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THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

The Ohio Valley Historic Indian Conference will hold its third annual meeting in the Rackham Building at the University of Michigan, on November 4 and 5, 1955. Members of the conference are asked to submit titles of papers to be read at this meeting, to Erminie Wheeler Voegelin, Executive Secretary, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, before October 21, (see postal enclosed). Hosts for the annual meeting this year are the Museum of Anthropology, and Clements Library, University of Michigan. Dr. James B. Griffin, Director of the Museum, and Dr. Howard Peckham, Director of Clements Library, are in charge of local arrangements.

RESOLUTION TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES

At the suggestion of Dr. Gaston Litton, Archivist at the University of Oklahoma, the Executive Committee of OVHIC voted to send a Resolution to Dr. Wayne C. Grover, Archivist of the United States, recommending that a Consultantship be established on American Indian and Frontier Affairs, at the National Archives. On July 27 the following Resolution was sent to Dr. Grover:

WHEREAS, the Archives of the United States constitute our nation's basic and primary resources for the study of the American Indian and the changing frontier, and

WHEREAS, the American aborigines and the moving frontier will continue to receive major emphasis by our nation's scholars in the several fields of the social sciences and humanities, and

WHEREAS, an understanding of our country's history and contemporary life is dependent upon the fullest exploitation of these archival resources, and

WHEREAS, these archival resources are of diverse origin and must be grouped administratively according to their provenance, which makes impossible any regrouping of them along the lines of a subject interest, and

Copies of the OVHIC Resolution were sent to officers of the American Anthropological Association, Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and the American Folklore Society, with the suggestion that these national professional organizations might like to submit a similar Resolution. The secretary of the American Folklore Society stated that that Society would send in a Resolution; officers of the other two societies agreed to place the matter before their Society's Executive Committees at the Fall meetings of those bodies.

OVHIC-MVHA SESSION

The Ohio Valley Historic Indian Conference hold a joint session with the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at the forty-eighth Annual Meeting of MVHA, at St. Louis, Missouri, on the afternoon of April 29, 1955. The joint session was devoted to the topic "Indians: Views and Resources", and was chairmanned by Dwight L. Smith, review editor of *ETHNOHISTORY* and member of the Department of History of Miami University. The following program was presented:

The Great Father and the Indian Frontier, 1789-1887
Colin B. Goodykoontz, University of Colorado

Resources of The National Archives for the Study of the American Indian
Gaston Litton, University of Oklahoma

Comment

James H. Rodabaugh, Ohio State Archaeological
and Historical Society
Solon J. Buck, Library of Congress

The session was well attended, and both papers led to lively discussion from the floor as well as from the commentators. Dr. Litton's paper has been published in the Summer, 1955 number of *ETHNOHISTORY* (Vol. 2, No. 3, pp. 191-208, 1955). It is also planned to publish Dr. Goodykoontz' paper in a future number of the same journal.

Whether the Ohio Valley Historic Indian Conference will hold another joint session with the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at the next annual meeting of MVHA depends on whether the latter organization decides to continue a policy of holding joint sessions with several societies whose fields of interest are allied with MVHA.