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CHRISTMAS POTLUCK!

At the Obsidian Lodge.
Friday, December 12, 1969.
Bring a 50¢ gift for the
gift exchange.
Bring a potluck dish -
anything you wish.
No Alaskan crabs allowed.
No Dungeness crabs allowed.
No local crabs allowed - just
the friendly type who have the
Christmas Spirit!
SANTA WILL BE THERE! Of course
he expects to see YOU, too.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

At the Obsidian Lodge.
Wednesday, December 31, 1969
8 P.M. to 12 midnight.
All Liars invited - There will be
a Liars Contest. With all the lies
I have heard on the club hikes,
we ought to have a ball.
Games and fun, of course.
Bring your favorite dessert.
See the NEW YEAR in the Obsidian
way - with folks who are ALIVE!

"Bob, be sure to put a little
blurb in the bulletin concerning
the Christmas Tree trip on the
14th - Lois."

"OK, Lois." B L U R B

P.S. It's on Mike Stahl's tree
farm in Cresswell. Ask Lois
how to get there. Bring money.
They aren't free, you know.

If you can't hike after it
yourself, he will be glad to cut
it for you, and have it ready
for you at the house.

He gets a charge out of doing
this for his friends. (You may too)

We done gone said it again -
Save Gold Bond Stamps,
Save Betty Crocker coupons,
Save Flav-r-pac labels for the
Princesses of our club.

HOW ARE YOU, FRIEND?

I'm home - sick a'bed.
Selma Vangsness was
operated on the 10th of
November. She has a
circulation problem with her
feet - er - what I mean to
say is, she will not be doing
much circulating among her
friends for a while, so it is up
to you to see her.

Thelma Watson fell in the
downtown area the 17th of November
and broke not only her hip but her
wrist. This was just after the
successful Coast Dunes hike. She
expects to be laid up three months.

Helen Lynch was the victim
of a broken kneecap, thereby
joining the ranks of the club
Disabled Dames.

Mrs. You-Know-Who says not
to mention anything as minute as
a broken thumb, so we won't say
a word about it to anyone.

Attention other hiking clubs!
These accidents were not done in
the line of club duty or on
scheduled club trips. We take care
better of ourselves then.
(not the best King's English, but
the King is out of town anyway)

HAVE YOU READ Ken and Robin
Lodewick's letters to Sen. Packwood,
the Forest Service, etc.,
concerning conservation and
French Pete? You will find them
on the Club bulletin board at
the Lodge. Read them.

- And HAVE YOU done your part by
writing to Senator Packwood
concerning French Pete? The dead-
line is December 27. DO IT NOW!

It will cost you all of 6¢ -
(that is the nail)

For want of a nail a horse was
lost. For want of a horse a
general was lost. For want of a
general a battle was lost.

DON'T LET OUR BATTLE BE THE
FRENCH PETE DRAINAGE LOSS.

Bills approved for payment by the Obsidian Board members are:

Stamps for bulletin	\$18.60
Shelton-Turnbull	24.40
EWEB	24.10
Stamps, Sec'y	6.00

Ben Ross, Climbs chairman, says that all the major Oregon Peaks are scheduled for climbing in 1970, plus Mt. Shasta in Calif., and all the southern Washington peaks. Sounds great, eh?

Typewriter Fund.

We are told that \$5.00 was donated by the kitchen committee of the Thanksgiving Dinner, out of their hard-earned money.

Florence and Glen Simms also donated \$5.00 to our much needed typewriter fund.

A mimeographing job done by Mary Castelloe and Gerry Fehly resulted in another \$5.00 donation by them for the fund.

This makes a total of \$50.00 toward an electric typewriter which will be used exclusively for the Club bulletin and other related information which you members will be reading over the years.

"The Bulletin Committee wishes to thank each one of you good people for your generous gifts, and the thought that goes with it."

Ron Nunemaker, membership chairman, says \$86 has been turned in for dues this month.

Clarence Landes, Building and Grounds Chairman, reminds us that as the year comes to a close, we should remember that our progress and improvements are due to the efforts of a number of people in both lots of time and lots of money, and they should be recognized publicly and privately by us all. -up

Robert Harlan - Twice during the summer he brought his power mower and cleared all the trails and roads.

Bob Medill and Keith Brunig - installed the insulation (walls and ceiling) in the storage area.

Howard Byerly - with his power saw speeded up the clearing job.

Rex Stevens - donated the use of a big back-hoe - both the equipment and fuel oil. This was a big stump-puller, road-grader machine for the road project.

This was the second time he donated the big machine's use.

Many other people, and many unrecorded hours have been put in to the projects, and of course we are very grateful for the help.

PRINCESS NEWS

Initiation: The six "squaws" who completed their 3 Sister climbs this year were initiated by the Obsidian Princesses on Nov. 22, and were warmly welcomed by the group. With Thelma Watson, Pres., unable to attend, Florence Fulton, past pres., and Wilma Moore, new V.P., shared the president's duties, presenting each with a new name:

Princess Equestra - Mary Bridgeman
 " Blue Columbine - Catherine Jones, Princess Tiger Lily - Helen Lynch, Princess Twin Flower - Lenore McManigal, Princess Snow Peak - Rachel Roach, Princess Monadnock - Lois Schreiner. - A very happy weekend for the 29 who attended.

Greeting the new Princesses were Blanche Bailey, Marge Beaman, Margaret Benston, Mary Castelloe, Bertha Deckman, Elsie Dotson, Catherine Dumlop, Florence Fulton, Barbara Hasek, Jane Hilt, Helen Hughes, Helen Kilpatrick, Charlotte Lemon, Nellie McWilliams, Margaret Markley, Wilma Moore, Francis Newsom, Florence Sims, Helen Smith, Edna Temple, - next p.

Princesses cont.-

Dorothy Towlerton, Helen Weiser, and Margaret Wiese. NOVEMBER MEETING: Charlotte Lemon, Pr. Meadowlark, entertained with attractive serving table, laden with hot spiced cider, cold cider, hot tea and coffee, delicious donuts, fresh apple slices, and salted nuts.

Wilma Moore, as V.P., presided at the meeting which was filled with planning the coming initiation. 18 Princesses attended.

CHRISTMAS MEETING: Will be on Monday, Dec. 15, at Mary Castelloe's home, 1930 Todd St., Bring \$1.00 gift for exchange.

CHARLES BERKEY is home on leave from a year spent in Vietnam where he has been awarded a total of nine medals. One is a beautiful gold medallion suspended on a very pretty ribbon. Another is a special citation from the President, enclosed in a double leather folder about 8x10 inches, and seven other citations for outstanding service. Part of Chuck's service is classified, but it has to do mostly in the air service, and naturally a good deal of his Time in Vietnam has been under - or should we say over - "fire". For one who has shown his ability to stand up under the most difficult situations thinking only of others, wouldn't he be good material for the Obsidian Board?! (How about the Editor's job? You get more cross-fire here than in any other job - Ed.)

CALLING ALL CLUB MEMBERS - HELP!

The paper needs NEWS. That's what makes a good paper. We need all the Squealers - er - Reporters we can get. If you have any news of what is going on, call Bob, 344-0038.

Don't wait for him to call you and ask for news. It may be too late and too old by then.

OVERNIGHT BEACH TRIP Nov. 1,2.
or

BEACHCOMBERS REST MOTEL, Yachats 27 Obsidians and friends enjoyed the beautiful, warm, sunny weather at the beach Saturday, ending the day with a delightful driftwood fire where we sang many songs, popped corn, and roasted marshmallows.

On Sunday we visited Bob Imrie's agate-polishing water wheel on Tenmile Creek, although there was not enough water to run the tumbler this time of year. Then we all gathered at Bea LeFevre's Yachats cottage for potluck dinner. We wish to say Thank You to everyone for making this a grand weekend, and especially Thank You to Bea LeFevre for entertaining us on Sunday, and for the delightful birthday cake and celebration.

- Mary and Bailey Castelloe

CLARK BUTTE November 8

When we arrived at Clark Org. Camp on Big Fall Creek, the sun was trying to blink through the clouds. The trail is UP most of the way, and quite steep in places so we did not rush, but took time to enjoy and discuss the various trees, shrubs and other plants growing in that lush forest. The scenery was beautiful with the branches arched here and there and dripping moss; rather reminded me of the rain forest in Washington. We noticed some recently uprooted trees - probably result of a recent hard wind. We reached the top about 11 A.M. where a lookout used to be, but all that was left was a cot. We were all hungry so ate our lunches about 11:15. Part of the group - Lois, Helen and Mary, went on to Little Cowhorn, but the rest of us felt we had had a great hike, perfect weather, and were ready to return home. It was the first hike for the Downings - newly arrivals in Oregon. They were enthusiastic about finding a hiking club, and I am sure that we will - next p.

Clark Butte cont. -

see more of them. Both parents are teachers in the Bethel area.

Discussing the trees and shrubbery with Art and Betty Herron were Mary Bridgeman, Helen Smith, Lois Schreiner and Roberta and Sanford Bowning, and sons Douglass and James.

SAND DUNES - EEL CREEK AREA 11-16

We were blessed with sunshine most of the hike except for a short and windy rain storm on the way down to the beach, and also a short hailstorm on the way back from the beach. Not enuf of either rain or hail to get anyone wet.

There had been enuf rain during last week to have made the sand quite solid, so it was the easiest trip yet on that route.

The on-shore wind was cool enuf so that the fire was a welcome part of the trip, and low tide gave ample room on the beach for the 'youngsters' to play.

Playing on the beach with Clarence Landes were Mary Bridgeman Bob Cox, Ina Foss, Dean Patterson, Pat Patterson (S.F.) Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith and Thelma Watson.

COBURG CAVES & OLD BALDY 11-22

7 people left the So. Eugene High School lot at 9A.M. and headed for our destination.

Reached Old Baldy at noon. A low cloud obscured the view overlooking the valley. We carried three bags of litter out of Old Baldy. We bushwhacked our way to the caves, getting a bit wet in the process. Home by 4 P.M.

Good group - good day!

Caving with Mary Bridgeman were *Bob Capron, Ina Foss, *Ray Holmberg, *Mrs. Lois Morse, Helen Smith and *Tom Spaulding.

WORD DRIFTED BACK that Frank

Moore took part in a recent mountain rescue 'call for help' for a 'turned around' hunter.

THANKSGIVING DAY AT THE OBSIDIAN LODGE

55 Obsidians and friends sat down to a bountiful dinner in the usual warmth of friendship we find at these gatherings. Selma Vangsness prepared and roasted 2 turkeys and gravy. The committee (self appointed) enlisted lots of willing help, and we wish to thank the folling who pitched in to help save the day: Mary and Bailey Castelloe - who put untold mileage on their car shopping, transporting food, turkeys, and people to and from the lodge for 2 or 3 days before-hand.

Mary Carr - reservations and food planning.

Frank Moore and "Mac" McWilliams - who rolled up their sleeves and carved the three birds.

Marj Ericksen - who made all those lovely flowers for the ladies, baked endless rolls, made cranberry salad, and roasted the third bird.

Nellie McWilliams - who brought beautiful mums which were arranged by Wilma Moore.

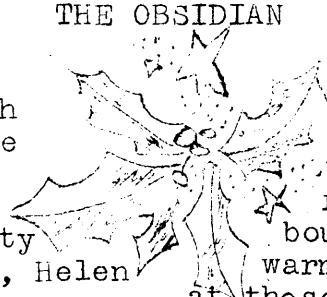
Gertrude Oswald - who brought 4 lovely arrangements of mums all ready to put on the tables.

Clarence Landes - the "early bird" who turned on the heaters and built that great fire so we would be comfortable - and he didn't even get to share in the feast - - - (Claim the worm!)

Maxcine Williams showed her pictures of Alaska scenery which the writer had seen at night but which didn't show their full beauty because of the skylights. This rather emphasized the need to shut out these skylights during daytime slide showings.

Many guests and members pitched in to help before the dinner, and stayed to assist with the cleanup, dishes, etc.

Thank you to everyone who came to dine and help make the day a success.



RAZOR BLADES FOR CAVEMEN

On a windy day north of Cicily, Italy, the navigator will notice a blizzard-like cloud sweeping from a gleaming white mountain-side on the volcanic island of Lipari. This is all pure pumice.

A spur on this mountain is composed of obsidian, which, when split, breaks into edged shapes as sharp as a knife.

Obsidian was the caveman's handiest cutting tool. Though not as hard as flint, it was much easier to work. Flint is fairly universal, but obsidian is rare.

In the Miditteranean it is only found on Lipari and four other spots.

Even the earliest Romans had never heard of obsidian, until Pliny saw a piece brought back from Etheopia by a man called Obsius (hence the name given this glassy, sharp, black stone).

Hey, Look! Here's Bob Medill's
PINK FROZEN SALAD

- 1 - 16 oz. can fruit cocktail
- 1 - cup fr cocktail juice & water
- 1 - 3 oz. pkg. strawberry jello
- 8 oz. pkg. cr.cheese, rm temp.
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup pecan halves
- 1 8-oz. jar marashino cherries
(quarter them)
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 pint whipping cream - stiff

9x5x3 pan - line w/ foil 1½ inch
above sides of pan - important!

Drain cocktail, add water to make full cup of liquid. Bring to boil, add jello, stir till melted, chill till syrupy.

Beat cr cheese, mayonnaise and gelatin till smooth. Stir in nuts, marshmallows, fruits, whipped cream. Put in pan and freeze. Take out of freezer ½ hour before serving. keeps indefinitely in freezer.
(In whose freezer, Bob? Not mine)

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DATE?

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HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS No. 70 by Ray Sims

1957 was another good year for the Club, as ski trips both up the Willamette Pass and the yearly trip up the closed McKensie hiway were made.

As the summer rolled along, we decided to hold the Summer Outing at Husband Lake, just west of the South Sister again. Since the last summer camp here about 10 years ago the road had been shortened, but it was closed at Century Drive, making a 14 mile pack.

When I arrived on a rainy Sunday night, piles of dunnage was all I found. Packers brought the 2nd weekers' dunnage in first, the food the 2nd day, and what was needed first they brought last.

The material to set up camp was brought last, and the bad part of it all was that they made but one trip a day. Three expensive cowboys brought in each string, when we had had only one man and sometimes a girl helper, year after year.

It rained several days the first week, but trips were taken and mountains climbed. One one trip to Ferry and Cramer Lake, the brush had grown so high in recent years it was hard to find the way.

(more about the packers next month)

