

Northwest History Conference, Helena, Mont. May 7-9, 1954

Friday evening, Frontier town. Dr. Athearn, speaker:

Boundary jealousy, history of subdivisions, historical Balkanization.
Tariff boundaries erected. A form of myropis.

Buyers of packaged history are in search of sweets.

All history local in a sense. Each a miniature nation.
Every thought that came to human mind was conceived in a local setting.
The world is the sum total of its communities.

The professional or orthodox historian has steered away from pin-
pointing .

Left local front, to antiquarian...undue respect for fathers, grand-
fathers and great-grandfathers.

Town or local county history produced by individual who has
antiquarianism.. he is working the tailings left by others and usually
the panning is pretty ~~xxxx~~ light.

The historical quarterlies provide a launching platform for the
historians

Historical society. Support. It can also attract the orthodox
historian who will do something over . Publishers by formula.

Would save us another Custer each year.

Subsidies. Moral support is really not very effective.

"What do we care about them fellers, they're dead aint they?"

Embalmed in print.

University presses. Pretty well reserved for staff members.

Caxtons--wrong.

Montana magazine of history, circulation around 7,000.

Inquired for Historical society headquarters. I looked around
for the historical headquarters and when I arrived, the curator was
surprised..

Saturday

Neuerberger:

Oregon. Museum in basement etc. (wrong, based on society upstairs)

Too much stuffy writing.

Even if you are not right, people will think you are. The five devils of the popular history writer.

Friends for accuracy.

Footnotes page 1, World Almanac, ibids.

Native son cult. Unless you were born, raised (sic) there.

Purists.

Twain? The average American would rather see Lillian Russell naked than U.S. Grant in Full Uniform.

It can't be good if its popular school.

New York Tribune. What the Good Lord lets happen, I'll put in the paper.

Unfused..

I believe in disarmament. But Russia has to disarm if we are to disarm.

Saturday noon. Guthrie. U. of W, 1919-20. Writer.

Kentucky story.. tried sinning and not sinning, and I confess, I like sinning the best.

Justice not in sense of idolitry but of truth. We don't have enough of the common appraisers.

Perfection is something we strive for, but none of us ever attains it, thank heaven.

History in fiction offers perspectives. We feel we know its place, tone and pitch.

Burdens differ. Temptation. Use of history. Can't distort, etc.

History--broad outline, social conflicts.

What men wore, how they talked, how they fashioned their lives.

More specific and less editorial description.