

Mrs. Gladys Para,  
Adams County Historical Society,  
Box 107, Othello, Washington.

April 4, 1957

Dear Mrs. Para:

I've been waiting to hear from the State Society about the date for its annual meeting. Haven't heard yet but just a rumor from one of the board members that it is being arranged for April 27. In that case it would be impossible for me to attend the meeting at Tacoma on a Saturday and show up at Ritzville the next day, or nearly so.

I pass that word along with regrets because I have a very fond spot in my heart for your organization and the work it is doing.

When I see Chapin, I shall see that he gets to you the information you have requested about acquisition of historical sites and the insurance liability involved. I know most of it but not some of the specific angles.

I can appreciate the job you have taken on, and while the salary is poor, the compensation for work of that type is great in many ways, especially for persons of your bent and talent.

I do look forward to being of what other assistance I can in my small way, but it would seem that could be best done during a visit. Your form for interviews seems quite professional and provides a good basis for preservation. (And don't forget the photographs)

I'm glad you put on the note about Mr. Wendt. His aunt was my sculpturing teacher at Los Angeles some time ago and I lived not far from her studio and that of her husband, the famous William Wendt, a member of the American National Academy, painter, on Sichel Street. Many times I have spent in the studio talking to them and watching them work. Both are now dead.

I hope you get to Hale Island. It is an interesting trip and soon many things will change there and there is no better guide than Tom Stockdale. I'm pretty well tied up at the office now, but am going to Priest Rapids next Monday when the PI City Editor and photographer are coming through Yakima.

Please extend my regrets to my friends in your area at my inability to attend your next quarterly meeting. Do you know Mr. Joel Farris at Spokane? He is worthy of a contact. Sincerely  
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