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*Pacific Northwest Library Association*

The twenty-fifth annual conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association was held at Walla Walla, Washington, June 28-30, 1934. Most of the papers related to the general topic of "Library planning in the Northwest".

On the afternoon of the first day, Mr. T. C. Elliott gave a most interesting and informative talk on the "Landmarks of the Walla Walla Valley." This was followed by an outstanding paper upon "Northwest Literature" by Professor H. G. Merriam, of the University of Montana. A later paper of interest to students of history was given by J. Ronald Todd of the University of Washington Library on the subject of "Research Methods in Northwest History."

One of the high spots of the convention was a "Silver Anniversary Banquet" at which occurred a roll call of the charter members. The chief address at this session was a paper by Mr. William E. Henry, first president of the Association, on "Learning, Culture and Living."