
THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL

Pacific Northwest History Conference

APRIL 13, 14, 15, 1961

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Registration will be conducted in the lobby of the Marcus Whitman Hotel, Thursday afternoon from 2:00 till 5:00, and Friday morning from 9:00 till 12:00. All sessions of the conference will be held in the Marcus Whitman Hotel unless otherwise noted in this program.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

12:30—Luncheon meeting, museum directors, curators, and workers.

Chairman: H. J. Swinney, Director, Idaho Historical Society.

Speaker: Joseph A. Patterson, Director, American Association of Museums. "Museum Organizations and their Services to Members."

2:00—Discussion of possible formation of Northwest Museums Conference.

Chairman: Joseph A. Patterson.

3:00-5:00—Tour of local historical sites. Walla Walla County Historical & Pioneer Society.

7:30—Illustrated lecture.

Presiding: Mrs. Florence D. Reed, Director, Eastern Washington State Historical Society.

Speaker: Erna Gunther, Director, Washington State Museum. "Northwestern American Treasures in North European Museums."

8:30—Informal reception for all guests of the conference. The Daughters of the Pioneers of the State of Washington, Chapter No. 12.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

10:00-11:30—Panel Discussion, THE COLUMBIA RIVER: AN INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE.

Chairman: Herman J. Deutsch, Professor of History, Washington State University.

Panel: Mrs. Robert J. Stuart, Director of the National Board, and member, National Water Resources Committee, The League of Women Voters, Spokane, Washington;

Charles B. Bourne, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia;

Cameron Sherwood, Attorney, Walla Walla.

12:00—Conference Luncheon.

Presiding: Michael Kennedy, Director, Historical Society of Montana.

Speaker: Richard D. Daugherty, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Washington State University. "Archaeological Research in the Lower Snake River Region."

2:00-3:30 Panel discussion, THE COLUMBIA RIVER: PLANNING ITS DEVELOPMENT.

Chairman: Richard K. Stuart, Professor of Economics, Whitman College.

Panel: Boyd Austin, Assistant Director, Region I, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation; William E. Folz, Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Idaho; Major Laurence L. Heimerl, CE, Acting District Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer District, Walla Walla; Herman C. Voeltz, Assistant Professor of History, General Extension Division, Oregon State System of Higher Education; Herbert G. West, Executive Vice President, Inland Empire Waterways Association.

3:45-5:00—Panel discussion, THE COLUMBIA RIVER: SOURCES AND MATERIALS ON ITS HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT.

Chairman: Bruce Le Roy, Director, Washington State Historical Society.

Panel: Charles M. Gates, Professor of History, University of Washington; Robert B. Hitchman, Seattle; Bruce Peel, Librarian, University of Alberta.

4:00-5:00—Student panel discussion. Student Center, Whitman College. R. R. Palmer, THE AGE OF THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION. Sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta Chapters, Washington State University and Lewis and Clark College, and The Political Union, Whitman College.

Presiding: Jerry Hillis, Whitman College.

Chairman: John Christian, Washington State University.

6:30—Conference Banquet.

Presiding: Louis B. Perry, President, Whitman College.

Presentation of Awards, Robert L. Whitner, Conference Chairman.

Speaker: Norman L. Krey, Manager, Northwest Operations, Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation. "The Columbia and Aluminum in War and Peace."

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

8:00-9:00—Breakfast meeting, Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress. Student Center, Whitman College.

Presiding: Siegfried B. Rolland, Professor of History, University of Idaho, Chairman of the Council.

9:00-10:00—Open House, Penrose Memorial Library and Museum of Northwest History, Whitman College.

10:00-11:30—Papers, PERSONALITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF GRAND COULEE DAM AND THE COLUMBIA BASIN RECLAMATION PROJECT.

Sponsored by the Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress. Whitman College Theater.

Chairman: Francis D. Haines, Jr., Professor of History, Southern Oregon College.

Bruce Mitchell, University of Washington; Click Relander, Yakima

Republic;
Commentator: Arthur S. Taylor, Chairman, Social Science Division, Southern Oregon College.

12:00—Conference Luncheon. Marcus Whitman Hotel.

Presiding: Thomas Vaughan, Director, Oregon Historical Society.

Speaker: The Honorable Clarence C. Dill, former U. S. Senator from Washington. "The Columbia River and the Pacific Northwest."

THE COLUMBIA RIVER

The early explorers of the Pacific Northwest came seeking two great myths — the Northwest Passage and the Great River of the West. Though no one had seen either, men wanted so much to find them that they believed that they existed. In their search they poked the prows of their ships into inlet and river mouth; overland they followed pass and stream. In the end the Northwest Passage proved to be nothing but a myth, but the Great River of the West was real.

The Columbia River has come to be infinitely more important to our region than it was thought to be by those who sought a shorter route to the Orient or a highway for the fur trade. Today it is the most important single natural resource of the Pacific Northwest.

This conference is dedicated to the Great River of the West and its history, to the men who have harnessed it, made use of it, and to all those who plan great things for its development in our day and in the future.

Robert L. Whitner,
Conference Chairman

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