



# THE OBSIDIAN

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## TRIPS

- Note that several are snowshoeing. This is the greatest effort between 2 Points.
- Feb. 12 - Sat. Jack Shelter - Snowshoe Leader Don Payne.
  - Feb. 13 - Sun. Jack Shelter - Ski for a change. Leader David Mention.
  - Feb. 19 - Sat. Rosary Lakes - Snowshoe Leader Wes Weathers.
  - Feb. 26 - Sat. Seven Devils Rockhound at the Coast. Kenneth and Robin Lodewick. Leaders.
  - Mar. 4 - Sat. Clear Lake Lava Beds. Snowshoe- Clarence Landes
  - Mar. 11/12 Sat. & Sun. Hardesty overnite Snowshoe - Donn Chase Ldr

## AND AT FRIENDLY HOUSE

- Feb. 13 - Frances Newsom will take us to Portugal in her own style.
- Feb. 20 - Kenneth Horton working with handicapped Boy Scouts. This could be of real interest to us all.
- Feb. 27 - Walter Youngquist (remember him? (Who doesn't) Boating on British Columbias Fiords.
- Mar. 5 - Mrs. Leroy Merritt will take us to a new place. For us at least. Yap Island. One of the Carolins Her som taught school there.

## SPECIAL

FEBRUARY 19th - Potluck with Stan and Barbara Hasek in charge. The one and only Don Hunter with his 4 projectors and three screens to entertain us.

SCOOP / To celebrate the "OBSIDIANS FORTY FIFTH" year the date for a potluck banquet at the Lodge is June 17th. The program will be fitting and the plans are going ahead. Do reserve this date.

LAST NOTICE TO YOU WHO HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES. YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP LIST. WE NEED YOU WE WANT YOU

## TOO NICE A STORY TO KEEP

When Frank & Sue Riemer read in the Bulletin that a couple had gone to New Zealand they immediately called to find out who they were. Reason! They themselves had lived there for some time and had quite a number of friends there and Frank and Sue wanted to try and bring together the travelers and friends. They were too late getting in contact with them here so they found out where they (the travelers) and wrote to them and also some of their friends. Result! Got a letter from the travelers in reply and travelers and friends had gotten together and seems all are having a most wonderful time. Nice people do belong to the Obsidians.

Frank and Sue are new members to the Club and are new arrivals to this part of the country.

## CHEMEKETANS

Invite us to their 44th annual banquet in Salem February 26th. Place is at the King's Table South. Cost \$3.25. Adults, \$2.50 11-16 and \$1.50 10 and under. Program will be offered by Gil & Vivian Staender who wrote the book "Adventures With Artic Life" and was published in 1970. Time 6:00 p.m.

Take Hwy 5 to Airport-Hwy 22 exit, turn toward Salem on 22, which becomes Mission to 13th (after xing railroad) turn north on 13th (one way). Parking lot on left in first block. We have attended several of the Chemeketans Annual Dinners and have always found them worth while.

Reservations must be in not later than Feb. 23rd. To Frances Mc Carter 3340 Crestview Drive South, Salem 97302 Phone 364-6545 or Mrs. S.E. Lofgren, P. O. box 3236, Salem 97302 or phone 363-6006

## OBSIDIAN GOURMETS

This time will dine at Tino's, 1491 Willamette, at 6:30 p.m. - Thursday, Feb. 24th. Call 344-5168 for reservations

BOARD MEETING

With three members missing the Board managed to get along. Donn Chase who was off chasing, Clarence Scherer was also awol. He did leave the January meeting with a wad of Club money --- no - not Clarence ---- but then he did have quite a lot of mazuma. Mary Carr sick in bed. Fraif for awhile we may not have a quorum, because of Helen Lynch having broken her hip, but she did show up on five legs. Two of Al's and three of her own.

Bills presented and allowed were.....  
 EWEB...\$39.80, Bulletin Postage-Jan. and Feb. \$48.00...Membership Postage..\$16.00  
 Insurance on building & contents \$473.00  
 Bill not allowed but held over until next meeting was FWIC dues of \$70.00

Bruce Newell showed up to tell why he was compelled to drop out of the Club. He said it was much against his wishes, but as he was attending school and that the dues were more than he could do up he had no alternative. We also received a letter of resignation from Duane Muetzel of Roseburg for the same reason.

This brot on a lot of discussion about dues for different classes of members.

It was brot out that we were losing a great many of our younger members, who upon graduating from junior to adult had to drop out because of high costs of higher schooling. Helen Lynch was instructed to get a comm. together and go into the question of lower fees for the schoolers, those who lived over a 100 miles from Eugene and also perhaps to go into family rates. Some of these problems may be presented to the membership at the next annual meeting.

Clarence Landes of buildings & grounds brot up more on the possibility of going into the City. This question has been in and out of discussion before. There does not seem to be much question but what eventually we will be inside of the City. Being inside the City would cut our insurance around \$195 per year. What it would do to taxes not know at the present, but Clarence is going to get in that further. As it is our taxes are \$176

Clarence took up to the Lodge some one from the Eugene Fire Dept. to look over the whole place and get statements from him as to what we can expect from them.

While on the subject of buildings it was brot out that some comment had been made about the south end of the building needing painting. We were told by an expert that the outer walls being cedar

there was no need for paint of any kind and that it was not paint that had been put on in the first place but some kind of stain mixture that will get darker and darker until it is black except where the sun will sort of bleach it out.

Lois Schreiner said that the trips for next year are practically all done and ready to go to the printers.

Wes Prouty said that his committee has scheduled about 35 climbs for the coming year and are also ready for the printers.

Acted favorably on the application for membership of Stephen S. Puett, Sr. Asso

Accepted from Myrtle Smith a really nice electric roaster which was delivered to the Lodge by Bea Lefevre.

Read a request from the Mazamas hoping that our Chairman of Climbs could meet with them at their Lodge on Mt. Hood to discuss with them ideas, plans, etc. Do not know whether Wes and his comm. can attend yet or not.

Don Hunter, our conservationist had a lot to say about what was going on and what he has been doing and read one item that he asked the editor to condense and get in the Bulletin.

Lois Schreiner furnished the group a really home made cake. Next meeting Don Hunter is stuck with the treats.

Those attending the meeting were; Don Hunter, Clarence Landes, Wes Prouty, Bea Lefevre, Lois Schreiner, Dr. Baldwin, Ben Ross, Helen Lynch and Bob Medill, Frank Moore. Alvin Lynch came along as moral support for Helen. Next meet. March 1st.

PRINCESS NEWS

Princess Meadowlark, Charlotte Lemon has invited the group to meet at her home, 1280 Mill st., 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21st. Princess Monadnock, Lois Schreiner, entertained seven at the Jan. Meeting. Frances Newsom, Lenore McManigal, Wilma Moore, Nellie McWilliams, Mary Bridgeman, Mary Castelleo and Natalie Morgan. Discussion centered on the project of having the Lodge piano tuned and refinished, subject to the Board's approval; Mary Bridgeman displayed the new Christmas ornaments; and it was decided that the Princesses would again volunteer to make the Chiefs emblems, and offer to help the membership chairman make the regular Club emblems.

NEW MEMBER

Stephen S. Puett-1785 West 25th. Stephen is employed by the County and almost all of his work pertains to County Roads. Oh Boy! Sre we glad you are among us. Am sure some others will be too.

FROM DR. EWART M. BALDWIN

Obsidian Scientific &amp; Education Chairman

## THE THREE SISTERS

The Three Sisters area is of prime interest to Obsidians for its part in the origin of our club. How many have read the interesting accounts that are available. One of the first who touched on points of interest in the High Cascades was Ira Williams who worked for the former Oregon Bureau of Mines. He gave vivid descriptions of the areas he visited. Although he emphasized that Mt. Jefferson area. The Three Sisters are also described in his "Some Little-known Scenic Pleasure Places in the Cascade Range in Oregon", May 1916. This is in the Obsidian library - look at it. This publication has colored plates long before such were common.

E. T. Hodge, a professor at Oregon and later at Oregon State, considered the Three Sisters to be eroded stumps of a once large cone that he called Mt. Multnomah. His report published by the University of Oregon Press, 1925, contains many photos and is well worth the price even though few adhere to the original thesis. It is still in print and available from the University Editors Office in Friendly Hall for \$1.00. He has a section on the flora and fauna of the Three Sisters area also.

Howell Williams of the University of California wrote a report in the Bulletins of the Division of Geological Sciences at the University in 1944 titled "Volcanoes of the Three Sisters Region, Oregon Cascades". It too is well illustrated. This report has been out of print for years. Evidently few copies were published for it is difficult to find copies even in libraries. However, in 1957 the State Department of Geology published a map with text by Williams on the Central Cascades in which he depicts and describes the Three Sisters.

Ed Taylor, a professor at Oregon State University, wrote his doctoral thesis on The Three Sisters at Washington State University in the mid 60's but his findings are as yet unpublished.

Ruth Hopson Keen Described glacial history, particularly that of Collier Glacier. Reports have been published in the Mazama magazine.

Publicity concerning the possible mining scoria (coarse pumice) focuses our attention on this very beautiful and interesting area. Lets get better acquainted with it.

WHITE BRANCH YOUTH CAMP Jan. 15

The day was beautiful with the sun shining and not too cold for a family day in the snow. We left the fog and Eugene at 10 a.m., arriving at the lodge at 11.45 a.m. We had to park about 1,000 feet from the road that starts the  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. hike to the lodge. When we arrived at the lodge there were at least 200 plus people already there. Everyone was having so much fun sliding down the hill on inner tubes that we just join right in. It was a great day for everyone. Those on the trip: Nevada Hillsbery, Jim, Maryann, Paul Julianne and Neil McNamara, Charles and Irene Weathers, Mary and Tina Weathers, Wes Weathers, Leader.

GOLD LAKE SKI AND SNOWSHOE TRIP Jan. 16.

Sunday, January 16th was an absolute, perfect day with bright sun, clear, cool air and new snow. Ten of us made a leisurely ski and snowshoe trip into Gold Lake. The snow had settled and the going was good. The road was full of snowmobiles - being no place to unload them along the highway so we had the area pretty much to ourselves. Marv Ostberg saw an elk or some kind of critter at the upper end of Gold Lake. Five of us were on skies five on snowshoes.

And Making this one were Bert Ewing, Elizabeth Glover, Wes Prouty, Marriner, Paul and Christopher Crum, Marv Ostberg, Lois Schreiner, Helen Smith and Bruce Utsey, Marriner Orum - Leader.

JANUARY 29th PTLK

In spite of the fact that driving conditions were somewhat hazardous some 40 persons showed up. One person even came from as far away as Oakridge; Joella Vandever. It was her first trip to the Lodge and she came in late saying that it took her a full hour to find the place. And we were surprised that she did that well.

The Brays, Al and Joan, with the help of Dr. Ewart and Margaret Baldwin and Boyd and Natalie Morgan did an exceptionally good job of decorating and all the rest that gozinto making an evening enjoyable.

Helen Weiser's talk and pictures of hers and Blanche Bailey's South American tour were of an exceptional quality and we feel sorry for all of those who could not attend. This, our first program of the year.

A roaring fire in the big fireplace and congenial visiting made the evening well worth the effort of getting there.

Miss Helen Lynch,

Dear Helen:

I'm finding I don't know many of the Obsidians these days, but your name is familiar. I'm always hoping that sometime I can get to Eugene when there is an Obsidian dinner scheduled for the club house and I can renew old friendships. I'm afraid my hiking days are over but I have many happy memories.

Enclosed is my check for six dollars, which I believe are the membership dues. If I am wrong, please let me know for I want to keep my name on the rolls. The Obsidian paper is read from cover to cover and much enjoyed.

Mozelle Hair  
12705 S.E. River Road  
apt. 311 S. Portland 97222

A lot of us remember you, Mozelle.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

GALE BURWELL'S husband, Dave, went elk hunting away up north in the Coast Hills someplace this past month. Don't know why he went so far as one can find lots of elk hanging around 2727 Centennial & also a few hang round 727 Main in Springfield. While looking that up found out they, (the Elks) have a dental clinic 150 East 20th in Eugene. Have been wondering where they got their teeth these past few years.

RON & JUDY FAICH have moved. Their new address - 560 Crest Drive.

RUTH NORQUEST has been in Kansas because of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Ernest Norquest. Many Obsidians will remember Mrs. Norquest as she attended several potlucks with Ruth during her visits to Eugene over the past several years. Obsidians extend their sincere sympathy to you Ruth.

LOIS WESLEY aint a farm gal any more. She up and left the old homestead and is now living in the big city. Her new address is 330 S.E. Terrace, Roseburg 97470

JOHN & RHONDA REFSNIDER are not OKIES anymore either. They have moved from Lawton, Oklahoma to Ashland, Oregon. We do not have at the present time their new address, but perhaps in next months issue we will publish it if we do not forget.

DALE CARLSON back in the Obsidians along with his son David. Be sure to bring yourself and family to the Lodge now and then and let us see you all. Sure glad you are back with us Dale.

STEPHEN S. PUETT who has just joined us is a native of Horse Heaven Country & is living at 189 Roan Drive, Eugene, Ore 97401 - Phone 345-3084. Stephen is employed by the County and his work consists mostly of attending to all the requirements of county roads. Boy! Are we glad you are with us Stephen.

ALAN PAYNE has moved again. Now he is living at 1785 West 25th st in Eugene.

HELEN LYNCH has had an accident. Seems she went skiing and took some kind of a tumble and cracked a hip bone.

STEVE LIEPE'S father, Winfred, was elected by the Lane Bar Asso. and then appointed by Governor McCall to fill the position of Lane County Circuit Court vacated by the late William Bartle. Hey! Steve. Whats it like to have a judge for a fahter?

BEA LEFVRE is going back to Mexico for a short visit. Bea has taught school for a number of years there and will feel right at home. Adios, Gitano Reina. Si!

BON HUNTER AND THE CHEMEKETANS

A film Three SISTERS THREATENED will be presented by Don at the Leslie Junior High School in Salem on Feb. 23 at 7:45 p. m. Jim Welch, Editor of the Capitol Journal and Jon Kemp, president of the Friends of the Three Sisters will also be present to discuss proposals affecting this area. NO ADMISSION CHARGES.

OFF BELAY

Off Felay is a new magazine devoted to mountain climbing and nothing else. Full of pictures as well as everything else that pertains to mountain climbing. It is published 6 times a year and the rate is \$6 per year. Less in multipul years. 12416 - 169th S.E. Renton - Wash. 98055.

NOISE ABATEMENT

The Siuslaw National Forest Service will begin May 1st to issue citations to all who use vehicles in the Sand Dunes areas between Coos Bay and Florence and in the Sand Lake area south of Tillamook which are making excessive noise, either thru the use of vehicles without muffler or with faulty mufflers.

Our comments and help is requested by the Siuslaw Forest Service - P.O. Box 1148, Corvallis, Oregon 97330

FLOATING THE JOHN DAY

Want to make this interesting trip? Lute Jerstad will take you down. An 8 day trip with transportation from Portland & back with everything furnished will cost you \$240. 9920 S.W. Terwilliger, Port

CITIZENS ALERT

You have a unique opportunity to prevent unnecessary dam building, canal digging and channelization in the years to come and to promote the establishment of parks and the preservation of wild and scenic rivers and valuable wild life.

The Water RESources Council (WRC) has just published proposed new Standards governing the water development projects of the Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Soil Conservation Service, and the Tennessee Valley Authority. The Standards will determine which projects can go forward and which cannot in the years to come.

The public has been invited to comment on the proposed Standards. Developers and construction interests which support agencies like the Corps will be trying to force the WRC to rewrite sections of the Standards which they don't like.

Concerned citizens have until March 31 1972 to express their views. Your letter is crucial in making the public's voice heard.

Your letter should stress these points (1) that you want the "discount rate" set at a realistic level of 10%, the opportunity cost of capital". A high discount rate will make the economic evaluations more realistic and eliminate many destructive projects which are economically unsound.

(2) that you want the new Standards with a high discount rate to apply to all uncompleted water resource projects no matter when they were authorized.

(3) that you want priority given to preserving environmental quality. Mention particular rivers and streams of concern to you and ask that they be protected.

(4) that you want the regional development account dropped because it will lead to more environmentally destructive projects.

(5) that as a citizen you want to have a voice in planning water projects in your area.

(6) that you want local beneficiaries of water resource projects to pay a far greater share of the costs of these projects.

(7) that you want public hearings on the proposed Standards held around the country so that people can express their views. As of now, hearings have only been scheduled for Washington D. C.

(8) that you want your comments to be made part of the official record on the proposed Standards.

Agencies like the Corps and the Bureau of Reclamation which plan water resource projects do not have the knowledge to be able to compare the benefits of a dam in one area with all the other ways that this money might be spent such as on education, pollution control, etc. Yet to use a regional development account wisely this is exactly what these agencies would have to know. The Standards carefully point out that the regional development account is to include not only increasing the region's income but also enhancing the quality of the environment in the region.

Canals and waterways built with the taxpayer dollars are used free of charge by barge companies and the costs of most federal irrigation projects are never expected to be fully repaid. We must ask that beneficiaries be required to pay for a greater share of the costs.

Don't be misled by the argument that these projects are for poor people. The fact is that these water projects disproportionately benefit the well-to-do.

Don Hunter, who has given so much of his time, hopes that you will get behind this and write.

OLD BALDY Jan. 23

Left Eugene in sunshine. Shortly after starting the hike it began to rain then we climbed up into snow and finally fog near the top. A breeze was blowing on top which soon blew the fog away and we could see down into the valley on the way back down. The fresh snowfall at the top was indeed beautiful.

On this were: Mary Bridgeman, Dave Cohen, Greg Davis, Neal Kalez, Lynn Moore Barb and Laura Snow. (this was a case of taking snow to the snow on the mountain Ed.) Helen Smith, Leader.

(Comment of a number of us lowlanders about this trip was that it would have been cancelled by most any other leader but Helen Smith, being Helen Smith we knew it would not be cancelled even if Helen had to go alone. Ye editor with a pair of glasses was able to spot you on the way down when you were just below the summit. The snow was so white).

PASAYTEN WILDERNESS. Know where that is? The Forest Service has just sent us a map of it and it looks very interesting. Approximately 30 miles square and is full of lakes, streams and trails. Map is at the Lodge. Oh! Yes! It is located from the British Columbia border south about central Washington.

## SUCCOR CREEK HIGHWAY

Over in eastern Oregon lying between Idaho and the Owyhee reservoir is Succor Creek. There is a good gravel road taking off of 210 and 19 and running south to a junction with 95 near the Malloy Ranch.

This road goes thru a rather primitive country of very interesting make. There are many camping spots and one State Recreation area. There are places where great quantities of thundereggs may be found.

Hiway 95, paved and in good condition the year around runs from Malloy Ranch north to junction with No. 19. This is all in Idaho. The State of Oregon Hiway Comm. is contemplating a thru paved road all the way up Succor Creek to save some 10 or 15 miles and to keep all travel in Oregon that they can. Pressure is being brot to bear on the Hiway Comm. for this new hiway at a cost from 10 to 15 million dollars.

Besides the initial cost there will be the cost of keeping it open thru the winter time as well as extra police to cover it and then there is the cost of upkeep that will go on and on forever.

Why not let well enough alone and let Idaho stand the expense of keeping Hiway 95 open and in repair. It does not cost those who want to go from Adrian in Ore. to the Jordan Valley that much to run the extra 10 miles.

The above is a copy of what I have sent to the State Highway Comm. Cannot you do likewise. Polly Tickle.

## BULLETINS - OTHERS

Do you know that bulletins from other clubs are received regularly and are at the Lodge. They are kept for one year and are available to any who would care to see them.

BRIAN GANNON will speak at the EWEB cafeteria March 1st at 7:30 p. m. on the work of the Lewis & Clarke Archeological expedition.

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## HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

No. 92

The busy Obsidians continue in 1963 to many places of interest.

On March 9th the "Reunion" of that wonderful trip to the WorldsFair in Seattle was held at the Obsidian Lodge with a pot-luck with a center piece on the tables, a minature Greyhound bus and Space Needle.

On April 21st another of our many beautiful trips by Greyhound to Crater Lake in the winter time.

By June, Bob Medill ran another of his John Day boat trips, this time from Clar-no Bridge, and John, Lenore and Rick Mc-Manigal and Dorothy Towler-ton accompanied Bob.

Also by the 15th, Prince Helfrich ran the John Day taking with him were Helen Weiser, Margaret Wiese, Karl and Ruth Onthank and Keith Newsom.

And by far the most important event this spring was the "Open House" to dedicate the Obsidian Lodge. So on Sunday May 19th from 2 to 6 p.m. many Obsidians and friends met on a beautiful day and retold many happenings.

Then by 6:30 a potluck supper was held and the folowing dedication, Clarence Scherer was "Master of Ceremonies" and many guests were introduced. And Margaret Markley was President.

Mazamas of Portland has asked us for information on what procedures we are using with climb leaders in our organization and estending an invitation to have their climb leaders meet with ours to go over plans and prospectus. Last year they held a two day seminar at the Mazama Lodge with general discussion and showing of movies pertaining to climbing. The second day was composed of work shop advanced first aid, orienteering and mountain rescue work.

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