

CONFERENCE WITH GUTZON BORGLUM  
Thursday, October 8, 1936

Mr. Borglum arrived in town ahead of his expected time and without advance notice. Before I could get home from Columbus, he and Mrs. Borglum had driven over the town by themselves and gained a very definite conception of the setting of the town. On Thursday morning a committee took him over the town in order to permit him to sense its atmosphere, and I think it is fair to say that his reaction was all that we could have expected or asked for. He very deeply appreciated the old homes here--the colonial architecture which is so distinctive to the town. The first expression he made after greeting, was "You folks here must preserve the wonderful heritage which is yours." This thought in various forms was reiterated by him repeatedly during the day. He did not glance hastily at various things, but had an extremely deep interest in and appreciation for many things shown him, and, in fact, took far more time than we had contemplated for inspection. Appended hereto is a set of notes giving some of the high lights of his expressions. He inspected the native sandstone in the Stadium, the old Putnam house on Harmar, and the boathouse and says that the stuff, if properly selected, is entirely fit for the purpose. Incidentally, he says that the Sphinx is carved from sandstone, although not of as good a quality as we have here.

In the afternoon a conference was held with Governor White, John P. Schooley, and Mr. Brooks from the State Architect's Office, Mrs. Charlotte G. Cooper and Mr. Payant, Mr. Borglum, and the writer. I had had conference the day before with Mr. Schooley in Columbus and he had agreed to do the architectural work necessary at no direct cost to this Commission. Schooley has a feeling that perhaps the Ohio Commission can defray the actual payroll cost and this would have to be done because the State Architect's Office cannot work for any other than a state function. Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Payant were in on the conference because of the probable supplying of W.P.A. labor as assistants to the sculptor. Mr. Gregory

had advised us to employ a young architect rather than an older man. I had been led to contact Mr. Schooley because, in the first place, I had had a great deal of respect for his work. I think he really has something on the "ball", besides the fact, that, if he were acceptable, we would save the architect's fee, which in the case of sculpture is very high. At this conference I outlined the conception which the Commission so far had and Mr. Borglum immediately replied that we did not have enough money to, in his judgment, interest any of the better sculptors. He urged us to go back to Congress and ask for not less than \$50,000. This was contrary to the wishes of Governor White and myself, and so the job became one of impressing Mr. Borglum with the ideal involved.

In outlining his own idea in a preliminary sort of way, before he could give it any great amount of study, he believes the pylons should, by all means, be a part of the Memorial. He said to make the copy complete and rather "gossipy" in nature. Says we will be astounded by the number of people who will come here and copy those inscriptions, even to the making of replicas from them. He further said that, in his conception so far, that there should be five or six characters in this group; that there should be much action--they should be going somewhere; that they should be 10' to 12' in height, and that the stone upon which they were carved should be in as large piece as is possible. His recognition is that the pylons by monolists at least 20' high. These could, of course, be done without his service, although, he would want to be a party to their design. His expression is that the architectural design should be worked upon immediately and approved as soon as possible, the project got under way, and the stone work should be done, so that the sculptor could begin his work, that is, that the stone work should be completed by next July.

After having laid down to us what he believed the general motif should be and having apparently become convinced of and enthusiastic for the project, he said "I'll tell you I'll do. I'll make the model for you, full size, and

supervise the carving of this Memorial for 20- no I'll do better than that, I'll do this for you for \$15,000." He then explained that we are to furnish W.F.A. men, but that they did not all need to be sculptors--there would have to be two men who understood what he was talking about. He went on to explain that at Mount Rushmore he has ex-dentists, and ex-plumbers working as stone cutters, and that he enjoys inspiring these men. He says that it would take four months to make the model; that he would favor making a small copy of it which would be submitted to the Commission for O.R., and that he would then make the full size model from which the men would work; that this full size model would be made either in Connecticut or in San Antonio, Texas; it would be made in sections so that it could be shipped in here easily and erected in the park immediately adjacent to the stone work; that a canvass would be even better than a temporary building around the stone work, and that if the stone work can be completed by July, 1937, the entire structure can be completed by July 15, 1938. He also said that he would prepare and send to me within the next few days a rough sketch and his proposal for getting out the stone.

The last thing Mr. Borghum said after everyone else had gone, when he was himself leaving town, "Hawes, whatever you can think of to make that Memorial more beautiful, more impressive you let me know about it, because we want to make that the finest thing that we can conceive."

Based on information so far gained from all the conference, my recommendation to the Commission is that 1. if the present national administration is continued in power, that we make immediate effort, after election, to secure advice from the President himself, if necessary, that W.F.A. will be continued, at least to the extent of the completion of this project. 2. That conference be immediately held with the stone quarries near Marietta with reference to the possibilities of getting out acceptable stone in the sizes wanted. 3. That we

employ Mr. Borglum on the basis outlined. While the cost of employing him is more than was set up in the initial budget for this purpose, we have saved money on so many angles that we can afford to make the appropriation. Mr. Gregory's remarks to me were so conclusive, to the effect that if we could get Borglum that we should not even attempt to look further; that he was the sculptor with the greatest imagination; that he worked boldly and rapidly in the style best suited to what we wanted. This was said, in spite of the fact that Mr. Borglum is not a member of the Sculpture Society, the purpose of which society is to get work for their members and to hold high standards. Where Mr. Borglum is working for a definite fee and under conditions as well understood as these, would be, I am inclined to the belief that the relation would be entirely satisfactory and a happy one. Mr. Borglum said on several occasions that which had occurred to me repeatedly since I had first talked to him, that this Memorial and the national monument which he is building at Rushmore are of the same belief and conception. I really think this had as much to do as anything else with his willingness to do this work for less than one-third of the original price quoted. Between now and November 17, I believe that all information available as to getting the stone, as to getting the architectural design completed, and as to Mr. Borglum's design for the group should be carried as far as it can be without involving definite commitment on the part of this Commission. This, with the thought that definite sketches may be submitted to the Commission; that work may be started as immediately thereafter as it can be.

At this writing I estimate the probable maximum cost to this Commission of not over \$20,000. It perhaps can be held to very little over \$15,000, but on the \$20,000 figure, and in view of the total program, I believe it is a proper and fitting thing for this Commission to do and that the plan outlined is the most practical by which to do it.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. Hawes

# Famous Sculptor Addresses Marietta Rotary Meeting

Gutson Borglum, famed sculptor, who is devoting his life to the task of carving in age-resisting stone the record of man in the shaping and molding of civilization, came to Marietta Thursday, at the invitation of the Northwest Territory celebration's federal commission. He spent the day here considering historical facts that are planned to be commemorated in observing the sesqui-centennial of the creation of the Ordinance of 1787, the formation of the Northwest Territory and its settlement at Marietta.

Mr. Borglum came here at the invitation of Ed M. Hawes, director of the federal commission. He conferred with Chairman George White and Director Hawes of the federal commission and with other Marietta leaders in the planning of the celebration. Different historical spots were visited and the story of the institution of civil government here 148 years ago was reviewed. It is the hope of those associated in planning the sesqui-centennial that this great artist may be secured to plan and give to the world something in group statuary that will perpetuate the spirit of those leaders who first builded here a century and a half ago.

## Meeting Arranged

The unexpected visit of Mr. Borglum was accepted by the Marietta Rotary Club with an offer to arrange a community meeting in connection with its regular luncheon at the Hotel Lafayette. The regular club program was put over for a week and in its place the distinguished speaker was invited to speak. He was presented by Chairman George White of the federal commission, himself a member of Rotary. A delightful address was given. Representatives of other service clubs and of different departments of the city government were present.

Prefacing his address with the explanation that he is interested in making permanent the record of man, Mr. Borglum delved back into the ages to picture what different men at different times had done. In this desire, he said, that prompts us to remember the fathers

and to make permanent a record of the lives that they lived.

## Tells of Experiences

Only a few great men of all times have been outstanding, the speaker said, and he voiced the belief that there are today not more than two or three dozen great men who are holding up the standards of civilization and pointing the way to those better things in the future that the world invisions.

Down through the centuries the speaker led his audience, rounding out the story with a recital of his own experiences in advising with General Pershing regarding the creation of American monuments on the battlefields of France and Belgium; his intimate conferences with the late President Coolidge in planning the Stone Mountain group in Georgia, and finally the launching of his present great project on the stone face of Mount Rushmore in the heart of the Black Hills country in South Dakota.

This brought the speaker to the Marietta situation and he touched it but briefly. This place was the stepping stone, the first footprint of the nation as she started on her westward march, he said, and he appealed for those who will direct the work to do something that will be lasting in character and that will preserve to the future the spirit of the people who did this great thing at Marietta.

Arthur H. Stiecker, president of Rotary, presided, and introduced the guests. He presented Ed M. Hawes, who in turn introduced two representatives of the artists' division of the PWA in Ohio who are here to undertake the part that their organization is to have in the Marietta celebration. Former Governor George White, long a personal friend of Mr. Borglum, next was presented and was asked to introduce him.

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## CELEBRATION MEMORIAL WILL BE ERECTED

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## Rural Settlement Leader Resigns

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**Gutzon Borglum to Design  
\$150,000 Monument to Be  
Placed in Muskingum Park**

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## Stone Group Will Be 100 Feet Long and 10 Feet High

### PUBLICITY PLANS BEING ARRANGED

## Ox Cart and Boat Will Follow Route of Pioneers

A memorial that will mark definitely the spot in Marietta on which civil government was instituted in the territories northwest of the Ohio River, pointing out to posterity a place hallowed in American history and constituting a shrine to the broad principles of liberty and democracy upon which the Republic has thrived, will be one of the lasting benefits to be derived from the Northwest Territory Celebration, the federal commission for which met in Marietta on Tuesday and fixed a program around which this newest type of exposition will be founded.

This and other outstanding features are woven into the program as adopted by the commission. Final stages of whose important session were not reached until Tuesday evening. Appropriate pageantry in New York City on July 13, 1837, will reenact the session of the American Congress at which was adopted the Ordinance of 1787. From there the program will move to New England and from the little town of Ipswich, Mass., on December 2, 1837, will embark an interesting replica of the expedition that fared forth 150 years ago to conquer the wilderness, to plant the Marietta settlement and to break to civilization "the vast domain that lay beyond the mountains."

#### To Build Boat

Slowly, methodically, exactingly, this expedition will move westward. A personnel of 22 men, trained for the parts they will enact, will comprise the party. Ox teams will draw the lumbering covered wagons in which the expedition will make its way. The exact route taken by the early pioneers will be followed and late in the winter they will come to the headwaters of the Ohio at Summerill's Ferry. There the caravan will make camp and its members will go into the forest. Trees will be felled. Timber will be cut and a boat, carefully reproducing the lines of that historic craft, the Adventure Galley, will be built and launched.

In this "Second Mayflower" the party will float down the Youghiogheny, the Allegheny and the Ohio to the mouth of the Muskingum where, in the midst of appropriate festivities, the second landing will be made and Marietta's birthday will be observed. The Ohio State Commission is expected to co-operate fully with the Marietta commission in arranging the ceremonial to mark this natal day.

#### Plan Celebrations

Following this sesqui-centennial observance, at which it is expected the governments of the six states in the old territory will participate, the ox team caravan will resume its trip and, during the Summer and Fall of 1938, it will traverse Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, taking its historical pageantry directly to the people. The state commissions will plan and finance the trip after it passes out of Marietta and will arrange the complete itinerary. This "show" will serve as the central feature of innumerable celebrations in the cities

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and towns along the way, it is expected. The tour will extend into northwestern Minnesota. Then it will swing back toward Marietta where it will be disbanded finally near the end of the year.

An elaborate program of publicity to attend the caravan feature will be arranged by the commission. Designed to depict actual history, every effort will be made to carry this lesson home. Special text books on early American history will be made available in the public schools. Higher institutions of learning, including preparatory schools and colleges, will be invited to co-operate. An historical novel covering the whole phase of America's past, written by a nationally-known author, will be provided and will be widely sold.

## Co-operation Pledged

Newspapers, magazines, broadcasting chains and the major moving picture companies already have pledged complete co-operation, starting with the New York City phase next July and continuing with the program until it is completed in July of 1938.

The federal government is expected to co-operate in the enterprise. It already has endorsed the celebration and by special act of Congress, and with the approval of President Roosevelt, has appropriated \$100,000 to finance its part of the celebration. There will be other federal aid, including the furnishing, training and equipping of the personnel for the caravan, all of which will be supplied by the Federal Theatre and the Federal Artists Bureau, and the quarrying of the stone for the memorial, which will be done, it is expected, by the WPA in Okla. It is expected, the president and other dignitaries will come to Marietta on July 15, 1938, designated as "United States Day," to participate in the unveiling of the memorial.

Gutzon Borglum, world-famed sculptor, will design and carve the memorial at Marietta. It will be located in Muskingum Park and, generally speaking, will occupy a site about where the present bandstand is located. It will be built of native stone, which Mr. Borglum has examined and pronounced admirable for the purpose. He said, during his recent visit to Marietta, that the stone here is of the same general texture as that used in the Sphinx in Egypt, although it is of better quality. In this connection members of the commission were informed that an original quarry on the West Side Commons, opened by the pioneer settlers for public use, is available today and it is expected that some at least of the stone will be quarried there.

## To Cost \$150,000

The commission voted on appropriation of \$20,000 for erection of the memorial, pledging at the start one-fifth of its entire appropriation for it. It was realized that something of a permanent character should come out of the celebration and the memorial will live to be admired by future generations. It also is plain to them that the great Borglum is to do this work for a nominal figure and, while his pay will be but \$15,000 the memorial will represent a \$150,000 accomplishment. Within the next few weeks the sculptor will begin work on his working model, which will be completed during the coming Winter. Then it will be moved to Marietta and actual carving of the stone will get under way early next Spring.

The memorial is expected to be an allegorical group of statuary including a number of action figures from 7½ to 10 feet in height. The group will parallel the river and it is expected that it will be about 100 feet in length. There will be a paved approach from the street with stone pylons along Front Street, appropriately marking the spot and heralding its significance to the world. Mr. Borglum will have the memorial ready for dedication on July 15, 1938.

These are the highlights of the celebration so far as the Federal Commission is concerned. Each feature will be developed in considerable detail and it is estimated that



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<p>to The lid. del its  ub- ing ar- his</p>	<p>the caravan, the April 7th and July 15th celebrations and the attending publicity will reach directly an estimated 45 percent of the population of the United States.</p> <p>Commission to Return</p> <p>Members of the commission meeting in Marietta were loud in praise</p>	<p>of the hospitality shown them and they expect to return to Marietta on a number of occasions during the next year and a half. They endorsed in every detail the broad program as proposed by Chairman George White and Director Ed M. Hawes and the big enterprise is definitely</p>	<p>and fully launched.</p> <p>The Ohio State Commission also held a meeting in Marietta on Tuesday and its plans were given thorough consideration. Chairman Charles D. Fogle presided and Director Edward J. Mildren submitted a good part of the program that is expected</p>	<p>to be followed. It pledges full and complete co-operation with the federal and the local commissions.</p> <p>Members of the Marietta commission attended the luncheon on Tuesday. It was a joint affair and Mayor J. Morton Harper presented the members of the local commis-</p>	<p>sion and discussed intimately with members of the federal and state commissions tentative plans for the Marietta part in the Northwest Territory Celebration. His commission is being called together at once to begin work on the Marietta program.</p>
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# Sculptor Due Here to Start Preliminary Memorial Work

Gutzon Borglum, widely-known sculptor who has been engaged to design and carve the memorial that will be erected in Marietta to be unveiled as part of the Northwest Territory Celebration in 1938, was expected to arrive in Marietta late Monday to begin preliminary work. It is said that he will remain here for several days during which he will confer with heads of the federal commission and outline much of the actual work on the memorial.

The memorial, as was announced originally, is planned to be erected in Muskingum Park on the spot where the Ordinance of 1787 was put into effect and where Governor St. Clair was inaugurated on July 15, 1788. A small granite marker designates that spot in the park and it is said that that will mark the center of the memorial, definite design of which has not been officially announced by the sculptor.

Soundings preparatory to planning the memorial have been authorized and are being made by the city engineer. Reports on these borings will be ready for Mr. Borglum upon his arrival in Marietta. They will show just what will be required in the way of foundations to support the memorial.

Another of the matters to be determined at this time, it is said, is the actual selection of the stone to be used in the memorial. It is the belief of those who have conferred

with Mr. Borglum that the stone will be taken from quarries along the western edge of the city underlying Harmar Hill. Possibly some of it may come from the old quarries that the pioneers opened when they built their first structures in Marietta. These quarries are located on the commons which skirt the face of Harmar Hill north of Lancaster Street.

It was remarked by Mr. Borglum during his preliminary visit to Marietta several months ago that the native stone at Marietta is similar in many respects to that that was used in the Egyptian Sphinx except that the quality is even better.

Ed M. Hawes, director of the federal commission, has just returned from a trip to Washington, D. C., and New York City, where he has been attending to preliminary matters. He conferred especially while in Washington regarding the possibility of using WPA labor on getting out the stone for the memorial. Definite decision on this important phase of the case is expected very shortly, Mr. Hawes said on Monday.

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sweeping out of the Northwest.

luches tall, and about 45 years old.

# Preliminary Memorial Work Started by Gutzon Borglum

Gutzon Borglum, internationally-known sculptor who will design and carve the Northwest Territory Memorial to be erected in Muskingum Park and to be unveiled on July 15, 1938, as an outstanding feature and climax of the anniversary celebration, arrived in Marietta early Tuesday to start preliminary work. He is making inspections, holding conferences and will be driven to Pittsburgh, Pa., late tonight to take a train for Rochester, N. Y., where he is due for a conference on Wednesday.

Mr. Borglum came here from Washington, D. C., having made a hurried trip to the East after stopping work on the great national memorial he is carving in the Black Hills of the Dakotas, Winter forced

a suspension of the Black Hills work and it will re-open in April, the sculptor said. At the conclusion of his Rochester conference on Wednesday he will go by plane to his winter studio at San Antonio, Tex., where he plans to design the Marietta memorial and prepare the model for submission to the Northwest Territory Commission.

### To Submit Models

The working model or models will be brought to Marietta about the middle of January, Mr. Borglum said. A meeting of the commission will be held here at that time. The models will be submitted and members of the commission will be asked to suggest possible changes or additions that may appeal to them.

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Then, the final models will be prepared.

Mr. Borglum said while in Marietta on Tuesday that he is to sail for Europe about January 15. He goes there to submit models for a Thomas Paine memorial that he will carve for a French-American joint commission. As soon as he completes that trip he will be ready to work on the Marietta memorial.

The sculptor arrived on an early-morning train from Washington. He was met at Parkersburg, W. Va., by Ed M. Hawes, director of the federal commission. He was driven to Marietta and following breakfast at the Hotel Lafayette was ready to undertake a busy day's program.

Accompanied by Director Hawes and men who are familiar with the stone deposits in the hills to the west of Marietta, he started inspection of quarries.

## To Hold Conferences

The outcroppings of stone were inspected by the sculptor and it was expected that a definite decision would be made as to where the material for the memorial will be quarried. Foundation test holes on the site of the memorial likewise were inspected during the day.

During the afternoon, the sculptor, the director and Chairman George White of the federal commission planned a series of conferences regarding the effort to obtain WPA labor for the enterprise. Conditions in Washington will have to be reckoned with, it was agreed, and as yet there is no definite assurance that labor of this type will be available.

John P. Schooley, Ohio state architect who will collaborate with the sculptor in planning the memorial, came to Marietta on Tuesday for the conferences. He will plan the base and approaches to the memorial, and these were discussed with Mr. Borglum.

While the sculptor is as yet not

prepared definitely to outline the memorial his plans gradually are evolving. He expects to adhere closely to historical facts and it will be his purpose definitely to mark for the future the all-important course that civilization charted at this point when the new American idea as embraced in the Ordinance of 1787, took form.

#### Allegorical Group

The memorial will center about an allegorical group of statuary, the base of which will be many feet in circumference. The figures will rise perhaps to 15 feet above the base, it is said. There will be men, women and children in the group according

to Mr. Borglum's present ideas and leaders will be shown mapping the course that was to extend eventually to all parts of the world. The setting for the memorial will be appropriate and imposing and it will live through the ages according to the vision of its creator.

Prompted by a fine spirit of patriotism Gutzon Borglum has taken hold of this memorial enterprise with the fervor of the true artist and the people may rest assured that the accomplishment will be outstanding, was the conviction expressed on Tuesday by former Governor George White, head of the celebration commission.

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## Famous Sculptor To Carve Pioneer Monument

Marletta, O., Dec. 8—(UP)—The federal northwest territory celebration commission today expected Gutson Borglum, sculptor, to begin preliminary work this week on a monument to be dedicated as a memorial to the pioneers who settled Marletta in 1788. The monument will figure prominently in the northwest celebration here.

Engineers have begun soundings for foundations for the memorial which will stand in Muskingum park here, on the spot where the ordinance of 1797, creating the northwest territory, was put into effect and where Governor St. Clair was inaugurated.

Borglum will study the engineer's findings during a projected three-day stay here, beginning today, and will test native stone he plans to use in the monument.

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