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### TRIPS

Dec. 17-Sun. Christmas tree trip with Marriner Orum. Yes, Junior. There will be a Christmas Tree trip but we do not know where to. Call Marriner 342-4527 for the dope.

### BOARD MEETING

Account of weather the regular meeting date was cancelled and latest information gives us December 13th as the date for Dec. Meeting.

### THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

And he will be at the Lodge Dec. 16 following a Pot-Luck Dinner which is set for 6:30 P. M. There will be a program for kids of all ages. A gift exchange gifts to be not over \$1 & it is requested that men bring a gift for a man and women bring a gift for a lady & a child gift by children attending. Write on the gift for whom. Male, Female or child.

REMEMBER!!!!DECEMBER 16th!!!!AT 6:30 P.M. POT-LUCK - PROGRAM-SANTA CLAUS-AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST-AN EXTRA SPECIAL THAT ONLY RUDOLPH KNOWS-NOSE-KNOWS-NOSE-KNOWS-NOSE

### NEW YEARS PARTY

Will be held at the same place as the Christmas Party above DECEMBER 31 and is called for 8:30 p.m. Bring Finger Pickin' stuff for that midnight snack. Drinks (soft of course) will be served. NOTE: This is to be a costume Party with two prizes given: one for the best costume and one for the most unusual. LIARS contest will be open for all, but this year a time limit will be placed on all tales of two minutes. Talk fast and get it all told. Come up and lets welcome 1973 all together.

AND A WARM WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER

JOHN CRESSEY ;ives at 617 West Broadway, Eugene, oregon 97402. Come up and see us John.



THE PUBLICATION STAFF WISHES  
YOU ALL A MOST MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

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### FRIENDLY HOUSE

\* Dec. 17-Over the Appalachian Trail with one who has been over it. Mr. Joe Walicki.  
\* Dec. 24-Merry Christmas. This will be Silent Nite No showing.  
\* Dec. 31-New Year's Party at the Obsidian Lodge.  
\* Jan. 7-Annual Dinner at Friendly House. Program will consist of pictures Of Bowron Provincial Pk. British Columbia by Mr.

and Mrs. Richard Parr (no relation to Jack) and Dr. and Mrs. Findley.

### PRINCESS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will be at the home of Princess Meadow Lark (Charlotte Lemon) with Princess Lightning (Nellie McWilliams) assistant Hostess, December Eighteenth at seven-thirty. This will be on a Monday evening Bring a \$1 gift for the gift exchange.

### MONEY TREE SHOWER

Was given at the Lodge December first for Bob & Kay Cox. About 50 showed up and under the promoters, Gwen Renfro & Selma Vangsness's management, everyone indulged in a good time, good eats and very interesting pictures of Art and Lillian Johnson's pictures of their trip all over the United States taken last summer and we do mean all over the United States with a side trip up into Canada.

### TO ALL OUR OBSIDIAN FRIENDS

Kay and I wish to express our deep thanks to so many of our friends who gave us a very nice "money Tree".

Even without the tree, we feel very close to all of you, and are very happy to be a part of the Obsidian "Family".

We realize once again very keenly that life's riches come from knowing nice people, rather than having nice things, and you all must know that we feel very rich - and happy.

Thank you all very much. Kay & Bob Cox

BAGE 2 WHO OWNS THE MCKENZIE RIVER? HOPE TO HAVE THIS STORY SOON. December 1972

?????????? 10/28

As we were driving to Carpenter Mt. in the rain, snow began to fall as we passed Vida. It became thicker and thicker and was sticking on the road considerably as we approached road 1502, still 12 miles from our destination. We decided to scratch Carpenter, but to hike Trail 1310 about 2 miles up road 1502. It was still snowing quite hard, and after a bit of deliberation decided we did not want to chance having to drive out in several inches of snow, so scratched the Trail 3310 plan also. We returned to the White Water Cafe in Blue River to have some refreshment. By now it was 10:30 and still snowing. We racked our brains to find a place to hike, but needed something lower down so we wouldn't get snow bound in our unprepared vehicles. As we returned toward Eugene (the snow turned to rain at Vida) we took a couple of roads which by-passed the highway, just to give us some diversion. As we approached Springfield the rain slacked off, and we got the idea of going to Eagle Rest.

Of course that meant crossing over to the Willamette Drainage and as we did so the weather became worse again. As we approached Eagle Rest via the Lost Creek Road we were confronted with smoke from slash burning, and it also started snowing again. We ate lunch in the cars at the Eagle Rest Trail-head, as it was too stormy to venture out. However, by the time we had finished, the storm abated somewhat, so we donned our boots and rain gear and hiked the 3/4 mile to the top.

It started snowing again before reaching the summit, and the wind was blowing quite briskly on top, so we did not stay long. The visibility was very poor, but what we could see was beautiful in its blanket of snow. We also took a short jaunt to Ash Swale Shelter a little distance up the road from Eagle Rest. We returned via Goodman Creek Road, arriving in Eugene at 4. Altho we did not make our original destination, we did get in our two miles of hiking, but going to Eagle Rest via Blue River is a bit of a long way around. Those participating in the long drive and short hike were: Mary Bridgeman, Clara Emlen, Karen Hedrick, Joyce Robinette, Helen Smith, Merle Traudt and leader Lois Schreiner.

#### MAZAMAS - A RUGGED BUNCH

They climb mountains in the winter time. They have climbs of Mt. Hood every month thruout the winter. Also have two

climbs of Mt. Jefferson in January, one of Shasta New Years Day. 2 climbs of Mt. St. Helens in February and a try at Mt. Rainier the middle of March.

#### INTERESTING SIGHTS OF OREGON

Now that winter is holding us more or less stationary is a good time to reminisce about places to see the coming year, so for you who have not seen the places we are going to call your attention to. We will from time to time, describe some of these.

Ten miles east of Prineville there is a road going north. A few miles up this road one comes to an amazing sight. This is Stein's Pillar. It rises straight up from near the base of a hill for 350 ft. It is on private property, but have been told that permission to go over to it is given, but we do not know to whom to ask. However do not believe this presents any problem. However the sight from the road is about all that most people would care for. From the road the column appears as tho it were only 20 or 30 feet square, but it is undoubtedly more than that. It is quite a sight. After getting ones fill of looking and picture taking one can go on north a short distance coming to a Forest Service Camp Ground. It is a real nice clean camping area among the pines and no charge. At least not in 1972.

On leaving one will find a road on the map angling off to the south and east, coming back to Hiway 26, the one he left on going to Stein's Pillar, and being out for a drive and to see different scenery, may be inclined to take this road. DON'T!

#### AND HERE IS THE COMPLETE LIST OF OFFICERS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

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When I was staying in the Sandy Leach cabins just north of where the old covered Belknap Bridge was located, about 1926, An Indian family stopped and asked if they could camp in the yard. An old Indian Lady, about 80 years old, along with her children and new husband, driving a surrey with fringe on top, said that she wanted to take her family to Indian Ridge where she had camped as a girl. The Lady said she was Chief Hollow Quill's daughter. She said she had camped many summers on Indian Ridge. Interview with Art Clough Feb. 5, 1971. Gale Burwell.

#### ROCK MESA

##### FROM THE WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST.

A consulting mining engineer's report of the validity of the pumice claims in the 3 Sisters Wilderness has been submitted to the F. S. The F. S. has asked that the report be enlarged to consider further mining costs before the agency accepts it.

The report developed under the F.S. contract concludes the claims on 1460 acres at Rock Mesa are valid but Zane G. Smith, Jr., Supervisor of the WNF. and Earl Nichols, Supervisor of the DNF, said that conditions of access and methods of mining are important considerations which must be studied further before validity can be determined.

Forest Service mining engineers and the consultant have completed separate investigations on mineral and market data. Development of production costs consistent with conditions under which mining and removal of material might occur is an important validity the Supervisors explained.

Analysis of the expanded data, expected within the next few weeks, should determine it the requirements of the mining laws and the Wilderness Act are being observed. If not, contest proceedings will be initiated in the Dept. of the Interior which has responsibility for adjudication of mining claim validity. If the analysis, on the other hand, shows the claims to be valid, the company, should it desire to mine, will need to submit a plan to the F. S. which in turn will consider the proposal and prepare an environmental impact statement.

PRINCESSES still want Betty Crocker's coupons. They would like you to turn them in to Thelma Watson by December 15th. It is said that they wanted to get a gold plated soup slicer this time.

Twentyone took advantage of the annual Chiefs initiation at the Lodge on Saturday November 18th, '72.

Starting with a dinner at 6:30 and the traditional initiation followed during the evening with cider & doughnuts near midnight. After this Smoketurner showed colored slides of all the annual get-togethers since 1946, followed by Chief Jet Stream showing how his name came into being, with slides of his flying jets.

Irv Williams was a surprise visitor as he has been gone since he became a Chief way back in 1939. Ray Harris also surprised us with a visit. Ray is machinist foreman for the Southern Pacific at Sacramento, California.

New Chiefs: Lee Hatch (Chief Spruce Up) Don Payne (Chief Ten Rocks) David Zevenbergen (Chief Tom Tom). Attending were: Bill Beaman, Earl Britton, Keith Brunig, Bailey Castelloe, Ray Harris, Joe Heidenreich, Art Johnson, Bruce Johnson, Henry Jeppesen, Jim Jeppesen, George Korn, Bob Medill, Bob Moffitt, Dick Moffitt, Wesley Prouty, Glen Sims, Ray Sims, Irv Williams, and Lee Hatch, Don Payne & Dave Zevenbergen. Ray Sims.

JOE HEIDENREICH brought to the Chiefs initiation program a National Geographic of June 1912. It contained an article called Scened Among The High Cascades in Central Oregon, by Ira A. Williams, who at that time was with Iowa State College.

It told of the 70 mile hike to get into the Three Sisters Area, which at that time was wilderness without any question. The article was graphically illustrated with most interesting pictures. Those of Collier Glacier showed it to be up where the present indications are that it once was. And what cravasses and seracs! On the back page was an ad for Texaco oils. It told of a Cadillac two years old and driven for 5000 miles that had never needed a spark plug change.

#### OREGON FOR THE CURIOUS

by Ralph Friedman, latest edition is just off the press and is just what the name implies. Over 200 pictures and covers the entire State. Cost is \$3.95 plus 25¢ postage, unless you can find it in a book store in which case the cost is the marked price of \$3.95. If there are enough Obsidians who would like a copy we can get them for \$3.35. Send in your order to Bob Medill, 2164 Laura, Springfield, and if enough want the book he will send in the order. If not you might get your money back.

## PRINCESSES INITIATION

If any of you men had a wife stay out all night Nov. 4th and not come home until Sunday find out if she is a Princess. If so she was probably running thru the poison oak up in the vicinity of 29th & Spring. At least that is what Princess High Sleep told her husband. And she, being a Princess wouldn't lie?

Anyway, they spent the night pounding away at the four Little Indians, (all that were left of the Ten) until the four candidates saw the light, (not the daylight) and agreed to be good little indians and not reveal a single thing that had transpired during the night. (They probably do not remember anything that happened that night anyway). The victims that the Princesses ansnared by brutal force into becoming Princesses were the following: Dorothy Leland, hit over the head and crowned Wild Currant. Charlotte Mills likewise hit on the topnot and given the name of Sun Cup. A squaw with her papoose got entangled in the briar patch, she was RoseMarie Moffitt & her daughter Alice. They were named Wind Song and Tunalowa respectively.

President Mary Bridgeman (Equestra) officiated and they say, did a good job.

After much beating of the Tom Toms and a smoking of the Peace Pipe they managed to stagger to their respective homes at which they arrived along towards noon.

## OTHER CLUBS HAVE TROUBLES, TOO

From the Intermountain Alpine Club of Richland, Washington. They scheduled a 2 day trip down into Oregon to visit some Ghost Towns. Had a good sign-up only to have the Trips Chairman discover Friday night that the leader assigned to that trip had vamoosed without notice to any one. However the trip did go thru. They visited the Cornucopia area and camped Saturday night beside a "No Camping" sign on a Snake River reservoir outside the town of Richland, Oregon.

## THANKSGIVING DINNER

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and if they didn't get enough to eat it was no ones fault but their own. Paula Vehrs organized and directed the dinner and did a real excellent job of it considering that at the same time she was house keeping for some friends up at Leaburg who were away for some three or four weeks. Selma Vangsness took care of one turkey and the Medills one. Don't know how much Selma's turkey weighed, but the one the Medills had was a 27½ pounder.

## LEADERS WANTED

Do you know who gets the most out of being a member of the Obsidians? These people who take part in activities, thats who. And here is a chance to get started

If you would care to lead a trip please call David Zevenbergen, Phone 747-2386.

And maybe you have some special place you would like to lead a trip to. If so tell him.

Maybe you are qualified to lead a climb and would like to. Call Donald Payne Phone 746-1964.

## TO PEOPLE WHO MOVE

Your Bulletin will not be forwarded if you move, even tho it carries first class postage. Don't ask me why, there is a lot about Post Offices that I do not know and the more I learn about them the more confused I become. So - if you want your Obsidian Bulletin following you around, please send in your new address.

## WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST

Samuel T. Frear, Public Inforamtion Officer of the WNF. received a Certificate of Merit and a \$300 cash award from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Frear was cited for the "eceptional quality" of the Willamette's Annual Public Report.

Forest Supervisor Zane G. Smith, Jr., in presenting the award to Frear, told hin that "each year you manage to put together a report that captures the interest and imagination of the public.

Sam Frear, a former newspaper reporter has been on the Willamette Staff since 1966. (Copy of the above can be seen at the Lodge).

## SOURDOUGH FRYING PAN BREAD

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| 2 cups sourdough   | 2 tsps B. powder    |
| 1 tbls cooking oil | 3 tblsp butter      |
| ½ cup flour        | in fry pan (warm    |
| 1 tsp soda         | not hot).           |
| 1 tsp salt         | add flour as needed |

Pour starter in bowl, add oil. Mix flour soda, baking powder and salt and sift over starter. Mix. Add more flour if needed. Knead and flatten. Take small amount of dough and flatten by hand, poking hole in center to avoid humping. Hold pan over hot fire to cook bottom. Then prop pan against heat reflecting back to finish baking. If at home put in oven at 400 degrees for 25 minutes.

RAY HARRIS called on the Chiefs during their annual get-together. He and family were on their way to Tacoma to be with Ray's mother during the Thanksgiving Week. Ray is machinist foreman for Southern Pacific at Sacramento, California.

I feel that Obsidians who have a skill or talent or idea or pictures that they would like to share with their fellow members should have priority in providing the program at the Lodge. So - if you have ideas for programs please call Dorothy Hayes - 342-3108. We Will be seeing the Grand Canyon slides and Norman Benton's slides. There are only a couple of months now open for programs but it is possible to schedule more events at the Lodge. We could settle for desserts and coffee and a program more often.

TIRE MTN. 11/19

A visit to this mountain is always enjoyable because of the woods the trail goes thru and the broad flat top of the mountain. We made the trip last Spring & found the beginning of the trail in poor condition due to logging operations. It had been cleaned up during the summer & in addition a vine maple thicket near the top of the mountain had been cut back for which we were quite pleased. However the shelter instead of being repaired had been torn down which was a disappointment to us. The weather was damp with a little snow covering the top of the mountain. Tired on Tire Mt. were: Mary Bridgeman, Sheila Carter, Margaret Seeley, Merle Traudt, Jack & Mary Williams, leader Helen Smith.

LARISON ROCK 10/21

Misty trip to Oakridge - took road 210 which was two miles to the trail head. Good trail but very steep. Beautiful view of the fall coloring from the top of the rock. The usual Good Day, Good Trip, and Good People. The good people were: Joyce Robinette, Merle Traudt, Mary Bridgeman, the leader.

DUNES - SOUTH OF WINCHESTER BAY 11/11

A record number of people for this trip and also a record for nice weather. Out of the 29 eight had been on this trip before. Thanks to Don Payne and Mary Holland for their help in preparing the (instant) soup - the party consumed 1½ gallons of it. (Liptons). The soup eaters Mary Jane Arpin, Mary Bridgeman, Tim Cook, Mary Couch, Dutchess Cox, Clara Emlen, Bert Ewing, Ina Foss, Dorothy Hayes, Mary Holland, Tobey Hoover, Henry Jeppesen, Ann Kemp, Clarence Landes, Dean & Pat Patterson, Bon & Alan Payne, Susie Payne, Hazel and Russ Peck, Wes Prout, Parker Riddle, Joyce Robinette, Paul Seeman, Lois Schreiner, Susie & Nancy Turner, Paula Vehrs and the leader Clarence Landes.

Left town in high fog - arrived at trail head at 9:30 and "on top" at noon. Trail is overgrown with low brush and hard to follow in places. Ate lunch on top of Joe's Peak in bright sunshine. On the way down some climbed to rocky outcroppings and had fun there. Cleaned up cans and trash in parking lot. Then on home after a delightful day. Good Trip - Good Group Good Day. Thank you. On this trip were: Joy Ballinger, Lea Boisen, Sheila Carter, Dorothy & Janice & John & John Jr. Leland, Dave Cohen, Joyce Robinette, Margaret Seeley, Velma Shirk, Dorothy & Clarence Scherer, Helen Smith, Tom Spaulding, Merle Traudt, Mildred Wilson, And Leader Mary Bridgeman.

CRESCENT MT. 10/8

A party of 21 arrived at the trail head at 10:00. Proceeded up the 4 mile trail and on top at 1:00. Excellent views on a moderately hazy day. After returning to the cars the party split. Some returning to town; others went exploring. Clarence Landes "rig" went looking for a trail to nearby Crescent Lake. The leader's car scouted out the trailhead to "The Three Pyramids" (which we found worked nicely). Far as I know the Obsidians have never been there and I would like to suggest putting it on the trips schedule next year. Beautiful weather and a good group made for an enjoyable outing. With the leader were: Rosemary Bathgate, Peter Hubbel, Clarence & John Johnson, Clarence Landes, Dorothy Leland, Connie Myers, Yozo Nozo, Marriner & Paul Orin, Bill Pardee, Wes Prouty, Karen Renick, Clarence and Dorothy Scherer, Lois Schreiner, Paul Seeman, Helen Smith, Francis Stillwell, Merle Traudt, Thelma Watson and leader John L. Johnson.

EDITORS CORNER

How come Clarence Landes can get his story put in the Bulletin twice? We do not know, but figure it was worth reading over again anyway.

And about those few instances where one finds letters mixed up. We find lots of similar mixing up in the RG. One reason for our mistakes is that the person who pounds the typewriter has the end of a finger cut off causing the stencil cutter to not quite reach the letter aimed for before the next finger hits a letter allowing the second letter to be hit before the first letter has had a chance to operate. Wonder what the RG's alibi is.

by Ray Sims No. 101

Many delightful things made our 1965 camp at Tock Creek a very good camp and well attended. Little things like "cross-int the little bridge" over "rushing Rock Creek" even to get to the camp table. Then the high rock on one side of the creek made jumping across a daily sport for the children.

Only one day there was a "threat" of rain, so very one was busy "ditching", however almost everyone ended up at the big Bascom tent.

Of course its a little hard to remember but I think the six to 8 lemon meringue pies started in this camp. Making that many gives each a quarter of pie on each Friday when in camp.

Two weeks go by too fast, but the day for "breaking camp" comes along, so a real treat would greet us on the way home. A stop in Bodie the well preserved "ghost town". Gold was discovered here in 1859 by W. S. Bodie after whom the city was named. Once the most thriving town of the Mono Country. Over 100 million dollars in gold was taken from the hill-side west of town.

More than 5,000 people lived here, but today the schoolhouse, sawmill, Methodist church with its high organ still intact. On the main street most of the buildings were in good shape, as well as many houses that dotted the nearby hills.

and are as follows: single persons \$6.00 per year; couples (married that is) \$10. Families \$12.00, students over 18 same as Juniors \$2.00 with proof of being a student. Send your dues payment to Lois Schreiner, 339 Taylor st., Eugene, Oregon 97402.

#### DEER FATALITIES ON OUR HIWAYS

Ever collide with a deer? Believe it or not 3,000 other people did in one year on Oregon Hiways that the State kept a tally. 3,151 deer were killed in the one year and no one knows how many were hit and went on into the woods to die later.

Heaviest mortality was in Klamath Co, where 507 deer were killed when run into by cars and trucks.

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MARRINER ORUM has on his Conservation Committee Don Hunter and Robin Lodewick. LOIS SCHREINER has added Mary Douglas Stovall to her Committee on Membership. WAYNE RENFRO has been elected Assistant Steward of the Jasper Grange and; GWEN RENFRO takes the position of Lady Assistant Steward of the same Grange

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FRANK MANNING and GENE RENARD and

EVERETT OW and any others who may be in a banana belt some wheres - 7 inches of snow on the ground and TWELVE BELOW ZERO All records went down with the thermometer. But the only kind of weather we have in Western Oregon is unusual.

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