



NORTH CASCADES CONSERVATION COUNCIL

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"To secure the support of the people and the government in the protection and preservation of scenic, scientific, wildlife, wilderness, and outdoor recreational resource values in the North Cascades"

---By Laws, Article I

INTENSIVE FORESTRY AND THE INDUSTRY

by
Philip Zalesky

When a member of the forest industries attacks the demands of the public for dedicated areas, they open themselves to criticism on the management of a public resource. Let's face it! Much of the forest industry manages timberland as if they still believed in the myth of inexhaustibility. A few larger members of the industry, who rely almost exclusively on their own private holdings, make a sincere attempt toward intensive integrated forestry. Part of the industry, however, still wallows in the timber hog practices of the past. It is this latter group that is the most vociferous against national parks and other dedicated areas. One can only suspect that this is part of a propaganda offensive to camouflage their own failings.

That a more intensive management job on our forests can be done is not questioned by anyone, especially the enlightened members of the industry. Danish foresters, for example, took our Douglas-fir seed and are producing more total cubic foot volume of Douglas-fir on site III than is found in natural unthinned stands on site I in the Pacific Northwest.

The foresters know, too, that there are 2,692,000 acres of commercial forest land in the Pacific Northwest that is of non-stocked category. Each year the Northwest plants 75,000 acres, but also clear cuts 300,000 acres. While much of this regenerates naturally, the industry knows that they are adding to our non-stocked lands rather than subtracting from them.

It is no secret either that more wood is wasted in the Northwest than is turned into marketable products. It is no secret that in the state of Washington Douglas-fir saplings on poor sites grow markedly more in height after receiving a treatment of nitrogen fertilizer. It is no secret that usable wood yield made possible by thinning can be increased as much as 70 per cent during a complete life cycle in the Douglas-fir region. It is no secret that salvage logging under old-growth timber and pre-logging of small trees as separate operations ahead of main cut gives a 10 per cent higher wood yield than a combined single clear cut. Nor is it a secret that a barker-chipper installation at one site of logging utilizes odd length wood down to a diameter of three inches.

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If the day ever comes that we see that such intensive integrated utilization of our forests in America has become standard practice and there still develops a crisis in timber supply, then the forest industry may have a legitimate gripe. But the day this will come to pass cannot be foreseen, for most certainly under such utilization a crisis in timber supply will never develop.

Until this maximum utilization is universally practiced, we should expect an objective attitude by the forest industries toward wild lands and recreation.

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FEBRUARY N3C BOARD MEETING IS A SUCCESS

Considering the distance the various board members had to cover for the February 8th meeting in Seattle, there was a very good attendance and much work accomplished. All but eight board members were present at the gathering in the Student Union Building on the University of Washington Campus.

The meeting was brought to order by President Zalesky and various committee reports were heard. The by-laws committee (Mrs. Neil Haig, Polly Dyer, and Pat Goldsworthy) presented a revised set of by-laws. Additional revisions were made, approved and probably will be adopted at the March meeting. The objectives in the revised by-laws read as follows: "To secure the protection and preservation of scenic, scientific, recreational, educational, wildlife and wilderness values of the North Cascades."

Honorary award. A conservation merit award will be given to someone in the Northwest who has made an outstanding contribution toward wilderness conservation. Members of the N3C Board shall not be eligible for the award. The first award will be presented at the March meeting. Board member Rod O'Connor of Bellingham will make the plaque.

Multiple Use Association: The methods used by the Multiple Use Association to oppose the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area were studied. The organization is circulating a paper containing selected figures from Forest Service records that tell only the part of the story they want told. These are circulated widely; particularly to school boards and chambers of commerce. Plans were made to combat this propaganda.

Zoned recreation areas: Roadside as well as wilderness recreation is important. Zoning of recreation lands is desirable in areas adjacent to wilderness areas. This necessitates an over-all plan for an area. The N3C is initiating a study of forest recreation on the periphery of the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area (proposed).

Distribution of Mountaineer Annual: The 1957 Mountaineer Annual features the proposed Glacier Peak Wilderness Area. The Sierra Club has offered to buy a couple of hundred copies and give them to the N3C to distribute to key people throughout the country.

Annual meeting: A breakfast meeting will be held in conjunction with the Wilderness Conference in Seattle. It will be at the Edmond Meany Hotel, March 23rd at 7:15 A.M.

RESULTS OF ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR
THREE YEAR TERMS ENDING IN MARCH, 1961

The following persons have been elected for three year terms and are listed alphabetically:

Una Davies, 13641 S.W. Fielding Rd., Oswego, Oregon
Edith English, 8546 30th Ave. N.W., Seattle 7, Wn.
Ruth Lampert, W. 417 Euclid Ave., Spokane 17, Wn.
Grant McConnell, 5427 Greenwood Ave., Chicago 15, Illinois
Rod O'Connor, 2500 Dean, Bellingham, Wn.
Jess Peck, Cholan, Wn.
Chester Powell, 7626 S. 114th, Seattle 88, Wn.
Burr Singleton, Manson, Wn.
Philip Zalesky, 2402 1/2 Virginia, Everett, Wn.

Congratulations! And judging by the work done in the past by these people along conservation lines, we are sure the future of the North Cascades Conservation Council will be well guided.

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PART III, INDUS RIVER ADVENTURE
BY DON HATCH OF VERNAL, UTAH

(Last month we saw Don and Bus Hatch and the Cinerama crew navigating their way down the Indus River in the Himalayan Mountains between the tiny villages of Gol and Scardu. They are faced with a seemingly impassable stretch of rapids with no other way out of the canyon. So the river is the only means of reaching safety and use it they must.)

"At this point I would like to quote directly from the notes I made while in Scardu some forty minutes after I left the Indus River. "As we approached the falls the roar made a fearful sound. Things happened fast. Our tiny boat (it seemed small at 27 feet long by 7 1/2 feet wide) shot down a long narrow shoot of water. We hit the bottom at express train speed. Aided by the motor we shot skyward up and out of the first huge hole. Our 27 foot boat stood almost vertical during the climb. At this point, Otto Lang was about knocked from the boat by a huge side wave but managed to cling to the motor mount on his way past me. The boat was shaken like a piece of washed clothing in the wind. The boat reached the top of the wave and dipped downward. We went through a second wave like the first, then the water leveled off for a brief spell. We had made it! The boat was slopping full of water.

"At the base of this rapid, most of the river drove directly into the canyon wall. No rapid was formed by this action, but I could see our boat full of passengers, equipment and water might not be able to pull away from the cliff without striking it. With full power from the motor (miraculously, it was still running!) and oars we barely managed to stay away from the cliff and slid slowly off and around it to the left."

After running this rapid successfully, our entire crew rejoiced almost to the point of singing. Much shouting and cheering could almost be heard above the roar of the rapid behind us. In front of us lie other rapids comparable to Hance of the Grand Canyon through which we ran in a carefree fashion with rejoicing still in our hearts. When one makes such a successful conquest of a "giant", conquest of mere "men" seems easy, and we took everything calmly and deliberately from here on out to our camp at Scardu.

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INDUS RIVER ADVENTURE, CONTINUED

We landed under the shadow of a cliff fortress that overlooked and protected Scardu. Natives packed our equipment up a 1,000 foot steep talus slope to the awaiting jeeps.

The first thing we decided after a brief conference in our rooms at Scardu was that picture possibilities in this area were impractical, if not impossible. Frankly, we didn't want the trip we had just finished repeated with a full gear of cameras. We didn't want it repeated, period.

So we flow from this valley on up the Indus valley to the town of Gilgit. It was here that we again launched on the river of the Gilgit, (very similar to the Colorado River) and passed through its canyon to the junction of it and the Indus. In this section below the junction we did most of our filming for the Cinerama picture. And it was here that one pontoon over-turned, drowning one man. To explain the terror of the rapids at this point would take too long.

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FWOC PRESIDENT PAULINE DYER DESCRIBES APPROACHING WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

It will be well worth your while to attend the Second Northwest Wilderness Conference being sponsored by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs on March 22 and 23, 1958 at the Edmond Meany Hotel in Seattle. This is the first public discussion on the pros of wilderness (and some cons, too) to be held in the Seattle area. The first meeting of this kind was in Portland, Oregon two years ago. Interest was so high that it automatically indicated a second one should be scheduled for the Puget Sound-North Cascades-Olympic Peninsula region.

On the program will be such featured speakers as Dr. Harold Bradley, President of the Sierra Club; panel participants C. Frank Brockman and N3C Second V. President, Una Davies; Gordon Hamilton will discuss "Youth and Wilderness"; Al Hartung, President of the International Woodworkers of America will tell of Labor's interest in Wilderness; David Brower, Executive Director of the Sierra Club will discuss "You, Your Representative and Wilderness"; Irving Clark, Jr., and Mr. Gregory of the Washington A.A.A. will discuss in a symposium, "An Increasing Need Exists in our Society for Natural or Undeveloped Areas".

John Osseward will give his "Observations on Wilderness Values and Relationships" at the Saturday evening banquet accompanied by Chuck and Marion Hessey's newest movie showing summer pack trips in the Glacier Peak Region and Dave Brower will premier for the Northwest with "Wilderness Alps of Stehakin", filmed during the past two summers and which includes some footage again by Chuck Hessey.

Sunday speakers will be C.S. Cowan discussing Timber, Paul Raver of Seattle City Light presenting views on Hydro Power, Mrs. Neil Haig speaking on behalf of Naturalists, Dr. Karl Onthank, immediate past president of FWOC, telling of Outdoor Clubs' interest, and Mrs. Helen Felder, President, Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs speaking about Women's organizations outlook on wilderness.

There are several other speakers and there will be time allotted for discussion from the floor so everyone may participate.

Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. Saturday, March 22 and the program gets underway at 9:00 A.M. And don't forget the breakfast for N3C Board Members at 7:15 A.M. on Sunday morning.

EMERGENCY FOR CONSERVATIONISTS

An emergency which has arisen in the southwest calls for the help of all conservationists regardless of their particular sectional interests. The 1958 Federal budget includes an item of \$35 million for the first actual construction work on the power dam on the Colorado River near the Utah-Arizona boundary. The budget does not contain any item for the protection supposedly required by law for the protection of Rainbow Bridge National Monument if this Glen Canyon Dam is constructed.

This protection is of three parts: a check dam about 150 feet high to prevent flooding of the national monument, a tunnel to divert Bridge Creek into the next canyon and thus prevent accumulation of silt and quicksand in the monument, and a pumping system to take care of local runoff, seepage and quicksand accumulating at the base of the check dam. This is itself a tremendous project, and we cannot wait until water is lapping at the foot of the Bridge itself to demand that it be begun.

Write your senators and representatives today that this situation is intolerable. They should be told that you believe that no money should be appropriated for Glen Canyon Dam until protection for Rainbow Bridge National Monument is actually begun."

by William R. Halliday, M.D.

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THE "SILENCE" BARRIER IS BROKEN

The Sunday, February 23rd issue of the Spokesman-Review carried a very fine article by Charles Hessey of Naches, Wn. on the "North Cascades". The article was accompanied by five clear pictures showing major highlights of the Glacier Peak area--winter and summer. This was the same article turned down by a Puget Sound area paper as being "too controversial". We are deeply thankful that there is at least one paper in the State that recognizes the recreational possibilities and scenic properties of the North Cascades. Perhaps this Spokane paper will lead the way in more properly informing the public of the threats to the North Cascades. We hope so, anyway!

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VISITOR USE AT MOUNT RAINIER

Preston Macy, Mt. Rainier Park Supt. has released figures indicating the surprising increase in numbers of visitors to Mt. Rainier National Park. The tourist season for 1957 saw a 10 per cent increase in visitors over 1956. Nearly one million persons visited the Park last year. And one of our opponent's main arguments against wilderness areas is that we don't have enough people to enjoy them. What folly!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Katherine and Stanley Adam-Scappoose, Oreg; Judy Austin-Seattle; Edward Bennett-Berkeley, Cal; Enid Bolton-Wenatchee; Ellen Brooker-Seattle; A.M. Brown-Vancouver, B.C.; Godfreyna Budgen-Berkeley, Cal; Founta Butler-West Edmonds, Wn.;

(NEW MEMBERS-CONTINUED)

Miss Irene Charnock-El Monte, Cal; Maryetta Curtin-Berkeley, Cal; Cecil Cushman-Sedro Wooley, Wn.; Dr. Robert Cutter-Berkeley, Cal; Neil Elgee-Seattle; Arthur Elliot-Menlo Park, Cal; E.G. and Lois Englebright-Anacortes, Wn; Harry Forsman-Castle Rock, Wn; Robert Frenkel-Atherton, Cal; P.W.Gaebelein, Jr.-Pasadena, Cal; Gerda and Rolph Godon-Saratoga, Cal; Robert V. Golden-Sausalito, Cal; John Hazle-Seattle; Martha Kreutzberger-Burbank, Cal; James Johnston-Bellevue, Wn; Rosemarie Lenel, M.D.-Oakland, Cal; Mr. and Mrs. Oswe Lund-Palo Alto, Cal; Rudolph Modley-Kent, Conn; Eliza Mooers-Minneapolis, Minn; Ralph and Dorothy Naas- Oak Harbor, Wn; W.H. and Margaret Oberteuffer-Oswego, Oreg; Kai R. Ostbye-Santa Barbara-Cal; Mrs. Helen Pope-San Francisco, Cal; Peter H. Raven-Los Angeles, Cal; Charles Reich-Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Judy Rowe-Spokane, Wn; Mrs. Patricia Saviers-Sun Valley, Ida; Charles and Elizabeth Schiff-Seattle, Wn; Roy Snider-Seattle; Allen Steck-Berkeley, Cal; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steele-Palo Alto, Cal; Helen Thayer-Orange, Cal; Mildred Thoren-Pasadena, Cal; Ginny and Morton Wood-College, Alaska; Fred Young-Seattle; and Edward, Esther, Howard, Karen and Mathias Zahniser of Hyattsville, Md.

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NORTH CASCADES CONSERVATION COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Philip Zalesky - 2402 1/2 Virginia, Everett, Wn.
 1st Vice-President; - Patrick Goldsworthy - 6012 28th Ave. N.E., Seattle 15, Wn.
 2nd Vice-President: - Miss Una Davies - 13641 S.W. Fielding Rd., Oswego, Oreg.
 Recording Secretary: Miss Neva Karrick - 1906 8th Ave. W., Seattle 99, Wn.
 Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Pauline Dyer - 116 J St. N.E., Auburn, Wn.
 Treasurer: Mrs. Yvonne Prater - Rt. 1, Ellensburg, Wn.

NEWSLETTER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The N3C Council is in gratitude to: Phil Zalesky, Neva Karrick, Don Hatch, Pauline Dyer, and William Halliday for written contributions to the Newsletter. Editor - Mrs. Yvonne Prater.

NEWS NOTES HERE AND THERE

The North Cascades will be visited by quite a number of groups this year. We hear the Sierra Club is planning on a three week sojourn in August using the Stehokin Valley as base camp. Pack trips are planned into Cascade Pass, Park Creek Pass, North Fork of Bridge Creek Canyon and other areas. The Wilderness Society Council may have an eight day trip on tap in the Lake Cholan area. The Spokane Mountaineers, Mazamas and The Mountaineers as well as the Yakima Cascadians and Wenatchee Alpine Roamers also are looking forward to visiting the area.

Pat Goldsworthy and others have worked out a very concise and explanatory membership application form which has been going out to persons interested in conservation and our membership has jumped by leaps and bounds since these were sent out.

Dues are due for 1959 for those members who joined last year. Polly Dyer, John Anderson and Pat Goldsworthy have worked together in sending out notices. And the response has been gratifying.

Charles and Marion Hessey showed their two movies ("Glacier Peak Holiday" and "Skiing in the Winter Cascades") to the Chelan County Women's Medical Society in Wenatchee about two weeks ago. Your editor was invited by the Hesses to accompany them and the trip was certainly enjoyable. We found there is strong feeling in the Wenatchee area to establish an ample Wilderness Area in the North Cascades. Mrs. Enid Bolton, N3C member, is a member of the above group and she was very helpful in assisting in the discussion about the controversy of the proposed wilderness area. The women were very enthusiastic and encouraging in their comments. Chuck had a chance to expound some ideas that further clarified the issue.

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THANK YOU!

The Mountaineers and Portland Mazamas have been responsible for monetary contributions to the N3C which will certainly aid in the carrying out of the functions of the Council. We appreciate these contributions.

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FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

It may be of interest to N3C members to know the names of the Board members who attended the Bev. 8th meeting. They were: Una Davies-Portland; Jack Wilson-Cashmere; Dave Simons and David Brower-Berkeley, Cal; Rod O'Connor-Bellingham; Chuck Hessey-Naches; Chet Powell, Pat Goldsworthy-Seattle; Tolly Dyer-Auburn; Phil Zalesky-Everett; Jack Stevens-Manson; and Yvonne Frater-Ellensburg and Leo Gallagher-Tacoma. Guests were: Marion Hessey, Dick Bayne and John Anderson. The meeting began at 12:30 P.M. and continued without break until 7:30 P.M. when we had to go our separate ways. The By-Laws committee can be credited with doing the most work.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To: Membership Chairman, John Anderson, 8206 30th N.E., Seattle, Wn.
I am in accord with the purposes of the North Cascades Conservation Council and wish to apply for membership in this organization. Enclosed are dues for Associate-\$1.00, Regular-\$2.00, Spouse-\$.50, Contributing-\$5.00-\$20.00, Life-\$25.00. Please include name and address.