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CHRISTMAS GIFT OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST FILLERS

Juneau is the capital of Alaska.

There is only one college in Alaska.

Washington has 27 higher institutions of learning.

The state flower of Washington is the rhododendron.

Washington is the 42nd state admitted to the Union.

Mt. Rainier is the third highest peak in continental U. S.

California has nearly 25 million acres of national forest land.

Grand Coulee dam will ultimately irrigate 1,200,000 acres of land.

Oregon has more institutions of higher learning than Idaho and Montana together.

In 1898 the state of Washington contributed 1,332 men to the Spanish-American War.

Idaho ranks second in national forest land with twenty one and a half million acres.

First newspaper in Washington state was the "Columbian", printed at Olympia in 1852.

Washington ranks seventh in the nation in national forest land with 10,743,236 acres.

Washington by the 1950 census has three more cities over 25,000 than Idaho and Oregon together.

Olympic national park, established in 1938, is summer feeding ground of the rare Roosevelt elk.

Lake Pend Oreille in northern Idaho is the home of the Kamloop rainbow trout, largest in the world.

Washington's fisheries are exceeded only by California's and Massachusetts, in value of annual take.

Mt. Rainier was named after a British admiral, Peter Rainier, who figured in the American Revolution.

Radio stars from Washington state include Bing Crosby, Lanny Ross, Mary Livingston and Hal Burdich ("Night Editor").



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NORTHWEST FILLERS

City of Kent has 15 churches.

There are 602 post offices in Oregon.

No Washington county lacks a newspaper.

Idaho has 5 more counties than Washington.

There are more Eskimos than Indians in Alaska.

Twenty-eight steamship lines serve Washington.

Four commercial airlines have stops in Washington.

Washington was admitted as a state in Nov., 1889.

Six Washington counties were named after presidents.

Montana has 56 counties, - only one without a newspaper.

Forty-six major islands are part of the State of Washington.

Twenty-six railroads - several of them only lumber roads operate in Washington.

Alberta's land area is larger than that of Washington, Idaho and Oregon combined.

Alaska as a territory has four 'judicial divisions' - rough equivalent to counties.

In area Yakima at 5,221 square miles is Washington's largest county; San Juan at 178 the smallest.

One third of Washington's counties each have more than one hundred full-time students at Washington State college.

Spokane county sends most students to WSC; King being second, Whitman third, Pierce fourth and Yakima fifth.

Whitman county in Washington is larger in area than the State of Delaware and the District of Columbia combined.

Washington State college has 1,591 students coming from Washington's 14 counties touching on the Pacific or Puget sound.

Mount Washington in New Hampshire at 6288 is 38 feet higher than Mount Washington in the southwestern part of the Evergreen state.



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#### PACIFIC NORTHWEST FILLERS

Palouse was founded in 1877

Mount Adams is 12,307

Orofino is Spanish for "fine gold".

WSC granted its first Ph. D. in 1930.

WAFS first came to Moses Lake air base in 1949.

Northwest lawns can best be planted in the fall.

Chief Joseph is often called "The Red Man's Napoleon".

Newest lake in Washington is Franklin D. Roosevelt lake.

San Juan and Island are Washington's two island counties.

First Catholic church in Idaho was built at Cataldo in 1851.

Lewis and Clark camped at Weippe, Idaho, the winter of 1805-6.

Hundreds of deer roam at the site of former Farragut Naval base.

Royal Canadian Mounties maintain a police museum at Regina, Sask.

Columbia basin project fully developed is to add 15,000 family-sized farms.

Pierce City was Idaho's first county seat; the original court house still stands.

WSC has furnished the Federal government many advisers in Columbia basin planning

Montana's Flathead Rescue & Life Saving association protects thousands of square miles in the Glacier area.

Canadian surveyors are laying out a direct road to Alaska, shortening the distance to the Northwest by hundreds of miles.



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NORTHWEST FILLERS

Pateros has an Apple Pie jamboree.

Glacier park's attendance mark came in 1950.

Largest bolts at Coulee dam weigh 290 lbs. apiece.

Harvest crews of yesteryear sometimes numbered 40 men.

California has Shasta county, but Mount Shasta isn't in it.

Colfax (Wash.) is building a 24 classroom elementary school.

The cranberry crop is estimated at 26% above the 10-year average.

Pomeroy used to have three banks, but now has one and may get a second.

At Barkerville, B. C., \$600,000 in gold came from a hole eight foot square.

For the third time in Montana history, 1950 saw zinc production exceed copper.

Every store front in one city block in Pullman has been remodeled this summer.

Application of mine tailings to rejuvenate wornout soil has been tried at Denver.

Trespassers on state lands have paid \$123,000 to Washington in the past ten years.

Bad Rock canyon, east of Columbia Falls, Montana, has a new memorial roadside fountain.

Washington's 1950 output of gold, lead and zinc increased to the highest levels ever recorded.

Canadians spent six times as much on travel in the U.S. last year as in the rest of the world combined.

A wooden ramp was built at W.S.C. to move hundreds of thousands of books from the old to the new library.

It is generally dangerous to pick up small wild animals, for if they weren't ill they couldn't be caught.

Spokane police recently used 'truth serum' for the first time in that city, in trying to solve a circus murder.

Only one major supply of copper has been found in 40 years, says the president of Montana school of mines.

The Channeled Scablands southwest of Cheney were cut ages ago when the Polar Ice Cap reached eastern Washington.

A new half million dollar four-lane highway bridge across the Yakima river south of Richland is 760 feet long.

A U.S. Congressman's son was on the latest W.S.C. honor roll. He follows tradition for his father had been earlier.

August 30, 1947 a huge slide near Teanaway carried away 1,500 feet of Milwaukee lines and dammed the Yakima river.

Legend says gold is buried near Wallula, but unless it's found before 1953 it never will be for the McNary dam lake will cover the area.

Sixty-five thousand pounds of dynamite were used in a single charge to break a cliff 200 feet high at Cabinet gorge dam in north Idaho.



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#### CENTENNIAL SHORTS

Yakima's first newspaper came in 1879.

Spokane saw its first automobile in 1900.

Lincoln county was first settled in the 1870's.

Washington territory was created March 2, 1853.

Washington had 11,138 whites in census of 1860.

First legislative assembly met in Olympia in 1854.

Washington has six counties named after presidents.

Rosalie was named for the wife of its first postmaster.

First ferry across the Spokane river was started in 1851.

First Indian treaty in Puget sound area was signed in 1894.

Entire Northwest was at one time called New Georgia by Captain George Vancouver.

Captain George Vancouver - for whom two cities and an island were named - died in 1798.

Bolster, now a ghost town in Okanogan county, had a newspaper before the present century began.

Picture of Washington in the state's seal was copied from an illustration in an advertisement.

Chinook, a combination of English, French, and Indian languages, was used verbally in the Northwest for a century.

Palouse Gazette published at Colfax in 1877 is considered the first paper published north of the Snake river.

Washington mining, now a \$50,000,000 a year business, started in 1852 with discovery of coal in Bellingham bay.

King county was named after William R. King of Alabama, who was elected vice president but died before serving.

Nine hundred foot high Steamboat rock in the Grand Coulee district was once a hide-out for horse thieves.

The 624 mile Mullan Road, running from the Missouri to the Columbia, was built between 1859-62 at a cost of \$230,000.

Washington State college has cannon and revolvers and guns used by Col. Steptoe in his fight with the Indians in 1858.

A 'potlatch' was an Indian 'party' at which unneeded possessions were 'loaned' and the giving of a potlatch indicated great wealth.

Washington agriculture has grown to a \$659,000,000 business from beginning on a few acres near Vancouver by Dr. John McLoughlin more than a century ago.

Issac Ingals Stevens, who became Washington's first territorial governor in October, 1853, survived serious wounds he received six years earlier in the war with Mexico.

True setting for Frank L. Swanson's humor classic, "Slow Train Through Arkansas," was really an eastern Washington railroad, the onetime Spokane reporter revealed years later.

California tried unsuccessfully to lure away eastern girls that Asa Mercer, first president of Washington territorial university, proposed recruiting for the territory's surplus of bachelors.

Theodore Winthrop, first to write a book about the Cascades, died in combat in the Civil War in 1862 before his volume was published. Its present title is "The Canoe and the Saddle."



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#### NORTHWEST FILLERS

Seattle has just celebrated its centennial.

Martha Wright, new "South Pacific" star, is from Duvall.

Arlington's first tree farm field day comes at Arlington.  
came

A San Francisco man has given a 17 foot python to the Bronx zoo.

A 40,000 barrel cranberry crop at Grayland has set a new record.

Travelers from 45 states checked in at Coulee dam during October.

P-T. A. memberships in Auburn have just passed the thousand mark.

The 1840 census listed 138 dailies and 1141 weeklies in the U. S.

Most Washington towns reported the latest Hallowe'en as "the quietest ever".

A new machine at Wenatchee makes 800 concrete and pumice blocks per hour.

At a Lynden skating rink mothers get in free, yet the kids pay four bits.

Sixteen firms recently bid on a proposed 500 rental unit project at Richland.

Alaska's White Pass and Yukon railway has recently been sold to Canadians.

Seattle recently housed Washington's first 3-day school for crop dusters.

The Auto Club of Washington urges pedestrians at night to carry or wear white.

Six thousand dollars worth of fire opal was discovered northeast of Pullman 45 years ago.

A Port Angeles reporter was recently marooned for a week while on a 'routine' assignment.

A dog at Walla Walla ascend the steep steps of Martin airfield's control tower nightly

State ferries on Puget sound were 'in the black' in their first five months of operation.

One hundred per cent of WSC's Army and Air ROTC permanent staff volunteered blood donations.

Whidbey Island Naval base expenditures are expected to reach \$75,000,000 before completion.

Each day a pupil is absent from a Skagit county school costs the local district 82 cents in support funds.

A Greenacres man recently set a world's record for a five-shot group in a 100 yard bench rest shoot at Seattle.

Direct dialing of towns near Seattle should be possible in three years through expenditure of three million dollars.

Raspberry growers of the Puyallup valley feel their industry doomed unless specialists can cure a new mysterious plant malady.

World's largest pump is at Coulee dam and world's smallest pump may also be in Washington - one for research purposes at W. S. C.



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PACIFIC NORTHWEST FILLERS

Anchorage is building a new jail.

Sedro Woolley has a 'loggerodeo' each year.

Washington ranks 23rd in population among states.

A half century old car at W.S.C. still runs very well.

Twelve per cent of Alaska's present population is Eskimo.

Chinook tribe of Indians in Washington numbers some 1,200.

Twenty-four per cent of all Montanans are between 45 and 64.

King county cattlemen's association has just been organized.

Washington state gets most new population through migration.

Whitman county wheat averaged 36.85 bushels per acre last year.

A million dollar swing bridge is to span the Skagit at Mount Vernon.

Federal income tax collections in Alaska in '52 exceeded \$40,000,000.

Oregon is one of twelve states to have a feminine teacher-legislator.

Summer News-Index recently printed on slick paper a pictorial section.

To date in '53 Pacific Northwest construction is greater than in 1952.

Fort Simco near Toppenish, military post 97 years ago, is being restored.

Since 1901 Seattle has drawn its water from the Cedar river 26 miles away.

Thirteen thousand acres of South Columbia district are soon to be irrigated.

Alaska's population has increased an estimated 32,000 in the past two years.

Surf destroyed and buried a station wagon stuck in a slough near Ocean Park.

A chromite deposit on Alaska's Kenai peninsula at Red mountain is being developed.

Completion of Chief Joseph dam with 16 generators will bring 1,225,000 kilowatts of power.

WSC Student Book corporation is planning a \$300,000 building, but without use of any state funds.

A 2,658 foot bridge, under construction across the Chehalis at Aberdeen, will cost \$3,364,000.

Washington's Whitman county is again first in the nation in production of both wheat and peas.

Gazzetta Italiana, published in Seattle, mixes stories in English and Italian in alternate columns.

Modern sprinkler irrigation, starting mostly in Oregon some two decades ago, is spreading to Central and South America.

The dairy products sample contest at W.S.C. each spring is believed by sponsors to have developed into the nation's largest.

In 24 miles between Seattle and Tacoma on highway 99 are 169 county road and state highway intersections, plus 264 private drives.

At peak of the fruit and vegetable harvest last season 7,500 people were employed in canning plants of the Yakima and Kittitas valleys.

Receipts from Washington fishing licenses last year topped a million dollars and ranked first in Northwest and eleventh in the nation.

11-15-50

Pullman, Wash., Nov. \_\_\_\_ The twelfth annual meeting of the Washington State College Friends of the Library scheduled here Nov. 17 will have two historic phases.

First, it will be the first meeting of the Friends since the death of one its main supporters, President Emeritus Ernest O. Holland.

Second, it will be the first meeting since the new Holland Library opened last July.

The Friends of the Library was founded in the fall of 1938 as an organization to aid the library. Dr. Holland, who was honorary chairman, worked continuously for its growth along with Joel Ferris of Spokane, who has been president since its founding.

The organization has been important in the growth of the W.S.C. library to some 650,000 volumes, forth largest west of the Rocky Mountains. The Friends have worked hard to encourage more contributions for the College Library.



It also was a driving force behind the movement for the new W.S.C. Library, one of the nation's finest library buildings. The library has space for one million volumes and 2,200 readers. It was designed so the proportion of readers and books can be changed as enrollment and number of volumes changes.

These accomplishments show why the Washington State College Friends of the Library, one of a number of similar groups in America and Europe, has been ranked among the most successful.

This year's meeting will be important because an entire new board of directors will be elected. The retiring members are William M. Landeen, vice chairman, Pullman; U. S. Ashworth, Pullman; Dorothy Dakin, Pullman; G. Donald Smith, secretary, Pullman; C. L. Hix, treasurer, Pullman; F. C. Forrest, Pullman; Robert Neill, Pullman; Albert W. Thompson, Pullman; L. H. Hamblen, Spokane; Velma Phillips, Pullman; and Chairman Ferris.

Dr. Chester C. Maxey, president of Whitman College, will be the guest speaker during the dinner meeting to be held in the Home Economics dining room at 7 P.M. A tour of the new library will be made by the members. Reservation should be mailed to C. R. Armstrong at the College Library, Pullman.



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## NORTHWEST FILLERS

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Wapato is Indian for 'big potato'.

Rock island dam is near Wenatchee.

British Columbia has 914 post offices.

Puget Sound has 1,594 miles of shoreline.

Average acreage of Oregon farms is 308.5.

Coal is Washington's chief mineral product.

There were 85,175 farms in Washington in 1945.

Island county is Washington's smallest inland area.

Lewis & Clark came to the Northwest during 1804-6.

Ten Washington newspapers get out Sunday editions.

The Columbia river touches 10 Washington counties.

Annual Washington wool clip is some five million pounds.

The capital of British Columbia is not on the mainland.

W.S.C. has instructional centers in Spokane and Yakima.

The WSC administration building is 2536 feet above sea level.

Washington has led all states in lumber production since 1905.

Pullman nearly tripled its population between the 1940 and 1950 census.

Highest temperature ever recorded at Portland, Ore., was 104 degrees.

Alphabetically Aberdeen is Washington's first town; Zumwalt the last.

Victoria lies south of Anacortes and Ladysmith is parallel with Blaine.

Montana has a larger Indian population than does any other Northwest state.

"Craters of the Moon" in southeast Idaho became a national monument in 1924.

The Columbia is 14 miles wide at its mouth, yet less than 14 inches at its origin.

Washington's average east-to-west length is 330 miles; its north-to-south width is 220 miles.



WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, March 12--Scholastic averages of students at Washington State College, reported today by Registrar Claude Simpson, shows co-eds leading the men by two-tenths of a grade point. Men at WSC continue to outnumber the women about 2 to 1.

The all-college average for both men and women, based on last semester's grades, stands at 2.43--a C+. The women averaged 2.56 as compared to the men's 2.36.

Differences in last semester's averages, as compared to the spring semester of 1957, shows a slight drop in all divisions.

Fraternity and sorority house averages again topped the list for individual living groups.

Among the girls, the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority compiled the highest grade point of 2.9238--nearly a B. Men at the Farm House, with a 2.7017, led male living groups. Less than a tenth of a grade point behind for the women were the Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma and Gamma Phi Beta sororities.

Other leaders in the men's division were Sigma Nu, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi fraternities.



WSC News Service

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Sept. 23--More co-eds than ever before in the history of the school--2073--are attending Washington State College this fall, according to Registrar Claude Simpson.

It may be that figures on these gals (registration, that is) have also been viewed with interest by the campus male population. In any event they are in abundance as well as the girls.

"When the final totals are in," Simpson said, "enrollment will be the third highest in the history of the school, and will include 2355 new students."

Only in the post-war years of 1947 and 1948 were the figures higher than the 6200 expected this year. Students numbered 6770 in 1947 and 6668 in '48. Previous high co-ed enrollment came in '47 with a total of 1986.

The unprecedented number of women students has called for some changes in original planning by college officials. Steven's Hall was slated for vacancy and a re-modeling job this year. It is now full. One of the two new women's dorms completed this summer was also scheduled to be held in readiness for later bulges, but it has been put into service too and is now full, according to Dean of Students John C. Clevenger.

As for the men on campus, about 200 have been assigned to North House, one of the carry-over dormitories. It's expected to be empty by the end of the first semester, however, Clevenger said, as snap pledging by fraternities and regular drop outs occur.



WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, June 1--Much of the criticism of this country's system of higher education is not based on facts of the matter, according to Dr. C. Clement French, president of Washington State College.

Addressing 6500 people in Rogers Field Sunday afternoon as he spoke at the 62nd annual commencement exercises, Dr. French stressed the strength in American higher education today.

"Too frequently, the criticism we've heard about the system since the Russians launched Sputnik I has been based on what some people thought rather than upon their true knowledge," he said.

At the present time, he said, Great Britain and other European countries are examining their higher educational programs with a questioning eye. He said they are now wondering whether it is best, in light of today's world, to limit the privileges of education.

"We've tried to teach you graduates to think--to know the facts on a subject before sounding off. In spite of the defects that our education system has, we have something the rest of the world envies us for. I hope that you will give it your support," Dr. French said.

Earlier in WSC's Commencement day, more than 100 Army and Air Force cadets were commissioned second lieutenants following an address by Major General Francis M. Day, commanding general of the 10th United States Army Corps, Fort Lawton.

He told the graduates that service life is not basically different from any other life and, as military personnel, they will be able to live comfortably with the satisfaction of knowing they have served their country well.

Sunday morning's Baccalaureate speaker, Washington State Supreme Court Chief Justice Matthew W. Hill, urged the graduates and nearly 2000 assembled parents and relatives that the people of this country should develop a "--real sense of humility and responsibility."

With these basic qualities, Chief Justice Hill urged that a true world



add graduation speakers-WSC

brotherhood be developed that will ask "--did the other person get his fair share and that to which he is entitled."

"And," he went on, "We will not be able to build a better world without the plumb-line of God's justice."

Sunday's ceremonies, marked by excellent weather conditions, saw more than 800 degrees confirmed on the graduates with several hundred others listed in the graduation program. Some of these graduated earlier and some will finish at the end of summer term work.



WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, July 7--Critics of this country's educational system were taken to task today by Dr. Willard B. Spaulding as he opened the two-day A.A. Cleveland Conference at Washington State College.

Dr. Spaulding warned against following suggested plans by certain people who have backed sweeping changes in face of the Space Age.

"We will serve our country best if we continue to devote our efforts toward developing educational programs aimed at the full development of individual children," Dr. Spaulding told more than 150 principals, superintendents, and other educators present.

"When we do this, there will always be enough children who are interested in science or in mathematics to maintain the needed supply of scholars," said the keynote speaker who is chairman of the division of education at Portland State College.

Particularly blasting the idea of educating only the "elite", Dr. Spaulding said that the Space Age "--will demand more able informed citizens and workers, rather than fewer."

"We need never be ashamed of our past, present and future emphasis upon education to achieve the goal of a better life for all," he said.

Contrary to some critics of this country's educational policies, Dr. Spaulding expressed the belief that American education is as good or better than that received in Europe. He said that the progress of this country is proof enough.

"Was this progress made by a people with an inferior educational system and if so, inferior to what? To their own ideals perhaps, but to little else," Dr. Spaulding said.

Warning against governmental or military pressures, Dr. Spaulding said, "There are strong forces already underway which are re-shaping our ways of life and our forms of government. If they are allowed to continue unchecked they may turn the school into an instrument of the state."

He urged that this country continue to educate in such a way as to encourage each pupil to develop to his fullest potential.



WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, July 16--"Sororities and You," the 1958 Panhellenic handbook, has been mailed this week to all new women students planning to attend WSC this fall.

The handbook features pictures of college life, sorority's pins and campus houses. Prospective rushees will find answers to most of their questions in this year's booklet, according to Sue Marsh, Yakima, rush chairman.

Rush week starts September 5 this year. "Squeal dinner," when members welcome new pledges, is set for September 12.

Rush registration date deadline will be August 15, according to Mrs. Hilmer Axling, executive secretary of Panhellenic, which is composed of representatives from each of WSC's 13 sororities.

Prospective rushees were reminded by Mrs. Axling that the dormitory room deposit fee of \$25 must be paid to College Housing and Food before a rush registration can be completed.

During rush week, rushees will have an opportunity to visit each of the sororities at "open house" and during calling hours. Invitations will be issued for coffee hours, desserts, luncheons and dinners.

The new book, edited by Gail Moyer, Pullman, includes the official Panhellenic rush week registration card which can be clipped out and sent to Panhellenic.

Greetings from Patricia Yenter, Cashmere, Panhellenic president, and Catherine M. Northrup, associate dean of students for women, are contained in the booklet.

Other Panhellenic officers assisting with rush will be Janet Thompson, Spokane, vice president; Patsy Pirkey, Sunnyside, secretary; Sharon Konicek, Murtaugh, Idaho, treasurer.

During the week, all rushees will be housed in Davis, Wilmer, and Duncan Dunn dormitories.



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WSC News Service

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, August 12 - Young ladies wanting to go through sorority rush at Washington State College next month have through next Saturday to mail their applications, Panhellenic officials reminded today.

Rush week begins Sept. 4 at WSC and applications postmarked on or before August 15 will be accepted.

Officials say some 260 girls already have registered for rush at the thirteen sororities and several more are expected this week. Jean Parson, Olympia, is rush chairman this year. She will be assisted by Nola Nold, Tacoma; Sue Terry, Olympia; Ann Pickard, Seattle; and Jackie Olmsted, Deer Park.



## WSC Feature Service

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Dec. 21--The nation's No. 1 collection of Nez Perce Indian and Nez Perce war material has been catalogued at Washington State College and is ready for use by researchers and students of Northwest history, it was announced today.

The collection was made by the late L. V. McWhorter, of Yakima, and is named in his honor. It contains a treasure of Pacific Northwest historical and anthropological material, according to Nelson Ault, WSC associate professor of English. Ault catalogued the hundreds of thousands of books, letters and other items to make the material "available" to researchers.

"Without some means to guide him, a researcher interested in such things as the changes in Indian culture brought about by contact with white men would have to wade through the entire collection to find the core of material of interest to him," Ault said.

With the catalogue before him the researcher can find materials of interest to him in short time.

L. V. McWhorter was a friend of the Indian and collector of Indian artifacts from the time he was a boy.

He was especially interested in the Nez Perce and Yakima Indians, and much of the collection concerns these two tribes. Clifford R. Armstrong, acting director of WSC libraries, says the collection is "the No. 1" collection of Nez Perce Indian and Nez Perce War material.

McWhorter was the author of four books and numerous articles about Inland Empire Indians and he founded two magazines, the "American Archeologist" and the "American Indian Tepee."

He began to collect materials about the Nez Perce Indian War of 1877 around 1903. Out of this research came two of his most famous



## Add McWhorter Collection--

books, "Yellow Wolf: His Own Story" (1940) and "Hear Me My Chiefs!" The latter was published posthumously in 1952.

The McWhorter collection occupies 25 vertical file drawers and about 24 feet of book shelves in the archives room of the Holland Library here. The collection includes reference books; a manuscript history partly complete; correspondence with Indian warriors and their old soldier antagonists covering 40 years; correspondence with local historians and with leaders and organizations interested in Indian welfare; clippings; photographs; governmental publications; miscellaneous history publications; unpublished manuscripts; a few rare books; fragmentary notes; printed materials related to local and national Indian legislation, and Indian legends.

Officially, the catalogue lists 1674 items. But this is an arbitrary number set by McWhorter in the process of collecting the material. According to Ault, one item number might represent one book or as many as 300 letters.

"If each item were counted separately I am sure that the number would run into the hundreds of thousands," he says.

V. O. McWhorter, well-known Yakima rancher, presented his father's collection to the College in 1947. Ault, who is interested in the cultural history of the Pacific Northwest, began cataloguing the collection two years ago.

Ault says he had three choices when he started working on the collection. He could have made an index, a catalogue, or a calendar. He said an index is unsatisfactory because it furnishes no clue to the novice whether or not an item is important. A calendar (a detailed description of each item arranged systematically) was also unsatisfactory. Ault says calendars are too bulky and too expensive to compile.



Add one McWhorter Collection--

Instead Ault decided to build a description catalogue. The items were left in McWhorter's original order but each item is described briefly. Eventually, Ault intends to make an index for the catalogue. He expects this will take about one year to complete.

The collection is a valuable primary source of Pacific Northwest history, according to Herman J. Deutsch, professor of history at WSC. Deutsch, who knew McWhorter, has this to say about the collection:

"Anybody studying the Indian rights movement, the liquor control policy, or the struggle for water in Yakima between the Indians and whites would have to study the McWhorter collection before he could say his work was definitive."

Deutsch also believes the anthropologist "can gain very substantially" by working through the collection. He says the material is of especial interest to the cultural anthropologist.