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## HENRY CARLSON ELECTED PRESIDENT

The Annual Meeting of the Obsidians was held on October 9, 1956, in Springfield, at which time the past year's business of the club was presented. Three Board Members retired, Bailey Castelleo, Lloyd Plaisted, and Henry Carlson. Those elected to the Board were Karl Onthank, Jim Jeppesen, and Henry Carlson, for three year terms.

Selection of the President was withheld until all Board Members could be present. The next Board meeting set for this was held October 11, 1956, at Helen Hughes' home.

At this meeting Henry Carlson was elected President for the next year. The Vice-President will be Ray Harris. Other officers were re-elected.

Organization completed, business was underway. Walt Banks, a member of the Board, and official editor of the Bulletin, sent in a letter of resignation for these offices since he has moved to Salem. It was regretfully accepted. George Hermach, runner-up at the Annual Meeting, was nominated to fill Walt's unexpired term.

Due to the urgency of issues in Conservation it was decided to separate the Scientific and Conservation Committee into two separate committees. This, it is felt, will be an important move.

The Board also created a Youth Activities Committee on a trial basis for the coming year, to encourage young families within the club and without, to bring or send their children on trips, etc., designed just for them.

### Committee Chairmen are as follows:

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| Entertainment - - - - -   | Natalie Beckett  |
| Trips - - - - -           | George Hermach   |
| Membership - - - - -      | Bernice Lehrman  |
| Climbing - - - - -        | Tom Taylor       |
| Search- - - - -           | Ray Harris       |
| Conservation- - - - -     | Margaret Markley |
| Historian - - - - -       | Bob Medill       |
| Scientific- - - - -       | Frank Sipe       |
| Building- - - - -         | Gene Sebring     |
| Youth Activities- - - - - | Mary Cavagnaro   |
| Publication - - - - -     | Jim Jeppesen     |
| Outing - - - - -          | (Open)           |

### KARL ONTHANK RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

Karl Onthank was re-elected President of the FWOC at its 25th Annual Convention held at Fan Lake, Sept. 1, 2, 3, 1956. This is a great honor for Karl and one for the Obsidians who are fortunate in having him as a member.

Our own Francis Newsom was also re-elected as Secretary of the Federation. Francis deserves a lot of praise for her untiring work, also.

Other officers remained the same with the exception of the Editor. This post was filled by Luella Sawyer. Other officers are:

Your Board will strive to have an interesting year for you. They hope to have your full support to make it one.

(See President's message page 3)

DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE,  
DON'T BE A DELINQUENT,

just call on or write to Bernice Lehrman, 364 E. Broadway, Apt. #9, Eugene, Oregon, and enclose your dues. Dues are \$4.00 for Active, \$1.00 for Junior memberships. Get a friend to apply for membership, too, and bring friends on trips.

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Calif. V. Pres.- - - - -        | George Halloran  |
| Deputy Calif. V. Pres.- - - - - | Forrest Keck     |
| Oregon V. Pres.- - - - -        | Paul Gerhardt    |
| Utah V. Pres.- - - - -          | Elizabeth Larson |
| Wash. V. Pres. - - - - -        | Phillip Zalesky  |
| Treasurer- - - - -              | Irma Brown       |

Support the Federation as it works for you. Why not join it? You'll be glad you did.

THE OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRINCESSES HOLD CEREMONY, EAT, TALK

|                 |                |           |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| President       | Henry Carlson  | Leaburg   |
| Vice President  | Ray Harris     | DI 3-2926 |
| Secretary       | Keena Northrop | DI 3-3426 |
| Treasurer       | Helen Hughes   | DI 4-6072 |
| Historian       | Bob Medill     | RI 6-2908 |
| Karl Onthank    |                | DI 4-7839 |
| Jim Jeppesen    |                | DI 5-3434 |
| Bernice Lehrman |                | DI 5-1347 |
| George Hermach  |                | DI 5-8541 |

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

|                  |                  |           |
|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Entertainment    | Natalie Beckett  | DI 4-9388 |
| Trips            | George Hermach   | DI 5-8541 |
| Membership       | Bernice Lehrman  | DI 5-1347 |
| Climbing         | Tom Taylor       | DI 3-3237 |
| Search           | Ray Harris       | DI 3-2926 |
| Conservation     | Margaret Markley | DI 4-0716 |
| Scientific       | Frank Sipe       | DI 4-9166 |
| Building         | Gene Sebring     | DI 3-5118 |
| Youth Activities | Mary Cavagnaro   | DI 5-6704 |
| Publication      | Jim Jeppesen     | DI 5-3434 |
| Outing           | (Open)           |           |
| Auditing         | (Open)           |           |

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Certain members accused me of introducing politics into the bulletin in the last issue of the Obsidian Bulletin. I refer to my news item on the Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area whose guest speaker was the senior Senator from Oregon.

My intent was to reveal the names of all who spoke on behalf of our beloved Three Sisters Area. This I did.

As for politics involved in Conservation and Wilderness Preservation, such a condition has been created, which no person can deny. To discuss the out-of-doors in a preservative manner at the present definitely involves politics. I should like to remind all of my critics to read Article II of our Constitution.

Obvious and wholesale schemes and raids upon public domain have been openly proposed in the last few years at a rate unparalleled in American History.

I will always present a subject as it is in a readable manner.

J. Jeppesen

ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ATTENTION: You will be responsible in getting news of your committee into the bulletin each month. Deadline is always Sunday following Board Meetings. Please type in columnar fashion if you are able, using no more than 41 spaces or letters per line. I will greatly appreciate your cooperation. (Board meets 2nd Thursdays).

J. Jeppesen

Fourteen Obsidian Princesses held their annual initiation Saturday night, Oct. 20, welcoming Princess Alpine Fir (Lorena Shinn). They were the overnight guests of Virginia Meissner, Princess Powder Snow, at her home on Odell Lake.

After a grand dinner the group walked to the lake shore and enjoyed the moonlight reflected on Diamond Peak. They woke Sunday morning to find the first snow of the season covering the ground. Five of the party joined the Obsidians on their hike to Waldo Lake.

Those attending were Princesses Rainbow on the Fog, Pine Tree, Alpine Glow, White Dove, Golden Rod, Evening Star, Melody, Alpine Phlox, Orange Blossom, Lightning, Drifting Cloud, Vine Maple, and the Hostess Powder Snow, and new Princess Alpine Fir. M. Castelloe

CHIEFS' INITIATION

The 23rd Annual Chief's Initiation was held at Camp Lane, west of Walton, over the weekend of October 27th and 28th.

Seventeen attended the initiation of Tom Taylor (Chief Piton) and Mike McCloskey (Chief Big Bluff). They were the only ones to qualify.

These two make the 127th and 128th Chiefs since the beginning of the first Summer Camp in 1928.

The building at Camp Lane is quite adequate for such a gathering and has a fine kitchen as well as a large fireplace.

Those in attendance were Chiefs Abdullah, Brokentop, Lookout, Thunderbird, Robinson Crusoe, Eagle Scout, T Bone, Posy, Bantam, Apple Knocker, Paint Brush, Smokey, Bald Eagle, Substitute, Smoketurner and Piton and Big Bluff.

Ray Sims

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New Memberships: One application was received and approved by the Board. The new member is Jim Fraser. Welcome into the club, Jim. (Jim is an excellent mountain climber--Ed.)

DID YOU KNOW that only about 6.5% of the 3700 mile shoreline along the east coast from Maine to Mexico is available for Public use? The Natl. Park Service is striving to up it to 15%, but fears that private interests will grab even part of the remaining 6.5% before it can be protected. 93.5% is already closed to the public forever.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

→ It is your duty to see that your candidates are enlightened with your ideas, especially along lines of recreational area preservation and their development for you and those to come.

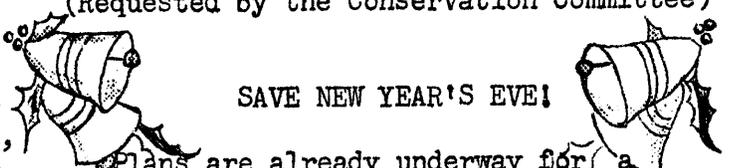
In 1949, when I joined the Obsidians, I had no thought of ever receiving the honor of being the president of the club. My goal, which I am sure was that of each of my predecessors, is a year of success and accomplishments for the Obsidians. -- That, of course, is also the desire of the other members of the board, committee chairmen, and all of the members of the club.

Special interests are belittling most of this so you and you and even YOU must do your part if you desire free playgrounds in the out-of-doors.

Those things which seem to be of the greatest importance to us at the time are the club house, increased membership, and conservation.

This is essential to preserve the scenic and recreational resources of the region. These belong to all the generations to come as well as those existing today. (Requested by the Conservation Committee)

All of our functions, such as the entertainment, trips, climbs, the bulletin, etc., are important in obtaining our various objectives. We have, as heads of our committees, members that are going to make their part of the Club's activities a success. In view of this, we must have a successful year such as we all desire.



SAVE NEW YEAR'S EVE!

Plans are already underway for a bang-up New Year's Eve Party! -- Mark the date on your calendar -- NOW -- and be ready for an evening of fun, frolic and festivity! --- More details in our next issue.

I wish to acknowledge our gratitude and indebtedness to Bailey Castelloe, Walt Banks, and Lloyd Plaisted who are not with us on the board this year. Bailey, as Chairman of the Building Committee figuratively laid the foundation for his successors. Walt was the Chairman of the Publications Committee, and Lloyd was our very genial President of the past year. Our sincere thanks to them for their much appreciated service. We shall miss them!



HEY A POTLUCK!

or

"Y" HERE WE COME!

We are happy to welcome the new members of the board: Karl Onthank, Jim Jepsen, who were elected for three year terms, and George Hermach who was appointed by the board to fill out the unexpired term of Walt Banks for the present year. From past knowledge of them we know that they will be effective members.

Bring your favorite "dish", table service, and of course, YOUR-SELF to the brand new

YMCA building on 19th and Patterson Sts. This will be our first time to meet there and there's SO much to see! That's Saturday evening, November 17th, at 6:30 PM.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to get your "inner man" in condition for the Thanksgiving festivities to come, so we'll be looking for you!

To have a really successful year, the interest and active participation of all of the members of the club is required. We hope to see you and hear from you a lot during the year ahead of us.

Henry Carlson

BE SURE THEY KNOW

Four hundred some Representatives and 96 Senators have the power to change any law or enact any legislature they may desire or are requested to enact. Our State government is subject to the same condition.

Remember, if you have not yet paid your dues, do so immediately -- We want YOU in the Club and we hope that you want in the club. Call Bernice Lehrman at DI 5-1347.

FOUND: a jackknife on the Yapoah Crater trip. Contact Art Johnson if you are the loser or know who was.

SPECIAL TRIP - NOVEMBER 11

A loop trip will be made out Route F way Sunday, to see nature's beautiful fall colors and to inspect the tunnel that is presently being constructed. Sign up at Hendershott's.

\*\*\*\*SEE YOU AT THE POLLS NOVEMBER 6TH\*\*\*\*

## WALDO LAKE TRIP

A snow trip to Waldo Lake was the surprise that awaited the hardy hikers who arrived at Gold Lake Guard Station early Sunday Morning, October 21. A blanket of fresh snow covered the trail and trees. The sun shone upon us most of the day as we hiked through 2-4 inches of snow for about 16 miles.

Dr. James Kezer was in charge of the trip and served as rear guard. Our guest leader was John Masterson, a graduate student in Biology at the U. of Oregon. He was well acquainted with the area as he had been at the Waldo Lake Guard Station the preceding summer. Others coming from Eugene were Kenneth Lodewick, Keith Newson, Mac McWilliams, Dorothy Ruse and Bernice Lehrman.

They were joined by the Obsidian Princesses: Margaret Markley, Doris Sims, Thelma Watson, Frances Newsom, and Lorena Shinn - who all spent the night at Virginia Meissner's home at Odell Lake.

Shortly after 8 A.M. we started along the Gold Lake Trail, then took the Skyline Trail from which we could see Betty Lake. Here we made a short side trip to admire and photograph this charming spot. We soon passed several small lakes with the enticing names of Howkum, Horsefly, Tiny and Lily Pad. Ice reached from the shore out into the water and Lily Pad was completely frozen over. Here we left the Skyline Trail and traveled southwest along the southern shore of Waldo Lake. It was a thrill to glimpse Waldo Lake through the trees, although we could see only a small portion of it. This huge mountain lake at the 5410 foot elevation is in the Waldo Lake Limited Area under control of the U. S. Forest Service. It is 6 miles long and is 1-3 miles wide. It has an undisturbed wilderness setting with magnificent firs and hemlocks growing along its shores.

South Waldo shelter was our lunch stop. Here the slow walkers and picture takers caught up with the speedy ones; Mary and Ray Cavagnaro joined us, as they started late and came in by the "quicker" Mt. Ray Trail. Gene Renard and his son had started in with them, but Gene developed bursitis and was unable to reach Waldo Lake. Our leader, John, warmed his feet over a cheery fire as he had forgotten his boots and hiked in moccasins.

After lunch we went "exploring" along the lake shore. Jim Kezer was delighted to find *Isoetes Bolanderi* (Bolander's Quillwort) growing in the shallow water.

He had "the gang" gathering specimens that he took to the Biology Department and the Herbarium at the University. They were the first specimens of this plant reported from Waldo Lake. We had wonderful views of Irish Mt., the Twins, and Rigdon Butte across this portion of the lake.

We noticed trees with carved inscriptions as "Lloyd Wiltse, Sept. 19, 1917, Prineville, Crook Co., Oregon," undoubtedly done by the sheepherders who brought their flocks from Eastern Oregon. The same type of carving was seen on trees at Rebel Creek sheep camp in the Three Sisters Primitive Area.

We returned up the Waldo Lake Trail to the Mt. Ray Trail, through the Pothole Meadows, back along the Gold Lake Trail and reached the cars about 5 P.M., tired but thrilled with the beautiful trip we had made.

Lewis A. McArthur's "Oregon Geographic Names" informs us that Waldo Lake was named for Judge John B. Waldo, son of Daniel Waldo for whom the Waldo Hills were named.

Frances Newsom

## FRIENDS OF THE THREE SISTERS WILDERNESS, INC.

The Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness, Inc., held its annual meeting, Saturday, September 29. Members from a wide area attended, heard reports of officers and committees and took action on numerous items and elected council members and officers. They are: Karl W. Onthank, President, Eugene; Mrs. Frances Newsom, Secretary, Eugene; Mr. Alex Kirnak, Vice-President, Portland; Mr. Robert H. Lemon, Treasurer, Eugene; Executive Committee: Mr. O. K. DeWitt, Lyons; Mr. Paul Gerhardt, Portland; Dr. James Kezer, Eugene. Compliments extended to those elected to the Council also.

Dale Carlson, Chairman of the Committee on the Expedition, reported that 60 people, the most yet, visited the Rebel Rock portion of the Wilderness Area. Over half were teachers and scientists who collected material for educational use. It was reported that the U. S. Forest Service is unable to count the number of people entering the area individually and as groups, but well over 1000 people used the Wilderness Area the past year, despite difficulty of access, the lack of adequate trails within the area and of suitable camps at its edge.

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Two substantial projects for scientific study within the area were reported by Dr. Robert Storm of Oregon State College representing committees of the Oregon Academy of Science and of the Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness as well as the College itself. These provide for important ecology studies in Botany and in Zoology in which untouched primitive areas are essential. There is strong assurance of substantial foundation support for these. The educational use of the area was reported by Dr. Ruth Hopson of Portland State College and Dr. James Kezer of the University of Oregon, who had just taken a class of nearly fifty to Horsepasture Mountain to study the biographical and ecological aspects of the area. Both pointed out as did the research scientists the high value of the area as a national museum and emphasized also the essential characteristics of the lower portions of the area for this purpose as compared with the barren high country.

Other areas of the Oregon Cascades were discussed, among them the proposed Mt. Washington and Diamond Peak wild areas and the Waldo Lake and Diamond Lake limited areas. Resolutions bearing on Wilderness problems passed at the recent annual meeting of the FWOC were considered, among them the re-emphasizing of the importance of retaining the Three Sisters Wilderness area intact, a resolution favoring Congressional sanction and protection for wilderness and another asking for a national "scenic resources review" appraising our national scenic and outdoor recreational resources and projecting future use and need for such areas analogous to the timber resources review done by the Forest Service in cooperation with other agencies a year ago.

(Condensed from the minutes)

HELP, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Fellow members, it is much later than you think, but you can still help preserve areas by writing to those who will do you some good—the Regional Forest Supervisor, your Senators and Representatives, sponsors of bills such as the Wilderness Bill by Senator Hubert Humphrey, all others entrusted with the care and future of your property. I urge you to do what you can now as the time is late.

The Three Sisters Wilderness Area, Glacier Peak Wilderness Area, the proposed Mt. Washington, Diamond Peak, Arctic Wil-

derness in Alaska, areas, etc., the protection of the Olympic Park (which would include all other Parks), Waldo Lake Limited Area(should be preserved for recreation), the protesting of the construction of such things as denominational structures in key places such as in Grand Canyon Park, etc., commercialization of your mountaintops with tramways, and many other things which should be of prime concern to you.

Besides writing you can join the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs(see Frances Newsom), Friends of the Three Sisters, Inc.,(see Frances), the Wilderness Society of America(see Karl Onthank), etc.

The first two above mentioned should by all means be supported by each of you—they represent and work for your interests but as will all else they need financial help. Why not join right away, and be proud that you have helped.

A LOOK INTO YOUR FUTURE

Have you ever thought of what you can appreciate and enjoy in Oregon that many other states do not have? You have a coastline that has been saved for the public chiefly by a former Governor, Oswald West, and others. Many people who are buying up our fast disappearing coastal real estate resent this and many coastline owners will "kick" you off "their" beach. Just think of California, Florida, Maine, etc., where you don't get on the beach - period - except for a few heavily commercialized public, over-crowded beaches. In these states is the forecast of things to come—PRIVATE, KEEP OUT, MEMBERS ONLY, ADMITTANCE \$---, etc. As I have said before the majority will be "looking in". You can enjoy the State Parks, established after untiring fighting on the part of a persevering few, which, among others, the Motel industry is striving to discourage or eliminate. You have National Parks in state and near at hand upon which lumber, mining and grazing interests are constantly seeking a way to invade and devastate(manage).You have National Forest and State Forest lands in which you are a part owner. These contain the prime remainder of choice raw material and are being removed, never to be the same where removed, at an alarming rate. This means that your playground is and will be getting continually smaller and unless you stand up and

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LOOK INTO YOUR FUTURE(Continued)  
demand en mass that areas are left for you, yours, and those to come, these management proposals and supporters will manage everything right down to the last acre—— you will then be the part owner of nothing.

I will cite a few recent items that should be of grave concern to anyone who loves the out-of-doors and who can see the potential of wealth to our state, the west and the Nation as the timber industry recedes to chiefly a few large concerns.

Every large timber outfit is developing plans for a pulp branch and new outfits (mostly subsidiaries) are starting into pulp. This foretells the story that saw timber will not be the easiest way to make profits, due to scarcity, but small stuff will be cut oftener and used in pulp, which means that large-tree areas will be scarce to non-existent and no one can deny that small second growth timber areas are worthless for recreation except chiefly the road hunter who does it the easy and illegal way by driving around on the logging roads and trails to shoot his game from a vehicle.

Most of the large timber companies and others are conducting national propaganda ads showing scenes that cannot be duplicated in nature. They support elimination of National Forests. Some or all of these are currently brainwashing the Northwest primarily in why they should be permitted to invade the Olympic National Park, even by employing a public relations firm in Seattle, Roderic Olzendam and Assoc., to really hand out a line of soft soaping (these outfits are in business to sell you on something whether you need it or not). The Olympic Park is coming up in January 1957, in Washington, D.C.——Will we have or have not this unique area intact? Mr. Olzendam & Assoc. are well paid to woo for the timber interests.

I have been informed by letter from the Chancellor, Ore. St. System of Higher Ed. which inferred that he is not objecting to the conduct of such educators as Dean McCulloch at the School of Forestry, OSC. I have learned that Oregon and California have two of the most belligerent and uncooperative schools of Forestry in regard to recreation development and tolerance, in the West. Just think what some of the products of these two schools will do for you and yours when they get into key pos-

itions. Recently I noted, in the Register-Guard that Lewis & Clark College, sponsored by NW Timber Companies has revealed a proposal creating a Forest Corporation. The hidden outcome of this idea would also be private ownership of your playgrounds from which you could then be denied admittance.

The public will not feel this change for a few years, but then recreation facilities will be narrowed down to selected areas which will be overcrowded, of course. Then as the timber value decreases more well-to-do groups and individuals will begin buying up the choice areas for themselves and unless you join and pay yearly dues, etc., you won't get to enjoy the areas any more. This can happen under private ownership of our public lands. THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER!!! Your waterways, wildlife areas, State and Federal Parks, National Monuments, National Forests, etc., can all be destroyed by these processes.

The special interests and others who can gain by obtaining possession of these lands and waters are striving to get more men who go along with their propositions into key positions in the Government. Individual citizens can help seal the future of what is rightfully theirs by informing those who represent them in matters of present and future concern pertaining to our public domain——yours and mine.

These special interest pressure groups are helping to seal the doom of the great out-of-doors which we in the West possess, enjoy and share with others from coast to coast. Once this destruction starts it will be practically impossible to stop as the key to legal loop-holes upon which they attempt to operate will have been found. Those who helped create this condition can then sit back and say, shamefully, "I had my part in this."

Preserve and you will have——destroy and you have lost forever.

J. Jeppesen

PRINCESSES DISTRIBUTE HALLOWEEN CROSSES  
Obsidian Princesses carried on the work of distribution of Maltese Cross Stickers at their Oct. 15 meeting at Florence Fulton's home, under direction of Helen Kilpatrick.

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