

MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD OF CURATORS

February 10, 1962

I thought you might appreciate early warning that the Annual Meeting and April Meeting of the Board of Curators will be Saturday, April 7th at the Museum. I thought, too, you would like to know that Chapin Foster is in Burien Hospital, has undergone surgery and is recuperating nicely. It would be nice if you dropped him a line.

You received NEWS NOTES just last week but many things of interest and importance have occurred since that went to press.

Our new "History of Communications" exhibit has just been installed by the Pacific Telephone Northwest and is a beauty! This exhibit was helped into being by Mr. Odlin and Mr. Shaub who helped to prod the President of the Company into action. Mr. Jukes has contributed fine material on the history of the Collin's Overland Telegraph.

Mrs. Horace Fogg of Tacoma, who painted the picture of Alexander Graham Bell which is the central feature of the telephone exhibit, has also contributed the cost of building two cases for an exhibit of her early American glass collection which she is going to donate.

A new exhibit called THE PRESIDENCY AND WASHINGTON STATE has been opened. The Tacoma News Tribune is doing a big picture story on the exhibit. Senator Nat Washington, of Ephrata, has deposited a collection of rare George Washington and Washington family manuscripts and artifacts. Robert Hitchman loaned a number of important Presidential items for display. A number of signed Presidential pictures from the S. A. Perkins Collection is being exhibited. Of the 34 Presidents of the United States only John Adams, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson and John Tyler are not represented. Most recent addition is a letter from former President Truman saying, "The trouble with you people is that you want me to do your research for you. I have too many things to do to be a researcher."

Manuscript accessions since NEWS NOTES include an important group of letters and diaries concerning missionary work among the Indians of this region and letters and a diary of one of the Rough Riders who kept up his contact with his former commander, Theodore Roosevelt.

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