

numerous and unpredictable. Colored slides finished off the program, and another banquet became a memory, a jolly and a pleasant one—for all those attending.

In spite of the rain on Sunday, the braver members climbed Guye Peak, while others took the five mile trail to Snow Lake. Those remaining saw an interesting demonstration of the Climbing Course, given each spring by the Mountaineers, in charge of Cam Beckwith, who has had charge of the Climbing classes for that Club the past two years. He showed how they teach climbing in the classroom. Frank Doleshy assisted with a lecture on maps and Wolf Bauer spoke on Mountain Safety and Rescue work.

President Leo Gallagher called the business meeting again on Monday morning, when the Official Delegate of each Club gave a report. One of the common problems seems to be getting new members, particularly young members. A demonstration of the Mountaineers' "Orientation" meetings was given by Mrs. Irving Gavett, and judging from the copious notes taken, all of the delegates were very much interested.

The Resolution Committee presented 14 Resolutions, covering a broad field, ranging from the National Park Road Standards, to thanking the host Clubs for their hospitality.

There was quite a lengthy discussion

on the trails, particularly in this area, it being reported that much of the work on trails has been abandoned and the trails neglected. Mr. Paul Piper, the U. S. Forest Ranger of the North Bend Area, answered at some length, stressing the severity of the winter of 1948 and 1949, and stating that the unusually heavy snowfall the past year accounted for the present condition of the trails in this area,

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee submitted the names of Harry James, President; Melvin Becker, Treasurer; Olga Madsen, Secretary; Rosella McCune, Quarterly Editor; John Barnard, California Vice President; Joseph Mo-meyer, Deputy; Frank Sipe, Oregon Vice President; C. G. Morrison, Washington Vice President and O'Dell Petersen, Utah Vice President. Nominations were closed, and these officers elected unanimously.

A special vote of thanks was given to Herb Elsner of the Washington Alpine Club and to Dave Castor, Chairman of Snoqualmie Lodge, to Mrs. Castor and Mrs. Lahr, for their splendid work in cooking and serving the Convention.

In the afternoon there was packing, the exchanging of addresses, and cars leaving down the road that a year ago was a forest, and while goodbyes were being said, one phrase was often repeated "See you next year at Norden".

Ester Simons.

## RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were adopted by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs assembled in convention at Snoqualmie Lodge of The Mountaineers, Inc. Labor Day week-end, 1949:

### Resolution No. 1

#### National Park Road Standards

WHEREAS, it is apparent that areas in our National Parks can become and are becoming so crowded as to lead to damage to the natural scene and impairment of its inspirational atmosphere, and

WHEREAS, the presence of too many people in a park can lead to many developments that are essentially urban and foreign to the original park scene, which developments lead to further overcrowding, and

WHEREAS, one of the factors which determines the rate and extent of overcrowding and overdevelopment of a park is the system of roads leading to and within it, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs that the following be adopted as our policy in regard to National Park road standards:

1. That roads within the parks be held strictly to such standards as are consistent with traffic requirements, keeping in mind that roads within parks have the dual purpose of circulating traffic for the best views of the scenic attractions and as avenues of ingress and egress.

2. That before new roads are built within the parks, or old roads radically

altered a careful reappraisal be made to determine the actual minimal requirements with respect to grades, radius of curves, and widths of roads, further mindful that high standard roads are the most costly to taxpayers, the most immediately damaging to the park scene, the most unsafe for tourist travel and the least satisfactory for leisurely contemplation of the beauty that our national parks can offer.

#### **Resolution No. 2 Mt. San Jacinto Tramway**

WHEREAS, The Mount San Jacinto (Calif.) Forest Service Wild Area and State Park now have their wilderness status gravely threatened by the proposed construction of a tramway from Palm Springs through lands composing both areas.

WHEREAS, Such land in the State Park was acquired from the Forest Service Wild Area by land exchange with a pledge by the State Park Commission that it would permanently maintain the former federal lands in its primitive condition.

WHEREAS, The California State Legislature violated this agreement in enacting a Winter Park Authority Bill giving a private agency the right to construct the tramway and terminal facilities on the lands.

WHEREAS, This violation establishes a precedent by which lands in other primitive and wilderness areas may be turned over for private exploitation and may be used to penetrate into such areas with the design of weakening the status of adjacent sections so that eventually an entire area may have its wild area status progressively destroyed.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs express strong disapproval of the means whereby the Mount San Jacinto Wild Area is threatened with violation by the construction of the proposed tramway and that copies of the resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of California, the Chairman of the State Park Commission and the Chief Forester of the United States.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs request Chief Forester and the Regional Forester to hold the customary public hearing to consider the application of the Winter Park Authority to have the tram-

ways cross any Forest Service lands in the remaining Mount San Jacinto Wild Area and that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs be given the opportunity to appear at such a hearing. That in any such future transfer the U. S. Forest Service take proper legal steps to assure the permanent status of such lands.

#### **Resolution No. 3. Control of the Development of Natural Resources.**

WHEREAS, in recent years many methods of exploiting the natural resources of our river basins have been employed by the Bureau of Reclamation, Army Corps of Engineers and Valley Authorities, and

WHEREAS, none of these methods has been found to provide for full development or protection of natural resources from mountain top to the sea, and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources task force of the Hoover Commission has proposed a plan for the establishment of an over all Board of Review to review the projects of government agencies charged with the development of our natural resources, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs endorse the creation of such a Board of Review to conserve our natural resources and prevent the waste of public money.

#### **Resolution No. 4 Favoring the Acquisition of Private Lands In National Parks and National Monuments.**

WHEREAS, private land holdings in National Parks and National Monuments constitute a serious administrative problem in these areas, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of many, if not all, of these private holdings is essential to the proper utilization of the scenic and recreational possibilities of such National Parks and National Monuments, and

WHEREAS, the states and counties in which these National Parks and National Monuments are located are deprived of revenue that they would otherwise receive from taxes on property included in National Parks and National Monuments, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs support S-728 and HR-1389, and recommend to

the member clubs that all possible steps be taken to insure prompt and favorable action on these proposed measures.

#### **Resolution No. 5.**

##### **Air Space Reservations.**

WHEREAS, airplanes and helicopters constitute a growing threat to the wilderness through their ability to transport men and supplies into wilderness areas, and

WHEREAS, low flight over National Parks and Monuments destroys the feeling of solitude in the remote parts of those areas, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs support the efforts to establish air space reservations over wilderness and wild areas, as designated by the U. S. Forest Service, and further

BE IT RESOLVED: that the National Park Service be urged to review its air space regulations in order that there may be uniformity of these regulations in National Park Service and U. S. Forest Service areas.

#### **Resolution No. 6.**

##### **Acquisition of Two Timber Areas Situated In Glacier National Park.**

WHEREAS, there are situated in Glacier National Park two timber areas totaling about 10,000 acres of highly desirable and beautiful timber, and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned areas of timber are still owned by the State of Montana, and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana is contemplating the sale of the above mentioned timber to private interests who will log the areas, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs recommend and urge through its Secretary and member clubs that Congress shall make funds available for the immediate purchase of the above mentioned timber areas for the National Park Service.

#### **Resolution No. 7.**

##### **Butano Forest.**

WHEREAS, the public parks and forests of California are proving inadequate for an increasing population, and

WHEREAS, the Butano Forest will connect two currently established but overcrowded public recreation areas, and

WHEREAS, the Butano is the last remaining available stand of virgin redwood readily accessible to a metropolitan area, and

WHEREAS, this forest is in imminent peril of timber operations; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs support the published aims of the Butano Forest Associates toward the preservation of the area.

#### **Resolution No. 8.**

##### **South Calaveras Grove.**

WHEREAS, the State of California and the Federal Government are cooperating in an effort to preserve the Sequoias and Sugar Pines of the South Calaveras Grove; and

WHEREAS, this magnificent forest is vitally needed to supplement the existing but inadequate recreational area in California; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs give all possible aid to the South Calaveras Grove Association in its efforts to secure this forest as a state park.

#### **Resolution No. 9.**

##### **Water Pollution.**

WHEREAS, the control of water pollution is necessary for the health and welfare of human as well as animal life, and

WHEREAS, the continued disregard and abuse of pollution laws is apparent and must be halted, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs work with the Public Health Authorities to the achievement of this goal.

#### **Resolution No. 10.**

##### **Support of Keep Green Organizations.**

WHEREAS, the Keep Washington Green Association, through its conservation education work in the prevention of man-caused forest fires, is striving to protect our forest and range areas, and

WHEREAS, Keep Green groups in many of the Western States are similarly working to educate the public to be careful with fire in Western forests, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs actively support the efforts and objectives of Keep Green organizations wherever these organizations do exist, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Federation urge the participation of its member clubs in the forest fire prevention activities of these same Keep Green organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Supervisors of Forestry, and Supervisors of the National Forests, the Superintendents of the National Parks, and the Directors of the Keep Green organizations of the western states.

**Resolution No. 11.  
Forest Service Trails**

WHEREAS, the trails in the forests of the Western Region of the United States have in some cases been abandoned and in other cases maintenance work on them curtailed to a point where they are almost impassable, and

WHEREAS, the proper protection of our forests is greatly dependent upon the proper maintenance of these trails, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs work to assure the Forest Service of adequate trail maintenance funds and, further,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the member clubs consult with the United States Forest Service on the matter of better trail maintenance and priority of maintenance of various trails.

**Resolution No. 12.  
Youth Conservation Summer Camps.**

WHEREAS, the problem of summer employment for teen age boys in our large cities is becoming acute, as restrictions on the employment of minors gradually have become more and more strict, and

WHEREAS, there is a definite labor shortage for trail work, general maintenance, insect control, campground construction, etc., in virtually all of our western National Forests and National Parks.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Federal Government be requested to allot funds for the establishment of some type of Youth Conservation Summer Camps in such National Forests and Parks.

**Resolution No. 13.  
Vote of Appreciation to Host Clubs.**

WHEREAS, the Mountaineers, Inc. and Washington Alpine Club proved to

be such considerate hosts for the Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs has expressed its deep appreciation for the hospitality extended at the annual meeting at Snoqualmie Lodge, 1949.

**Resolution No. 14.  
Vote of Appreciation to the Officers and Committees.**

WHEREAS, the officers and committees elected to serve during the past year have performed their duties in an enthusiastic and highly able manner, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in convention assembled at Snoqualmie Lodge of The Mountaineers, Inc. at Snoqualmie Pass, Washington, on Labor Day weekend, 1949, extend a hearty vote of thanks to its officers and committees of the past year, for those fine services.

**Motion By Sid Bymel.**

That the resolutions adopted at this convention be sent to all member clubs as expeditiously as possible, and furthermore, that the resolutions be accompanied by recommendations and suggestions as to how best to carry out the action covered in the resolutions. This should include names of officials to whom we should call the attention of our action and should include outline of the communications so that a forceful presentation be made to the proper authorities. This implementation of our resolutions should be under the direction of our Conservation Chairman. (John R. Barnard).

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Cy Washburn suggests all clubs use a stamp similar to the above on the back of all mail sent out.

"Keep 'Em Talking Conservation"