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JANUARY POTLUCK AND PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 6:30 P.M.

A very interesting program has been arranged, with Betty Waddell as Chairman of the evening. Clarence Landes will show slides of the 1967 climb of Mt. McKinley with the help of Norman Benton. This was the expedition of which Mark McLaughlin was a member.

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

TRIPS COMMITTEE WILL MEET
JAN. 16 AT McMANIGAL'S

18 (Sat) Ski and Snowshoe Trip----With
Marriner Orum(342-4527).

25 (Sat) 6:30 P.M. Potluck at Lodge---
Betty Waddell, Chairman.

LOOKING TOWARD MARCH

Arrangements have been made for a trip to Kah-nee-ta for March 29 *** Boat trip from Portland to Astoria - overnight with visits to historical spots ---- is being arranged for September.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Dr. Paul Rudy, acting director of the Institute of Marine Biology at Charleston, will present a program on "Oregon's Other Marine Station" -- with discussion and slides--Jan.17, 8 P.M., Rm.150 Science Watch for the Nat. Geographic film to be shown Jan. 22, 8 P.M., Rm. 123, Science, on "The Grizzly Bear", courtesy of Dr. Ed Whitelaw of U. of O.

CHRISTINE MARIE'S WEDDING

A beautiful Nuptial Mass united Christine Marie Schreiner, (daughter of Lois,) and Douglas McKinnon at St. Mary's Catholic Church, December 14. Her lovely white gown was made by her sister Penelope Ann, from Washington, D.C., who wore a wine-red velvet empire dress as honor attendant. The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Glen Hosford. The lovely reception was in Eugene Hotel's Empire Room; bride and groom were escorted thru busy Christmas traffic along Broadway---with horns blowing. Lois had a very busy weekend, with U. O. graduation the day before, and Christmas preparations.

KARLA'S WEDDING

Delightful was the wedding of Karla Vangnes to Kenneth Scott Nov. 16. Hope Lutheran Church in Springfield was filled with friends and relatives. Karla made her own lovely white velvet gown, designed by her father, Martin, who escorted her to the altar, after spending the day decorating Sons of Norway Hall, where the reception was held. Her mother Selma had made the tiered wedding cake(chocolate with white frosting); the table also displayed the traditional Norwegian wedding cake. Bride and groom danced the first waltz, to start an evening of dancing to accordion music by Chester Pietka.

PRINCESS NEWS

Princess President Humming Bird(Florence Fulton) has invited the group to meet at her home,1609 Charnelton, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, January 20.*****The Princesses enjoyed their Christmas Party at the new home of Princess Vine Maple(Dorothy Scherer) on Dec.16. Hostess Dorothy took the group on a tour of the attractive home, which she had designed. Princess Silver Birch(Jane Hilt)was in charge of the party; Princesses Humming Bird,Evening Star (Helen K.)and Orange Blossom(M.C.)assisted. After dessert of homemade apple-sauce pudding with lemon sauce, accompanied by mints, nuts, Jane's homemade candy and Van Duyn Chocolates--(a gift from Mrs. Charles Adams),the Personality Game was conducted by Jane Hilt. Secret Desires followed, then Pr. Humming Bird presented a Sugar Plum Tree with gaily tied Sugar Plums for everyone; her reading of the poem "Sugar Plum Tree" gave clues for choosing of packages from under the tree. A delightful party.

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"TOUGH LUCK" CAVAGNARO left Thursday, Jan. 9 for a week of hard work at Sun Valley.

HE calls this WORK!!

TED & MARY JO JOHANNIS-visiting all over Mexico while we are enjoying superb winter weather here at home. Let's not make them feel bad by telling them about our weather.

VIRGINIA WEST is missing our good weather too. She has also gone to Mexico and was last heard from at Chichen Itza, Yucatan.

Why are all these people

fleeing the country?

Your Editor's face is bright red--why??
See back page. This is what comes of trying to do two things at once. Just turn your Bulletin upside down and read away.
DUCHESS COX was one of the volunteer workers whose pictures appeared in the Nov. 20 Reminder, with the dolls they had repaired and dressed for sale at the Goodwill stores at Christmas time.

ART STEELE will be installed this month as president of the Retired Officers Club of the Emerald Empire. Art was a former infantry officer and ski trooper.

EDITH BRIDGEMAN recently received a recognition certificate from the Lane Co. Chapter of Amer. Nat. Red Cross for her 17 years of volunteer service.

MIKE LAFFERTY, U.S. ski team member, won the downhill at Alpine Holiday Classic ski meet at Aspen, Col., and will tour Europe with the team in International Ski Federation and World Cup competition.

OBSIDIAN CHRISTMAS PARTY--Dec. 14

Betty and Art Herron, Chairmen

The Obsidian Christmas Party was a delight from beginning to end. To begin with, Mike Stahl brought a beautiful Noble Fir from his Canyon Tree Farm, which was set up by Art Herron and Roger Bridgeman and then decorated by the Herrons and Bridgemans; they also decked the Lodge Halls with Christmasy cards and greens(Roger made those beautiful wreaths). We(M&B) were pleased to be able to help. The day of the party, the whole committee decorated tables and took care of dinner arrangements(helping were: Lila Smith, Barbara Hasek, Jane Hilt, Lorene Bressler, Bridgemans, and Hulda Yeiter.) Marge Erickson and Alice Bissell were in charge of clean up. After the delicious potluck, Lois Schreiner, Ent.Ch., and Betty Herron, MC'd program: Lila Smith played piano, while Dorothy Scherer led singing of Christmas Carols(Lila's neat songbooks); Edith Bridgeman related the Christmas Story according to St.Luke; Duchess Cox played her marimba; Lois made announcements, introduced guests and new members and December Birthdays; Debra Johnson sang the Christmas song "Here Comes Santa Claus", ...and then, with jingling bells, and ho ho ho!, Santa appeared, with arms full of presents. (Bob Medill played the part, as he has for many years, with the greatest of ease and grace) Everyone got a present, and went home with a halo of Christmas Glow.A beautiful party thanks to Herrons & Committee. by M.C.

DAVE FAVILLE SENDS PAINTING

We Obsidians are pleased to receive the gift from Dave Faville, of one of his paintings - a picture of the South Sister bathed in alpine glow, with Chieftain Lake in the foreground. Professor Dave is now retired and finding much pleasure in painting. We wish to express our thanks for this beautiful gift.

We have greatly appreciated and enjoyed our other two paintings, presented by the late Cyrus J. Fulton - (wife, Florence) The first, shows the back of the old Lewis Cabin above Lost Creek, the Obsidians' first "mountain retreat". "Cy" painted this about 1927-28, when members celebrated the New Year "snowed in" at the old cabin. His painting of climbers on Mt. Jefferson, about 1946, expresses uniquely the spirit that flows through all Obsidian activities, enjoyment of and being a part of "this beautiful world". _ _ _

SAVE GOLD BOND STAMPS FOR PRINCESSES

BOARD NOTES

Bills approved for payment:

E.W.E.B.	\$25.91
MORESCO Membership	10.00
Domestic Laundry	5.29
Postage for Bulletin	18.00
New Year's Party	14.00
Mary Castelloe, Postal Cards . .	11.50
(For Summer Outing Committee)	\$84.70

OUTING

Bob Cox reported that Lower Caribou Lakes in the Trinity Alps will be our destination for 1969 Summer Camp. Selma Vangsnes will be our cook. Future bulletins will have more detailed information on this beautiful region.

Gas stoves have been repaired and the supply tent will be renovated by the end of January at a total cost of about \$25.

Bob conducted a survey by sending out 110 postal cards. Forty-nine were returned with the following results:

- 25 wanted to have a hike-in camp
- 7 wanted a drive-in
- 9 would go either way
- 9 preferred Washington State
- 8 wanted an Oregon location
- 2 wanted to go to Canada
- 15 voted for the Trinity Alps
- 6 had no preference
- 1 suggested the Redwoods

The "Electoral College" followed the wishes of the majority.

TRIPS COMMITTEE

Wayne Renfro reported 25 members and 1 non-member went on the Coast trip and a total of \$3.70 was turned in. Incidentally, the trip reports and fees should be sent to Wayne who will in turn give the reports to the Publications Committee.

Wayne also announced there would be a snowshoe trip Jan. 18 with Marriner Orum leading.

BAILEY CASTELLOE turned in \$20 on the sale of the small stove from the store room. He did pretty well on this sale for a stove with one leg missing, no handle for the grate and isinglass gone from the front.

Clarence Johnson, Membership Chairman, is working on the new list, and if your Address or Tel. No. has changed since last March, please call him at 343-4014.

CLIMBING COMMITTEE - Ron Nunemaker

The Obsidian Climbing Committee met on Jan. 7th, 1969, to consider the 1969 climbing schedule. The complete membership consisting of Gene Thaxton, Rex Stevens, Norm Benton, Frank Moore, Fran Crawford and Ron Nunemaker attended.

A climbing school will be held in conjunction with the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department. Prior to printing of the Obsidian Schedule related inquiries should be directed to their office. Four ski tours and two winter climbs are being sponsored by the City. Consequently the Obsidians do not intend to offer these activities this season.

In an optimistic attempt to provide continued enjoyable climbing next season, a quite extensive climbing schedule, consisting of thirty-eight Oregon plus many out-of-state climbs is proposed. Smaller, more intimate parties as a result of this expanded plan should enable safe and relaxed climbing on even our popular peaks. Five climbs of each Sister and Mt. Washington, two on Hood and three on each of the other Oregon Peaks, two Rainier and a Shasta climb are included.

The assistance of every capable leader in this area will be needed in order to implement this ambitious schedule. If you would enjoy leading a small party over familiar routes please call any of the climbing committee members. Informal coaching can be arranged if desired.

ENTERTAINMENT - Lois Schreiner

Reported on the Christmas and New Year's Eve parties and came out with a profit on both of \$11.55. Your temporarily deaf editor came out with a different figure but apparently did not hear correctly so will report just the outcome. I did hear that Roger Bridgeman generously donated the results of the sale of the beautiful wreaths to the cause.

SEARCH AND RESCUE - Gary Kirk

Reported on arrangements being made for practice sessions in the Three Sisters area the latter part of January.

263 Obsidian Bulletins are mailed each month, plus 4 to members in the Service -- Eugene 57, Springfield 20, Misc. Oregon 52, Misc. States 9, Calif. 9, Wash. 16.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS:

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NEW MEMBERS:

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RESIGNATIONS:

Betty Harris and children, because of their move to Sacramento. Ray will retain his membership.

RAY HARRIS, having "suffered" a promotion in his department with the Southern Pacific, will have to go to Sacramento. Ray has to report there January 1, 1969, and will move his family to Sacramento as soon as he can find a suitable place to live.

Joel McClure has been reinstated. Welcome back!

Remember to save those GOLD BOND Redemption Certificates for the Princesses!!!

Cal Crawford and Fran Jeppesen were married on December 18 by Judge Douglas Spencer with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kirk as witnesses. Congratulations!

John and Rhonda Refsnider have been visiting Rhonda's parents, Ted and Mary Jo Johannis. John will leave soon for Vietnam.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY - Lillian Johnson
Thirty-eight Obsidians and friends braved the ice and snow to attend the New Year's Eve party. However, most of the ice and snow was gone before 1969 arrived.

Everyone enjoyed the interesting picture trip conducted by Walter Youngquist. He started by taking us to the moon and back. After flying over a good part of the United States he brought us back to Oregon country.

The winner of the Liar's Contest was also unusual. Robin Lodewick won without saying a word. The judges decided "Actions Speak Louder Than Words."

Others having a part in the entertainment were Rick McManigal, Lenore McManigal and Lois Schreiner.

After partaking of the many luscious sandwiches, cookies and other goodies, 1969 was ushered in with the usual amount of noise and confetti throwing. Lillian Johnson was ably assisted by Kay Fahy, Myrtle Smith, Nellie & Mac McWilliams, & Art Johnson.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM YOUR EDITOR!

If your Bulletin does not reach you, or if you know of anyone who is not receiving his(or her) Bulletin, please notify any member of the Publications Committee. We try hard to maintain a current mailing list of paid-up members and subscribers, to keep the Bulletin coming your way, but can't accomplish this without your help. This busy committee spends untold hours each month collecting news, typing, stenciling, mimeographing, addressing -- and mailing your Bulletin. We do our best. Won't you help?
Gerry Fehly, Mary Castelloe, Mary Carr & Maxcine Williams.

START SAVING RUMMAGE FOR A SPRING SALE!

BEACHCOMBERS REST - Nov. 2 & 3

Eighteen were treated to a lovely fall weekend at the beach Nov. 2 & 3. Beachcombers Rest was home beach where hikers, bird watchers, drift food and agate hunters enjoyed the low tide Saturday afternoon. The Sunday morning high tide provided an exciting show with every wave changing the scene, the colorful logs being tossed around to present new arrangements with every wave. Reminded us of Japanese flower arrangements. A former Obsidian, living at Yachats, Ray Boals, who was club President in 1943-44, was our guest for potluck dinner Saturday. There was much reminiscing, many Obsidian events being reviewed. Driftwood was too wet for a beach fire, so the group enjoyed visiting, singing, and Louis Waldorf's presentation of Robert W. Service's poem "The Spell of The Yukon". Rain came during the night, but just before dawn the almost-full moon rode a clear sky and made a striking picture over the waves. Sunday brought beautiful sunny weather; after hotcakes, bacon & eggs, we visited Cape Perpetua Visitors center, viewing the color movie and displays. Taking the trail to Spouting Horn gave us many different views of the pounding surf. Bea LeFevre invited us to Sunday potluck at her beach home in Yachats. We had all kinds of delicious food, even peanuts and popcorn (peanuts brought by the Herrons and freshly-popped popcorn by Marje Erickson). The beautiful sunshine stayed with us all the way home.

MARTHA DERKEY - A small group of students from various colleges across the United States were selected to attend universities in several foreign countries. These students were to study in their fields at these Universities and are to be included in their studies at the schools they attend here in the United States. Among the countries visited were India, Asia and various others. The last places on the agenda were Chingmi, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan. One of these students meriting this high honor was our own Martha Derkey. While in Japan, Martha has hopes of visiting with her brother James, who is on military duty in Vietnam, who expects to be on R & R at that time. Martha expects to be back at her college in Grinnell, Iowa the end of January.

SAND DUNE AND BEACH - Nov. 16, 1968

Weather: Cloudy but warm and very little wind; except some "hot air" from the party about some of the "short cuts" in the route -- like through a swamp and "bush-whacking" across a beaver pond, but we also saw a good stand of Labrador Tea & Wax Myrtle and one yellow Iris. The leader also enjoyed the route, as well as being grateful for the pleasant attitude of the Party in spite of wet feet. The fire at the Beach soon took care of the wet feet; also the fire took care of some burned wieners and marshmallows; "Burned just the way they liked them."

The surf was moderate and the Ocean was very calm, with a light south wind. A fishing boat, just outside of the breakers, was south bound; also a freighter was south bound and probably about 10 mi. off shore. We were at the Beach "thru" low tide.

Sand dunes were mostly solid, so that walking was quite easy. While we did not see the deer there were lots of deer tracks in the dunes area.

Again, thank the Party for a good day. Takenitch means "many arms", (Takenitch Lake).

On this enjoyable trip were Mary Bridgeman, Mary Carr, Duchess Cox, Ina Foss, Dorothy and Roger Hayes, (New members), Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith Paula Vehrs and Clarence Landes, Leader.

CHARLES BELKEY - In service in Vietnam has a change of address which will be found on Page 3 of this issue. Chuck enjoys so much getting the Obsidian Bulletin and all the other boys enjoy reading them; just news from home, anyone's home.

He writes: "Will be celebrating Christmas by moving north (from the greater Phu Bai area) to Camp Eagle, since I'm now a member of the 101st Airborne Division. This is still in the same line of work - possibly training some newly-arrived personnel to perform the support mission for the "Screaming Eagles". The Vietnamese call us 'the dead chicken' ".
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Save Ditty Crocker Coupons for Princesses.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS No. 60 By Ray Sims

As 1952 was a good winter for skiing George Korn planned another "John Craig Memorial" ski race across the snowbound McKenzie Pass.

This year's trip was to run from the west side over to the eastern edge of the snow line. Four of us skied from Alder Springs to the "Pole Bridge Cabin" on Saturday afternoon, so the trail was pretty-well broken before a racer overtook us. Although this was the month of April, the John Craig grave was nearly snow-covered.

The summer outing was the first two weeks of August and we camped at the beautiful Horseshoe Lake in the Wallowa Mountains.

We had a new ten-man rubber boat and found that trolling was a good way to fish. Lure Jensen, who was there with Ann, introduced the new Spinning Reel which has now gained nationwide popularity.

Matterhorn and Eagle Cap were the principle climbs but many trips were taken down the beautiful canyons with which this area is plentifully supplied. This was the third time we had camped at Horseshoe Lake. Ray Sims

Editor GEF would like to add that the swimming was superb in this camp, weather balmy and pleasant. There were two Hula dancers for entertainment and many other pleasant memories. Ed. was saved from drowning by Merle Bailey and Ray Cavagnaro and the latter later dumped ice-cold rainwater down my back. He has long since been forgiven! Ed.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

LOVELL BUTTE - 11-24-68

Twelve hikers (optimists) left the park blocks hoping the pouring rain would stop. They met later at the Lovell Ranger Station and then proceeded to the parking lot at the north end of Lookout Point Dam. Helen Smith was appointed rear guard and the hike was started. The trail, or actually the jeep road was quite wet though not too muddy. After an easy mile, sometimes quite steep, we reached Disappointment Ridge. Turning west up the same road the last clearing was reached and soon the lookout was sighted and shortly reached by all. Only about half an hour was spent on top for lunch as a cold wind was blowing and it looked as if it would rain any minute. It did rain most of the way down and made the going muddy and slippery. Everyone made it back to the cars safely about noon. Farewells were said and all left for home with one more Obsidian hike completed. Hikers were members: Mary Bridgeman, Mary Carr, Ina L. Foss, Mary Holland, Wes Prouty, Helen Smith, Arlene & Art Steel, Leader, and nonmembers: Bob Capron, Diane Letsom, Margaret Pope and Barrett Tomlinson. (Margaret and Barrett are now members.)

OLD BALDY - 12-7-68

Ina Foss, Harry Thomas, Mary Bridgeman & Hank Plant made this trip with Helen Smith as leader. There was snow on the mountains and no sunshine.

SPENCER BUTTE - 12-1-68

Three web-footed hikers left Eugene Park Blocks at 1:00 p.m. and headed for a wet Spencer Butte. There was some hail when we reached the top but the fog lifted for a few minutes so we could see Fern Ridge Lake. Making the trip were Mary Bridgeman, Leader, Mary Carr and Ina Foss.

