

[Browning, Bob]

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My dear Click:

Thanks much for your nice words about the Wanapum Dam story.

I have just one regret about it--I didn't realize the major role you played in its conception. If I had, I'd certainly have give you equal or top billing with the other guy whose name I forget.

The story didn't come from Bob Hansen and we didn't get down to the dam this trip. We went specifically to Ephrata to do a story on the Grant County PUD to whom you first introduced Ken Harris and me ~~in~~ in 1957 when Priest Rapids was building and we went down to the Yakima side to do a story on the Wanapums.

While I was talking to Bob Gillette, he happened to mention the visitor center at the dam and Herb Jenkins, just by chance, happened to have a couple of dozen pictures.

I was going to include it in my original piece on the PUD but it got too big for that story so I made a solo out of it.

Again, I just wish I'd known about your part in it.

I repeat what I said in the story--your sculpture has never gotten the recognition it deserves. Maybe the next time I hit your country or you come over here, we can at least do a another story on it.

It's been a long time since I've seen you, Click, and I'd like to make it over to see you.

I've been in Yakima just once since 1957 when my wife and kids and I spent a week in August at the Red Apple. They spent it in the swim pool. I spent it in the motel in my skivvies with the air conditioning running full-bore and the bathroom sink full of stubbies of Oly with the kids shuttling back and forth to the ice machine. It was hotter than hell.

See you soon,

Bob

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