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ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON

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Mr. Elwyn Nellis
Managing Editor
Yakima Dailies
Yakima, Washington

Dear Elwyn:

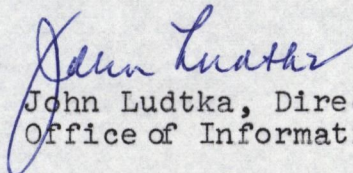
Please find enclosed a copy of the History of Central Washington State College, "The First 75 Years," written by Dr. Samuel Mohler of our history department.

Dr. Mohler has spent considerable time during his CWSC life in writing this history as he notes in the preface and acknowledgments.

We hope you will enjoy his insights into Central as a Normal School, as a College of Education, and now as a multi-purpose State College.

Perhaps your readers might like, also, to share some of his thoughts through your book reviewer.

Sincerely,


John Ludtka, Director
Office of Information

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ELLENSBURG (Special)--"The First Seventy-Five Years," the history of Central Washington State College, has been published by the college as written by Dr. Samuel R. Mohler, professor of history at the Ellensburg institution since 1943.

Dr. Mohler carries the present multi-purpose state college through its early years as a state normal school--which opened in 1891 with four faculty and 86 students-- and through its period as a college of education. He also deals with the two World Wars and the major changes in the college since it became a State College in 1961.

Also included in the 374-page publication are sketches of faculty members who at the time of Central's 75th Anniversary last year had served on the staff at least 25 years.

Included are sketches on John Morgan--who later had named in his honor the Morgan Junior High in Ellensburg; Mary Grupe, a psychologist of national renown who influenced greatly the educational procedures of this region; Dr. John Munson, whose scientific research took him to the Seventh International Congress in Boston in 1907 and to Austria three years later; William Stephens, one of the best-known of CWCE faculty; Amanda Hebeler--who initiated the CWSC student-teaching

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program in Ellensburg public schools; George Beck, internationally known for his work in geology and the founding of the Ginkgo Petrified Forest near Vantage; Professor emeritus Glenn Hogue, an outstanding teacher of photography, and many others.

"The Board of Trustees extend to Dr. Samuel R. Mohler our congratulations on the publication of 'The First Seventy-Five Years,' Joseph Panattoni, chairman, said.

"Dr. Mohler was not only an observer of a good portion of the history about which he writes, but he was also an important participant whose influence was felt in the shaping of that history.

"Central is on the threshold of new horizons in its continued development as an educational institution.

"It is timely that we now have the opportunity to review its past in a history so well researched and written."

President James E. Brooks says this of Dr. Mohler's history:

"We are pleased to have the history of our college recorded by a capable and sincere historian. Dr. Mohler has written an entertaining, yet informative, volume which reflects his long association with the college. His research on the subject involved many years of searching for minute details. Dr. Mohler is to be congratulated on the fine result of his years of dedicated work."

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