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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1949, 9:30 A.M.-12:00

1. Meeting of the Council.
2. Reports from Regional and State Folklore Societies.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1949, 2:00-4:00

GENERAL SESSION: *American Folk Humor*

1. Dan G. Hoffman, Rutgers University, "Paul Bunyan, Last of the Frontier Demigods".
2. Mody C. Boatright, University of Texas, "The Cowboy as a Folk Hero".
3. Franklin J. Meine, American People's Encyclopedia, "Mississippi River Yarns and Ballads".

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1949, 7:30 P.M.

ANNUAL DINNER, CABINET ROOM, HOTEL WILLARD

Presidential Address: Thelma G. James.

Folksongs and Ballads: Members of the Austrian Student Goodwill Tour.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 9:30 A.M.-12:00

GENERAL SESSION: *Ethnic American Folklore*

1. Harold W. Thompson, Cornell University, "Lore of the New York Dutch".
2. Alfred L. Shoemaker, Franklin and Marshall College, "Our Program in Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore".
3. Aili K. Johnson, Flint, Michigan, "Lore of the Finnish-American Sauna".
4. J. Mason Brewer, "Below the Mason-Dixon Line with the Negro Anecdote".

Discussion led by Stith Thompson.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2:00-4:00

GENERAL SESSION: *Points of View*

1. Stanley Edgar Hyman, North Bennington, Vermont, "Literature and Folk Tradition".
2. Louis C. Jones, New York State Historical Association, "An American Folk Museum".
3. Charles W. Dunn, University of Toronto, "Forms of Gaelic Tradition in Nova Scotia".

Discussion led by Francis Lee Utley.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 4:00

Brief Business Meeting.

The Society has reserved a block of rooms at the Willard Hotel, Washington 4, D. C. If you plan to stay at the Willard, please make your reservations directly with the Willard, mentioning the Society, *before December 15*. The convention rates are \$4.50 single and \$8.00 double.

Number 30 and number 54 street cars run directly from the Willard to the Library of Congress—time about fifteen minutes.

The Folklore Section of the Library of Congress including the recording laboratory will be open to members of the Society during the period of the convention.

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Cabinet Room of the Willard, Wednesday, December 28 at 7:30. Please reserve places for yourself and your guests by card to the Secretary, MacEdward Leach, Bennett Hall, Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania. The cost of the dinner is \$3.85 including tips.