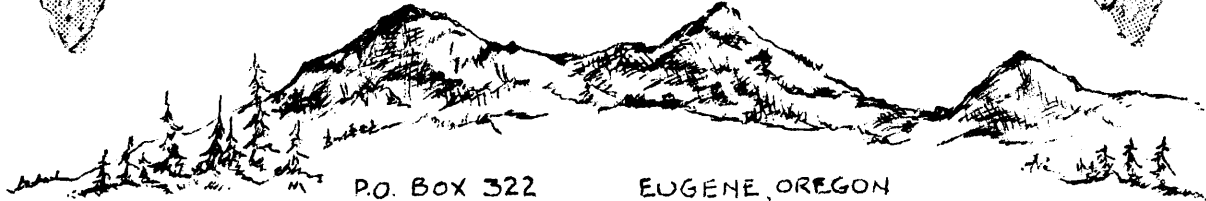




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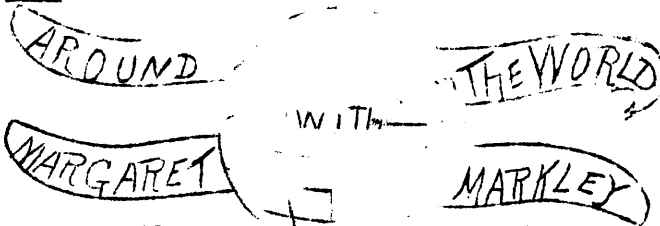
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Saturday

Margaret will take us on a picture trip of her recent globe circling tour. You will hear about the far-away places Margaret visited in her always interesting manner. A display of souvenirs is also planned.

Our regular Saturday night at the Lodge will be an INTERNATIONAL EVENT. "Markley" your calendar for January 18th.

The 6:30 p.m. potluck will be a special event also. Bring your favorite foreign dish; a casserole, salad or dessert for a real INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR. Saturday-January 18th at the Obsidian Lodge.

January 16, Thursday. Dance night will again be attempted. If you think that you would like to get in on this better do so because if enough interest is not shown these will be dropped. 8 o'clock p.m.

January 27, Monday. This is the regular Obsidian picture night at Friendly House. 8 o'clock p.m.

CHEMEKETANS ANNUAL BANQUET will be held Saturday, January 25, 1964 at the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Chemeketa and Minter Sts. Tickets will be \$2 and reservations must be in not later than January 22. Children under 12 will be 75¢ and the hour is set for 6:30 p. m. A. T. Homer of the Oregon State Game Commission will be the speaker and will show movies. Order your tickets from Kenneth Jennings, 1595 Glen Creek Rd. Salem, Oregon

## GOLD BOND STAMPS

Now that Christmas is out of the way and we are starting a New Year start thinking about your Gold Bond Stamps and validated back covers and send them to Nellie McWilliams.

## CAMP DARK COMES TO LIGHT.

Location? In our own Cascades: in a location that we have never been to before. And rated tops by those that have been. Just about on the divide and just south of Mt Jefferson. Will camp by a clear and cold spring-fed lake called Table Lake. This will be a hike-in pack-in camp, the first we have had in several years. The Camp Committee realizes that some members will not be pleased, while others will be more than pleased. However it was thought a number of years ago that summer camps should be staggered with a drive in one year and a pack in the next. This takes into consideration both kinds of campers. Some of the committee members have been in this area and became quite enthusiastic about its possibilities as a Summer Camp site. This will be from August 2 to August 15th inclusive.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It always gives us pleasure to welcome new members. The following were accepted at the Board meeting:

Dr. John Bascom, 2114 University  
Ruth Bascom, 2114 University  
Janet Trione, Jr. Corvallis  
Susan Scherer, Jr. Springfield  
Joel McClure, 2510 Cresta de Ruta

OBSIDIAN faces seen attending the geology lecture series at the University at the first class were the following:

Keith and Bessie Brunig.....Lila Smith  
Gene and Virginia Sebring.....  
Dorothy Towler.....Erolene Martyn  
Mary Kaneen.....Bob Medill  
Gale Burwell.....Bob Dark  
Doris Lyon.....Helen Weiser  
Mary Jo Johannis.....Margaret Wiese  
Lorene Bressler.....

January 19. Richardson's Butte - Mac will be Leader. This is the only trip scheduled so far.

CLIMBERS GUIDES to Oregon Mountains put out in 3 booklets by the Mazamas have all been donated to the Club for interested members. Don't take away from the Lodge.

PRINCESS KALMIA tied with a double bow-line to Leland D. Sands, Dec. 31, 1963 at the Roseburg Methodist Church. Their address will be Tokatee Ranger Station, Idleyld Park, Oregon. They were married on the 25th anniversary of Princess Kalmia's parents, Harry and Lois Wesley. On the way out to the cars after the wedding it was difficult to tell which car belonged to the bride and groom and which one belonged to the brides parents, both being greatly decorated. The only distinction being the bride and groom's car had tin cans tied to it. Lee, as he is known to his friends, is employed in the Forest Service. What a natural setting for an Obsidian Princess.

BACKPACKERS--here are some more names and addresses of out-of-town sources for good equipment. Catalogs from these companies were found at the Lodge.

Gerry  
Ward, Colorado

Morsan Tents  
810 Route 17  
Paramus, N.J

Morsan's catalog has some excellent looking tents and some new ideas for supporting them.

Highland Outfitters, P.O. Box 12  
Riverside, California

This firm carries the Good Companion line of tents from Black's of Scotland--an old firm which makes some very fine tents.

Eddie Bauer, Inc., Seattle 4, Washington. Has very good down sleeping bags and clothing.

Ed Trione of Corvallis sent us the name and address of a firm which packs dehydrated fruits and vegetables in case lots. We may be able to make use of this information for summer camp. Several people might go together and buy some of these foods then repackage them.

Vacu-Dry Company, P.O. Box 8277  
Emeryville 8, Calif. Att. Mr. Barber.

POLYCEL HEAT SEAL BAGS can be purchased from Trailwise for packaging dried foods in smaller servings and then marked by writing on Scotch Magic Tape which will stick to the Polycel. This is an excellent method for repackaging any dried food as well as packaged mixes.

Here is a tip for the cleaning of pots & pans--S.O.Ettes--steel wool saturated with soap and backed with a piece of sponge. Could be cut in two and  $\frac{1}{2}$  piece would last a day. Very small and lite. By the way, do you know how to soap your pans before putting them on the fire to keep the black from sticking? Here is how it's

done. Work up a good lather on your hands with soap and water then spread this over the sides and bottom of your pans. This is also a good way to clean your hands before starting to prepare your meal.

ED. TRIONE would like to have the address of the Mountain Sports catalog which was mentioned in the December Bulletin. Were unable to find it at the Lodge. If you have it would you please send him the information. 3025 Firwood Place, Corvallis.

Helen Smith

THE CHIEFS have decided to take on a project at the Lodge. They're getting their dander raised because of the various projects the Princesses have undertaken and have decided to do something about it. So they are going to undertake to promote a campaign to raise money to build a porch 8-feet wide across the east side of the Lodge and a 4-foot walk along the north end and a cement setp from the parking lot up to the porch. More will be given on this in later issues of the bulletin. Something will be worked out whereby all donors may have their names inscribed in the cement and if any of you are up at the Lodge at concrete pouring time and if you want to have an imprint of your bare foot left you may do so.

LITTERBUGGING along the Nations Highways is costing us an estimated hundred million dollars a year. Costs run from \$14 per mile to \$300 per mile. We don't mind the \$100,000,000 too much, but we are not getting anything for it. Just cleaning up the trash that should not have been there in the first place. But to think of what \$100,000,000 would build for all of us and we are not getting is what hurts.

ABANDONED at the Lodge.

1 Jacket-Pacific Sportswear - Brown knit cuffs and collar-fleece lined. 30¢ in pocket.

1 Jacket-Blue denim-red lined.

1 Jacket-Blue knit wool.

BOOKS. Literature on the following books has been received by the Club.

Bob Laurie Books, 200 West 58th St.

New York 19

All kinds of books on skiing.

The Shorey Book Store, 815-3rd Ave.

Seattle 4

The Book of American Skiing \$17.50

Olympia Book 1964, P.O.Box 274 Calgary

Alberta

Rupert J. Mrakawa's forth coming book

"IX Olympic Winter Games" to be held at Innsbruck, Austria. Standard \$3.50 Deluxe

\$4.75

PRINCESS DOINGS by Nat Morgan

Nineteen Princesses met for a Christmas Party, Dec. 16 at the home of Natalie Morgan. After a brief business meeting, the rest of the evening was spent in games, refreshments and a gift exchange. Nellie McWilliams, with her famous Rocky Road, was a hit of the evening and she acted as hostess along with Nat. Especially welcomed were Princesses Singing Waters (Blanche Bailey) from Salem and Princess Ollalie (Catherine Dunlop) who almost did not get to the right house, from Portland. Also attending were Olga Mortensen who won the prize for the best want-ad: Ethel glaze, Helen Kilpatrick, Margaret Wiese, Margaret Markley, Thelma Watson, Myrtie Hamlin, Adeline Adams, Frances Newsom, Mary Kaneen, Helen Weiser, Mary Castelloe, Florence Fulton, Florence Sims, and Dorothy Towlerton, (who won the door prize).

The January 20th meeting will be held at the home of Frances Newsom, 708 East 11th at 7:30. a.m. or p.m? Ed.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

All officers present except Bill Martyn who was away on business in Washington. Bills allowed; Mishlers for bulletin supplies \$22.15; EWEB Heat, light and water \$20.75; Postage \$12.00; Willamette Stationers \$21.20.

Treasurers report; \$321.85 received for the month. Balance on hand before above bills allowed \$1338.10.

Letter from the Princesses read asking that the proceeds from the last rummage sale be allocated to the building fund. Same granted.

Entertainment: Jan. 18 will be World Tour with Margaret Markley. Summer Camp Rally May 23rd.

Climbing: Stan Hasek intends to promote besides regular climbing school, lessons in compass and map reading. He has two instructors lined up, one a Forrester of Oakridge and one our own Allan Reid. It is possible classes MAY be held at Lodge.

Outing: Gene made this area sound so entrancing that we all want to go. Remote beautiful and lots of lakes and trails to hike on and cliffs and hills to climb and probably a climb of Jefferson.

Membership: five new members and the usual drop outs at the beginning of the new year. No action taken on the dropouts till next meeting. A serious problem has arisen due to the fact that we are out of arrowhead emblems and we cannot duplicate the old ones. Potter Mfg Co. on River Road where we have had them done in the past no longer does this kind of work and as far as can be ascertained this kind of

processing is no longer done anyplace. Mary Jo given instructions to have some samples made at another place.

Conservation: Don Hunter said that Ruth Onthank is in Olympia, Wash. representing Obsidians at a conservation meeting there and a hearing in Portland. These hearings are scheduled by the Public Lands Subcommittee of the House of Representatives Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Don also mentioned hearings to be held in Denver and possibly in Las Vegas.

Scientific: Margaret Markley said not to judge her by what she has done, but by what she intends to do later on when the weather opens up.

CHRISTMAS TREE TRIP

We were to meet the Forest Service men at Westfir, so we arrived there at 10:15 as prearranged. Were led by the Forest Service to the same area they took us to last year, some 20 or 25 miles east of Westfir. Had beautiful weather, sunny and warm and good roads. Those on the trip: Leader Mac McWilliams and Nellie, Ken and Robin Lodewick, Dorothy Towlerton, Bob Medill, Francis and Alice Dart, Keith Brunig, Ted, Mary Jo and Rhonda Johannis, Bob & Anita Dark, John Refsnider, Helen Weiser, Margaret Markley, Mike Forrester, Bailey and Mary Castelloe, Roger and Mary Ann Lesick, Mike Bray, Lois Fletsher, Marcia Ayers, Thelma Watson, Don Cane and family, Jon, Margaret and Mike Kemp, Fred, Danny, and Barbara Hunsworth, Russel Millard and James, Louise and Martha Berkey, T. Taylor and family.

NORTH SISTER was climbed Monday, Dec. 30 by two Obsidians in company with another young lad. The Obsidians, Tom and Bob Bauman and Floyd Bard going in from Alder Springs made their first night's camp in the lava fields and the second night on Collier Glacier. From there they made the ascent and on return found their camp devastated by wind. Their tent was blown apart and even the metal rods were bent. They reported terrific winds on the mountain both going up and returning.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Is an ad from General Ionics Corp. They have a water purifier they want to sell at \$4.95 with refills good for 6 gallons at \$3.95. These are pocket flasks and one empties a refill into the flask and it is said to clear, deodorize and purify six gallons of water, or up to refilling the flask 48 times. Claim there is no chlorine taste or odor. Recommended by "True" The Mans Magazine, University of Pittsburgh. Their address, 101 Terence Drive, Pittsburgh 36, Pennsylvania, 15236

NEW YEARS PARTY

In spite of competition from parades and Cotton Bowls and Rose Bowls and Tobacco Bowls a good turnout for New Years Eve and New Years day was had. The Master Mind in the background was Ray Cavagnaro. He had Helen Weiser and Nellie McWilliams out front and they sure did a bangup job. They did a really big job and with some others figured out a wonderful evening of games and amusements. John Refsnider and Rhonda Johannis put on the entertainment and from 8 o'clock on there was never a let up. Just before midnight the Liars Contest was on.

Merle and Blanche Bailey came from Salem and Lloyd Flaisted from Roseburg. We also had John Wells and Dr and Mrs Dart and Daughter Ellenore as visitors.

This party was divided into three parts Those who came for New Years eve and the overnigheters and those who came for the New Years day dinner. The overnigheters, 13 in number were Catherine Dunlop, Mac and Nellie McWilliams, Merle and Blanche Bailey, Ray Sims, Helen Weiser, John Wells, Norm and Bob Hasek, Ken King, Paul Griffin, and Helen Smith. More fun was had in preparing breakfast and enjoying each others company, then the start of getting tables set up a nidecorated and dinner started. Baked ham was the Main dish and those of you who did not attend should have been there and watched Bailey Castelloe carve. This was done in a most novel way. After dinner a movie was shown which took us from Reno to the Yosemite Park. Helen Kilpatrick brot Mrs Richardson as guest on New Years day. The orchestra consisting of Mrs Dart and Roxie Waldorf gave us music both evening and day. Or night and day they gave us music. The party which began at 8 o'clock New Years evening finally gave up at five o'clock p.m. New Years day. The first visitors to the Lodge for 1964 were the Berkeys. They came in for the New Years Party just a few minutes after midnight.

LIARS CONTEST WON BY GERRY FEHLY

This was entered by Marle Bailey, Ray Sims, John Wells, John Refsnider and Gerry Fehly. Judges were Jim Stovall, Francis Dart add Hayes Bressler. All the Stories were good which made the judges position a difficult one. There decision was that Gerry had earned the right to possession of the Liars Cup for the coming year and Their decision proved very popular with the crowd. Her story was both unique and well done and well presented.

A DOUBLE BOWLINE KNOT was used to tie Arthur Clayton Herron and Elizabeth Cora Boeshans on belay for the rest of their journey thru life. We hope it will be an easy rappelle the rest of the way out.

TOM BRICHER sends seasons greetings from Montana to all Obsidians. He failed to put a stamp on the envelope so it cost us four cents to get the message.

INA FOSS HEARD FROM AGAIN

Last report shows her down in Brownsville, Texas. She sends greetings to all Obsidians and says that she is thinking about going to Alcapulco, Mexico. What a woman! Glad to hear from you, Ina.

MARGARET WEISE on her way to Omaha to be with her parents and relatives for the Holidays on the U.P's City of Portland when it was involved in the train wreck near Rock Springs, Wyoming. We hope she had her camera.

FLORENCE FULTON has bought a home over at Wecoma Beach. She says she wanted something to worry about and not having any she bought another house so now she can worry about how to support two homes.

THE ONTHANKS

Just got a summary of the activities of Ruth and Karl for this last year. How it is possible for anyone to do all the different things and go to all the different places they have gone and done was a deep puzzle until it was found out that they never sleep. No one could do all they have and get any sleep.

SMITH MOUNTJOY we are sorry to report is in the Veterans Hospital in Portland for surgery.

GARY KIRK our new librarina, is fixing up the various clubs bulletins in folders of different colors and nicely printed on the covers face the name of the club whose bulletins are inside. They do look real nice.

RAY CAVAGNARO

Some people who get sick go to the hospital to get well but not Ray. He leaves the hospital and goes home to get well. After all the planning you did, Ray, for the New Years party it was too bad that you were too sick to come and enjoy it. Hope you get over it in time for the next New Years party.

If you have not paid your dues as of October 1st please due so now and make us all happy. We don't want to lose you.

DR. OLAUS J. MURIE, a tribute  
by Karl W. Onthank.

Dr. Olaus J. Murie, Great "prophet and champion of Wilderness", died at Jackson, Wyoming, October 21. He was well-known to Obsidians as their guest and speaker on several occasions in Eugene, and on their outing a few years ago at Grand Teton National Park. Some will remember his coming from Washington in 1951 to join in a "look-see" trip into the then Three Sisters Primitive Area with several of the top men in the Forest Service. The recommendations of this group probably had much to do with the Forest Service including more of the area in the proposed Wilderness Area than had been originally contemplated.

All who have been Obsidians for very long will recall many occasions when he has spoken in Eugene, generally under their auspices. One year he was guest speaker at their annual banquet. Those who have attended Conventions of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs which he usually did for the Wilderness Society can testify to his wise counsel and inspiring leadership. Don't we recall that he was a guest around the campfire at the Grand Tetons Outing and that he and Mardy welcomed Obsidians to their home in Jackson Hole?

Olaus Murie "personified wilderness in our culture", perhaps because he felt deeply and was able to express what wilderness means to people. He was a founder of the Wilderness Society, long head of its staff, director and its President. He was the recognized leader in wilderness appreciation and preservation. His great service and leadership were many times given recognition, notably by the prized Leopold Medal, the Audubon Society's Audubon Medal Award, and last March by the John Muir Award of the Sierra Club. A professional biologist, he wrote authoritatively of the Caribou, the American Elk, and numerous other volumes and articles. One of his last books, a Field Guide to Animal Tracks, has had a tremendous demand from Boy Scouts to veteran naturalists. The volume Two in the Far North, published recently by his wife "Mardy", a fascinating account of their work together, would be of great interest to all their Obsidian friends. A gifted nature-artist, his illustrations in his own writings and in those of others, as well as his paintings are widely known and admired.

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Obsidians who may wish to contribute to his memory and to the perpetuation of his influence, may send gifts of any size to the Wilderness Society, 2144 "P" Street, Washington, D. C. for the Olaus Murie Endowment for Wilderness and People.

The above sentiments will apply to all of us who knew him. Thank you, Karl.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS were sung at different homes out in the country Monday night the 23. Ray Harris and Betty hurriedly got together a group of Obsidians and 2 truck loaded with straw and went around to the different peoples homes, park in the yard and sing a couple of Christmas carols. At one house the lady asked who we were and on being told, said, "Well, here is a dollar for one of your funds. This has been worth it." Then back to Ray and Betty's for refreshments. A very nice evening.

MEMBERSHIP in our organization can and will become an enviable right. With our property becoming a park in the midst of a city putting members in the enviable position of being members of the organization that owns the property. And the more this property is developed the more enviable our position will become. There is no limit to what we can do if we will get after it. Brush cleared, poison oak eliminated, picnic tables erected and fireplaces built, a nice swim pool and a host of other things can be done to make us the envy of all. You have gone to Skinners Butte Park on a nice Sunday, or a holiday. Also Armitage Park. You have gone to the public swim pools at any time in the summer. Then you can realize what a pleasure it would be to be able to have a nice place of our own and where you knew every one that you had to rub elbows with. Such a thing as limiting membership could very well become a necessity. No other club we know of that is anywhere near our size is in the same position that ours is. Choice four acres and a nice building that is getting better all the time and all paid for. No indebtedness.

#### SOLD OUT

All the chairs have been taken. All 100 of them. The last names to go on them are John Bovard by Mozelle Hair Bob Dark Lorene Bressler..The Club... Anita Dark Alvin Lynch...thanks everyone..Chuck Dark Kay Fahy...for tables & chairs Delyn Dark Thelma Watson, Sterling (Pat) Patterson Bailey Castelleo

Contributions from everyone made this possible

## HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

from the beginning  
by Ray Sims

part 12

The second annual meeting was again held at McMorran & Washburn's auditorium, Oct. 1, 1929, where the constitution was amended to read: "The dues of active members shall be \$2 per year, and the registration fees of \$3 shall accompany such application for membership making a total of \$5 for the first years membership.

Following the business meeting the final ceremonies in the initiation of 8 new Obsidian Chiefs and 2 new Obsidian Princesses were held.

The new directors were: Henry Korn, Ed Turnbull, John Bovard, Dot Dotson, Percy Brown, Florence Ogden, (now Sims), Ethel Glaze, Ray Sims and Elizabeth McMahan. Henry Korn was elected President, as John Bovard had served the club well the first two years and wished to be excused. Dean David Faville was called on to fill Dean Bovards place on the board.

Many exploratory trips were taken and because of the "route" this trip is mentioned. On October 20, 1929, 30 people made the climb of Belknap Crater. Leaving the Obsidian cabin after an overnight stay, the party drove to Craig Monument and started out over the lava beds for the crater. Because of rough going several of the girls dropped behind, to be picked up on the return trip. After a rough trip and climb, most of the party gained the top, thirsty and tired. Mr Witten was carrying a volcanic bomb and as the high wind started to remove his hat, he slapped his hand and the "bomb" to his head and nearly knocked himself unconscious. The party reached the cabins at 3 o'clock ready for their long delayed dinner.

In November the Mazama Club of Portland made plans to place new register boxes on the top of all important mountains of the Coast and asked the Obsidians to co-operate with them and place the boxes on the Three Sisters.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Was attended by about 100 people who came in 30 cars with lots of parking room.. Two tables were loaded down with a rather large selection of eats on the light side and lots of eats were left over. Tables were zig-zagged down the center of the room just to be different and were really decorated nice. A new game, HUMAN BINGO, was played with about as much confusion as tho played for money. The children put on various little plays and sketches that were real good. Tables with the legs folded were stacked up on the floor to create a platform and if you have ever wondered just how strong the tables are will tell you that Mr and Mrs Bascom and their five children stood on one at the same time with no noticable effect to the tables. the Christams Tree, brot down from the hills on our Christmas tree trip, gayly decorated, stood on the fireplace hearth. Candy canes were there for all the children. Among the visitors were Josephine Maillard and two children. She is new in Eugene coming from California. Then there were Capt. Pennoyer, Ret. U. S. Navy and wife and daughter from Coronado, Calif. He is the brother of Mary Castellloe. Bill Martyn's father and mother were there from Idaho. Anita Dark had her mother who is from Coos Bay and Mike Bray was there with his parents. Cindy and Becky Bascom brot their mother and father and their brothers and sisters. Dorothy Towlerton's daughter and son-in-law, Lloyd Myers were there and their children and Lloyd's mother from Montana.

Out of town members were Harry and Lois Wesley from Roseburg and Alvine Amort from Corvallis and Keith Newsom, Seattle.

If we have overlooked any visitors, or members from a distance we are real sorry

Dorothy brot two movies that she ran thru our projector.

ONLY 35<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> days until Christmas. This is 1 more day than we would have if it wasn't for Leap Year. Thank Heaven for that.