

May 3, 1958

Howdy Doody:

That isn't a formal greeting but as I don't know how ~~so~~ exactly who all will receive a copy of this letter I selected something that would fit anyone. After all the letter is just to fill up the envelope which is the important item in this particular case.

These souvenir envelope letters will be carried May 9 via West Coast Air Lines to Spokane and from there back here by Pony Express as a part of the Gentlemen on Horseback ride which has been put on the last 11 years by Charles C. Clover from Spokane to whatever city was entertaining the State Cattlemen's Assn. convention. This year that meet will be held here May 16-17.

The period May 12-18 will be a busy time in the old town with the cattlemen's convention, the N.W. Quarter Horse Assn's show-sale, the N.W. conference track meet, the WW Country Club's invitational golf tournament, a Boy Scout regent, the Armed Forces Day parade May 17, a western states hat throwing contest from the top of the Marcus Whitman Hotel, a western dress up period for the entire week, etc.

With my wife I recently spent 4 days in Wichita, Kan., attending the 60th anniversary of my parents' marriage. That was quite an occasion with a reunion of all surviving aunts, uncles, cousins and their families in attendance. We made the trip by air and were away from our respective jobs 6 days.

After an April which had rain every day but 8 during the 30 May has been quite warm thus far and agricultural work has been going ahead rapidly. For a while the pea processors and growers and those of sugar beets were quite discouraged as the April rains prevented seeding. This work should be catching up now, however.

A new organization is being formed here: "the 59ers" the purpose of which will be to carry on publicity work with visits to the N-F Pea Festival, the Waitsburg Days of Real Sport, Dayton Days, Elgin Stampede, Chief Joseph Days, Pendleton Round-Up and designed to carry into next year when the centennial of the city, county and Whitman College all will be held. Incidentally that will be the 5--I started to say of the Union-Bulletin but that won't come until later I believe.

Hope all recipients of this letter are enjoying life as I am.

Cordially yours,

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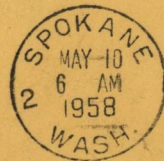
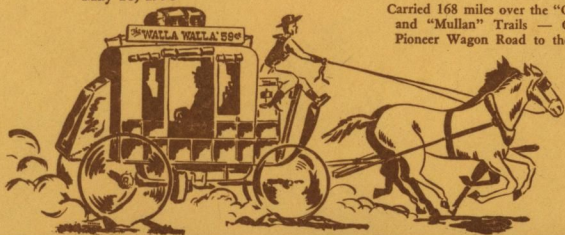
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