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State Parks and Recreation Commission

Release: Sunday, October 28

A centennial celebration commemorating construction of Fort Townsend will be held today, beginning at 2:30 p.m. on the grounds of the old military reservation in Jefferson county, near Port Townsend, with local citizens and state park officials, including John R. Vanderzicht, state parks director, participating. The fort is now a state park.

Reviewing the various periods of the fort's military history from 1856 to World War II will be Albert Culverwell, historian, State Parks and Recreation Commission. He will point out that the site, along with two other forts in the state, Walla Walla and Vancouver, have special significance because of continuous, though at times spasmodic, military activity since they were built.

Fort Townsend was constructed under direction of Major Granville C. Haller, starting in October, 1856, to allay Indian difficulties that might arise as a result of treaties signed with the Indians in 1855. No such difficulties developed, says Culverwell, but the fort remained activated for more than 80 years.

No buildings remain at the site, but an extensive marker program begun by the State Parks and Recreation Commission shows their location. One of the old flagpoles has been returned and erected in its original location, and a covered display telling in pictures the military story has been installed.

Master of ceremonies will be Commander H. W. Jackson, Port Townsend, with



invocation by Rev. Jacob Hall, minister to the Jamestown band of Clallam Indians. A Marine Corps color guard from Indian Island will raise the flag, assisted by representatives from local V.F.W., American Legion groups and their auxiliaries, the United Spanish War Veteran's Auxiliary, the Women's Relief Corps, and the U. S. Coast Guard. Music will be supplied by the Port Townsend and Chimacum high school bands.

Fort Townsend construction was started just two months after Fort Simcoe on the Yakima Indian Reservation. Major Haller, the commandant at Fort Townsend, had been in charge of troops which suffered a defeat by the Indians in the Yakima area in 1855.



OLD FORT TOWNSEND STATE PARK CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

October 28, 1956 - 2:30 P.M.

Master of Ceremonies . . . . . Commander H. W. Jackson

High School Bands . . . . . Port Townsend Robert Balcom Director  
Chimacum Mr. Montgomery Director

Invocation . . . . . Rev. Jacob Hall, Minister to Jamestown  
Band of Clallam Indians

Raising of the Flag . . . . . Marine Corps Color Guard, Ammunition Depot  
Indian Island

Colors, U. S. Coast Guard  
Women's Relief Corps  
United Spanish War Vet Ladies Aux.  
Post 1495 Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Post 1495 Ladies Auxiliary  
Post 3213 V.F.W. Quilcene  
Post 3213 Ladies Auxiliary  
Post 26 American Legion  
Post 26 Ladies Auxiliary

Bands . . . . . Star Spangled Banner

Pledge of Allegiance . . . . . Audience, Led by Commander Jackson

Introductions  
Representatives of Jamestown Band of Clallams  
Descendants of local Indians

Remarks: Director of State Parks John Vanderzicht  
Remarks: Crown Zellerbach's Contri-  
bution Leo Ziel

Local people responsible for help in development.

Assistant Regional Director of Washington State Parks Assn. . . Mrs. Ward B. Williams

Jefferson County Commissioners Lyall Arey, Geo. Huntingford, Bertil Kruse

President, Chamber of Commerce Dr. H. Kenneth Carter

Chairman, Community Study Beautification Programme Mrs. H. E. Bukowsky

President, Jefferson County Historical Assn.

President, County Club of Wash. State Parks Assn. Mrs. Lee C. Davis

Remarks: Historically Interpreting Old Fort Townsend State Park  
State Park Historian, Albert Culverwell

High School Bands

Special area will be designed for youth groups coming in a body.  
Boy Scouts parking cars. Russ Baker, Scout Commissioner

If weather is inclement ceremony will be held at Recreation Center, 2:30 p.m.





# NEWS RELEASE

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
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Margaret E. Felt, Public Information Officer  
753-5761 June 29, 1966

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The third Neighborhood Youth Corps program sponsored by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has been approved by the Seattle District Office of the NYC, U. S. Department of Labor, John Willits, Youth Corps Supervisor, announced today.

The project, to last 12 months, will have a capacity to employ 100 youths and again the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will be cooperating with the State Game Department providing 10 NYC enrollees for Game Department projects, Willits said, bringing the grand total to 1060.

NYC enrollees earn \$1.25 per hour while employed on work training projects. The new project will be financed by \$250,000 in federal funds and \$72,355 in State Park matching funds.

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opportunity for every Washingtonian.

More than 13 million people took advantage of state park facilities during the 1965 calendar year and there is every reason to expect the demand will keep on growing in direct proportion to the increase in population, in leisure time and to the ever-growing interest in the out-of-doors.

Many state parks have become famous both in history and in tourist brochure. In some cases the heritage site was famous before the advent of State Parks in the picture but the public could not enjoy it because of its physical condition. Fort Simcoe, Fort Okanogan, Fort Casey, Fort Columbia, Spokane House and Dry Falls Interpretive Centers all fall into this category of historical and geological sites that can now be enjoyed by the public because State Parks caused them to be restored or reconstructed. Federation Forest on Highway 410 some 17 miles east of Enumclaw is a perfect example of cooperation with an organization or group....in this case the Washington Federation of Women's Clubs....to produce a natural scientific interpretive center. Here forestry and botany students are able to learn while touring a state park.

For the next two or three weeks a series of articles will give much pertinent information about Washington's State Park system, its background, its services, the manner in which it is administrated and plans for the future. Each article ranges from the beginning in 1915 when the first parks were acquired and will cover the activities of some particular facet of Washington State Parks up to the present time.

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# NEWS RELEASE

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July 5, 1966

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL COMMISSION MEETING

Charles H. Odegaard, Washington's representative on the Federal Lewis and Clark Trail Commission left today for Billings, Montana to participate in the Commission's Bi-annual meeting. The principal item on the agenda will be the final review of the draft of the Commission's report to President Johnson and Congress.

In addition to the business meeting July 11-12 there will be the commemoration of certain milestones along the Lewis and Clark Trail as traveled by the famed explorers.

One hundred and sixty years ago Captains Lewis and Clark lost several horses to hostile Indians and were forced to float 155 miles down the Yellowstone River in Montana using a craft made of two dugout canoes lashed together. This summer the great-great grandson of Captain William S. Clark, William Clark Adreon of St. Louis, will re-trace his famed ancestor's route aboard an authentic replica of the river craft used by the explorers. Today's cottonwood canoe replicas are under construction by the Jaycees of Big Timber, Montana to be hewn by ax and completely authentic in every detail, even to the 30 foot length.

Accompanying William Clark Adreon on the float trip will be his own son, members of the Federal Lewis and Clark Commission as well as more than one thousand interested persons from sixteen different states, all the way from Massachusetts to Washington. The trip is open to the public without charge being sponsored by the Jaycees and mayors of the cities along the route.

The purpose of the trip is to focus attention on the Lewis and Clark Trail Commission's plan to locate and mark the entire route of the explorers to the Pacific Ocean and return. More than 11 states were touched by the expedition but some 1,940 miles of the 4,000 mile trail

lie within the borders of Montana.

The business meeting of the Federal Lewis and Clark Trail Commission will be in Billings, Montana, following the river float trip. Pompey's Pillar, a giant, rocky landmark where Captain William Clark wrote his name on July 25, 1806 (his signature is still visible), is scheduled to be dedicated as a national historic monument during this meeting, Odegaard said.

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July 11, 1966

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Dear Editor:

This is the fifth in the series of articles on Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, entitled: STATE PARKS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS.

The last article in this series to be released July 13 will cover the Administration and Policy of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Margaret E. Felt  
Public Information Officer

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Enclosures





# NEWS RELEASE

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Margaret E. Felt, Public Information Officer  
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July 13, 1966

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Dear Editor:

This is the final article in the series of six on Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, entitled: ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY.

I hope you have found them useful and interesting and that they have assisted your readers to a more full understanding of their state parks. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Public Information Officer

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Enclosures



[Enclosure: 13 Jul 66]

Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission  
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Charles H. Odegard, Director  
Margaret E. Felt, Public Information Officer  
753-5761

#### STATE PARKS ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

For the past two weeks you have been reading about the history of your State Parks system with specific articles dealing with: acquisition; planning and development; operations; consulting services and group camps; and the State Parks YDCC - NYC youth programs.

You have read of a parks system which in fifty years has grown from a humble beginning to a far-flung network of marine, historical, and recreation areas which last year welcomed over 13 million visitors.

You have also read of a system which needs over \$144 million, at today's prices, to meet your outdoor recreation needs in the next twenty years.

To have accomplished what its past history required many helping hands and many willing hearts.

The citizens of our State have supported their parks and, we believe, will continue to do so as long as they believe they are properly operated.

The Legislature has been responsive to the financial and legislative needs when adequately informed and so requested.

The various governors in their administrations have supported the program as offered by the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Commission -- this body of non-salaried men and women -- has given years of service in a sincere desire to make your State Parks system the best Washington can and should have.

The Commission is composed of citizens appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate, for six year terms. Your present Commission members are: Mr. Joe Hamel,



Chairman; Mrs. Eleanor Berger; Mr. Clair Greeley; Mr. James Hovis; Mr. Ted R. McTighe; Mr. Howard Martin; and Mr. James Whittaker.

Over the years the Commission has judicially exercised its broad powers in a quiet manner and only when necessary to preserve and conserve.

It is the Commission's prerogative and responsibility to select the Director who administers the Department within the laws of the State and the policies of the Commission. The present Director, Charles H. Odegaard, is a trained parks and recreation professional who has served the Commission since late 1963.

Through its Commission and Director the Department works very closely with many Federal, State and local agencies in both acquiring and operating parks.

Your Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission invites you to use, but not to misuse your parks. They encourage you to let them know where and how you believe they can better serve you.

For more specific information about your State Parks system write the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, P. O. Box 1128, Olympia.

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# NEWS RELEASE

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P. O. Box 1128 Olympia, Washington 98501

Margaret E. Felt, Public Information Officer  
753-5761 August 12, 1966

FOR RELEASE AUGUST 15:

The Anderson Lake property on the Quimper Peninsula near Chimacum and Port Townsend will be the scene of an acquisition ceremony on Thursday, August 18 at 1:30 p.m. when Mrs. John Berger, Tacoma, a member of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, presents the first payment for the property to the owners, Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson.

The cost of the 410-acre property (which includes a 70-acre lake) is \$470,000 which will be paid for over a three-year period by monies granted in equal amounts by the Interagency Committee and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, according to Richard S. Huebner, State Parks Land Agent. Development of this property will not begin until the final payment is made in 1969 but plans are for an all-round park with every type of recreation from camping to swimming to boating facilities.

The property lies about half way between the town of Chimacum and Highway No. 113 on the Quimper Peninsula just south of Port Townsend.

Local legislators, State Parks officials and local peninsula citizens are expected to attend the ceremony to be held at the Anderson ranch. The public is invited.

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Margaret E. Felt, Public Information Officer  
753-5761  
August 12, 1966

FOR RELEASE AUGUST 18:

The acquisition of the Anderson Lake property near Port Townsend for state park purposes was consummated today when Mrs. John Berger, Tacoma, a member of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, presented a check to Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson of Chimacum, it was announced by a member of the Parks Department.

The property, containing 70-acre Anderson Lake in a total of 410 acres of land which includes considerable amount of timber, was purchased for the sum of \$470,000 to be paid over a period of three years, Richard S. Huebner, State Parks Land Agent, stated.

In June Nature Conservancy, a conservation group interested in setting aside certain natural areas for park purposes, lent the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$15,000 to hold this property until the Interagency Committee and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation granted the monies for the acquisition of this park. Each agency will provide fifty percent of the \$470,000 purchase price, Huebner said.

Located in an area within fifty miles of the largest metropolitan area in the Pacific Northwest, Anderson Lake will be held for development beginning in 1969 when the acquisition of the property is finally completed. Numerous camping sites, swimming beaches, boating facilities, trails and roads will be developed to make this one of the most popular state parks within easy reach of Seattle and the surrounding area. The rainfall of Anderson Lake is slightly less than 18 inches



a year. Elk, deer, bear and other wildlife are abundant on this property, some 160 acres of which are cleared and used now for pasture land by the Andersons in a registered herford cattle operation.

Plans on the drawing board for the development of this property as a state park call for some 1200 feet of swimming beach, several hundred campsites, parking space for 600 automobiles, boat launching and water sports facilities, several miles of bridle and nature trails and the further development of roads throughout the forested property, Huebner said.

The acquisition of this property means the culmination of the desires of many State Park Commissioners and members of the State Legislature.

Senator Gordon Sandison of Port Angeles said: "This property will mean that the Olympic Peninsula will eventually be able to meet the challenging need for more recreational parks. I'm very happy to see progress is being made in this direction."

State Representative Charles R. Savage, Shelton, Chairman of the House Parks, Capitol Buildings and Grounds Committee, felt that the Hood Canal Floating Bridge was bringing in the influx of visitors from the largest metropolitan area in the Pacific Northwest that must be provided for by Anderson Lake and other state parks in the area.

State Representative Paul Conner commented that the Olympic Peninsula has long needed more parks for the multitude of tourists coming into that ever-popular area.

State Representative W. S. "Bill" Traylor of Port Angeles said that this park will be one of the finest in the state when developed to its full potential.



# NEWS RELEASE

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
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Margaret E. Felt, Public Information Officer  
753-5761  
January 13, 1967

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Charles H. Odegaard, State Parks and Recreation Commission chief, announced today that there apparently has been some misunderstanding with regard to any position held by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission concerning Lake Wenatchee State Park.

The Parks Chief related that he had been informed that the Commissioner of Public Lands had stated that the Department of Natural Resources plans to lease over 1/2 of the existing Lake Wenatchee State Park for commercial purposes and with Park Commission approval.

Odegaard stated that the Commission had not even discussed this but that the item would be placed on the agenda for the Monday January 23 meeting of the Commission being held at 9:00 A.M., City Hall, Olympia and that at such time the Commission would decide what action should be taken.

The Parks Chief went on to relate that development of this area for park purposes had been approved by the Commission at their 1966 budget meeting.

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# NEWS RELEASE

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
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Phil Walters, Public Information Officer  
753-5761 June 18, 1968

Senator Gordon Sandison and Representative Virginia Clocksin from the 21st Legislative District expressed their pleasure at the new Marine State Park on Stretch Island in lower Puget Sound. With the Legislators at the June 6th dedication ceremony were Mrs. Eleanor Berger, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commissioner; Mr. Einar Hendrickson, Administrator for the Inter-agency Committee for Outdoor Recreation whose cooperation made possible the purchase of the property utilizing Initiative 215 monies from unclaimed marine gas tax receipts; Mr. Charles H. Odgaard, Director of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission; and Mr. Ev Henry, Secretary of the Puget Sound Interclub Association.

The new state park is located on the Northeast corner of the Island which is just North of Hartstene Island on Case Inlet, and is accessible only by boat. The park's 4.2 acres contain 1,100 feet of saltwater frontage with a sand and gravel beach.



# NEWS RELEASE

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
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Ralph H. Rudeen, Supervisor, Interpretive Serv.  
September 10, 1968

## FOR WIRE SERVICES

The transfer of the deed to a 218 acre farm in the Ellensburg area to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission was announced today in Olympia by Charles H. Odegaard, Director. Known as the Olmstead Farm this property is located near Kittitas and is currently owned and occupied by Misses Clareta Olmstead Smith and Leta May Smith, sisters.

The Olmstead farm was homesteaded in 1875 by Samuel Bedient Olmstead and has remained in the family ever since. The sisters, granddaughters of S. B. Olmstead are donating the farm and buildings to Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for historical and recreational purposes.

Odegaard went on to say that the State Parks plans include a proposal to develop a display of historic farm equipment and possibly conduct present day farming on part of the property for illustrative purposes. In this connection Odegaard indicated that Parks was looking for donors of historic farm equipment and asked that interested parties contact Ralph Rudeen, Supervisor, Interpretive Services, State Parks, Olympia.





# NEWS RELEASE

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
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Phil Walters, Public Information Officer  
November, 1968

## STATE PARK COMMISSION OBSERVES 53RD BIRTHDAY

Today the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission observed its 53rd birthday, as the first recorded meeting of the State Board of Park Commissioners was held on November 22, 1915 in Governor Ernest Lister's office in Olympia. The following is an excerpt from the minutes of that first meeting:

"The State Board of Park Commissioners met in the office of Governor Lister. All members were present as follows: Governor Lister, Commissioner of Public Lands Savidge, State Auditor Clausen, State Treasurer Meath, and Honorable E.F. Blaine, appointed by Governor Lister under the provisions of the act creating the State Board of Park Commissioners.

"The meeting was called to order by State Treasurer Meath. Mr. Savidge nominated Governor Lister for Chairman of the Commission. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Clausen and he was elected unanimously. Mr. Meath nominated Mr. Savidge for Secretary and he was chosen unanimously.

"The Governor outlined a plan to acquire small tracts for parks along the various public highways of the state. He also advised the Board that a deed had been received from the Pacific Realty Company conveying to the State of Washington a tract of approximately twenty acres in area for public park purposes....."

On a motion of Mr. Blaine, the State Board of Park Commissioners accepted the approximately 20 acres just south of Bellingham from the Pacific Realty Company, and this first state park became known as Larrabee State Park.

In its 53 years of growth, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has grown from the one site of 20 acres to some 177 sites, with a total acreage of over 74,000, and a 1967 attendance of 20,000,000. The present commission is made up of Mr. James W. Whittaker, Redmond, Chairman, Mrs. Eleanor Berger of Tacoma, Mr. Clair V. Greeley of Okanogan, Mr. Joe W. Hamel of Sedro Woolley, Mr. James G. McCurdy of Seattle, Mr. Ralph E. Mackey of Everett, Mr. Wilfred R. Woods of Wenatchee, and the director is Mr. Charles H. Odegaard.





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Phil Walters, Public Information Officer  
753-2027 November 1, 1968

## OLMSTEAD PLACE NAMED

"Olmstead Place State Park -- Heritage Site" is the official name of the Olmstead farm which was recently donated to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission by the Smith Sisters -- Clareta Olmstead Smith and Leta May Smith. This name for the historic homestead was officially adopted by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission at their commission meeting held at Sun Mountain in Okanogan County on October 21st.

When the deed to the 222 acres was turned over to the State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Misses Smith indicated that it was their desire that the historical designation "Olmstead Place" be used as a name for the new state park.

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has indicated that this new state park, located approximately 3-1/2 miles east of the City of Ellensburg, will be a heritage site and an interpretive area depicting the evolution of the farming and agricultural industry in the State of Washington.

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