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OBSIDIAN DOINGS

Feb. 14 - Gold Lake on snow shoes or skiing with Rex Stevens leading. The Portland zoo trip has been postponed until warmer weather.

Feb. 20 - Saturday McKenzie snow trip. Don't know where they will be going unless up the McKenzie. Margaret Markley leading.

Feb. 28 - Mt Pisgah. A popular leader for this climb has always been Thelma Watson and she will lead on this one.

March 6 - Saturday. Sugar Creek Falls. There are four Sugar Creeks in Oregon. The nearest one is a tributary of Quartz Creek. It flows thru some of the Rosboro holdings. Maybe this will be it. Helen Hughes knows and will be the leader.

PORTLAND ZOO TRIP POSTPONED

Thinking the zoo trip would be enjoyed more in warmer weather this was postponed until a later date.

RUMMAGE SALE

Another rummage sale will be held, probably in May, so gather up whatever you may have to offer and call Bob Medill for pick up. If Bob does not answer the phone call Mac McWilliams. The proceeds from rummage sales goes for something for the betterment of the Lodge.

POST OFFICE ORDER

Did you notice in the Register-Guard an item to the effect that after January the first, 1967 that the post office will no longer accept third or fourth class mail that does not have the zip code number on it? This means that you will not receive your Bulletin without it, and that we must have it before then. This will entail an immense amount of work for the Bulletin staff, so the sooner we get these numbers the easier the task will be.

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FEBRUARY 27 POTLUCK

Has modern cameras and modern film got you where this man is - over a barrel? Then you should come out to see what Margaret Wiese has



lined up for us. Don Hunter will tell us what we

should know about the use of our cameras and the different kinds of film that are now on the market. It is not every day that we have the opportunity to hear one as well qualified as Don talk on this subject. This is for Saturday, Feb. 27 6:30 p.m. for the eats

GAME COMMISSION

Of the State of Oregon has sent us their report for the year 1964. Contains 80 pages and is in a nice book form. At the Lodge.

OREGON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

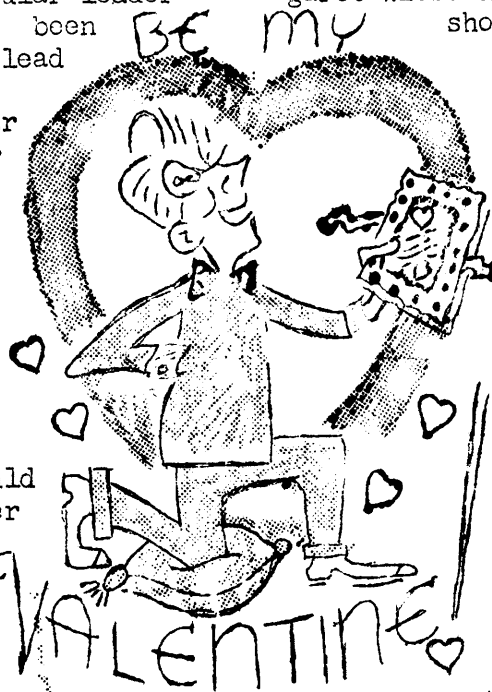
Beginning with this issue of the Obsidian Bulletin we will have in each issue as space permits, articles on the origin and meaning of geographical names. Hope they will be of interest to you.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Account of the March 27th potluck and entertainment night being the final night of the B League basketball tournament and also the last weekend of Spring Vacation the Ent. Committee decided to set the date ahead to April 3. Lorene has something special for us and for the younger members and is anxious to have all the junior members as wish to have an opportunity to come. Lorene will tell us all about her program in the next issue.

FEBRUARY-17-WEDNESDAY

The resurrection of the camp fire group will begin this evening at 7:30 p.m. Dancing, visiting, toasting shins at the fire-place, telling stories and popping pop corn. Just a friendly gathering. Come if you would enjoy this kind of and evening



THRU THE VIEWFINDER

JUDY RADABAUGH, congratulations. Judy has been given a perfect four-point grade average for the winter term at Southern Oregon College at Ashland.

Romey Armes has moved to Canada. His address is 4265 - 198 R. R. 2 Langley, B. C.

NOELLE McCORNACK. They do grow up, and fast. Noelle is now known as Mrs. Michael Henry Bertsch. Both Noelle and her husband will make thier home in Eugene until they both have completed their education at the University. Noelle is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert McCornack. We have often seen her and her two sisters, Lei and Cheyla at Obsidian functions.

BARBARA HASEK has been re-elected to the Willamalane Park and Recreation Board as a director for another term. She took the oath of office on January 12th.

MIKE BRAY, AFS student in Germany last summer, will speak and show slides at the February 4th AFS benefit dinner at SEHS.

ROBERT & MARY KANEEN have made arrangements for a tour of Europe and will be taking off sometime in the near future.

MARY JO JOHANNIS in San Francisco and at the same time was Bob Medill. How about that? But then, Mary was along, too, Anyway their trails did not cross.

CLARENCE BANKHEAD in for life. Clancy said that it was such a burden to remember to pay his dues once a year that he wanted to end it all and become a life member and he said it with a check for fifty dollars.

DERALD HIMBER soon moving to Roseburg to make his home there. We will miss Derald very much as he has taken a deep interest in the Club and its activities.

AL LYNCH has been elected to the office of treasurer of the Isaac Walton League. Now we know where we can get those extra funds when necessary. Maybe?

DUANE RENFRO. Welcome to the Club, Duane. He lives at Fall Creek and is a new addition to the Club.

PORCH FUND

CLARENCE LANDES five dollars and
KEITH BRUNIG fifteen dollars and
ANONYMOUS 1 dollar now brings the porch fund down to \$28.70.

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The Princesses are still in the market for Gold Bond Stamps and validated stamp book covers. Send them to Nellie McWilliams. 810 West 26th st. Eugene.

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FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

Bills allowed - Bulletin postage....\$12.00
EWEEB water-light....\$24.98

REX Stevens reporting on trips. Has had 2 meetings and has things pretty well worked out for the summer schedules. Discussed the possibilty of two, maybe three bus trips for the year.

Don Hunter gave quite a report on conservation. The various conservation chairmen of other organizations have been holding meetings on the matter of a replacement of Mike McCloskey. Have one man under consideration who comes with high credentials. Recommends the sending of letters to both Duncan and Neuberger re the Dunes National Park stating your views. He reports that another meeting on the Jefferson area is evident. Wilderness Conference will be held in San Francisco April 2 & 3. Don Hunter will go. Anyone else? Call Don.

Our Mike McCloskey will be full time assistant to the President of the Sierra Club acting in the conservation Dept.

Derald Himber tendered his resignation as Chairman of Search & Rescue account of his moving to Roseburg. This work was turned over to Mark McLaughlin and Gary Kirk.

Mary Jo reports that dues are pretty well paid up and reported in one new member. Duane Renfro of Fall Creek, a Junior who has done some climbing with the Club.

Bob Dark has the seasons climbing pretty well worked out and knowing Bob,s interest in climbing, you can be sure it will be A 1 Bob and Rex are working together in lining up trips and climbs to work in harmony, so that in some cases they can be made a family affair. The climbers and trippers can go together and enjoy a climb and trip on the same sojourn into the high country.

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At the January Board meeting discussion arose about whether we could as a group, go down and help Harry and Lois Wesley get some cleaning up done. The Board instructed Mary Castelloe to write them with this offer. An answer to this letter was read last night from them, in which they stated that the damage was so great that it would not be possible for us to do any good. They said that it would require both big machinery and lots of time and that probably the only solution to the problem would be for all of those affected by the flood to go together to clean the mess. They gave us their most heartfelt thanks for our offer. Next Board meeting March 3, 8:00 p.m.

MEET THE BOARD

This sounded like it would be a rather dry sort of meeting, but on the contrary, it proved to be a most interesting one, with lots of laughs and discussions about running the business of the organization. The attendance could have been better, but at that there was a sizeable crowd attended. The program was the brain work of the entertainment committee, Ray Cavagnaro, Chairman, and the meeting was handled by our President, Wm. Martyn, who did a most magnificent job. All the officers and committee chairmen were present with the exception of Rex Stevens, board member and trips committee chairman. After the discussions and stories were over the entertainment committee served punch and coffee and cakes.

KOUPALS HEARD FROM

Milton and Sarah Koupal barely "squeaked" through the recent Holiday storms to visit Dennie, Janet and their three grandsons in Sacramento, Long Beach and Escondido enroute.

Their choice was the Willamette Pass route for a view of the deep snow mantle but, of course, that highway ceased to exist. Where it wasn't snowing, rain was falling going and coming, except for an area in the vicinity of Fresno. Snow blanketed the distanced from Redding to Eugene.

To point up a contrast with Western Ore. living conditions where trees and wood are generally taken for granted: the premium prices of fireplace fuel in Southern California prompted Dennie and a neighbor to cut their own Yule logs from wind thrown trees in the Laguna Mountain region west of San Diego.

FOR SALE

Zeiss Ikon 120 camera with case and an extra lens and adapters. \$20.00. See or call Selma Vangsnes, 747-9689, 624 N 28 SPG

SAND DUNES AT EEL CREEK TRAILER CAMP JANUARY 24-

Left Eugene 7:20 a.m. Sunday - Arrived at Reedsport and Winchester Bay and getting gear together left on the Dunes trail at 11 a.m. Rain storm just as we got to the dunes. Waited there (about ten minutes) for the rain to pass, then had 2 hours of good sun on very beautiful dunes formations, with one more short, light rain (20 min) then more good sun for a lunch hour plus a good fire and some more pictures.

Arrived at the beach about 2 p.m. Lots of drift and debris from flooded areas but no glass floats. (The beach combers from the local areas keep this beach well patrolled). Left the beach about 3:30 p.m. Quite cloudy by this time and no more sun and got back to the car at 5 p.m. The one hard rain storm hit us just as we got to the car, otherwise a very doog day and a very good group. Now you are sorry that you didn't go. Those on the trip; Helen Hughes, Helen Landes, Dorothy Manning, Margaret Markley and Clarence Landes, leader.

OBSIDIAN SNOW TRIP, JAN. 10

The group of 6 departed City Park Block in the rain at 9:30 AM Sun. morning. We drove up along the side of Hills Creek Reservoir on the Rigdon Road until we were stopped by a slide above Packard Creek. As we were near a logging road and there was 12 inches of snow on the ground it was decided to start our trip there. 5 snowshoers started into the mts. with their leader on skis. They were: Helen Hughes, Thelma Watson, Helen Smith, Ted Gary, Ruby Smith & Donn Chase. 1 mile up Stoney Crk logging road in Unit #1, camp was made in 2 feet of snow a fire was built and lunch eaten. After returning to the cars we stopped on Salt Creek and walked around the area where the Chase's summer home had stood before the flood. It was still raining as it had all day, but the trip was very enjoyable.

SUMMIT

The magazine "Summit" is being donated to the club monthly and is for your use. If copies are taken from the Lodge, please see that they are replaced. In this last issue is an exciting story about a climb of Stein's Pillar over near Prineville. It is 400 feet of vertical climb with a five degree overhang on all sides. This is in the December 1964 issue. In the party was Pat Callis.

PUSSYWILLOWS are out in great profusion at the Lodge. Of course this is an annual affair, but it seems so cold for anything to be out.

BECAUSE THEY ARE THERE

How often we hear that the reason that we climb mountains is because they are there. Of course, if they were not there they would not be climbed, but to say that we climb them just because they are there is just about the cheapest reason that one can think of. Mountains are climbed because it is a challenge. We work cross-word puzzles for the same reason. Because they present a challenge. Also there are other reasons such as the deep down feeling of satisfaction it gives one to reach the summit of a major mountain. No where else will one find the next-to-God inspirations as one will feel and find after a successful climb of a mountain, so next time you are asked, "Why do you climb?" for goodness sakes give a more intelligent answer than "Because they are there".

MEMBERSHIP LIST

For the coming fiscal year will be with your March Bulletin. It shows 308 paid-up members as against 284 for the last year. A net gain of 24.

THE MOUNTAINEER

Publication of the Seattle Mountaineers devotes the entire page one, page two, and part of page three to the losing of the Redwoods. They title their article, "Now or Never: A Redwoods National Park." We cannot, of course give their complete story, but we can pass on to you their urgent plea to write. Write to George Hartzog, Jr. Director, National Park Service, Dept. of the Interior, Washington D.C. and express your support of the National Park Service' Plan One for the Redwoods. Also write to Governor Pat Brown, Sacramento, California and let him know that you support his stand against construction of Freeways in the Redwoods State Parks. He needs this support.

OBSIDIAN PICTURE NIGHT JAN. 25th.

Obsidian picture night at Friendly House has been well attended thru-out these many years - but mostly by "dyed-in-the-wool" Obsidians - who like good pictures and mostly "just like to get together" But this night was a very special event. MYRTIE HAMLINS BIRTHDAY. Yes, besides a good showing of good pictures - Florence Fulton had brot a beautiful delicious white cake with "39th" on the top - and Walter Youngquist was in attendance with 16 Obsidians. Ray S

MOUNT YORAN

Named for Louise Yoran of Eugene who was in the employ of the Forest Service. She later became Mrs. C.A.E. Whitton.

"See You At The Potluck, Feb. 27"

PRINCESS MEETING

The February meeting of the Princesses will be held at the home of Mary Gillespie, 277 North Grand Street, Eugene, at 7:30 p.m. (In River Road District).

MATTHIEU LAKES

These Lakes were named by Prof. Hodge in 1924 honoring Francis Xavier Matthieu, an early day pioneer.

McKENZIE RIVER

The McKenzie is named after Donald McKenzie who was with the Astor Pacific Fur Company and spent much time exploring the Willamette Valley. The river was first called McKenzie's Fork, then later McKenzie Fork.

MOUNT McLAUGHLIN

The first known use of this name is from a map of 1838. Later on it was called Mt. Pit, or sometimes Pitt. This was because of some indians who used to dig pits in the ground to capture game. These were mostly along a river in California and is known as Pit River. The first time the name Pit appears is from a government survey publication in 1843, which says. "We passed many pits dug in the ground about 6 feet deep and covered with branches and grass". Early day settlers called it Snowy Butte. The name came into general use in the '60s. The name McLaughlin was made permanent by act of the legislature in 1905 in honor of Dr. John McLaughlin.

MOUNT THIELSEN

In the early days was called Big Cowhorn. The name Thielsen was given to this Mt. in 1872 by John Hurlburt of Portland for Hans Thielsen, a pioneer railroad builder.

BABY ROCK

Baby Rock is a popular rock for the Obsidian Climbing School where rock climbing techniques from easy to the most difficult can be carried out, as well as a most difficult chimney climb can be found. It is on the south west shoulder of Heckletooth Mt. above the S.P. tracks east of Oakridge up the Salt Creek valley. It is easily seen from the Hiway.

The early day Indians believed there was an animal living around there whose tracks were like those of a human baby and whose bite was fatal. Thence the name. The Indians would not go there.

HECKLETOOTH MOUNTAIN

This mountain was given this name by Mrs. Elizabeth Warner about 1872 because the broken top resembled the teeth of a heckle - a tool used to dress and handle flax.

FLORIDA WITH GERRY FEHLY

January 9-23 1965

Left Eugene 1/9/65, 12:22 p. m. and was met by my sister and her husband in Tampa, Florida at 1:15 a.m. We drove to Mt. Dora through endless orange groves on a warm, cloudless evening. Spent a delightful three days at Miami and Hollywood, swimming in the Aylantic, and returned to Mt Dora where they have taken a house for the winter. We made many side trips, including beautiful Silver Springs; Clermont for the view from Citrus Tower where we looked out over \$700 million dollars worth of citrus groves; St Augustine to see the "Oldest House", drink from the Fountain of Youth and many other places of interest. On the way home we visited Marineland which I thought was most fascinating. We also visited famous Cypress Gardens, saw the water skiing, and the Gardens are the most beautiful I have ever seen. Another highlight of my trip was a tour through the Sealdsweet processing plant. Left Orland for home by jet on the 23rd, but were put off the plane unceremoniously at Louisville, Kentucky because the runways at Chicago were too icy for landing. Rambled across the state of Indiana in a cold bus. Left Chicago at 1:15 a.m. on the 24th and arrived home at 9:15 a.m. I was very happy to be back in Oregon. Orange groves are fine but I wouldn't trade one of our mountains for the whole State of Florida. I did have a good time and nice visit with my sister. Have slides Will show! Gerry Fehly.

THE JANUARY POTLUCK

Altho fifty some attended, the program put on by Mark McLaughlin merited a larger turn-out. The pictures taken by Mark while with the University of Oregon's archeology trip into Alaska were among the most interesting ever shown at the Lodge and Mark's story along with the pictures was superbly presented. He kept the audience in laughter about half the time. His pictures of scenery, camp life and animals were excellent. To those of you who missed this evening about all we can say is you sure missed a whale of an interesting evening. They named their camp "Camp Hernia".

DON HUNTER wears shoes for the left foot only. Did you know that? He recently went on a tour up the muddy Blue River to see first hand the results of the flood and on arrival when he went to change from his oxfords discovered that the hi-top hiking shoes he brot were both for the same foot.

SPENCERS BUTTE Jan. 31

We left at 1:15 p.m. traveling by car to Spencers Butte parking lot off South Willamette. The 13 people on the trip started up the trail under sunny skies. The trail was somewhat muddy and poorly defined because of much traffic. We passed many families and lone hikers going both ways on the trail. The view from the top was limited to the valley because of clouds to the east. Because of a cool wind we did not spend much time on the top. However many on the trip noted thousands of ladybugs gathered on the south sides of many on the rocks. This was an excellent day for this trip. A suggestion was made that the trail be more plainly marked and old trails be better obscured. Possibly this suggestion could be passed on to the City Parks Dept.

Those going on this trip included Lois Schreiner, Art & Betty Herron, Ray Sims, George Neavoll, Marjorie Erickson, Mrs. Herbert McCornack, Lei and Cheyla McCornack, Helen Smith, Clarence Landes, Robin and Kenneth Lodewick, leader.

Other Obsidians on the butte at the same time included Lloyd Plaisted, Clarence Scherer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

OLD BALDY OF THE COBURG HILLS

January 17, we met at the Park Blocks at 11:00 a. m. drove out the Coburg road and turned right after crossing the McKenzie River on the McKenzie View Drive. Went past the Bowerman's road to the gateway in to the Jaqua's pasture. It was a very foggy day in town, but we climbed out of it about a third of the way up. There were some clouds which the sun broke thru every once in awhile. On top we looked down on a sea of fog and east to the snow mountains glistening in the sun every little while. Jefferson, the Three Sisters and Diamond. We arrived back at the cars at 4 p.m. On this trip were: Mildred Ball, H. S. and Lorene Bressler, James, Louis and Martha Berkey, C. W. and Betsy Curtis, Tim, Dan and Bob Curtis, Bea LeFevre, and Lois Schriener. Helen Smith, leader.

THE SIERRA CLUB

The Sierra Club has sent to the Obsidian Club several copies of a folder they have had printed telling the story of the Redwoods. There are quite a few very beautiful pictures. These are at the Lodge for you. The folder tells what is happening to the Redwood Forests and what must be done if any are to be saved and what one can do to help save them.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS NO. 22

by Ray Sims

The Annual Winter Outing was staged at Lost Creek Ranch in 1932, on the 22nd of Feb. Here were races for both men and women besides the usual snow sports. Since the road was open only to the ranch and because there was 5 feet of snow at the cabins, it was deemed advisable to make this year's Winter Outing a one day affair. Harry Wright was winner of the mens race and Ellen Endicott came in first for the women. Over 100 people assembled at the ranch to take part in the fun.

The second Marys Peak climb was made in April 1932, and later the Obsidians joined with the Chemeketans, in a climb to Snow Peak near Scio. After climbing thru snow until noon, the entire party turned back without reaching the top.

At the March meeting of the Board, held at the Anchorage, President Brown appointed each member as a committee of one to write the Early History of the Club to be printed in book form. At this meeting, Ed. Johnson, again Chrm. of the Outing Comm. said he had returns on the recommendation for Sunrise Ridge in Rainier Nat. Park for the 1932 Summer Camp, and that L. A. Nelson, President of the Mazamas, would come to Eugene and show moving pictures of Rainier to Club members at a later date.

Dotson and Stallsberg reported at the May Board meeting on the formulating of the Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs at the Mazama Lodge recently.

Helen Kilpatrick was asked to fill the vacancy on the Board in the absence of Dav Faville, who had resigned due to his having accepted a position at the University at Stanford.

Over the 4th of July, 1932, Ed. Johnson made a scouting trip to Sun Rise Ridge in Rainier National Park to select the Camping location. Berkley Park was selected, even tho covered with snow at this time.

MAKLAKS

This name is given to a lake up near Scott Lake up the McKenzie and to a Mt. in Klamath County. Of Klamath Indian origin and means a good camping community.

BACKPACKING BY HELEN SMITH

BACKPACKERS - Did you have a good summer hiking and camping? I did and have some new ideas to bring you.

Of the five trips scheduled by the Club, one was cancelled because of too much snow in the high country and one was combined with the climbing schedule. The trip on July 4-5 was a good beginning with a fine turn-out, good weather and interesting country. We camped at Starwano Camp close by the Elk Creek Trail and about a mile southwest of Mink Lake. I hope to go back there next summer.

The July 25-26 trip planned for Obsidian Camp, Linton Meadows and Husband Lake was cancelled because the snow was too deep on the trail.

The trip to Jeff. Park by way of the Whitewater Creek Trail had a very small party because many of the hikers were in Summer Camp. I was unable to go for that reason, but did have an opportunity to go there over the Labor Day weekend. There is a good trail the first part of which is being constructed. It was an enjoyable as well as an enlightening trip.

On August 23-24 we had a most interesting trip into Buck Meadows and Indian Holes. It was a long trip but not too hard because we had been doing lots of hiking. I would like very much to go back there next summer.

In addition to the overnight trips I was privileged to spend a week on the trail with ten Girl Scouts and one adult patrol advisor. We traveled north from Starwano camp to the Park Trail, then west to the Olallie Trail and from there north to the Owl Creek road. It was a wonderful trip through most interesting country.

I have learned that one's gear - pack bag, bed, clothing and utensils should be not more than 20 lbs. A week's food supplies can then be carried for an additional 7 to 10 lbs.

If your equipment weighs too heavy plan to improve it this year so you too can enjoy these overnight trips and, who knows you might even be fortunate enough to enjoy a weeks outing.

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