

PROGRAM

DEDICATION and *ACCEPTANCE*

HISTORICAL SITES *STEVENS COUNTY*

October 26 and 27, 1951

Friday morning, October 26th. Registration, Hotel Colville.

12:30 Luncheon at Kettle Falls school, under auspices of Kettle Falls Lions and their ladies.

Mr. A. J. Mikalson, president.

Mr. Tom Oakshott, Trustee E.W. Historical Society, presiding.

Introduction of members of State Parks and Recreation Commission, Members of Committee on Historical Sites, and other guests.

Address: Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler, vice chairman State Parks and Recreation Commission.

1:30 At St. Pauls Mission. Acceptance services. Music by Kettle Falls school band, Mr. Paul Stevens, Conductor.

Dr. Lee Cagle, president, Stevens County Pioneer association, presiding.

Introduction of Bishop Charles D. White, by Mrs. Ruth Peeler.

Address by Bishop White.

Acceptance by Mr. Joel Ferris, representing Governor Arthur B. Langlie.

Tour of places of historical interest.

3:30 Meeting, Committee on Historical Sites, Stevens County Electric Cooperative, Colville.

6:00 Banquet at city hall, under auspices of Colville Kiwanis club.

Mr. Andrew Baker, president.

Judge W. Lon Johnson, presiding.

Address of welcome—Mr. Albert I. Kulzer.

Responses: Dr. Keith Murray, chairman Committee on Historical Sites; Mr. Joel Ferris, president Eastern Washington Historical Society; Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler, vice chairman Park and Recreation Commission.

Senator B. J. Dahl, Speaker Charles W. Hodde, and Representative Earl Griffith.

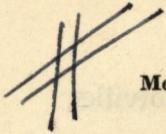
Address: Dr. C. S. Kingston, Department of History, Eastern Washington College of Education.

Report on Spokane House, Dr. Louis R. Caywood, archeologist, National Park Service.

Saturday Morning, 10:30. Leave for Curlew, via Grand Forks.

12 noon Luncheon at Curlew under auspices of Curlew Community Club.

1:30 Dedication of Ranald MacDonald Monument at Toroda Creek.



**Members of the State Parks and Recreation Commission,
Committee on Historical Sites, and other guests:**

We welcome you to Stevens County, whose early history and romance means so much to every lover of Northwest History.

You came here over a trail that was travelled by primitive people long before the coming of the white man. Over it followed natives, fur traders, missionaries, soldiers, miners, public officials and settlers. 98 years ago, this week, over this same road came Governor Stevens on his way to Old Fort Colville to enter on his duties as Territorial Governor.

If you came by the way of Ford, you crossed the Spokane River near the old LaPray Bridge, and you passed the site of the Eels-Walker Mission (1838-1848).

At Chewelah, in 1865, the first school North of Walla Walla commenced, and at Addy, in October 1853, Governor Stevens found the beginning of a chain of settled farms that extended for 28 miles to Fort Colville. On the Little Pend Oreille River, a mile off the highway was the **Yantis Flour Mill**. (1859).

Two miles north of Colville was **Fort Colville** of the army (1859-1879). Directly across Mill Creek was **Pinkney City** (1859-1883) which for 16 years was the county seat and metropolis of most of Eastern Washington. 2 miles further down Mill Creek is historical **Douglas Falls**, site of a very early saw mill, flour mill and distillery. (1856).

Friday afternoon impressive services will be held at **St. Pauls Mission** (1845) 1 mile north of Kettle Falls. This is truly historic ground, and a few hundred yards away, under the waters of the great man made lake, is the site of what was **Old Fort Colville** of the Hudson Bay (1825-1871). It was truly the Chicago of the Northwest because all traffic between the West and East had to portage there. Agriculture, milling and mining trade, commenced there. One mile from Kettle Falls at Meyers Falls is the site of what was the earliest flour mill in the Northwest. (1816, presumably).

At that old Fort, great names were common. To it came Sir George Simpson, as Governor of the Company, John Work, John Dese, Francis Herron, Archibald MacDonald, John Lee Lewes, Alexander Caufield Anderson, and Angus MacDonald, either as factors or chief traders, reigning over a vast territory with regal power.

There were entertained, David Douglas of the Fir; Revs. Eels and Walker, Fathers DeSmet and Ravallie; Lieutenants Warren and Vavasour of the Royal Engineers; Lieutenant Johnson of the Wilkes Expedition; Joshua Pilcher and Nathaniel Wyeth. Governor Stevens and Captain George McClellan, (after Commander in Chief of the Union Armies) were royally feted, dined and wined by Factor MacDonald. In 1883 there visited at the Fort, the Chief of Staff of the Army, General William Tecumsah Sherman, accompanied by such men as Justice Gray of the United States Supreme Court, Lieutenant Goethals, who built the Panama Canal, and the First Secretary of the British Legation.

Ranald MacDonald, the colorful and yet pathetic figure we honor on Saturday, lived in the Fort until 1893, and his interview there in 1891 by Mrs. George Custer, widow of the hero of the Little Big Horn was published in detail in Harpers Magazine, and is a rich contribution to literature.