



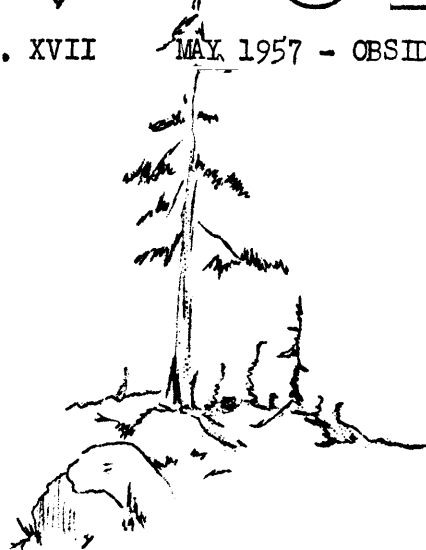
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STATEMENT ON BEAVER MARSH

by James Munro

President of Save The McKenzie Association

A little over one year ago - on March 27, 1956 - the citizens of Eugene rejected the bond issue proposal of the Eugene Water & Electric Board for the raising of $8\frac{1}{2}$ million dollars for the construction of the Beaver Marsh project on the Upper McKenzie. Those who took part in the campaign know that the issues were thoroughly discussed. The Eugene Water & Electric Board presented its case through newspaper advertisements, radio, television, signs on buses, direct mailing of illustrated brochures and of course by means of its employee personnel. The Save-the-McKenzie Association had, in fact a small organization, but one that was ably directed and could call on the assistance of key people, including of course members of the Obsidians. The citizens of Eugene are now faced with another campaign on this issue. What factors are present now, or what changes in the situation have taken place since the March 27, 1956 election? The following, I think, are important:

(1) The local problem of EWEB has been improved substantially by the arrangement made last year whereby EWEB will participate in the Priest Rapids Dam Development in Washington State.

(2) According to the Bonneville Power Administration's 1956 Advance Program, the power outlook for the northwest has improved substantially since the similar report of 1955. At that time deficiencies

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OBSIDIAN RALLY!

On Friday May 24th at Skinner's Butte Recreational Bldg., the Obsidians have a big Summer Camp Rally. Beginning at 6:30 the usual good potluck followed by a short program and pictures taken around Husband Lake, location of this year's Outing.

Three have already signed up, and I was told to add 4 more names and with the committee of 4, that makes 11 - a good start.

The prospectus will be distributed and the sign-up sheet available.

If you once see the beautiful country around Husband Lake and Linnton Meadows - I am sure you'll want to join the crowd at Summer Camp this year!

Camp Committee: Ray Cavagnaro, Chmn.
Nellie & Mac McWilliams
Gene Sebring

A WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd L. Armes request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Janet Roine to Mr. Dennie Jerry Koupal on Saturday, June 8, at 3 o'clock, First Methodist Church, Eugene.

Dennie has been away to school the past few years but many Obsidians have seen him during visits home. Janet has accompanied Dennie on several Obsidian functions and we hope to see more of both of them.

MT. JEFFERSON

Jim Harrang who has made many local winter climbs as well as regular climbs with the club in past years, and Bill Unsoeld who attempted 27,790 foot Catslo with the California Himalayan Expedition,

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THE OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BOARD NOTES

Betty Hack has taken over Keena Northrop's position as secretary of the club. The Board was sorry to lose Keena and appreciates the good job she did. We also welcome and thank Bette Hack for accepting the position.

The Climbing Committee reported that the outdoor sessions of Climbing School were successful. Four qualified leaders for the club were graduated. A start of climbing season will be held the latter part of May in conjunction with the University Alpine Club.

See articles in Bulletin for actions taken on matters of Conservation.

Trip schedules have been distributed - there are extras at Hendershott's, also with members of the Climbing, Trips, and Membership Committees.

Membership reported no new members. Bernice Lehrman reported that a meeting was held with the view of changing membership requirements for Obsidian members. Suggestions as follows: 1. More personal sponsorship; 2. Prospective member be endorsed by a sponsor; 3. Candidacy for membership published in bulletin, allowing membership time to object; 4. Just one type of membership--Active; 5. Encourage awards; 6. Admit member of another group without qualifying period. Suggestions were given to the Constitution Committee.

Joe Daniel is to serve on the Board of Directors, Oregon Mountain Rescue Council as official Obsidian representative.

Ray Harris reported that three more stretchers had been obtained from the Red Cross. On May 26th there will be a mock rescue in the Oakridge area. The Women's branch will organize a women's pack unit to aid the rescue teams.

A petition was circulated recommending that Mrs. Frances Newsom serve as member of the Eugene Parks & Recreation Commission(Ed.Note: I do not whether petition was circulated at meeting or elsewhere).

Frances Newsom was appointed to the Scientific Committee.

Ray Cavagnaro reported that a charge of \$50 for two weeks and \$30 for one week has been arrived at by the Outing Committee. Packers are being contacted.

SUGGESTIONS FOR REVISING OUR CONSTITUTION

If you or any Obsidian Committees have suggestions in addition to those already submitted, please send them to Karl Onthank, Chairman of the Committee to propose revisions. The Committee will start work soon and will publish proposed changes well prior to the annual meeting.

A WORD FROM THE TRIPS COMMITTEE

The trips committee and general membership have participated in selecting a variety of trips for 1957. We hope that members will find some new ones in the list.

We have added some back-packing trips so that we may get into country not accessible in one day trips.

We have not scheduled any trips during Summer Camp since week-enders can easily join Obsidians at our Summer Camp at Husband Lake and Linnton Meadows.

Leaders are free to vary some of the aspects of a trip in the interest of those participating. Members and guests wishing to attend any trip who are unable to sign the sign-up sheet at Hendershott's should phone the leader, in lieu of signing, in advance also.

We are requesting that each member take the responsibility of inviting any senior or junior friends who may be interested in these trips and the principles of the Obsidians. Exposure to the trips, climbs, and activities of the club will facilitate new and continued membership. That neighbor boy or girl down the street may enjoy an invitation; or the couple across the street or next door.

***** George Hermach

Friendly House

DON'T FORGET.....1st Monday of the month,
Obsidian Picture Nite at 2445 Kincaid St.

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in output were forecast for 1960-61. As a result of increased construction activity by both public and private producers, it is now estimated that the shortage will not occur before 1964-65.

(3) Results of the recreation survey of the U. S. Forest Service have been made public. Under the plans prepared by the Forest Service, the region of the Upper McKenzie, comprising generally a strip of from one to three miles inclusive of the main stem of the Upper McKenzie and the highway, will be set aside for recreation. Such use is of course incompatible with dams, tunnels, diversion works, transmission towers, etc.

(4) Increased construction costs will result in a less favorable picture for Beaver Marsh itself.

The old arguments still hold: the primary value of the area for recreation; the dollars-and-cents figures on the tourist industry, perhaps the only expanding industry in Oregon today; the coming use of natural gas; the potential use, perhaps within 10 to 20 years, of atomic energy for power generation; and the many unsolved questions as to feasibility of Beaver Marsh based on insufficient hydrologic, geologic and engineering data. To sum it up, I would say that if Beaver Marsh was a poor proposition in 1956, it is an even worse one now. The great resources of the Upper McKenzie may be preserved without any expenditure, but once the area is invaded and the dams are built, it can never be restored. Clear Lake will be a fluctuating reservoir, with resultant damage to its natural beauty and aquatic life. The falls will cease to be natural objects of beauty and will become, instead, controlled parts of the engineering set-up. Let the turners of dials and the watchers of gauges busy themselves in other places. The great waters of the McKenzie deserve a higher destiny.

SUMMER CAMP SIDELIGHT.....by Ray Sims
Hinton Creek "Camp Bovard" in 1929, is only $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Husband Lake, this year's campsite. In this 2nd club outing I made an overnight trip to Green Lakes "for the first time" between Middle & South Sisters, camping near the big Green Lake. Broken Top was climbed; in returning, a complete circle was made of the South. I made this trip again in 1953, and it was hard to believe it to be the same place with so many moraines pushed up and snow fields turned on end and one lake even divided into four small lakes.

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climbed Jefferson March 27 of this year, making high camp at eight thousand foot on the South West ridge.

TRAILINGS . . .

Robert E. Fehly, son of Gerry Fehly, was one of the 12 Eugene students at OSC to attain a scholastic rank good enough for the winter term honor roll.

Frances Newsom, Dr. James Kezer, and Mary Castelloe, were re-elected Vice-Presidents and Secretary respectively of the Natural History Society. No more indoor meetings scheduled until fall.

A research grant has been awarded Henry Hansen of OSC for study in the Three Sisters Wilderness Area. A lab will be built somewhere in the area and men will be stationed there 3 years, doing research in pollens and grains.

By community choice, Roy Temple was named 'Citizen of the Year' at a banquet sponsored by the Oakridge Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club. Roy is active in the community and is a retired volunteer fire chief.

The club extends its sincere sympathy to Bob Medill and family for their recent bereavement at the death of Bob's mother.

Merle and Blanche Bailey are grandparents twice over - with the birth of a new son, Ted Younglove, to Ardith(Merle's daughter in Riverside, California,) and the birth of Rebecca Louise to the Beamans in Albany.

We're mighty glad to hear that Mary Medill has recovered so nicely after her stay in the hospital. Hope we'll be seeing you soon, Mary.

Mac McWilliams is all bandaged up after a handshake with a power mower. We were all sorry to hear about it, Mac, and hope you'll soon be feeling like your old self.

Two Obsidians are on the County Natural Resources Committee which is in charge of Conservation Week - May 20-26. They are Ruby Frazier, County Chairman for newspapers and Karl Onthank, Chairman in charge of recreation.

June graduates this year are: Margaret Lemon and Keith Newsom from E.H.S.; Dennie Koupal, O.S.C.; Jim Newsom, West Point... Frances and Keith are on the wing toward West Point for Jim's graduation.

The Stahl family is sporting a brand new 9-passenger Volkswagon.

Florence & Glen Sims are home with their trailer and back in the Obsidian swing.

Reserve your place in the annual trail trip to LAMB BUTTE AREA with F.of T.F.W.- Call Margaret Markley, DI 4-0716, by June 17!

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MOUNT PISGAH TRIP

Several Obsidians enjoyed a hike up Mt. Pisgah on March 24, 1957, under the leadership of Henry Jeppesen. The day was cloudy and rain was falling all around the group but missed them until they were safely back in the cars.

They started hiking from the Coast Fork of the Willamette and Seavey Road. After following a wagon trail to the main ridge they trekked through the trees out onto the open South end of the mountain. From here they had a good view of the surrounding country.

Several wild flowers were out to add to everyone's enjoyment. Several of the group felt that this trip should be repeated due to easy accessibility, and is a good afternoon hike for conditioning.

Those on the trip were Henry Jeppesen, Anna Jeppesen, Mildred Ball, Mabel Ruse, Dorothy Ruse, Art Johnson, Bruce Johnson, Marion Johnson, Adeline Adams, and Thelma Watson.

OUTDOOR FUN TO COME HIKING

June 1-2 Institute of Marine Biology. A weekend at the coast to learn more of sea life. Bayard McConaughy, Leader.

June 9 Fall Creek Forest Service Trip to Saddleblanket Lookout. Louis Waldorf, Leader.

June 15-16 Nesika Lodge. Join other FWOC clubs for outing in Columbia Gorge country with Ruth & Karl Onthank.

June 23 Rooster Rock. A qualifying scenic trail trip with Jim Jeppesen
CLIMBING

June 29-30 Mt. Hood via a more difficult and stimulating route.

ACTION ON WALDO LAKE

The Obsidian Directors at their last meeting, on the recommendation of the Conservation Committee, Doris Sims, Chairman, meeting jointly with the Science Committee, Frank Sipe, Chairman, voted: 1. On Waldo Lake: a. To ask the Forest Service to plug the leak through the tunnel. b. To reclassify the Waldo Lake area as a Wild Area with provisions for (1) A corridor along the present road for access by car and boat trailer; (2) Extension of the southwest boundary, a mile or so to highway 58 to protect the view from the highway and in lieu of the former buffer strip. (3) To ask our Congressmen to get the Waldo Lake project of the Army Engineers "de-authorized" in line with the

discussion of both Forest Service and Engineers at the recent public meeting sponsored by the Lane County Parks and Recreation Commission. 2. On Billboards on the new federal highways: to inform Senators and other appropriate members of Congress to provide as much protection as is possible to get at this time along the new highways.

FROM THE EDITOR.....

The next DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN will be June 9, 1957, positively no later.

I cannot expect my committee and I do not intend to do so myself, to have to re-write everything, especially since it all comes in at the last minute and late, so please type your contributions in columns of 41 spaces, single spaced. At least type them single spaced to facilitate the production of your bulletin. If you must write your article please do so exactly as you want it printed, and try to get it to us a bit early.

Anything contributed that the Committee must condense should by all means be in early.

I have continuously asked for contributions from various committees, and others, and do so again.

What you get in your Bulletin is the news you have contributed, please do your part for the enjoyment of all.

Jim Jeppesen, Editor

FRIENDS OF THE THREE SISTERS WILDERNESS Inc., in which Obsidians have a leading part, held their annual meeting (at Salem this time) May 8th; heard reports on various aspects of the Three Sisters Wilderness situation. Dean Henry P. Hansen of Oregon State College announced that he has received a substantial three year grant from the National Science Foundation for ecological studies of plant life which will start this summer. A grant for similar studies of animal life is expected soon. In response to a request from the Forest Service for the Friends of the Three Sisters to suggest appropriate Natural Areas, it was agreed to offer the cooperation of the Friends and particularly that of its Science Committee in the study of such areas in the fifty-three thousand acres excluded from the Wilderness Area. But it will again be emphasized to the U.S.F.S. that the best advice of this committee, and of many other leading scientists in the U.S. is that

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science will be best served by leaving the 53,000 acres untouched and continuous with the Three Sisters Wilderness Area. And it was stated that the Friends are interested not only in this excluded area but in the whole Three Sisters Region of the Oregon Cascades. The Forest Service was urged: (1) to improve access by better maintenance of trails and trail bridges and by improvement of camps at the edge of the area; (2) To reclassify Waldo Lake Limited Area as a Wild Area in accordance with its plans of 1950-51, with a corridor on the line of the present road providing access to the Lake by car and boat-trailer. Congressmen were asked to obtain the "de-authorization" of the Waldo Lake project of the Army Engineers.

Karl Onthank and Frances Newsom were re-elected President and Secretary respectively, and Al Kirnak, O. K. DeWitt, Dr. James Kezer and Lawrence Merriam, Jr., Vice-presidents and Al Kaufman, Treasurer.

Trips planned into the area this summer were reported: (1) The annual Three Sisters Wilderness Expedition sponsored by the Friends of the Three Sisters with the cooperation of the Obsidians, July 4,5,6, and 7 - Dale Carlson, Chmn. of the Committee, Margaret Markley taking reservations; (2) The Sierra Club Knapsack Trip in this Area August 11 to 17; (3) The Obsidian's Annual Outing at Husband Lake, August 4 to 17; (4) The Obsidians' August 31 to Sept. 2 Waldo Lake Trip, and numerous Obsidian trips during summer and fall into the general area including the May 26 Thor's Hammer - Deathball - Harvey Mt. trip led by Margaret Markley and Dave Burwell.

NESIKA LODGE TRIP

June 15 and 16

This is a get-together of Oregon Clubs in the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, namely: Alpinees, Inc., Hood River; Angoras, Astoria; Chemeketans, Salem; Crag Rats, Hood River; Mazamas, Portland; Obsidians, Inc., Eugene; O.S.C. Mountain Club, Corvallis; Trails Club of Oregon, Portland; U. of O. Alpine Club, Eugene; Wy'East Climbers, Portland. The Oregon Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs Vice-President Paul Gerhardt and Nancy Gerhardt are arranging it at the Trails Club's Nesika Lodge, high above Multnomah Falls in the Columbia Gorge, on Larch Mountain. It is a grand place to go in June. The

company will be excellent and the Trails Club's hospitality is famous.

People are urged to take in the Rose Festival Parade in the morning in Portland and then drive up to the lodge.

Or one may drive to Multnomah Falls and hike up the 4 mile trail to the lodge. This is scenic but difficult. Most will prefer to drive in what we call the "back way", which only requires a two mile downhill walk. To do that, TAKE ROUTE 30 OUT OF PORTLAND, get on the SCENIC ROUTE at Troutdale. Follow it to the Larch Mountain Road, which is after Corbett and a little before Crown Point. Bear right on the Larch Mountain road quite a ways until you come to Multnomah Basin Road, which is gravel and takes off to the left. A big tree stands in the middle of the approach to this road and there will be a sign on it. Follow the signs to the parking lot and hike to the lodge.

The program calls for supper about 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening, and a general campfire and discussion on the Columbia Gorge will follow. At least one representative from Oregon's Columbia Gorge Commission will be present; but the idea to get together and exchange ideas and have a good time is the main objective; the Trails Club members are wonderful hosts.

On Sunday, after breakfast, there will be a hike to the Gorge area, returning in time for a 1:30 p.m. big dinner. After that one may leave for home, so it will not be late. The price will be \$2.75 for three meals and overnight lodging. Children under 12 for same at \$1.35. If some want to hike from the Falls, please let us know and a guide will be there, at 2:30 Saturday to lead the way. Bring sleeping bag, towels and such. There is plenty of room, so plan a load and come. The deadline for signing is NOON ON THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH, at Hendershott's, or you may call Karl and Ruth Onthank, DI 4-7839, or Ray Sims, DI 4-9546. PLAN TO GO.

PRINCESSES MEET

Princess Pine Squirrel(Mary Gillespie) entertained the Princesses on Monday, May 20. Announcements were made on the Summer Camp Rally Potluck, and the May 26th cross country hike. Princess White Heron(Adeline Adams) invited the group for the June meeting.

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SEE YOU AT HUSBAND LAKE -- AUGUST 4 to 17

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BITS FROM HERE AND THERE

Jim Jeppesen

The Bulletin has been turned out for two issues now on single sheet paper. Last month we also used colored paper. My personal inquiries have been satisfactory to me that this new "face" is accepted. However, if anyone has any comment on the matter write or phone me. The reason was to make the job easier where printed and cheaper to the club.

Our Climbing Committee is to be commended for a job well done. I am referring, of course, to their recently completed leaders' school. They had good meetings and a variety of guest speakers. I did not attend as often as I hoped to, but what I saw and heard was well worth observing. It is too bad that the attendance wasn't much greater.

The Club's Constitution is in serious need of being brought up to date. Many things have changed and the laws of our club should be modernized to cope with these changes.

Many items are very important to everyone of us. It should be a prime concern of yours to obtain a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws and read through them

with serious consideration. Then respond by communicating with revision chairman Karl Onthank or any member of the Board who will gladly forward your suggestions to Karl. Do this at your earliest convenience.

It has been my opinion that during the year the membership should hear from each committee, via the Bulletin, at least once every two months. This is the only way you know that anything is going on in many instances. This request on my part has brought in contributions from only a few committees so far. I should like to again ask for Committee Doings for each edition of our bulletin. This report to be more informative than the brief information obtainable at Board Meetings.

Well, summer is upon us again. I suppose you all hope to see more clear sky than we have been having. Be sure to enjoy that clear weather on some club trip. Remember those important ones; the Fourth of July Wilderness Trip, the first of August Summer Camp date, the trip up the Columbia Gorge to Nesika Lodge as discussed elsewhere, and several of our trips and climbs scheduled for this season. See you on the trail!!!

THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES sends out the following message:

YOU CAN HELP PREVENT A CONSERVATION CATASTROPHE

Write your Senators and urge them to work for conservation by supporting Senate Bill S. 555 which would permit the full development of Hells Canyon and save other valuable game, fish, forest, national parks, and wilderness resources.

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