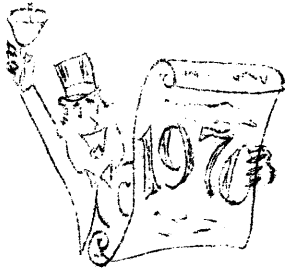
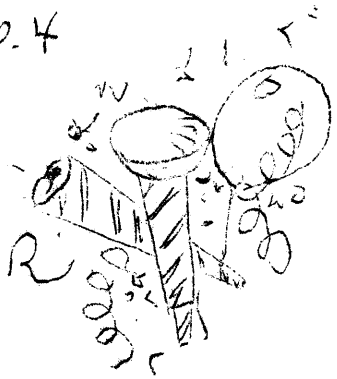


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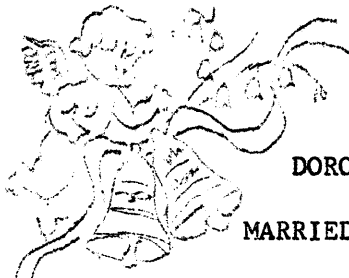


Happy
New
January - 1970 Year



THE SONG OF THE HIKER?

BEYOND THE EAST THE SUNRISE, BEYOND THE WEST THE SEA,
AND EAST AND WEST THE WANDERLUST THAT WILL NOT LET ME BE;
IT WORKS IN ME LIKE MADNESS, TO BID ME SAY GOODBYE!
FOR THE SEAS CALL AND THE STARS CALL, AND OH, THE CALL OF THE SKY!



THE PHANTOM ER - CUPID STRIKES AGAIN!

MARRIED ON DECEMBER 24, 1969 WERE BOB MEDILL AND

DOROTHY TOWLERTON. WE CAN'T THINK OF TWO NICER PEOPLE

MARRIED TO TWO NICER PEOPLE! HERE'S TO BOTH OF YOU!

And my notes say that Rachel Roach and Donald Husbands were married recently,
but I lost my notes - fireside ceremony, I think. Cheers to you both!

January 18

Rosary Lakes (snowshoe trip)
Clarence Landes

February 1

A "Somewhere" trip called surprise.
Johnny (grasshopper) Johnson

February 7,8

Overnight to Red Top. (snowshoe)
Marriner Orum

February 14,15

Gold Lake (snowshoe)
Mary Bridgeman

Congratulations to Diane Letsom, whose
engagement to David Earl Bilderback was
announced January 5th. HMMMMM! -
Since when is the girl congratulated???

We Obsidians wish to convey our sympathy
to:

Frances Kardell, whose sister, Ethel
Hammond, died Dec. 5 in Cottage Grove
after a long illness.

Florence Sims, whose sister died in Nov.,
Jane Hilt, whose mother died Dec. 15,
Bob Northrop, whose mother died Jan. 1 .

MOUNT ORIZABA in MEXICO

Ben Ross, our climbing chairman, is
considering scheduling a climb on this
mountain for the first part of Sept.

Those of you who are interested and
could possibly make it, please contact
Ben by the end of January, so that it
can be included in the climbing schedule.

(Sounds like a winner, and a rather
ambitious program for a club the size
of ours. Here's to Mt. Orizaba!

The January Business Meeting of the Obsidians was held January 7 at the Lodge -- this is wot 'oppend -

Beginning balance -	\$1186.58
Total deposit	131.06
Disbursements	73.10
Balance	1244.54

Bills to be paid"

Box rental	3.00
Bailey Castelloe, towels	14.78
" " , bulbs	9.82
Postage for publication	18.60
EWEB	35.21
Total	81.41

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Capron
2607 Charnelton St.
Eugene, Oregon

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Ripley
50 Coachman Drive
Eugene, Oregon

Mrs. Barbara Edmonson
1988 Sylvan St.
Eugene, Oregon

Erma Little
83181 No. Pacific Highway
#24
Creswell, Oregon

"A cheery welcome to the club, folks."

Address Change

Miss Mildred Ball
30052 So. Petersburg St.
So. Connellesville, Pa.
15425

Any question about the above, like Bailey's crying towels and his gladiola bulbs, or address boobos, may be referred to the Chaplain's Office.

GERMAN INVASION OF FRENCH PETE

Several Obsidians joined the U of O German Club to hike up French Pete Valley recently.

It was a yankee doodle dandy of a trip, crossing a number of log bridges on hands and knees (they were frosty), with ice water rushing beneath ready to envelope the unwary or queasy.

CONGRATULATIONS goes to two Obsidians who recently received advance degrees at the University of Oregon.

They were:

Lois Schreiner - Master of Library Science, and

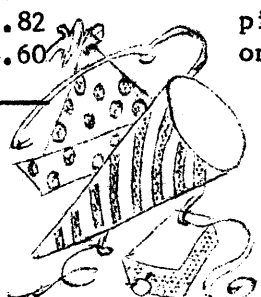
Pat Crowder, Bachelor of Social Science.

JANUARY POTLUCK

Remember the date! - - January 31st!

Barbara Hasek will speak and show pictures of Nepal (it faces Tibet on the north, and India on the So.) Barbara is well qualified, having spent considerable time in that country.

(Katmandu is the capital, they use rupees for money, not rubies, and the National Anthem is "Rashtriya Dhun".



PRINCESS NEWS

Princess Equestra (Mary Bridgeman) invites the group to meet at her home on Monday, January 19, at 7:30 P.M. The address is 375 Cherry Drive.

The Princess christmas party was Dec. 15 at Pr. Orange Blossom's home. Ass't hostesses were Pr. Hummingbird, Equestra, Pipsissewa, and Lightning, who brought Christmas cookies to accompany the ice cream Xmas trees. Hummingbird also prepared tray favors which provided clues for selection of gifts. A box of candy sent by Mrs. Charles Adams was very much enjoyed. (decided to write her a Princess thankyou note) A surprise gift of-er- for the Lodge kitchen was presented by the six new princesses - an egg beater. A card for Princess Pine Tree (T. Watson) was signed by everyone. A letter from Pr. Goldenrod (H. Weiser) - who is off on a freighter trip - was read.

Frank Manning wrote to Ray Sims over the holidays from Savannah, Georgia, and said, " Those wonderful evenings spent at the Obsidian Lodge are the things we miss the most.

You must have the cream of Eugene club members."

- Well, thank you Frank, we only wish you and Dorothy were with us over the holidays. We missed you.

"T'AS THE NIGHT" Of The 13th,
And Up At The Lodge -

Old St. Nick was there, and so was Bob Cox, making his harmonica do all sorts of things; there was Duchess playing carols on her marimba, and Edith Bridgeman doing a remarkable job with the Christmas Story, as did the entire gathering singing carols in both English and German. Hank Plant taught the course in German and our grade was and "A".

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The gathering enjoyed high quality films that Clarence Johnson showed early in the evening. Who would have thought that so much interest and beauty would come from a falling leaf?

Ina Foss became "Liar Of The Year" just prior to the delightful buffet. Bingo was something new, as were the wonderful prizes from German Smoked Meats. The New Year started great - just keep it up, everyone.

Thanks to Clarence and John.

Jerry Fehly spent Christmas with her son Robert, his wife and their two daughters in Redding, California. She said she enjoyed the "balm, warm weather". Said it didn't seem possible that Redding could be so much sunnier and warmer at this time of year - she didn't even need a sweater some days. There is a lovely view of Mt. Shasta and the Sierras from his back yard.
(Pour it on, Jerry.)

NOTICE! - from Membership Chairman
Ron Nunemaker -

All existing membership application forms are INCORRECT. If you have any that show dues and initiation as \$7.00, PLEASE CHANGE THEM TO \$9.00 before using them.

ALSO - Members who have not paid their dues as of January 1st may be required to pay a Reinstatement Fee.
(How is that, Ron?)

LONE WOLF SHELTER

This recent unofficial hike is a crackerjack for beginner hikers. This will be a good spring hike.

LARISON ROCK December 7, 1969

We made a loop trip out of this one via car shuttle - and would you believe an All Downhill Hike?!!:

We could see the tips of the Three Sisters from the summit - also Diamond Peak and Mt. Thielson.

Everyone had a good time.

Standing on the small pinnacle all at the same time were Jim, Louise and Chuck Berkey, Mary Bridgeman, Bob Cox, *Gunther Griffel, *Bob Johnson,

Clarence Johnson, Wes Prouty, Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith and
- John Johnson, leader

OREGON HISTORY

Larison Rock (and Creek) was named after a George Larison, who settled on land up the Middle fork of the Willamette River, way back when the river was known by the Indians as the "Wal-lamt" in 1826.

OBSIDIANS' SCM ELECTRA 120 powers thru.

No, we aren't in the space race with Cape Kennedy. - Only in the sense that you might read between the lines.

As you might suspect, we now have a new electric typewriter, which is going full blast trying to get out a good bulletin. It does everything but think.

We are working on that aspect, but in the meantime, all editing boobos are to be referred to the SCM ELECTRA, which is trying to have its own way, as you can readily see .

DID YOU KNOW that Frank Sipe broke some ribs last month? Join the crowd, Frank.

DID YOU KNOW that Helen Weiser is on a freighter called the "Skipper"? She is now off the coast of So. America near Lima, Peru, heading for Chile. There are only nine passengers on board. She will be back in New Orleans January 18.
"Helen, we are waiting for your news article next month about your trip."

"Polly Tickle, where are you?"

Ray Sims, where is your

"History Of The Obsidians?"

(He will probably answer that it is in that pile of rubble called 'an editing office'.) "Oh, yeah?"

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Registration for all trips is at the Central Lane
 YMCA, located at 2055 Patterson St., Eugene, Ore.

Subscription, non members ----- \$ 2.00

Yearly dues, -----

Juniors, ----- - 2.00

Seniors, Active and Associate, ----- - 6.00

Couples, ----- 10.00

Initiation fee per person, ----- 3.00

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CLIMBING CODE

1. Learn all you can about the climb and be sure of your ability to complete it. This means you must be in better than average physical condition, because the ascent of a major peak is a strenuous undertaking.
2. Sign up as early as possible so as to assist the leaders in making their plans; arranging for transportation, party equipment, etc.
3. Equip yourself with the clothing, equipment and supplies called for in the prospectus of the trip.
4. Provide yourself with sufficient funds to cover club fees, food and transportation charges.
5. Be sure to get at least four hours' rest after the last heavy meal before starting a climb. Eat very sparingly while climbing and always rest a little after eating.
6. Be willing to assist in any way called upon. Remember that the success of the climb depends upon your strict cooperation with and obedience to the leaders. There is the responsibility for everyone's safety and their word is law.
7. Stay in party formation, either line or squads, throughout entire climb and descent, as instructed by the leader, and do not leave it without permission from the leader.
8. Never relax vigilance. Be constantly considerate of your companions' safety and welfare. Take no heedless risks.
9. Report to the leaders any physical distress as soon as it occurs. Remember that if you become incapacitated through concealing your trouble, you put the whole party to unnecessary hardship.
10. A group climb is a cooperative enterprise. Accept this view at the outset, and your enjoyment of a climb will be enhanced many fold.

Use rest of sheet for further information given at climbing school sessions.