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ANNUAL MEETING STATE SOCIETY IN TACOMA, APRIL 17th, NEW YORKER

It's time to draw a ring around the date 'April 17th' for that is the time for the annual meeting of the Washington State Historical Society.

As has been the custom in recent years the meeting will be held at the New Yorker, 6th and Cushman, in Tacoma.

Judge Matthew W. Hill, of the Washington State Supreme Court, will be the guest speaker. Judge Hill has long been an enthusiastic student of Washington history, and during the Centennial gave that program every possible cooperation to make it a success, serving as Chairman of the State Advisory Committee.

Special invitations are being sent to local historical societies. In the past these have been well represented. They were very active during the Centennial and will continue the fine work carried forward during the year.

The State and local societies must place continued emphasis upon the preservation of Washington history and a good time to start will be at the annual meeting.

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OUR BOSTON GUEST

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Titus flew from Boston to San Francisco and from that city to Tacoma, arriving at 1:30 on a Saturday for a two-day visit. Mrs. Titus and her sister were to spend an hour downtown. Mr. Titus was told about the museum, where he could keep out of mischief for an hour. He was still in the building at 5, wishing he could stay longer and complimenting it as being one of the most interesting museums he had visited. His visit will not soon be forgotten.

GOOD MORNING

This is your friendly News-Letter as they announce over the air, after a pretty long vacation. It might have been a vacation for News-Letter but not for the Editor, as the Centennial disposed of any 'vacation' ideas. News-Letter comes out in a different format, considerably less expensive, no less valuable--we hope.

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NEW INDIAN-ALASKA HALL IN STATE BUILDING COMPLETED, GIVEN HIGH PRAISE

After more than a year of work, the new Indian-Alaska Hall in the State Society Building was formally opened in February.

A two-weeks Open House was announced and record crowds visited the building both Sunday afternoons and during the week. Of course, not everyone got to the building during the Open House period so attendance has been decidedly up ever since.

Everything in the hall on the fourth floor is new except the exhibits and in their new surroundings even these have a decidedly new look. The old cases had been in the building ever since it was completed back in 1911. For these, new cases were substituted of a design that would make possible the best display of the artifacts.

Special exhibits include the Tepee habitat from Yakima, Arthur Foss Indian house, Arthur Ballard house model, basket weaving. Kenn Johnson, Tacoma artist and staff member did most of the planning and all the arranging with Wm. LaPointe and Fred Rice in charge of construction. Certainly not the largest, but one of the most interesting halls in its field to be found in a long journey. A few additions are still to be made by John Gipple, new staff member. Visit it soon.

CHATS WITH THE EDITOR

TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL
OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

When the Washington State Legislature assigned to our Society responsibility for heading up the Centennial observance, it appeared to be an impossible task unless it could be undertaken on a cooperative basis, bringing into the picture - Schools, Civic Events, Radio, Fairs, Television, Service Organizations, Women's Clubs, Music Organizations -- everybody who ought to be interested in Washington's First Centennial at the state level. Well, that's exactly the sort of a team that got back of the project. Without a big appropriation, Washington turned in a program that would hardly have been possible with half a million dollars. The Centennial reached every Washington home many times. Our citizens became conscious of their heritage, proud of their state, determined to meet the challenge of being pioneers of the century ahead. It was a great year, a great success, but only an introduction to greater years ahead.

WASHINGTON--A GREAT STATE
HONORS A GREAT AMERICAN

The Editor did a good deal of traveling over the state during the Centennial year, met a lot of people and gave many talks. In one city the Editor of the local paper said he'd tried to give some emphasis to the heritage in our name. It was a great suggestion and we're going to push it as hard as possible. We've had a cut made for use on our stationery--an outline of the state, words 'A Great State Honors a Great American', and a copy of a famous bust of Washington. Taking nothing from other state names, is there one you'd trade for Washington? As a part of this program, let's stop abbreviating the name. We don't like 'Wash.' or 'Wn.'. Let's drop them fast.

WASHINGTON NEEDS MORE LOCAL
SOCIETIES AND MUSEUMS

Every Washington county should have a local historical society and a local museum. We've said that a good many times and will continue to say it--at least until there is one in every county. Local societies did some great work during the Centennial year but we hope none of them feels its work is done. Their work and our work is just off to a great start. There's a wealth of history to preserve in every county, also relics to display. Local museums are vital but they should be in fireproof buildings. We know of at least three that are being planned--Grant, Wahkiakum and Snohomish Counties.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The American Association for State and Local History made 42 Awards for 1953. Four came to Washington. Honored were the Kitsap County Historical Society, Simpson Logging Co. of Shelton, Yakima Republic-Herald and the Washington State Historical Society. Splendid recognition from an increasingly important historical organization.

WISCONSIN

Probably every state historical society director is a bit envious of Dr. Clifford Lord of Wisconsin, but at the same time ready to congratulate him on a great job being done and Wisconsin for its recognition of history's worth. The Wisconsin society has some 24 endowment funds totaling more than \$600,000 and last year's legislative appropriation was almost \$400,000.

HELP THAT COUNTS

We have an outstanding collection of Indian baskets in the new Indian-Alaska Hall, but were short on information to go with them. Miss Ruby Blackwell, whose parents gave the society a splendid collection, has been rendering the Society a very valuable piece of service in cataloging the baskets. She has also given us the most elaborate stereopticon we've seen. She has given the Society many other valuable relics. That's the kind of membership that counts.

THANK YOU

To Archie Shiels for a History of Whatcom County--Mrs. Mary DeSteigner for 20 beautiful volumes Washington photographic history done for her by Asahel Curtis--Mr. & Mrs. Fred Schroeder for many beautiful Oriental items--Richfield Oil Co., Washington State film--Harry Johns, English long bow and other items--George O. Swasey, historical chair and other items--H. P. Christensen, old telegraph instrument and section of Fidalgo Is. tree. These are just a few taken from 5 pages of acquisitions 1952-53. Again, thank you.

STOCKADERS OF VANCOUVER TURNED IN A GREAT TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL JOB

One of the most active civic organizations in Washington is The Stockaders of Vancouver. It has been going several years but probably turned in its best record during the Centennial year under the leadership of Dr. Henry Schumacher.

It wasn't a one-way affair with the Stockaders. They had something doing all summer--auto show, spring store opening, picnics, Centennial pageant, with many school and organization activities. Name it and the Stockaders probably did it.

Very important, one of the finest jobs of newspaper support we've ever seen anywhere, by the Vancouver Columbian.

GREAT CENTENNIAL JOB IN SKAGIT COUNTY WITH WOMAN AT HEAD OF COMMITTEE

It might be suggested that the Skagit Co. Altrusa Club change its name to Historical Society, because of the outstanding job it did during the Centennial under the leadership of Mrs. Ann McCoy. Or, they could organize a Society.

Special edition Courier-Times of Sedro-Wooley with a lot of county history, all county civic events dedicated to Centennial, county history provided all schools, purchase of history books for library, markers. A record to be proud of.

MARITIME EXHIBIT OF HISTORY AND INDUSTRY BEGINS IN SEATTLE MUSEUM, MARCH 21

The Museum of History and Industry in Seattle announces Seattle's first Maritime Exhibit of History and Industry beginning Sunday, March 21.

There will be ship models, maps, charts, flags and other exhibits pertaining to the waterfront, exhibits are being sent from Honolulu, New York and Los Angeles. A very interesting show is assured.

March 11th, Miss Dorothy Bevis of the U of W Library staff took guests on a "Voyage of Discovery Among Rare Books, with particular attention to the Sophie Frye Bass collection now in the Museum Library."

Mrs. Sutton Gustison is the new director of the Seattle Museum of History and Industry. She had served on the Board before assuming her present position.

GRANT COUNTY SOCIETY VOTES TO BUILD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Probably the August 6th issue of the Grant County Journal contained other news but the editor of that paper recognized No. 1 in importance because No. 1 position and more than a column of space went to the news that the Society had voted to build a county museum.

Concrete blocks are to be sold, 3 for a dollar. We don't know how many blocks will be needed but predict those hustlers will sell enough. A new museum and in a fireproof building--great news from the Centennial.

The story of their annual meeting at Sun Lakes Park is one of the best we've seen, indicating a historically minded editor plus a historically minded reporter. Washington is acquiring a lot of these. Plenty of history, old and new in Grant County.

DONALD JAMIESON NEW PRESIDENT OF STEVENS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Stevens County Historical Society went all-out for the Centennial, participating in "Fort Colville Days" and Isaac Stevens pageant. Great events, both of them.

The Society sponsored a special exhibit in its museum in the basement of the library. A splendid collection of relics in the county, teeming with history.

New officers are: President, Donald Jamieson; Vice Pres., Minnie St. Clair; Sec., Frances Anderson; Treas., Bernice Snyder; Directors: Albert Kulzer, Grace Rhode, Mrs. Fred Putnam.

PLANS IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

A group of women in Snohomish County are planning a county historical society and museum. Something that fine county should have--and will have before long. Mrs. Cecil Cole is secretary of planning group.

RENDERING VALUABLE SERVICE

An exceptionally fine piece of historical work is being done in Olympia by Miss Bernice Sapp. At the last meeting of the Pioneer Society she presented a report containing the record of many deceased pioneers. It represented a vast amount of work, just a sample of what she has been doing a long time.

FOUR NATIONAL AWARDS TO WASHINGTON FOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN FIELD OF HISTORY

In the field of history, recognition by the American Association for State and Local History is coming to be regarded as top ranking in that category.

For 1953 the Association gave out 42 Awards and of these four came to Washington, with but six coming to the Pacific Coast states.

Recognized in this state were The Yakima Republic-Herald, Simpson Logging Co., Kitsap Co. Historical Society and the Washington State Historical Society. Awards in this state have been made personally by Chapin D. Foster, Society Director and Vice President of the national body.

At the Kitsap Co. meeting officers were elected: Pres., Chas. G. Strong; Vice-Pres., G. H. Hermanson; Sec., Leola Anderson; Sec., R. Rickey; Treas. E. E. Riddell.

TWO IMPORTANT ART SHOWS THIS MONTH IN STATE CAPITOL MUSEUM AT OLYMPIA

Paintings of two well known Northwest artists are seen this month in the State Capitol Museum in Olympia.

The artists are Mrs. Carl Blackstock of Seattle and Kenn E. Johnson, Tacoma, of the State Historical Society staff.

This is the first complete showing of Mrs. Blackstock's collection of portraits.

Kenn Johnson is president of the Pacific Gallery Artists of Tacoma, member of the Puget Sound Group of Northwest Painters, and the Northwest Color Society. He has a score of murals in the State Historical building in Tacoma, where he has for several years directed the Society's display program.

THE TIME IS 2053, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, WITH A LOT OF PAGES TURNED BACK

One of the highlights marking the celebration of the 200th Territorial anniversary will be the opening of the Time Capsule deposited by the State Historical Society on the State Capitol campus. Everything having to do with the Centennial is in the Capsule. Writers, columnists, speakers will have a great day when the Capsule is opened.

YOUNG WASHINGTON VISITS MUSEUMS

Last year nearly 500 bus loads of school pupils visited the State Society building. Attendance at all museums increasing, which is as it should be. Visual Washington history.

JAPANESE PRINTS ON DISPLAY IN BELLINGHAM CITY MUSEUM: MANY ACQUISITIONS

One of the features of the Bellingham City Museum's Centennial year was a display of Japanese prints. Many fine acquisitions during the year. An interesting loan exhibit of fluorescent rocks by Elroy McCaw. The Museum very popular during city's Centennial celebration.

NORTHWEST HISTORY CONFERENCE WILL MEET IN HELENA, MONTANA, 7-8-9: ELABORATE PLANS

This year Montana State Historical Society joins the Washington State Historical Society in sponsoring the sixth Northwest History Conference.

In previous years the Conference has been held in Tacoma. A splendid program has been planned, with K. Ross Toole, director of the Montana society in charge of local arrangements.

COWLITZ MUSEUM GROWING

Cowlitz County Historical Society started with a museum idea. Then came the museum and then growth, which is still in progress. Fine museum now in the courthouse, growing steadily.

PACIFIC COUNTY BUSY DURING CENTENNIAL

One of Washington's most active local historical societies during the Centennial was the Pacific County organization. Of many projects one of the best was a history of Pacific County. More of these are needed.

COMPLETE FILE OF "WASHINGTON HOUR"

During years Henry Gille was director of public relations for Puget Sound Power & Light Co., his pet project was radio "Washington Hour". He has given the State Society a complete file of those programs. A lot of history in them.

IN THE REALM OF "NO SUBSTITUTE"

In the field of local history preservation there is no substitute for a local historical society--also, a local museum.

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J. P. WEYERHAEUSER RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At its annual meeting in Tacoma, April 17th, J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., was re-elected president of the Society. Other officers were re-elected as follows: Vice Presidents, Howard A. Hanson, Seattle, and Herman J. Deutsch, Pullman; Treasurer and Ass't Treasurer, Guy T. Pierce and Kaye Ewart, Tacoma; Secretary-Director, Chapin D. Foster.

Two new members were added to the Board of Curators, Judge Matthew W. Hill of the Washington State Supreme Court, and Mrs. Eva Anderson of Chelan. Mrs. Anderson is a member of the State Legislature and the author of a number of historical books.

Re-elected to the Board of Curators were: Mrs. G. E. Anderson, Aberdeen; Howard Burnham, Vancouver; L. A. Kibbe, Bellingham; Rev. W. L. Davis and Joel E. Ferris, Spokane; Joshua Green, Seattle; T. A. Swayze, Tacoma.

In a very challenging address, Judge Hill directed attention to the need in the years ahead of pioneering in the field of ideas, particularly moral and spiritual ideas.

For a number of years the Society has sponsored competition among the newspapers of the state in the field of history preservation, but for the first time the awards were made at the Society's annual meeting.

The competition is divided into three categories--metropolitan, non-metropolitan and weekly newspapers. Receiving the awards were: Callison Marks for the Spokesman-Review, first; Chester Gibbon for the Seattle Times, second in metropolitan field; Miss S. I. Anthon for the Yakima Herald-Republic, and Ed V. Berg for the Longview Daily News, tied for first honors in non-metropolitan field; Wm. R. Lewis for Lyden Tribune, first in weekly field, Frank S. Evans for Sedro Woolley Courier-Times, second; Mrs. R. E. Breon for Tacoma Star, third.

A number of local societies were represented at the meeting.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

One of the features of the annual meeting of the State Historical Society was the awarding of the Certificate of Merit of the National Association for State & Local History. This award recognized the service of the Society in sponsoring observance of the Territorial Centennial. J. P. Weyerhaeuser as President, received the award from Chapin D. Foster, regional vice president of the national organization. This made the third award from the national body in six years. But 42 awards were made in 1953 for the entire country.

COWLITZ COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOW HAS FINE MUSEUM IN COURTHOUSE ANNEX

It was only a very few years ago that a group of people were called together in Cowlitz County to organize a historical society. During this first meeting it was suggested that 'some day' it might be found possible to develop a Museum for the county.

The Society grew and so did the Museum idea. First there was a case in the courthouse corridor. More space was needed and the P.U.D. offered some. Still more space was needed. In the meantime the county built an annex to the courthouse and half the upper floor was made available to the Society for its Museum.

If you want to see a might fine local museum, just visit the Cowlitz County courthouse and you'll see one. The restoration of the first log house in the county, for one thing, would be a credit to the largest museum in the country.

The State Society is very proud of this new museum for it helped a little with the organization and supplied most of the display cases for the museum. The thing that couldn't be done has been done in Cowlitz County.

CHATS WITH THE EDITOR

COWLITZ COUNTY SHOWS
WHAT CAN BE DONE

When the Cowlitz County Historical Society was organized it is doubtful if anyone anticipated that 1954 would

see a fine museum in that county yet that is just what has happened. Well, that museum didn't just drop down from the skies, it came because the members of the Society set for themselves a goal and apparently never took their collective eyes off the goal. Today Cowlitz County has a fine museum, one in which both the county and state can take pride. Because members of a new Society went to work and kept at it.

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HE LIKES THIS IDEA
FROM WASHINGTON

When the last issue of the News-Letter reached the desk of Dr. S. K. Stevens, historian of Pennsylvania,

at his office in Harrisburg, he took time to write a letter. He wanted to compliment the Washington State Society in both expressing its interest in local societies and trying to do something about it. He said that isn't the case in too many instances. Repeating again, every Washington County ought to have a local historical society and as soon as possible a local museum, and the Society is anxious to do everything possible to that end.

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SUGGESTION TO EDITORS
OF WASHINGTON

Editors get plenty of suggestions so I hope we don't get the waste basket tossed at us for this one.

Why not a statewide editorial campaign to eliminate "Wn" and "Wash" in the use of the state's name? We've got the best name in the U.S.A. but those abbreviations do it no credit. And extend the suggestion to the printing department.

JUDGE HILL HAD
AN EXCELLENT
PIONEERING IDEA

The address of Judge Hill at the annual meet-

ing made a profound impression upon his audience. Those hearing it will not soon forget his plea for a new type of pioneering. He would take nothing from those who crossed the plains in covered wagons. Realizing the courage, determination, perseverance, ideals and character involved, Judge Hill made a plea for those same qualities of citizenship to be extended to the field of ideas, particularly moral and spiritual ideas. The world in general and this country in particular is making phenomenal progress in industrial development, far beyond the comprehension of the average man. Unless there is moral and spiritual advance to match this, very dark clouds may be expected on the horizon. History proves this.

FORT VANCOUVER MUSEUM TAKES
A LONG STEP FORWARD

You can't go down to Vancouver and see a new museum on the site of Fort Vancouver but another long step in that direction has been taken.

Secretary Vanderholm of the Fort Vancouver Restoration and Historical Society reported to the State Society annual meeting that the museum is in the National Parks Service budget.

It's never been there before so we can all hope it remains there and is adopted. Some day this will be one of the historical show spots of the west and the day can't come too soon. The budget calls for a very substantial building. Folks down there have been dreaming of this for years.

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What about asking a friend to join the Washington State Historical Society?

SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE SET FOR
HARVARD UNIVERSITY CAMPUS THIS SUMMER

If anyone from Washington can attend the Institute on Historical and Archival Management on the Harvard University campus, June 23 - Aug. 17 they can be assured an outstanding course on these subjects.

Radcliffe College and the Department of History of Harvard are sponsoring the Institute, which insures its quality, also the fact that Dr. Earle Newton, editor of American Heritage is to be the Director. The State Society has additional information if needed.

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THANKS FOR THE HATS

James Vincent of 624 No. Ainsworth in Tacoma, is a merchant seaman who keeps his eye out for interesting souvenirs. He's just presented the State Society with three hats from Formosa, Hong Kong and Siam. Big hats and very interesting. Thanks, Mr. Vincent.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED IN EVERETT, PLAN MUSEUM

It looks as though the people of Snohomish County won't have to wait very long before they can see the first of what will undoubtedly prove another fine local museum.

An organization has been completed and a start toward a museum made. Recently a delegation from Everett, headed by Mrs. Eleanor Cole, visited the State Society in search of suggestions.

Officers have been elected as follows:

President -- O. A. Rumbaugh
1st Vice Pres. -- Mrs. Thos. Clement
2nd Vice Pres. -- Mrs. Thos. Rodgers
3rd Vice Pres. -- Mrs. Herman Felder
Rec. Secretary -- Mrs. Arthur Graves
Corr. Secretary -- Mrs. Cecil Cole
Treasurer -- R. W. Hunt

Snohomish County has plenty of history and by combining history with artifacts in the museum, a splendid service will be rendered the citizens of that area.

THANK YOU, MRS. ANDERSON

The State Society has a genealogical department which has grown in recent years and is destined to do a lot of growing in the future. At the annual meeting Mrs. G. E. Anderson of Aberdeen was shown a circular telling of a new service for that department. It would cost \$40. Mrs. Anderson wrote the necessary check and to her our sincere thanks.

TWO MORE COUNTIES ARE TALKING ABOUT THE NEED FOR LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One of the goals of the State Society is a local society in every county in the state and, as soon as proper steps can be taken, a local museum to house local historical relics.

Two more counties are thinking about such organizations, the need is felt.

A meeting has been set for Davenport in late May when the Director will be in that area. It is pretty certain they will have a society in Lincoln County and, very soon, if not at once a local museum.

In Lynden the feeling is growing that Whatcom County should have a local historical society. There's a heap of history in every Washington County but it will remain buried unless the home folks take steps for its preservation.

FLAG WITH A HISTORY

The Highlands, Jackson Courthouse or whatever name you choose for it, was the community center of Western Washington in pre-territorial days. It was there that the first informal meeting to talk Territory was held and here the women decided there should be a flag. No place to buy it and so they made it. Flag makers in the professional field would say it was wrong here and wrong there, but we say it's a wonderful flag, now with the State Society's flag collection through the cooperation of Miss Anna Koontz of Chehalis, granddaughter of "Grandma" Jackson.

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STEVENS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTS DONALD JAMIESON PRESIDENT

Stevens County doesn't take a back seat for any county when it comes to history and along with the history they have a very active county historical society, organized a couple of years ago.

Donald Jamieson of Colville is the new president.

The society now numbers about 35 members and excellent progress is being made.

There's a very interesting museum in the basement of the Library, which already is giving evidence of the need of more space.

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STATE CAPITOL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION HELD ENTHUSIASTIC ANNUAL MEETING IN APRIL

The report of Mrs. Ida Burford, Director, indicates that the annual meeting of the State Capitol Historical Association was very much of a success.

This was the 12th annual meeting, it's hard to realize the association has been going that long. W. J. Miller is new pres..

Program included talks by Robert Hitchman of Seattle, member of the Board of Curators of the State Society, and Mrs. Peter Schmidt. The meeting closed with a delightful social hour.

The report of Mrs. Burford indicated the outstanding support given the Centennial by the association. It held several receptions and did a particularly outstanding job in providing historical material for inclusion in the Time Capsule deposited on the Capitol Campus by the State Society to be opened in 2053. That will be a great day.

STATE SOCIETY READY TO COOPERATE TO PRESERVE FOREST INDUSTRY HISTORY

Forest products have held position No. 1 in the development of Washington from the outset and will continue to play a major role in future development.

Several years ago the American Forest History Foundation was organized for the purpose of preserving the history of forest products in every state where it had been an important factor in state development.

At its last meeting the Board of Curators voted to cooperate with the History Foundation so far as Washington is concerned.

President Weyerhaeuser was asked to head a special committee to work with the Foundation and the forest products industry in this state.

"OUR MUSEUM GROWING RIGHT ALONG" IS THE WORLD FROM CLALLAM COUNTY

A year ago, possibly longer, word came that the Clallam County Historical Society was working on a museum project. Up there its been a case of work rather than words, but now comes word of real progress.

Here's the word from Madge H. Nailor, Treasurer:

"Our museum is growing right along. The High School class will have finished the large basement and foundation of concrete by the time school is out, and that has been a big job working in mud up to their shoetops.

"Next fall when school starts, they will be ready to put up the framework and then we will begin another campaign for funds. We have over \$13,000 raised which is almost half of what we have to raise, but funds are coming in all the time. Many persons are sending cash to us in memorials upon the death of friends, instead of flowers to a funeral."

A suggestion--read that Port Angeles report again, its worth several readings. They have a great idea up there and they'll have a great museum when they finish.

WE'VE A STEREOSCOPE DE LUXE

Remember the standard stereoscope you held in one hand? Well, that's not the kind Miss Ruby Blackwell, 715 No. 9th Street, Tacoma, gave the Society. It was a Stereoscope De Luxe if such a word can be used. This outfit sits on a table--well its got class all the way. 25 views with it. Maybe someone else has some historical (Washington) stereoscope pictures we could add to the 25. In many other ways Miss Blackwell has been a wonderful friend to the Society.

BEAUTIFUL DRESSES GIVEN

The Editor is no dress expert but it takes no expert to realize something of the quality of the dresses, coat and shawl given by Mrs. James Bashford of Wauna. The late James Bashford, Tacoma photographer for many years, was a great friend of the Society. The dresses belonged to Mrs. Bull, a sister of Phillip Caesar of the Vanderbilt family. They will make a beautiful display.

WANTED -- NEWS!

In its new format News-Letter will come out more frequently than before, it is expected. This notice is a request and suggestion that local societies send in news as often as possible. News-Letter serves the State Society but every local society as well.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CAN RESUME THEIR HELP TO "FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY"

"Friends of the Library" is not a new idea with the State Society but through it some much needed books have been added. During the Centennial year no suggestions were made. Here are a few. Just select, preferably first and second choice, and send a check. The book will carry the name of the donor.

The Makah Indians, Colson	\$4.75
Dr. Colson lived a year among the Makahs at Neah Bay. A much appreciated book.	
Lincoln and the Russians, Woldman	\$5.00
We can't know too much of early Alaska, its so much a part of our economy.	
Haida Myths, Barbeau	\$5.00
Published by Dept. of Resources of Canada. A companion book is "Totem Poles", both are included in price above.	
Pioneer Days in Idaho County, Elsensohn	\$7.50
Easy to forget that Idaho was once part of Washington. Stories of pioneers, diaries, newspaper files, letters etc.	

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RENO ODLIN, TACOMA CIVIC LEADER, HEADS WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One of the best known citizens of Washington has been named president of the State Society for the next three years, in the person of Reno Odlin, president of the Puget Sound National Bank of Tacoma.

Mr. Odlin succeeds J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., who served three years in the presidency and who gave the Society outstanding leadership. Mr. Weyerhaeuser will continue his interest in the Society as a member of the Board of Curators.

Roe E. Shaub of Tacoma, member of the Board of Curators for a number of years, was advanced to the position of Vice President, succeeding Howard A. Hanson of Seattle, who had asked to be relieved of that responsibility. Col. Hanson will continue on the Board of Curators.

The Board gains a new face and the Yakima district a representative in the person of Click Relander, city editor of the Yakima Republic. Mr. Relander is an author and a most enthusiastic worker in the field of Central Washington history.

A signal honor was paid a most enthusiastic Historical Society leader, when S. A. Perkins, former president, was elevated to the position of Curator Emeritus. This honor has been awarded only twice previously, and came as one of Mr. Perkins' 90th birthday remembrances.

The annual meeting, which took the form of an Open House, honored Lewis and Clark, with Mrs. Della Gould Emmons in charge of the program. A number of descendants of members of the party were special guests. It proved a very enjoyable meeting.

"Local history is coming to be understood as LIVING HISTORY and possessing a dynamic, human flavor which commands the attention of all people. I am positive that the answer to the use of history as a means of building what we might term a national morale or spirit lies entirely in the LOCAL FIELD. At no time in history were we more in need of a certain national spirit or morale which would enable us to think more clearly and unitedly as a people under crisis. There are times when we need AMERICANS, not Republicans or Democrats. We must start rekindling the American spirit right at the local level.

---S.K. STEVENS, Pennsylvania

NEW WASHINGTON ROCK AND MINERAL EXHIBIT IN STATE MUSEUM TO BE COMPLETED SOON

By the time the next issue of News-Letter is issued there is every reason to believe the first unit of the Washington Rock and Mineral Exhibit will have been completed and dedicated.

This will not be the largest exhibit of its kind but it will take a long journey to find a better one.

Responsible for this exhibit are the Rock Hounds of Washington with Charlie Robinson of Puyallup the driving force behind the project. Already more than 700 Rock Hounds of the state have chipped in a dollar

each toward construction costs, a remarkable record for any state. Only Washington specimens will be shown in this unit. The cases, brilliantly illuminated, lend themselves to the finest display possible.

Featured also will be a map of Washington to show what minerals for commercial use, are found in Washington and where, with a special case for county displays.

Fluorescent rock displays will feature the second unit, which will follow as rapidly as possible. Watch for the opening.

SKAGIT COUNTY DAUGHTERS OF PIONEERS PLAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY-MUSEUM

The Skagit County unit Daughters of Pioneers is taking the initiative in making preliminary steps looking toward the organization of a county historical society and museum. "Daughters" over the state have done some fine work in this field. Our congratulations to this fine group; we predict success.

CHATS WITH THE EDITOR

WELCOME TO NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

This issue of News-Letter can welcome a new President of the State Society and a number of other changes in the official family.

Reno Odlin, president of the Puget Sound National Bank of Tacoma, will be president of the Society for the ensuing three years. Mr. Odlin is one of the best known citizens of Tacoma and Washington. It would take a pretty long column to list all of his civic responsibilities. The State Historical Society is fortunate in being able to enlist the leadership of such a citizen.

Mr. Odlin succeeds a man who is also a state and national leader. Mr. J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., has served as president for the past three years and has given the Society exceedingly constructive leadership. The Society is extremely fortunate in the willingness of Mr. Weyerhaeuser to continue on the Board of Curators.

The Society has a new vice president--we have two of them--but not a man new to the Society's work. Roe Shaub of Tacoma has served on the Board of Curators a number of years and has been advanced to the position of vice president, along with Dr. H. J. Deutsch of Pullman. Howard A. Hanson of Seattle, who has served as vice president a number of years, asked to be relieved of that responsibility and was named to the Board.

The Board gains a new member in Click Relander of Yakima. Mr. Relander is a most active worker in historical fields in Central Washington. He is city editor of the Yakima Republic.

The State Society is headed by a group of men dedicated to the preservation of Washington history.

AN HONOR WELL DESERVED

Just about the finest honor that can come to a man in the field of Washington history is to be selected for the position of Curator Emeritus of the State Society. Over a period of a number of years, this honor has been accorded only twice.

In selecting S. A. Perkins for this honor it would be difficult to find a man more deserving of the honor. Mr. Perkins served as President of the Society for more than 10 years, with many improvements in the Society home being made during that period. When it comes to civic interests, it's our guess that the State Historical Society ranks No. 1 in Mr. Perkins' book. It was a nice gift to add to the many remembrances on Mr. Perkins' 90th birthday

THE NATION BECOMES CONSCIOUS OF LEWIS AND CLARK

The last issue of News-Letter had something to say of plans for the observance of the Lewis and Clark Sesqui-centennial, but a deal of wishful thinking went into the comment. The Governors of six Northwest states named committees and on these committees devolved the job of developing a cooperative program.

With excellent cooperation from schools, newspapers, radio and television, magazines, civic events, commercial and historical groups a really outstanding program has taken shape.

Included is a 32-page booklet published by the Northern Pacific Railway. The Northwest has good reason to be proud of the work done by the state committees.

MORE WORK IN SIGHT

Last year Dr. C. Brewster

Coulter had a group of students of the College of Puget Sound doing some excellent work in the Society Library. We hear rumors of another work project.

A FLAG FOR MANY YEARS AND NOW A FLAG LAW

One of the first bills to drop into the Legislative hopper was one prepared by the State Society calling for display of the State Flag in certain places. We have a great state and a beautiful flag. It will be good for our own people as well as visitors to become better acquainted with both.

INDIAN TRIBES TAKE LEAD IN TREATY CENTENNIAL PROGRAMS

At Walla Walla, Toppenish, Muckilteo and other points, the Indian Treaty Centennial is being observed this summer. Without exception, leadership has come from the Indian tribes.

SPEAKING OF GIFTS

Folks worry about gifts for Mother, Father and others. Many are using American Heritage. This is the Number One historical book-magazine in America today. A proud home to possess this publication.

AN UNDERSTATEMENT

The last issue of News-Letter hinted that the annual meeting of the Snohomish Co. Society would reflect progress. An understatement, folks. That group is showing real speed.

YOU'LL SEE IT SOON

And when you see that new Washington Rock and Mineral display sponsored by the Rock Hounds, you'll see the finest in the field.



AVIATION PROGRESS THROUGH THE YEARS FEATURES NEW EXHIBIT SEATTLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Aircraft, engines, model airplanes, photographs and scale models depicting the history and progress of aviation through the years, are included in a special display to be seen in the Seattle Historical Society museum. The exhibit will continue until October 1.

Contributors to the exhibit include aircraft companies, Army, Navy, Air Corps, Weather Bureau. Sponsoring the exhibit, called the Cavalcade of Aviation, is Historical Associates, Seattle Section Institute of Aeronautical Societies and the Society.

TREATY CENTENNIAL PROGRAM AT WALLA WALLA PROVES AN OUTSTANDING EVENT

Eastern Washington Indian tribes joined in sponsoring an outstanding Stevens Treaty Centennial observance at Walla Walla June 10-12. Participating in the event were the Yakima, Nez Perce, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Cayuse tribes. They were assisted by the every efficient Chamber of Commerce of Walla Walla.

The program included a parade, Lewis & Clark luncheon, beautiful pageant, religious service directed by the Indians. The Walla Walla Co. Historical Society arranged a fine store display, also maps showing the Lewis & Clark Trail through that area. Miss Thomas and Miss Pettyjohn were active in this project. The pageant "Pe-wa-OO-Yit" was outstanding. Help all the way from the efficient Chamber of Commerce.

The Yakima tribe dedicated a marker on the Reservation at Toppenish, and published a commemorative booklet prepared by Click Relander. A feature at Walla Walla was an exhibit of Indian paintings by Rowena Alcorn of Tacoma.

NORTHWEST STATES JOIN IN OBSERVING LEWIS AND CLARK SESQUI-CENTENNIAL WITH MANY EVENTS

The Northwest was conscious of the fact this summer and 150 years ago Lewis and Clark headed the greatest land exploration in history through this area. Governors of Northwest states named special committees and these joined forces in promoting a cooperative observance of the great event, through schools, newspapers, radio and television, special events, with a movie "Far Horizons" for good measure. Film based on book "Sacajawea" by Della Gould Emmons of Tacoma. Added to an auto tour along the trail and an air tour above it, 22 civic events are scheduled together with a great Boy Scout project involving 1000 Scouts.

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It will be apparent that officers and Board members are selected from all parts of the state. It is desired that they be interested in the preservation of Washington history at the state and local level, citizens of standing in their own district, attend meetings of the Board and assume the responsibilities of committee membership. There is honor attached to membership in the official family of the State Historical Society but along with the honor is work. One of the most responsible Board Committees is the Nominations Committee, theirs is a year-round responsibility. This committee always welcomes suggestions.

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MANY SPECIAL PROGRAMS DURING THE YEAR SPONSORED BY STATE CAPITOL MUSEUM AT OLYMPIA

Southwest Washington painters were featured last month in the annual exhibit, the event also featuring the Society's annual Open House and Tea.

Early in the year the Indian Treaty Centennial commemorative program, featuring Indian dances, proved so outstanding that KING television station asked that it be repeated on its Community Workshop program.

The pageant was the work of Mrs. Melba Miller assisted by Mrs. Mary Ewen, High School drama coach, and Tom Turya of the school. For the television presentation W. J. Miller, Society president, acted as commentator. Another television program is in preparation for July. This show will feature the Society's sea shell collection, with Phil Spicer, the collector, appearing in person.

During the spring Mrs. Rowena Alcorn of Tacoma had an exhibit of her outstanding Indian paintings. These were shown also in the State Historical Society gallery and at Walla Walla during the Treaty Observance June 10-12.

TREATY CENTENNIAL AT MUKILTEO

Washington Indian tribes which participated in the treaty signing with Gov. Stevens, are leaders in observance of the centennial. An elaborate observance is planned at Mukilteo and Everett and it is expected that out of it will come the erection of a Long House-museum. Other observances on the Coast are planned.

NEW ART EXHIBITS EVERY MONTH

One of the program features of the State Society is a new art exhibit every month. The exhibits are booked now until next summer. The current exhibit is from New York. Many of the exhibits are by Northwest artists, the Society thus encouraging local talent. An exhibit of beautiful textiles has just been shown.

MORE SCHOOL CLASS VISITS DURING YEAR

Visits by school classes within a radius of 100 miles to the State Society museum increase every year and the past school year has been no exception. And, each year finds more to see in the museum.

Within the past month several State Society members sent in lists of prospective members. A fine idea. Many thanks.

EASTERN WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL ADD EXHIBIT ROOM AND STORAGE FACILITIES

Additional exhibit and storage space will be available in the Eastern Washington State Historical Society building when an addition authorized by the last legislature is completed.

Nearing completion now are exhibit cases in the natural history annex, a project sponsored by the Spokane Junior League. Imaginative murals have been planned for backgrounds. Miscellaneous animals are grouped in front of the backdrop as a good substitute for habitat groups.

EXTRA DIVIDEND FOR NEW MEMBERS

In addition to the Pacific Northwest Quarterly and News-Letter, new State Society members are receiving copies of "Washington at a Glance" This was a dollar seller and makes a very nice "extra dividend".

STATE SOCIETY ACCESSIONS

Mrs. A. Glendenin, Ogunquit, Me., two dresses - worn in Washington Territorial days.
Mrs. A. O. Urban, Galesburg, Ill., copy of illustrated book "Fairhaven Illustrated".
L. C. Christy, Tacoma, 37 bits used in pioneer days, Philippine ceremonial equipment.
Miss Eleanor Murray, Tacoma, Vest worn by her father. Book of Common Prayer.
Mrs. D. P. Wichersham, Ross, Cal., Teakettle and other Washington pioneer items.
Stanley Anderson, Tacoma, U. S. Seal.
George O. Swasey, Tacoma, Wedding gown and other wearing apparel.
News-Tribune, Tacoma, 1901 press badge.
Dr. S. E. Sanderson, Tacoma, Canoe models.
Mrs. G. W. Burroughs, Tacoma, N. P. passes.
Mrs. Julius Mann, Tacoma, Pioneer pictures.

TWO PIANOS GIVEN TO STATE SOCIETY

The State Society has recently received two square pianos. The first was given by Mrs. G.G. Parlamon, Tacoma, and belonged to Gov. Isaac I. Stevens, first Territorial Governor. The second, also a square piano, was given by Mrs. G. G. Brock, Tacoma. Both are handsome instruments.

LEWIS COUNTY TALKING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One of the richest counties in Washington so far as history is concerned, is Lewis County. At a meeting held recently in Centralia, the organization of a county society and museum was discussed.



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WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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S. A. PERKINS, PRESIDENT OF
STATE SOCIETY FOR 10 YEARS
PASSES AT AGE OF 90

S. A. Perkins, Washington newspaper publisher for more than 50 years and prominent civic leader, passed away this fall at the age of 90.

He had served the Society as President for 10 years and was named Curator Emeritus at this year's annual meeting.

For many years the Society was his major public interest. He developed Washington Hall at a cost of nearly \$15,000 and in his will set up a fund of \$50,000 toward an additional wing. He also left the Society his outstanding collection of personally autographed photographs, considered one of the finest in the United States.

COL. GREELEY, FORESTRY LEADER, PASSES

In the death of Col. W. B. Greeley, the state lost her best known leader in the field of forestry. As Northwest Chairman of the American Forest History Foundation, Col. Greeley was deeply interested in the work of the State Society.

NORTHWEST HISTORY CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN
TACOMA NEXT MAY; COMMITTEE PLANS PROGRAM

The Pacific Northwest History Conference will be held in Tacoma, where it started half a dozen years ago. The date has been tentatively set for early May and plans for the program are already well under way. This is something all History leaders in the Northwest should attend if at all possible.

THEN IT SNOWED..... Daughters of Pioneers had planned a fine pioneer Christmas program in the state building for the 18th. Then it snowed--program next year.

President Eisenhower at Williamsburg-- "I wish sincerely that every man, woman and child that has the proud privilege of calling himself an American, could stand here on this spot and see the picture of Washington, and re-live again our forefathers' moments, the problems they met in their own times, and thus regain faith to solve the problems of our day". A visitor can gain similar inspiration in the various halls of the Washington State Historical building, standing before the relics of the pioneer days in the state honoring our greatest American.

STATE SOCIETY BOARD OF CURATORS
PLANS PUBLICATION PROGRAM
TO START IN NEAR FUTURE

At its meeting December 10 the Board of Curators adopted a publications program presented by John M. McClelland, Jr., of Longview. This will be the most comprehensive publications program undertaken by the State Society.

Reno Odlin, president, had just returned from an extensive European and Near East trip and gave the Board a most interesting resume of his trip during the noon hour.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held in April, and will again feature an Open House plan.

Immediately following the holidays, an intensive membership campaign will be launched under the direction of J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., chairman of the Membership committee.

1956 LEWIS AND CLARK PLANS DEVELOPED

If Lewis and Clark had not returned safely to the East, the value of their Expedition might have been lost. Through schools, newspapers, civic organizations, radio and television, attention will be directed to their return trip, beginning in March, when they left Fort Clatsop.

FINE BOOKS GIVEN STATE SOCIETY

During the past month the State Society has received books and manuscripts from Mrs. B. E. Buckmaster, former Senator Harry P. Cain, and 'duplicates' from the University of Washington.

From Rev. J. Neilson Barry, Portland, valuable data on early Columbia River history.

From Alice Porter, Seattle, a rare book of early Tacoma views.

These are only a very few of the Fall accessions.

CHATS WITH THE EDITOR

HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOSES VALUABLE LEADER

The records of this Society offer abundant proof in support of the statement that in the passing of Mr. S. A. Perkins the organization has lost a very valuable leader.

For more than 10 years he served as President of the Society, a record in itself. During that service the Society, its work and its home became his Number One interest, and it remained so until his death. Provisions in his will give added and substantial evidence of that interest.

Future generations will have good reason to know of the interest of Mr. Perkins in the Washington State Historical Society. In the development of memorial projects, Mr. Perkins led off with the creation of Washington Hall, one of the most unique halls of its kind in the entire country. Just what form his bequest takes has yet to be determined but it will be still more outstanding.

News-Letter's editor feels a very deep personal loss. He went to work for Mr. Perkins on the Tacoma News more than 40 years ago. During the last years his contacts were more frequent than with anyone else outside Mr. Perkins' business organization.

This Society has lost a very valuable leader, Washington has lost a very valuable citizen.

MORE MEMBERS FOR THE STATE SOCIETY

Probably there is no point in telling you just how many members the Society seeks to add but for the first time in its history a real membership program is under way.

Members of the Board of Curators and individual members have been giving valuable assistance to the Membership committee, headed by Mr. Weyerhaeuser.

There is still time -- if you haven't done so -- to send in names of Washingtonians who should be interested in supporting the work of this Society.

HATS OFF TO MEMBERS OF THE ROCK HOUNDS POW WOW

Suggesting 'hats off' is pretty old stuff but it's really deserved in this instance for the Rock Hounds, headed by C. H. Robinson, Jr., have turned in a job that could easily be classified as 'impossible'.

Only a few of the 1000 charter memberships are still available, and we're frank to say we doubt if anyone but Charlie Robinson could have sold that many over the state. We're not going to overlook Mrs. Robinson for she has done a remarkable job, also.

The exhibit is a wonder. It's all Washington. It would be a credit to any state. We're mighty proud of it.

THEY'LL BE HEADING EAST PRETTY SOON

Lewis and Clark reached their goal 150 years ago in November, but let's not forget they had to get back east again and that was done in 1806. There's a lot of observance possible for the coming year.

STATE CAPITOL MUSEUM RECEIVES HIGH HONOR

The State Capitol Museum at Olympia was the only organization in the Northwest to be honored this year by the American Association for State and Local History.

The Olympia society was nominated by Chapin D. Foster, regional vice president of the national organization and state awards chairman.

Recognition by the American Association is the highest honor that can be earned in the field of state and local history.

The award was presented to Mrs. Ida Burford by Mr. Foster recently in the Governor's office, with Justice Matthew W. Hill of the Supreme Court, who is vice president of the Olympia organization, joining Mrs. Burford in receiving the award.

Congratulations to the Capitol museum for this recognition of its work.

NEW STORAGE FACILITIES BEING DEVELOPED IN STATE BUILDING

Storage is always a problem with every museum, particularly those erected before the importance of storage was realized.

It has been the Number One problem in the State Society building for years. A long step toward solution was completed early in the year and another unit of storage drawers and shelves has just been completed.

This doesn't solve the problem but just adds another step.

A storage unit on the 5th floor will be the next to receive a face-lifting treatment, although just ahead of it will be some much needed work on the second floor. The staff plans a celebration of some sort when the storage problem is out of the way so far as the present building is concerned.

Have you sent in names of folks who should be members?

ROCK HOUNDS OF WASHINGTON HAVE COMPLETED FIRST UNIT OF OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT

The new Washington Rock and Mineral exhibit is a 'must' so far as visitors are concerned.

This is a result of the work of the Rock Hound Pow Wow. Those who have voted highest honors for enthusiasm to golfer, fishermen or hunters will have to give way to Rock Hounds. They really follow their hobby in a big way.

Taking the lead in the development of the project have been Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robinson, Jr., of Puyallup. They have travelled many miles over the state contacting local organizations, and have put in many hours in arranging the exhibit. The exhibit is located just ahead of the three new pioneer rooms on the second floor.

The outstanding feature of the exhibit is that it is all Washington, something that surprises all the visitors except the Rock Hounds themselves.

News-Letter editor will not attempt enumeration of the specimens on display, there are too many and the names are hard to spell. The exhibit is not 'static'. By that is meant that new specimens are being added almost every week by Mr. Robinson.

The Rock Hounds raised money for the fine cases, the labor being supplied by the Society staff.

There is a mineral section which shows some 20 specimens of minerals mined in the state commercially. The mining industry in Washington represents about \$60,000,000 annually so the exhibit makes a valuable contribution as an historical display.

This is the first section and work on the second section, to be located on the opposite side of the hall, will start immediately.

The additional section will be devoted to a fluorescent display. That is, certain rock specimens respond brilliantly to various kinds of 'black light'. It will take some time to complete this unit but it will be one of the finest in the West.

There was a large crowd in attendance when the first unit was dedicated. Ben Woods, state president, joined Mr. Robinson in presenting the exhibit to the Historical Society, represented by Vice President Roe Shaub. First honors in supporting the project went to the Morton Rock Hounds.

The dedication was given fine publicity in Northwest Mineral News, which paid high tribute to the exhibit itself and to the enthusiasm of the Rock Hound which made it possible.

AWARDS PRESENTED TO DAUGHTERS OF PIONEERS OF YAKIMA AND TWO YAKIMA NEWSPAPERS

Presentation of 1954 awards by the American Association for State and Local History to the Daughters of Pioneers of Yakima and to the Yakima Herald and Republic was made in November by Chapin D. Foster, regional vice president of the Association.

The award to the Daughters of Pioneers recognized their work in the preservation of Yakima Valley history and in behalf of the new museum to be built in Yakima.

The award to the two daily newspapers was in recognition of their work in preserving Yakima Valley history over a period of 50 years.

Mrs. Elmer Pankey, president, received the award for the Daughters at a special luncheon held for that purpose, and Miss S. I. Anthon, news director, for the two papers.

Yakima County is rich in history and between the Daughters of Pioneers, newspapers and recently organized Yakima Valley Museum and Historical Association it is being efficiently preserved.

VISITORS FROM NEW YORK, TURKEY

Several years ago a man from New York visited the State Society building. Evidently he was impressed for when he returned last month for a business conference he was accompanied by a man from Chicago and another from Salt Lake. He brought both of them to the building, where they spent the better part of half a day.

About the same time three men from Turkey were in Tacoma on a trip through the Northwest. They were brought to the building and they too spent several hours seeing Washington on parade.

MISS ELOISE THOMAS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WALLA WALLA HISTORICAL ORGANIZATION

New officers of the Walla Walla Valley Pioneer and Historical Society are:

President, Miss Eloise Thomas
Vice President, Allen Reynolds
Treasurer, Mrs. Alma Blackman
Secretary, Mrs. C. F. Dement
Historian, Miss Armina Fix

Seven members joined the caravan re-tracing the route of Lewis and Clark last summer. These were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Church, Sen. and Mrs. Henry Copeland, Miss Dorothy Elliott, Mrs. Frank Lowden and Mrs. C. F. Dement. A museum is the society's goal.

LOCAL SOCIETIES ARE TURNING IN SOME FINE ACTIVITIES IN HISTORICAL FIELD

FROM KITSAP COUNTY -- Fine exhibit at the Kitsap County Fair last fall. New officers: Chas. Strong, Pres.; G. E. Hermanson, V-Pres.; Mrs. Leola Anderson, Cor. Sec.; W. O. Lewis, Rec. Sec.; E. E. Ridell, Treas.; Elgia Hoffman, Museum Director.

Rosamond Laurie Johnson has published a book "Kitsap Tyee", book of Indian legends.

FROM BELLINGHAM -- The outstanding J. M. Edson Mounted Bird and Mammal Collection has been given to the Museum. Few finer collections in the West. Another gift, a model of the Schooner Vigilant. 10 feet long, masts 10 feet high, a perfect model. Prof. L. A. Kibbe given American Association for State and Local History award at College commencement.

FROM SNOHOMISH COUNTY -- Money still coming in for museum project. Lots of interest in Society's work. Monthly art exhibits.

FROM PORT ANGELES -- High School manual arts class working again on museum project. Will be completed this school year. It's on Forest Service land, that department assisting. Clallam County Historical Society doing great work.

FROM SEATTLE -- Seattle Historical Society sponsoring remarkable "Christmas Around the World" Program Dec. 9-18. Honoring 13 countries. One of most ambitious programs undertaken by this active society.

FROM PUYALLUP -- Many additions to Paul Karshner Museum in High school, including dresses, fish, Eskimo dolls, electrical apparatus and other items. Very interesting museum.

FROM ORCAS ISLAND -- Land bought and contributions coming in for museum. Relics being collected. To start building in 1956. Congratulations in big letters.

MORE BELLINGHAM -- Museum to have roof restored. Building 63 years old. Three floors now used for museum, great credit to city.

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MORE WRITERS ARE DISCOVERING THE NORTHWEST, WITH SOME FINE BOOKS AS THE RESULT

News-Letter doesn't attempt a book review department but here are comments on some which have come to the desk recently.

Murray Morgan's latest book "The Last Wilderness" has to do with the Olympic Peninsula. Morgan is a newspaper reporter at heart and this book covers an 'assignment'. The editor wanted to read a chapter or two so he could tell Murray he was reading the book. He couldn't stop until the last page.

Not many of our readers have been in the newspaper business but all of them come in contact with papers. Out in Snoqualmie Falls Ed and Charlotte Groshell jumped from metropolitan to weekly journalism. In "Minding Our Own Business" Mrs. Groshell tells their story. Why not give a copy to your local editor?

We're running out of words to apply to American Heritage. It's not like any book, nor any magazine. It's just in a class by itself. Started out a year ago with a press run of 55,000 and a lot of faith. The current issue has a press run of 115,000. This book-magazine isn't cheap but worth every penny of the price. There's no substitute for it.

The story of American Forestry from a scientific standpoint. Vitally interesting to the Northwest. Tells the story of the first planned forest experiment, financed in North Carolina by George Vanderbilt. The late Frank Lamb of Hoquiam one of the first students. An excellent piece of work by the originator of forest management in America.

Robert Cour has done a fine book on the half-century history of plywood in the Northwest. "The Plywood Age" tells the story.

In a few months there will be another important Washington book "Drummers and Dreamers" by Click Relander, Yakima newspaperman and member of the State Society Board of Curators. Smart people are ordering it now.

Recent visitors included C. M. Miles of Oakland, who edited "Building a State" for the State Society in 1939, and Prof. Bert Hansen of Missoula, chairman of the Montana Lewis and Clark committee.

START BUILDING YAKIMA MUSEUM SOON

Work on the new Yakima Museum will start soon after the first of the year. The building will cost about \$130,000 and the money has been raised, together with an additional \$20,000 for interior development.





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STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING IS SET FOR APRIL 7th

The 1955 Annual Meeting pattern will be followed again this year inasmuch as it seemed to meet the hearty approval of the membership.

April 7th is the date. The Society Building the place and 2 P.M. the time. There will be a short business program but one that will give the members a very clear picture of some of the new activities of the Society.

Election results will be announced, of course.

Following the meeting members will visit different floors of the building, on which a number of changes have been made during the year.

The beautiful Rock Hound mineral and rock exhibit will be seen by many members for the first time.

A special invitation is extended to visit the Library.

Refreshments will close the afternoon. The plan is to have a little business, a lot of visiting and then light refreshments to wind up a pleasant afternoon.

The building will be closed to the general public that afternoon. Members are urged to bring friends who might be interested in knowing more of the Society's work and ultimately becoming members.

PIERCE COUNTY LARIETTES SPONSOR DOLL SHOW IN STATE BUILDING

There is still time to see the Doll Show sponsored by the Pierce County Lariettes in the State Society building. A wonderful collection of dolls. No charge for admission, of course, but a chance to give for the benefit of a bus for the Crippled Children's School. Certainly a worthy cause.

New art show this month, also, by the Women Painters of Washington.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORY CONFERENCE TO MEET IN TACOMA MAY 4-5

Tacoma will be host again to the Pacific Northwest History Conference, the dates being Friday-Saturday, May 4 and 5.

Announcements have been mailed to Historians, Librarians, Teachers and Laymen of the Northwest and a record attendance is anticipated.

The State Historical Society sponsored the first Conference, back in 1948, and it has grown in size and importance with each succeeding Conference.

The 1955 Conference was held in Spokane and in Helena, Montana, the preceding year. The present plan is to meet in Tacoma at least every third year.

Associated in the sponsorship of this year's Conference will be the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma Public Library, and Pacific Lutheran College. The program is an unusually strong one.

Two banquets will be held this year as in recent years. The Friday evening banquet will be held at the Winthrop with Reno Odlin, president of the State Society, as chairman, and Stewart Holbrook, outstanding Northwest author and speaker, as the principal speaker.

Saturday evening Vice-President Miner Baker of the Seattle First National Bank will speak on the future history of the Northwest. Two outstanding addresses.

If members don't receive Bulletins just write the Society for information. The program will be completed very shortly, just a few confirmations remaining. The Conference area covers Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Washington and British Columbia.

The Saturday Conference sessions will be held in the new music building at the College of Puget Sound, where the committee found accommodations ideal. Tacoma members should plan to attend.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST
CONFERENCE COMES "HOME"

At least once in three years the Pacific Northwest History Conference will return to Tacoma, where its first session was held in 1948. The purpose of the Conference is to approach Northwest history on a regional basis, and at the same time give earnest attention to contemporary history. The program this year is outstanding. It should prove of special interest to members of the State Society.

TIME FOR THE SOCIETY'S
ANNUAL MEETING AGAIN

Those interested in Jet Speed need only watch the calendar months whiz by. Here is time for another Annual Meeting. Folks liked the informal Open House idea so well last year that the Board ordered a "repeat" meeting this year. That means no luncheon meeting but a meeting in our building, beginning at 2. A little business but very important, visiting around the building and with folks and then light refreshments. Yes, and if you have friends interested in the work of the Society, and potential members, be sure to bring them.

THE LEWIS AND CLARK
RETURN TRIP ALSO IMPORTANT

There is danger in thinking that when Lewis and Clark reached the Pacific Ocean all they had to do was hop a train or a plane and head East. It's so easy to forget the importance of that return trip. The trip West was a success but if the return hadn't been equally successful we'd be studying history different at many points. They started the return trip March 23rd, and the Washington Lewis and Clark Commission, at least, is directing attention to the return trip. Schools, service clubs, and other organizations along the route across the state have been urged to develop programs and many are doing so.

DESERVED HONORS
COME TO THE NORTHWEST

Few is any persons in the Northwest have done more for Park development at the state level than Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler. When it came time to award the Cornelius Amory Puggsley Silver Plaque, Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler was selected for this honor. This was the first time any one in the Northwest has been so honored. Mrs. Peeler was the motivating power behind the present state park development program. She also organized the State Historical Sites Advisory Board, which works under the State Parks Commission. An honor richly deserved.

SOMETHING TO BE SAID
FOR ATTENDANCE

It seems proper to say something about Attendance every time News-Letter comes out, for the very good reason that attendance continues to climb. That includes both school group attendance, adults and special groups. This month is seeing some new records established--February turned in some good ones--with a Doll Show and a new art exhibit as special attractions.

OUR PREDICTION-- AN
ADAMS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We don't make any crystal ball claims but venture the prediction that Adams County will have a fine County Historical Society. The first meeting has been held and temporary officers elected. Editor Bruce Wilson is president and the Ritzville Women's Club backing the project. Certainly a winning combination.

A SUGGESTION - Visit the Society's Library on the Fourth floor. You'll like it.

FIRST MEETING HELD TO ORGANIZE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN ADAMS COUNTY

An enthusiastic meeting was held in Ritzville Feb. 26th to discuss the organization of a county historical society. The State Society was represented by Click Relander of Yakima, Board of Curators member.

The meeting was sponsored by the Ritzville Woman's Club of which Mrs. Carl Spliid is president, and the Ritzville Journal-Times. Mrs. C.H. Sumpter, chairman of the historical society project.

Bruce Wilson, editor, was elected temporary president.

With the backing of the newspaper and woman's club there is every reason to believe that Adams County will soon have a thriving historical society.

JEFFERSON COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Jefferson County Historical Society is set for Mar. 26. Chapin D. Foster, State Society Director, will be principal speaker.

PACIFIC COUNTY VISIONS MUSEUM

One of the aims of the Pacific County Historical Society since its organization has been a museum. No space seems available in either South Bend or Raymond. The Society is considering asking the State Parks Dept. for space in the Fort Columbia museum.

KITSAP COUNTY SOCIETY PLANS MARKER

One of the historical spots in Kitsap County, where one of the famous Indian treaties was signed, is Point No Point. Geo. Starr of Silverdale is heading the Society's committee to dedicate a marker at the Point on Memorial Day. Harry Keith of Bremerton, an active member, will cast the marker. It will be placed on the Lighthouse grounds.

CLICK RELANDER HONORED AT SPOKANE

Click Relander, member of the State Society's Board of Curators, city editor of the Yakima Republic, author and expert on Indian history, received an award at Spokane from the Theta Sigma Phi

MRS. RUTH E. PEELER RECEIVES CORNELIUS PUGGSLEY 1955 SILVER AWARD IN NEW YORK

For the first time, the Northwest was recognized in the award of the Cornelius Puggsley Silver Plaque, with Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler of Seattle as the recipient.

The award was granted on the basis of Mrs. Peeler's work in behalf of the development of state parks and historic sites.

She was instrumental in the passage in 1947 of the law creating the present State Parks and Recreation Commission, and, as part of the program, organized the State Historical Sites Advisory Board. In 1954 Mrs. Peeler was honored with the National Recreation Association Award. She has been a member of the State Society's Board of Curators.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY GOING STRONG

Every month brings to the State Office a bulletin from the Snohomish County Museum Association. Reported are very interesting meetings and acquisitions for the Museum for which funds are being raised. A mighty active group.

NEW HOME FOR PIONEER HABITAT

One of the most admired exhibits in the State Building has been the Pioneer Scene found en route to the first floor, but in one of the poorest locations from a viewing standpoint. It is getting a new location at the end of the pioneer rooms on the second floor.

GRAYS HARBOR SOCIETY COLLECTS PICTURES

The Grays Harbor County Society is very actively collection historical pictures and raising funds for painting historical murals in the new Grays Harbor College buildings.

AMERICAN HERITAGE POPULARITY INCREASES

A year ago American heritage was launched with an issue of 50,000 copies, a tightened belt and plenty of enthusiasm. The February issue called for 150,000 copies. If there are magazine miracles, this is one. Worth the price.

MR. A.C. SCHUMACHER HEADS COWLITZ
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR 1956

Officers for 1956 in the thriving Cowlitz County Historical Society are: Pres. A.O. Schumacher; Vice-Pres. A. Floyd Scott; Secretary Mrs. Geo. E. Johnson; Cor. Secy., Mrs. A.O. Schumacher; Treas. Miss Hilda Leonard; Board, Mrs. Chas. H. Olson, Stuart Bush, Clifford Furness.

1955 was a busy year for the Society, the principal item being the additional museum space, which was opened in August with more than 100 viewing the increased exhibits. Mrs. Geo. Umbaugh, in charge of the museum, reports 36 school pupil groups during the year.

MORE THAN 10,000 VISITORS AT NORTH
CENTRAL MUSEUM IN WENATCHEE

Ten thousand visitors including 20 school groups, 30 Scout troops, many foreign visitors, indicates a very busy year for the Wenatchee museum.

New officers are: Pres., Walter Graham; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Geo. Eikelberner; Treas., A.M. Blaikie; Board, Dr. R.T. Congdon, Dr. John Gahringer, Alan May, Ralph Wood, Paul Ellis, Ray Duncan, Mrs. Gilbert Brown, Mrs. R. E. McCombs.

A number of special exhibits were featured during the year. Pictures of Apple Blossom Queens since 1921 and early Wenatchee pictures have been collected.

Plans have been approved for remodeling the entrance to the main exhibit room. Eight persons made gifts of artifacts to the museum during 1955.

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1956 MARKS THE CENTENNIAL OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF FORT SIMCOE

The Fort Simcoe Restoration Society is making elaborate plans for observance of the centennial of the establishment of Fort Simcoe. The State Parks Commission had already spent more than \$30,000 at the Fort and an equal sum is earmarked for the coming biennium.

A special committee with Stanley Livingston as chairman, is planning the centennial program.

The annual meeting of the Thurston Co. Pioneer and Historical Society was held Mar. 5th in the 1st Methodist Church.

OBSERVE LEWIS-CLARK RETURN TRIP

The State Lewis and Clark Commission has asked schools, service clubs, civic organizations to develop programs to coincide with dates on the return trip which began March 23 from Fort Clatsop. Without a successful return trip the course of history might have been changed.

FACE-LIFTING IN ORIENTAL SECTION

Work is under way on a major face-lifting project on the 5th floor of the State Building. There will be a new Oriental section and one for old musical instruments and women's display. You won't recognize the department.

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