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WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR
FOR THE YEAR
1952

In view of the fact that all members of the Washington State Historical Society are not able to attend the annual meeting because of residence in other parts of the state and also because time at the meeting hardly permits of a report at any length, this report is being mailed to all members and distributed to those attending the annual meeting.

TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL IS SOCIETY'S MAJOR ACTIVITY. It might also be said very properly that the Centennial offers the Society its greatest opportunity for state service. Without the work of the Society it is difficult to estimate the extent of the Centennial program because there is no other statewide organization in a position to undertake this responsibility.

A year ago this report contained these words--"The Territorial Centennial is the greatest cooperative venture in the history of Washington." That was a year ago and at that time a good deal of wishful thinking was necessary in making such a statement. It could be a cooperative venture in name but not in fact, but today it can be stated that Washington is actually in the midst of her greatest cooperative undertaking.

A year ago the organization of a 'cooperative' Centennial team was undertaken for the purpose of carrying the Washington Story to Washington homes and Washington citizens as many times and in as many ways as possible. Statewide and county committees were organized to bring into this 'team' our Schools, Newspapers, Civic Events, Radio, Television, Organizations, Fairs, Musical Organizations, Pageants, Plays, Speakers' Bureaus, Business Concerns, etc. No one could be certain as to the number of units that would respond but today it can be said that there are no weak links in the Centennial chain.

The School program is outstanding. The first commemorative newspaper editions are out as part of a newspaper program unheard of in the country. Radio and television stations have given and are giving the Centennial their best cooperation. Local plays and pageants are being developed and the state-wide pageant will set a new pattern in this field. The first Centennial civic events have been held and it is a safe estimate that not a civic event or fair in Washington this year but will be tied in with the Centennial. Hardly an organization in the state but will have one or more Centennial programs. Great musical events are planned, the first scheduled for April 25th in Tacoma. Business concerns are giving the Centennial remarkable recognition. Examples--Automobiles by Plymouth dealers of Tacoma; back cover on more than 1,000,000 telephone directories; salute to Centennial on Telephone Hour and Standard Hour; articles in national magazines; forthcoming brochure by Library of Congress.

The commemorative centennial stamp upon which work was started more than two years ago became a reality March 2nd. A total of 110,000,000 stamps are being printed by the postoffice department.

Time and space do not permit of details showing how the Centennial program is being fitted into every community in Washington in one way or another. To do this would be to call the roll of cities and towns.

The Centennial was officially opened March 2nd with a program before a joint session of the Senate and House, the date being the anniversary of the signing

of the organic act by President Millard Fillmore. It was possible for every radio set in Washington to tune in on this program because of a new Washington record. It was said that if a dozen stations could take the program 'live' it would be remarkable. A total of 31 radio stations and one television station took the program, the largest radio network in the history of the state, which indicates the quality of radio cooperation.

The program itself was noteworthy. Governor Langlie represented the state and the principal speaker was Ralph J. Cordiner, president of the General Electric Co., who was born in Walla Walla and worked his way through Whitman College. The commemorative stamp was presented by Robert Fellers, of Washington, D.C. Three counties bearing famous names were asked to participate in the program. The High School band from Chewelah, Stevens County; Clark College Choir from Vancouver, Clark County; and Karen Leonard of Winlock, Lewis County, representing the youth of the state. The invocation was by the Rev. A. A. Lemieux, president of Seattle University and the benediction by Bishop Stephen F. Bayne, Jr., of the Episcopal Church. The additional number was a dramatic reading, "The Birth of a Territory," by the Choral Readers of the College of Puget Sound accompanied by the College Orchestra. The director of this Society presided.

Invitations to this program were sent to political, business and professional leaders all over the country and the responses were headed by a splendid telegram from President Eisenhower. The same brochure was changed for use as a program. This invitation-program was one of the most beautiful pieces of printing seen in this field.

The Centennial program is under way. It will not be completed officially until November 11th, Statehood Day.

At the present time there is a staff of two heading this program from the Society office. The task is too big for two to do everything that should be done and probably there will be some mistakes. Members of this Society should feel a personal responsibility to participate in this program in every way possible. This is a pretty big state and in it a couple of hundred communities are in the Centennial picture. In their own communities our members should assume leadership, certainly to the extent of giving committees their best cooperation.

This Society is the hub of the Centennial wheel. Never has it enjoyed such an opportunity to render statewide service that will not be forgotten. A year ago we said, "An offer of service should go to the local Centennial Committee and to the central office." Certainly the suggestion is applicable today.

SOME 'NEW LOOKS' THAT ARE FACTS. A year ago mention was made of work being started on the Indian Floor that would give that department a decidedly "new look." For various reasons the work on the first half of the floor has taken longer than was anticipated and it was opened to the public a month ago. It is decidedly 'new' in appearance. We don't know of another department just like it and we're proud enough of the work under the direction of Kenn Johnson to say we doubt if there are very many that are more interesting. Work is now under way on the other half of the hall. This work probably will not require as much time.

Along with the alterations on the fourth floor, it is felt the 'bell was rung' in working out a new plan in the art gallery. This hall was opened six weeks ago and artists who have visited many galleries across the country have been kind enough to say they have seen nothing better. Of course, our gallery is not large but it's mighty nice. Again, Kenn Johnson has worked up the plan.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT BEING STUDIED. Historical society libraries, with few exceptions, face almost insurmountable obstacles in undertaking development programs. It is so in our own case. We have some priceless articles in our library but with financial and staff limitations such as they are, development is extremely difficult. A plan is being studied now. It must be geared to what should be done

and at the same time the foreseeable means with which to carry out the program. The problem is very much more difficult of solution than might appear on the surface. Progress will be made during the coming year.

THE FINANCIAL PICTURE. It is easy to say the Legislature should do this and do that, without being a member of that body. It is easy to point out that the Wisconsin Historical Society will have an operating budget from the state of nearly \$800,000 for the current biennium, and to say that Washington should approach that goal, but the legislative problems at Madison and Olympia are quite different. Each session of the Legislature has found that body more conscious of the value of historical societies but it has also been face to face with very serious budget problems. This Society's budget has been increased a little each session on about the average of other state institutions except for building expansion.

This is a problem which must engage the very serious attention of the membership as well as Board of Curators if we are to advance as we should. Our's can never be one of the large society buildings of the country but it can be one of the most interesting and it should be considerably larger than it is at present. Plans have been worked out for the utilization of additional space in a manner that would make our's one of the outstanding institutions of the country.

We cannot expect to look to Olympia for this expansion in the face of other demands for state funds. We are far down on the budget list and can expect to remain there. Memorials have made possible much of the improvement in the building in recent years, there having been nearly 20 such projects with more under consideration. It is quite possible that we must look in the direction of memorial projects for our important future development. Participation in such a program will be a great source of satisfaction to those participating.

SCHOOL AND GENERAL ATTENDANCE. One of the most gratifying phases of the Society's activities is found in the field of attendance--both school and general. It is a pretty safe estimate that more than 500 bus loads of school pupils will be brought to the building this year. This, without a bit of 'promotion' on the part of the staff. Schools are interested in Washington history and they feel this Society has something worth while in its building. At the same time general attendance has increased steadily. The same can be said of visits by other groups. There is no reason why this development of interest should not continue as our facilities increase.

WORK OF COUNTY SOCIETIES. County historical societies have found the Centennial offering them many opportunities for service. If we had the personnel it is very probable that a society could be organized in every county in the state. Several are contemplated and we will assist as time permits.

ART GALLERY SERVICE OF DEFINITE VALUE. The Society's art gallery attracts more and more attention. Exhibits are booked several months in advance. A plan is under consideration that would place us in a position to greatly improve our service and also assist Northwest artists. Our's is not a large gallery but in attractiveness and method of picture hanging, it has very few equals. Its ability to serve has definitely advanced in the past two months.

ANOTHER NORTHWEST HISTORY CONFERENCE MAY 9th. One of the most valuable services rendered by this Society is sponsorship of the Pacific Northwest History Conference. It will be held May 9th in our building. This is the sixth conference. It is making steady progress toward a regional approach to Northwest history. Members of the Society should attend this conference if possible.

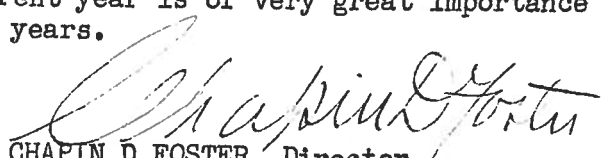
VISIT THE BUILDING. It is our conviction that more members of the Society should make more frequent visits to their building. Many members do this. They come themselves and they bring friends and visitors. There cannot be too many visits by our members.

MANY GIFTS OF ARTIFACTS. Scarcely a week but someone offers reliqs to the Society. Some very fine gifts have been received during the year and better facilities for their display are being developed. This is possible through the new "Exhibit of the Month" cases. There is one of these on the third floor and soon the Indian department will have one.

THANKS TO THE STAFF. If the past year has been one of unusual strain on the Director, it has been that kind of a year on the staff as well, as its members have been called upon for the second and third mile. Mr. Waldo Carlson has been serving as associate Centennial Director and has been ready for any and all assignments regardless of the hours involved. A Centennial presents a program where hours are not in the picture at all. We have lost one of our most faithful members, Mr. LaPointe, known to everyone in the building as Bill. No director could ask for a more faithful employee than Bill. Ill health caught up with him with a suddenness that shocked us all. A necessary operation left him in a condition that prevented continuation of his work in our building. He is a frequent visitor to see if the rest of us can carry on. Fred S. Rice is filling in for him very acceptably. Regular staff members include Mrs. M. F. McAllister, office secretary; Mrs. Wm. Taplin, receptionist; Miss Alta West, librarian, Tom Davis, custodian. Mrs. John Koenig is a Centennial 'extra' who has been pretty much a regular for several months. Entitled to special mention is Kenn Johnson, who is with us Saturdays. He is in charge of displays and development planning. Special receptionists include Mrs. J. H. Gordon, Mrs. Mary Foster, Miss Louise Fitch, Mrs. Agnes Aston and Miss Ann Sun. To all these the Director extends sincere thanks.

OTHER AGENCIES IN THE HISTORICAL FIELD. There are two other important agencies in the Washington historical field. Being a member of both groups, the Director is in a position to know the valuable work they are doing. We refer to the Historical Sites Advisory Board and the State Highway Marker Commission. Both agencies are carrying on work of very great importance to the state. Other organizations interested in Washington are the American Association for State and Local History, of which the Director is now a regional vice president, and which is devoting its summer edition to the Centennial; and the American Pioneer Trails Association, which is holding its 1953 meeting in Washington. These are 'friends' worth having.

This marks the tenth year as Director of this Society. Working with this Society was anticipated as a privilege. It has been all of that, a challenge to the best that is in any man. The current year is of very great importance to the Society, the first of many important years.


CHAPIN D FOSTER, Director

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Washington Territorial Centennial

The Washington Territorial Centennial is now a matter of history. Members of this Society have been told of the Centennial for the past four years or more. The direction of the Centennial was given to the Society by the State Legislature, altho it was not possible to allocate as large a sum for the development of a program as many members of that body wished. It was necessary, therefore, to develop a co-operative program. A year ago this report termed the Centennial the "Greatest Co-operative venture in the history of Washington", and in this report it can be stated that that is exactly what it proved to be.

It is not necessary in this Report to recount again the items in this statewide venture, but it can be said that there is not a community or city in Washington but came in contact with the Centennial in one or more different ways. It is doubtful if the country has ever seen a finer example of statewide cooperation. Schools, Newspapers, Civic Events, Radio, Television, Fairs, Women's Clubs, Service Organizations, Music Organizations, Granges, Libraries, all joined in making the Centennial a success. Along with these organizational groups came business institutions, state and federal government. Business concerns placed historical advertisements in newspapers and magazines, and the issuance of a commemorative stamp by the Postoffice Department directed nationwide attention to Washington. Centennial souvenirs, state flags were to be seen in every part of the state. Many historical plays and pageants were produced over the state. While it would have been possible to do many things with a larger appropriation, it is probably equally true that many pieces of cooperation would not have been accorded the project had a large sum of money been available.

The opening of the Centennial observance before a joint session of the Legislature March 2nd was auspicious and its closing on November 11th with the deposit of a capsule on the Capitol campus, to be opened in 2053, stirred the imagination of all who witnessed the events.

The Legislature gave the Society the most important assignment in its history, but this assignment was at the same time a great opportunity. It can be truthfully said that more Washingtonians know of the Washington State Historical Society than ever before. Naturally, that is a source of satisfaction but with this satisfaction comes a feeling of challenge.

Interest in Washington history and its preservation must not be allowed to end with the close of the Centennial and it remains for this Society to continue the work of the past year. This Society has as one of its goals the organization of a historical society in every county in the state. Progress in this direction has been made but there is still much to be done. More societies should be organized and at the same time plans developed to bring the local societies closer to the state organization and to each other.

Opening of Indian-Alaska Hall

Mention was made a year ago of the work in progress in our Indian-Alaska department. Shortly after the first of the year this hall was formally opened with an Open House, extending over two weeks. Attendance set a new record, which was gratifying but more gratifying was the universal praise of what had been accomplished through more than a year's work. The greatest share of credit for this development goes to Mr. Kenn Johnson of our staff, who has done a remarkably fine piece of work in planning and arranging the hall. We feel it would require a long journey to find a more interesting hall offering better arrangement. In the work of construction the craftsmanship of Wm. LaPointe and Fred Rice has been outstanding. Members who have not seen this new hall are urged to do so at the earliest opportunity.

School and General Attendance

Every year since the first bus load of school students came to the building has seen a substantial increase and that is true this year. A visit to our Museum is coming to be a part of the study of Washington history in the area within 100 miles of Tacoma. This is as it should be and as the years pass we hope to improve the service and thus increase the attendance. Mrs. Wm. Taplin has been giving splendid service with these school groups. During 1953 nearly 500 bus loads of students visited the building.

General attendance has also increased during the year, which is gratifying. Particularly so is the number of people from other states who visit the building. Some are brought by Tacoma hosts, but many tourists are anxious to visit our building. While it is impossible to give an exact count of visitors, it is evident the number is now approaching 75,000 annually.

Another National Award

For the third time this Society has been recognized by the American Association for State and Local History, the third time in five years. Awards by this organization are very highly prized in the historical field. But 42 awards were made this year and four came to Washington. The Simpson Logging Co. of Shelton was honored for its work in connection with the Shelton Centennial, the Yakima Republic-Herald for historical work, and the Kitsap County Historical Society for its aggressive program in that field.

News-Letter Back Again

During the Centennial it was impossible for the Director to put out Progress Reports and Newspaper Releases without giving News-Letter a vacation. In a different and more economical form, News-Letter is back on the job again, serving both the State Society and also all local societies and museums in the state.

Art Gallery Gets "New Look"

Ours is not a large art gallery, but there are not many where paintings can be shown to better advantage. The use of a border of etchwood veneer above and below the picture-hanging panel (which offers a brand new idea) is new. We predict it will be copied because of its great efficiency. Art shows are already booked thru the balance of the year. Excellent exhibits have been seen during the past year and will be seen as the months pass.

Historical Conference in Montana This Year

One of the finest pieces of service rendered by the Society is the sponsorship of the Pacific Northwest History Conference. This has always been held in Tacoma but this year it was decided to accept the very urgent invitation of the Montana State Historical Society and the Conference will be held in Helena in May. It will be held in Tacoma at least every other year in the future and oftener if circumstances warrant.

Library Development Under Way

A historical society library doesn't make a lot of noise but it can prove extremely valuable in its field. Improvement of this department has been under discussion by the Board of Curators for a long time but the program is now away from the discussion stage, with actual steps being taken. Our library can boast some extremely valuable features and great progress can be anticipated during the coming months.

Many Gifts Received During Year

It is impossible to list all of the relics donated to the Society during the past year. The number, however, is impressive. Each year finds us better able to receive historical artifacts.

Special Projects

During the past few years the Society has been improved through the sponsorship of nearly a score of special projects. We have the plans for many more; all that is lacking is sponsorship. Some of these would not cost much, others would be more expensive but not in comparison with projects sponsored in large eastern museums. Members of the Society can assist in the location of sponsors, and it should also be borne in mind that the Society might properly be made the beneficiary of Wills.

Co-operating with other Historical Agencies

Through membership, the Director is able to cooperate with the Historical Sites Advisory Board and State Highway Marker Commission, both of which are doing very valuable work, particularly in the marker program which is getting under way very satisfactorily.

A Fine Staff

Some members of the Society Staff have been mentioned. Recognition should also be given Mrs. M. F. McAllister as office secretary, upon whose shoulders was placed a great deal of additional work during the Centennial year; Miss Alta West, librarian; Mr. Waldo Carlson and Mrs. John Koenig. Mr. Carlson served as assistant to the Director during the year and we would find it difficult to pay adequate tribute to his fine cooperation. Mrs. Koenig proved an efficient stenographer and office assistant during the year. Tom Davis continues as the efficient building custodian. John Gipple is not a new man to the work of the Society but is now with us as a permanent member of the staff. He has had a dozen years of museum experience and his development of animal and bird habitats with us has marked him as a man of unusual ability. Mr. Johnson, of course, is known for his outstanding work in display and art arrangement. Additional members of the staff as receptionists include Mrs. J. H. Gordon, Miss R. Louise Fitch, Mrs. Mary Foster, Mrs. Claire Hays and Mrs. Agnes Aston.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

Report of the Director for 1954-55

1954-55 A YEAR For the first time in
of PROGRESS many years, at least, the
Society's Annual Meeting
takes the form of an Open House. Between
this brief report and an inspection of the
building, we hope there will be a feeling
that the past year has been a year of pro-
gress. Certainly it has been a year of
work for every member of the staff.

CENTENNIAL AND The theme of our annual
SESQUI-CENTENNIAL meeting-- Lewis and
Clark-- is fitting.

This is the Sesqui-Centennial year. We are
so busy we easily forget the importance of
this expedition to Washington. Our meet-
ing this year will emphasize the Expedi-
tion and its leaders. The Governors of the
Northwest states have named special Lewis
and Clark committees. The director heads
the Washington committee and also the
Northwest committee. A co-operative pro-
gram is developing. Schools, newspapers,
radio, television, organizations are doing
excellent work. The Northern Pacific is
sponsoring 25,000 booklets. The Trail
will be covered by auto caravans, Boy Scouts
and an air caravan. There will be many
special programs and celebrations over
the Northwest.

A century ago Gov. Stevens signed
treaties with Northwest Indians by which
white settlers could possess land owned by
Indians. This Treaty Centennial is being
observed in Washington this year. Your
Society and its staff are trying to do
their part.

NEW SOCIETIES Progress toward the goal
BEING ORGANIZED of a historical society
and museum in every
county. During the year societies organiz-
ed in Walla Walla and Lincoln counties.
During the coming month one expected in
Lewis County. Snohomish County, a year
old, doing a great job toward a museum.
Cowlitz County museum doubled in size.
Clallam County museum going forward. Kitsap
County working toward museum. All this
spells PROGRESS. Yakima put over success-
ful drive for museum, matching \$65,000.
gift. Great.

SERVICE TO Possibly our most important
THE SCHOOLS service is being rendered
to the schools. More than
500 classes brought to the building as a
part of study of state history. We can
be proud of this service. We're trying
to improve it all the time.

NEW EXHIBITS Today members can see for
DURING THE YEAR the first time our new
Pioneer Rooms, on which
work has been in progress for months.
Three of them-- Sitting Room, Kitchen,
and Tool Room, filled with pioneer relics.
Also new cases for small artifacts. Pride
in these new rooms on the second floor is
an understatement. John Gipple and Kenn
Johnson have turned in a fine job of co-
operation, with Mrs. Taplin bringing to-
gether artifacts for display.

Also new-- relief map of the North-
west showing Lewis and Clark, Oregon and
Mormon Trails. Work of Kenn Johnson,
principally for use with schools.

Also new-- Washington mural, gift of
L.T. Murray and work of Kenn Johnson, who
went the second and third miles on this
project.

Coming-- Work starts at once on the
Rock Hound Washington Minerals exhibit.
Not the largest, but it will be one that
will rank with the best.

You Don't See These-- At last we
have special rooms in the work department
for storage of clothing and museum arti-
facts. Proud of these.

Art exhibit-- New every month.

HISTORY CONFERENCE May 6th and 7th in
Spokane the Eighth
Annual History Conference will be held.
A child of this Society and one of which
we can be very proud. This Society should
well represented at Spokane next week.

INTRODUCING During the year Miss Ruth
NEW LIBRARIAN Babcock assumed the duties
of Librarian, with Miss
West continuing as Assistant Librarian.
Miss Babcock has had extensive library
training and is rendering excellent
service. Visit the library on 4th floor.

ACCESSIONS DURING THE YEAR

There is hardly a week during the year when the Society does not receive a gift. Quite frequently offers are made which cannot be accepted for the reason that the article may not be directly related to Northwest history. It is gratifying to know that many people have the Society in mind when historical relics are to be placed. This applies also to books, pictures and maps for the Library. Below are listed some of the accessions during the year:

FOR THE MUSEUM

Homer L. Morrison, Tacoma - Pipes for Indian department.
 Arthur Ackerman, Tacoma - 18 rolls silk fabric from Okinawa.
 J. H. McGammon - Pewter ware, four very rare pieces.
 Miss Elsa B. Nessenson, Wesley Gardens - Baby clothes and doll dresses, dating to 1885.
 Mrs. R. H. Hopkins, Tacoma - Cape work at opening of Tacoma Theatre, by her sister,
 Mrs. J. F. Davis, Burton - Six pioneer parasols. (Mrs. E. C. Hilbery.)
 R. D. Walker, Tacoma - Pioneer hatchet.
 Mrs. J. A. Lindstrom, Burton - Variety of Indian relics and others.
 Mrs. and Mrs. R. B. Anderson, Buckley - Pioneer surgical instruments and relics.
 Mr. Art Cunningham, Enumclaw - Hand-hewn wash-tub from Cascade area. See it in the
 Ardell Moie, Tacoma - Japanese flag. (Pioneer Tool Room.)
 Ben Sampson, Tacoma - Indian trade beads, 84 colors and shapes.
 Mrs. Emily Johnson, Tacoma - Badges, ticket to Lincoln funeral, Civil War envelopes.
 National Bank of Washington - Painting of Chester Thorne.
 Mrs. J. D. Amos, Tacoma - Passes issued to J. D. Amos; 42 passes on railroads, ships, etc.
 Robt. Richardson, Portland - Household kitchen utensils.
 Mrs. Frank Bampton, Tacoma - Old Tacoma photographs and letters.
 Mrs. James Bashford, Wauna - Dresses, coats, blouses, etc., worn in '90s.
 R. N. Garrison, Tacoma - Five model ships made by his father, N. C. Garrison.
 Mrs. Anna M. Roberts, Seattle - Table.
 Harold B. Selvig, Tacoma - Flags and books.
 Miss Anna Koontz, Chehalis - Flag flown at Jackson House, near Chehalis, July 4, 1853.
 James Vincent, Tacoma - Three Oriental hats.
 Richard N. Gookins, Steilacoom - 13 Japanese prints.
 Miss Ruby Blackwell - Stereoscope and 25 views; Indian trade beads.
 Miss Lillian Baisdon, Tacoma - Makah Indian basket.
 Mrs. Wm. D. Smith, Tacoma - Indian basket made by Princess Angeline.
 Mrs. Henry Hewitt - Walrus tusk from Alaska in 1890.
 Dept. Public Utilities, Tacoma - Early day carbon filament light globes.
 Mrs. T. A. Kind, Tacoma - Glass candlestick.
 E. H. Slavens, Denver - Iron buggy step.
 R. W. Tuve, Republic - Typewriter with Linotype keyboard; 5 plates for engraving.
 Mrs. G. W. Burroughs, Tacoma - 15 Northern Pacific passes, from 1872 to 1881.
 Mrs. G. G. Brock, Tacoma - Square rosewood piano.
 Mrs. G. G. Parlamen, Tacoma - Square piano from Gov. Stevens home.

FOR THE LIBRARY

Books, Magazines, Pictures, Maps for the Library, from Judge E. V. Kuykensall, Pomeroy;
 Miss Charlotte Shackelford, Tacoma; Geo. Ward Lawler, Tacoma; Mrs. Chas. E. Roediger,
 Tacoma; Mrs. Chauncey Baxter, Tacoma; Miss Mary Mentzer, Tacoma; Weyerhaeuser Timber
 Co., Tacoma; Miss Lillian Stowell, Tacoma; John Brigger, Seattle; Mrs. Llewellyn Evans,
 Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mrs. Harriet B. Dodge, Puyallup; Col. Wm. Stewart, Tacoma; Mrs. James
 Bashford, Wauna; Mrs. A. J. Rosen, Tacoma; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Valbert, Tacoma; Capt. and Mrs.
 Allan W. Jones, Jr., Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Geo. Clock, Tacoma; Peter Pirrett, Tacoma; Miss
 Jessie F. Nolen, Tacoma; Mrs. G. E. Anderson, Aberdeen; Dr. J. H. Corliss, Sumner; Hugh
 Clark Wallace, Tacoma.

MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

NOTE: This list of members can hardly be called complete for the reason that Notices were sent out less than a month ago, and letters of invitation less than two weeks ago. Every mail brings in checks for dues. By action of the Board of Curators, local historical societies are not charged membership dues but are considered part of the State Historical Society.

A membership campaign is now in progress but in two new categories letters of invitation have not yet been mailed.

YOU CAN HELP-- In this case the "YOU" is the person reading this report. To take the names from a directory means a great waste of time and money, BUT if the members of the Society will give us names of prospective members, we'll send them an invitation to join. The returns from such a list gets close to 100 per cent.

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Frances W. Anderson, Jr., Aberdeen
Frank R. Atkins, Seattle
Frank S. Baker, Tacoma
Laid Bell, Chicago
Fanny Berkheimer, Tacoma
Paul Billingsley, Burton
Ralph J. Bishop, Spokane
E. J. Bjorkquist, Bellingham
Ruby C. Blackwell, Tacoma
Eveline B. Bonney, Tacoma
Zaidiee E. Bonney, Tacoma
Angie B. Bowden, Seattle
Howard Burnham, Vancouver, Wn.
C. C. Cavanaugh, Tacoma
Norton Clapp, Seattle
John H. Cook, Trenton, N.J.
Leonard Crassweller, Tacoma
A. B. Culmer, Bellingham, Wn.
D.A.R. Mary Ball Chapter, Tacoma
D.A.R. Virginia Dare Chapter, Tacoma
Walter F. Dickinson, Jericho, N.Y.
Mitchell Doumit, Cathlamet, Wn.
Eastern Wash. St. Historical Socy., Spokane
Della Gould Emmons, Tacoma
Grace Everett, Okanogan
R. Louise Fitch, Tacoma
Chapin D. Foster, Tacoma
Mrs. Thos. P. Gose, Walla Walla
Joshua Green, Seattle
Mrs. L. E. Gregory, Seattle
Fred T. Haley, Tacoma
Mrs. Hattie M. Hall, Tacoma
Col. Howard A. Hanson, Seattle
John Burke Hatfield, Wenatchee
Mr. T. N. Henry, Vashon
John R. White, Waitsburg, Wn.

(LIFE Members contd.)

John J. Hewitt, Tacoma
Robert Hitchman, Seattle
Val Hoffman, Albuquerque, N.M.
Darby W. Huntington, Seattle
Lewis E. Jeklin, Tacoma
Robert W. Johannsen, Lawrence, Kansas
Murray L. Johnson, Tacoma
Dr. Leon K. Jones, Seattle
Mr. G. E. Karlen, Tacoma
Mr. J. J. Kaufman, Tacoma
John A. Kellogg, Bellingham
Dr. Charles E. Kemp, Tacoma
Prof. L. A. Kibbe, Bellingham
William W. Kilworth
Mr. A. H. Landram, Tacoma
Mr. A. D. Liddle, Tacoma
George S. Long, Jr., Tacoma
John C. Long, Tacoma
Joseph L. Long, Jr., Tacoma
Leo H. Long, Burton
Miss Marion H. Long, Tacoma
Fannie MacDaniel, Tacoma
Mrs. Wm. P. Matthews, Spokane
Raymond R. Mattison, Tacoma
Wm. Devlin McCormick, Tacoma
Mrs. W. L. McCormick, Tacoma
Mr. P. S. McDermott, Puyallup
G. Dowe McQuesten, Yakima
Mrs. Joseph A. Mix, New Buffalo, Mich.
Nelson J. Morrison, Tacoma
Eleanor M. Murray, Tacoma
National Bank of Washington, Tacoma
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WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

1955-56

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PROGRESS HAS MARKED
THE YEAR 1955-56

While the past year has not seen the activity of the Territorial Centennial Years it has been one marked by continued activity and, it is hoped, continued progress. In this report an effort is being made to direct attention to some of the major activities of the Society during the year. Included is an urgent invitation to members to visit the building. Not once but many times, for it is impossible to see everything with a single visit.

THE LEWIS AND CLARK
SESQUI-CENTENNIAL OBSERVED

Observance of the Lewis and Clark Sesqui-Centennial in 1955 was a Northwest undertaking in which this Society assumed a major role as the Director was chairman, not only of the Washington commission named by Governor Langlie, but also of the Northwest committees representing North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Oregon, as well as our own state. In view of the fact that no committee had funds with which to work, a very creditable observance was developed through cooperation.

Cooperation came from Schools, Newspapers, Radio and Television stations, Civic and Service Organizations. There were a number of excellent pageants, notably in Montana, automobile and air caravans with the Boy Scouts of the Northwest developing a replica of the Expedition. The Northwest was made conscious of the fact that an event of vital importance occurred 150 years ago.

The Washington Commission felt this year that it was not enough to observe the trip across the country and arrival at the Pacific Ocean. For that reason it took steps to mark the return trip, and programs honoring that event are now in progress along the route of the Expedition in Washington. The party left Fort Clatsop March 23rd, 1856. A Schedule of the journey across Washington, which took them until May 5, has been sent to schools, service and civic organizations, with suggestions for programs, many of which have been planned. The State Department of Public Instruction has been most helpful with alerting schools. Newspapers are running weekly diaries of the journey. Copies of the Washington program have been sent to other Northwest states.

It has been felt that without a successful return journey much of the value of the Expedition would have been lost. For that reason the Washington Commission felt that it has not been enough to pay tribute simply to the journey West.

It would be difficult to say too much for the cooperation given the Lewis and Clark observance by the Northern Pacific Railway. Their first service was the publication of 25,000 thirty-two page booklets. These booklets proved so popular throughout the Northwest that the company sponsored an additional 10,000. This additional supply will hardly meet the demand.

INDIAN TREATY CENTENNIAL
OBSERVED IN WASHINGTON

While the observance was not as general or elaborate as had been hoped, the Centennial of the signing of treaties between the United States, represented by Governor Isaac I. Stevens, and Indian tribes of the Northwest did not pass unnoticed in 1955. The most noteworthy observance occurred at Walla Walla, where an outstanding pageant was produced. The Lewis and Clark Sesqui-Centennial observance was combined with the treaty program. Washington was fortunate in having a direct descendant of the Meriwether Lewis, a senior at Franklin Pierce High School and a very personable young man. He was the guest of honor at Walla Walla, also at a series of events in Montana and at Astoria where the replica of Fort Clatsop was dedicated. He also took the air caravan tour and put in several very busy weeks as "guest of honor" through the Northwest.

SOCIETY IS DEVELOPING A
NEW PUBLICATION PROGRAM

Under the leadership of John M. McClelland, Jr., chairman, and the Publications Committee, the Society will soon publish a book. At the time the report was being compiled it was expected that the book would have to do with the establishment of Fort Vancouver. Publication details are being worked out by the Committee and Board of Curators. It will not be the aim of the Society to publish many books but those sponsored will be of very high quality. Members should watch the development of this program with interest.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORY
CONFERENCE IN TACOMA MAY 4-5

Eight years ago this Society sponsored the first Pacific Northwest History Conference, bringing together Teachers, Librarians, Historians and Laymen interested in History from Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia and Montana, as well as Washington. The Conference returns to Tacoma a month hence after an absence of two years, last year in Spokane and the previous year in Helena. Northwest history is discussed at these conferences on a regional basis. This year's program will be a strong one with outstanding speakers from all of the states involved. There will be two banquets. Stewart Holbrook of Portland, a dynamic speaker and outstanding author, will be the speaker Friday evening, with Miner Baker, vice-president of the Seattle First National Bank, the speaker Saturday evening. Those missing these two dinner meetings will be denying themselves two rare privileges. Mr. Holbrook has used the Society library frequently in the past in Northwest research. Tentative copies of the program will probably be ready for distribution at our Annual Meeting and these will verify our predictions of quality. This is the only Conference of its kind in the Northwest and its sponsorship is one of the fine things this Society has undertaken. This year the Society has invited the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma Public Library, and Pacific Lutheran College to share in the sponsorship. Friday afternoon Fort Nisqually will be visited, with an Open House in the Society's building at 4 o'clock. The Saturday sessions will be held on the campus of the College of Puget Sound. The Friday evening banquet will be held at the Winthrop Hotel and Saturday night at the Top of the Ocean. Members of the Society are urged in strongest terms to attend Conference sessions. The cost is only \$1.00 for registration, with luncheon and banquet costs added, of course.

LIBRARY SERVICE
CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

In last year's report we introduced our new librarian, Miss Ruth M. Babcock. During the year Miss Babcock and Miss West have worked out many improvements in the Library and members are urged to visit that department during the afternoon. The calls for library service seem to increase at a very steady pace, which is gratifying. Members should bear in mind that these service requests come from all parts of the state, and, we might add, from many parts of the country.

SOCIETY INAUGURATES A NEW NEWSPAPER SERVICE

Newspaper readers over the state are now apt to see a paragraph once a week under the heading "This Week in Washington History, compiled by the Washington State Historical Society. We have some mighty fine letters of commendation from editors over the state on this service. The stories are 100 words in length, brief enough for any paper, and have to do with some important event in Washington history during that week. Members who do not find the service in their paper might suggest to the editor that he include it each week. He is receiving it.

FACE-LIFTING OPERATION IS SET FOR FIFTH FLOOR

Nothing is planned for the Art Gallery or Women's Alcove on the fifth floor, but plenty of things are planned for the balance of that floor and may be under way at the time of the Annual Meeting. We have some most interesting old musical instruments-- pianos, organs, melodeons, etc., together with many small instruments. Most of the latter are being displayed now but not effectively. Half of the space set for the face-lifting will be used for display of the old musical instruments, large and small, together with a couple of new display cases for women's dresses, etc. This will prove a very interesting department. The balance of the hall will be developed into an Oriental department. The Society has some excellent Oriental material but again displayed in cases 40 or more years old. The new department will be very Oriental in appearance. Altogether, the fifth floor will be a very attractive portion of the building.

NEW ROCK AND MINERAL EXHIBIT A DRAWING CARD

Last year's report said "Work starts at once on the Rock Hounds Rock and Mineral Exhibit". Well, it was started and the first unit finished some weeks back. The exhibit is an excellent one, one that would be a credit to any museum. It should be noted that everything in the section has come from Washington, which is a surprise to many visitors-- to realize that so many beautiful specimens come from our own state. The Director would like to pay tribute to the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Chas.H.Robinson, Jr., of Puyallup. Possibly some one else could have done what they have done in selling memberships in the exhibit and arranging the specimens, but we don't know who the person might be nor have we heard any one mentioned. Very soon, if not by the time of the meeting, work will be under way on the Fluorescent Display. We can be very proud of this department.

MOVING TIME FOR ONE OF OUR FINE PIONEER EXHIBITS.

Visitors descending from the second to the first floor have admired the pioneer exhibit at the far end of the stair well. It was a fine exhibit, put together by J. H. Gipple, of the Society staff, and Mrs. Ada Odenrider, but in a very poor location. The scene is being moved to the end of the pioneer rooms with new walls permitting views from two sides and new background scenes. This will be a Gipple-Odenrider-Johnson combination, one that spells quality. A "Rush" order was given hoping it would be ready for the meeting. At the head of the stairs leading to the first floor will be seen a new suqirrel habitat. When it comes to this type of display the work of John Gipple will compare with the best and that is true in this instance. Kenn Johnson has done an effective scenic background. Don't miss this new habitat.

CHARLIE PARKER IS A ONE-
MAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Probably very few of our members know Charles Parker of the Ruston district near the Tacoma Smelter. We think he is worth a paragraph in this report because of the unusual and outstanding work he is doing "on his own". He works at the Smelter and about six years ago he conceived the idea of bringing members of crews from ships, docking at the Smelter, to the museum. The number of visitors he has brought runs into the thousands, from no less than 20 different countries. Very frequently Mr. and Mrs. Parker entertain some of these crew members in their home for a Sunday dinner. Most of the time he doesn't know the language of the visitors but that doesn't seem to matter, they get along famously. When possible, he introduces the visitors to the Director and in this case it's a handshake and a smile. Maybe some one has heard of a match for Parker's work but we haven't. We thought members should be introduced to Charlie Parker, Tacoma Welcome Man DeLuxe.

ATTENDANCE CONTINUES
TO CLIMB UPWARD

Increasing attendance is always a source of great satisfaction to a museum director and that is true in this instance. Our attendance is divided into at least three categories, - School, Public, and Group; and there is a fine increase in each division. It's a poor day when one or more school buses are not parked in front of the building. Often it is three, which is about all Mrs. Taplin can handle efficiently in a morning. The afternoon group attendance has come up by leaps and bounds the past year, and that goes for the Sunday attendance also. With new exhibits being developed right along, there is no reason for attendance to decrease. A look at the register will show that the visitors come from a very wide area even on the "crowd" days.

OUR ART GALLERY IS BOOKED
A YEAR IN ADVANCE

The Society's art gallery is not large as galleries go; but, from the standpoint of presentation of paintings, it has been drawing the most favorable comments. The wall for the gallery is a plan originated in the staff and it is the most effective wall we know of for a small gallery. That accounts to some extent, for the fact that exhibits are now booked a year in advance, without any solicitation by the Director. One of the best features of the gallery is that through it the Society has been able to encourage Northwest painters.

THANK YOU

It is in order to insert a "Thank You" to press, radio and television for the fine cooperation given the Society during the past year. The Tacoma News-Tribune has been most generous in giving space to Society activities. A few weeks ago the News-Tribune carried a Special Feature ad which was devoted to pictures of early Tacoma and dedicated to the museum. It was possible for us to tie in with a very unusual collection of large colored "blow-ups" and an Open House. The combination resulted in some new attendance records, making sponsors of the ad and the Society staff very happy.

NEWS FROM THE
LOCAL SOCIETY FRONT

Years ago the Society adopted as one of its goals a local historical society in every county. Well, we're still moving toward that goal. Without a field man, progress is of necessity a little slow but it's steady. Recently a temporary organization was completed at Ritzville. The Woman's Society and Journal-Times were spearheading the movement, so success is assured. Snohomish County is moving steadily toward its museum goal. Clallam County expects to occupy its new museum this spring. Work on the handsome new museum in Yakima has been started or will start very soon. Cowlitz County has been given double the space it now occupies in the courthouse annex. Lincoln County is working toward a museum, with space still unavailable. Grays Harbor County is collecting pioneer pictures and sponsoring a mural in the new Grays

Harbor Junior College. Museum space is not available but they're getting ready and some day it will come. Grant County working toward a museum. Orcas Island has a small museum at East Sound. Jefferson County going strong at Port Townsend. The North Central museum at Wenatchee planning building improvements and other changes which mean Progress. Building improvements at Bellingham, also museum display additions. Kitsap County has a museum fund started. Present space more than filled to overflowing. Lots of interest in the society and museum in Stevens County. Lots of interest in Pacific County, where they're working on a museum idea. Cashmere is talking society. Walla Walla society busy, working toward museum. The Fort Vancouver society is always busy and doing fine work. Members in counties where societies haven't been organized could do well to interest local organizations in starting a society.

STORAGE FACILITIES INCREASED DURING YEAR

There's nothing very romantic or spectacular to be said about storage but it is exceedingly important in the operation of a museum. At the time the building was erected, museum planning had not reached the point where storage facilities were emphasized as they are today. One of the problems in recent years has been to develop storage facilities. The problem isn't whipped yet but a great deal of progress has been made during the year, behind the scenes progress. Space has been developed on the first, second and fifth floors. The last unit is for the Oriental section on the fifth floor, where Mr. Gipple has worked out an exceptionally efficient unit. Along with the development of storage space, something should be added about the development of exhibit space. At this point we should bring out some superlatives for the work of Kenn Johnson, our exhibit planner. He's only with us one day a week but that's a very important day.

THANK YOU - BOARD OF CURATORS AND STAFF

The Society is very fortunate in its personnel at the Board and Staff levels. Members of the Board take their work seriously. They attend meetings during the year and carry on committee work between official meetings. Society members can be very proud of their official Board. Members are elected from all parts of the state, because of their interest in the preservation of Washington history and their standing in the area they represent.

No staff changes have occurred during the year. None are anticipated during the coming year and none desired so far as the Director is concerned. We have a good staff, loyal to the Society and desirous of turning in a good record of service. Mrs. McAllister is oldest in point of service. She runs the office in a very efficient manner, with duties seeming to increase all the time. Increased attendance-- school, public and group-- increased responsibility resting with Mrs. Taplin, our efficient receptionist. Mention has been made of the fine work being done in the library with Miss Babcock as librarian, and Miss West, her assistant. Mention has been made of the work of Mr. Gipple in the construction end of the program. As a taxidermist he is among the best and we hope that during the coming year he will have an opportunity in this field, also. Another staff pioneer is Tom Davis, our custodian. Many compliments are heard on the appearance of the building and he is the man responsible. We could use more receptionist help on Sundays and special days but until that becomes possible we are fortunate in having the conscientious services of Mrs. J. H. Gordon, Mrs. Claire Hays, Mrs. Agnes Aston, and Mrs. Foster. Miss Fitch was forced to give up her work as receptionist on Sunday because of ill health.

HIGHWAY MARKER PRGGRAM CONTINUES While the Society is not involved directly in financing the Washington highway marker program, it is very much interested in the successful development of this program. The Director is a member of both the Historical Sites Advisory Board and the State Highway Marker Commission, the first under the State Parks and Recreation Commission and the second under the State Highway Commission. This is a long-range program which should see a number of markers placed during the coming year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS As usual, the Director is called upon pretty frequently to give talks before different organizations, as a representative of the Society. He is also a member of the Publicity Committee of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce. Members of the Board of Curators are called upon frequently for talks on history. Click Relander has represented the Society several times in his area, particularly in the organization of new societies. The Council for Greater Tacoma has, as one of its activities, sponsorship of a number of outdoor billboards directing attention to Tacoma. One of the boards this year will feature the Ezra Meeker wagon and the museum. Society members always have an opportunity to say a word for this organization at the right time and they are urged to do so. We have a very valuable organization and the largest state historical society building in the West. We can be very proud of this but should regard it only as a foundation upon which to carry forward a more efficient service. Next year will find the Legislature in session once more. We cannot do too much in acquainting members of that body with the work we are carrying forward. We haven't anything smacking of "pressure" in mind but we are a part of the state's official program and it is as much to the interest of the Legislature that we are properly equipped to render our service as any other department of government.

MEMO TO LIFE MEMBERS This paragraph is directly and particularly to L I F E
RE: PACIFIC N.W. QUARTERLY Members of the Society. In the early days of the Society the by-laws provided for a Life Membership at a very low cost, membership to include the Pacific Northwest Quarterly. The Quarterly is published at the University and all subscriptions to it have to be paid for. Even at the early costs it was evident that it could not be long before the Life Membership fee would not cover the actual cash cost of the Quarterly to the Society. Publication costs advanced just as other costs, leaving the Board with an unpleasant problem to solve. It was evident that in most instances Life Membership fees had been more than covered by subscription payments to the Quarterly. Reluctantly, the Board decided that Life Members should pay for the Quarterly just that the Society pays, - \$2.00 per year. Many are already doing this. It is hoped this paragraph will explain the situation to all Life Members. Checks to cover the subscription should be sent to the Society and NOT to the Quarterly office in Seattle, Life Members are requested to write the Society, ordering the Quarterly and remitting the \$2.00 charge.

MR. PERKINS' HANDSOME REQUEST POINTS TO EXPANSION The Society has had no more sincere or enthusiastic supporter than the late S. A. Perkins, who served on our Board for a number of years and as president nearly 10 years. His passing left a vacancy in the ranks that will be very hard to fill. He left the Society \$50,000 toward an expansion program, also his great collection of autographed portraits. An expansion program always needs a start and Mr. Perkins' bequest does that. Continued to a logical conclusion this Society would have the outstanding historical museum in the West. Any one wanting a genuine thrill should participate in this program. The blueprints are ready.

NEW MEMBERS A membership campaign is in progress at the present time. It is only well under way but the results are very gratifying. Of necessity, the campaign must be conducted by mail, which takes more time. A very comprehensive plan has been developed and is being worked out as rapidly as possible. Approach to the largest group of "prospects" has barely started and the results will not be known for several months. Members who can suggest persons to whom the series of mailing should be addressed, should send the list to the office. Many have done this already. New members added for 1956, up to the time of compiling this report, include:

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ACCESSIONS Accessions to the museum and library have continued through the year and this is as it should be. Accessions offer members another opportunity to serve. It should be borne in mind that accessions should have to do with the Northwest. There are exceptions, of course, but in the main this policy holds good, Among the accessions for the year are:

MRS. S. A. PERKINS, Tacoma: Oil portrait of S. A. Perkins.	MRS. D.P.WICHERSHAM, Ross, Cal: Indian relics.
WALLACE HANSON, Tacoma: Driftwood trinket box, shoes, rings, ivory carvings.	MRS. CLINTON F. SMITH, Tacoma: Pioneer parasol.
PHI DELTA THETA MOTHERS CLUB, Tacoma: Baby clothing, other relics.	STANLEY ANDERSON, Tac: U.S. Seal
MRS. AND MRS. ALBERT BAUGHMAN, Tacoma: Pioneer washboard.	MRS. G.G. PARLAMAN, Tac: Governor Stevens piano.
MRS. ROY ROSENTHAL, Jr., Tacoma: 14 pcs. women's clothing.	GEO. O. SWASEY, Tac: Wedding gown, etc.
MISS RUBY BLACKWELL, Tacoma: Indian horn spoon.	MISS CLARA VanSANT, Tacoma: Two boxed of clothing, 1860
MISS QUEENIE HOFF, Tacoma: Large piece of tapa cloth.	ELSIE PETIT, Tacoma: 1901 Press Badge
LIFE EXHIBITIONS, New York: 2 photographic exhibits, "American Revolution" and "1840"	W.S. WALTER, Tac: Typewriter; nail from Rawhide Railroad.
CLAIRE CULTUM HAYS, Tacoma; Photograph of Exposition bldg., Sept. 1890; certificate.	DR. S.E. SANDERSON, Tac: 7 models dugout canoes.
WALLACE HANSON, Tacoma: Alaska relics.	MRS. J.W. BURROUGHS: Tac: 15 railway passes
BOB DRAGOO, Amrcn. Lake: Mounted specimen of driftwood.	MRS. G.G. BROCK, Tac: Square piano.
MRS. TED HILL, Tac: Pioneer churn.	
ALICE AND HAL PORTER, Tac; Book of old Tacoma views.	
GEO. McLAUGHLIN, Tac: Coffee mill, iron.	
MRS. CHAS. A. BURT, Tac: Npkn. rings, coins, etc	
JEAN E. VEAZIE, Seattle: Oil paintings,	
CHARLOTTE SHACKLEFORD, Tac: Stone pestle.	
GEO. O. SWASEY, Tac: Bullet mold, ladle, cup.	
LOWELL W. HAMMOND, Tac: Civil war canteen.	
GORDON BENNETT HALL, Tac: Gold pannint outfit, Indian scraper, rifle.	
AQUINAS ACADEMY, Tac: Baskets, Indian relics.	
LEROY CALHOUN, Tac: Japanese playing cards.	
A. CLENDENIN, Ogunquit, Maine: Dresses	
L.C. CHRISTY, Tac: Pioneer bits, Phlpn. relics	
GEO. THOMPSON, Tac: N.P. strong box, relics.	
MISS ELEANOR MURRAY, Tac: Clothing, pry. bk.	
MRS. R.M. ROYCE, Tac: Alaska & Civil War relics.	

LIBRARY ACCESSIONS:

MRS. B. E. BUCKMASTER, Tacoma - 157 books on Northwest and Alaska.
HARRY P. CAIN, Washington D.C. - 2 bxs. clippings, scrap-books while mayor of Tacoma
REV. NEILSON J. BARRY, Portland - Transcript "First Explorations of Columbia River"
IDA M. EELLS, Seattle - MSS "The Little Trunk that Rode Across the Plains on Horseback".
MISS RUBY BLACKWELL, Tacoma - Copy "The Heart of the Skyloo".
M. H. OMOHUNDRO, Goochland, Va. - Genealogical Record.
WALTER W. SHAKLETON, Portland - Book Tacoma views.
MRS. CALLA HART, Tacoma - Pictures of early Tacoma.
MRS. LLEWELLYN EVANS, Tacoma - Copy "Washington Alumnus".
EMORY S. FUNK, Summer - Photographs, letters.
MRS. INEZ URBAN, Galesburg, Ill. - Copy "Fairhaven Illustrated".
MRS. JULIUS MANN, Tacoma - Pictures.
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, 850 items, duplicates from the Northwest collection.
MRS. JOHN M. CANSE, Wesley Gardens - 75 letters written by earliest missionaries.
DOUGLAS FIR PLYWOOD ASSN. - Book "The Plywood Age".
MURRAY MORGAN, Tacoma - Copy of his latest book "The Last Wilderness"
CHARLOTTE PAUL, Snoqualmie Falls - Gift of her latest book "Minding Our Own Business".
ROBERT HITCHMAN, Seattle - Taft's "Artists & Illustrs. of Old West". (ness".
D.H. WHITE, Tacoma - History of Umatilla and Morrow Counties, Oregon.
WILFRED NEVUE, Unpublished manuscript of his book "Puget Sound Lumberjack".
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - Report in matter of impeachment of Judge Hanford.

Special mention should be made of the donations from the University and from Mrs. B. E. Buckmaster. Both of these collections contain a great deal of Northwest material which will enable the Library to further improve its service to the public.

During the year the Library purchased a number of volumes found in Northwest second hand book stores.

MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR
"GIFTS" TO THE SOCIETY

It is not necessary to think in terms of large sums of money when the item of "Gifts" comes up, for there are many ways in which the work of the Society can be advanced. There is the item of books, for the library. Our librarians will be glad to suggest needed books. There are always special projects that can be sponsored, representing comparatively small investments. Sums can be added to our Endowment Fund. Recently a friend said she was putting \$1000. in her will for the Society. That is an excellent way to help the Society's work. We'll be glad to help with suggestions that will help individuals do what they would like to do.

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