

threat to a significant national treasure. Our initial reaction is that the old excuse of 'we won't disturb the actual trail tread' will be offered — and that it must be met head on. An historic trail or trail route is as much a visual and inspirational experience as it is a physical piece of evidence of a past event. A considerable measure of reason has been exercised by the Idaho Lewis and Clark Trail Committee in not asking for untouched vistas or a stop of logging operations in the vicinity of the Lolo Trail Route [used by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805 and 1806]. But a power line is going too far!"

The new publication announces a joint meeting of the two organizations to be held on May 3, 1986 in Boise. There will be a meeting of the Governor's Committee at 11:00 A.M. preceding luncheon and the afternoon joint get together. The theme of the afternoon session is "Working for Historical Preservation", and Merle Wells, Idaho State Historian will give an overview of the Idaho Historical Society's mission, structure, programs, and achievements. There will be a panel discussion related to "Lewis and Clark Activities in Idaho" featuring a speaker from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, remarks by Martin L. Peterson, member of the Idaho [1990] Centennial Commission, and presentations by Otis Peterson and Dr. Fazio. Following the meeting there will be a tour of the Idaho Historical Museum. At the evening banquet, James Hammersten, M.D. (Boise), Vice President of the Idaho Chapter, will act as master of ceremonies and will introduce the evening's program — titled "Along the Lolo Trail — 180 Years After Lewis and Clark", presented by Barbara and Duane Opdahl. The Opdahls, Pierce, Idaho, operate historically-oriented tours along Idaho's Lolo Trail with emphasis to the Lewis and Clark Expedition (see WPO, Vol. 11, No. 4, pp. 28-29).

Mention should be made, here, that the Idaho organizations are planning to host the national Foundation's Annual Meeting in 1990, Idaho's Statehood Centennial year. It appears that Lewis and Clark interests are alive and vital in this scenic and historic Trail State.



We can report on several meetings held by the PORTAGE ROUTE CHAPTER of the Foundation, Great Falls, Montana. Thirty-five members were present for a meeting held on January 25, 1986. President Ella Mac Howard presided at the meeting and there were reports from several committees: Ben Rangel, membership committee chairman, reported that the chapter's membership had remained stable with sixty-one members; Norma Ashby reported that there had been some delay in completing the video cassette made during the 1984 reenactment of the Expedition's eighteen mile long 1805 portage around the Great Falls and the series of falls of the Missouri River. Norma reported that Joe Lawson, who is editing the video material made during the reenactment, is taking extra time to insure the quality of the production; Blanche Harding, a Montana puppeteer, reported on the progress of a marionette show she is developing concerning the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Harding announced that Dr. Harry Fritz, University of Montana, Missoula, will write the introduction to the show and has completed the editing of the script. The project has been incorporated as a non-profit enterprise with interested Montanans serving on a Board of Directors, with Portage Route Chapter member Marshall Johnson as chairman. Fifteen marionettes will make up the cast for the production, and one of the marionettes — a Mandan Indian Chief — was displayed at the meeting; it was announced that the Boy Scouts of the area will make the theme for their 1986 activities the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and will look to the Chapter as a resource for related information; election of officers for 1986 was an event of the meeting and the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee were elected by a unanimous vote. Marshall Johnson, Great Falls, the newly elected president, spoke briefly about the past accomplishments of the chapter and presented an overview of projects for the coming year.

WPO editor has received "Issue No. 1" of a new Newsletter published jointly by the IDAHO (GOVERNOR'S) LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL COMMITTEE and the IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC. Edited by James R. Fazio (Moscow, Idaho), Chairman of the Governor's Committee and Otis Peterson (Boise, Idaho), President of the Idaho Chapter, the publication will report on items of interest needing attention and direction by either or both of the organizations, and provide announcements of upcoming meetings.

The current issue reports on a development of great interest to both the Committee and the Chapter. It has been learned, from a preliminary report sent to the USDA Forest Service, that the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has plans for the construction of a high-voltage power line across the Clearwater National Forest following the ridges on which the Lolo Trail Corridor is located. The Newsletter comments: "Although we will not know for sure until BPA makes its plans open to the public, this appears to be a major