

For release Sunday or Monday, November 12-13

A program dedicated to a better recognition of the accomplishments of all pioneers who took part in the early development of the Pacific Northwest, but with specific emphasis on the record of Dr. Marcus Whitman, pioneer medical missionary, was started throughout the Pacific Northwest Saturday, November 11.

It began on "Statehood Day" for the State of Washington and will continue through programs in schools, various group meetings, press, radio and other public information media through Wednesday, November 29, "Marcus Whitman Day" and the date of the Whitman massacre of 1847.

Coincidental with the telling of "The Story of Marcus Whitman", the Marcus Whitman Foundation, a statewide group, has initiated its campaign for the raising of \$30,000 in popular subscriptions to pay for the statue of Dr. Whitman which is to be unveiled in Statuary Hall, Washington, D. C., on Sunday, April 29, 1951.

Placing of the statue in the nation's "Hall of Fame" as the first of two representatives from the state of Washington, was authorized by the 1949 state legislature. The program was initiated by the State Business and Professional Women's clubs. Dr. Avard Fairbanks of Salt Lake City, has been commissioned to do the statue, the clay design in the heroic size having just recently been accepted by Foundation officials.

Two basic activities are being followed by the Foundation now, primarily through county committees in the state of Washington, with the help of various groups such as churches, medical societies, schools and others. One project calls for a distribution of printed material and over 1,600 schools in the state and along the Old

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Oregon Trail have been furnished such information. The second and immediate project is the fund raising program.

Subscriptions may be sent to the Marcus Whitman Foundation, Walla Walla, where headquarters are maintained, or may simply be addressed to "Marcus Whitman" care of any local postmaster.

The long-range program for the foundation calls for activities in support of the development of the Whitman National Monument at Waiilatpu, near Walla Walla, and any funds remaining after the statue campaign is completed, will be used for that purpose.

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Note to editors: Localized information may be secured from presidents of local Business and Professional Women's clubs or from members of the Foundation board listed in the enclosed brochure. Thank you.