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TRIPS

January 17--Mt Baldy. Leader, Helen Smith.

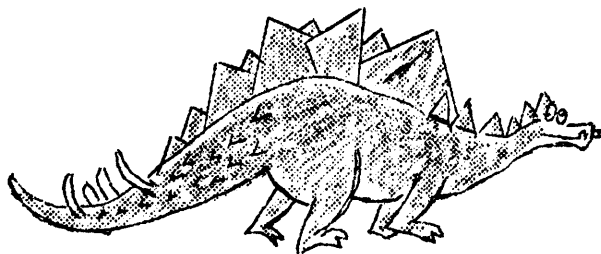
January 24--Ten Mile Creek - Coast Dunes, Clarence Landes will be the leader.

January 31--Spencer Butte. And Kenneth Lodewick will lead.

February 6 or 7--Emerald Butte hike with Margaret Markley.

February 14--Portland Zoo. Away we go to see the monkeys. Mac McWilliams knows where they all are.

ENTERTAINMENT



January 30 - Saturday - Potluck - Kay Fahy presents Mark McLaughlin and his pictures taken while with the University of Oregon's Anthropology Dept.'s trip to Alaska this past year while on an Archeology study.

WILLAMETTE SKI PATROL

January 14 will present Hans Gmoser and his movies of mountain climbing and skiing in Canada. The show will be at the South Eugene High School. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50¢ for under 12. Don Hunter will be projectionist. Advance information on this film indicate that one will be held spellbound by this most exciting film. Among the views presented will be a climb of Snowpatch Spire, rated as one of the most difficult climbs on the North American continent.

DELINQUENTS

This will be the last notice of all who are not paid up. There are still 28 Sr. & # Jrs. who are in arrears and this is the last notice in the Bulletin to you. Remember! It will cost you \$3 to be reinstated unless you send in a written resignation.



PRINCESS DOLL

The Princesses had their Christmas party December 14th at Jane Hilt's home. A very enjoyable time was had by all present. Florence Fulton was in charge of the games with prizes for all the smart winners. The gift exchange was done in a very unique way. Each Princess was given a line of a Christmas poem. The next line was pasted on the gift, and if you were smart enough to know the line, you picked your gift. There were 19 Princesses present.

The Princesses are looking for a home and a Hostess for the next meeting, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. If any Princess would like to host the January meeting, please contact Jane Hilt, 344-8230 or Barbara Hasek, 747-2458. If a hostess cannot be found, the Meeting will be held at the Lodge. Watch the Register-Guard for the place of the meeting, or call Jane or Barbara.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Just off the press is a book by John H. Caldwell, former Olympic skier and ski instructor, giving complete instructions on this type of skiing which is giving stiff competition to down-hill skiing. The book describes this type skiing for the first time skier, downhill skiers converting to this type skiing and for coaches. He shows technique, how to lay a course, describes waxing for either a family outing, or for racing and tells of tricks used by coaches. Hardbound, \$3.50. Paperback, \$1.95. From Stephen Green Press, Brattleboro, Vermont 120 Main street.

MICHAEL McCLOSKEY

Dear Mike. The Obsidians all extend to you their deepest sympathy and to your mother and brother David in the loss to you of James, your brother and son.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERSCHAPIN CLARK - 3565 Knobhill Lane, Eug.WENDY KRAKAUER - 3775 West Hills Road, Corvallis.BETTY SWANK - 1569 Oak st. Eugene.THRU THE VIEWFINDERKARL & RUTH ONTHANK

Some people sure do get around and Karl and Ruth are two of them. They put 20,000 miles on their 1956 Olds this past year. A big part of their traveling was done in the interests of conservation.

MARGARET WIESE

Spent the Holidays in Omaha. Maybe she was seeking a real high spot in the United States to get above water.

PORCH FUND

Please apply enclosed \$5 to the fund. It is a nice porch and well done. and from Ina Foss \$1 leaving \$44.70 bal.

HARRY & DOROTHE EVERT

Obsidians from Prescott, Wisconsin are visiting with Dorothe's brother, Bailey Castelloe and Mary. They came out here to get away from cold weather and snow.

PAUL KEOKI RENARD

Born Dec. 22, 1964 at 2:47 p.m. 7 pounds 1 ounce. 21½ inches tall. Peg was only in the hospital 30 minutes before delivery. Thats one way to cut hospital costs. The name Keoki is Hawaiian for George. Gene and Peg hope to see some of their old friends along with Ray Cavagnaro when he makes his annual Spring Time party trip to the Islands this spring.

Gene has been promoted to deputy Acting Park Director. To us who remember the children, it is hard to imagine Lon as being taller than his father. And Mary Kay now in High School.

BARBARA HASEK

In last months issue she was mentioned as Dorothy and this is not the first time but she is really Barbara.

HARMON PENNOYER

We are sorry to report Harmon has had to go back to the hospital again. But then they do have such pretty nurses there.

NOTE OF THANKS

We're sorry to report that the fine specimen of CASHUS OBSIDIANUS you brought us has died....but we suspect that it's fruit is going to come up in the form of PHYLLODOCE ELPETRIFORMIS & CASSIOPE MERTENSIANA which will be planted north of our front walk and be known as the Obsidian Gardens, and which you must all come to see when it is in bloom. Kenneth-Robin Lodewick

DR. ROBERT DARK made a hurried trip down to Oklahoma by plane to visit his ill mother. Her home is near Oklahoma City,

HEILA MODERSOHN

Visited her native Germany this past summer and now lives in the Bay Area in California. She recently married and will continue to make her home in the Bay Area. She asked to be remembered by all her Obsidian friends and sends her best wishes to all.

DENNIE KOUPAL extends an invitation to any Obsidians who may be down San Diego way to be sure and stop in for a visit.

THE NEW YORK RAMBLERS

A Hiking Club

Robin Lodewick used to be a member of this organization and recently handed us a copy of their latest schedule listing trip thru November to March 1, 1965.

Their trips all include leaving by buses and fares range from \$3 to \$4.75 with a few less than \$3. Trips are scheduled for every week end. One special one they have EVERY YEAR IS CALLED THE "Agony Grind" and must be a lulu.

OREGON

State colors, Navy Blue and Gold. State Bird, Western Meadowlark. Flower, Oregon Grape. Fish, Chinook Salmon. Tree, Douglas Fir. Song, Oregon, my Oregon. Motto, The Union. Smallest town, Granite, pop. 3. There are lots of events during the year that have become Nationally known. Among them is our own White Water Parade down the McKenzie. Gay 90's Festival held in Forest Grove is becoming well known. Rose Festival in Portland and the Shakespearean Festival in Medford is becoming so popular that to get tickets one must apply in the early spring. Timber carnival in Albany. Miss Oregon Pageant in Seaside and the Water Pageant in Bend. The Pendleton Round Up is one of the biggest, but for a real knock down and rugged round-up the Tygh Valley Indian Rodeo is about the roughest any place.

SCHOOL KIDS UNHAPPY

Why did the storms and floods come during the Holidays and close the schools when the schools are closed anyway. Why didn't they come afterwards and give them an extended vacation.

THE CROSS ON THE HILL

As pointed out by so many, the cross on the HILL stands for Peace, Good Will and Brotherly Love. Then they proceed to to give ---- to any and all who disagree.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Work on the new one is in progress so if changed your address or your telephone no. call the Editor giving any changes you wish

Will have a story to tell about Gerry Fehly in the next issue. Until then you can all guess as to what it is all about.

FROM INA FOSS

I came home for a short stay. I had hoped TO BE HERE IN TIME FOR YOUR WONDERFUL GET-togethers. The dues I wanted to pay as I visited the club I am enclosing here. I don't know if \$4 is still right, so I am enclosing \$5. Use any change for something Club-wise.

Since I left I have been in Boston helping my sister with our 85 year old man who fell breaking a hip which doesn't function anymore. It looks like a longer siege so I am going back. I do miss the Obsidians and regret so much losing the companionship of all you fine people. A grander group would be hard to locate. How I dislike Boston! The most miserable city ever invented. How they hate to grow in any direction. Be glad you are all in Oregon where it is clean, and healthy in body and mind and wonderful to go out over the hills and enjoy its beautiy. Ina Foss

BOARD MEETING

This was a relatively quiet evening. The most interesting development, probably, was Frank Moore's announcement of the site for this years summer camp. On the East side of THE Sierras near the town of Bishop. This is south and east of the east entrance to Yosemite. From Frank's discription sounds like a very exciting and excluded place. The brochure will give all details.


The next piece of news was that we are gping to lose Mike McCloskey. This is both good and bad news. Bad in that we will lose Mike. Good in that he is going to be on the staff of the Sierra Club. Here he will be able to do more and better work, which in turn will be of benefit to all.

Highway Dept. making study of Waldo Lake Area with view of more intensive use of it for recreation. However the Forest Service is not ready to deviate from their present plans for this area.

Bills allowed were postage for Bulletin: \$8.00 and to EWEB \$27.25.

MIKE AND DOROTHY STAHL

Have a most interesting view out of their big window. They have strung suet in a number of branches and scatter feed on the ground under the bushes. One can see at one time chipmunks, mountain crested quail crested bluejays, nuthatches, chicadees, several kinds of sparrows, kinglets, both golden and ruby crowned, juncos and towhees.

Dorothy uses her Christmas cards for tree decorations. She cuts out the prettiest part this way  takes four pieces & sews the edges together and hangs on the tree. These make as pretty decorations as any you will find.

OBSIDIANS IN THE FLOOD

Harry and Lois Wesley had 25 inches of water in their house. Besides vast quantities of huge logs, stumps and great piles of debris all over the place, the water completely covered tractors, trucks and all orchard equipment they had. Lois was on the outside, frantic because she couldn't get home; Harry was at home and couldn't get out, and thats the way people are.

Fran Jeppesen's home, the last report we had, had three feet of water in it. And they said that they had never seen so much mud, and just plain goo. What a job of cleaning this must be.

Pat and Dean Patterson report that their summer home up on Horse Creek is O.K. Just some drift on the river bank to clean up, including a big log, but----

Donn and Jean Chase lost everything they had of their home up on Salt Creek. They have found pieces of the house all down ALONG THE CREEK CLEAR TO Pope and Talbot logging bridge. A piece of roof here, a door there, some pieces of furnishings in piles of drift here and there.

EXPLANATION FOR NO CHRISTMAS PARTY

Some criticism has been directed at the entertainment committee because of the cancellation of the annual Christmas Party this year, so it seems appropriate to give the committee's explanation for their reason for so doing. To begin with the committee ran into difficulty in finding people willing to help out putting on a program worth while. Then they also found that people with children were having their hands full with school and church Christmas programs and were quite relieved to know that they would not have to prepare for another program at the Lodge. Of course there are a lot of people who are not happy with the cancellation, so maybe between now and next Christmas time something can be worked out whereby everyone will be happy.

ANOTHER ADDITIVE FOR WATER

We have had chlorine in it for a long time and now floride. Then why not go a step further and add alcohol? Just think what this would save in bursted pipes when we have real cold spells. Then this might increase the consumption of water and this is what doctors have been telling us to do for a long time. And a real good drinkable bunion juice can be made from wood wastes and this would be good for our local economy. Lets go.

ZIP CODE NUMBERS

Are being added to addresses as fast as we can get them. This applies mostly to out of town addresses, but we will put them on all mail as we get them.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

From the 1931 Green Lakes camp a number of climbers drove around to Jack Lake and made the climb of Three Fingered Jack. Then the group drove on to Big Lake and made base camp as others from Eugene were to climb Mt. Washington with those from camp.

On August 29, 1931 the hike of five miles into the base and made the climb of Mt. Washington from the north ridge that leads to the solid rock pinnacle. Ropes were used and the most important spot was the "step around the corner" on the east side that leads to the shute. The climb was led by Ed Johnson and others were Don Woods, Ed Turnbull, Dr. Wm Neal, Ted Easton, Dot Dotson, George Corey of Salem, Frank Bouck Fred Anderson, and Ray Sims. It was so beautiful while on top that one in the party wondered why we could not live on top. Summer camps and climbs like Washington must come to a close.

The camp re-union Banquet was held at "The Anchorage" on Mill Race, October 3

Then on October 6, 1931 was the date of the Annual Meeting held this year at the Chamber of Commerce rooms on West Broadway. A full report of the year was given and the membership showed 110 with 14 associate members. The local walks chairman reported 536 people had gone on Obsidian trips during the year, averaging 20 a trip.

The Obsidian library committee reported that a complete scrap-book of newspaper clippings had been made and that the botanical collection compiled at Camp Turnbull by Dr. I. F. Henderson had also been placed in the library at the U of O. Percy Brown was elected President and the directors for the coming year were, Dotson, Faville, Johnson, Korn, Ogden, Sims, Stalsberg and Ed Turnbull, the retiring President.

TWIN BUTTES Oct 25

Left East Park Blocks 7:30 in 3 cars. Drove up South Santiam 25 miles past Sweet Home to the Old Santiam Wagon Road. Two cars arrived, After 30 minutes wait we decided to go on. I left a note with instructions

between 2 rocks. We later learned they drove by the Wagon Road TURN without thinking. They came too several miles up.

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the road and came back. Didn't see my note so lost the way. The other cars made the starting point in good time. Scrambled up to the trail over a logged off area. Going then was wonderful. Was a foggy day, so couldn't see far. We arrived on top-looked the place over-ate lunch among some rocks away from the wind. One of nature's lovely plants, the Alpine Rhododendron, was in fruit which none of us had seen. Most interesting. We then made our way down the trail enjoying the fabulous coloring. Especially the vine maple. Those making the trip: Margaret Markley, Helen Smith, Helen Weiser, Karen Seidel, Kitty White. Thelma Watson, leader.

VIVIAN LAKE Oct. 13

This trip was held on one of Oregon's beautiful fall days, and was enjoyed by all eight hikers. Two cars arrived at the head of Hills Creek Road at the base of Diamond Peak about 10:00 a.m. and were back at the cars by 4 p.m. The sign at the road says 3½ miles to Vivian Lake and is correct. About a mile in on the trail we came to a sign saying 4 miles to Vivian Lake. This really shook one or two of the hikers, but it proved to be completely wrong. After Arriving at the lake some exploring was done. Several hiked over to the base of Yoran, which is about a mile and the leader fished in the lake. Lunch and resting completed we headed out. Time: about 2½ hours in and 2 hours out. Those on the trip: Joe Harry, John & Ruth Houghton, Vernon & Dutchess Cox Ruby Smith, Jean & Donn Chase, leaders.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

In spite of snow and ice conditions 40 people attended the party. The Bascoms made up eight of them. A real good old fashioned time was had with games, stunts and a heck of a racket at midnight. With plenty to eat a good time was enjoyed by all. The party broke up about 1 a.m. Two of the celebrants stayed all night. Helen Smith and Catherine Dunlop. Six took part in the contest for the liars trophy which was won by Catherine. Thanks to the committee that was in charge and a special thanks to Lila Smith, who is a whiz-bang at leading the group in stunts, games, etc. She is a real live wire. The rest of the party was able to get home.

