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### TRIPS

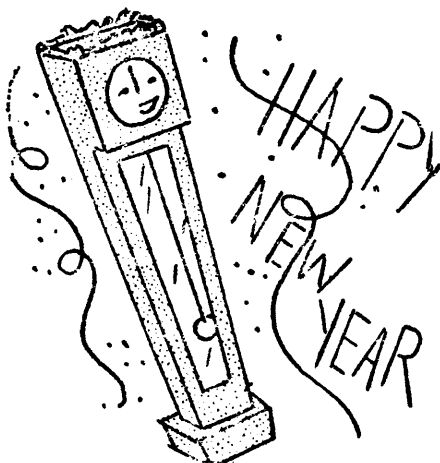
- Jan. 14-Sun. Bear Mountain. with Phyllis Ford leading.
- Jan. 20-Sat. Fay Lake. A snowshoe go with Mary Bridgeman.
- Jan. 21-Sun. Hendrick's Park to Spencer's Butte. Marriner Orum leads.
- Feb. 3-- Sun. Santiam ski, and or snowshoes again its Marriner Orum leading.
- Feb. 10-Sun. Beach hike. Yachats to Waldport and it is down the Hatch with Lee Hatch.
- Feb. 18-Sun. BOWLING. From 3 p.m. and on at the Webfoot Lanes 2486 Willamette. There is room for 80 bowlers so reserve place early. Cost-25¢ a lane. (half price). Shoes free. For all Obsidians and friends. If you have any. Call 345-8575 Webfoot Lanes or 344-2768 - Wes Weathers Wes's brother, Jim owns the layout and is assisted by Wes.

### CHRISTMAS TREE TRIP 12/17

Not many made this trip which took you up Shotgun Creek. Those that did make it were Art Brunig, Joe Wilkins, Paul, Christopher and Marriner Orum. Marriner was the leader and being with the Forest Service made him a leader that should have made for a larger turnout.

JOHN LELAND has made his home into an Art Salon and is teaching art there. If any of you are interested call him. CHARLOTTE MILLS has moved again. To 5611 Cody Street. She has also assumed the duties as Editor of Valley News. Remember that. When the Obsidians are in need of a new Editor think of Charlotte.

BRAD BISSEL, grandson of Alice Bissel, was Grand Marshall of the Springfield Christmas Parade.



### FRIENDLY HOUSE

- Jan. 14-Mel Jackson on the Willamette River. Mel has made trips by canoe down this river and can explain to you the value of The Willamette Greenway.
- Jan. 21-Ed Barnin on Ecuador. Ed Was in the Peace Corps and stationed down there.
- Jan. 28-Thomas Beall. His subject will be western Canada.
- Feb. 4- Mr. & Mrs. Wm Spiller covers Rome, Paris and London.
- Feb. 11-Mrs. Ferrens will take us on a tour of Nigeria.

### PRINCESS'S MEETING

Will be at the home of Wilma Moore, 830 Waverly, January 15 at 7:30. Dorothy Medill will be assistant hostess. This is out on Harlow Road off Coburg Road.

### POTLUCK

January 27th with pictures of floating down the Colorado taken by Nancy Durfee, Walter Youngquist, Margaret Markley and Lois Schreiner. Time 7:30 for the dinner Bring your pot. Both of them and enjoy an evening of relaxation and a full stomach

### FINAL NOTICE

All Obsidians who have not paid their 1972/1973 dues please do so before Feb. 1, so that you may remain in good standing and will avoid paying a reinstatement fee. Also, this will save your very busy Membership Chairman from sending you a delinquent dues letter. Thanks.

Lois Schreiner.

The complete schedule of dues was given in the December issue - page six.

### GREETINGS TO NEW MEMBERS

Karen Hedrick of Rt 7 Box 142T #5 Eugene  
Eunice Mickel 1093 Wiley Crk Rd. Sweet Home, Oregon.

John Cressey 617 West Broadway, Eugene

Yes  
Helen  
and  
Blanch  
this  
is  
Eugene.



HELEN WEISER and BLANCH BAILEY SOUTH OF THE Border. Deciding to come home they boarded a plane in 90 degree weather and a few hours later landed in Eugene in 12 below atmosphere. They thot: "This can't be Eugene. It must be Fairbanks". But it was Eugene alright.

BERT EWING is an Obsidian and only 19 years of age, but his article in the R-G Sunday magazine section of December 31st was written in the style of someone with years of experience in writing. His trip over the Skyline Trail from Mexico to Eugene was one of the most interesting stories ever to be published in that paper. If you haven't read his story of this trek you have missed a treat.

JOHN LELAND AND SON spent the Holidays back in New York visiting his mother. AL & HELEN LYNCH IN SUMMER LAND. They are visiting down under. Australia.

MOVED FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER

Florence Althen to;  
1085 West 22nd - Eugene 97405

Charlotte Mills to;  
5611 Cody St. Eugene 97402

Karen Hedrick to;  
Rt 7 Box 142 T #5 Eugene 97405

Mrs Robert (nee Delyn Dark) Dunham  
Rt 3 Box 287 #79, Cornelius, Ore 97113  
NEW YEARS PARTY

Was, everyone thot, extra good this time. The Bridgemans were in charge and did a lot of work to make it so.

A good many came in costumes creating lots of laughter and comments of one kind and another. Betty Waddell took first in the womens division and Robert Medill took first in the mens division, but this in no way meant that others in

costume were not also outstanding. Rose Marie Moffitt came in her flannel night gown. Paula Vehrs as a little pixie looked cute with her green pixie's had and costume while Bob Cox was a wild looking pirate. Art Johnson was a gun toting desperado right out of the early west.

The audience was shocked when Roberta Crusoe and Jack (Legs) Diamond announced their engagement.

Several took part in the Liars Contest with the prize going to Rose Marie Moffitt.

An argument took place on whether a Liars Contest took place last year. Several said no contest last year while a few said one had been held. For the information of everybody will quote from the Bulletin of January 1972. "The Annual Liars Contest was entered by Ken Horton, Bob Cox, Robin Lodewick, Al Bray Ray Sims and Ina Foss. Ina again proved herself the best Liar and won the cup for the year 1972.

As usual gobs of goodies were available for all, as well as coffee and a delightful punch served by Rose Marie.

All in all, it was a night enjoyed by everyone and a night to be remembered.

The only dark spot in an otherwise nice night was the absence of our Chairman of Entertainment who also walked out on us during the Christmas Party. Will some one spy on her and find out just what she is up to?

#### JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Met at the Lodge and would you believe it! On top of that hill was 1 inch of snow. And so much business took place that it was along towards 11 o'clock before we started home.

Donn Chase, the plumber was absent and the one time we had plumbing troubles. A new house is being built on the side hill near our water meter and during the heavy trucking ruptured the pipe leading to the Lodge which caused a water bill of \$22 which is about \$20 more than normal. Clarence Landes is busy trying to get an adjustment from the contractor & getting the line properly repaired which was not. It was still leaking at Board meeting time.

Clarence was also instructed to get 2 ladders for the Lodge. One step and one extension aluminum. Lois Schreiner had a step ladder that was wanted and we bot. The other Clarence went down town shopped around the next day and bot one other Clarence is also shopping around for the

Senator Hatfield is putting together an omnibus Wilderness Bill for Oregon. He is asking interested Oregonians for suggestions for new Wilderness additions. As a start he has assembled a proposal of three new Wilderness Areas and additions to four existing Wilderness Areas. Total area in this preliminary proposal is 434,640 acres (79,500 of which is in Washington).

The proposal falls far short of the 1,234,727 acres that many conservationists recommend to be placed under the National Wilderness Preservation System. They also recommended an additional 585,980 acres be reserved as Wilderness Candidate Study Areas. Senator Hatfield's preliminary proposal includes only 434,640 acres total.

Briefly the preliminary proposal includes the following:

MT. HOOD WILDERNESS; 16,180 acres would be added to the East and West sides of the existing Mt. Hood Wilderness. This would roughly double the size of this Wilderness Area. Incidentally, the portion of this mountain that we are most familiar with, that is the regular climbing route is not now in the Wilderness. Even with these additions the Wilderness boundary would be about at Crater Rock.

#### BULL OF THE WOODS

This would be a new Wilderness Area on the Mt. Hood National Forest covering 17,200 acres. It joins the Willamette National Forest in the vicinity of Beadrie or Beachie Saddle and Elk Lake.

MT. JEFFERSON 23,650 acres.

In this case there would be a fringe of irregular shaped parcels adjoining the Mt. Jefferson Area on the west. It would include Devils Ridge, Triangulation Peak, Minto Mountain and Big Meadows.

THREE SISTERS Here Senator Hatfield's suggestion is two small additions totaling 14,960 acres. One is Park Meadows and the other is west of Elk Lake. His proposal does not include undeveloped area around Waldo Lake, Walker or Rebel Creek.

SKY KAKES 117,430 acres. This would be a new Wilderness Area on the Rogue River & Winema National Forest. It is the mountain and lake area lying south of Crater Lake National Park and extending to beyond Mt. McLoughlin. Mt. McLoughlin is not now in a Wilderness.

KALMIOPSIS additions on the Siskiyou National Forest. This proposal would be for two large additions to this existing Kalmiopsis Wilderness Area. One on the

North in the Illinois River Area and one on the South in Chrome Creek. These additions cover 134,020 acres.

WENAH Here is an area covering 111,200 acres on the Umatilla National Forest. A good share of this proposed Wilderness is in Washington. This is one area with very little commercial timber.

There are about three dozen additional undeveloped areas throughout Oregon that may have Wilderness value and have not been included in the proposal. Perhaps many of them should be. Some of the more familiar one are; Eagle Creek on the Mt. Hood, Echo Mtn. Chucksney on the Willamette, Maiden Peak, Boulder Creek, Windego-Cowhorn area and some small additions on the Diamond Peak and Mt. Washington areas.

Senator Hatfield emphasizes that his proposal is not final and he remains open to suggestions. He is requesting all interested persons to respond.

Timber values are high in many of these areas and so there will be plenty of economic pressure for multiple use management. There is probably less than 10 yrs remaining, perhaps less than 5 years to establish all new Wilderness additions that we will ever have. This may be the last opportunity for major wilderness additions for Oregon.

All good hikers, climbers and outdoor people should do some serious thinking as to what should or should not receive Wilderness protection - for presentor future generations.

Senator Hatfield is clearly asking for earnest opinions. You probably have some favorite areas that you feel should be placed under the National Wilderness System. So now is the time to express your views, not after your favorite areas has succumbed to the bulldozer, chain saw, ski tow or what ever.

This is an excellent opportunity to respond to Senator Hatfield. The type of response that he receives between now & the time he introduces his legislation will help formulate the bill that will ultimately be introduced.

The Senators address is:

Senator Mark Hatfield,

U. S. Senate,

Washington, D. C. 20510

If you think that it is too much trouble to write just consider the amount of time it has taken our Conservation Chr. to dig up all this information to you & the amount of time it has taken an Ed. to get it in shape to publish and feel ashamed of yourself. This is Senator Mark

Hatfield's open invitation for you to write to him expressing your view. He wants them.

## DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

was held at the home of Membership Chairman Lois Schreiner December 13th. Attending: Wesley Prouty, Donn Chase, Clarence Scherer, Bob Medill, Marriner Orum, Lois Schreiner of the Board and Don Payne, Chr Climbs, Dave Zevenbergen, Chr. Trips, Dorothy Hayes, Chr. Entertainment and Walter Youngquist, Chr. Education & Science.

Bills paid included Mulkey Spraying Co \$95.95, EWEB \$39.58, Bulletin Postage \$16.00, Packer-Scott for towels, tissues and want have you \$26.27, Art Craft Com. for emblems \$30.32.

Read the applications for membership of Eunice Mickel, (active) Karen Hedrick (aso.) and John Cressey and accepted.

Lois was instructed to order revised membership applications as revised by her and the Membership Committee. Such revision has been needed for some time and as the supply on hand was low decided to get them now.

Dorothy Hayes has plans (and wants members ideas) for more use of the Lodge in programs, partys and all other ideas you can come up with.

Walter Youngquist came up with a very interesting idea along the Education and Science route. His idea is that for trips that have botanical & geological interests to have either persons qualified in such to lead, or at least, go along with the party to give information on what we are in contact with. Walt, with a PHD in geology and others qualified would make the trips much, much more interesting. Walt will cooperate in such a program.

Bob Medill came up with more information on getting the Club in on a lower cost of mailing the Bulletin and was given the go-ahead to try and get second class mailing privileges. This may result in slower delivery of the Bulletin, but the Board did not think it would be enough difference in view of the savings to make that much difference.

Marriner Orum came out with the idea of having a Konservation Korner in the Bulletin and the Board agreed that it was a good idea.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

About 70 showed up to one of the most decorative Christmas Partys ever at the Lodge. And the tree was almost out of sight it was so tall. It reached the ceiling from the floor to the highest part of the building. Dick Moffitt got the tree but don't know who he got to fall it, nor the logging truck to haul it up there to the Lodge.

The Moffitt family organized the event and Bob Cox was Master of Ceremonies. David, Paula, Alice and Bobbie Moffitt gave us several pieces on violins and Richard, Kevin and Steven McManigal gave us several pieces on the saxophone and other tooters. Real good, both parties.

After a session in singing Santa came along. He claimed that his wife became very angry at him and blowed up quite a storm, a regular hurricane and that must have been the reason for our weather that we had down here. Santa was asked how many years he had been coming to the Obsidians Christmas parties and he told them so many years, but he forgot that he had missed one year. He wishes now to correct that. That was the year he came down with the flue. The chimney he uses at the North Pole practice on before he starts on his annual trip was getting in pretty bad shape. Mrs. Santa had been after Santa for some time to build a new one, but he kept putting it off until finally that year he was on top preparing to come down when the whole thing collapsed and he came down with the flue.

That year we used Chief Substitute to take Santas place.

## FOR LEADERS ONLY

Good trail trip leaders are hard to come by, and I, as the new Chairman, in no way wish to offend any one of them. BUT--when a job is to be done, it should be done all the way. Leading the hike is only part of the job. Getting the reports in to the Chairman is the other half.

This past week, I had to write twenty eight letters to people who led hikes but forgot to do the other half of their job.

No job is well done until it is all done. It would be appreciated if, in the future, everyone who has the responsibility of leading a hike would complete their job and see to it that their reports are turned in within SEVEN DAYS after the hike.

(From the Seattle Mountaineer. They also have a rule that no one, and they mean no one, will be allowed to go on a hike unless previously signed up).

## INTERESTED IN FOREIGN LANDS?

The Obsidians from time to time receive literature from Foreign Countries relative to camping, skiing, side trips to be taken, where to stay, where to go and other information. England, France, Spain, Greece, Portugal, Ethiopia and others. Can be seen at the Club House. Costs are given if one can figure them out.

Best buy for stone to do the walls on the unfinished outside. He has also been busy running down the various owners of adjoining property in regards to annexation. The Club is sure going to miss that man Clarence when he is gone.

Bills allowed were EWEB \$62.59 an all time high. \$45.00 to the P.O. for giving us permission to use bulk rate mailing priveledges. \$30 of this is an annual charge and \$15 went for a permit number. \$8.00 to Lois Schrenier for postage.

Don Payne and his comm. have lined up 24 climbs and Don said that they may get 2 or 3 more scheduled. Don said that the greatest trouble they have had was in getting leaders, so if you are qualified and would like to lead call Don Payne at 746-1964.

Helen Smith had a great deal to say about Summer Camps and has a story about this summers camp in this issue.

Dorothy Hayes said that she has had some encouraging answers to her request for help and ideas for more doings at the Lodge in the line of entertainment. Dorothy has a program for Jan, 27th that sounded great. This is on page one.

#### SUMMER OUTING PLANS

Two outings are planned for your enjoyment this next summer -one for those who would like to explore by car some of the fine country east of our mountains and the other for those who would like to hike and explore some of our wonderful country in the Three Sisters Wilderness.

The car trip is scheduled for July 15-21 with Dorothy Medill as leader. Those who go on this trip will stay overnight in different camping spots and each person or family will plan their own meals and do their own cooking. Several evenings during the week the party can get together for potluck dinners and camp fires. This is a Camper's Summer Tour of interest to be visited. Trailers, Campers tents will be usable on this trip.

The other trip is our annaal summer outing scheduled for August 5-19at Vogel Lake in the Mink Lake Basin. There are lots of trails and places to explore as well as a mountain(Packsaddle) to climb for an eagle's eye view of the country.

The shortest hiking distance to reach the area is from the east side, south of Elk Lake about a mile is the trail past Blow Lake, Doris Lake and to the Skyline Trail. By hiking south on this trail to Cliff Lake a side trail to Vogel Lake is found. The distance will be about 7 miles

In order to visit the Wilderness these

days we are requested by the Forest Service to hold the size of our party to 20 people and to reduce the impact we will make on the area we want to hold the no. of pack horses needed to a minimum. By careful planning of food supplies and equipment we can achieve this. It is our hope that everyone going, who can possibly do so, will plan on backpacking their own gear. If, at present, you do not have a samll, lightweight tent try to acquire one before August.

Rates need not be any higher than last year, and, if possible lower. For one thing, we are trying to reduce the weight of our equipment and are also working on ideas to reduce our cook expense. How about some of our members, either female or male, taking on the job. No one person would have to do it all the time. A different person could do it each week or divide the breakfasts and dinners. Instead of paying fees you would be paid when cooking. It is also custmmary to provide the cook with a helper who could be a different person each week, but because of the small number who would be in camp we would ask them to pay half of their fees. If interested call the chairman, Helen Smith at 343-0648.

Be sure to make a note of these dates and work attendance at either or both of these outings into your summer schedule.

#### PAT CREEK AND FRENCH PETE CREEK 9/30

We had excellent weather, a large but cooperative group and spent a very fine day hiking these drainages. We spent some time examining the recently flagged proposed roads in the area, and the consensus seemed to be that no roads should be built. Mushrooms were abundant and the leader found a 3 pound califlower mushroom, a somewhat rare gourmet mushroom found in PNW Douglas fir forests. No injuries were reported and all parties returned home safely before the first snow fell. Those on this trip were: Tom and eloise Bates, Mary Bridgeman, Ron Faich, Jeff & Joanna Gibbs, Colleen Gooding, Mary & Don Gordon, John Johnson, Dorothy & Janice & Ronnie Leland, Del & Karen McNerney, Dina & Wendy & Enz & Sara Michener, Shirley & Sibohan Murphy, Charles & Marion & Chuck & Leigh Saffell, Margaret & Patty Seeley, Paul Seaman, Joe Walicki and Colleen Spearing. Leader Ron Faich.

#### PLACES TO SEE

Pine Mountain, 6752 feet altitude on the summit of which is the University of Oregon's two observatories. There is an attendant living there who is most willing to be of any help he can and those

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in the actual operation of the telescopes and the studies of outer spaces are most courteous in explaining the operations of same and will allow you to see for yourself thru the telescopes. There are, of course only certain hours when one is priveleged to this courtesy cause they are there to study, but in the evening on certain days of the week they have set aside for you. These days include week-ends. There is a place for camping over night tho rather crude, but a very beautiful area among big pines and clear air bringing one up among the stars. No water so be sure to bring your own. Those who live up there have their water hauled up and are reluctant to give everyone who comes up water, but will not see any one die of thirst.

Route? East of Bend to Milican. Turn right on a dirt and gravel road that is rough for  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, but when starting up the hill thru very scenic country the road smooths out altho all gravel and dust all the way. Very good grade.

#### HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims      No. 102.

The year of 1966 was another busy time for the Obsidians. On July 4th was one of the years we had a picnic on our property back of the Lodge.

R.O. (Mac) McWilliams was President of the Club and at this picnic "gifts" were given to him "as the Presidents tea" (taking place instead of in summer camp)

The Summer Camp in the Wallows again the 5th time we have had two week camps in this wonderful playground. The camp was the "largest" of any camp yet.

With 63 persons in the first week and 54 in the second week, gave John McManigal and his committee "many, many" hours

To make another very successful summer camp. In building the table for this camp another ten feet was added to the frame and extra tarps were also needed.

With beautiful weather the "ideal" setting with a cold lake for drinking and a "comparable warm" lake for swimming with "Camp McWilliams" between, a bench above the lake basin of Horseshoe, Douglas and Moccasin and Mirror Lakes.

#### THE 1973 LEGISLATIVE SESSION NEEDS YOU

The 1971 session of the Oregon Legislature did an outstanding job on environmental issues. Remember the Bottle Bill and the Recycle Bill? The 1973 session can be as productive but need your help.

The Oregon Environmental Council (of which the Obsidians are a member) will be working on a number of environmental measures during the coming sessions.

Here is your opportunity to be heard on environmental measures. How? By writing to your delegates.

To assist us in keeping informed the O. E. C. puts out a weekly legislative alert during the session. This will be mailed to those who want to know what is going on and who will write their legislators. Remember, Legislators are human too. Altho they may not admit it, they don't know all the answers. They need your help. You can supply some of the right answers to help keep the Willamette Valley the beautiful place to live. ---Have you been to Los Angeles lately?

To be placed on the mailing list for the Legislative "alert" write to:

John Neilson, Legislative Director Oregon Environmental Council, 2637 S. W. Water Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201

Call Marriner Orum if you would like more information.      Marriner Orum.

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