

Mr. Chapin Foster, director,
Washington State Historical Society,
315 No. Stadium Way,
Tacoma 3, Washington.

May 28, 1956

Dear Chapin:

Dean Guie has handed me Washington State Historical Society Report of the Director, 1955-56. This was mailed to him at his box number, 1192, Yakima.

This was the box number requested by Mr. Guie for receiving historical society announcement, and The Quarterly.

You will recall that I submitted Mr. Guie's membership.

He has thus far not received the April 1956 issue of the quarterly which has been issued now several weeks. Will you please give this matter of mail address, and the matter of sending a quarterly to Mr. Guie, if he is entitled to one, your personal attention. It might be that my address has been confused with his. The following are correct:

H. Dean Guie,
Box 1192,
Yakima, Washington.

Cliff Relander,
1212 N. 32nd Ave.,
Yakima, Wash.

You asked about the Columbia Basin News Award and that to Ted VanArsdol. As I wrote you, I made arrangements for the presentation at a proper time and at the convenience of some organization.

I accepted an invitation to address the luncheon meeting of the Pasco Chamber of Commerce and carried that out at the designated date. The luncheon address was taped and broadcast that evening over a Pasco Radio Station and the tape was also used for presentation in Pasco schools as I understand.

I made encouraging remarks toward creation of a transportation Museum at that town's Columbia Park which is now being developed, because Pasco was born, and still is, a railroad town.

Additionally I met some elderly members of the Pasco Chamber interested in a historical society. (I told the chamber of commerce that one aim of the society was for local societies in every county and they contacted me afterwards). I have made myself available at their convenience or desire to "keynote" any meeting they might have in mind, or to assist them in any way possible.

In that same line I note the copy of the letter Mr. Bruce Wilson has sent you. The Ritzville Woman's Club is to be especially commended for swinging behind the project. They provided a fine community leadership, and importantly a tie-in with the schools for "carying historical programs" directly into the schools. That is lacking in some many of our schools now days

And along that same line a Kittitas Valley Improvement Club, consisting of pioneer women, on their visits to our museum, have said they have long neglected such an organization in their county, when I asked them about it. I have encouraged them to discuss this with Dr. Barton and have offered to help them as I can, and will follow through on that.

Al Culverwell and the state boys are doing a top job on Fort Simcoe and the approaching Centennial is shaping up good. The Chambers of Commerce through the Valley are arranging an earlier tour so their members will be well informed. After a couple of years of inertia, the furnishings committee through Mrs. Crum, secured by Culverwell, is doing an outstanding job and has shaken free of the encumbering local entanglements. They have everything with few scattering and inconsequential things needed to furnish the downstairs rooms in what I suspect will be a proper and outstanding manner.

In connection with the Fort Simcoe Centennial observance, Aug. 12, H. Dean Guie is coming out with a 160 some odd page story on the military side of Fort Simcoe. It will be a good contribution to the printed history. Dean was not as fortunate as I in securing a publisher so is having this done on his own. The result is that I have told Dean I would help him establish marketing outlets. I suspect the publication, although paper bound unless plans are changed, will have to sell in the \$2.50 to \$3.00 class. Would the Society take a half dozen or 10 on consignment?

I believe in connection with any reference you make to the Simcoe Centennial it would be perfectly proper to mention that Dean, who has published some material on Indians and the Yellowstone, has completed a manuscript dealing with Fort Simcoe's military side, and that it will be issued before the Aug. 12 Centennial.

We have called for bids on our museum building, estimating it at \$140,000 and will open them June 12. The museum will be located in Centennial Park which adjoins Franklin Junior High School and will take five to six months to complete if the bids don't run too high.

I've lined up Al Culverwell for a Lions Club talk on parks and Simcoe Centennial, next Friday, turning down the talk. I'm saving my ammunition for later this summer, but have been making a lot of out of town talks and get the State Society into all of them. Could go on for a long time telling of the stories and other projects but that's enough now to keep you posted. I'm now concentrating on

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lining up the book four for Drummers and Dreamers starting here Oct. 6.