

E Bar Touch
Feb. 12. 1956

Dear Chick Pelander -

First of all many thanks for the lovely picture which is so much appreciated by all of us - The photographer really captured the beauty and atmosphere of the place -

We are getting along quite well in spite of the havoc of cold & floods - We were quite isolated here for a time - Neighbors came in with high boots & even built us a temporary bridge - They claim that this is the worst even the oldest residents have seen - You probably know all about our battle with the county for getting some road work done here - Satus is really an emergency area -

I think I told you that Kay was the Central Wash. chairman for the Elementary division of M. E. N. C. They are holding an all day music clinic in Ypema Feb. 18 (at one of the Junior High Schools I think) - She planned to go to Spokane

last wk. to see La Traviata - I wonder if you got to attend - We have enjoyed the music on records so much - think it is beautiful -

As you probably noticed, Tappanish Times started my "Kimmel's Corner" - last wk. I hope I can find the time to do justice to it. Will try to use as much as I can about Fort Semee -

Mr. Sheller wrote asking me to help boost Tappanish interest in sponsoring the Centennial - I wrote to Stanley Livingston for some suggestions but received no word from him - I will do what I can with articles - I have the possibility of another series. Meanwhile the typing of my books progresses slowly.

I hope the New year has started out pleasant and productive for you. The last reports from Elmer's doctors (He was in Seattle Jan. 11.) are very hopeful. He is back at shop work - of course he's the "gun-center" of the neighborhood -

Thanks & Best Wishes -

all the Kimmels

E. B. R. R.
May 28 56

Dear Chick Pelander. Thank you for the letter & clippings -
Mrs. Shalluck was pleased with the letter & - please do
not consider an extra copy of your book for me - I wouldn't
think of it - you have been more than thoughtful in
housing my booklet. At last I am on the trail -
I hope - after all the correspondence - I have a letter from
a minister in Utica who is going to Louisville to get the
information first hand if there is any available on Wilk -
I have had material from the New York Missionary Lib.
from John Richardson (Congregational library) but very little
new appears.

Mrs. Crum wrote me that she was
coming to the ranch to give me a first hand story for
my columns. I hope she doesn't lose her way in the maze
of road work. I was sorry to miss Roger Chute's visit - He
wrote that he had been unable to reach here because of
the flood. We've surely had a time with roads & floods, etc.

Thank you too for the address. I have had some pleasant
letters from Mrs. Leckanby.

Sincerely,
E. B. R. R.

(The enclosed story should have been (Best Wishes too
printed last summer -) from all the K's)
Don't know why the delay

Please send a
notice of "Drummen
and Delamain" to Mr. M.
Arthur Davis - Box 214
It will might be effective -
Can't say for sure.

E. Bae Tanch
Aug 4 1956

Dear Cliff Flander:

I haven't heard from you but hope you're having a pleasant & profitable summer. Would you consider letting me write up Drummers and Dreamers in my Kimmel's Corner? (In spite of print mistakes you're no doubt noticed.) I love to do it. I never realized I'd get so many enthusiastic readers as the Corner seems to have inspired. I had always wanted to try a column. I may get another newspaper soon.

At the last minute Rev. Maulden came to me in desperation - wanting me to write the Wilbur Pageant completely. I had thought to be only source material. I couldn't turn him down but I am afraid the result is apt to be embarrassing. If I had known earlier it might have helped some - though pageantry surely isn't my line! -

Best regards - from - all the
Kimmels

Rev. Maulden seems to be the only Methodist on the job. He deserves an accolade!

E Bar
Aug. 16 - 56

Dear Chick R.

Thank you for your letter. I will write at once to Editor Miller about Drummers and Dreamers - He has never turned down anything I have sent in but he has not considered timing an article so that would be our main problem - I have C.R. material in the way of clippings but nothing in the way of educational background etc. The significance of the book would fill most of an article. Really would love to do it.

I didn't attend Aug. 12 - much as I wanted to - Crowds & excitement are things I'm supposed to avoid with this heart irregularity - The crop spraying didn't help this summer - El is quite well and working hard again.

Kay has spent the summer at Central taking some of the things she missed (while concentrating on her Masters in Mus. Ed.) - anthropology - philosophy and one course on

on in. service work from Dr. Tower of N. Y. - over-
 prof. - that will apply on a doctorate. This wk.
 end she is visiting Doris Pitt at Bowditch - Perhaps
 you know Doris - She has just finished a yr. at
 Boston U where she was accepted for special work
 after graduating from Central. Next wk. we are
 going on a few days vacation to Chelan & the
 upper country. Several of us are going - the neighbors
 from you met - the art teacher from N. Y. I wrote you
 about - Kay - El & I. After that we will probably
 be home most of the time & would love to have
 you visit us. Should I just say - after the 28th. or
 set a special time?

I guess the Wilbur Pageant really had its
 tribulations - My sister said "Moses" failed to come
 and "White Swan" did not come to any of the
 practices. She had just returned home from a
 6000 mile tour of the Midwest so she wasn't
 here to plan the script. It was all

rather discouraging for there were so many possibilities -
I was sorry Rev. Mauledin got so little credit - As near
as I could tell he was the one minister on the job.

I would like you to explain your statement of
"newer" Wilbur material - If there's anything I'm
losing out on for the book I'd like to be informed -
I'm waiting to hear from the Louisville man who
promised me anything he could find.

I am afraid our friends - the Nelsons - have separated
permanently - I do hope things work out for
you - In spite of our somewhat extreme differences
in thinking & hobbies - El and I have managed
quite happily (really very much so) - Intensity of
ambition does make some difference - I've never
had too much -

We plan to be in Yak. The afternoon of the 30th.
- perhaps I can call you -

Best of luck - I know D & B will be
wonderful - I haven't met Mr. Gine - but
enjoyed his book - Regards from - the Kimmels

Dear Click R. Mr. Miller ^{Sat.} was enthusiastic about
the art. if we keep the commicals down & have pics.
If you don't happen by here before I will phone
the office Thurs. P.m. when I'm in yak. & hope to
contact you. Should be done immediately - He said
he was using an art. of mine Sept. 2. - Joe Parley asked
for more. I'd better get busy. We had a wonderful
vacation - picked a lot of historical pointers.
Our appt. Thurs. is at Dr. Delatens at 3:30. Thurs. -
Chelan - Republic - St. Jo. Mission - Marrow - Stephens - Spaldings
etc.

Sincerely - J.K.



FORT SIMCOE CENTENNIAL

1856 - 1956

YAKIMA VAL

UNITED STATES



POSTAL CARD

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Click Telander
1212 N 32nd Ave.
Yakima, Wash.

E. Bar
Sept. 28 '56

Dear Chick &

After all my care to keep the word tribe from my final script, here it is in print with a few other explanatory additions by the editor. I am terribly sorry about this and hope it will cause you no embarrassment or complication. If I can make amends in any way, please let me know. I am sorry no more of the excellent pictures could be used. The sculpture is splendid. I would like to have a copy of this made some time. I received these tear sheets last night and I will send for more at once. I had not expected the article to appear before Oct. 1st.

Thanks for the Fort Spokane information and for everything. I hope you will not regret my handling of your story -

Sincerely
Helma

My Kimmels' Kanner has you this week.

(over)

Though they have not revealed their
order I believe the Arthur Davis
of Jaffewick are buying
"Drummers and Dreamers."

E Bar Ranch

Oct. 4 1956

Dear Chick R.

The books arrived and thank you -
Drummers and Dreamers lives up to the highest
expectations - Congratulations - I delivered
Mrs. Shallecks' copy and she said she would
mail you a check immediately - Please let
me know if it doesn't arrive O.K.

Well-Pager Chute said he would see
us in October - Wonder if he will be
drapping in -

Continued good wishes -

from
the Trimmels

P.S. Glad you could use some of
the Willamette material - a bit
toward all the copying you
did for me -

Nov. 26 '56

E. B. Orr

Dear Chick R. - Thank you for the cover picture which Jay brought home. I hope everything continues to go wonderfully for you. Did you see the Oregon Journal article? I was told there was almost an exact copy of my Trade article published in the Journal about a month after mine. Curiosity makes me want to see it and learn the author.

I was surely sorry to hear of Mrs. Richards' death. I had enjoyed our correspondence so much.

We've been having some more interesting visits with Roger Chute. He is an amazing traveler. I was also invited up to visit Mr. Marshall's wonderful house there in Yakima - have you seen it?

Shutlark's check - please remind her or let
Grand Wishes - the Kennels

If you have not received Mr. Marshall's check - please remind her or let me know



Blockhouse - 1856

Fort Simcoe, Washington

Feb. 5 '57

Dear Chick G. - I had a visit recently
from an Eva Campbell who said
you had sent her to see me
about writing - Perhaps you can
give me a little background here -
Surely hope everything is going



Love for you and "Drummers and Dreamers"
1956 was a good wintering year for
me but I still haven't had time
to do the books, so I'm hesitating over
accepting another column -

Very Best Wishes

I didn't dream
Kimmels Kanner would
get such a following.

all the Kimmels

Thelma Kimmel
E-Ranch, Route 2
Toppenish, Wash.

April 4-'58

Dear Click R.

The city of Moses Lake has sent me a request to help promote its Adam East Museum opening and to be on hand that day. I appreciate the honor but do not know how much I will be able to do. I wondered if you could wrangle me a good-sized story space on Sunday April 27 for a Museum write up with pictures - I wouldn't expect any pay - just space. Perhaps this is asking much too much but I do feel it is a worthy cause - Hope all goes well for you -

Best Wishes -
the Kimmels

E Bar Ranch

April 16 1958

Dear Click R.

I hope I haven't run over the wordage here. Thanks for giving me the space. I am still somewhat overcome by the honor of being requested to appear at the opening day ceremonies. However El is quite ill again and I will probably be unable to attend. I am sorry to miss Fort Simcoe on Sunday. I do hope everything is going wonderful for you. The roof of our new house is going on today.

Thanks again, Best wishes from all of us-

Thelma K.
Thelma K.

*As we are not home at this time I have had to
hurry this off on the only typewriter available -*

E Bar Ranch
May 5 1958

Dear Click R:

I wonder idf this is still your address or if I should continue to write to the office. I want to thank you and the paper for using my story. Moses Lake folks seem grateeful for my small efforts. I am sorry that I made it too long for you to use the ending. We did not get to the dedication but went later in the day. It seems a very worth while project; I am so very glad we had such a good visit with Adam East during his lifetime.

Do you happen to know anything about the little log cabins that sit between Vernita and Beverly; they look old and interesting? We made the trip with friends and took in Coulee Dam, Moses Coulee, and the Palisades as well as Crab Creek, etc. Some of it was new to us.

The representative of one of the foremost private schools in Venezuela flew to Portland to contact Kay about a music position in Caracas. Everyone tells her it is the chance of a lifetime; that they screen so thoroughly few get such an opportunity. Of course we couldn't ask her not to go but I get panicky thinking of it and of course she worries about leaving us. I don't know what the verdict will be. Lura, the New York girl, plans to go to Hawaii; all the girls who applied there were lucky, but Kay was the only one to get the Caracas offer so she would have to go alone.

I hope that everything is looking brighter for you and that you are doing a lot of writing and sculpture work again. El is better but not too strong. The house is nearing completion but we will have to have a shop before we move. We invested in a tape recorder so we could hear Kay sing even though she isn't home.

Thanks again,

Sincerely,

Thelma K
Thelma K

Kimmele Komer
April 18 1961

Click Gelander

Dear Click:

Ha, 'at last I have a letter from you - I have been expecting it along with the notice: "Thelma Kimmel, you are no longer a member of my Research Committee!" I am more than sorry that nothing ever followed that first meeting of the group -

Now it is right - that all should come out in the open with no hard feelings - I hope. I understood that the Microfilm was to go into the Research files - I thought me paying for it and you typing and using it in your book (incidentally - no mention there of me getting it for you) was the agreement. Of course I greatly appreciate having the type script.

As to the Lawrence Brown pictures: I am sure you remember coming to the ranch after them. I obtained permission from the Indian Agent to accept them for the Research files - As I

remember, the most valuable was the fish drying scene on the Columbia, but others were interesting -

It has taken the Methodists to bring the absence of the Research files to light - In 1956 your name was printed beside mine on the Pageant as co-author yet I had no help from you in the writing - This year they (the ministers) apparently went to you first and then came to me for help with their Centennial -

As to you suggesting that I write something of consequence, judging from the letters received from teachers, scholars and historians, I do not believe my efforts have been completely in vain -

Second - as to making contacts - I have more demands than I can meet, and with my age and health I think it unwise to take on more - I will leave them and the speaking engagements to you younger ones - However had there been any follow-up of the Research Committee I would have tried to participate -

I supposed that some sort of file system had been arranged by the Research department and I explained to Mr. Martin that I could not care for the many demands made upon me for information. I hope I have cleared up my part in this problem -

Roger Chute is back from four months in New Zealand and South Sea Islands with a wealth of interesting information - I've been trying to answer some of the editors' demands for Civil War stories - still lack time -

With no hard feelings but some puzzlement on my part -

Sincerely,

Thelma Ximel

Best Wishes from the other X's -

Stop by if you are in the vicinity -

Kimmel's Korner
April 26 1961

Click Relander

Dear Click:

Thank you for the letter and explanation which I was happy to receive. Really I don't want the slightest acclaim in your book. I was only trying to get a rise out of you, which I succeeded in doing. You have accomplished tremendous research, with which, none of us can compare, and certainly little credit goes to others. I am truly sorry that nothing came of the committee work.

I do not like the Catholic attempt to belittle Wilbur and I wrote to the editor of the HISTORICAL QUARTERLY expressing this opinion--no answer. I do think Wilbur was one of the Northwest's giants of history--judged of course by his period in it. I was pleased that Reverend Owens considered me worthy of making an evaluation for their Centennial.

However, being very much of a religious agnostic, neither do I wish to see the Methodists belittle the efforts of the Catholic Fathers. I had a nice missionary uncle with a crushing Protestant ⁱⁿ even though he did take a lot of good American ideas on agriculture to China. Over-all evaluation and sympathy, plus criticism, are my aims, but all absolutely religiously impartial.

I have plenty of material for a book on Wilbur but cannot see myself presenting it in the BEN SNIPES form Binford and Mort suggested.

We stopped at the Ahtanum Mission recently. I think it is wonderful that interest has been shown in its preservation. There are many stories to come out of our part of the state and now the markets seem unlimited. Time is my problem. I still give a few piano lessons which I would not do if another teacher were available. Kay keeps a piano in her apartment and takes a few pupils after school. We have two pianos here, three or four violins, guitar, accordion, mandolin, stereo, tape recorder, etc., plus various ancient instruments--so you can see writing and music sometimes conflict. I love music and enjoyed the Community concerts in Yakima with Kay this winter.

Kay was offered a good music position in the Yakima schools for next year but she likes Granger and plans to stay a while. She is her own boss here; is close to home and to her dance orchestra.

Roger Chute is home with wonderful accounts of his trip to New Zealand, The Figis, etc. Has some good pictures. Pacific Parade has always been interested in his wanderings so I will do some stories soon.

I was very sorry--after making the request--that the WALLA WALLA MUSKET LOADERS did not participate in the Yakima celebration. I believe Francis Christiano expressed his regrets to those concerned, They had an antique gun show in Walla Walla last week end but we did not go. El has been wanting to go down to watch the group shoot some Sunday but fishing and chuck hunting seem to be foremost now. By the way, ^{four} ~~three~~ generations of Christianos spent the day with us last fall--bringing their own Italian spaghetti. We had a real music festival--charming people.

Do hope that things are going "Tops" for you again in writing and living. Thank you again, and now that all is out in the open, let us hope there are no hard feelings at all.

Best wishes from the Kimmels

T.K.

Xenimels Komer
Nov. 4 - 1962



Dear Click.

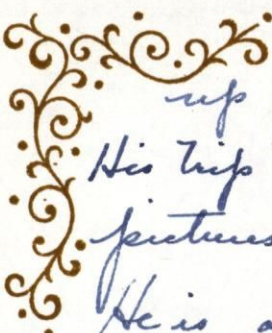
Thank you for the information and the good letter.

We were sorry to hear that you, too, had a heart problem. I hope it won't interfere with the your research and writing, and that you have prospects for complete recovery. It is frightening the number of heart attacks, especially among the young.

Elmer has gotten along surprisingly well with his back but hasn't had too much resistance to colds that cause occasional kidney attacks. However he works far too hard even though we have a very dependable young helper much of the time. The best season is a busy shop season.

Kay has moved in the Granger —
schools again - she was one of the
Work shop heads for the M.E.W.C
Division in Yakima the 13th. of Oct.
She has choir, etc.; sings here and there,
works with Soroptimists, but had to
give up her private pupils (with the
exception of two) and her dance band
for want of time - She has helped
me through all my various sieges
- arm surgery, etc. this summer -
(The same two young "Toness" have
ried for attention the past 4 years!)

We went to hear the Oberkrichen
children but I have not gone out
much this year - a movie now and
then - The arm condition stopped
any writing but I hope to get
back to typing soon -

 Roger Chute was here digging
up my yard - grafting trees, etc.
His trip to Spain and his wonderful
pictures were really something!!
He is off again now to somewhere -
Has Vic Hurley written about Fort Simcoe?
I would have had my book together
long ago if I hadn't strayed off on so
many other lines - I promised to send
Dr. Ruby a lot of material again - don't
know how his book is coming - but
I'm glad he got the article published -

I hope you will put all of your
newspaper articles in book form -
Roger is more interested in sharing
his gardening hobby with me than
his travel material - I think I
could make money for us both
but he hangs on to the good stories

and pictures tenaciously - However
I am getting quite a file of his travels -
from letters, etc. and if I have
time I'll do a book. This winter
I'm determined to finish typing my
two novels -

It is too bad my family are all for
guns and money or I'd put them on
the job -

I'd like to meet Mr. Hueley - Sorry
I can't go with the group Sunday -
Thanks again - and stop to
see us -

The best of Wishes -
from the Ts
V.T.

Kimmels Kinner
January 30 1963

Dear Click.

I am thrilled to hear about your new book - However, if it comes out February 5, I am not certain of getting anything placed that quickly - Sorry I couldn't have known earlier -

Arm surgery last summer has made it difficult for me to write and I have carried the old illness right into the New year - I cannot promise but I will try to get a couple of articles off this week.

If the two names on the card mean that you have re-married - sincere
Congratulations from all the
Kimmels -

Surely do need a good picture and story core -

Kimmels' Korner
February 4 1963

Dear Click:

As I decided from your first letter that you wanted your book and the story to come out together, I dashed off an article and mailed it with a picture El took of Yakima chieftains about thirty years ago--in costume. I cannot guarantee what will come of it. I didn't get any more Civil War stories done, as the Tribune wanted, and they are still holding what (I think) is my best article on Roger Chute. I have a wealth of material now on the Battle of Antietam sent by a relative still living on the family pre-revolution land grant there.

I did so little writing in '62. Spokane published my FOUNTAIN BAR story. Do you want me to send an article there on the book? I have so much material now awaiting the typing that I feel I can never get done in my life time; that I am not doing any more extensive collecting.

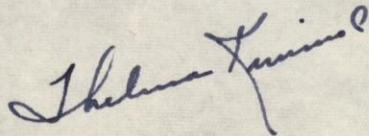
Roger Chute is studying in California at the moment after combing the Hawaii Islands. In the last two years he took in New Zealand, the Fijis, France, Spain, the Canaries, South America and the Hawaii group--seems almost incredible. I will mail him one of the sheets; others have already gone to schools and historians.

I suppose you have heard about our floods; it is interesting to watch the big cranes working to lift out the logs. This was a most unusual and quick type. We were among the "Evacuated" but the water did not cover much of our floor-- there will be some warping as we have a hardwood floor in the main room.

We all wish you and your wife much happiness,. Stop to see us any time you are in this area.

Sincerely,

Thelma Kimmel



Kimmels' Korner
February 13 1963

Dear Click:

Thank you for the book. I think you have done a valuable, interesting, and picturesque work, and I hope I can send you some orders later. I have sent off two articles with pictures. Saturday the President of the Walla Walla Muzzle Loaders and another member stopped in to see El and seemed anxious to take the ad. sheet back to the group, feeling that several might be interested.

I think I wrote you about Larry George's picture of Celilo Falls. I think it should be put in the view room at the Dalles Dam, if they have one. Larry is anxious to sell the picture as he is now in the army--stationed at New Mexico. It is an excellent picture and should be in a public place, but to whom I should write, I do not know. Larry says he intends to have a one man showing when he gets home; that he is doing more and more original work.

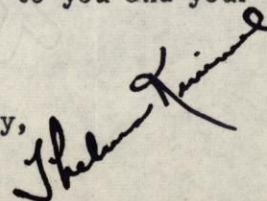
Do you still do sculpturing? Are you over the heart difficulty? I hope nothing will interfere with your art and writing. I am quite frustrated being able to work so little and with so much material waiting. So far I have been able to attend the Yakima Concerts with Kay but get tired. I have kept only one piano pupil.

I have several works I would like to have published in the form you have STRANGERS IN THE LAND. Is the Frankiln Press an independent publishing group ?

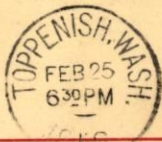
I will do all I can to advertise the new book . It is a very worthwhile edition.

Thank you and Best wishes to you and your wife,

Sincerely,



Click R. A note to tell you the Sunny-side Sun is
running some of my ^{Fort} ~~Fort~~ Chinese Art. probably
starting this week^{end}. The material will not be new
to you but it may help to advertise & create interest
in the Fort & the Centennial. Did I give you Leland
Strait's name (Granger) for "Drummers & Dreamers"? if not
I am sure he will be interested. He takes a position at
W. S. C. next month but his family will not move until
School is out. He has borrowed my Northwest books - does
considerable writing - Last Sunday's Herald had the picture
of the art teacher from N. Y. State - I wrote you about who studied
in Mexico (Ceramics D.W.C.E.) - T.K.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Cliff Pelander
1212 N 32nd. Ave.
Yakima, Wash.

Kimmels' Korner
February 26 1963

Dear Click:

Thank you for your letter and information which I have just received. I will do all I can about Larry. His half-brother Lehigh is attending Yakima Junior college, on an Indian scholarship (I think). He is a very different type--was valedictorian--and much more ambitious.

Today I received this note from Editor Beily concerning the article I sent:

"Thanks for the article on Click Relander. He had sent me the book and I was going to write something about it, but yours will fit the bill very well and we will be using it in March."

I haven't heard from Tacoma, but an unsolicited note from Mr. Sheller says "concerning STRANGERS ON THE LAND :

"He has stated the Indian case better than it has been formerly done. I hope he finds a successful sale for it and wish it was in hard cover, being circulated by some big concern to get it the circulation it deserves."

I will try to get another article or two off if possible. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a local printing press in some sort of cooperative form for all of us who like to write our state's history.? I don't like to see Name writers come in and capitalize on their sensational inaccuracies.

Roger wanted very much to group-show his pictures from Spain--and they are marvelous, but I was not sure whether he wished something in pay for the effort. He was kind enough to show them twice here, to us and a neighbor, but he felt that more should have participated. His last note came from Mexico.

Kay had other commitments so we missed our Yakima Concert last week. Though I get very tired I always enjoy them. I wish they could get Michael Rabin back; he is wonderful on the stereo.

The doctors give me no hope on the heart condition--it is just a matter of how long the digitalis and quinidine can do the work and I take enzymes and other pills to control intestinal circulation.

Kay is planning to attend the Musicians banquet and dance at the Chinook Sunday. She gave up the steady weekly dance band but has taken several one night stands to keep in the game. Her time is so full and she is always being called on for programs. She is training a group for the Ellensburg tryouts in March and has several school programs-- all this besides trying to help here on week ends. She and the artist friend have been perfecting some interesting dance routines .

Elmer is battling a cough but holding his own; shop work is a little spasmodic at this time of year but when it comes it really makes up for it. I am so glad he has good help for much of the time.

Thank you again, and best wishes to you and your wife,

Helena K.

Kimmels Corner
March 19 1963

Dear Chick-

It looks as though we confused things
on the Tacoma front! My five page story returned
with this letter. I may try it elsewhere -
Hope everything is going well with the sales
there.

Please send a copy of "Strangers" to:

Don Willmarth - 1108 E Ave.
La Grande, Oregon -

and to:

Mrs. Alpha Piland
Box 355 Granger - Wash.

If it is handy stick my name inside -
if not O.K. Enclosed money will cover mailing
also, I believe - Best Wishes -

P.S. Larry's picture is in Hammerhead.

Store in Tappanish yet, I believe - No word from the ones you mentioned!

Helene Kimmels

Kinnel's Corner
March 25 '64

Dear Chick.

I thought you might be interested in this little story of Roger. One thing about this confinement to the house, I am getting a little time to write, and my arm is so much improved over the last few years.

The Foppish Review called me after receiving an order from the coast (schools) for copies of my Sinisee booklet. It seems they were selling for three dollars over there, and have run out. The new Review owners dug around and found a few dusty copies. Now they are interested in a reprint. Surely hepa all goes well for you. We are still looking forward to that visit.

Best wishes to you and your wife
for a happy Easter. - From all the X's
Thelma.

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Kimmels' Korner
April 14, 1965

Dear Click,

I am sending this article with the hope that you might get it into next Sunday's Herald, not for any remuneration for me, but as a boost for these marvelous pictures, which will probably be shown soon in your city.

I am most happy that you are going to help Larry George; His work is well-deserving of any help possible. I hope this finds you and your wife well; we are sorry that you have not been able to visit us.

This promises to be a fair writing year for me if my health holds out. Kay plans to study in Mexico this summer, if all goes well here.

Please see these Henson pictures when they come to Yakima.

I feel sure that you will enjoy them immensely.

Best Wishes ^{to both} from all at Kimmels' Korner

Sincerely,

Thelma Kimmels

P.S. Isn't it about time for another write-up for Click Relander?

Ximinel's Corner
Aug. 1. 1965

Dear Click -

I am thrilled for you about the Scripture work for the Dam and I hope you will let me try a story again. It seems that with the stories I have done for you, Roger, Gisanta Miller, and Maryhill, I have had pleasant evaluations. I didn't realize I had sold so many stories until I went through my old clippings. I think of myself as accomplishing so little.

I had a most interesting experience Friday when Helen Toulou (83) of the Colville Reservation spent the day with me telling her life story -- fabulous!

The Sater Garden Club had a rather puzzling experience with your papers. They have established a scholarship fund for a Granger High graduate and sell news weekly to the Zillah Mirror. Velma Baylor called, welcoming news from this area for the cause. After sending me for several months

Close friends here were involved in that
 chicken fighting incident-- one a very wild and
 ruthless character whose present wife graduated
 with Fay. Her people are our close friends.

I do hope you are ^{very} well and that you and
 your wife will make the promised trip
 to visit us. Someone told me that Miss.

Anthony had given me a little note up not
 too long ago, but I must have missed it so I
 didn't thank her.

We have been sending club news, weddings,
 trips, etc., to Miss Baylor, all of which she
 said were used.

Best Wishes from
 all the X's
 Sincerely,
 Helma

Kimmel Turner
Sept. 26, 1967

[#19]

Dear Click,

I was sorry to hear about Mrs. Nellis and hope there is improvement in her condition. I do thank you for your efforts on my behalf. I would be happy to do stories for the Sunday, and I wasn't sure whether Mr. Nellis was being encouraging when he said he thought he would find a place for me.

You probably know about Gangers' efforts to enlarge their library and to gather historical relics and material. My sister, Mrs. Piland, is involved in this and wanted me to ask you if you could speak to their Library Club on the subject of collecting historical materials and creating a museum as a part in the preservation of our Yakima Valley history.

I know you are very busy but I told her that I would ask. Usually I am asking favors

when I write.

Larry George has been asked to give two art exhibits: at the Yakima Museum and at the Sunnyside Women's Club. Have you seen Bill Gannon's recent work. I was really impressed by his paintings, much more so than by his earlier ones. It seems to me there is a real revival of art work and interest in this area.

Thanks again,

Sincerely,

Thelma K.

Kenneth Kerner
Oct. 16, 1967

Dear Click.

Thank you for your letter. You told me one time correspondence was a bad thing: it took too much time -- I certainly realize that, with my own average of five to ten letters a day. However, you didn't say anything about the possibility of speaking for the Ganger Library Club. I can well imagine you are too busy, but I promised to inquire again.

We all enjoyed your article Sunday. I still hope a book will be made of your work. I had a rather amusing experience when a friend wanted to aid me on "Wilbur" research and took advantage of her Britannica Research offer. She received a copy of most of my Fort Sumner booklet!

(I hope his wife has improved)
I would enjoy talking to Mr. Nellis¹ again,
but I do not want to come "begging". I cannot
follow up assignments, as you know, but I would
like to feel the door was open, should I send
anything acceptable. Tacoma has been good, and
Nard Jones (P.I.) has asked me for an article if
I can come up with it. Spokane was always
good, though I haven't tested the new editor.

My time is somewhat limited (the heart problem
and home responsibilities) but I have built up
quite a back log of valley (and state) research. I
am collecting all I can on Valley artists and writers as
well.

Kay is starting a group piano class on her own at W.S.U.
-- for the school -- but in addition to her classes. They
offered her the room full of piano equipment -- Her
regular students, mostly Juniors at W.S.U., wanted it --
so she is going to try it. She experimented in Changer
last year and was quite successful. She finds
College Teaching quite stimulating. Thanks again,
Sincerely,
Thelma

E Bar
Jan 24

Dear Mr. Tjander:

I learned something tonight that
may be of considerable interest to you. Perhaps
you already have the information and yet this may
be the lady you are hunting. Mrs. Anna Billy -
Ind. Med. woman - over 100 yrs. of age - is now
living on the Morgan Rd. Northeast of Satus. She
speaks only Chinook so an interpreter might be
(Probably just for you)
necessary - The Samsons are her grand children -

Sincerely,
Helma

E Bar
June 21

Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you for your letter. I have sent it on to Mrs. Robert Meyer (Tilicum Club) -801 Yakima Ave. Wapato, and I know she will be very pleased. You will probably hear from her.

I wonder if you have anything in your files on "Nigger Antone" who lived near Byron- probably thirty some years ago -and made trips to various parts of the valley selling the fruits he raised. He was previously located in the Blewett-Wenatchee area and probably came in with the Hudson's Bay people. Please don't make any special effort if the name isn't familiar.

Perhaps you remember me writing to you about Rev. Hubert Vincent. He and his wife and sister-in-law were here recently for a visit. He says the Methodists have agreed upon a plaque they are hoping to have placed in the southeast corner room upstairs in the Commandant's house at Simcoe, which the old Indians insist is the room Wilbur used for study and meditation.

Reverend Reisner was so anxious to have you make an appointment to see his Celilo pics, I wonder if we can arrange this at any time. I'm not at all sure that they approve of my Wilbur story but at least they have shown interest. Rev. Vincent said it had encouraged him to make a study of the missionary and he plans to do some research in Walla Walla for me. He is a Lincoln student and collector. He is going to visit Parker Barrett but he said that Ed Roberts- whom I have been trying to contact- was much too old to have a dependable memory. Ed Roberts was a pall bearer at Wilbur's funeral. I have not yet contacted Rev. Hatten who is supposed to be one of the best Simcoe authorities.

I have had no answers or no return of my letters from my New York inquiries as yet. I do hope that eventually we can fit in all the parts.

Elmer is improving; there has been no return of the severe pain as yet so we are really hopeful this time.

The neighbors came in with some beautiful petrified wood from Snipes mountain- this country is really full of it. We are amazed at the varieties ~~of materials~~ of materials used in the arrowheads we are finding here. I've been wanting to do an article: "Petrified Forests at your Feet". Thanks again.

Sincerely
Thelma

E Bar Ranch
July 14 (1954?)

Dear Mr. Relander:

I learned from my family that you were at Maryhill-
probably getting an article on Percy Manser. If so, I would appreciate very
much having a couple of extra clippings - if it is handy.

I sent Kay back to see his pictures and she was glad she made
her eighth trip in after all. The Manser scenes are certainly representative of
the old hills we love and where we have spent so many pleasant Sundays.

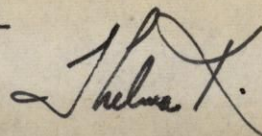
I am sorry I missed seeing you and would like so much to
have met your wife. I have heard often about her charm and talent. Sunday
was Elmer's first trip out since his last operation and we made it especially
for Lura Bellamy (the Granger school art teacher). Of the many folks we have
taken to see the museum, she was by far the most appreciative of its contents.
She is a person of so many appreciations, ^(graduate of U. of Cincinnati) has studied art two summers in San
Miguel Instituto de Allende. Her father was a Bostonian, Harvard graduate, and
teacher at Hamilton College. Her sister and two brothers are Cornell graduates
and one brother has his doctorate and is chemist for G.E. at Schenectady. Her
brother in law is an artist and also teaches art in a Utica College. So I am ~~lea~~
learning a bit about New York.

I wonder if you could tell me whom to contact in order to have
Larry George's pics put in the regular exhibit at the Fair. They were so badly
treated last year.

Have you ever visited Blanchard's library? I am hoping for some
Wilbur clues from there soon. I have written any number of letters to New York ^{places}
and hope something may turn up soon. By the way, I think you remember Roger
Chute. He spent an evening giving us more dramatic accounts of his Mexican
Adventures.

Kay is involved now with a study of Samisens- has Piggott's book on
loan from the Tacoma Library. Hope you are having a pleasant summer.

Sincerely-



Monday - Sept. 16

Dear Click R.

I stayed the act. in the motel while the others watched T.V. & sent it on its way - Hope for the best. We went to Spokane with Kay & really had a grand time. We thought the Historical Museum was wonderful & they un-locked the gun room for El so he was happy. I had a chance to introduce Drummers & Drummers to the young caulaker who is working on a Master in Northwest History field. They were all in commotion getting ready for a reception - for Robert Lee Eskridge - whose pictures were on display. We found an antique shop - where Mrs. Samson had done some buying for Fort Simcoe. Here El had luck again. The owner - who had been with the cannon hunting group on a trip to the Fort - took El to the basement to see

his guns - We went out to the Spokane House site - the Indian writings etc. - coming home by Davenport & Coulee Dam.

Now here is the catch to this letter - We went to a very interesting place - called on the map Fort Spokane - but the old brick buildings are in ruin and unmarked - Do you have any material or any references on this place - 20 miles north of Davenport? I know you are terrifically busy now - but sometime if you have a moment -

We took a lot of pics & hope they'll be good - Camp Washington marker etc.

Saw the write-up for you in the Moses Lake Papers - I didn't get a chance to see Joe Bailey but sent him a note.

Very Best of wishes for the tour &
thanks again -
The Kimmels

Oct. 14

Dear Click. The book is surely being praised
highly by all here. In remembrance of
our visit I thought I would send you
a quote from a letter I have just received
from Mr. Sheller: "I have just finished
reading Click Relander's D & S. That is a wonderful
book. I do hope that it will be widely read,
for it deserves great popularity. Click has done
a remarkable job of telling the Indian side
of the story, that so badly needs telling. He
also does a fine job of Fort Laramie."
Very Best Wishes. I.K.

[Enclosure? n.d.]

Thelma Kimmel
E Bar Ranch Route 2
Toppenish, Wash.

"THE C.J. TRADING POST

Would you like to buy a Mexican serape or a W. Adams sugar bowl or maybe just a romantic novel of your youth? Perhaps you'd like to look at some interesting pioneer relics and Indian artifacts without disturbing your pocket book, or trade in that old gun Grandpa brought West for an organ that really plays. Whatever your desire I suggest that you try the C.J. Trading Post over in Klickitat County, one of the most versatile antique shops and museums in the Northwest. In these days of Museum-enthusiasm the C.J. is a special treat.

Mrs. Lavell Sperry - onetime resident of The Dalles and long time resident of Seattle - returned recently to the land of her childhood to carry out a long time dream. Though it is not on a main tourist highway, Mrs. Sperry's unique post has already proven a mecca for travelers. There are many things to buy at the C.J.: china, books, minerals, guns, violins and objects too numerous to mention. But there are also many things to see in the Sperry private museum: old branding irons (including one of the first old point style) guns, curling iron, dishes and pictures. There are Hudson's Bay beads and beads from the Incas, Mexican hand made knives, sacred bells and images, swords and various Indian artifacts from both North and South America. While on the coast, the Sperrys became interested in Alaskan artifacts. One of their choicest items is a doll, a little old woman made of ivory with skin that is stretched just right to make a realistic brown face,

Seventy-five years ago Mrs. Sperry's grandfather Conrad Yeackle -sometimes spelled Jaeckle by other branches of the family - came around the Horn to establish a homestead near to the present town of Centerville. His brand, the C.J. is still used by a young descendant, well known rodeo star, Mark (Smokey) Kayser. Mark's grandmother was the intrepid Harriet Yeackle Kayser who ran the Blockhouse Trading Post on the old military trail in the early days.

When Conrad Yeackle arrived in the Klickitat earlier settlers were beginning to high-tail it for The Dalles because of Indian scares. But Conrad stuck it out with pioneer fortitude that had brought him West, and established his wife, mother and three children on five hundred and sixty acres of land in a wide fertile valley. Later his father * who had been an officer in the German army before seeking the freedom of Canada - came to join the family. More children were born to Conrad and his wife until in all there were four sons and ~~four~~ daughters. In time Yeackles were in the area everywhere with large herds and fields.

At one time Henry Yeackle, Mrs. Sperry's father -who passed away recently - had the largest wheat ranch in the Klickitat. When he was a small lad Henry and his brother had two pet sheep. Because they couldn't tell their pets apart the brothers formed a partnership and from this beginning they acquired thousands of head of sheep. These were the "Wild West" days when the larger stockmen were heckling newcomers, driving off herds and cutting fences, but the young men were undaunted. Later they went out of the sheep business and invested in land and cattle.

Mrs. Sperry's childhood was steeped in stories of the pioneers and Indians. In her grandfather's rangeland lay the site of the Bolin murder and the scene of the running Battle of 1855 when the soldiers -far outnumbered- barely escaped before Kamiakin's warriors. This was the skirmish in which the historic cannon was spiked and buried that today has given impetus to so much search.

The year Conrad Yeackle came to Washington Territory Chief Joseph was leading his Napoleonic campaign of depredation and escape. The Klickitat Blockhouse- built during the Yakima War- held a hope of safety for pioneers while the Bannock War and the Perkins murder kept Central Washington alerted for trouble.

It is fitting that Brooks Park on the Satus Pass be named after that illustrious pioneer, yet to have the old blockhouse removed from its original setting is a detriment to history. That crude log shelter meant a great deal to early Centerville residents.

It is no wonder that collecting pioneer and Indian relics and legends early became a hobby with Mrs. Sperry as she was born into a place redolent with memories. Mr. Sperry's people were pioneers of the Yakima valley and he could well share her interest. Opening the C.J. Trading Post was a long time hobby turned into a business. The variety of Mrs. Sperry's collections grew when she spent two years in Mexico while her husband was with the Hoof and Mouth Disease Commission. Together they bought things from the natives, both old and new, but some of their most treasured items were given to them by the friends they made, as was the Catholic Prayer Shrine that was never to be sold.

Recently Mr. Sperry spent eight months in Venezuela with the De Long Construction Company on the Orinoco where all metal floating piers are being built on the jungle river to make transportation possible during the long season of rains. Mrs. Sperry did not accompany him on this trip but stayed in Seattle to keep their two daughters in school.

Friends in the cities keep the busy post manager advised of new finds and she may be seen going back and forth between the city and the prairie town, eager to fill the requests of her growing number of patrons. Pioneer residents are yielding up their heirlooms proud to have them on display. For the Trading post is not only a business venture ; it is a hobby as well with much that is not for sale on exhibit for all to share.

Settled by industrious wheat-raising Finnish homesteaders in covered-wagon days, the little town of Centerville had its place ^{on the World map} ~~in the limelight~~ in 1921 when it was honored by a National Convention of the Apostolic Lutheran Churches. Today it has the C.J. Trading Post and the affable and interesting Sperrys and to relic hunters, historians and tourists it is on the map to stay.

Helma Finnel

This is a little story I arent in some time
ago but the Paper felt it was too much
out of our locale - I thought it
might give you a lead on branding rows, etc.
if you arent acquainted with Mr. Sperry
I have heard that the old brand
recorded at the spk. cant house are
in the hands of a private family now.

Some genealogists are confused in regard to Richard Brooke Barnett (6) born Nov. 21, 1817, and Robert Seldye Barnett (6) born Dec. 16, 1819. Thinking they were brothers.

Both of these Barnetts were Brigadier-generals in the Civil War. They are cousins and grand-sons of Murrece (4) and Grace Denton (Mercer) Barnett.

ROBERT SELDON GARNETT (6), was the third child of Robert Selden Garnett and Olympe Charlotte deGouges Garnett.

Born Decemeber 16, 1819, was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1841. After service with the 4th Artillery on the Canadian border, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and appointed assistant instructor in infantry tactics at West Point. As aide-de-camp to General Wool in 1845 and to General Zachary Taylor 1846-49, Garnett participated in the military occupation of Texas and fought throughout the Mexican War. He was promoted to first lieutenant and breveted captain, then major for gallantry in the battles of Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, Monterey and Buena Vista. After the cessation of hostilities he was transferred to the infantry, advanced to captain and served another year in Texas. In 1852-54 he was commandant of cadets and instructor of infantry tactics at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was promoted to major in March, 1855, and placed in command of the Puget Sound expedition against the Indians and in 1858 was in charge of the Yakima Expedition. He is said to have suggested the design for the official seal of the newly organized state of California. In 1858 he obtained leave and went to Europe, but returned when the Civil War broke out, resigned from the United States army and offered his sword to his native state of Virginia. He was appointed Adjutant General of the State forces and assigned the difficult task of organizing undisciplined troops into efficient fighting units. Early in June, 1861, he was commissioned brigadier-general and given command of the Confederate forces in northwestern Virginia. The Campaign was doomed to failure from the beginning; the Union Army was of greatly superior strength; Garnett lacked cavalry and guns, and experienced difficulty obtaining supplies in a territory where sentiment was hostile to the Confederacy. He entrenched his 12,000 troops at Laurel Hill and Rich Mountain, but when the Federal forces, under McClellan consisting of 60,000 men, dislodged the Confederates from Rich Mountain, General Garnett was compelled to withdraw his small number from Laurel Hill. He saved his army, however, by a masterly retreat but was himself killed while directing the movement of his rear guard, after a sharp engagement at Carrick's Ford on Cheat River, July 13, 1861. He was the first officer of general rank to be killed in the war. In 1857 he married Marianne Neilson, daughter of George S. Neilson, of New York, by whom he had an only son, Arthur (7) Garnett.