

May 15, 1956

Mrs. Maggie Kuempel,
Shields Books and Stationery,
516 West Lewis St., Pasco.

Dear Mrs. Kuempel:

I have not yet worked out the tour itinerary, having just completed indexing *Drummers and Dreamers*--a four week task--and checking over the page proofs sent by the publisher.

Caxtons did a fine job on the topography etc. and the book is shaping up to something I can be proud to go all out for, providing my "poor writing" comes up to expectations.

Monday, May 21, I am to be in Pasco to address the Pasco Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The address, I understand, is customarily broadcast over Station KPKW at 7 p.m. I am to cap the talk with an award of merit presentation to the Columbia Basin News in my capacity as a curator of the State Historical Society, and to Ted VanArsdol a writer on that newspaper.

If you get a chance to tune in on the rebroadcast, and is is handled by the radio, you might get an idea as to some of the Tri-Cities, Snake River background. I shall take occasion, of course, to point out that *D and D* is now in publication and I'll be back in the area later with the *Indians*. Later, say 40 to 50 days before publication, there will be considerable publicity in the papers reaching your area or published in your area.

I'm setting aside 500 of the "invitations" issued by the publisher for you and when I get the date set, will have imprinted in the space left the Kennewick Store name and the time.

I've been so snowed under on my lists, I can't place my hands on the carbon of the list of Tri-Cities prospects sent you. If you would be so kind as to either jot down eight or ten of them and send to me, I will be in a position to augment the list I sent you.

I trust you will not overlook, if not already attended to, ordering circulars to the number you wish to send out, either with the invitations, or to have on hand before.

I've heard from Mrs. Robbins, and she is still "waiting" I guess, being somewhat confused as many of us are by the "Indian Situation". I am sure however she will be of assistance in due time with some good prospects or suggestions.

Mrs. Robbins has suggested I might be interested in an appearance at the Pasco Woman's Club on October 18, if she can arrange it. However I will have to wait until I work out the itinerary. Since she is former state president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs I feel sure that her suggestion to groups in your area as to programming me will be acceptable, but we will wait developments.

If you get a chance, let me know your reaction to the Pasco talk, how it appeals to you, that is. In such manner I live and learn.

And let me know, too, what postage rate you will use for the invitation mailing so I can get that down in my account book now and be prepared to take care of it, in due time.

Sincerely

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