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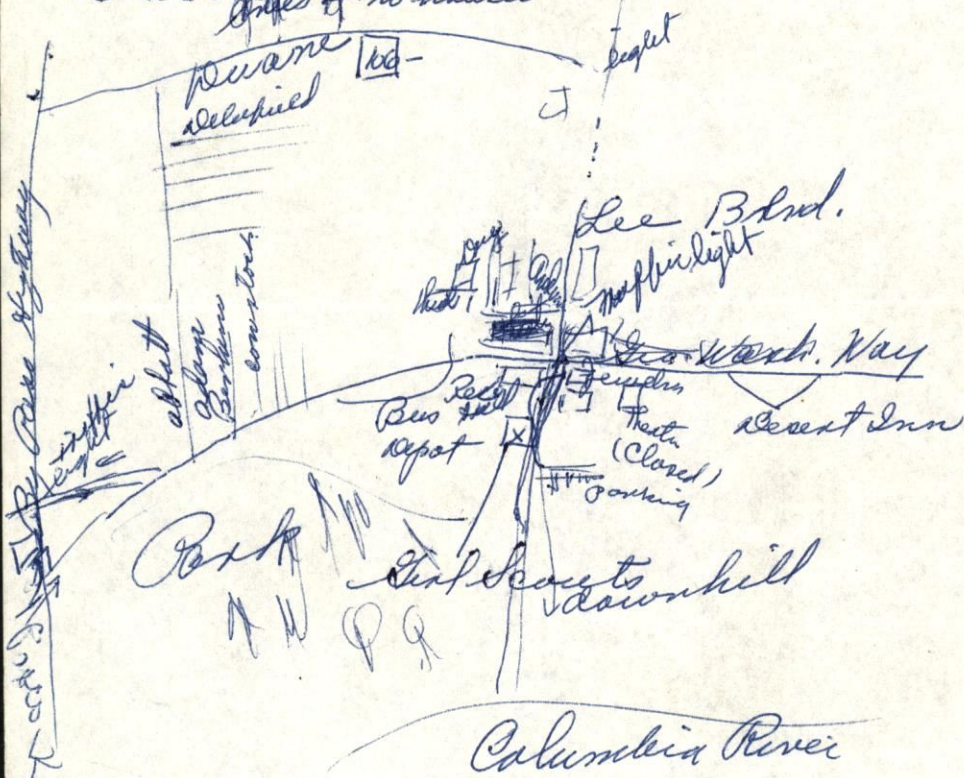
Dear Mr. Belander:

The trip from Walla Walla should be no longer than six, even with delays. Will hold dinner until 7 - if later this, best go direct & meeting place - can work up there -

Lois Nickles - Mrs. S. H. Nickles - 106 Duane, 59458.

Switch on the meeting place. It will be at the Girl

Scouts ^{89 Lee} ~~no houses~~



Faith Cooke

18 September 1956

Click Relander
1212 North 32nd Ave.
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

All of us at Mid-Columbia Writers League are looking forward to the evening of October 17th. As for what we should like to hear: The majority are writing because they feel they have something to say; they need anything which will help them shape it and market it. Do not feel that there is anything specific we wish to be told. We know it's work and a personal matter. Whatever you have to say on writing will be fine.

Frankly, we intend to learn from you, but we also expect to have a good time, too, for it sounds most interesting. So feel the evening and the audience are yours.

It has been hinted there might be some Indians travelling with you; if so, a dance would be enthusiastically received. The room is about the size of a large living room, and it is a dance studio. If you do perform a dance, no doubt some from the studio would like to see it.

Lois Nickles said that she and her husband would consider it a privilege to have you to dinner before the meeting, and can accommodate four of you at it. If there are more of you, let us know, and we can proceed from there. If this would be cutting the time too fine, just say so. Or, if you would prefer to catch your breath before the meeting, that is understandable. We plan to have cookies afterwards.

When I mentioned to Mrs. Kuempel that you were going to speak to us the evening before, she said "Fine. You will enjoy it."

Jane Johnston Studio of the Dance is on the West side of George Washington Way (main street, the highway as you come in), in back of the Tri-City Herald Office. Next door is the Lucky Five Tavern. Across the street is the Community House. Just beyond it is the first traffic light on a cross street (Lee). A jewelry store is on the North-East corner. Farther on, in that block, on the East side of the street is the Desert Inn Hotel, where you will most likely be staying? Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

Do let us know if there is going to be a dance, if there is anything you should like us to do by way of preparation, whether you should like dinner at Nickols, how many of you there will be, and so on.

We expect an informative and entertaining evening the seventeenth of October, hope you like it too.

Sincerely yours,

Faith Cooke

1810 Hunt, Richland, Washington

22 August 1956

Click Relander
1212 North 32nd Ave.
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

This is a some-what tardy reply to your interesting letter of the fifteenth of July. The delay was due to our not having elected in the spring and so no one knew how our fall plans would shape up. We have now elected Mrs. G. H. Nickles, 106 Duane, president, agreed to the first Wednesday of every month as the regular meeting date, and have today completed arrangements to meet at the Jane Johnston School of Dance Studio, 613 Geo. Washington Way.

The 17th of October falls on the third Wednesday, and this is the evening we have our Workshop meetings; in other words, it is open and just the night we would have chosen. We would be most happy to have you give the program of the evening. Unfortunately, the treasury at this time does not allow us to help financially. If the lack of funds does not deter you, we hope you will come.

6 The group is mostly women of whom only a few sell. However, we try very hard to have the meetings stay on professional subjects and confine the social part until after the meeting. The room is not too large, but still should be adequate for the program. The women are of various ages and, probably, more aware and wider read than many such groups. We feel we are able to take some meat in the talk.

We are writing in various fields: scripts, verse, articles, fiction and non-fiction books. No one is working on Indian material at this time. However, two are working on book-length American social science mss.

If you should care to ask any question, or if there is any preparation needed for the program, we would be most glad to do what we can. I am helping Lois Nickles on the program, so do feel free to write to either of us.

We are most pleased that you contacted us.

Very truly yours,

Faith Cooke

1808 Riverside Dr., Mtd. Rt. #1, West Richland, Washington
16 February 1963

Yakima Tribe & Click Relander
Box 632
Yakima Indian Agency
Toppenish, Washington

Dear Yakima Tribe and Click Relander:

Enclosed check is for 2 copies of STRANGERS ON THE LAND,
and 2 of 1855-1955, the YAKIMA. (\$8.25) I may be able to place more
through Mid-Columbia Writers. I should like one enscribed to me, and the
other to Harriet Robinson. (2 or more -dealer?)

As editor of LAKE WALLULA REFLECTIONS, I intend to have an
issue in about a year on local Indians. Most of the material is written by
people living in the prehistoric lake bed area. I should like also to secure
a copy of DRUMMERS AND DREAMERS, I do not seem to have a copy. If
we could find the money, we would work for a display room for Indian
artifacts, but that sounds like talk only, right now.

What do you suggest?

Is any one working on petroglyphs or pictographs? Is there some one
down here studying Wanapums or Chanapums(sp?)

Do let me know.

Faith B. Cooke

F. B. Cooke, 1808 Riverside Dr., West Richland, MR1, Washington
17 April 1963

Dear Click Relander:

On 18 May 1963 Mid-Columbia Writers League and Lake Wallula Reflections will have its first (their first) Writers Conference. Plans are still being jelled, but we plan a panel on "What is an Editor" at 1 p.m. A break from 2:30 till 3. A panel on local authors (authors of the ~~diske~~ Lake Wallula Region) who write on local history. We would like it very much if you would be on this panel. Then a break from 4:30 till a no-host diner at the Desert Inn, then at 7:30 the evening program, including "Ten Questions Most often asked at a Writers Conference", and Zoa Sherburne. Need I add that if we break even, fine. In other words, there is no kitty for cash to cover.

We think it would be very nice if you would be on the panel, and it should be worth your while, since it would be such good promotion for your new book. We shall mention it to Shields, if you have not already. Sherburne is having a "Autograph party" there Friday, and you could have your books there, also. The books could be at the panel, and at the evening meeting also. The panels will be held in the North Hall of the Richland Library.

If you think it would be worth your time, and you can manage it, we have lots of room though not much else, just view and room, since we are building. But you would be welcome to bunk with us. There are just my husband and myself and we'll be doing only the Conference the 6 week-end.

The fifth issue of Lake Wallula Reflections will be featuring the Columbia River Fly-Way, and the sixth the native flowers and rocks. Then the seventh, say next summer, will feature local Indians, and I hope you will do a feature for that. Needless to say, we do not break even, but it is a real service to the local authors, and to the people and libraries interested in this material.

xWhere do you secure those white mailing envelopes? All we have are these heavy mailla ones that cost to mail.

We are really looking forward to our Conference, and hope you can be part of it. Do let us know, and I hope, yes.

F. B. Cooke

The thought occurs to me about your bringing some Indians as you did last time you were here, but we want to feature that in 1965, so ?

9 May 63

Dear Click Relander,

Things seem to be
shaped up now.

Shields has two Book Stores.
Goa's Autograph Party will be in the
Pasco store. If you like, you
could send me copies to take to
their stores. Or you could take the
books to their stores. In Pasco it's
right downtown. The Richland store
is in Uptown Richland - off Jackson,
and they are open ~~there~~ Friday evening,
she said. If you and Mrs. Relander
should care to come Friday (work
hrs.?) feel free to do so. But if you
drive down Sat. - that's O.K.

The North Hall is in the
Richland library. North Richland
no longer exists.

We have your names on the dinner
list, and we do appreciate your
kind thoughtfulness.

the dinner maybe 5:30 or 50 - can't
tell now - maybe 6?

the 7:30 p.m. for hobby.

You may have your books at
the panel & at the 7:30 - We push
books.

The Sunday aft. is so those of
us who have been so busy can sit
and talk. Stay Sunday night, also,
if you should care to - Now that
doesn't sound gracious - just feel free to
do as you please. I'm too old to try
any more to do things nicely. It will be a
privilege to have you and I shall ask
you about paper, env, wash, St. Nut. Soc.,
pectoglyphs, sandals, etc -

What Is An Editor - I have in mind -
Creative? negative? censorship? objective
or environmental - each is different.

On Regional Writing - You could have
so much to say. Clark Crouch is keen,
humor - or wit? friend, Toar master, past
member of Writers. We like him.

Am looking forward to it. Faith Cooke

967-245-8

4 June 63

Dear Click and Ginny Relander (and x)

The Monday after, we had our Annual Meeting, with potluck in Fay Clark's nice house and yard in Kennewick. We sat around and talked of how much you and Zoa Sherburne and the other busy people had given to us. How generous and "nice". We realize how very small we are, how isolated, and how lost in the corner lint we are in this area, and in the world of writing. So it was especially nice--generous, good, kind-hearted, etc. of all of you to come here and give so much to us.

We aren't going to have meetings next year -- just three evenings, if it goes well. A talk for Poetry Day, Oct. 15, and One of the local freelancers who is going to South America on something for in the spring, and a Writers Conference around the first of May. All with a big "If", if we feel like doing the work when the time comes. It is a lot of work to do all anything. This time was on Regional History, next time on Regional Science, and then, in '65 on Regional Indians. The region is the old river-lake bed of Lake Wallula, which goes way up, and can go even to Montana, but not needed.

Thank you for the suggestions on placing Reflections. I have come to the place that I ignore problems, except the one working on then. I am working my way clear of some commitments, and may do better in the future. On the other hand, maybe I won't. I have shoved myself from one-stop-job-at a time to trying to keep things going. That means newspapers out the door and tables cleared and such like. I am not very far up in gears on this. I slipped way back on the construction, and need more energy to gain momentum. So I ignore that. Am taking notes off my notes on the French-English Hundred Years War to work into the chapter I am "working" on.

Hope the tomatoe preserves did not turn out to be from the batch that had the lemon rind-pieces hard. In one recipe the sugar was added for boiling, and this hardened the lemon.

Sonnets are all right in their place, but limericks are good, too.

The smells have been so good, from locust, Russian olive, rose, mock orange, honeysuckle, now carnation. I am going to go on a strike every day and stage a sit-down strike, to watch the river, the sky, the birds, the poplar leaves, to smell the good smells of the earth. To do Nothing. Forever Doing, Never Being.

Don't think I'll get up any steam, but if I walk I should get one chapter done this month, then I go visit our daughter, then the Conference in Seattle, where I'll be seeing you,

Faith & Phil Cooke
(skip paper)

1808 Riverside Dr., W. Richland, Washington - 99352
24 February 1965

Dear Click Relander (and Ginny),

The time has arrived to start forming plans for the Mid-Columbia Writers Third Annual Conference for sometime early in May.

1). We hope you will be one of our speakers, so that we may enjoy another visit with you and your wife, so we can hear your news, views and information, and because you fit right into our theme: - Writing Your Region -.

2). The absolute deadline ~~xxxxxxx~~ for me to start typing up the material for the spring issue of LAKE WALLULA REFLECTIONS is the first of April. Were you planning on sending us something for it?

3). Those of us who bought DRUMMERS AND DREAMERS have had them "borrowed" away. Don't you think it is about time for another edition of it?

4). Assuming that we are going to have the honor of you speaking to us, would you prefer a week night or a week-end? About what would be your honorarium?

We'll put all the times and particulars together and see how they match. We are expecting to have it at Columbia Basin College in Pasco.

Thank you for your kindnesses in the past, and

hopefully,

Faith B. Cooke

Phil has spoken of how much he enjoyed the two of you, and sends his regards too, and so do some of the others.

210 N 24th Ave.

Dear Dick Ling, 8 May 65

Saw you the house? Bet
it is interesting. What do you do with
papers? Mine are ankle deep everywhere.
Must get organized "next month."

The Conference promises to be
a good one. We are getting some
more members working, which
should help. I came up to the
one in Yakima last fall.
Keeps me aware of another facet
of the world.

Have been busy in Ecology.
Yakima is going great with
its new treatment plant.
yes? It would be good if
all the places above Yakima
would clean up - then Yakima
wouldn't have to chlorinate so.

re regards, now,
Phil's Faith Cook