

FOREWORD

So vital was the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804-6 that many books have been published regarding it. These have fallen into two groups - those which are voluminous and very detailed and those which are sketchy and lacking in detail.

Kelsie Ramey Osborne, in "Peaceful Conquest - Story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition," has steered between Scylla and Charybdis and avoided these two historical perils. This book is a fine blending of real history, geography, biography and Indian life which had a bearing on the expedition.

Although numerous brief, revealing excerpts from the original journals are included to give authenticity and a deeper insight, this work is largely interpretive. Arranged in a tight continuity, with elements of an adventure story, this brief work traces graphically the history of the Louisiana and Oregon countries to the time of the expedition, thus placing the expedition in its proper historical perspective. It succeeds in capturing the full panoramic sweep of history, while at the same time it depicts life from many aspects by means of human interest sidelights, which increase its readability.

"Peaceful Conquest" should prove to be an essential handbook for teachers, students and tourists, though it is intended primarily to be interesting and informative reading for the general public in observance of the Lewis and Clark Sesquicentennial.

The author, who recently traveled the Lewis and Clark Trail with camera and notebook in preparation for giving illustrated lectures and travelogues, is a member of the Lewis and Clark Sesquicentennial Committee for Oregon, named by Governor Paul L. Patterson. "Peaceful Conquest", which points toward the significance of this official exploration expedition, is issued with the full confidence that it will be of vital and lasting importance throughout the observance of this sesquicentennial and for many years following.

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