

## MINUTES

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#### YAKIMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A meeting of the Yakima Advisory Committee was held at the Grange Headquarters Building at Yakima, Washington, at 12:00 noon on May 24, 1951. The meeting was called to order by Walter J. Purdin, Chairman of the Committee.

Present were:

Walter J. Purdin, Chairman

Miss S. I. Anthon

John Dobie

Joe Dobie

George M. Martin, Secretary

### 1. Mattoon Cabin

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Mr. Purdin reported that the Mattoon cabin had been completed except for the chimney, which was being constructed by members of the family. He also stated that two markers would be placed upon the highway by the Highway Department. It was suggested that the driveway into the cabin should be gravelled, and Mr. Purdin agreed to take the matter up with the State Highway Department in an effort to have the State Highway Department put on the necessary gravel, inasmuch as the driveway has been deeded to the State of Washington.

### 2. Painted Rocks

Mr. Purdin reported that the Painted Rocks project was practically complete, the walkaway and steps having been installed. It was the opinion of the Committee that the parking area should eventually be developed, when funds became available.

### 3. Fort Simcoe

Mr. Martin reported that the Yakima Tribal Council had passed the resolution authorizing the establishment of Fort Simcoe as a national monument; and that the matter had been referred to the authorities in Washington, D.C.; and that resolutions were presently being obtained from various historical societies, civic organizations, Chambers of Commerce, and other groups urging the creation of the national monument. He also reported that the Indian Department was agreeable to having a caretaker at the Fort prior to the establishment as a national monument provided funds could be obtained to pay for the caretaker's salary. Various troops of Boy Scouts in the Yakima Valley spent three days at the Fort cleaning up the debris, rubbish and leaves, and did a great deal toward removing the fire hazard existing. Mr. Martin highly commended the Scouts for their effort. It is estimated that at least a year's time will be required to obtain the establishment of Fort Simcoe national monument.

### 4. Pioneer Cemetery at Union Gap

Mr. Purdin reported that the State Highway Department had agreed to place suitable highway markers in order that the public might be guided to the cemetery.



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Mr. Purdin made a general report concerning the State-wide activities of the State Committee on Historical Sites, after which the meeting was adjourned.

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