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LOUIS W. WALDORF

FRIENDLY HOUSE OFFERS

Beachcombers Rest! It is not easy for me to have to announce the passing of anyone, but to have to announce the loss to the Obsidians of a long time member, someone who has been so instrumental to the welfare of the Obsidians as Louie is most saddening.

Nov. 14 - Harold Dunn Olympics.

Nov. 21 (Sun)

Nov. 21 - Don Payne & Lois Schreiner - Their recent tour of the

Castle Rock Bob Cox leader.

North Cascades and Glacier Peak area.

THANKSGIVING DINNER! Louie was made a Chief in 1930. Chief! At the Lodge.... Time! Paint Brush and took an active part over! 1:30 P.M. Hazen and the years in all activities of the Club, Lorene Bressler, Chm! leading trips, climbs, heading summer camps! Please phone in your! and in laying plans for an eventual lodge! Reservations to 345-! building.

Nov. 28 - Julia Bel-Shaw. American Folk Conference. Montreal..

5496 - Thelma Watson! Because of failing health a lot of the! not later than Sun-! newer members did not know Louie very well! evening, Nov. 22 if! but he will be missed by all, even those! you plan to attend,! of you who did not know him because of all! This is important,! the things he did for the Club and what! Tell her what you! Obsidians meant to him. Good bye, Chief! will bring; dessert,! Paint Brush. We all miss you.

Dec. 5 - Mt. McKinley. Someone from the Out-door program.

or salad. Committee will take care of turkey, dressing, spuds, gravy & drinks. The charge will be \$1.50 per person. Under 12 75¢. It is of the utmost importance that you send in your reservations as requested.

Dec. 12 - H. Richard Blank. East Coast of Greenland.

WELL FOLKS - GREETINGS

Old Grouchy is back I do not know just how it all happened, but I can tell you one thing: I'm going to tell it as it is, so watch your step. If it happens it will be told in the Bulletin.

I enjoyed my Sabbatical and understand that in another 7 years I will be entitled to another one.

In the meantime if you have any complaints tell them to the printers devil. The thing that gripes me however in Nixon Freeze. It has hamstrung the Board from giving me a raise.

PRINCESSES AGAIN

The Princesses enjoyed a potluck picnic in Dorothy Medill's yard Sept. 20th. At this meeting, new officers were named: Dorothy Medill, Pres. Mary Bridgeman, Pres. of vice and Helen Lynch, Sec.

MT. PISGAH

It looks now as tho Mt Pisgah was a sure THING, BUT I get a smile when of all the things that different factions want. I am reminded of a dead horse laying out on the prairie and surrounded by vultures.

Motorcycle clubs want trails for their exclusive use. Horse people want trails for themselves. And there are bicyclists and hikers, arboretumists that want to have areas for planting and wild flowers enthusiasts who want areas reserved for undisturbed growth of wild flowers. There are older folks who want parts reserved for them. Day campers and overnight camper. There are those who want the whole hill kept wild without trails and roads.

I have not seen yet any requests from moonshiners asking for reservations where they can pursue their activities undisturbed, but this may come up yet.

Am sure glad that I am not on the planning commission. POLLY PICKLE. SEND MEMBERSHIP DUES TO HELEN LYNCH.

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BOARD MEETING

First we want to say, Especially new members, that Board Meetings are always open to all members. Come up and see how your business is run. The effort that is put out to make it run. The first Wednesday of the month. Next meeting Dec. 1st.

Called to order by Pres. Ben Ross. Two members missing; Haze Bressler and Clarence Landes. And how we do talk about members of the Board that are absent.

Treasurer Clarence Scherer read the bills, Ewab \$25.72, Postage (Bulletin) \$24.00, Postage other, \$8.00 and taxes, (net) \$176.44. At the beginning of the fiscal year checking account was down to \$203.89, but now after most of the dues are in we are back up to \$1011.12.

Trips Chairman, Lois Schriener reported trips going good with good attendance & said the first meeting of the new trips committee would be held Nov. 4th.

Camp Chairman, Donn Chase had some to say about next summers camp, but just in a preliminary way: would be a drive-in; would be in Oregon, and he wants to find someone to take charge of it. He spoke about the probable boat camp up in the San Juan Islands that quite a number of people have shown great interest in and said that this one would have to be limited to members only with the exception of close relatives of members.

Donn also told us of efforts of the Lions Club, Forest Service, himself and Bob Dark and others in establishing an outdoor trails system for blind and handicapped. An area up Fall Creek has already been set aside for this purpose. Donn said that the Ranger from Lowell, with the help of a lot of Boy Scouts has laid out in hundred foot squares, for a distance of about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and every shrub & tree has been identified and tagged. The tags later are to be made in Braille. He said that help would be needed to help layout the actual route the trail would take and the making of the trail. Why not call Donn, if you would like to and can help on this project. Donn and Bob Dark have led these people on some trips and told us of how they banter each other all in good nature such as: if someone stumbles others will yell out, "What's the matter with you? Are you blind".

A most disheartening note was entered into the meeting when it was told that in some manner word had gotten out that there would be a Halloween Party and pot luck dinner. 25 people showed up at the locked gate and waited and waited. They finally went to someones home where they

had their cake and ate it too. One can imagine the traffic situation there at the gate. This was a most regrettable happening.

Mary Carr, Librarian, said all in her department was under control with Mary Castelloe taking care of the scrap-book. Donn Hunter, Conservation, has Robin Lodewick and Lois Schriener in his Comm. Don talked at length on French Pete and Rock Mesa. Everything at present is go on logging of French Pete and mining the Rock Mesa unless court action can be started on the French Pete question. This would delay logging this area while the case was in court. Attorneys Wilner, Bennett and Leonard of Portland are lending their assistance in ascertaining costs of the possibility of taking the question all the way up to the highest court. The Sierra Club and others are in on the costs. Don, in his modest way, told of the vast amount of time he has contributed to the Rock Mesa problem. Even to the extent of going back to D.C. to support Sen. Packwoods two bills; one to ban all mining in Wilderness areas. The other to halt logging on French Pete. He has shown also his pictures to Chambers of Commerce in several places and has had most rewarding backing from schools, Chambers and others in his effort to try and save these two areas, with special emphasis on Rock Mesa. Don has made several trips taking people to Rock Mesa. One trip was with experts to find out the actual deposits of pumice there and to all appearances the pumice is of such poor quality that it is possible to have mining stopped there on this account.

Sen. Packwoods bill to halt all mining in wilderness areas is in committee. Sen. Aspinell of Colorado is Chairman of this committee and as he is 100% for mining he will not let the bill out of committee. WE CAN DO A LOT OF GOOD BY WRITING SEN. PACKWOOD AND THE PRESIDENT NIXON IN DEMANDING THAT THE BILL GET OUT OF COMMITTEE. Don read a request from the OEC that the Obsidians appoint someone to sit on their Board as a representative of us and Don was appointed to fill this request. All hail to Don for his efforts as a representative of the Obsidians in conservation.

Mary Carr read applications from the following for membership:

Peter R. Cecil (Jr) 4130 Robin, Eugene.
Donna Clocksin, 3080 Onyx, Eugene.
Patrick Clocksin, 3080 Onyx, Eugene
Leon Hatch, Wayne Hatch (Jr) David Hatch (Jr) 238 Wedgewood Dr. Eugene

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All were duly entered as members.
Gale Burwell, reinstated of Leaburg. We are all real glad to see you come back to us, Gale.

Change of address: Barbara Stiles to 730 E 36th Ave. #7. Eugene.

Climbing Chairman, Wesley Prouty has his committee selected and will hold its first meeting soon. Wes wants anyone who would be interested in leading a winter climb to contact him. Phone - 747-9511.

A request by one member for the Club to establish family rates for membership was brot up. This is something that must be handled as per constitution.

Subscriptions for the Bulletin was received from W. J. Willaimson, Medford, Reva Dildine, 751 Hwy 99 N. and Frank and Dorothy Manning, 122 Cedar Grove Road, Ga. Betty Hance, 311 Sunset Dr. Longview, Wa. and Wm and Bernice Spurr, 4816 Marine Dr. Apt. 1, Cape Coral, Florida.

Al Lynch was appointed auditor for the coming year.

FROM THE SHELDON HIGH TALISMAN-OCT, 29
by Judy Martin, student

AGE NO BARRIER TO OBSIDIAN HIKERS

Can you imagine yourself huddled around a fire, at the top of a mountain, amidst rocks, snow and icicles looking over many of the famed Oregon mountains such as the Three Sisters, Three Fingered Jack and Mt. Jefferson? And distantly you can see the majestic Mt. St Helens and Mt Washington.

I had such an experience Sunday, Oct. 17 along with nine other people, seven of whom were over 50 and even 60 years old. These oldsters, (youngsters) are members of "The Obsidians".

"The Obsidians" is a Eugene hiking group and member of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, organized in 1928 by a group of men concerned about a mountain climbing accident. Its purpose is to explore the Northwest Wilderness areas: to get all sorts and generations of people together, to promote expeditions thru out beautiful Oregon: to develop hiking and backpacking skills; to preserve the natural beauty; and to aid and assist in gathering valuable information regarding the mountain sides.

We met at 7:30 a.m. and drove 79 miles to the beginning of Crescent Mountain Tr. on the Santiam Pass. We backpacked four miles to the top of snow-covered Crescent Mountain and camped for a couple of hours in which time we ate lunch, rested and warmed up around a roaring fire built out of the remains of a lookout station. The oldest person there, and the builder of the fire, was Clarence Landes, who is 70

years old and has been an Obsidian for over ten years. One man on the hike has been an Obsidian for over 30 years.

Can two 17 year olds and one woman 30 communicate and cooperate with six spry individuals who will never see 50 or 60 or 70 again? If it is possible that one pleasant incident can make you believe this, then I, for one, say "Yes".

The Obsidians are truly fine, sincere people and I feel we all enjoyed ourselves because of the age differences. If you would like to participate in these hikes, drop in at the YM-YWCA on Patterson street and check out the Obsidian Bulletin board.

CRESCENT MT. OCT. 17

Nice day! Nice trip! Fine party! Fini! Bob Capron, Ann Giles, Clarence Johnson, Sharon Kingsley, Clarence Landes, Alvin and Helen Lynch, Judy Martin, Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith, the leader was Clarence Johnson.

NORTH SISTER - EAST SIDE JULY 17

Party arrived and rendezvoused at Pole Creek Camp about 3:p.m. Sat. July 17th. Approach was via an old, fading trail that leads from the far (south and east) driving terminus at Pole Creek directly west toward the North Sister. This is a very direct approach, altho the trail is a little hard to find and a little hard to stay on. It is necessary to leave the trail after about 2½ miles, when the trail veers north. During July there are snow-melt streams near the top of the timberline, providing a very comfortable and scenic camp with a good view of the route on the North.

Very warm weather was expected for the climb. We got up at 3 a.m. and left camp at about 3:45. The snow was in good condition for crampon climbing. Ice axe belays were used where needed. The party climbed directly up to Glisan and then, rather than traversing to the north, mounted Glisan. This rock is unstable and rather steep. Considerable care is necessary to protect the party from rockfall. We mounted the summit pinnacle from the east side, arriving about noon. Because a south ridge party was descending about the time we were ready to leave, we descended via the east side of Prouty and then traversed out the north ridge until we reached comfortable glissading snow. RECOMMENDATION: Climbs on this route should not exceed six persons; should climb fairly early in the season (Mid July at the latest) to avoid rock fall.

Climbers: Doug Dupriest, Ken Lovegren, Jan Newman, Jack Nitzel, Gene Thaxton & Jim Harrang - Leader.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

An outlaw splinter of the Obsidian Wetbacks reported floating down the Colorado River. They found that it was easier that way. These outlaws are Dr. Ewart and Mrs. Ewart Baldwin, Margaret Markley and Walter Youngquist.

RAY CAVAGNARO just returned from herding a bunch of gawkers thru Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Made a stop in London and while there contacted Nancy Scherer and later on met her again in one of the Scandinavian countries. Some people lead most dreary lives.

BLANCHE BAILEY, et al, has returned from an extensive tour of all parks and monuments down Arizona way.

THE HARMONS, Harvey and Nellie were down in San Francisco to attend a wedding. Not theirs, stupid. To some one elses. Seems like a long ways to go to get married, but that is where the people getting married live.

PAULA VEHRS. How that gal gets around. First one side of the world then the other. Now she has gone to Germany where she is visiting the scenes of her childhood and her sister.

MARTHA BERKEY. Remember her? Going to school again. It beats all how much schooling it takes to educate some people. She's attending College of Journalism, Syracuse New York.

MARY HALLERY was honored at a public reception Oct. 18th, along with Nina Kitts both of whom retired this spring after 29 years of teaching in the Eugene Schools.

ART STEEL was elected President of the Northwest Telephone Answering Service.

RUTH BASCOM is bicycle Committee Chairman for the Eugene-Springfield area. "We would like to make our area a showcase for bike routes in our State", she said.

BOB COX won a local speech contest put on by the Toastmasters Club. His subject was a hairy one. Bob, as most of you know heads the Eugene Barber College Teaching young ones the trade, and in his speech he told of some of the problems they run into. Of heads they refuse to work on because of dirt, bugs and what have you. That's why Bob came out a . head.

BOB MEDILL AND DOROTHY TOWLERTON home from gallivanting around down in southern Oregon.

MIDDLE SISTER AUG. 28-29

We came equipped to the teeth for mounds of snow. According to general reports of this years snow conditions, only to find less snow in the area than I've ever seen in my life.

Spent the night in Scott Camp after a beautiful sunset. Up at 5. All out of camp by 6:15. Comfortable climb to the summit, staying on snow much as possible, tho there was considerable exposed rock. All party members in good shape; morale excellent thruout the climb.

Reached the summit at 12:15. The weather on top was generally clear & fairly warm, with some clouds. Left the summit after a short break and had lunch in the saddle below. Took a route slightly further west going back to camp on glissading snow almost all the way. A very enjoyable climb in all respects (except that we were unable to use those carefully packed crampons). Climbers on this crew Marge Brittain, Dick Frankel, David Hatch, Lee Hatch, Dorothy Hayes, Roger Hayes, Dorothy Leland, Bob Nilsen, Cindy & Dan Pierce, Parker Riddle, Mariane Sandstrom, Nancy Sharrad, Velma Shirk, Bobby & Jerald Williams, Dave Zevenbergen and Leader Ed Crowder.

CLARK BUTTE - OCT. 2

It was a perfect October day when 12 of us ascended the Butte. Arthur Herron leader and Betty as rear guard. The trip was especially informative to the majority of the group who were new comers to Ore, and not familiar with Oregon climate. The sun shone thru the trees displaying the moss covered branches and the abundance of cones on the top of the evergreens. Along the trails mushrooms, Oregon grape with grapes on, and Salal were prevalent and of interest to many. Several of us out of practice hikers found the going rather strenuous. We reached the top about 11:30 and ready for lunch. We enjoyed our lunches and the fellowship of a very congenial group. After seeing the one view from the top returned to our cars. Everyone stated they enjoyed the trip and were enthusiastic about going on more. They were as follows: Mike Boeshans, Duchess Cox, Alice Doomoto, Sharon Kingsley, Mike Means, Ruth Nickold, Sue riemer, Helen Robbins, Judy & Migvel Sobre and the leaders Art & Betty Herron

THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

HAND LAKE LOOP OCT. 9, 1971

The group left 19th & Patterson at 8:00 a.m., arriving at Scott Lake at 10. Left one car at Hand Lake Trail. Started from Scott Lake to Tenas Lakes where we had a leisurely lunch. Proceeded then to Benson Lake where we rested and viewed the scenery. Back to Scott Lake with a stop for picture taking and enjoyment. From there to Hand Lake where Ina Foss spied 3 ducks. Another pleasant stop here and then on to the cars.

As usual-GOOD DAY! GOOD TRIP!GOOD GROUP!

Katherine & Dr. Eugene Barnes, Norman Benton, Thomas Benton, Robert Capron, John and Peter Cecil, Donna & Pat Clocksin, Ina Foss, Lois Greenwood, Evelyn Leshner, Alelia Linscott, Mike Means, Helen Robbins, Gregory Wannier, and the leader, Mary Bridgeman.

TIPSOO BUTTE - OCT. 10th, 1971

Twelve enthusiastic people chose a very gorgeous day to see the view on Tipsoo Butte. Much to the delight of the "appointed" leader, a logging road near Walker Creek shortened the steady incline of the 5 mile hike by 1½ miles. It took only 2½ hours to arrive on top. Some members of the party took short jaunts to "dry"..... springs and one trip around the Southeast side of the butte to view French Pete.... Valley.

What a gorgeous day it was! The trees were changing their colors and the sun was extremely warm. The bear grass and rocky niches on Tipsoo were ideal for nap taking. We were sorry to see this hike come to a close, but happy at the thought of

TAHITIAN GIRLS WERE IN TROUBLE

At least for awhile when Thelma Watson and Kay Fahy were over there for 3 weeks.

AND SAVED FOR THE "GOODIE BITE"

Doris Myers IS getting wedded. To a man from the northern part of Michigan, where we understand, Doris will be making her home. Good bye, Doris. It was nice to know you. And hoping you have a wonderful life.

only descending 3½ miles on this steep butte instead of the usual 5.

For those folks who climbed Tipsoo in the rain clouds in the spring of 1969.... Alas! The sun does shine* on Tipsoo Butte. And what a find!!!

Happy Hikers were Mary Bridgeman, Tom Britton, David Hatch, Lee Hatch, Wayne Hatch, Wes Prouty, Marianne Sandstrom, Lois Schriener, Helen Smith, Joe Walicki, David Wallace and the leader Liz "Tipsoo" Glover.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

No. 89

We gathered at 10 that Saturday evening of May 19th, 1962, in the "Worlds Fair" grounds in Seattle, and our Greyhound bus took us back to our motel in Auburn 22 miles south of Seattle.

We were so glad to have Blanche Bailey with us because she was only signed when Smith Mountjoy could not go.

Another stay in Auburn, but up early and back to the "Fair" grounds. To our liking was the Greyhound bus had a place in the Fair grounds.

Some took the new "Monorail" back to Seattle for its novelty, but there was plenty to see, "like the \$1,000,000 in silver dollars".

And food, food, food from all countries and I found Ken Lodewick at the "Frotes" stand, a tasty morsel, the Science display and many other wonderful things to see.

At 5 p.m. we again met at the Greyhound and headed back to Eugene with much singing and recounting those wonderful 3 days.

We also took another Greyhound trip in '62 up to Portland to the new Lloyds Center where we spent another delightful day.

HOT OFF THE WIRE TRIPS

Dec. 4 - (Sat) Gold Lake snow shoe shuttle. This was given to me as being too complicated to put into print, so one will have to go to find out. Mary Bridgeman, Leader

Dec. 13 - Christmas tree hunt - Marriner. Orum will show the way. Marriner is a Forest Service employ so knows where to go.

DUES ARE NOW PAST DUES. GET YOURS IN NOW

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR '71 - '72

The Entertainment Committee met at the home of the Chairman, Hazen Bressler, on October 28th and planned the following calendar of events for the evenings at the Lodge. Please keep this calendar for the year, so you can plan to be present at our coming social events.

November 25th --- Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lodge. Time 1:30 P. M.

December 18th --- Christmas Party and Potluck --- Bob and Dorothy Medill.
Gift exchange - Santa Claus - Music by the chairmen
Bascom Family

December 31st --- New Years Party and dessert --- Rosemarie and Dick Moffitt
Includes Liars Contest chairmen
We've got some good liars in the club. Last year was the first year that no one took part in this. What are you afraid of. We all know who the liars are.

January 22 --- Potluck --- Al and Joan Bray
(Includes "Sights and Sounds" by Don Hunter) chairmen

February 19th --- Potluck ----- Barbara and Stan Hasek, Chairmen.
(Program to be announced later)

March 18th --- Potluck --- --- --- --- Clarence and Dorothy Scherer, Chairmen
(Frank Moore will have the program)

April 22nd --- Potluck ----- Mary and Roger Bridgeman-Chairmen
(Program to be announced later)

May 20th --- Potluck ----- Summer Camp Committee in charge.

July 4th --- Picnic ----- Ray Sims in charge of this annual event.

September 16th ----- (Reserved for Summer Camp Reunion.

October 13th --- Potluck -- Annual Meeting - Edith Bridgeman - Chairman.

October 28th --- (New Committee will put on a Halloween Party (we hope)

Members of the Entertainment Committee for this year are: Clarence & Dorothy Scherer, Rosemarie and Dick Moffitt, Roger and Mary Bridgeman, Joan and Al Bray and Hazen and Lorene Bressler, Chairmen.

This sheet to be torn out and saved.