

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF CURATORS
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DECEMBER 8, 1956

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The regular meeting of the Board of Curators was held December 8, 1956, with the following members present: President Reno Odlin, Vice Presidents Herman F. Deutsch and Roe Shaub, and Curators Howard Burnham, Dr. Leon K. Jones, Click Relander, Chas. M. Gates, Dr. Arthur S. Cory, Matthew W. Hill, Della Gould Emmons, Col. Howard A. Hanson, Ruth E. Pealer, Joel E. Ferris, Robert Hitchman, Rev. W. L. Davis, Harold Barto, and Treasurer Guy T. Pierce and Director Chapin D. Foster.

Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with in view of the fact that copies had been received previously by all members of the Board.

The Treasurer, Guy T. Pierce, read his report, which was adopted. The report will be found as a part of these Minutes.

The report of the Director followed. President Odlin having called the attention of the Board to the very serious illness of Mr. J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., former president and currently member of the Board, the Director spoke briefly of his contact with Mr. Weyerhaeuser during his three years as president and as Curator since that time.

The success of Museum Month was touched upon, together with the fact that of some 250 museums in this country participating, in the opinion of the National Chairman, this Society received more newspaper publicity than any other comparable society in the country.

While calling attention to completion of the new Musical Instrument exhibit hall and the Oriental hall on the fifth floor, it was stated that Mrs. H. O. Wheeler of Tacoma is making possible the complete rebuilding of the alcove off the art gallery on the fifth floor. This will complete changes on the fifth floor.

Progress at Yakima, where the cornerstone was to have been laid December 1st under state Masonic auspices, Clallam County where the new museum is to be completed next spring, and society work in Adams, Chelan, Walla Walla Counties was pointed out.

Gift of the furniture from the Board Room of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. was mentioned, this including a handsome table and fifteen leather upholstered chairs. Minor improvements in the building included repairs to the front door and picket fence in front of the building.

The Director reported that a new opinion had been received from the Attorney General's office approving the projected transfer of a strip of land between the Society's building and the Stadium Bowl by the School Board to the Society. The exact amount of land is to be determined.

Report was also made of the gift of the books in the S. A. Perkins office library to the Society, also that the collection of pictures from his office had been received. Mr. Perkins' desk and chairs will be sent to the building in the near future.

Mr. Hitchman made the report for the Library Committee. He reported that cataloging work in the Library is going forward steadily under the direction of Miss Babcock, and that Miss West is working on a list of all the historical markers in the state, something that has not been done up to this time.

The Chairman reported that the Society has a credit with the Shorey Book Co. of nearly \$700., the company having a number of valuable items which the Society should have. He reported the acquisition through Dr. Norman Thomas, of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., of a large collection of pictures, slides and autobiography from the library of the late John Kress, the pictures and slides including a substantial number taken by the famous photographer, Matthew Brady. A projector was also included. Through Dr. Thomas, material from the library of the late W. L. McCormick was received through Mrs. McCormick. He spoke of plans projected for increase in the shelving in the Library.

Mr. Hitchman also reported for the Publications Committee in the absence of John M. McClelland, who was in Spokane for the Legislative Conference. He said that decision in the matter of a publisher for the Hussey book had not been reached but should be in the near future. A dummy prepared by the firm of Abbot, Kerns & Bell of Portland was passed to members of the Board, indicating the format of the projected volume. Mr. Hitchman said the Committee is considering publication of papers of the late Prof. C. S. Kingston of Cheney, also that photostats had been made of a series of letters by James G. Swan, with a view to possible publication.

President Odlin called attention again to the possibility of a foreword by Gen. George C. Marshall. Mr. Burnham offered to contact the General, through personal acquaintance, in case Mr. McClelland had not already contacted him.

Rev. Davis called attention to the Brewer letters now in the Library and to their great value as original historical material, as they contain much invaluable information of the pioneer period. He urged their consideration by the Publications Committee and outlined a plan of preliminary action in which Profs. Deutsch and Gates and himself might participate. Col. Hanson suggested that these three be named a committee to present a specific project to the Board at its next meeting. Mrs. Emmons called attention to some additional material that would, if available, add greatly to the value of the Brewer letters.

Mr. Shaub reported for the Museum Committee. He called attention to the work having been done on the fifth floor and invited members to visit the new halls before leaving the building. He reported on progress in negotiations with the Rock Hounds Pow-Wow Club covering the exhibit of that organization in the building. He reported that the club's Museum Committee had suggested a few minor changes in the agreement drawn up by Col. Hanson and felt that papers would be signed and accession records completed in the near future. Col. Hanson spoke briefly in support of the report and Mr. Shaub moved that the Board authorize execution of the Agreement as soon as the Resolution had been signed by the Club and the Accession Record completed. The motion was seconded and carried.

In the absence of Mr. Swayze, Mr. Foster reported repairs to the iron picket fence at the front of the building and to the heavy front door.

Prof. Gates, chairman of the Archives Committee, reported for that group. A new Archives Committee for the Society has been named, to include the following:

Judge Matthew W. Hill, Olympia; Thos. A. Swayze, Tacoma; Herman J. Deutsch, Pullman; Robert C. Nesbit, Olympia; Maryan Reynolds, Olympia; Richard Watts, Olympia; Chas. H. Peterson, Seattle; Ernest Lennart, Everson; Chas. M. Gates, Seattle.

He spoke of the projected law prepared by archivists of the state for submission to the coming session of the Legislature. Prof. Deutsch presented the following motion:

"The Washington State Historical Society is deeply interested in public records and their proper custody. Whereas the Board heartily endorses the bill which will be presented to the Legislature of the State of Washington, and wishes to call attention to the fact that the Society has an Archives Committee, members of which have acquaintance with federal and state policies with respect to public records, and will be happy to advise the Legislature or any of its committees should a public records bill be under consideration."

The motion received a second and was passed.

The Director made a report on a Centennial account with the Western Costume Co. of Los Angeles. He gave a brief history of the account, calling attention to the fact that his office had received no bill or correspondence concerning it until 1954, the unusual steps that had been taken by a collection agency to which the Los Angeles company had referred the bill. He stated that it was not until a few weeks before that he had received copies of the company's statement, in spite of many requests. He stated that the Attorney General's office had advised the company that it had not valid claim. Col. Hanson referred to certain steps that had been taken finally by the person sued, including the filing of a Declaration of Homestead on property on which the collection agency had filed a Writ of Execution. The exact present status could not be stated, but Mr. Shaub moved that the officers be empowered to work out a settlement when possible, Mr. Odlin having pointed out that while there might not be a legal obligation, a moral obligation might be found. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Peeler spoke in behalf of a motion she would present covering the work of the Historical Sites Advisory Board under the state Parks and Recreation Commission, the Board including several members of the Board of Curators. She spoke of the organization of the Board, of its work in procuring some 22 historical sites, including Spokane House, Fort Columbia, Fort Simcoe, Ginkgo Museum, St. Paul Mission, Fort Okanogan, Old Man House and others, together with participation in the state highway marker program being carried on by the Highway Marker Commission under the State Highway Commission. Mrs. Peeler also called attention to the organization of the Friends of Public Parks and Recreation Foundation, which should prove of great value to the preservation of Washington history.

Mrs. Peeler moved the adoption of the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the work of the Advisory Board on Historic Sites of the State Parks and Recreation Commission be put before the Governor-Elect, Albert D. Rosellini, by the Rev. Wm. N. Bischoff, S.J., its chairman, in order to acquaint him, by documentation, with the achievements of this professional group which is made up of the state's eminent historians, anthropologists and geologists, that he be asked to continue this Historical Advisory Board during his administration."

The resolution was adopted.

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Dr. Deutsch gave a detailed report on the 1957 Pacific Northwest History Conference to be held on the campus of the State College of Washington at Pullman. on April 19-20. He outlined the very strong program that has been prepared for the two-day session, part of which will be held at Moscow, Idaho. Walter Webb of Texas, he said, would be the principal speaker, he being regarded as one of the leading authorities on the Western Frontier. Members of the Board were urged to attend the Conference, which is jointly sponsored by the Society. He stated that several other related meetings will be held on the campus at the same time.

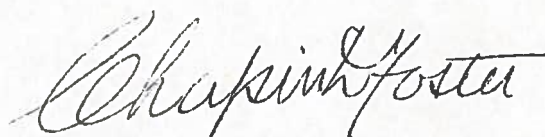
Prof. Deutsch also spoke of the possibility of Fellowships in colleges for students in the field of Northwest history. The President was requested to name a committee to work toward this end.

Program for the annual meeting in April was left to the Officers and Director. It is expected that the meeting will return to the plan of a luncheon meeting.

President Odlin called attention to a "Golden Deeds Award" which had just been made by the Spokane Exchange Club to Joel E. Ferris of that city, member of the Board, the citations referring to the many contributions made by Mr. Ferris to the business, cultural and social life of Spokane over a long span of years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, the members meeting at the Top of the Ocean for lunch. Following the lunch Mr. Odlin gave a highly interesting account of conditions as he had found them in the national capitol the previous week. Mr. Odlin spoke of economic conditions, also the international situation. It was his feeling that the country is in good hands, that with slight modification progress would continue forward, that there is little fear of a large war, that Russia has problems at home and in satellite countries that will engage her attention for some time. The complexion in Congress, he said, would be little changed from the past four years. The President had been given a very impressive vote of confidence, he said, and the feeling was general that changes in local political pictures was largely due to local conditions.

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CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary-Director.

J. PHILLIP WEYERHAEUSER, Jr.

From all parts of the country have come tributes to the late J. Phillip Weyerhaeuser, Jr., whose untimely death occurred December 8th, a few hours after adjournment of the regular meeting of the Board of Curators of which he was a member. These tributes attest the standing of Mr. Weyerhaeuser, not only in his own state but across the country, where he was recognized as one of the outstanding leaders in the forest products industry.

The Washington State Historical Society has sustained a particularly heavy loss in his passing. He served three years as President of the Society, during years which included the Territorial Centennial with its added responsibilities. At the close of his three-year term of office he stated it would be impossible for him to accept re-nomination, which our Nominations Committee was so anxious to recommend, but expressed the desire to continue on the Board and the hope that some day the Society might want him again to serve as President.

This statement adds much to the true picture of Mr. Weyerhaeuser's stature as a man. He did not wish to assume leadership of the Society he had come to love unless able to give it the time he felt it should receive. In humility so characteristic of him, he wanted members of the Society to think well enough of him to seek his services again in the future. This request would have been made just as soon as demands on his time would permit.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser gave to the Society the same quality of leadership recognized so many times in the business world, but in addition he gave to this Society a personal interest that expressed itself in many ways. It is certain that the work of the Society would have suffered materially during the past two years but for his interest. The handsome furniture in our Library furnished additional proof of his continuing interest, and it is certain that this growing interest would have been evidenced many times through the years but for his untimely passing.

Just as it was "Mr. and Mrs. Weyerhaeuser" in so many other fields of endeavor, it was "Mr. and Mrs. Weyerhaeuser" in the case of this Society, for on many occasions Mrs. Weyerhaeuser indicated her interest in the work her husband was heading, and to her this Society extends its deepest sympathy in a loss felt over so wide a circle.

A copy of this Statement is to be sent to Mrs. Weyerhaeuser and spread upon the records of the Society.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

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Reno Odlin, President.

Chapin D. Foster, Secretary-Director

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF CURATORS
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 27, 1957

The regular meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held April 27, 1957, in the Library of the Society's building in Tacoma, with the following members present: President Reno Odlin; Vice Presidents Herman J. Deutsch and Roe Shaub, Treasurer Guy T. Pierce and Members Ruth L. Peeler, Arthur S. Cory, Matthew W. Hill, Mrs. Byron D. Scott, John M. McClelland, Jr., D.H. White, Della Gould Emmons, Howard A. Hanson, Leon K. Jones, Robert Hitchman, Howard Burnham, Thos. A. Swayze, Chas. M. Gates, Joshua Green, Click Relander, Stanton Warburton and Tom Martin, State Treasurer and ex-officio member. E. K. Murray, curator-elect, was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without reading as copies had been received by all members.

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Guy T. Pierce and approved. It will be found as a part of these Minutes.

The Director's report covered a number of points in connection with progress since the previous meeting. Attendance of organized groups reached a total of 108 during March as compared with 56 during the same month in 1956. He said there seemed to be no question but that school class attendance during the balance of the school year would set a new record for the Society.

Completion of the new Women's Alcove, financed by Mrs. H. O. Wheeler, was noted, also progress on the Rock Hounds' mechanized fluorescent exhibit. He commented on passage by the Legislature of a revised law that would enable boards of county commissioners to cooperate with local historical societies. He stated that, so far as could be determined, the new law embodied all the points raised through correspondence with local groups.

Attention was called to the new Commemorative Stamp exhibit completed the day previous, the gift of Dr. Arthur S. Cory. The stamps shown in the exhibit are those having to do directly with Washington. The new Yakima museum, also the one at Port Angeles, would open in the very near future, it was stated, and progress was noted at Cashmere, where the Director had visited during the month.

A historical tour to Fort Steilacoom had been discussed with a local group at Steilacoom, and similar tours might be undertaken in other parts of the state if the first one proved successful.

The Director took occasion to suggest that the time seemed appropriate for the Board to give serious consideration to the possibility of adding a new wing to the building, on a matching basis with the state. He felt it would not be difficult to raise funds for such a program, a start having already been made through the bequest of the late S. A. Perkins.

Reports of Board Committees were then called for.

Mr. Hitchman, chairman of the Library Committee, reported continued progress during the quarter; the addition of Miss Stewart during the month as a part of her work at the University; of gifts from Mrs. B. E. Buckmaster, Mrs. W. L. McCormick, the Cress collection of negatives and photographs by Mrs. E. A. Harmeling of Auburn, and stories on the work of the Library by Mrs. Lucile McDonald in the Seattle Times. He recommended that requested use of Sohon prints be held up in view of the fact that title to the prints seemed somewhat clouded. As a policy, he suggested that the Board give consideration during the year to how far the Society should go in duplicating material in other institutions in the state. He spoke of the Brewer papers which include some 511 pages of manuscript and their possible publication in a book. He stated that the University has offered to help financially in transcribing the letters.

Mr. Hitchman moved that the offer of the University be accepted and that the Society match this sum, stated to be \$100. The motion was carried. Prof. Deutsch moved that the Chairman of the Library Committee be authorized to match any funds donated for transcription of manuscript material, up to \$100. Carried.

Mrs. Emmons reported that there is additional Brewer material in the library of the College of Puget Sound.

Mr. McClelland, chairman of the Publications Committee, reported that, while publication progress must of necessity be slow, the book is in the printing stage, that he had read proof on the first 140 pages. This book is by Dr. John Hussey on Fort Vancouver. Mr. McClelland saw the Brewer material as suitable for the Society's second publication. He stated that it should be the aim of the Society to publish material not previously published, so far as possible.

Prof. Deutsch moved that the Publications Committee be authorized to spend a certain sum for the publication of the History Conference report. This motion was changed to authorize the President and Chairman of the Publications Committee to explore the idea and take suitable action.

Mr. Shaub, chairman of the Museum Committee, reported completion of the Women's Alcove, sponsored by Mrs. H. O. Wheeler, progress on the Rock Hounds' exhibit, a new stamp exhibit sponsored by Dr. Cory, and work in progress on a marine exhibit.

Prof. Gates report passage of the Archives Law by the Legislature as submitted and the amount of work involved in drafting the bill, which as sponsored in the Legislature by Mrs. Eva Anderson, representative from Chelan County and member of the Board. He stated that the law gives the Archivist a better and proper standing, and will make possible a constructive archival program.

Mr. Swayze, chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, reported the acquisition of 51 feet of land from the school district, the land lying between the Society's building and the Stadium. He also reported on the proposed installation of a fire alarm system. He asked that the committee be given authority to proceed as soon as possible after July 1st. The motion to grant authority to act within the budget was carried.

Col. Hanson offered the following resolution: "Resolved, that, following the annual meeting, the Director shall each year mail to the Board of Curators a separate list of the Society's Officers, Gurators, and Curators Emeriti, showing expiration of their respective terms of office". The motion for its adoption was carried.

Dr. Cory, chairman of the Nominations Committee, reported that inadvertently the name of Joshua Green had been omitted from the list of names submitted to the Society membership. Col. Hanson moved that the name be added to the slate and that Dr. Cory so report to the annual meeting. The motion was carried.

Dr. Cory made the following nominations:

Treasurer - Guy T. Pierce
Asst. Treasurer - J. Kay Ewart
Director - Chapin D. Foster

He moved their election, which was done.

Prof. Deutsch reported on the History Conference held on the campuses of the State College of Washington and the University of Idaho, as being very successful. He asked that the action of the Conference Executive Committee in voting that the 1958 Conference be held in Victoria, and the 1959 Conference in Portland be ratified. The motion was made and carried.

Col. Hanson moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Prof. Deutsch and to the State College and University of Idaho committees for their work in connection with the Conference. The motion was carried.

The President spoke on action introduced in the State Legislature and the Congress, looking to the purchase of the Government of the 20 Indian paintings by Mrs. Rowena Alcorn of Tacoma. The matter was discussed at considerable length, the beauty of the paintings and the importance of holding them as a unit being stressed by several members. It was the consensus of opinion that inasmuch as the question of purchase by the government was involved, it would be unwise for the Board to take action as a Board, but that individual members might be urged to give the project as much support as possible.

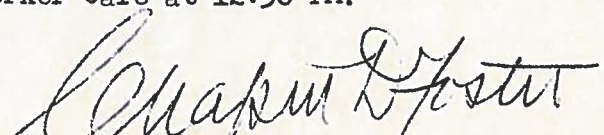
Mr. Odlin stated that the Puget Sound National Bank is placing a plaque honoring State Historical Road Number One on its new branch at 84th Street and Pacific Ave., the road having passed that corner.

The President gave a report on the Legislative session. He paid a high compliment to members of the Pierce County delegation and to members of both the Senate and House sub-committees. Members of both committees were guests at an informal dinner early in the session, when problems of the Society were discussed. The Appropriations for the Society were: Salaries and Wages, \$76,141; Operations, \$26,480; Capital Outlay and Repairs, \$6,200.

As members of a committee to study the problem of a Director to take over on the retirement of the present Director, the President named: Roe E. Shaub, chairman, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, Robert Hitchman, Chas. M. Gates, John M. McClelland, Jr.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to participate in the annual meeting of the Society at the New Yorker Cafe at 12:30 PM.

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CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary-Director.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CURATORS
of the
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AUGUST 3, 1957.

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The regular meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held August 3rd, in the Library of the Society's building, with the following in attendance: Reno Odlin, President; Roe E. Shaub, vice-president; Curators,- Arthur S. Cory, Thos. A. Swayze, E. K. Murray, Joshua Green, Mrs. Della Gould Emmons, Matthew H. Hill, Harold Barto, Leon K. Jones, Click Relander, Chas. M. Gates, Rev. W. L. Davis, Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, John M. McClelland, Jr., Joel E. Ferris, Robert Hitchman; and the Director, Chapin D. Foster.

On motion of Mr. Ferris, reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting was omitted, inasmuch as copies of the Minutes had been mailed previously to members of the Board.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Mr. Odlin and approved. This Report will be found as a part of these Minutes.

The Report of the Director covered a variety of items. He called attention to the work in progress in rebuilding shelving in the Library, together with adding new shelf units, and rebuilding of one of the large tables.

Attendance had been steadily increasing. This was particularly true with school groups. He stated that during May alone, 112 bus loads of school classes visited the building, as many as eight or nine in a single day. School group attendance had grown from nothing seven or eight years ago to about 600 groups during the past year, without any promotion on the part of the Society.

Cataloging of the Bowles Egg Collection, which had been loaned to the College of Puget Sound, has been completed. The Director called attention to the amount of work involved in this project. Attention was directed to changes in progress on the first floor, that a second round of improvements are being undertaken. At the outset efforts had been directed toward getting related artifacts together and that now the work would be directed to increasing the educational value of displays. Through the cooperation of the Gun Collectors' Club it would be possible to improve measurably the value of the gun collection on the second floor. This work would be started after work in the Library had been completed.

The Director stated that an Eastern company had just completed a Date Book for the three Pacific Coast States, and that cooperation of the Society had been requested in the matter of illustrations. Out of 43 illustrations, Washington has 23, including the back cover in color. The books retail for \$1.50. He spoke of the possibility of working out a project with the city of Tacoma for the preservation in some way, of the Hugh Wallace Chimes, which are to be removed from the City Hall in the near future.

It was also stated that discussion with the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co., over a period of years, would probable meet with success as the company had located a log about 11 feet in diameter and is planning to save a cut from the log to be placed outside the Building. He spoke also of two specific requests for service from the Governor, which were being taken care of. A note had been received, he reported, from the Tacoma Chapter Daughters of Pioneers, calling attention to the fact that fund had not been provided for scholarship in the field of history, and hoping

that the Society might have this in mind in coming in contact with persons who might be interested in sponsoring such scholarships in Washington institutions of higher learning. The Director stated that other items of interest to the Board would be covered by committee chairmen. He stated that work had been started on the new museum at Cashmere, sponsored by the recently organized Chelan County Historical Society.

Mr. Relander reported on the opening of the new museum in Yakima, commenting on the cooperation of the Society since the inception of the museum project. He stated that attendance had been far above expectations. The museum represents a cost of more than \$150,000, with the Miller Estate providing \$65,000 and the balance raised by public subscription through the Yakima Valley. Inasmuch as Mr. Relander is city editor of the Yakima Republic, the Director called attention to the splendid cooperation given the project by the Yakima newspapers, through the campaign itself and in connection with the opening.

Rev. Davis was welcomed back to the meeting by President Odlin. It was stated that Prof. Kibbe had been prevented from attending because of illness, the same being true of Mr. White.

Dr. Cory, chairman of the Nominations Committee, moved that Mr. White be re-elected Curator Emeritus for a term of three years, his term having expired during the year. Mr. White was elected.

Prof. Gates, chairman of the Archives Committee, said the committee would have no specific report, but that the new Washington law had been adopted without change and that progress in this field should be rapid.

Mr. Swayze, chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, reported that the committee had held several meetings in connection with installation of a fire alarm system. He reported that two proposals had been received and that the State Purchasing Department had been asked to take the necessary steps, final selection of a system to have the approval of the Committee. He also reported on the project for additional lights in the Library and in McCormick Hall. He stated that the City Light Department's lighting expert had made a survey of the two halls and had prepared a report which had proven very helpful. The Purchasing Department had been asked to expedite both projects as much as possible. Mr. Swayze stated that without doubt it would be necessary to run an additional service line into the building, in which case a considerable amount of re-wiring might be necessary.

The Director suggested that it might be necessary to postpone some of the painting authorized by the Legislature in order to meet the electric service emergency. Mr. Cory moved that authority be given to request transfer of funds from the lighting project if found necessary. The motion was carried.

Mr. Shaub, chairman of the Museum Committee, reported on proposed changes in the gun department, improvements on the first floor, signing of the final agreement with the Rock Hounds and that work on the fluorescent display would be completed in the near future. He stated that without doubt the Rock Hounds would have one of the finest exhibits in the entire country. He stated that efforts are still in progress looking to the development of a marine exhibit.

Attention was called to the fact that during the month Prof. and Mrs. Kibbe would observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mr. Green stated that he would send the Kibbes a 20 dollar gold piece minted in 1907. The Director was instructed to write the Kibbes a note of congratulation in behalf of the Board.

Robert Hitchman, Chairman of the Library Committee, reported on the improvements in progress in the Library, including new shelving and table. He stated that work had been done by Miss Babcock outside regular hours, in copying the Brewer letters, \$100, having been paid by the University and \$100. to be paid by the Society. He suggested the possibility of a grant from the State College of Washington for continuation of this work. He stated that shortly before the meeting Miss Babcock had tendered her resignation as Librarian. He complimented her on the work accomplished in three years and felt that it might be difficult to replace her too easily. He requested authority to call a meeting of the Library Committee in the near future to study the situation.

Prof. Gates moved that the Library Committee be authorized to fill the vacancy with the approval of the Executive Committee. The motion was carried.

Mr. McClelland, chairman of the Publications Committee, reported progress on the Fort Vancouver book. He stated that the project involved a great amount of detail, correspondence and proof-reading. He felt that the book would be out before the end of the year and that the Society would be very proud of the results.

Mr. McClelland felt it is the function of the Society to publish books that would not otherwise be published. He felt that the Brewer Letters might warrant publication, also the Elwood Evans papers.

Announcement was made of the sudden death of Mr. J. Kaye Ewart, who had served the Society as Assistant Treasurer for a number of years. Dr. Thompson was requested to frame a suitable Resolution for the Board.

On the motion of Dr. Cory, seconded by Mr. Green, Robert C. Gordon, of the staff of the Puget Sound National Bank, was elected to the position of Assistant Treasurer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Members and their wives, or husbands, then adjourned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reno Odlin, where they were entertained at lunch.

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CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary-Director.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Luncheon followed at the Tacoma Club.

Bruce Le Roy
Secretary

RESOLUTION

Among the Indian artifacts in the museum of the Washington State Historical Society is a magnificent collection of Indian baskets. Few have ever been identified and classified as to type, design, or place of origin.

The Society is exceedingly fortunate, therefore, in that Dr. Erna Gunther, foremost authority on the Indians of the Pacific Northwest, has proffered the aid of herself and graduate students to help with this problem.

Under Dr. Gunther's supervision the baskets are being cleaned, identified, and classified. They are being catalogued according to type, design, place of origin, and quality. With her students assisting, she has given us what valuable time on Saturdays and holidays might be spared from the pressing duties of teaching at the University of Washington and directing the activities of the Washington State Museum in Seattle. The Washington State Museum is in process of getting a new building. Dr. Gunther has manifold responsibilities in the coordination of the museum's needs with the demands of present construction job under way. Under these circumstances, we are doubly fortunate that she will take time out to help us here in Tacoma.

The Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society has resolved that an expression of its appreciation and gratitude be made to Dr. Gunther and the students who are assisting her in the fine work being done in Tacoma. They also extend best wishes for the work of the Washington State Museum. Any co-operation possible with our sister institution will always be welcome and available.

RESOLUTION

During the past four years the Board of Curators has received "Reports of Progress" in connection with the development of a Rock and Mineral Exhibit sponsored by the ALL ROCK HOUNDS POW-WOW. Of necessity the first reports could not be very definite. The exhibit was to follow no set pattern. The Rock Hound enthusiasts were planning something quite new. Their first step was to raise money for the materials to go into the construction of cases for the first unit of the exhibit. This was under the leadership of Charles H. Robinson, Jr., of Puyallup, who has continued his leadership during the entire program. Something above \$600 was raised from memberships in the organization and this money was used for materials, the work being done in the Society shop. However, the sale of Charter Memberships continued, the limit being set at 1000, which was reached a short time ago.

The first unit of the exhibit was devoted entirely to Washington specimens. From the time of its completion the Board of Curators has heard many compliments on this exhibit. It includes a map which shows the minerals mined in Washington commercially and the value of this industry. The Board noted with pleasure that this exhibit is being changed very frequently as new specimens are made available to the organization.

Upon completion of the first unit of the exhibit, the Board learned that the Rock Hounds envisioned an additional unit which would feature a fluorescent display, an exhibit unlike anything to be seen in the United States. Again, all financial requirements were to be met by the Rock Hounds, with construction to be handled by the Society's staff.

During the past two years the Board has received more "Reports of Progress" on this project. The Board has heard the Society's Director tell of the many man-hours of time being put in by members of the organization under the leadership of Mr. Robinson. These reports have included the names of S. Elroy McCaw, Bremerton, the late H.A. Brookens, David A. Brown of Tacoma, Harmon Jones and Chas. Wible of Tacoma, Chester Sander of Seattle, Gwen Frater and Bruce Edelen of Puyallup, together with Mrs. Charles Robinson, Jr.. These reports have indicated that the specimens on display would have a monetary value of at least \$6,000, that the electrical equipment purchased by the organization would be worth nearly \$2,000 and that time donated by members of the organization who are electricians, on Saturdays, Sundays and nights would bring the value of this new unit up to more than \$35,000. It has been called to the attention of the Board that no member of the Rock Hound Pow-Wow has received a cent of compensation beyond the satisfaction of having had a part in the development of an outstanding exhibit. With completion of the project, the Board is convinced that there is no comparable fluorescent exhibit in the United States today.

Therefore, the Board of Curators at its meeting December 6, 1958, wishes to pay tribute to the leadership of Mr. Chas. H. Robinson, Jr., and to those who have been associated with him as named above, and express its very sincere appreciation of the many, many hours dedicated to the development of this project. This Board is proud of what has been accomplished by an organization which has set for itself a high goal and attained it, and is certain that citizens of the Northwest will join with this Board in saying "Thank You".

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CURATORS
of the
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
December 14, 1957

The regular meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held December 14, 1957, in the Library of the Society's building in Tacoma, with the following present: President Reno Odlin, Vice Presidents Deutsch and Shaub, and the following members: Harold Barto, Robert Hitchman, Chas. M. Gates, Joel Ferris, Matthew W. Hill, E.K. Murray, Mrs. Della Gould Emmons, John M. McClelland, Jr., Rev. W.L. Davis, Leon K. Jones, Mrs. Eva Anderson, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, Mrs. Byron Scott, Click Relander, Joshua Green, Thos. A. Swayze, Howard Burnham, Tom Martin (Ex officio) Treasurer Guy T. Pierce and Director Chapin D. Foster.

The Minutes, having been mailed previously to members of the Board, were adopted without reading.

The report of the Treasurer, was read by Mr. Pierce and will be found as a part of these Minutes. The report was adopted.

The Director was called upon for his report. He spoke first of having recently seen first hand the results of the Society's encouragement of local historical societies. He had visited Orcas Island to meet with the Orcas Island Historical Society and visit their museum. Five homesteader log cabins have been donated to the Society and two have been moved to the museum site in Eastsound and restored. Cases given by our Society, together with others, fill these two buildings. The foundation for the third house has been completed. Eventually a fireproof concrete block building will be built in the center of the U. More than 1500 hours of work have been donated by members, with one man putting in more than 750 hours.

The second society visited was Cowlitz County, the Director not having seen the museum since the county commissioners gave the society the balance of the third floor of the courthouse annex. The space is already full. The society now has an outstanding museum. Two important features are the new country store, barber shop, pioneer postoffice and log cabin. These would be a credit to any museum. A number of new cases have been built within the past few months. The county commissioners have put \$3000 into the 1958 budget for the society. Much of the credit for the success of the society and museum is due Mrs. George Umbaugh.

Two museum catastrophies were reported. At Cathlamet, two weeks previous, work was being started on the new museum. Some blasting was necessary and the man in charge made a mistake in the amount of explosive and a nearby residence, a P.U.D. transformer and two automobiles were injured. The Stevens County museum is housed in the city library, which suffered a bad fire Dec. 12th. Most of the museum contents were saved but the cases were damaged beyond repair.

The Director announced the Norman Rockwell art exhibit sponsored by the Curtis Publishing Co. This will be the first showing of this outstanding exhibit in Washington, the opening date being Dec. 29 and extending through January. Attention was also called to the Fluorescent Rock exhibit. He spoke of the contacts he had made with the new department of Tourist Promotion in the State Department of Commerce and Economic Development. He said the new department head, George Prescott, is very anxious to work history into the state's tourist promotion. Inasmuch as the State Parks and Recreation Commission is being drawn more an

and more into the field of history, he hoped that a closer tie with the Commission might be worked out to the mutual advantage of both departments. An invitation to take time necessary to make a complete inspection of the building was given.

John M. McClelland Jr., reported for the Publications Committee. The new book "Fort Vancouver," was on the tables for inspection and brought out compliments from all members. He stated that 1000 copies were printed at a cost of \$7.50 each. Orders had been coming in at a gratifying rate, in spite of the shortness of the time between the mailing of brochures and the Board meeting. He called attention to splendid publicity given the book by the Vancouver Columbian in particular, and other papers commenting on the importance of the publication. He said the committee had not decided on the second publication, feeling that it would be well to wait until the results of the first publication were more certain. Mr. McClelland stated that the committee hopes to publish an average of one book a year.

Mr. Burnham, a member of the committee who had given a great deal of time to the project, as well as furnishing a number of illustrations, including the map used on the cover, said he felt the publication would prove of great value to the Society. He felt a second edition might be possible, using a paper cover and cheaper paper, although he felt there was advantage in making the first issue a de luxe edition.

Mr. Green moved that the Board express its appreciation to Mr. Hussey, the author, and Members McClelland and Burnham for their work in connection with the publication. The motion was carried.

Judge Hill reported for the Membership Committee, on a meeting with representatives of a number of local societies, the luncheon having been held in Seattle Nov. 22. He said the representatives present, while not empowered to act, were very enthusiastic for a closer tie between the state society and members of the local societies. It was the sense of the meeting that a percentage of the local dues, 10 per cent, with a maximum of 25 cents, would cover the cost of mailing the News-Letter to all members of local societies and would meet with favor. Local members desiring the Quarterly would pay for it at the rate charge regular members of the society.

President Odlin emphasized the feeling expressed at the meeting that there should be a much closer tie between the state society and members of the local societies. Mr. Relander, who was present at the meeting, spoke of the enthusiasm of the meeting. He said he had come in contact many times with the feeling that there should be a closer contact, that local society members in Eastern Washington have no idea what the state society is doing, nor what other societies are accomplishing.

Mr. Jones suggested that adoption of the report would mean changes in the By-Laws. He moved that the report be accepted and that necessary changes be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

There was a general discussion of the proposal, including Prof. Gates, Mr. Burnham, Mr. Relander. Mrs. Anderson emphasized the importance of giving every possible support and cooperation to local societies.

In view of the fact that there was a division of opinion as to how the plan might best be worked out, President Odlin named a committee to consider the matter. He named Judge Hill, Messrs. Gates, Burnham, Relander, Hitchman, Ferris and the Director.

Mr. Hitchman reported for the Library committee. He stated that no steps had been taken as yet to secure a successor to Miss Babcock who resigned to accept a position in the Seattle public schools. He stated that he felt certain that many files and books from the library of the Late Col. Hanson would come to the Society's library. He called attention to progress made in the library shelving.

Mr. Hitchman moved that a memorial fund be set up in honor of Col. Hansen and Prof. Kibbe. The motion was carried. The Director stated that a story would be prepared and sent to all papers in the state.

Prof. Deutsch spoke of the value of the Kibbe library, saying it was the outstanding library of its kind in the Northwest and hoped that it might be possible eventually for the Society to come into possession of it. He suggested that President Odlin offer the assistance of the Society to the administrators of the estate.

The Theodore Roosevelt Centennial was discussed briefly. It was pointed out that the Governor has requested the Society to direct observance of the Centennial in this state. The Director stated he had during the week had a conference with Dr. Allen of the State Board of Education relative to participation of the schools, and was assured that a program would be worked out. The Director stated he felt that school participation plus newspaper and radio publicity, making a speech outline available would be sufficient. He stated that stationery for the Centennial should carry the name of a statewide advisory committee and asked members of the Board to submit suggestions, these to cover the state as well as possible. He read a list of names of cities which should be represented on such a committee.

The Director reported that he had been requested by Miss L.F. Ramsey of West Wittering,, Chichester, England, to forward the typescript of the diary of Joseph Heath to the Yale Library. He had declined to do so until instructed by the Board. He stated that the Society records do not indicate how the Society came into possession of the typescript. It was during the time the late Mr. Bonney was Secretary. While the material bears the stamp of the Society just as any other library accession, no details have been found as yet in his diary. The Director was instructed to hold the typescript until better information is available.

Mr. Swayze reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. He stated that work on the fire alarm system would begin the following week, that installation of new lights in the Library and McCormick Hall had been completed. He also stated that it would be necessary to do something toward improving the electrical wiring in the building and that estimates on this work are being secured.

Mr. Shaub reported for the Museum Committee, calling attention to the new shelving in the Library, and that six utility display cases are nearing completion, made possible through donations of visitors. He asked the President to adjourn the meeting so that the new fluorescent rock display might be seen before going to the Top of the Ocean for lunch.

Mr. Cory, chairman of the Nominations committee, called attention to the fact that there would be at least two vacancies to fill at the April election. He invited members to make suggestions to the committee, which would then give consideration to its report with a view to making Board membership as statewide as possible, having in mind also the standing in their own community of those suggested, and their interest in Washington history.

Prof. Gates reported briefly for the Archives Committee, stating that as a result of the law passed by the last legislature, this work stands to go forward in a constructive manner.

The Board adjourned to view the fluorescent rock exhibit being developed on the second floor.

Mr. Chas. H. Robinson, Jr., head of the Rock Hounds Pow Wow and in charge of the exhibit, was on hand with Messrs, Sanders, McCaw and Rose to explain the operation. The project is not complete but had progressed to a point that amazed members of the Board by the amount of work members of the Pow Wow had donated toward completion of the project. Without doubt, the exhibit will be the outstanding display of its kind in the United States.

Following inspection of the rock exhibit, the Board adjourned to the Top of the Ocean for lunch. Members of the Pow Wow group working on the exhibit during the morning, were guests of the Society. In introducing members of the group to the Board, the Director called attention to the many nights, Saturday and Sunday hours put in on the project by members of the group, and the very complicated wiring involved in developing an exhibit that would operate itself for 18 minutes.

President Odlin called on Mr. Robinson for a few remarks. He told of the development of the project and emphasized its value to the Society from an educational standpoint. He emphasized that what the Board saw on its visit could be considered as only a hint of what it would see when the exhibit is completed, at which time it would be impossible to see as much of the "behind the scenes" work in progress as on the day of the current visit.

President Odlin closed the meeting with a few remarks, and thanked members for their attendance.

CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary-Director

As a part of these Minutes will be found the report of the Treasurer and statements of tribute to Howard A. Hanson, L.A. Kibbe and Fred L. Wolf, the latter having been a member of the Board for three years and who passed away during the previous month. Copies of these statements will be sent to families of the deceased.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CURATORS

April 5, 1958

The regular meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held April 5, 1958, in the Library of the Society's building in Tacoma.

The following members were present: President Reno Odlin, Vice President Roe Shaub and Herman J. Deutsch, Treasurer Guy T. Pierce, and the following Curators: Mrs. Eva Anderson, Harold Barto, Arthur S. Cory, Rev. W. L. Davis, Mrs. Della Gould Emmons, Joel E. Ferris, Chas. M. Gates, Mrs. Thos. P. Gose, Joshua Green, Sr., Matthew W. Hill, Robert Hitchman, Leon K. Jones, John M. McClelland, Jr., E. E. Murray, Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler, Click Relander, Thos. A. Swayze, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker State Treasurer Tom Martin and the Secretary, Chapin D. Foster.

Reading of the minutes was omitted on motion which was carried.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Mr. Pierce. It will be found as a part of these Minutes.

The President welcomed Archie Shiels of Bellingham and George H. Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma as members-elect of the Board.

The Director was called upon for his report. He spoke of the completion of the new Society at Fort Lewis and the re-activation of the Island County Historical Society. In connection with the latter organization, he stated that the State Parks Department has taken over the Fort Casey, on which grounds is located a two-story building which includes a light-house tower. The Society will cooperate with the Department in the development of a museum in this building.

Mr. Foster spoke of the cooperation being given to organization of new county societies by the State Federation of Women's Clubs, and that one banquet session of the Annual Meeting in Bellingham in May will be devoted to the museum movement, with the Director as the principal speaker. Requests for information had been received, he said, from Asotin, Klickitat, and Skagit Counties.

Steps are being taken, he said, to recover certain historical records in both the city and county offices that would be of value to the Society. A man from the State Archives has been assisting. He referred to the nearing completion of the automatic fire alarm system and the wiring emergency, which would be covered in other reports. Progress in the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial program, which the Society has been asked by the Governor to direct, was reported. Cooperation from the State Department of Public Instruction has been accorded and other steps are now ready to be taken.

The Director referred to the receipt of a new Budget Form worked up by the firm of Donaho & Associates, which would seem to give the Budget Committee some extra work although eventually designed to simplify this work, and also a request from the Budget Department for a building program that might be included in a long-range capital outlay program. The Director pointed out that the Society has blueprints for a new wing, together with estimates which could be revised. This project would have to be submitted by June 1. The President stated that this would be taken up by the Executive Committee.

Two manuscripts had been received, he stated, that would be turned over to the

Publications Committee for study.

Committee reports were then called for.

Mr. McClelland, for the Publications Committee, stated that half of the issue of Fort Vancouver had been sent out, but pointed out that sale of the balance would take time as the easiest half had been sold. He stated that the book had received excellent criticisms in the press. No decision had been reached as to the next publication.

For the Library Committee, Mr. Hitchman reported that the search for a Librarian is being continued but without immediate prospects of success owing to the inability of the Society to pay a larger salary. He referred to new shelving installed, which would leave but one more unit to be installed to complete the improvement on the main floor of the Library. He stated that he is working on the Col. Hanson papers and that these contain a wealth of material of vital importance in preserving the state's history. Col. Hanson's papers include important records on reclamation, park development, skiing, flood control, A.Y.P. Expositions and other subjects.

Mr. Swayze reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. He stated that installation of the automatic fire alarm system is nearly completed. He called attention to the condition of the wiring in the building, that it is carrying at least a 50% overload and that the city is very anxious to have this condition corrected with as little delay as possible. The president stated that he is taking this up with the Governor in the hope that this project can be taken care of through the state's Emergency Fund. Mr. Swayze stated that some painting would be under way very soon.

Judge Hill reported for the Membership Committee. He said he felt it would be good for local societies and also the State Society if the News-Letter could be made available without cost to local societies either in bulk for distribution to members or by putting paid up members on our mailing list. He felt it would result in new members to the Society as space in the News-Letter could be devoted to the value of membership in the Society.

Mr. Shaub reported for the Museum Committee and Special Committee named to recommend a successor to the Director when time for retirement is reached. Mr. Shaub directed particular attention to the work being done in the Fluorescent Rock Exhibit. The Director added that a very conservative estimate of the value of this exhibit in time and specimens donated by Rock Hounds, would be between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Mr. Shaub stated that the Special Committee had held frequent meetings, that members had interviewed prospects and was ready to make its report which would be covered by four motions, as follows:

He moved that the Board of Curators employ Mr. Bruce M. LeRoy as Acting Director of the Washington State Historical Society effective September 1st, 1958, and to become Director January 1, 1959, at a salary of \$7500 per year.

This motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Shaub moved that Mr. Chapin D. Foster be relieved of his duties as Director of the Society, effective January 1, 1959 and that he be paid his present salary during the months of September through December, 1958. This motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Shaub moved that as a means of expressing the sincere appreciation of the Board of Curators for the many years of faithful service, leadership, and inspiration which Chapin D. Foster has given the Washington State Historical Society during the time he has been the Director of the Society, the Board of Curators appoint him life-

time Director Emeritus of the Society, effective January 1, 1959. This motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Shaub moved that the president of the Society file the appropriate affidavit with the State Retirement Board, requesting a continuance of the services of Mr. Foster until January 1, 1959, at which time his retirement would become effective. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Peeler moved that the Special Committee headed by Mr. Shaub be given a vote of thanks for its service. Seconded and carried.

Prof. Deutsch spoke briefly on the coming History Conference at Victoria. April 11-12, and wanted the Society's representatives at the Conference empowered to make an effort to have the Conference continued as more of an agency of the Society, which organized the Conference ten years ago. The Board approved this suggestion.

For the Nomination Committee Dr. Cory presented the names of Guy T. Pierce for Treasurer, and Robert B. Gordon for Assistant Treasurer. The report of the committee was accepted and Messrs. Pierce and Gordon were elected.

The meeting adjourned to attend the annual meeting at the Top of the Ocean.

CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary.

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