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Dear Click:

I think we have the addresses straightened out. Dean didn't get the April Quarterly because our check went in after it was out but we've asked them to send him a copy which I hope he has by this time.

Thanks a lot for going to Pasco and for the fine coverage they gave the presentation. A transportation museum and Pasco would be made something big--if the town got behind it. Certainly it would justify city money just as they invest in parks, roads, water etc etc. I'm glad you made a pitch for a historical society. One ought not to be too difficult there and there's plenty of history around there. If you have the names of the people in question I'd be glad to write them a letter of encouragement. I can tell you that your cooperation in such work is appreciated a lot. It certainly meant a lot at Ritzville and can at Pasco. Benton County ought to have a Society and between Dick Gay, Mrs. Thompson and other women they ought to be ripe for one. Kittitas is another county that ought to have one. All that is needed there is a good starter. Harold Barto should be able to help. His health has not been good but he ought to be able to chip in with a name or two. I'll write him.

Glad to hear that Al Culverwell is doing such a good job at Fort Simcoe. As to Dean's book, we'll be glad to take some on consignment and boost them all we can.

Speaking of books, I have written John McClelland that I think the committee would be well advised to turn all the promotion and sales details over to a publisher, even if a little less money was made, at least on the first book. I am sure our staff is too much loaded with work now to do an adequate job on something we haven't done before, although we'll give all the help we can. I suspect you will agree with me on this. This month, or May, we had 98 groups and for the year more than 600, which is a lot. This month we have kids running out of our ears. This note is being written between talks to kids.

Your museum report is good news.

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