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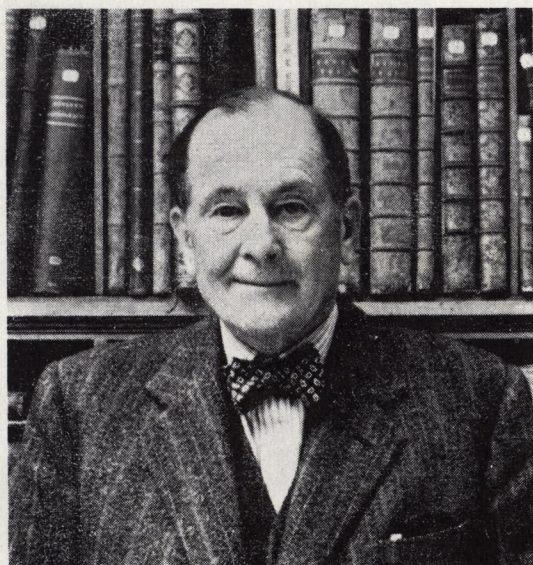
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The 12th annual PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORY CONFERENCE will be held at the Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Oregon beginning Thursday evening, April 9 at 8:30 P.M. This years meeting is hosted by the Oregon Historical Society in conjunction with its 5th annual Oregon Spring History Forum. This regional conference will attract some 500 amateur and professional historians to the three day program.

This significant conference has wide appeal. Among the featured speakers are the distinguished historians: Samuel Eliot Morison, Webster Jones, John Hussey and the five directors of state historical societies on the West Coast: Idaho, California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. The conference will close late Saturday afternoon with a pioneer and Indian fashion show featuring authentic costumes collected by Dr. Erna Gunther of the University of Washington. Registration opens at 4:00 P.M. Thursday, April 9 at the Multnomah Hotel.

The public is invited to all sessions beginning with the SESSION EXTRAORDINAIRE, "Thursday evening. JOHN DAY of Medford, board member of the Oregon Historical Society, will show his films of bear hunting off the Russian Coast, hunting on Kodiak Island and a record of his ascents of every major Cascade peak during the summer of 1957. This is a memorable film. Also the prize-winning Oregon Historical Society film, Roots of the Tree, will be given a demand repeat showing Thursday evening.

Friday morning will be left open for general tours in the area. A reprint of historical sights in the Portland area on the opposite page has been included from the folder printed for the Oregon Historical Society by Pendleton Woolen Mills.

A list of points of interest in metropolitan Portland will be available at the registration desk. Among the special arrangements for the pleasure of those attending will be a tour of KGW-TV and an opportunity to view the broadcast of "Telescope" at the studio.

We hope that you will conserve your energies and be back at the Multnomah well in time for the 12:15 lunch featuring a distinguished scholar and bookman, former OHS board member, WEBSTER JONES. Mr. Jones is now a resident of Los Angeles. His long awaited study of the great books of the Oregon Country is a superb topic for this Centennial year. Please be prompt.

There have been several important changes in the historical scene in the last two years. This is your unusual opportunity to pin down the new and old directors of state historical societies of the Northwest. They will appear together on the Friday afternoon session beginning at 2:30 p.m. The Chairman is Oregon's distinguished historian, PROFESSOR DOROTHY O. JOHANSEN, Reed College and OHS director.

After a brief social hour Friday evening the annual dinner will feature SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON, Harvard University. President MALCOLM BAUER of the Oregon Historical Society will preside at the meeting. The topic is new and of special interest to author and audience. "The Pacific as a Strategic Area." There will again be a special demand for these tickets, so please reserve early.

Important business will be undertaken by Oregon's affiliated societies and the annual business meeting of the Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress. These special no host breakfasts will be held in the hotel at 7:45. All officers and board members should plan to attend.

The papers scheduled for Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m., by title evidence unusual originality. The speakers and commentators for this scholarly session bring a genuine contribution to this Centennial Conference. Be sure and set this time aside and consult the program for all topics and speakers.

For those of you who have followed the recent developments in Pacific Northwest art history, Saturday noon lunch will be of special appeal. DR. FRANZ STENZEL, Portland physician and Western collector will give a "Survey of Oregon Country Artists before 1860." The rich subject has been virtually ignored in former years, but Dr. Stenzel is rapidly filling in an important area in Pacific Northwest history. Slides of previously unknown artists will be shown at this session.

Saturday afternoon's session is designed for general interest with five distinguished participants. Leading off the session is DR. ERNA GUNTHER discussing "Captain George Vancouver in Washington." Messrs. JOHN HUSSEY and WILLIAM EVERHART will report on "Long Range Planning on National and Local Historic Sites." MRS. HAZEL MILLS, Oregon State Library, will talk on "The Emergence of Frances Fuller Victor - Historian." Former legislator, DON WILLNER, Portland attorney, has done monumental work with recent studies of migrant workers in the Pacific Northwest. His topic "New Oregon Migrations" will interest all social and economic historians. MISS ELOISE EBERT, Oregon State Librarian, will chair the session.

After the session, a special Centennial program will be shown featuring native and pioneer costumes and a series of authentic dances. This program and tea will be held in the main foyer of the hotel. During the tea hour we expect a large local audience so be sure to reserve space. The program is directed by Dr. Gunther.

Every session has been designed for maximum attendance at every level of interest. There will be special series of exhibits including local publishers in the hotel lobby.