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TRIPS

- Jan. 16 - Snow Shoe and Ski trip somewhere with Marriner Orum.
- Jan. 23 - Old Baldy of the Coburgs with Helen Smith leading the way.
- Jan. 29 - Clear Lake country with Clarence Hedges. This trip is just tentative. Maybe yes. Maybe no.
- Jan. 30 - Ski only to Gold Lake. No snow shoes allowed. David Mention
- Feb. 6 - Spencer Butte with Dorothy Medill leading.
- Jan. 15 - Sat. A snow trip for kids to the White Branch Youth Camp. Leader will be Wes Weathers. There is a charge of 50¢ to get into camp and a charge of 50¢ for inner tubes to slide down the slopes unless bringing your own tubes.

NOTICE FROM LOIS SCHRENINER

Notice to people who would like to lead hikes this year. If you have not been contacted, but would like to lead one or more hikes, please call Lois - 344-9848, stating your destination and preferred date not later than February 1st.

THE OBSIDIAN EXPLORERS (young people interested in the outdoors) are planning a trip to the Santiam Pass for those interested either down hill or cross country skiing January 30th. All interested young people should sign up at the Y.

Frank Moore.

FRIENDLY HOUSE

- Jan. 16 - Norman Benton will show of his recent trip to Nepal.
- Jan. 23 - Ray Sims pictures of Obsidian Summer Camps.
- Jan. 30 - John Stafford on Italian Hill Towns.
- Feb. 6 - Mark Bently - The Marble Mountains of Eastern Oregon. You do know where these are? Come out to Friendly House and find out

OBSIDIAN GOURMET CLUB

The next meeting of this select group will be at the World's Fare Restaurant in Valley River Center the evening of January 20th. All Obsidians are invited to attend if you have that urge. 6:30 pm

NEXT PRINCESS MEETING

The Princesses will meet January 17, at the home of Lois Schreiner, 339 Taylor at 7:30 p.m. (if any Princesses don't know where this is at we know a Chief who will be glad to escort you)

SCHUSTER macht die freizeit schon. In English its a very nice catalog of every thing for outdoor people, just received.

If you cannot read it there are a lot of pictures of beautiful girls to look at and in case you may be interested in any thing listed in the catalog Paula Vehrs would probably aid one in understanding that all the letters mean as well as to understand their method of telling one how much of what they want for different items. At the Lodge.

FOR SALE

Brand new pair Red Wing Ladies Boots. Size 8 narrow - \$10. Mrs. Leila Chase. Phone 344-0268

Dear Bea:

I wish to thank you and all the Board members for your nice letter. Toil and sweat went into every Bulletin, but perhaps the most important, a little love.

And as sugar beet growers of Idaho would say - "I enjoyed raising cane too"

I haven't really dropped anything - I have just funneled my efforts in other directions. Of course the Obsidians have been very important to my life and always will. And remember, if I am needed for any activities, indoor or out, (or even sugar beet farming) you know I am not very far away.

With affection,
Bob Cox

BOARD NOTES JAN. 5

Bills Paid.....\$33.22
Postage to Climb Comm.....\$ 8.60

Treasurer Clarence Scherer reported a balance in the checking account \$931.24. Those present were, Haze Bressler, Lois Schreiner, Wes Prouty, Clarence Scherer, Frank Moore, Donn Chase, Helen Lynch, Bea LeFevre, Ben Ross and Dr. Baldwin. Missing in action were Don Hunter and Clarence Landes and Mary Carr. Clarence L. did show up, but that was all. Said that he had another party but did not tell who she was.

Donn Chase is still looking forwards to the day when someone will step forward agreeing to Chairman the summer outing. He has the support of Lloyd Plaisted as co-chairman, but Lloyd thinks that the chairmanship should be held by someone at or near Eugene.

Board received a check for \$10 from Earl Pomeroy to be used in the Search & Rescue Dept. Earl is Prof. of History at the U of O.

Wes Prouty and his climb comm. has so far listed 12 climbs for the coming year.

Donn Chase (who gave the credit to his wife, Jean) furnished the gang with some most delicious apple cake. Ummm - Good.

Acted on the applications favorably of seven applications for membership who are as follows:

JOELLA VANDERVEER, Active. P. O. Box 686 Oakridge. Joella is a teacher there.

FRANK & SUE RIEMER, 1600 Adkins #22, Eugene 97401. They are recently from Austin, Texas. Frank is retired from the oil industry having been with Standard oil for many years. Associate.

NANCY DURFEE, 1745 High #1 Eugene, 97401 Nancy is with the Library at the U of O. Nancy is also an active member.

MICHEL WRIGHT, Mrs. active and along with her are Lori, age 9 and Cindy, age 4.

They live at 2870 Baker Blvd. Eugene. Michel is the daughter of Mrs Collar who has the Home Bake Shop at 86 East Brdwy. Mrs. Collar is sister of Arlene Keasling

Dr Baldwin, Chairman of the Scientific and Education Comm. attended the meeting and was after information as to how he could serve the Obsidians to the utmost. Dr. Baldwin is geologist at the U of O.. During the discussion several ideas were advanced. General opinion was that it would be nice if the membership came forward with ideas of their own as to what

they would like from this department Write in your wishes - please. let us know that you are interested.

Request was read from the Chemeketans Salem advising us that they were elected to host the 1973 FVOC annual meeting, The request was for us to co-host with them. Request granted. It is easy to say yes to anything that far off. I know having done it myself.

PRINCESS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas Princesses enjoyed a candle-lit

Twelve Princesses enjoyed a candle-lit Christmas dessert beside the roaring fire at the Lodge Dec. 19. Four hostesses arranged the party: Barbara Hasek, who served delicious punch with a decorative ice cube containing holly floating on top; Helen Kilpatrick, whose delightful story read to Barbara directed each to her own gift under the Christmas tree Myrtie Hamlin and Mary Castelloe who gave moral support. Others attending were Mary Bridgeman, Vera Heidenreich, Helen Lynch, Nellie McWilliams, Natalie Morgan, Frances Newsom, Thelma Watson, Helen Weiser. A short business meeting was held authorizing purchase of new Christmas decorations for Lodge use. Mary Castelloe

PRINCESS MEET

Twelve Princesses enjoyed a Christmas party the evening of Dec. 20th at the Lodge. Mary Castelloe, Helen Kilpatrick, Myrtie Hamlin, and Barbara Hasek were hostesses and served ice cream snowballs and Christmas cookies. A gift exchange followed a short business meeting. Others present were: Helen Weiser, Natalie Morgan, Nellie McWilliams, Thelma Watson, Frances Newsom, Vera Heidenreich, Mary Bridgeman and Helen Lynch.

The next meeting Jan. 17th will be at the home of Lois Schreiner, Helen Lynch.

GOLD LAKE TO WALDO LAKE ROAD

Left Eugene at 7:45 a.m. to meet a car at Oakridge - then on to Gold Lake where the cars were parked. Proceeded on snow shoes to Gold Lake shelter where we had lunch with the comfort of a small fire. Followed "snowmobile" signs out to Waldo Lake road and down to car which had been left there. Everyone had a turn at breaking trail in a foot and a half of new powder snow.

As usual - GOOD DAY - GOOD TRIP - GOOD GROUP. Snow trail breakers were: Donald Payne, Helen Smith, Mark Loewen, Sharen Kingsley, Tom Spalding, Brian Kuhnenn, Joella Vandever, Mike Wright and Mary Bridgeman - Leader.

BROCK EVANS

As most of you know is our Northwest Outdoor Club Representative. The Obsidians contribute to his upkeep. It is not the policy of your Editor to take up too much space about his work nor to bore you all with too much conservation. However do feel that you that are interested to know some of the things that he is doing and having space in this issue to give you his latest letter.

RE: HELL'S CANYON AND FRENCH PETE CREEK ACTION REQUESTED.

We have been doing battle together over these two very significant Oregon issues for a number of years now. We have always felt that time was on our side, but the road has been long and difficult and there have been many dark moments.

Now, apparently, we are to have a ray of light; and if we all can act promptly we may be able to commence the long road towards final protection by legislation of these vital areas.

As you know, Senator Packwood is the sponser of legislation to create a Hell' Canyon-Snake National River, to protect some 726,000 acres of the magnificent Snake, Imaha, Grande Ronde, and Lower Salmon River Canyons and their associated uplands. After a long hearing in Wash. D. C. on this legislation, Senator Alan Bible of the Interior Committee indicated to Senator Packwood that there is a chance that there will be field hearings next year.

And, in a subsequent letter in response to a request by Sen Packwood, Sen. Henry Jackson, Chr. of the whole Interior Committee has promised that there will be hearings on Sen. Packwood's bill for a French Pete Intermediate Recreation Area of 19,000 acres "early" next year.

The only problem is that with the Hell' Canyon legislation, there is no guarantee of filed hearings; and with the French Pete case, there is no assurance that there will be field hearings. There may be hearings in Washington, D. C.

It is up to us to do what we can to make sure that we have field hearings, not just in the local areas, but also in major Oregon cities, (where most of the people live) on both of these important issues. Hearings held back in Wash. D.C. won't mean much, because only the timber lobbyists will be able to afford to go back and, in the case of Hell's Canyon

even the local people in Eastern Oregon no longer want the dams, it is still important to hear the sentiments of the vast majority of Oregonians who also love and use this area.

Therefore, we must act. I would urge each one of you who cares about these issues to immediately write Sen. Henry M Jackson (Senate Office Building, Wash. D. C. 20510), Chairman of the Senate Interior Committee, and urge that field hearings be scheduled for both of these pieces of legislation, in major Oregon cities next year.

Thank you for what you can do. We've come a long way together on these vital issues, and I think at last we have a real chance of saving these places we love".

MORE CRITICISM TO EDITOR

He was criticised for his mentioning the change of the Christmas tree trip to Sunday from the Monday reported in the November issue account of Monday being a Jewish Holiday. And he thot that that was as good a reason as any he could think of to cover up an error.

And he was also criticised for not mentioning in his article about some of the problems to be overcome in regards to how we got our Lodge Building in not telling that a lot of people whowere not Chiefs also contributed to this fund

I thot that I had specifically mentioned in this article that a lot of people who were not Chiefs had contributed.

It was pointed out to me that one lady had contributed a hundred dollars to the fund. Now I know who this lady is, but I also know that no donations were made for the purpose of advertising this fact That all donations and contributions of money, time and materials were made for one purpose only, and that was to erect a Club House that could be called ours.

And the whole purpose of the article was to enlighten the newer members of how we got what we have. And if any of the newer members can come up with ideas of how to get more out of what we have we feel sure that the Board will give an earnest ear to what they have to say.

Am sometimes filled with the thot of turning the whole thing of editorship over to others, but have read a statement of John Rogers, managing editor of the Denver Post. He says, "If we in Journalism can't take criticism we might as well close up shop.

ANYWAY, I KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO READ THE BULLETIN

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

DORIS MYERS is now Mrs. Elmer Peterson. The alteration took place at the Fire-side Chapel at 4 p.m. Dec. 30th. Farewell to thee, Doris.

Wedding Bells rang for Bruce Newell who got married to Rebecca McLaughlin. Both are students at the University.

WEDDING BELLS also rang for Eleanore Rimpley. Her name is now Mrs. Donald Wall SMITH MOUNTJOY back in 1919 paid \$349. for a Henderson motorcycle. He had a sporty pair of gauntlet gloves to go with the motorcycle. He sold the cycle in 1921 for \$349. Recently the Grace Lutheran Church of Eugene acquired the content of an old house near the University. Among the stuff were two old cars and the Henderson. The cycle and two old cars are now being offered for sale and are stored out on Manor Drive. A few days ago Smith went out and had his picture taken astride the old machine and he also was wearing the same old gloves he had in '19

Manor Drive is off of Hayden Bridge Rd which is off of Harlow Rd. which is off of Coburg Rd. which crosses Ferry Street Bridge.

TO NEW ZEALAND

A couple, man and wife, are leaving for this exotic country. We will not mention names until they return. Some crooked Obsidians might, on reading their Bulletin, and go to their house and help themselves.

TO THE ISLANDS

Another couple, also man and wife, are going to this place for awhile. Will let you in on it when they return.

SUSAN AND ROBERT SCHERER. We have just learned that they are both magicians and have both put on a magicians show here in Springfield. Entertainment Committee take note. And Leslie Cooper, too.

LOIS SCHREINER'S father, Glen Hosford, died in Tucson, Arizona, and was buried here in Eugene at the Mt Calvary Cemetery. We all extend to you, Lois, our most sincere sympathies.

MAC McWILLIAMS At that infinitesimal split second between Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, Mac retired from his duties at the University. Now if Nellie can take it he will be spending most of his time at her house. Hope you get your fingers deeply into that pension fund, Mac and enjoy it.

HARMON PENNOYER has flown south with the wild geese. Down to Coronado - Calif to spend some time with his daughter-in-law. And Grand daughter.

LOIS SCHREINER has had the pleasure of the company of her daughter, Penny Gross from Washington, D. C.

FROM OLD OREGON

An issue that has mobilized more student workers than any other (this last fall) is the drive to see that mining is not allowed in the Three Sisters Wilderness area.

HEAR YE-HEAR YE-HEAR YE

This is the last call for your dues. Work on the new membership list will be started soon and if you do not want your name dropped from this list better send in your dues to: Helen Lynch

Rt 2 Box 346 B

Eugene - Oregon 97401

ANYONE INTERESTED?

Oregon citizens who would like to observe an interesting operation are invited to drop in at almost any Game Commission fish hatchery in the next few months, or perhaps take a side trip to one of the Commission's egg-taking stations.

Persons interested should drop a note or call the Game Commission and request a folder which tells all about its fish hatcheries. The folder lists all stations their locations, species of fish generally raised, and the approximate time for egg productions Oregon State Game Comm. 1634 S. W. Alder St. P.O. Box 3503 Portland, Oregon 97208.

NEW YEARS PARTY

About fifty persons showed up for this event, bringing lots of goodies to eat.

Everyone enjoyed themselves to the utmost, with lots of games and plenty of real good old-fashioned visiting.

The Annual Liars Contest was entered by Ken Horton, Bob Cox, Robin Lodewick, Al Bray, Ray Sims, Ina Foss. Ina again proved herself the best Liar and won the cup for the year 1972.

Richard and Rose Marie Moffitt are to be commended for putting on such a good New Years Party. We all thank you.

CLIMBING LEADERS get-together will be held on Wednesday, March 15th, at the Lodge.

Climbing Leaders Red Cross, 8 hour multimedia first-aid course will be held on Wed. & Thurs. evenings, March 22nd & 23rd, at the Red Cross office.

As soon as we know who all the leaders will be, they will receive complete details on above events. Wes Prouty. BETTY CROCKER COUPONS STILL WANTED. BY THE PRINCESSES.

1971 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE TRIP

Starting time 9 a.m. Arrived at 10 a.m. Miles by car 27 - Round trip 54 - Arrived home 1:30 p.m. On this trip; Mary Bridgeman, Donna & Patrick Closksin, Hatch family, Roger & Dorothy Hayes, Ken Lodewick, The Ron Nunemakers, Jack Shepard family, Ray Sims, Paul and Leader Marriner Orum.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The usual big group assembled for over eating and good fellowship. The tables, tree and the whole building was really decorated by the decorating committee, consisting of Mary Castelloe, Dorothy Medill, Paula Vehrs and Mary Carr. The tree was brot in and donated by Marriner Orum. Thank you, Marriner.

The Bascom Family gave us their usual performance of good singing of appropriate Yule Tide songs which was very much enjoyed.

Santa came in with the usual fanfare and with the help of the youngsters managed to get rid od his heavy burden.

Santa was minus one of his reindeer, Comet elected to stay home and clean the sink.

JOHN DAY FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Legislation has recently been introduced to create a National Monument to include three state parks in Central Ore The Thomas Condon-John Day Fossil Beds State Park, the Clarno State Park and the Painted Hills State Park. Within the Thomas Condon-John Day Fossil Beds is one of the most complete records of mammalian evolutionary Developments yet found; The Clarno Beds contain rare nut and seed fossils; and the Painted Hills are a valuable geological record as well as a senic area. The present misuse of these parks indicate the urgent need for full federal protection under the Antiquities Act, thru designation as a National Monument.

Therefore, The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs supports the enactment of legislation which would provide protection of these areas through the establishment of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument.

The above from the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs policy statement just issued to the Obsidians

PARKER RIDDLE. We have some good news for a change. Parker, who has been confined in a hospital for a while has been released and is back home.

PRINCESSES WANT YOU!!! to save Betty Crocker coupons. Give to any Princess

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

BY Ray Sims

No. 91

The year of 1963 ushered in with a New Years party at "Camp Baker", probably the last time away from the Obsidian Lodge.

This was called "Camp Lane" also. After a hearty breakfast the next morning, a drive was made towards the coast, but a trail trip was planned but because of the '62 Columbus Day Storm, too many fallen trees were blocking the way.

Catherine Dunlop won the "Liars" contest at the party. And also was chairman for the week-end.

At the February Board Meeting, even this early, Mel Jackson reported to get support in fighting the thgt of turning the "Coburg Caves" into a gravel pit.

Also Gene Rnard wrote that the "Islands" have as their New Year also their "Birthday" and shot off "fire works" like the 2nd coming of "Pearl Harbor".

The Club was also saddened by the passing of Paul Weiser on January 16th, 1963, as he was "One of the Regulars".

"Glacier Park" was again to be the site of the annual "Summer Camp" as this was also the "site" in 1953. "Camp Markley" would be on the "shores" of Beautiful St. Marys Lake from Aug. 4th to 18th, "1963".

ARTHUR GODFREY letter No. 4.
49 East Fifty-Second st. May 24, 1971
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Mr. Godfrey:

Columnist Morgenstern's visious attack on a legitimate industry in the May issue of Newsweek reminds me that I have not as yet received a reply to my letter of Feb. 1, 1971 to you.

Your Mr. James A..Folsom wrote me on May 6, 1971 stating that my original letter was misplaced, or failed to reach your office, but he acknowledged the copy I sent him and said you would reply.

I am very anxious to hear from you.

Sincerely yours

(Mrs) Fern Enke

CHEMEKETANS have a Wilma Moore in their membership. Hope she is as nice as our Wilma Moore.

EGGS CRACK? when being boiled? You've tried putting in cold water? Adding salt to the water? And everything you have heard about? Just poke a hole in the big end with needle or pin. Recommended by Mrs. Rock, Mrs. Island, Mrs, Leghorn, Mrs. Minorca and Mrs. Banty.

DOROTHY TOWLERTON er aa Medill wishes to extend her thanks to all who called enquiring about her health during her recent lying in period.

LETTER No. 5

Having room to spare in this issue will complete this series. I got a lot of laughs out of it and hope you do to.
Arthur Godfre

49 East Fifty-second st.
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Mr. Godfrey:

It is becoming apparent that you just do not want to discuss what you put out over the air in your radio broadcasts--- could be because it is completely "phony" to begin with.

All I am asking for is the answer to a question--just where did you get your information for your broadcast on Feb. 16 in which you lead your listeners to believe that the last redwood tree is being cut.

Also an invitation was extended to you to come out and visit us in the big tree but you apparently do not feel that this country is worth visiting--altho it is worth putting out false information'bout Would appreciate a reply by return mail.

Sincerely yours
(Mrs) Fern Enke

HELP WANTED

Trip Leaders.....Lois Schreiner.344-9848
Climb Leaders....Wes Prouty.....747-9511
Cummer Camp Chr..DonnChase.....344-3808

This call for help includes new members too. Don't leave everything up to the old broken down and spavined members.

CAMP SHERMAN

On the Matolius was not named for Gen. Sherman as one might believe, but because in the early days it was a favorite camping spot for the settlers of Sherman Co. MIKE LAFFERTY, son of Paul & Jean Lafferty, rated top down hill skier in the United states made fastest time in event at Bad Hofgasten, Austria. This hot off the wire.

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LETTER No. 6 and last

Mrs. Fern Enke
P.O. Box 3460
Eureka, California 95501
Dear Mrs. Enke:

Your latest letter has arrived. Madam do us a favor. Make this your last one. Anyone who writes a letter in the tone that you have written makes it apparent what kind of person she obviously is.

Please understand, and I am sure you do have difficulty in understanding, that we in this office are under pressure to handle things of far more consequence than the picayune bit of information which you asked us to act upon. Your point is made and Mr. Godfre has been informed that Redwood trees are still being cut and will continue to be cut under one of the most fantastic logging programs ever recorded in history.

Again, please don't bother to reply. I can't think of anyone in this office who cares to read any further correspondence from you.

Sincerely

James A Folsom

Associate Producer

Arthur Godfre Productions

JANUARY POTLUCK

Changed again account of prior commitments. The program that is, not the date which is the same. JANUARY 29 - 6:30 pm. Helen Weiser will fill in for Don Hunter and will take us with her down the East Coast of South America, and across, then up the West Coast. Blanche Bailey was on this trip with Helen and it may be that Blanche will be with us. Hope so.

DON HUNTER WILL BE WITH US IN FEBRUARY.

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