

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT

7-1-61

11-30-62

INVESTMENTS:

Acct. #34775 Pac. 1st Fed. Sgs. & Ln.	Bal. 7-31-62....	40,455.16	
Div. 9-30-62		306.55	
Dep. Bond Interest		195.02	
Dep. Coiner Contribution		2,500.00	
W Withdrawal to purchase bonds		34,929.09	
	Balance 11-30-62.....		8,527.64
Acct. #350656 Pac. 1st Fed. Sgs & Ln.	Bal. 7-31-62....	1,475.61	
Dep. Book Sales		210.00	
Div. 9-30-62		15.68	
	Balance 11-30-62.....		1,701.29
Acct. #56473 Pac. 1st Fed. Sgs & Ln.	Bal. 7-31-62....	1,790.14	
Div. 9-30-62		19.02	
	Balance 11-30-62.....		1,809.16
Acct. #12295 American Sgs & Ln.	Bal. 7-31-62....	4,035.69	
Withdrawn for museum expense		1,521.76	
	Balance 11-30-62.....		2,513.93
Acct. #11543 Lewis County Sgs & Ln.	Bal. 7-31-62.....	85.42	
	Balance 11-30-62.....		85.42
Acct. #252C Lewis County Sgs & Ln	Bal. 7-31-62....	5,547.57	
	Balance 7-31-62.....		5,547.57
Acct. #11823 Lewis County Sgs & Ln	Bal. 7-31-62...	2,165.59	
Dep. Bond Interest		656.25	
	Balance 11-30-62.....		2,821.84
Acct. #251C Lewis County Sgs & Ln.	Bal. 7-31-62....	2,936.89	
	Balance 11-30-62		2,936.89
Acct. #404C Lewis County Sgs & Ln.	Bal. 7-31-62.....	641.27	
	Balance 11-30-62.....		641.27
TOTAL SAVINGS & LOAN SHARES.....			26,585.01

U.S. TREASURY BONDS:

\$50,000	2-5/8%	Due Feb. 15, 1965
8,000	4-7/8%	Due Nov. 15, 1964
35,000	4%	Due Aug. 15, 1972

TOTAL GOVERNMENT BONDS

\$93,000.00

LOCAL CASH FUND:

On deposit 7-31-62	750.66	
Disbursements to 11-30-62	3168.95	
Receipts to 11-30-62	3024.69	
Disbursements in excess of receipts	144.26	
Balance on hand 11-30-62		606.40

TOTAL INVESTMENTS & CASH FUNDS:

Savings & Loan Shares	26,585.01
Government Bonds	93,000.00
Cash-Bank Balance	606.40

TOTAL SAVINGS ACCTS., GOVERNMENT BONDS, CASH..... \$120,191.41

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OPERATING REPORT

8-1-62

11-30-62

MEMBERS: Life: 81; Annl.'60-79; '61-216;'62-378; Assoc. 31
VISITORS:

786
34,500

LOCAL FUNDS (for period)	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Counter Sales	267.75	98.63
Book Fund	377.97	-
Sales Tax	14.28	-
Vending Machine	104.45	144.96
Membership	148.00	48.00
Misc.	<u>1,996.37</u>	<u>2,877.36</u>
	3,024.69	3,168.95

STATE FUNDS (7-1-61 through 11-30-62)	<u>Allotted</u>	<u>Expended</u>
Salaries, Wages & Personal Cont.		
Services	78,691.00	55,229.13
Other Cont. Services	17,405.10	7,098.84
Travel	5,400.00	3,811.30
Supplies & Materials	7,535.00	3,517.78
Retirement	<u>7,187.00</u>	<u>4,271.71</u>
	116,218.00	74,378.76
In reserve per Gov. order		4,627.41
Lapsed		<u>737.04</u>
		79,743.11
For remainder of biennium		36,474.89

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MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF CURATORS
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 13, 1963

The meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held in the Library of the Museum in Tacoma on April 13, 1963, Mr. E. K. Murray presiding in the absence of the President, Mr. Reno Odlin.

Present:

Dr. Jones	Mr. Long	Dr. Whitner
Mrs. Emmons	Mr. Green	Mr. Hitchman
Mrs. Wanamaker	Judge Hill	Mr. Relander
Mr. McClelland	Dr. Deutsch	Mr. Murray
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Jukes	Mr. Foster (Dir. Emer.)
Mr. Burnham		Mr. Le Roy (Director)

Minutes of the December 1, 1962 meeting were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Mr. Gordon. A copy of this is attached and made a part of these minutes.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: In the absence of Mrs. Scott, Mr. Le Roy reported that much publicity has been given by state newspapers to Library accessions and activities. Copies of the Seattle Times story on the Ezra Meeker manuscripts were sent to every member of the Board. This single story has stimulated a flood of inquiries and offers. Mrs. Frances Sueco is continuing to sort and catalogue the Meeker papers. They are important for Meeker's records of the pioneer hop industry promotion of the Oregon Trail, and his letters and book manuscripts concerning the Indian wars in Washington Territory.

A former Tacoma resident, Mrs. Patricia McNabb, who now lives in Los Angeles, has voluntarily indexed Hawthorne's History of Washington for us. She will do more of this on a volunteer basis. Girl Scouts of Tacoma worked for several months on special sorting projects under staff supervision.

The Washington State Library in Olympia supplied at our request photocopies of 40 pages to complete our set of the Report of the Settlement of the Claims of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company. This important set in our collections may be the only complete set of the rare volumes in the United States. Some research scholar can now go to work to prove it.

From the Sumner Presbyterian Church we have received the early records begun by George Whitworth, the founder of Whitworth College. More Whitworth records in Tacoma may be added to the collection.

Sister Mary Dorita, who holds a Ph.D. from St. Louis University, recently came from Japan, where she has been teaching, to work on a biography of General James F. Smith. She is one of several people from the Far East who has been attracted by publicity in foreign newspapers to do research in our Library. Dr. Gregorio Zaide, head of the History Department at Far Eastern University in Manila, visited here this Fall to examine the Smith papers for the Philippine Republic. His article on the collection appeared in the Manila Times. I have a copy here to be passed for you to see.

Our Library is expanding so rapidly that we need a number of new storage cabinets for manuscripts, maps and pictures. Some funds will be available in the new budget for this purpose. We need funds which the budget cannot furnish for additional purchases of microfilm.

Mr. Richard Hanson, our assistant librarian, may leave to do graduate work at the University of Sydney, Australia, in June. If he does, we will be looking for a replacement. The question is unsettled at present.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Hitchman reported that the catalogue of the current exhibit Northwest History in Art, 1778-1963, has been published as the third in the Pacific Northwest Historical Pamphlet series. Copies are to be distributed to the Board at this meeting. This pamphlet was made possible through the generosity of Mrs. J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr. The Tacoma News Tribune assisted most helpfully in reproducing many of the illustrations of paintings in the exhibit. Mr. Le Roy edited the pamphlet and takes responsibility for any errors therein! The pamphlet is very handsome and should attract public interest to the exhibit and to the Society's general program.

Favorable reviews of H. M. Chittenden: A Western Epic continue to come in. Most recent appeared in History News, Idaho Yesterdays and the Oregon Historical Quarterly. Now that we have three quite recent publications, Guns of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, Dr. Deutsch's Surveying the 49th Parallel, and the new Northwest History in Art, advertisements will be placed in several specialty magazines to help promote sales.

The book, The Sea Otter in Northwest History, by Harry Higman, is nearly finished in the first draft. The author has had the help of a volunteer typist, Mrs. Jane Larsen, provided by the Society. We are planning to publish a new edition of Phoebe Judson's A Pioneer's Search for an Ideal Home. John M. McClelland, Jr. has agreed to edit this book at the request of our Publications Committee. This is one of the classics of northwestern literature and long out of print. With editing it will make a fine addition to our list.

In the tragic loss of Dr. Gates, editor of the Pacific Northwest Quarterly,

an important period of Society history has ended. It is to be assumed that Dr. Robert Burke, chairman of history at the University of Washington, will continue in editing the Quarterly. He shared this responsibility with Dr. Gates for the past three years.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Long reported that the major project under way is the trucking of fill for our new parking lot. Hundreds of loads of dirt are being dumped by local contractors. John Bechtholt is operating a bulldozer to grade as we fill. These services are being donated.

Weldon Pascoe, of Poole's Nursery, and Dr. Paul Smith, of Tacoma, have donated several hundred bulbs which were planted in February. You can see the results on the front and sides of the Museum grounds. We plan additional plantings with the help of the Japanese American Gardeners Association. These will be dwarf alpines in our Japanese garden.

Much work has been done on storage rooms. The October storm resulted in some leaks and one storeroom has been done over entirely. The only permanent solution to the problem is drainage ditches which will carry downhill flow away from the front of the Museum. Tile will be laid this Spring. There was no damage to stored materials before the leaks were repaired but there would have been had the repairs not been made.

We have had many compliments on the beauty of our grounds. The continuous rearrangement of the building interior has also drawn favorable comments. The work will continue.

MUSEUM REPORT: In the absence of Mr. Shaub, Mr. Burnham reported that the Victorian Exhibit has been completed. Many individuals and organizations have contributed. A week ago the Tacoma News Tribune had a full page picture story on the display. A copy of this is here for examination. Better yet, go up one floor and see for yourselves this beautiful new exhibit. Parts of the old Pierce County Court House, an old home on Prospect Hill and other homes have been incorporated.

On the Indian and Alaskan floor a number of dioramas showing Indian and Eskimo life have been set up. These were received from the University of Washington in exchange for some classical plaster statues and artifacts from the South Pacific. Several boxes of sea shells also were deposited at the University's new Thomas Burke Museum. Title to the items exchanged remains with each institution. Also from the University were received an Indian canoe, a number of historic medals, an exhibit of the "Lewis and Clark tree", called "the witness tree" which was the beginning of all surveys in Clark County.

The Gallery has had some outstanding art shows since our last meeting. The Bailey collection of Oriental art attracted crowds of visitors. The

Pacific Gallery Artists had a juried show just ended. The Northwest History in Art, 1778-1963 show, now in place, is so large that it is being shown on the 3rd, 4th and 5th floors of the Museum. Mr. Le Roy will have more to say about that in his report.

The Early American Glass Clubs of Tacoma have installed special displays of historic glass and china near the entrance to McCormick Hall. The Museum has the beginning of an outstanding permanent collection of Early American glass. Much of the current exhibit came from this collection.

On the 2nd floor in the Natural History wing an exhibit of foxes hunting on a northwestern farm has been installed. Several weeks ago Mr. Le Roy sent out a memorandum to the Board asking for help or suggestions for a sponsor for this exhibit. He tells me that not a single reply was received. The request is repeated.

Plans for new exhibits include a "country store", an old-fashioned barber shop and an exhibit on the History of Light. Materials are being gathered for these right now.

FOLK MUSIC PROGRAM: Mrs. Emmons made an interesting special report on the progress of the Society in collecting folk songs, recorded and/or printed or in manuscript. The first known folk song for this area was The Bold Northwestman, a ballad about a fight between the Indians and the crew of Captain John Kendrick in the 1790's. This will be performed, with new music by Dr. Leroy Ostransky, of the University of Puget Sound, at the forthcoming Pacific Northwest History Conference. Other folk songs are being discovered in such places as the Puget Sound Courier for July 1855, where Acres of Clams appeared. James Swan had some in his book, The Northwest Coast, and Mrs. Emmons reproduced some in her book, Nothing in Life is Free. The conclusion is that not many truly regional northwest folk songs exist. But it is important for us to gather them while still possible.

BUDGET REPORT AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: In the absence of Mr. Dawley, Mr. Le Roy reported on the outcome of the Society budget at the Legislature. The total appropriated in state funds was \$119,698 with \$14,600 from the local funds of the Society allocated to carry out the total program for the 1963-65 biennium. The increase amounts to about \$7,000 which will be used in the purchase of new equipment and for salary adjustments for the staff with the attendant increase in social security rates. Though it will be a struggle, we can supplement our program with an intensified drive for more volunteer help. As in the past, any expansion of our program must come through increased membership and volunteer contributions.

Mr. Le Roy reported that the Victorian exhibit on the 5th floor had been completed--a project under way for nearly a year. 90% of the items displayed were donated by local firms and individuals. Some of the cost was borne by the contribution of Colonel and Mrs. Beverly Coiner of San Antonio, reported earlier.

In the months spent in gathering early northwest art for the Northwest History in Art exhibit, a number of fine paintings were added through gift to the permanent collections of the Society. Most extensive was the Henry Holt collection of 53 watercolors of Puget Sound subjects. Next in quantity was the Tom Nicholl collection. A number of additional individual works has resulted in an impressive contribution to the Society's collection of regional art. It is our intention that the momentum of this special effort will be augmented by increased attention to the importance of the art in this region and its acquisition by the Museum.

Library accessions include more microfilm of historical records. Father Davis has been most active in arranging for the microfilming of early missionary records in Chicago and California archives. The Library will continue to purchase microfilm of suitable material whenever funds are available. In this way, Library resources can be increased substantially without much drain on the limited space available for housing books and manuscripts.

Mr. Le Roy has been working with the Library of Congress in regard to repair and copy of the deeply significant papers of the Bushrod Washington family. These papers, the property of Senator Nat Washington, have never been recorded in any archive. They contain much concerning the first President and his family and heirs. In return for our assistance, the Library of Congress will make microfilm available to our Library for the record. The papers will remain the property of the Washington family.

The new parking lot now under way will mean a great deal to the Museum. It is estimated that some 30,000 yards of fill will have been donated by local contractors. Mr. John Bechtholt continues to do the bulldozing and grading at no cost to the Society. The city of Tacoma plans a small park just off the Museum property on a view point below which will enhance our property considerably.

Mr. Le Roy expressed his personal appreciation to Mrs. Weyerhaeuser for helping us to publish the beautiful catalogue Northwest History in Art. He also thanked Mrs. Emmons for her fine help with the folk music collecting program. In addition, he called attention to the fact that the theme of the forthcoming Pacific Northwest History Conference would feature ethnic groups. He invited all Board members who could make it to attend the Conference the coming week. The University of Puget Sound campus would be its location, with a preceding museum workshop day in our Museum.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Gordon told the Board that Mr. Odlin had sent his regrets at his inability to preside over this meeting because his ship had been delayed on its return from South America.

The deep sympathy of the Board of Curators to the family of the late Dr. Charles M. Gates was expressed in a Resolution which is attached and made a part of these minutes. Dr. Gates' long and faithful service to the

Washington State Historical Society was cut short by a fatal traffic accident. Dr. Gates will be deeply missed.

Mr. Murray informed the Board that the traditional luncheon which precedes the Annual Meeting would be held in Washington Hall in the Museum.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION: CHARLES M. GATES

The Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society wishes to express a mutual sense of great loss in the passing of Dr. Charles M. Gates.

Dr. Gates was elected to the Board of Curators on October 2, 1943. He served the Washington State Historical Society well and faithfully for nearly 20 years. His manifold contributions included long service as chairman of the Archives Committee. His personal concern for the growth of the Society was manifested in the zeal with which he assisted in building of the manuscript collections in the Society library. His counsel was sought on many decisions of vital importance to the Society.

As Editor of the Pacific Northwest Quarterly Dr. Gates helped to bring the University of Washington and the Washington State Historical Society into a long and fruitful cooperative effort. The magazine achieved distinction in scholarly circles primarily because of his long leadership.

As co-author with Dr. Dorothy Johansen, Charles Gates produced the definitive text book on the history of the Pacific Northwest, "The Empire of the Columbia." His history of the University of Washington, "The First Century of the University of Washington", was a distinguished contribution to regional literature.

Charles M. Gates, a native of Hanover, New Hampshire, graduated from Yale University, took his master's degree at Harvard University and his Ph. D. from the University of Minnesota. As a member of the history faculty of the University of Washington, Dr. Gates extended the boundaries of regional historical scholarship. His influence through the generations of students he taught will be marked through the years ahead.

The deep sympathy of his fellow Board members is extended to the family.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 13, 1963

The Annual Meeting of the Washington State Historical Society was held in Washington Hall of the Museum April 13, 1963, the session being called to order by Mr. E. K. Murray following the annual luncheon.

Following the welcome by Mr. Murray, presiding in the absence of President Odlin, the Minutes of the 1962 Annual Meeting were approved as distributed.

In the absence of Dr. Cory, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, Mr. John M. McClelland, Jr. was called upon to report the results of the annual election of members to the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society. Elected to serve until 1966 were: Mr. Howard Burnham, Reverend William L. Davis, S. J., Mr. Joshua Green, Sr., Judge Matthew W. Hill, Mr. George S. Long, Jr., Mrs. J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr.. Mr. Edward W. Allen was elected as a new member to fill a vacancy on the Board.

The Annual Report of the Director was distributed. Mr. Le Roy called attention to some of the new directions the Society program was taking. Our standard collections of manuscripts, maps, books, pictures and museum artifacts are being augmented by the addition of significant audio-visual materials. These include tape recordings, microfilm, slides and motion pictures. The new exhibit NORTHWEST HISTORY IN ART has spurred a substantial increase in the accession of paintings, drawings and sketches by historical regional artists.

Attendance at the Museum during the past year climbed sharply, not all of it due to Century 21. Widespread publicity has been given to the programs and acquisitions of the Society. Research scholars from many states and foreign countries have worked in the collections of the Society.

The publications program of the past year resulted in two new pamphlets in the Pacific Northwest Historical Pamphlet series. They were Surveying the 49th Parallel, edited by Dr. Herman Deutsch, and Northwest History in Art, edited by Bruce Le Roy. The Deutsch pamphlet fulfilled the requirement laid down by the 1961 Washington State Legislature which named the Society co-ordinator of the Boundary Survey Centennial.

Mr. Murray summarized the progress of the Society in the past year. He called upon all members of the Society to assist in building the membership of the Society, this being the most helpful way in which the Society program can be expanded. He pointed out that real progress was being made in several directions, and that, with the budget approved by the recent Legislature, the program could move ahead.

Mr. Robert Hitchman, a member of the Board of Curators, delivered the Annual Address. His subject was "The Story of the Collins Overland Telegraph". The interesting narrative, a product of many years of research, was recorded on tape for Society archives.

Mr. Murray called upon Dr. Herman Deutsch, who announced that the Pacific Northwest History Conference and the Council on Regional Historical Research would be held April 18-20 in Tacoma, with the University of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran University as co-sponsors.

Mr. Murray called upon Mrs. Clyde Davidson, of Steilacoom, who announced the opening of a new exhibit of historical pictures of Steilacoom in the Steilacoom City Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Bruce Le Roy
Secretary-Director

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WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING

BOARD OF CURATORS

August 10, 1963

The meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held in the Library of the Museum in Tacoma on August 10, 1963, Mr. Reno Odlin presiding.

Present:

Mr. Green	Mr. Burnham	Father Davis	Dr. Whitner
Mr. Jukes	Mr. McClelland	Mrs. Anderson	Dr. Deutsch
Mr. Kreienbaum	Mr. Relander	Mr. Murray	Mr. Foster (Dir. Emer.)
Mrs. Scott	Mr. Hitchman	Mr. L. Jones	Mr. Le Roy (Director)
Mr. Allen	Dr. Thompson	Mr. Gordon	
Mrs. Emmons	Mr. Dawley	Mr. Shaub	

Minutes of the April 13, 1963 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Mr. Gordon and approved as read. A copy of this is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Library Committee: Mrs. Scott reported much change has occurred in the Library. Mr. Richard Hanson has resigned and gone to Sydney, Australia, where he will take graduate work at the University of Sydney. Mrs. Helen Bumgardner has taken a position with the Clover Park School District. For the present, Mr. Stephen Harris, a student at Cornell University, is filling in. Mr. Harris returns to Cornell this Fall where he works toward the PhD. He hopes to return to the Society a year from now. Several applications are being considered at this time for the library vacancies.

In new accessions there is much new material of considerable historical importance. Here for your examination is the sketchbook of Alfred Downing, artist-surveyor to four major western and northwestern expeditions. The period covers the 1870's and 1880's. Mr. Le Roy was asked to do an article about the discovery for American Heritage and reported that it is in their hands now. Also for perusal was the Log book of Captain James Purrington, master of the whaling ship "Frances". The book is here after a four year delay. Originally, we had a copy of it made, it was returned to the owners, disappeared, then re-appeared. It is now here--we think--on permanent deposit. It is a very important addition to maritime history from a man who became a native of St. Helens, Oregon, after years of whaling around the world.

Other important papers received include the letters, pictures and memorabilia

of William H. Wallace, a man appointed twice by Abraham Lincoln as territorial governor, first of Washington, then of Idaho. Wallace was closely involved with early Steilacoom, the Indian War of 1855, the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln and is buried at Fort Steilacoom. Little has been written about him to date and this collection will be of great help to scholars. The collection will be covered in a special feature in the Tacoma News Tribune soon.

Colonel Albert Hooker, of Tacoma, has given us hundreds of letters from his work as a chemical officer in World Wars I and II. His papers include classified manuals and documents from each war.

More papers from the Thomas Chambers family, early pioneers in this area, include letters, diary, several fine early pictures and glass negatives. We have a fine Chambers collection already and this makes it better.

Mrs. Charles M. Gates donated Dr. Gates' collection of historical journals to our Library where they will be well used.

Publications Committee: Mr. Hitchman reported that Harry Higman's book on the Sea Otter in Northwest History has been completed in the first draft. The last third of the book will require considerable re-writing. No deadline has been set by author or Publications Committee.

John McClelland is working on an edition of Phoebe Judson's A PIONEER'S SEARCH FOR AN IDEAL HOME. By luck, her grandson from Redwood City, California, visited the museum recently and offered help in locating Judson correspondence which might be useful to the editor and valuable for our library.

Lucile McDonald's edition of THE HEATH DIARY has been referred to the Yale University Press who expressed interest.

A catalogue of the historic maps of the Pacific Northwest, now on display in our gallery, was prepared by Mr. Allen (introduction by Robert Hitchman). We will distribute these at this meeting. This catalogue should be helpful in publicizing one of our important exhibits and general program. The show, with catalogue, will "go on the road" after it leaves our gallery. The maps were mounted and the mats hand-lettered by Kenn Johnson of the museum staff.

The recent catalogue NORTHWEST HISTORY IN ART, published with the kind assistance of Mrs. Weyerhaeuser, has occasioned much favorable comment from institutions across the country.

Some of the publishing prospects we have include joint imprints with other presses or institutions. Professor Peter Ristuben, of Pacific Lutheran University, will edit the papers on ethnic history which came out of the Northwest History Conference in April. The University of Washington Press is interested in the possibility of publishing this--without cost to the Society--but bearing a joint imprint. The Pacific Northwest Quarterly will publish several of these in the Fall issue.

There is still a possibility that Murray Morgan's HISTORY OF TACOMA will come out under a Viking-WSHS imprint at no expense to the Society.

Museum Committee: Mr. Shaub reported that in the Museum lots of activity has gone on since the April meeting. On the 5th floor, where the new Victorian exhibit was opened in April, the historical music exhibits have been moved to the large alcove off the art gallery. This is now "The Music Room". All the cases reconstructed on the 5th floor have been painted.

In our gallery, the "historic maps of the Pacific Northwest", loaned by our fellow Board member, Mr. Edward Allen, are on display. The maps run from 1511 to 1889, when Washington became a state. A catalogue of the show has been prepared by Mr. Allen and Robert Hitchman. The show it replaced last month--NORTHWEST HISTORY IN ART--was a tremendous success. It was visited by throngs of people and the Society received several fine paintings of western history as a result.

On the 4th floor, the new dioramas we got from the University of Washington have been installed in new cases constructed in our shop. They show various scenes of Indian and Eskimo life.

On the 3rd floor, behind McCormick Hall, a storage room has been constructed for the use of the ladies of the Early American Glass Clubs of Tacoma. As you know, the museum has received two outstanding collections of early American glass in the past year. They are stored in this new room in a manner so that they are protected and accessible when the glass club ladies set up a new display. They change displays about every 3 months.

On the stairway wall between the 2nd and 3rd floors is displayed our prize polar bear. John Gipple, our taxidermist, has just given him a bath! Kenn Johnson helped to remount the exhibit. In the Natural History Wing several cases have been re-painted. For the Military Exhibit of Guns and Uniforms, several new weapons and uniforms are being installed. They include the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and World War I. Mr. Le Roy's brother contributed the dress uniform of the U. S. Marines.

For Mrs. Taplin's school classes, Mr. Gipple and Mr. Johnson rebuilt an old spinning wheel and constructed an alcove in which Mrs. Taplin can demonstrate pioneer spinning techniques to the school children this Fall.

Building and Grounds Committee: In his absence, Mr. Le Roy reported for Mr. Long that Mr. Howard Harmon, Superintendent of Point Defiance Park, has promised to give us some special trees--Hawthorne, Spruce and dwarf trees--as well as bulbs, for planting this Fall. His crew will also spray the lawns in late summer.

Local contractors have donated 30,000 yards of fill for the new parking lot. It will take a year to settle before asphalt cover can be laid. The Tacoma Fire Department lent a hand in wetting down the fill. City maintenance people raised a drainage basin to the level of the lot.

The City of Tacoma is interested in the possibility of putting in a small park at the northeast corner of our parking lot. The city, through the Parks Department, would landscape the small area, install a drinking fountain and benches and tables. This would give visitors to the museum a beautiful

viewpoint where they might rest and enjoy the scenery. We are assured that adequate space for parking 250 cars would still remain. Does the Board favor this idea?

Special Report: Mrs. Emmons reported that she had been interviewed by the State Parks people regarding the development of Sacajawea State Park which will be an integral part of the development of recreational and historic sites along the Lewis and Clark Trail. She briefed the Board on "Ding Darling's Dream", which was an idea held by the late, great St. Louis Post-Dispatch cartoonist, concerning the development of conservation and recreation areas along the entire Lewis and Clark transcontinental trail. Mr. Odlin, our President, is a member of the national Ding Darling Foundation, devoted to this project. Mrs. Emmons told of her work with various authorities on Lewis and Clark: Grace Hebard, James Schultz, Eva Emory Dye, etc. as well as of her work in writing pageants produced at various important Lewis and Clark celebrations. She promised to keep the Board posted on developments. Mrs. Emmons has an inventory of all Lewis and Clark sites of importance and will furnish a copy to the historical society.

Mr. Dawley spoke on the recent budget outcome in Olympia, stating that the Society had to be content with a very small increase since this was a year when very little could be done by way of increase as no new taxes were to be voted. He promised that a long-range program pointing up Society expansion needs might result in better fortune with the next Legislature.

Director's Report: Mr. Le Roy reported that this meeting marked his 5th anniversary with the Society, and that the past 5 years have been the most challenging experience he ever had. He thinks our program is moving ahead. However, he suggested that it might be well to determine where we go from here. Perhaps Mr. Odlin could appoint a small committee to meet, draft a kind of plan for the next 5 years, and make certain that we will continue to progress in the right direction.

He has tried to keep the Board informed of changes at all times. It is clear that we are all in favor of building the reputation of the Society as a center for scholarly research without minimizing its value as a museum for the casual visitor. Thus, we have placed heavy emphasis upon building our collections of manuscripts, books, maps, pictures, in order to make these source materials available to the inquiring historical researcher, scholar, teacher, writer or student. The recent publication, INDEPENDENT HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, by Walter Muir Whitehill, published by Harvard Press, comments on the collections of national importance which had come by the time Dr. Whitehill visited the Society in 1960. He listed about 7 such collections of manuscripts. We now have nearly 50 manuscript collections of national importance. We are, at present, engaged in an item-by-item listing and count. He predicted that the finding will be that we now have a magnificent archive. You consider such a collection of papers as those of General James F. Smith--20,000 items; Ezra Meeker, 50,000; Colonel Hanson, many thousand; Colonel Hooker, several thousand, etc. and you will see it doesn't take long to reach a high figure. Most recently we acquired several hundred items from the grandson of William H. Wallace, 4th Territorial Governor of Washington.

Exhibits are being changed and added to in such a way that a chronological narrative of the development of the Pacific Northwest is being told. Exhibits not related to regional history are being replaced or minimized. Our Publications are being expanded to point up the valuable material in our collections or in the area. Our exhibits, where catalogued, like the Edward Allen Map Exhibit or the Northwest History in Art Show, have drawn attention to areas where we are stronger, in the case of the special show, where we hope to strengthen our collections. The Northwest History in Art show brought a number of fine historical paintings, drawings and sketches to our permanent collections.

We need more trained staff. We need more library space, with space for researchers to work without disturbance. We need a suitable room in which to hold public meetings. We need more external attractions for members and public. We hope to have outdoor exhibits on transportation, maritime history and Indian life in the Northwest. They will come--given time and help.

In October we plan a show of historical paintings, sketches and artifacts of Alaska--to which this area has strong historical ties. Mr. Le Roy requested any leads to suitable Alaskan exhibit items.

New Business: President Odlin called on Mr. Dawley to report on the recent budget request and outcome at the 1963 Legislature. Mr. Dawley reported that this was an "austerity year". The financial problems confronting the Legislature were great. Our Society, receiving only a tiny increase to cover rising costs i.e. Social Security, salary adjustment, new equipment, should be satisfied for the time being. The other two state supported societies in Spokane and Olympia received capital appropriations in excess of the Governor's recommendations. Our Society should prepare well in advance of the 1965 Session if we plan to ask for matching funds to build a new wing. Mr. Dawley volunteered his services to help in this matter.

President Odlin reported that an anonymous donation had been made to the Society with the request that the funds be used to establish the Charles M. Gates Memorial Award. Each year a committee of three judges appointed by the Board will select the best article appearing during the past year in the Pacific Northwest Quarterly, or, in lieu of that the official quarterly of the Society. The gift under conditions laid down by the donor was unanimously accepted and approved by the Board..

As a contribution to the collection of folk music of the Pacific Northwest, President Odlin read to the Board a sonorous ballad called "Damn Anacortes". Speaking authoritatively as a former resident of Anacortes, Mr. Odlin stated that the document was authentic and a genuine contribution to history.

Mr. Hitchman, Dr. Deutsch and Mr. Murray reported on visits to Shelbanks, the summer residence of Miss Ruth Entz. Miss Entz is considering bequeathing this property to the Society to be maintained as a historic site. Mr. Murray, at her request, is corresponding with Miss Entz regarding legal aspects of the matter. Upon motion by Dr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Emmons, the matter of the bequest was referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Foster reported that the Time Capsule in Olympia needed a permanent location. He suggested that he, Judge Hill and Mr. Dawley might meet and resolve the problem.

Father Davis, who has been doing special research in Chicago for the past 3 years, gave an interesting summary of his visits to and work in the collections of such major institutions as: Northwestern University, the Newberry Library, the Swift Library, and the Chicago Theological Seminary, etc.

Father Davis recommended that it was the prime business of our Society to put its library collections in working order; that manuscripts were only as valuable as accessible to scholars; that library personnel should be highly professional.

Mr. Le Roy concurred with Father Davis' recommendations stating that he agreed emphatically that the best way to attract top library personnel was to offer salaries competitive with other institutions. Our salary schedule for library staff has been raised several times, but is still far short of those in eastern institutions.

A Resolution of sympathy to the family of Mrs. Thomas P. Gose was unanimously voted by the Board.

A unanimous Resolution electing Professor Harold Barto an Honorary Curator was passed. Both Resolutions are attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the traditional luncheon to be held at the Odlin residence.

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