

#### OILIN PAYS TRIBUTE TO FOSTER

To the Editor: I know that my colleagues from all over the Pacific Northwest will join me in this tribute from the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society to our dear friend and longtime director, Chapin Foster.

For many years Chapin served this society. It was a very big part of his life, along with his beloved Mary, and his devotion to his church. The Board of Curators will miss his inspiring participation in the affairs of our society.

But Chapin will be missed in many other quarters. As one of the pioneer publishers of important newspapers of our state; as one of the outstanding students of Northwest history; as an author of importance; as a leader in community affairs; as a Rotarian; as one of the outstanding laymen of the Methodist church.

One of Chapin's greatest accomplishments will be an everlasting memorial to his name: —the chapel at McNeil Island, at the federal penitentiary. Here he leaves a memory that will forever stand in his name as a landmark for others to follow.

Chapin Foster was a fine citizen, a fine American, a fine Christian. He lived a big life, and he left big footprints in the sands of time.

In these troubled times a life like Chapin Foster's is one that could well serve as an example to all.

With deep sorrow at his passing, but with a sincere happiness that we had the privilege of knowing him and being associated so closely with him, the Board of Curators of The Washington State Historical Society says:

"May he rest in peace in his Father's house."

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Washington State Historical  
Society.