assistant in geography at the University. Obsidians on the trip: Mildred Ball, Keith Brunig, Evelyn and Herbert McCornack, Helen Smith, Dorothy Towlerton, Paula Vehrs, Thelma Watson and Helen Weiser. Non-members were: Vernon Cox Bill Dallormore, Viola Gordon, Hansi Sachse, Wanda Pearce, Hans and Ilse Spielman, Margaret Markley, Leader.

SOME RECORD

Obsidians continued their record or accident free climbing again this year by leading a total of 312 people to the summits of all the major mountains of Oregon and Adams and St Helens in Washington and Shasta down south in California.

OBSIDIAN CHIEFS RE-UNION and 5 new Chiefs by Ray Sims

There were forty Chiefs and initiates who sat down to a typical Chiefs dinner at 6:30 on Saturday, Nov. 14th at the Obsidian Lodge to begin the second re-union of the Chiefs organization dateing back to 1928.

At the dinner, Smoketurner welcomed the gathering and then had Horsefeathers, in his own way, tell something of each of the 24 who have preceded us to the "Happy Hunting Grounds" from Hooey--Hooey to Apple Knocker. And the dave Faville told of a number of experiences in recent years.

Of the 125 cards sent, it was gratifying to hear from Don Woods from San Jose, Walt Banks of Fresno, John Scott of the Mazamas Jim Richardson of Anchorage, Alaska, Lloyd Gust, Sid King, Dick Ordway and Don Umphery of Portland and Allan Lindley of Oswego and many others.

And for those who came, besides Dave, Roy Whytal of Coos Bay, Russ Harrison of Albany Tony Vogel of Tumalo and Irv Custer, Bill Beaman and Merle Bailey of Salem were some of the out-of-towners.

With the initiation slightly "stream lined" the 5 who finally gained their Chief names are Brian Gannon (Bone Digger) Norman Hasek (Chow Packer) Gary Kirk (Feather Hat) Ed Lovegren (Royal Bull) Bill Martyn (Top Rock).

While sipping cider and eating donuts at a very early hour after the initiation, the 40 Chiefs "in very good voice" sang the Obsidian song to the writer, Dave Faville, (it should have been recorded) and then Dave sang one of his favorites. This was a very good climax to an evening that we will not soon forget. I would like to thank each of the Chiefs for his part in making this another successful reunion of good fellowship.

A dozen Chiefs stayed the remainder of the night, in their sleeping bags and were joined for a 9 o'clock breakfast by Cliff Stalsberg (Spreadeagle) Bailey Castelloe (Broken Top) and Joe Heidenreich (Nut Cracker)

Then at 2 p.m. Sunday, the Lodge was again filled with 47 to another traditional pot luck dinner at which time the Obsidians new President, Bill Martyn, was introduced and who in turn introduced his wife Erolin sen Scott and daughter Elaine. A number of guests were introduced and with this fine dinner, using the new tablecloths for the first time, another Chiefs weekend closed.

Attending the re-union: Bob Ashworth, Merle Bailey, Bill Beaman, Sterling Behnke, Earl Britton, Bailey Castelloe, Irvine Custer, Dot Dotson, Dave Faville, Brian Gannon, Norman Hasek, Stanley Hasek, Joe Heidenreich

Don Hunter, Henry Jeppesen, Jim Jeppesen, Art Johnson, Gary Kirk, Henry Korn, Milton Koupal, Ed Lovegren, Alvin Lynch, William Martyn, Mark McLaughlin, Mac McWilliams, Bob Medill, Frank Moore, Bob Northrop, Dr. Henry Norton, Karl Onthank, Gene Pearson, Lloyd Plaisted, Clarence Scherer, Gene Sebring, Glen Sims, Ray Sims, Tony Vogel, Roy Whytal, Bob Wilson, Russ Harrison, and Marriner Orum.

NORTH AND MIDDLE SISTER Sept. 9

Everyone met at Scott Camp Sat. afternoon and camped there for the night. At 4 a.m. Sun. morning we left camp and climbed to Collier Glacier by sunrise. We traversed diagonally upwards on the scree slope of the south ridge in order to avoid rock fall. The western snow field required a total of 14 steps to be cut and a 300 foot hand line. A handline was also used in the chute. The first of our party reached the summit at 8:45 and the last ones arrived at 9:30 a.m. We began descending at 10:00 and reached the glacier at 11:30. The south ridge scree slope was descended by spreading out in a horizontal line and walking down next to each other. In this manner injury from rock fall was avoided.

We split up on the glacier and Tom led half of the group up the Middle Sister while I descended to camp with those who didn't wish to climb the Middle Sister. The summit of the Middle was gained at 2 p.m. and all the climbers were back at camp by 4:30 p.m. Everyone hiked out Sun. afternoon.

Those climbing the North only were: Bill and Scott Martyn, Chapin Clark, Armin Wehrle Ingrid Wehrle, Rex and Brad Stevens and Bob Bauman, leader. Those climbing both the North and Middle: Derald Himber, Cal Crawford, Ron Meskiman, Ed Lovegren, Chet and Bob Bauman, asst. leader. Gary Kirk joined the party on Collier Glacier and also went up the Middle.

SEEN IN A LAUNDRYMAT

This does not pertain to anything even remotely connected with any of our activities, but the Editor thinks interesting.

This laundrymat, as all others do, has a place on the wall to hang garments left by users. This consists mostly of socks and on this particular board there were perhaps two dozen socks. The day was very wet and two boys about 7 or 8 came in, looked the socks over, picked out a pair each and took off thier wet and dirty socks, put on the dry clean ones, left theirs in the corner and walked out. The socks they took did not match, but who cared. Not the boys.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

In this 1931 Green Lakes summer camp, both ridges of Broken Top were climbed, as well as the North, Middle and South Sisters. Dot Dotson led a group of 19 to the top of the Southern Ridge of Broken Top and the party did not realize how high the top really was, and did not take a lunch. The party did not arrive back in camp until 6:30, so the climb was dubbed "Dots two-day climb".

Because of the long distance to the North Sister, the party of 11, led by Ray Sims, took three days to make the trip. After the climb, Ted Easton, Viva Green, Maga Sorensen and George Corey climbed the Middle Sister, so as to make the girls eligible to become Princesses, and in return, were forced to sleep out an extra night, darkness overtaking them. The remainder of the party stayed another night at Soap Creek on the east side, because their horses used in packing, had broken their hobbles and returned to Sisters.

Back in camp, Ted Easton led the climb of the Middle Sister, and besides the usual campers, the party was honored with the presence of Judge Robert Sawyer and his daughter, Grace, of Bend and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Conway of the Mazamas. Also in camp for the two weeks were Eugene (Daddy) Coursen and Judge Tomlinson of the Mazamas, who climbed the South Sister on one of Ed Turnbull's South Sister climbs.

A number of beautiful paintings of the mountains and lakes were made by Cy Fulton of Eugene and a collection of botanical specimens were made by Dr. L. F. Henderson of the University, assisted by Ted Easton, Dr. Wulzen and Dr. Bahrs.

Green Lakes, of which there are three, proved to be an excellent play-ground and even to Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Stalsberg who spent their "honey-moon" in camp.

MAN. IS HE SO SMART?

He never created one speck of dust, one grain of sand, one tree, one drop of water, one flower or one blade of grass. Neither has he created one breath of air.

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A NEW SYSTEM OF CHARGES FOR USE OF NATIONAL FORESTS AND PARKS

Campers, Picnickers and even sight-seers may face new fee charges in National Park and Forests next year. A new Federal land and water conservation law will go into effect January 1 authorizing the levying of special admission and user fees in Federal areas to be designated by the President.

Speculation has it that a \$5 sticker may be issued good in all National Parks and Forests. There may be additional charges for camping and picnicking.

No National Park or Forest Officials are willing to speculate on what, or how, the system will work. The details are still to be worked out.

The new fee system, which met no opposition in Congress, is expected to bring in about \$65 million a year and the money will be used to finance federal and state recreation developments.

WILLAMETTE SKI PATROL

January 14th will present Hans Gmoser and his movies of mountain climbing and skiing in Canada at the South Eugene High School. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50¢ for under 12. Don Hunter will be the projectionist.

