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TWO NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO BOARD OF CURATORS OF STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At its annual meeting April 7 the State Historical Society added two women to its Board of Curators,-- Mrs. Byron D. Scott of Tacoma and Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler of Mercer Island.

Mrs. Scott is the daughter of the late S. A. Perkins, who had headed the Society for more than 10 years and held the honored position of Curator Emeritus at the time of his death.

Mrs. Peeler, one of the best known women of the state, had served previously on the Board.

Roe Shaub of Tacoma was re-elected vice-president for three years. Board members re-elected included: Mrs. Eva Anderson, Chelan; Harold Barto, Ellensburg; Dr. Arthur S. Cory, Chehalis; Mrs. Della Gould Emmons, Tacoma; Chas. M. Gates, Seattle; Click Relander, Yakima; Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, Tacoma; and Stanton Warburton, Jr., Tacoma.

Jack Wright, Director of the Community Development Bureau of the University, was the principal speaker. A number of local societies were represented. New exhibits in the building were seen and refreshments closed the afternoon.

GROUP ATTENDANCE IN STATE BUILDING SETS NEW RECORD FOR SCHOOL YEAR

When more than 600 schools groups visit a museum in a year, that's a lot of young Washingtonians, as can be attested by Mrs. Elizabeth Taplin, receptionist. The May record was 99,-- we wanted 100 but couldn't quite make it. Ten years ago there were no groups. A record we're proud of.

Membership in the Washington State Historical Society is a sound investment. Also one in your local society.

BRUCE WILSON, RITZVILLE EDITOR, HEADS NEW ADAMS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Adams County is the latest county to join the ranks of counties boasting local historical societies, organization of a fine society with more than 60 members having been completed at Ritzville.

Officers are: Bruce A. Wilson, Ritzville, president; Mrs. Gladys Para, Othello, vice-president; Mrs. J. C. Kittel, Ritzville, secy.; Mrs. Georgia Hays, Lind, treasurer.

Nine committees were named, five of them county-wide in scope. The first project will be a display at the county fair. The second will be encouragement of the study of local history in schools.

The Society was not hastily organized. Bruce Wilson's Ritzville Journal-Times has been publicizing the need for weeks and the Woman's Club, headed by Mrs. Carl Spliid, was very active. With such backing the Society faces a bright future. Click Relander of Yakima, State Society Board member, represented the Society at one of the early meetings.

FOUR STATES AND BRITISH COLUMBIA AT ANNUAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

The four states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, together with British Columbia, were represented at the Eighth Annual Pacific Northwest History Conference.

Joining the State Society in sponsorship were the College of Puget Sound, Pacific Lutheran College, and the Tacoma Public Library. Programs were held on the campus of the College of Puget Sound.

Banquet speakers were Stewart Holbrook of Portland and Miner Baker of Seattle. Panel discussions proved unusually interesting. Fort Nisqually and the State Society building were visited.

FEDERAL WAY'S PRESERVATION OF HISTORY WILL PAY DIVIDENDS A unique and most interesting historical spot was dedicated in the Federal Way Shopping Center June 15. The Center is for business but in the heart of it is a bit of history-- blockhouse restoration, a couple of original log houses, water wheel, etc. This bit of Washington history will pay dividends, a lot more than its sponsors realize today. Congratulations to Federal Old Line Insurance Co.

CLARKSTON TAKES LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION SERIOUSLY

There's a tendency to call it a day when Lewis and Clark reached the Pacific and put the observance back into the file. No so Greater Clarkston Association, Secretary Co is the leader and they feel the return trip is just as important as the journey west. The Association sponsored an auto caravan last year over the route and in July another caravan starts a trek over the return route. That's really doing a complete job on the Lewis and Clark Sesqui-Centennial.

BOTH MEETINGS A SUCCESS Last News-Letter carried stories of two important events just ahead-- the Society's annual meeting and the Pacific Northwest History Conference. Both have come and gone. Both were successful. The first was a Society staff job and on the second splendid cooperation was received from the College of Puget Sound, Pacific Lutheran College and the Tacoma Library. They and all those on the program have had "Thank You" letters, but it's good for the public to know of the help given the Society in making the Conference good.

SOON A SOCIETY-SPONSORED BOOK The Washington Society hasn't published a book for a long time. In fact it really hasn't assumed full responsibility for a good many years but very soon the Publications Committee will have the Society as publisher of an outstanding book on Fort Vancouver. It will be worth watching for and, when it comes, having in every member's library.

RESTORED FORT SIMCOE WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED TO PUBLIC AUGUST 12th

Fort Simcoe's Centennial will be observed Aug. 12 with the formal opening of the restored fort. This has been the State Park Dept.'s major project and plans for the event have been under way for months. Al Culverwell, Dept. Historian, has had charge of the work.

Roscoe Sheller, Sunnyside, president of the Fort Simcoe Restoration Assn., is in charge of the program, with lots of "assists".

In connection with the event Dean Guie, Yakima editor, has written a book on the military side of the fort. This will prove a very valuable publication.

BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW YAKIMA MUSEUM WERE CALLED JUNE 12th.

News-Letter readers have had their attention called frequently to the new museum for Yakima, to cost \$140,000. Bids have been called and work will start soon, is probably under way. The museum will be located in Centennial Park, adjoining the Franklin Junior High.

FOUNDATION FOR NEW ORCAS ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM LAID MAY 23

"Here is News" is the way a letter from Orcas Island Historical Society started off. Certainly an understatement of there ever was one.

They're going to have their new museum. The foundation was laid May 23. On these foundations will be placed four homestead cabins, with probability of a fifth. Volunteer labor is responsible.

Most of the cabins are 70 years old. It is hoped that at least two of the cabins will be re-assembled for the annual Historical Society Parade July 23.

Thirty or more floats are expected in the parade, which takes place in East Sound. When the Society leaders started dreaming of a museum just a short time ago, attainment seemed far away, but now the work is actually under way. That's the history of local society museum programs. First a dream, then work and more work, plus a few dollars along the way. This is a great record for a young, new society!

HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATED MEMORIAL DAY AT POINT NO POINT

Sogning of a treaty between Governor Stevens and the Indians 101 years ago was observed Memorial Day by the dedication of a marker at Point No Point.

Sponsoring the event were the Kitsap County Historical Association, Capt. Wilkes Chapter D.A.R., and the Elizabeth Ellington Chapter D.A.R. Miss Chloe Sutton headed the marker committee. The plaque itself was designed and made by Harry Keith.

Judge Matthew W. Hill of the State Supreme Court was the principal speaker. Others participating were Rev. Wm. Kitsap, Native Indian Shaker Church; Mrs. Walter Johns and Mrs. R. N. Hein. C.W. Beck of Port Orchard presided. Music was furnished by the North Kitsap High School Band.

The plaque was attached to a giant boulder which had been moved to a spot inside the government grounds. Much volunteer work was involved in the project. The event was given excellent news coverage in the Bremerton Sun.

TWO SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

"Handicrafts of Belgium" and "Europe at Your Window" featured two programs of the Snohomish County Historical Association. The Association continues to work toward its goal of a museum building.

WE LIKE THIS "TICKET"

From a Tacoma Police Dept. letter:

"We want to thank you for letting us use the old Tacoma pictures for our 24th Annual Police Ball. We are still receiving comments on the pictures. Your assistance made this the most successful ball in our history.

G. R. Nyland, Gen. Chairman"

CLICK RELANDER BOOK OUT SOON

"Drummers and Dreamers", by Click Relander, city editor of the Yakima Republic and member of the State Society Board, will be out this fall. Mr. Relander has put in a vast amount of work on this book and it will be a "must" for those interested in Indian history.

CLALLAM COUNTY'S NEW MUSEUM TO BE COMPLETED VERY SOON

From the Clallam County Historical Society comes a picture of its new museum to be completed very soon. They have 185 active members. It's truly a community enterprise,-- National Park Service, community, High School Trades Class.

The building will be valued at \$100,000. when completed. Another great local museum project with the goal in sight.

A LIVELY YOUNGSTER

Three years ago the Mercer Island Historical Society was organized. Frank Sandin is President. An Annual Antique Show is planned for fall. 58 enthusiastic members. Markers are planned.

HISTORICAL GEM DEDICATED

Want a thrill? Visit the Historical Center in the new Federal Way Shopping Center. Two log cabins moved to the Center, replica of San Juan Blockhouse, pioneer water wheel in the setting, was dedicated June 15. Sponsor is Federal Old Line Insurance Co., helping preserve Northwest history in dramatic manner.

THOSE BUSY ROCK HOUNDS

"Busy" is an understatement when applied to Rock Hounds. Their bulletins tell of trips to every part of the state, and you will see the results in their fine display in the State Building.

1956 LEWIS AND CLARK RETURN AUTO CARAVAN A GREATER CLARKSTON PROJECT

The Greater Clarkston Association sponsored an auto caravan last year, following the Expedition's trail west. July 15 a return caravan leaves Fort Clatsop. A great project headed by the energetic Secretary Coe and a lot of equally enthusiastic associates.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SOCIETY ACTIVE

Director Foster of the State Society was the guest of the Jefferson County Society at its annual meeting. The Society has a fine little museum and is doing a great work.

ALWAYS BUSY AT OLYMPIA

The State Capital Society under direction of Mrs. Ida Burford, always has an active program under way. Armed Services Day and National Music Week offered recent themes for fine programs.

"AMERICANA DISPLAY" IN SEATTLE

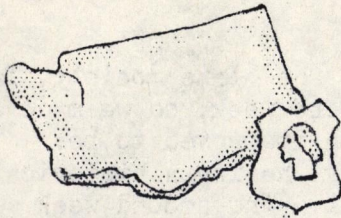
An elaborate display of "Americana" designed by Mrs. Thomas Stimson from early Seattle homes is featured in the Seattle Historical Museum. Industrial hours for children, summer plan.

FOUR NOMINATIONS for Awards by the American Assn. for State and Local History have been forwarded by State Chairman Chapin Foster. This state has fared well in the past.

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INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM WEEK PROVED SUCCESS
FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING.

More than 250 museums across the nation participated in the first International Museum Week, according to reports from the U.S. Chairman, Dr. W. Stephens Thomas, of Rochester, N.Y.

In the case of the State Society, the entire month of October was used for the observance.

Pacific Gallery Artists had booked the gallery early in the year. Members accepted the suggestion that they based new paintings on some piece of Washington history. This produced a very interesting show. Pioneers were the guests the second Sunday afternoon, with a dozen Daughters of Pioneers in pioneer costume.

The third Sunday marked the opening of two exhibit sections on the fifth floor that has undergone complete face-lifting operations. Making a very full month and one which attracted wide attention.

The Tacoma News-Tribune rendered outstanding publicity service. The report from Dr. Thomas was that no comparable society received so much publicity. Local radio stations cooperated and the Rotary Club gave over a program to the Society, with Judge Matthew W. Hill as the speaker.

Museum Week was observed by the State Capitol Museum with an Open House which proved very successful. It is hoped that every museum in Washington will observe the "week" next year.

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MORE FACE-LIFTING IN PROGRESS

Another face-lifting project is in progress in the State Society building, with Mrs. H. O. Wheeler of the Lakes District sponsoring complete new cases in the Women's Alcove on the fifth floor. Very soon "Closed for Remodeling" signs will be seen across the alcove's entrance.

NEW ADAMS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LAUNCHES IMPORTANT PROJECTS

The Adams County Historical Society was not hastily organized but a very thorough job was done, as attested by the progress report received.

With from 30 to 40 expected at the annual banquet in Othello Nov. 18th, 80 were present. Thirty had attended the quarterly meeting in Lind in September. The Society has a paid-up membership of 130.

Historical exhibits at the Tri-County fair at Othello and the County fair at Ritzville attracted wide attention and praise.

Pioneers are being interviewed and their stories taped. Five have been interviewed so far. Studies have been started to place historical markers at the Ben Hutchinson cabin on Crab Creek, the Cascade City site near Lind, the George Lucas corrals between Benge and Washtucna, and the Colville Trail crossing of U. S. Highway 10 near Spague Lake. The County has allocated \$300. toward the expense of this work.

Officers of the Society are: Mrs. Gladys Para, Othello, President; W. G. Danekos, Ritzville, Vice-Pres.; Helen Lee, Ritzville, Secretary; Mrs. Clarence Weaver, Lind, Treasurer. Nine committees have been named.

Interviewing pioneers, cataloguing relics and marking historical sites are basic objectives of the Society, which has made a fine start during its first year.

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A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

Why not a Historical Society membership as a Christmas gift. Either a state or a local society membership, or better still, membership in both organizations. Also a historical Northwest book.

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MUSEUM WEEK A SUCCESS

It wasn't a "Week" in the case of the State Society, for there was too much to crowd into one week, so we made it a Month, and a very successful Month it proved to be. The Art Exhibit featured only paintings having a historical background, a very popular exhibit. The second week honored Pioneers and during the third week two new exhibit halls were opened. The co-operation accorded was tops. In the case of the News-Tribune, the national chairman, Dr. W. Stephens Thomas of Rochester, wrote that he knew of no comparable Society that approached the Tacoma publicity record.

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DITTO MUSEUM CONFERENCE

We'd been talking about an informal Museum Historical Society Conference for months. It was finally held in Tacoma on December 10th. There were 36 at luncheon. No formal program during the day, just questions and answers plus some "How we do it". A number of letters since indicating its worth. At least two items which would pay big dividends to every society and museum.

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FINE PROGRAM UNDER WAY
IN ADAMS COUNTY

As predicted, Adams County Historical Society is off to a fine start. Going to mark a historical home, also some very constructive marker research work. Publisher Bruce Wilson has a great organization. Proof-- he wrote he was expecting about 35 at the annual dinner and they had 80!

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MARKING HISTORICAL
SPOTS IN CLARK COUNTY

The Vancouver Columbian carried pictures and stories about three fine historical markers placed this fall by the Fort Vancouver Restoration and Historical Society. Local markers don't fall under the State Marker Program but certainly they do challenge local societies, and the Vancouver folks met the challenge in a big way.

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WE'D EXPECT A FINE JOB
AT PORT TOWNSEND

The Jefferson County Historical Society joined hands with the State Parks and Recreation Commission in planning the program dedicating old Fort Townsend as a state park Oct. 28th, on the centennial of its establishment as a fort. There's a lot of history associated with the Fort and the Society will assist the Commission in its preservation. On such occasions local historical societies prove their worth.

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YAKIMA WILL BE PROUD OF
HER NEW MUSEUM

Yakima will have a beautiful new museum very soon. The corner stone was laid December 1st and display cases are being built. The Yakima Museum is a community project, half of its cost from a fine pioneer estate and the other half contributed by the community. We're going to see more of these fine county museums for nowhere else can local history be so effectively preserved.

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GOV. ROSELLINI INTERESTED
IN WASHINGTON HISTORY

During the Territorial Centennial Governor-Elect Rosellini was a member of the Legislative Committee. Every time he met the Director during that period, his remark was "Anything you want, let me know". That indicates a fine interest in the preservation of Washington history.

THREE STRIKING MARKERS PLACED BY THE FORT VANCOUVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An important project for any county historical society is the placing of historical markers within its own area for very often these sites do not fall within the program of the State Marker Commission.

In Vancouver three striking markers have been placed this fall at sites in and near Vancouver.

A larger marker marks the first site of Hudson's Bay Company's fort. It is found near the state School for the Deaf.

Opposite the fish hatchery east of Vancouver a perfect marker site was found on the site of the first sawmill in the Northwest. Lumber from this mill was exported to Hawaia and South America.

The third marker was placed at Covington House. Frank Hjort is directing the Society's marker program. Other markers are contemplated. These markers show what can be done by county societies.

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ADDITIONAL OFFICERS NAMED BY NEW WALLA WALLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Regional vice presidents were named by the Walla Walla County Historical Society at its Nov. 11th meeting.

The following were named: Mrs. Emma Davis, Walla Walla and College Place; Mrs. Sam Grant, Prescott; William Vollmer, Waitsburg; Mrs. Frank Lowden, Lowden-Wallula.

Committee chairmen have been named as follows: Howard Burgess, public relations, Miss Armina Fix, historian; Vance Orchard, publicity; Mrs. Philip Wilhelm, social.

The Society is working with the City Commission on maintenance of the old Fort Walla Walla cemetery.

The Centennial of the establishment of the Fort was observed at the Hospital Nov. 11. Members of the Society displayed relics from the earliest Fort days.

This new society is getting some fine work under way. Some day a museum.

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PUYALLUP HISTORY PROJECT

The Beta Women's Club of Puyallup has been working for months on a community history project. Old pictures, newspapers, scrap books, etc., were on display in the Library during Book Week, Nov. 25-30.

SOME WERE AFRAID IT MIGHT NOT WORK BUT MUSEUM CONFERENCE PROVED SUCCESS

The Director of the State Society felt that an informal Museum-Local Society conference without a formal program would be worth while.

November 10th was finally set for the conference and 36 were at the noon luncheon. Discussion was informal and directed to programs of local organizations.

There were plenty of questions and answers for all questions. Revision of the state law governing county support of historical societies was discussed at some length.

"What do you do to keep a local society alive?" was a question that developed much discussion and some very definite suggestions, which will be put together in a report.

Among those attending were: Mrs. Willis Carey, John McDonald and James Wilson of Cashmere; Carl Landerholm of Vancouver; Mesdames Burns, Burford and Houseworth of Olympia; Mrs. Florence D. Reed, Spokane; Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Purdin, Mrs. Anna B. Smith of Yakima; Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler, Mercer Island; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Keith, Miss Chloe Sutton, Charles G. Strong and Elgie Hoffman of Bremerton; Thos. A. Swayze, Tacoma; Loren R. Baker of Everett; Mrs. Elizabeth Gustison and Margaret Hoffman of Seattle; Commander and Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Mrs. Lee Davis of Port Townsend; Mrs. Robert Braunwart, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker, Wenatchee; Dr. Erna Gunther, Mrs. Catherine Paris, Frank Richardson and Dr. Douglas Osborne, State University, and Chapin D. Foster, Kenn E. Johnson, Mrs. M. F. McAllister, Mrs. Wm. Taplin, Miss Ruth Babcock, Miss Alta West of the State Society.

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY MUSEUM FUND GROWS

At the last meeting of the Snohomish Co. Museum and Historical Assn. \$500. was transferred to the building fund, which shows a healthy growth. Historical articles continue to be collected. Art shows and social hours are proving very popular at association meetings, also motion pictures. The Association program continues to be a very active one.

NEWS FLASHES FROM LOCAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUMS

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Larger and more liveable quarters for curator at Ft. Nisqually. Many school groups and out-of-state visitors.

"Country Store" planned for Cowlitz Co. Museum, Kelso. Replica of store and barber shop. Many groups helping; a fine "store" assured.

"Christmas Around the World" if theme of splendid Dec. 1-16 program in Seattle Historical Society museum. Programs featuring Christmas in 11 different countries. Songs, programs, costumes, folk dances.

Northwest artists are featured in Seattle Art Museum program for Dec. 13th Century Mystery Play Dec. 5. Christmas exhibit. Japanese sources European ceramics. In January a Basketry Show, Women Painters, USIA exhibit. New features every month.

Paintings featuring the Pacific N.W. outdoors are featured this month in State Capitol Museum, Olympia. The artist is C.L. Garner, Vashon Island. 26 paintings shown. Artist Garner has also done a series on logging.

Mercer Island Society is working on area marker for Mercer Island, telling early history of Island. Water and sewer installations forced cancellation of fall antique show and fog knocked out Nov. meeting. Society making good progress.

Expect new Clallam County museum to be completed by next April. A great project.

"Indians of the Northwest" was subject of talk by Mrs. J.W. Rose of Marysville before Snohomish Historical Society Dec. 3. Illustrated with pictures taken by Mr. and Mrs. Rose over period of years. Exhibit of paintings this month.

Historical Sites Advisory Bd. met Nov. 17 at Wenatchee. It is hoped that the fine work of this Board will be continued and there is every reason to believe it will be. This Board serves under the State Parks and Recreation Commission. Fourteen members from all parts of the state serve on the Board.

Kitsap County Historical Society working for enlarged quarters so badly needed.

New officers of Jefferson County Historical Society are: Mrs. Lee Davis, pres.; Mrs. Malcolm Lindsay, vice-pres; secy, Jeanette Rutledge; Daniel H. Hill, treas. Clam chowder dinner to feature annual meeting in Jany. Early medical instruments used by late Dr. L.T. Seavey shown during A.M.A. Convention, Seattle. They've been on display in Society museum.

Early medical equipment on display in State Society museum was shown in the pioneer exhibit at A.M.A. Convention in Seattle. The hose committee got out a fine chronological history of medicine in Northwest.

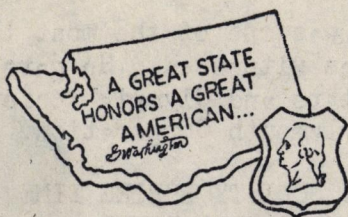
Grand Lodge officers of Masonic Lodge laid cornerstone of New Yakima Museum Dec. 1st. A fine new building.

Impressive ceremonies marked dedication at Fort Townsend as state park. Historical Society participated in program.

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YAKIMA COUNTY'S HANDSOME NEW MUSEUM DEDICATED WITH IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES.

Dedication of the new Yakima Valley and Pioneer Historical Association museum in June marked the culmination of a long and earnest effort to provide that part of the state with a modern and adequate structure to house artifacts of historical significance to the Valley. The new building will serve the Valley efficiently for many years to come and prove an ornament to a great district.

The building is the result of many months of hard work by a dedicated group, dedicated to a great project. Members of the Association, organized under the leadership of the Daughters of Pioneers and Pioneer Association, were joined by civic groups throughout the Yakima Valley, the newspapers of the county and radio stations.

An Open House on the evening of June 14 was followed by impressive dedicatory ceremonies the following afternoon at which State Senator Nat Washington of Ephrata was the principal speaker. Senator Washington paid high tribute to the work that had gone into the project, particularly the vision of John Miller who donated half the money for the building, and also pointed out the importance of the tourist industry to the county and state.

Many who had a part in the project were called on Saturday for remarks.

The main floor of the building is divided equally between an exhibit hall and assembly hall which will also be used for exhibit purposes. Excellent display cases have been installed and they were filled with exhibits.

The lower floor will accommodate pioneer exhibits and also provide work and storage space.

New shelving and old shelving made new is the order of the day in State Society Library, a great improvement.

BOARD OF CURATORS TO BE GUESTS OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. RENO ODLIN

The next meeting of Board of Curators of the State Society will be held Aug. 3. At noon the Board and wives or husbands will be guests of President and Mrs. Odlin at their home overlooking Puget Sound.

22 STATES REPRESENTED ON REGISTER IN THE STATE BUILDING OVER ONE WEEK END.

Those who profess interest in the value of the tourist industry to the state from a dollar standpoint should keep their eye on the visitors' register in the State Society building. One week end within the month, 22 states were represented during Saturday and Sunday. This record will probably be duplicated in other museums to a greater or lesser degree.

Tourists are interested in Northwest history. They'll go out of their way to catch up with it.

This month a visitor from New Hampshire said she was back to complete her visit of four years ago and to see what we'd been doing in the meantime. She brought two others with her this time. She hopes to be back in less than 4 years.

RESTORATION OF OLD ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN TACOMA HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

St. Peter's church in Tacoma is the one where a tree was used for many years as a bell tower. Time helped neither the tree nor the church and for a number of years Tacomans pointed to where the tree had stood and apologized for the appearance of the church. Not today.

There's a new tree which soon will be covered with ivy and the church has been restored to its original condition, if not better.

WASHINGTON HAS 23 PICTURES IN NEW PACIFIC COAST DATE BOOK PRINTED IN EAST

Washington has 23 pictures, plus cover in colors in a new Pacific Coast Date Book for 1958. There are 43 pictures in the book.

The company asked the State Society to help with pictures and an effort was made to cover the state as well as possible.

Included are: State Capitol Group, University of Washington, Whitman Monument and Mission near Walla Walla, Jackson House near Chehalis, Peace Arch at Blaine; St. Peters Church, Fort Nisqually and State Historical Building in Tacoma, Fort Vancouver, Snoqualmie Falls, Fort Simcoe near Yakima and Toppenish, Grand Coulee Falls and Dry Falls, State College campus, Ginkgo Museum, Floating Bridge, Seafair Pirates and downtown scenes in Seattle, topographic map of state, Mount Rainier.

"KNOW WASHINGTON STATE" EXHIBIT AT SEATTLE MUSEUM IS ATTRACTING WIDE ATTENTION.

Of interest to both visitors and residents is the "Know Washington State" exhibit in the Seattle Historical Society museum.

The exhibit, which will run through September, covers the resources, Indian cultures, industries, history and scenery of the state.

Shown are a topographical map, samples of minerals, woods and rocks, tractor and plow, lumbering equipment, photographs and model of atomic reactor.

Volunteer work this summer is built around the MOAHI Craft Club and will feature creative kits ready for distribution in December. The kits are for boys and girls 8 to 12 and will be sold on a subscription basis of 5 per year.

EPISCOPALIANS TOOK THE LEAD FOR ST. PETERS

This paragraph belongs with the story about the restoration of St. Peter's church in Tacoma. Leadership and most of the money for the work came from Episcopalians of the Olympia Diocese, this being an Episcopal church. Services will be held regularly in the church.

GUY ALLISON WAS ON HAND TO WELCOME THE MAYFLOWER ON HER ARRIVAL FROM ENGLAND

Among "those present" when Mayflower II reached Plymouth Harbor was Guy Allison, who spends each summer at Ocean Park. Mr.

Allison says it was one of the most thrilling sights he has witnessed. He gave letters from the State and Olympia societies to the head of Plymouth Corporation.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SOCIETY BURIES TIME CAPSULE UNDER FAMOUS BELL TOWER.

One of the projects of the Jefferson County Historical Society has been the restoration of the famous Bell Tower in Port Townsend. Work on this project was started in 1952 and was completed in May, marked by fitting ceremonies which included the burying of a Time Capsule to be opened in 2057.

In this capsule were placed family histories, business and organization records, newspapers, photographs, even a mail order catalog.

Mrs. William Henry Jackson was mistress of ceremonies. Bill Daly gave an interesting history of the fire department of Port Townsend. The present 1500 pound bell was bought in 1890 and sounded all alarms until the tower became too shaky. The Society has repaired the tower. This tower is listed as a guide on navy maps.

The Society has a good museum in the city hall and is now working on a new project, - a research library. The old firemen's quarters have been allocated to the Society for this purpose.

A list of 27 historical spots to see in Port Townsend is being given tourists, a much appreciated service.

HISTORICAL MARKERS TO BE PLACED IN COLUMBIA PARK IN PASCO THIS SUMMER

Two historical markers are to be placed this summer in Columbia Park in Pasco. One will mark the first military highway in Washington, and the other the farthest point the Lewis and Clark Expedition went up the Columbia.

The military road ran near the present highway passing through the park and was constructed under Gen., then Lt. Geo. B. McClellan. The Pasco D.A.R. plans this marker, while the Lewis and Clark marker, which will be on Bateman's Island, is sponsored by the Kennewick Women's Club. The island is in the Yakima river. The Indians called it Tapteal.

KITSAP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL HAVE SPACE FOR MUSEUM IN BREMERSTON PARK

Allocation of space in a new Bremerton city park for a new museum has been declared legal by the Bremerton City Attorney.

The Society has been working toward this end for a long time and a financial campaign will be launched in the near future. The city attorney's opinion was requested by the Society.

There had been a rumor that allocation of space would include an obligation on the part of the city to maintain the building under a new state law. No such law was passed by the legislature or even suggested.

Elgie Hoffman, the Society's museum director, is preparing for this year's exhibit at the Kitsap County Fair. The theme will be KITSAP COUNTY'S CENTENNIAL ALBUM OF PROGRESS.

Material relevant to this period will be exhibited in the Society's space and a very fine exhibit is assured. Pioneers, attired in costumes of the period, will be on hand during the fair to serve on the host committee.

Rosamond Laurie Johnson, Kitsap County author of the epic poem Kitsap Tyee, is publishing a new book entitled Potlatch on Puget Sound. The book is unique. But 100 copies are being published at the outset and Mrs. Johnson is binding these in her own home. On her return from a trip through the state she will bind an additional 400 copies.

FESTIVAL JULY 26-27 at SOAP LAKE SPONSORED BY GRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Under the leadership of President Cull White, the Grant Co. Historical Society is promising something on the "unusual" side at Soap Lake July 26-27. It will be called a "Suds Sun Festival". Secretary of State Victor Meyers will be the principal speaker.

The Society will have a pioneer display in a Soap Lake store. It should equal the fine exhibit earlier in the year in the People's National Bank lobby in Ephrata.

An Indian Village will be a feature with Indians in full regalia, horses, parades, war and tribal dances. The Indians are reported pleased with the opportunity to revive old customs.

The Ben Hutchinson log cabin on the new State Museum site at the junction of Highway 7 with 11-G will be dedicated. This cabin was built in 1869 by Ben Snipes.

GUN SECTION IN STATE BUILDING TO UNDERGO "FACE LIFTING" DURING SUMMER

High on the priority list in the State Society building is a face-lifting project in the Society's gun section.

Cooperating in the project will be the Gun Collectors' Society with some 300 members.

The gun has been taken for granted in early history. It is planned to show its real importance during the fur trapping period, the immigrant period and the pioneer period. In each period the gun played an important role and the exhibit will be much more than a collection of guns hanging on a wall.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY HISTORICAL AND PIONEER ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

Marking the 91st anniversary of the founding of the county's Agricultural Society and County Fair, pioneer families and history hobbyists made the annual meeting of the Walla Walla Pioneer and Historical Association a memorable affair.

The flag salute was led by a Boy Scout, Mark Sperleder. The flag used was one with 45 stars, and was the property of Dr. N.G. Blalock, founder of the local pioneer society, during his lifetime.

Officers elected to serve include: Miss Margaret Pettyjohn, President; Mrs. Frank Lowden, Vice-President; Mrs. Chas. Dement, Secretary; Miss Eloise Thomas, Historian; Grace Hedga Jensen, Treas., Dement Church, President Emeritus.

The meeting was held near the location of the old Isaacs flour mill and Chas. Dement and E.C. Burlingame told the story of agriculture and flour milling in Walla Walla county.

Singled out by Howard Burgess, as pioneer of the day, was Chas. H. Russell, who came to the county as the first wagon master with Col. Steptoe and remained to introduce the raising of oats, wheat, and barley to supply the army.

Following the Tuesday meeting a trip was made to the old Russell place for a tour of the most complete original farm homestead buildings in continuous use in the valley. There was a 100 foot barn of hewn logs, part of first post-office, farm house built in 1861. Recently this land raised 85 bushels of wheat to the acre without fertilizer.

Announcement was made of the society's museum in the city hall and acquisitions.

A GLORIOUS DREAM
COMES TRUE

It's only a few years back that folks in Yakima under the leadership of the Daughters of Pioneers and Pioneer Association began to talk Museum. They put a case down in the basement of the City Hall and wondered what might happen. The case filled and then another. It wasn't long before the basement was full of artifacts telling the story of the Yakima Valley. A man, John Miller, saw what was taking place and wanted a part in it. Then followed, slowly at times, a combination of Daughters of Pioneers, Miller, Pioneers, Yakima newspapers developing a Valley movement which culminated last month in the dedication of a 150,000 museum. What has happened in Yakima County can happen in every county in Washington to some degree when folks start dreaming and do something about their dream. Yakima Valley will be proud of that museum for years to come.

ANOTHER DREAM COMING
TRUE IN CASHMERE

News-Letter readers have heard about the Chelan County Historical Society's museum project in Cashmere, and this is simply another chapter in the story. It's a great story and the current chapter is simply that the foundation has been poured and work is under way. The State Society is very happy to have a part in all these projects. Back of this Cashmere project is some of the finest community cooperation we've seen. They are going to have a wonderful museum in Cashmere and already enough material is in sight to fill it. That's the case with all county museums. Attics, basements, closets will take care of the exhibit cases.

STILL ANOTHER
DREAM IN THE MAKING

Pretty difficult to keep away from county museum dreams in this issue. Right now we can see one taking shape in Grant County. A fine start was made several years ago when the Grant County Historical Society was organized. Now Cull White is president and he is putting his unusual enthusiasm behind the fine program launched a few years ago. Right now we couldn't say just how their museum program will be worked out, but it's a very safe bet that the very active program now being carried forward by the Society will result in a museum.

AND NOW ONE FROM
WALLA WALLA

This is no surprise although we confess to feeling this bit of news is a trifle overdue. The Walla Walla Historical and Pioneer Society has been given space in the City Hall for a museum. Not enough space but a fine start. That's about all these county museum projects need--a start. One of these days we'll be hearing of a museum building in Walla Walla. Few counties in Washington have more history than Walla Walla and no one is going to take care of its preservation adequately but Walla Walla.

ALSO, NEWS FROM THE
BREMERTON AREA

This page started out to comment on one museum project but why stop? Museum progress is as good news as we can report in News-Letter, so hats off to Kitsap County, where Bremerton is allocating space in a new park for a county museum. A little money is in the nest already. They've had a couple of rooms in the courthouse ever since the county society was organized. Now they have the green light.

THE RED CARPET IS OUT

Just about every one in Washington thinks well of the tourist industry. It's about third in this state. We all want more of it, lots more. What a lot of people interested in this industry overlook is that tourists coming to this Northwest Corner want to know "How come?" That is, they're interested in Northwest history and visit museums. A couple of weekends back 22 different states were represented on the register of the State Society building. That's a lot of people but none too many. We want 'em.

A FINE RESTORATION JOB

A few years ago a committee got together to talk about restoring famous St. Peter's church in Tacoma. A few weeks ago it was re-dedicated. A splendid job.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SOCIETY CONTINUES AN ACTIVE PROGRAM: BUILT PARADE FLOAT

Regular meetings of the Snohomish Co. Historical Association continue to attract excellent attendance, with interesting programs planned for each meeting.

Jack Irwin was head of a committee which entered a very unusual float in the July 4th parade in Everett.

The Fair Association has allocated excellent space to the Society for an exhibit.

Motion pictures are shown at almost every meeting. Museum folders are being distributed.

Interest in the Society's museum project continues.

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PIERCE COUNTY PIONEERS WANT MONEY GIVEN FOR WASHINGTON HISTORY SCHOLARSHIPS

Pierce County Pioneers think too little attention is being given scholarship-wise to historical research.

They think they have a point, for, along with many other types of scholarships, no one has given either the College of Puget Sound or Pacific Lutheran College in Tacoma any funds for historical scholarships.

At their annual picnic the organization went on record. Letters have been sent to Senator Magnuson and Congressman Tollefson urging their cooperation.

Local high schools have no historical incentive money. Here is a chance for individuals or companies with funds to invest to do something for the preservation of Washington history.

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Funeral services for Mrs. William Yeager of Olympia were held last month. Mrs. Yeager was born in 1865. Her father crossed the plains and operated a pony express in Oregon before moving to Olympia in 1867. Mrs. Yeager was the mother of Mrs. Ida Burford, curator of the State Capitol Museum in Olympia.

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CLOSES LAW OFFICE

Col. Howard A. Hanson, member of the Board of Curators of the State Society for many years, has closed his law office in Seattle. He was admitted to the bar 53 yrs ago. He is not retiring or trading swivel chair for rocker, just taking life a little easier.

CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM ADOPTED BY TACOMA CHAPTER DAUGHTERS OF PIONEERS

Program emphasis for the Tacoma chapter Washington Daughters of Pioneers will be placed on completing family histories and microfilming old manuscripts, documents, and diaries for the State Historical Society and State Library.

The chapter will also cooperate with the Social Studies department of the schools by compiling an elementary history of the city.

Officers are: President, Mrs. Clarence P. McNabb; Vice President, Mrs. Roland Nelson; Recording Secy., Mrs. Leo Fanning; Cor. Secy., Mrs. W.P. Goff; Treasurer, Mrs. Archie McLean; Librarian, Mrs. F.M. Sams; Historian, Mrs. Roland Blackwell; Auditor, Mrs. T.H. Algeo; Trustees, Mrs. Wm. Sechler, Mrs. J.H. McAdams, Mrs. Chas. Potter.

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ADAMS COUNTY SOCIETY TO HAVE EXHIBITS IN TWO FAIRS: PHOTO-FILE TAKING SHAPE

The Adams Co. Historical Society is working on a photo-file for each community in the county, also relevant historical material.

Two fairs will be held in the county and the Society is planning exhibits in both.

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BINFORD FOUNDATION HELPS LOCAL SOCIETIES

The Peter Binford Foundation of Portland has given a "lift" to every historical society in Washington through a grant of \$50., the money to be used for some phase of historical preservation at the local level. These grants have been very much appreciated.

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Work on the Orcas Island museum project at Eastsound continues. When completed this will be one of the most interesting museums in the state.

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STATE CAPITOL MUSEUM BUSY

The annual report of Curator Burford of the State Capitol Museum indicates a continued program of activity with art shows, special days, new exhibits, art classes, gifts, new weapon room, sea shell exhibit and building improvements.

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The new Clallam County museum will be dedicated in September, it is planned.

FOUNDATION FOR NEW CHELAN COUNTY MUSEUM
IN CASHMERE COMPLETE, SUPERSTRUCTURE BEGUN

When the Cashmere Team swings into action something has to give and in this case it was the museum project sponsored by the new Chelan County Historical Socy.

This state has witnessed few finer examples fo community cooperation. In this case Chelan County was the "community" rather than just Cashmere.

The museum is located in a new city park very strategically located on the river at the entrance to the city, adjoining the state highway. It would be impossible to find a better location in that city.

A novel plan is being used over there. Square feet in the building are being sold and the State Director owns a square foot of floor space somewhere in the museum which he wants given very special care.

Again in Cashmere and Chelan County it is a case of a lot of people and organizations getting behind the project. John McDonald of Cashmere, the project's No. 1 worker, writes that every organization in the city is in on the deal.

The Willis Carey Indian collection is slated for the museum and already another outstanding collection, so there's no question about exhibits to fill all available space.

Other counties working on museum projects will do well to see if the Cashmere plan will fit their own needs.

The financial program is well under way and, with a good fruit crop in sight, there is every reason to believe there will be no delay in completing the museum.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
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SCHOOL VISITS TO STATE BUILDING DURING
MAY SET A NEW RECORD FOR THE SOCIETY

During May 112 bus loads of school children were brought to the State Society's museum in Tacoma. That's a lot of Young Washington. There were as many as eight or nine buses in a single day which is too many for efficient handling. For the year as well as May, a new record was set. Teachers will do well to book visits to the museum earlier in the year.

ROCK HOUNDS ARE COMPLETING MECHANIZED
FLUORESCENT DISPLAY IN STATE BUILDING.

Those who have been taken "behind the scenes" in the State Society building are agreeing with the Rock Hounds that there will not be a better fluorescent display in the entire country.

That's taking in a lot of territory but the results bid fair to support the claim.

Chas. H. Robinson, Jr., is heading the project with members of his "team" including Elroy McCaw of Bremerton, and H.A. Brookens, Dave Brown, Harmon Jones, Ed Croston, Chas. Wible and Mr. Miller.

It will be a case of pressing a button, watching the curtains slide back and looking at 18 minutes of the most brilliant display of colors in rocks you can imagine. In fact, it's a safe bet you can't imagine what you'll actually see before the electric carriages stop moving and the record stops telling you about the 150 specimens you will see. Coming soon.

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GOVERNOR ROSELLINI WILL BE SPEAKER AT ANNUAL MEETING OF STATE SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the State Historical Society will be held April 5th, at the Top of the Ocean, 12:30 p.m.

Governor Albert D. Rosellini will be the principal speaker. A special invitation is extended to local societies to have representatives at the meeting.

The Board of Curators of the Society will hold its regular meeting beginning at 10 a.m.

A unusually large attendance is anticipated.

NORMAN ROCKWELL ART SHOW SET NEW RECORD FOR ATTENDANCE IN STATE SOCIETY BUILDING

It was expected that the Norman Rockwell art exhibit would set a new record for attendance in the State Society building but it was not expected that the record would be shattered quite so badly.

Attendance the first Sunday of the show, Jan, 5th, started the record-breaking business. A little slack was expected the following Sunday but the slack was in reverse. It was a case of more people and the same held true the next two Sundays, with attendance during the week being way up also.

It was an unusual exhibit in so many ways. Rockwell's art is in a class by itself and originals were on display. Those who thought Rockwell had some short cuts were in for a surprise for in the case of each Saturday Evening Post cover, the intermediate steps between the first small pencil sketch and the finished painting were shown. The Society and public is deeply indebted to the Curtis Publishing Co. for this outstanding exhibit.

Attendance each Sunday ran from 1200 to 1500 as near as could be estimated.

This was the first time the exhibit had been shown in Washington. It called for a wait of nearly three years to get it. From Tacoma the exhibit went to Calgary, Alberta.

CHELAN COUNTY SOCIETY IS PRESERVING FAMOUS ASSAY OFFICE AT OLD BLEWETT

When the Chelan County Historical Society learned that the new highway on Blewett Pass was going to obliterate the Assay Office, its historical committee got busy.

The ball was passed to the State Society, which in turn put the problem up to the Highway Department. That department is very history-conscious.

Time was allowed to take the old building down, and arrangements were made to save the Arrastra, something future generations will know little about. This one is probably the only one in Washington. It was indispensable to the gold rush miners.

Walter Muffley of Wenatchee has taken the log building down, marking each log so it can be re-assembled. The future location has not been determined but may be in the Cash ere park where the new museum is located.

The office was built about 1880. The walls were later covered with newspapers dated 1889 and 1890.

The Wenatchee World ran a very interesting story on the old building and the style of literature found on its walls.

STEILACOOM OBSERVES CENTENNIAL OF ESTABLISHMENT STATE'S FIRST LIBRARY

February 3 was an important day in Steilacoom for the centennial of the Library's establishment was being observed under the joint sponsorship of the Library and Daughters of Pioneers.

Mrs. Clyde Davidson and Mrs. Spreen, librarian, presided during the very interesting program, which was followed by refreshments served by the Daughters.

Mrs. Spreen recounted the history of the library since 1858. Prof. C. Brewster Coulter of C.P.S. spoke on early Upper Sound history. There was a very interesting display of early library and school relics. A capacity audience.

THE BLAST WASN'T BIG ENOUGH TO END THE WAHKIAKUM COUNTY SOCIETY MUSEUM PROJECT

When an usually heavy blast seemed to threaten the museum project upon which the Wahkiakum County Historical Society had been working for a number of years, members of the Society had other ideas.

They were going ahead and that is just what they did.

A letter from R.G. Hughes, who has been heading the society, stated "The blast set us back on our timing". That would have knocked out plenty of projects.

The letter went onto say that the cement block walls of a 28x50 foot building were up and the roof would be in place shortly. No doubt its in place by this time.

Part of the space will be used for a Library. Many interesting articles have been promised for the museum.

Wahkiakum is another county with lots of history, which now stands to be preserved.

COMMITTEES NAMED AT LOWDEN TO PLAN FOR SHRINES HONORING FRENCH-CANADIANS

Plans were discussed recently at Lowden for shrines honoring early French-Canadian settlers in that area.

Representatives of families buried in the St. Rose Catholic Mission church are being contacted in connection with the project. It has been suggested that the cemetery might be made a wayside shrine.

Efforts are also being made to secure material about the old mission church. French-Canadians played an important part in the history of the Walla Walla Valley and it is hoped this record can be preserved.

DR. GEORGE TAYS HAS BEEN NAMED PARK HISTORIAN WHITMAN MONUMENT

Another step in the development of the Whitman National Monument has been taken with the naming of Dr. George Tays as Park Historian.

Dr. Tays is a well known historian, lecturer and educator and should render a most valuable service in his new position.

The Whitman Monument is the site of the mission established in 1836 by Dr. Marcus Whitman.

It was taken over as a national monument a few years ago. Archeologists have located and marked all of the original buildings, which were destroyed after the massacre in 1847.

Dr. Tays comes to the Mission as part of Mission 66 program of conservation and development of visitor services. Eventually a museum will be built on the grounds.

ROCK HOUND FLUORESCENT ROCK EXHIBIT IN STATE BUILDING NEARING COMPLETION

When it is reported that the Rock Hounds' fluorescent exhibit is nearing completion, the word 'nearer' might be nearer correct for it will be several weeks before the "Open" sign appears.

About 1500 electrical connections have been completed by Charlae Robinson and Chet Sander and they are now working on rock installation and tape recordings.

Again it may be said that when the public finally sees this show it will see the best of its kind in the United States.

CHRIST D. LILLIONS NEW PRESIDENT OF THE MERCER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Owing to press of other responsibilities, Mrs. Douglas Smith found it impossible to continue as president of the Mercer Island Historical Society and Christ D. Lillions, attorney, was named to serve until next September.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month.

CHIEF JUSTICE MATTHEW W. HILL HEADS STATE CAPITOL MUSEUM, HISTORICAL SOCIETY

After serving four years as president, Wm. J. Miller found his work with the State Highway Department would make it impossible for him to continue.

Matthew W. Hill, chief justice of the state supreme court, and serving several years as vice president, was advanced to the position of president. Judge Hill is also a member of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society.

Mr. Miller has given the Society devoted service. He hopes for many improvements in the building and Coach House.

MABTON TO BOAST TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM,
SPONSORED BY LOUIS O. AND WILLIAM L. GANNON

The town of Mabton, over in the lower Yakima Valley, will soon boast one of the most interesting and popular museums in the state.

Louis O. (father) and William L. Gannon (son) are sponsoring the project, which will start out with a new 60x100 foot building.

It will be known as the Gannon Museum of Wagons. The two men started their hobby in 1952 with a few wagon wheels.

Already it is one of the best collections in the country and is going to expand.

Here are a few of the wagons and buggies in the exhibit--mid-18th century pleasure wagon, stage wagon or mud wagon, Whitechapel cart, rockaway carriage, English T-cart, Concord coach, Faugh-A-Ballagh four-in-hand road coach, Spider phaeton, Eastern buckboard.

Additions to the present building are planned and it is hoped to have the project complete by 1960. However, at the rate the exhibits are increasing, it is doubtful if the project ever will be finished.

A recent issue of the Mabton Press devoted most of its front page to the museum project.

Along with the carriages will be a very complete library containing books and documents having to do with early transportation. There will be exhibited many small articles such as carriage and harness accessories.

The Gannons have been very successful in the hop business in the Mabton district and are now putting life into a dream that has been with them for a long time.

With transportation such as it is today, it is safe to predict that Mabton is in for many hundreds of visitors every month.

BARGAIN FOR NEW MEMBERS
MEMBERSHIP IN THE STATE SOCIETY
COSTS \$4 PER YEAR, WHICH INCLUDES
SUBSCRIPTION TO THE PACIFIC NORTH-
WEST HISTORY. WHILE THE SUPPLY
LASTS, NEW SUBSCRIBERS WILL RECEIVE
A COPY OF THE PACIFIC COAST DATE
BOOK WHICH CONTAINS 23 WASHINGTON
PICTURES. A FEW LEFT, WAS \$1.50

JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
COMPLETES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

A five-part achievement program is recorded by the Jefferson County Historical society.

Highlighting the year were:

1. Burial of 100-year capsule.
2. Completion of Bell Tower repair.
3. Addition of many items to museum.
4. Adding another room to museum.
5. \$500 grant from Co. Commissioners.

That's a pretty creditable record for any society and represents a lot of progress under the leadership of Mrs. Zilpha B. Davis, president.

STATE PARKS DEPARTMENT CARRIES ON
STEADY PROGRAM OF HISTORICAL WORK

The work of preserving and interpreting historical areas in Washington has increased during the past year, according to the report of Albert Culverwell, historian for the department.

Fort Columbia has been given a "new look" through a coat of paint and numerous new display cases. An oyster display is in the planning stage.

A number of changes have been made at Ginkgo under J. Arthur Johnson. Two new displays have been completed.

New displays have been completed at Sacajawea Park near Pasco.

Work at Fort Simcoe has continued. The upstairs of the commandant's house has been repaired and painted. The difficult job of raising and tilting the kitchen fireplace chimney has been completed, no easy task.

The captain's house has been repaired. A museum in the brick warehouse is planned.

Old Man House area near Suguamish has been landscaped and a structure for the interpretive exhibit erected.

New signs have been placed at St. Paul's and St. Michael's missions.

Archeological work has been carried on at the site of Fort Okanogan, where a museum will be erected. Money for this was appropriated by the last legislature.

The Rothschild House at Port Townsend, 90 years old, may be taken over by the department. Six booklets have been published by the department.

BENTON COUNTY PIONEER AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION YOUNGEST LOCAL SOCIETY

Benton County, southeastern Washington, is the latest to join the increasing number of historical societies organized at the local level.

The Benton Co. Pioneer and Historical Association was organized Feb. 7 in Kenn-ewick, with the following officers; president, Ralph E. Reed, retired publisher; vice president, H.E. Oliver; Secretary, Mrs. J.C. Pratt; Treasurer, Art C. Simsen.

Mrs. Margaret Thompson, supt. of Benton County schools, was active in arranging preliminary details, assisted by State Society Director Foster.

Those coming to Benton Co. 35 years ago are eligible to membership, and the By-Laws provide for Native Son and Daughter designations.

Mrs. Thompson, an author of Lewis and Clark material, has just completed a short history of Benton County. Click Relander, Yakima, member of the State Board of Curators, attended the organization meeting.

LECTURES ON EARLY SEATTLE HISTORY

The Seattle Museum of History and Industry is planning its second series of lectures on Seattle history. Teachers receive profession credit for the course, which covers six evening sessions.

Feb. 18--J. Morrison, Stephen F. Chadwick.

Feb. 28--Wetherill Collins, Vice Adm. H.N. Wallin, Col. Wendell C. Fields.

March 4--Dr. W.F. Thompxon, Dean Gordon

Marchworth, Phillip Spaulding.

March 11--Ray Carlson, Harold Mansfield.

March 18--Ralph Staehli, Gordon Newell, R. Phillip Smith.

March 25--John Spaeth.

The present exhibit of early American Glass is proving very popular.

Mohai Craft Kits, the major project of the Society, can be purchased throughout the year.

GRANT COUNTY SOCIETY OBTAINING TAPE RECORDINGS OF PIONEER INDIANS

Cull White, Ephrata, and probably the Number One worker in the Grant County Historical Society, reports the Society now has a tape recorder and has already secured fine recordings by three Indians 94, 89, and 82.

Senator Nat Washington and Dr. Ruby, have been assisting White.

Indians have promised to attend the Society's big gathering in Moses Lake in June and later at Soap Lake.

Interest in the museum project is increasing. As soon as possible work on the poles for the big Teepee at Soap Lake will start. Grant County Schools are much interested in the educational work being carried on by the Society.

Local saddle clubs are working on the project of providing horses for the Indian Races.

Twenty-three Washington views in the Date Book that new State Society members receive as a gift.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK---

This is not the way this Department started out. Its been re-written a couple of times to make room for late copy. Some might say it could be left out entirely. That's the experience of Editors****Read again that story about Wahkiakum County Society, the one that refused to quit****A welcome to the new Society in Benton County. Ralph Reed, president, and the Editor were on the team organizing the first local press association in the state****And a re-welcome to Island County, which has rested a few years and is now getting under way again****Washington can't have a big Theodore Centennial observance but we can have a good one if we all help****We can expect alot of fine help in organizing local historical societies from the State Federation of Women's Clubs, which is on record and is already at work****Washington needs a local society in every County****Local societies should be on the lookout for historical sites endangered by new highway programs. The Department will cooperate but it must know where these endangered sites are located****word that the Grant House Museum at Vancouver is on still safer ground is good news. Also, the news that land has been added to the Fort Vancouver National Monument is good news

ADAMS COUNTY SOCIETY CLOSES SECOND YEAR WITH INCREASED INTEREST, PAIDUP MEMBERS

Increased interest and well attended meetings feature the annual report of the Adams County Historical Society.

The current year opens with 80 paidup members.

Received during the year was a collection of murals depicting historical events and pioneers, painted by Micky Bracken. The collection was given the society by Mr. Durstine.

Work on the Luccu Corrals under the direction of Mr. Athey, is progressing nicely. Speakers during the year included Prof. George Beck of the Central Washington College at Ellensburg; Click Relander, author and editor; Bert Kindrick, photographer.

Othello and Adams County fairs emphasized early photographs, these displays proving very popular.

A special guest at one meeting was Cash McLeoud of Walla Walla, a nephew of Ben Hutchinson.

A map of the state was given Bruce Wilson, publisher of the Omak Chronicle and first president of the Society.

LOCAL SOCIETIES ASKED TO LOOK OUT FOR HISTORICAL SITES ENDANGERED BY ROADS

With the highway construction program stepped up all over the country, the American Association for State and Local History has hoisted warning signals in every state to be on the lookout for historical sites that might be lost through road construction.

Governor Rosellini has been urged by the Association to help preserve historical sites and he has referred the matter to the State Society, which also has been alerted by the President Lord of the Association.

The State Society is now asking local societies to be on the lookout. The State Highway Department can be depended upon to do all in its power to preserve historical sites but it must know about the sites before it can do anything. Local societies knowing of a historical site endangered by new freeway construction, should advise the state society at once.

PAINTING OF 'TEDDY' ON DISPLAY

For many years the State Society has had a very large portrait painting of Theodore Roosevelt, but without a proper place for its display. During the Centennial it will be seen in McCormick Hall.

DR. WILLIAM BLACKSTONE PRESIDENT OF COWLITZ COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Officers of the Cowlitz County Historical Society were elected at the fourth quarterly meeting in late November, as follows:

President--Dr. Wm. Blackstone, Longview.

Vice-Pres.--Carl Simpson, Longview.

Secretary--Mrs. J.G. Hoffer, Longview.

Treasurer--Walter Trantow, Kelso

The year has seen many improvements in the museum in the courthouse, since the commissioners allocated the balance of the third floor to the society.

Completion of the country store was the high point, with a pioneer postoffice added for good measure. A number of new cases were added. The first meeting of the year was held at Kelso with Miss Eva Santee of Vancouver as speaker; the second at Kalama, the third at Castle Rock and the fourth in the courthouse, with John McClelland, Jr., as speaker.

There are 78 paid-up members.

The county commissioners have put nearly \$3,000 in the 1958 budget. It will now be possible to have the museum open every day except Monday.

The county is also caring for the old Catlin Cemetery.

Mr. George Umbaugh is museum director.

New directors are---Carl Simpson, Wm. Trostle, George Hess and Mrs. Elizabeth Boatman.

SNOHOMISH SOCIETY HOPES TO HAVE NEW MUSEUM BUILDING IN VERY NEAR FUTURE

Snohomish County reports progress on a home for the Society in Legion Park in Everett. Tenants have moved out but the building has yet to be turned over to the city. It will need some improvements. However, this is real progress.

Speaker at the January meeting was Dr. M.M. Stocker of the First Presbyterian church, a student of the Civil War period--people, events, causes and results.

Alvin Patterson is giving many talks on early county history and pioneers. Mrs. Mary Koch has prepared articles on Father Chirouse. Jack Irwin is lining up art shows for the Library walls.

Interest in the Society's program continues, but will increase with occupancy of the Legion Park building.

COWLITZ COUNTY CAN BE PROUD OF HER FINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

By the Editor

It was the privilege of the writer to be present at the meeting in Longview when the Cowlitz County Historical Society was organized.

At that time it was suggested that some day it might be possible to have a museum in Cowlitz County. The day seemed far away but the dreaming got under way.

First there was a surplus case from the State Historical Society in the corridor of the Courthouse--empty but soon filled. The P.U.D. offered space. A few more surplus cases and they were filled, also the available space.

Then an offer from the County to use half the upper floor of the Courthouse Annex. More surplus cases but the museum was on its way. I had looked in on the project a couple of times and could see progress every time. First it was cases that were filled, then a log cabin moved up and restored. A remarkably fine job.

Last year the county said "Take the entire floor". A few weeks ago I went down to see what had happened. Plenty. Mrs. Umbaugh met me at the train. Incidentally it might be remarked that when the ladies get back of a historical society or museum project something is liable to happen. It happened at Kelso.

Probably all the credit should not be given to Mrs. Umbaugh, there should be enough for quite a committee and she says that she's had such a committee.

Anyway, they've got a country store in the enlarged museum and it would be hard to find a better 'country store' in a museum. Just about everything you could imagine being in the old stores, is found in this one. Also, there's a pioneer post-office complete with boxes, window in everything.

Some fine new cases have been built in the new section, which also has a section devoted to buggies.

It hardly seems possible that so much progress has been made in such a short time but that's the situation down in Cowlitz County. Its a safe prediction that a lot of tourists are going to be stopping in Kelso to ask their way to the museum for tourists are very history minded.

Along with all the credit that should go to members of the Cowlitz County Histor-

ical Society, a lot of credit should go to the Board of County Commissioners of Cowlitz County. Without their very active cooperation the present museum would be impossible. It would be occupying a few cases somewhere unless other space had been located, which might have been difficult.

In the first place, the Commissioners gave the Society space in the courthouse annex. That was the first step and a big one. Then came a little money with which to buy material for new cases.

This year the Commissioners have put \$3000 into the county budget for the museum. That will make it possible to do a lot of things, including keeping someone in the museum for a schedule of visiting hours.

The commissioners of Cowlitz County have set the pattern for county cooperation. In a county budget, any amount that can be allocated to a county historical society has to be located with a pretty strong glass, but it is extremely important. Cowlitz County has a wealth of local history. No outside organization could preserve it. Schools will be using the Cowlitz museum more and more as the years pass, as a part of their study of state and local history.

We can suggest to members of other county historical societies that a visit to Kelso and the Cowlitz County Historical society museum will be time very well spent.

NEW OFFICERS OF KITSAP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INSTALLED AT ANNUAL MEETING

With a record attendance, officers of the Kitsap County Historical Society were installed Jan. 18, at the annual meeting, held in the Sheridan Park Community House.

Harvey Leach, manager of the Puget Sound Power & Light Co. was the principal speaker, giving a very interesting talk on the development of American History, tracing it from different parts of Europe.

Chapin D. Foster, Director of the State Society, installed the new officers.

Chas. G. Strong continues as President. Other officers are R. A. Udeen, vice president, Mrs. W.O. Lewis, cor. secy, W.O. Lewis, rec. secy.; E.L. Riddell, treas.; Miss Chloe Sutton, historian; Mrs. H.H. Keith, publicity, Mrs. Elgie Hoffman, registrar. Refreshments were served.

FINE PUBLICITY GIVEN ACTIVITIES OF KITSAP CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY BREMERTON SUN

A very energetic lady is Mrs. H.J. Keith, publicity chairman of the Kitsap County Historical Society, and she has been ably assisted by the Bremerton Sun.

Here is a list of the Sun stories sent to us by Mrs. Keith:

Editorial on the play "Historical Fantasy" which told the story of the Battle of Port Gamble. The editorial also pays tribute to the work of the society in placing plaques in the downtown district.

Period items in display at the Chamber of Commerce.

Picture of prize winning entry in Christmas parade.

Story on the play "The Battle of Port Gamble".

Four-column picture and story of the Christmas parade prize winners, which included the Society.

Story on last night of historical play.

Story on acquisition of site in Bremerton Park for new museum.

These give some indication of the work of Mrs. Keith, also the Society, which is making rapid strides toward a new museum building.

SEATTLE TIMES MAGAZINE SECTION GIVES BELLINGHAM MUSEUM FULL PAGE STORY

A recent issue of the Seattle Times gave the Bellingham Museum a full page story written by Mrs. Charlotte D. Widrig with photos taken by Mr. Widrig.

The old city hall was a landmark in Bellingham when erected in 1892 at a cost of \$40,000. It was considered the last word in design. After the new city hall was erected the old building stood empty for two years.

A group of women organized the Bellingham Museum Society with fees at 25 cents. Public sentiment was aroused by the women in favor of using the building as a museum. It was first occupied in 1941. The proposal to officially start a Bellingham museum was placed on the ballot in 1944 and passed. The building is now used for museum purposes without any space to spare. This seemed impossible at the outset.

Mrs. Pelagius Williams is curator of the museum, assisted by a volunteer staff. There is a wide variety of exhibits in the building. The museum is governed by a board of five commissioners.

Bellingham is very proud of her museum in the old city hall.

WALLA WALLA SOCIETY ACTIVE IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS DAY PROGRAM IN NOVEMBER

One of the important activities of the Walla Walla Pioneer and Historical Society, was support of the Veteran Days observance in November.

A recreation of the evening "retreat" ceremony presented countless times between 1857 and 1910 took place on the Veterans Hospital Grounds. The ceremony was given lots of front-page publicity in the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin.

The Society had a part also in the acceptance by the city of the old Fort Walla Walla cemetery plot. Col. Fred Roeker heads a historical group which hopes to develop the cemetery into a monument site.

The Society now has its museum in the city hall under way. This is one of the society's most important steps.

The commissioners of Walla Walla County are extremely history-conscious and have placed \$1500 in the county budget for this year. Miss Eloise Thomas is securing biographies of society members and pioneers.

Miss Margaret Pettyjohn is the very active president of the society.

The Veterans Hospital got out an elaborate program for the 10-day program and the Union-Bulletin gave it lots of publicity.

"STEELACOOM WAS FIRST"

This caption was at the bottom of the Library Centennial announcement and under this heading are some important historical facts, including:

- First Territorial Court, 1849,
- First Port of Washington, 1849.
- First Protestant Church, 1853.
- First Incorporated town, 1854.
- First Jail, 1858.
- First Public Library, 1858

OMAK PUBLISHER PLANS TO WORK HISTORY INTO OKANOGAN COUNTY TOURIST PUBLICITY

Bruce Wilson, editor of the Omak Chronicle and formerly publisher of the Ritzville Journal-Times, got a fine introduction to the value of local history when he took a leading part in organizing the Adams County Historical Society, serving as its first president.

Now he is discovering that Okanogan County is rich in history. He is planning an Okanogan tourist publicity booklet and is planning to inject plenty of local history into the booklet.

Tourists are interested in history, and making it available to visitors will pay rich dividends. Also, it will make better citizens out of the home folks.

OLYMPIA MUSEUM FEATURING EXHIBIT OF PAINTINGS BY ROBERT LEE ESKRIDGE

The State Capitol Historical Association and the Olympia Art League are sponsoring this month a display of paintings by Robert Lee Eskridge.

Eskridge studied with Andre L'Hote in Paris and has exhibited in Paris, London and Lisbon, as well as a number of cities in this country.

The artist is also a well known author of books about French Polynesia and the Hawaiian Islands, countries featured in some of his paintings.

THIS POEM MAY WIN NO PRIZE IN THE BIG POETICAL LEAGUE BUT WE LIKE IT

A short time ago the fourth grade of the Mary Lyon school, with Miss Keyne as teacher, visited the State Historical building. Instead of a letter, so often written, the class wrote a poem and here it is.

A DAY AT THE MUSEUM

When we went to the museum
We had lots of fun;
We felt lots of things,
Including a gun.

Extra Meeker's old wagon
Had a big sigh.
And all of the children
Thought it was fine.

We saw the first school
And Oh, were we glad
That we go to our school,
Not those that they had.

(Continued from first Column)

We saw the Columbia
Shiny and bright,
We saw its sails
That waved through the night.

The Liberty Bell
Went with a clang;
We thought some of us
Would go down with a bang.

Isaac Stevens' piano
Our Robin did play;
Our trip to the museum
Was a wonderful day.

FORT VANCOUVER RESTORATION AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY NAMES NEW OFFICERS

Officers of the Fort Vancouver Restoration and Historical Society for 1958 have been elected as follows:

President--Brig. Gen. Owen Summers,
(Retired), Vancouver.

Vice Pres.--Mrs. T. Robert Phelps,
Vancouver.

Sec.--Treas.--Carl Landerholm,
Vancouver.

Curator--Dr. Ralph A. Prose,
Vancouver.

Trustees: Dwight A. Alderman, Raymond L. Bachman, Howard J. Burnham, John F. Camp, Frank A. Hjort, Donald J. Stewart, Edgar Aaron Smith.

The Board has met regularly and has kept in touch with the Fort Vancouver National Monument and U.S. Grant Museum on the Barracks Grounds. Historical material from outside Vancouver is being collected.

Land between the National Monument and the river has recently been acquired by the Monument as surplus government property. It has 2700 feet of frontage on the river.

There is some talk of allowing the city to develop a park here. The Society is happy that the area will not be industrialized.

"SPOKANE STORY" POPULAR

"Spokane Story", published by the Eastern Washington State Historical Society, was sold out in the pre-Christmas rush and an additional 200 copies ordered. The Society hopes orders for the book will be placed with it, which brings a commission.

YAKIMA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HEARS LIST OF "FIRSTS" IN YAKIMA

At the last meeting of the Yakima Valley Historical Society, Jan. 12th, an impressive list of Yakima 'firsts' was read.

The first radio script on the first health department in the U.S. had to do with the Yakima department under Dr. Tetreau, working on school participation.

First sheep were brought into the Valley in 1865 by Augustan Cleman.

First hotel in Yakima City owned and operated by James Cook and wife.

George Carey had the first store in Yakima City, now Union Gap. He was first treasurer and first postmaster.

Nettie Splawn, born in 1864, was first white girl born in the valley.

Edna Beck Pierce first white girl born in North Yakima.

First white twins, 1879, Walter J. and Wallace Purdin.

Emma Parker Mabry first white girl born in Yakima Valley.

First cattle brought in by Settler, by F.M. Thorp.

James Beck first justice.

James Mabry had first harness shop.

Phil Ditter first Justice North Yakima.

John Clemon first representative to Territorial Legislature.

First public school, 1864, Torp place.

First apple trees at Athanum Mission.

First irrigation ditch was Kamiam's.

Eli LaChappelle ran first Yakima ferry.

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HERE'S ANOTHER RECORD

It didn't seem possible but the State Society register shows 61 organized groups during January. The average for January is 15 to 18. Keep coming, folks.

GIVES SURVEYOR'S COMPASS

David H. White, for many years prominent Pierce county civil engineer and member of State Society Board of Curators, has given the Society the compass he started using in 1885. The Whites are now living at the Avalon Apartments, 426 St. Helens, Tacoma.

PRESERVING GRANT HOUSE, VANCOUVER

The Vancouver School District has acquired the Grant House on Vancouver Barracks. The house was built in 1849, but probably never was occupied by Capt. U.S. Grant. The Seroptimist Club of Vancouver has been collecting museum material for a number of years. The club is being assisted by the Fort Vancouver Restoration and Historical Ass'n.

STATE SOCIETY ASKED BY GOVERNOR TO DIRECT OBSERVANCE THEODORE ROOSEVELT CENTENNIAL

Governor Rosellini has asked the State Society to direct Washington's observance of the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial. A state advisory committee will be named. The State Superintendent's department is working on school participation.

ANOTHER STEILACOOM CENTENNIAL

The March 3 meeting of the Steilacoom Capher Daughters of Pioneers, will be held at the Clyde Davidson home, built in March 1858. Mrs. Davidson will be hostess. The chapter is just 20 years old. The April 7th meeting will honor the Methodist Church bell, 100 years old. The Pow Wow Tea will be held in May.

NEARLY 5000 HOURS OF WORK DONATED ON NEW MUSEUM BUILDING AT CASHMERE

For donated museum work the new Chelan Co. Historical Society won't give way to Orcas Island, although there's a difference in size community-wise. Donated work at Cashmere is estimated at nearly 5000 hours. They spent \$150 on labor, the balance donated. That's a lot of cooperation.

The building is 32x72, two floors, and will be very attractive. Plans for exhibit arrangement are now being worked out.

The located in the new city park should prove ideal as it is on the main highway.

TWO NATIONAL HISTORICAL AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED IN YAKIMA FEB. 24th

Two American Association for State and Local History Awards are to be presented in Yakima Feb. 24 by Chapin D. Foster, State Society director and Awards Chairman for Washington.

One award goes to the Yakima Valley Historical Society for its new museum, opened last summer, and the second to Click Relander, a author of "Drummers and Dreamers".

The presentation will be made at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

ANOTHER GOOD IDEA

Another good idea is a membership in the Washington State Historical Society. Along with this idea is membership in your local historical society.

ORCAS ISLAND MUSEUM A TRIBUTE TO FINE
WORK DONATED BY SOCIETY MEMBERS

By the Editor

For several years word had come down from Orcas Island, "You ought to come up and see what is being done up here". The invitation was sincere and the desire to go was in line but one thing after another got in the way, but in November Mrs. Foster and I got up to Orcas Island. It would be hard to imagine a more pleasant visit.

Headquarters were maintained at Outlook Inn for a little more than two days but it could be little more than very comfortable 'headquarters' because the time was so well filled.

Five pioneer log cabins have been donated to the Society. Two have been moved and the foundation poured for the third. The five will form a "U", in the center of which is planned a concrete block room for relics that need more safety than is afforded in log cabins.

It was easy to recognize more surplus cases from the State Society building. Exhibit space in both cabins is filled and well filled.

The quarterly meeting of the society was held Monday evening at the Inn, with President Harrison presiding. It was a fine group of society members, about 40. It was their first opportunity to learn what is being done by local societies in other parts of the state. In this competition Orcas Island will make an excellent showing. It is one of the smallest societ-

ies in the state but a very active one.

What impresses a visitor after visiting the museum at Eastsound is the amount of cooperation the project represents.

The Society has little money, only what is given by members, but there seems to be plenty of the right spirit, which is shown in donated work. I asked how many hours of time had been given to the project so far and Walter Hall made an estimate of 1500 hours. Mr. Hall himself has given about 750 hours to the museum, and those hours would count as he is enough of an expert in building to have built a fine home and guest house, practically singlehanded. Mrs. Hall has been a leader for the society, and we can attest to her culinary ability.

The Society puts on a parade in the summer, probably one of the most unique parades in the state. There are about 15 floats in the parade, none of which can be 'commercial'. They turn down requests every year from business concerns wishing to enter floats.

Our Monday was a perfect day, with the Halls taking us up Mount Constitution for a perfect view of the Sound, and other parts of the Island.

Orcas Island is one of the choice vacation spots on the Sound, but some fine people want it to be more than a vacation spot. They want the Island's very interesting history to be preserved and are seeing to it that it's done.

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