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Dear Click.

I found your letter awaiting me upon our return to Hood River. the "news" and the Photo was much enjoyed. the snapshot gave me quite a pleasant surprise. I do not know why exactly - but I had no idea what you were so "accomplished". you speak of "finishing it off" - I enjoy and generally prefer a study that is not too overworked. Somewhat in the order of that Master "Epstein" your head reminds me of his work. You ask for a criticism Click. Then I do not feel capable of doing. Having done practically no sculpture. about all that I can fall back upon would be my class work in anatomy. which made me think that perhaps the bridge of the nose was a little too wide. again that might be the light, and the slight angle that one gets giving the appearance of looking down upon the head. so do not take my ideas too seriously. In your sincere

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of upore was beautifully caught.

Your remarks and clipping about the
Reppetany Show I read very carefully.
the difference in attendance between the college
and the Larson Building shows as touched me.

I can see your point. opt. If the Society
again invited me to show in the Larson building
I do not know how I could refuse. they have
all been so nice to me in so many ways.

I had excellent attendance and sold several
pictures in my show at the College. and would
have sold the largest and best picture. but
when I delivered it to the Rankin new home
there was so much glare in the room at a
bad angle one could not see my painting
except for about an third of the room.

It looked a blue from the front door and
entrance of the room. (I lost 500 Dollars
very quickly then)

Am surely glad that the Winter is over.
or seemingly so - tho we had snow today.

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Mr J. J. Miller sent me a large Marine
to paint out a very dull sky that he
did not like. so all in all I can't
complain and I am slowly building up
a following thru (Yakima) thanks mostly to
good friends like yourself who have been
very generous with their comments about my
work. I have anything "important" to tell
you just now: I am having a show at the
Upton Gallum in Salem in April and the
Lincoln County Art Centre in May: Your
Rotary Group wanted me to give a talk
and/or demonstration in April. but I have
written John Blaxom. postponing this to some
future date. due to Flu or something.

Kind regards.

Cordially

Percy Mansey.

Friday.

I am returning the Photograph. You did not
say:



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My Dear Click —

was very happy to get your letter today together with the clippings, and of course all of those in the past. Thought that I had better get off a quickie to you to tell you how DARN disappointed that we will be to miss you and remain ~~near~~ the week end. I open a show at the Lincoln County Art Festival at Dr Lake (an annual affair that they are kind enough to give me) on Saturday. We go down tomorrow a Friday. I take over the Class at the Center for the week following so that puts me away from Hood River about Ten Days.

Isn't that a nuisance? and worse —

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our rush will be over after that. tho—
so will settle down a bit.

While we have had a wonderful summer
there have been several nice friends
visits that we have missed by being
away. I guess that it just couldn't
be helped.

We hope that you will have a fine
vacation. Surely you must be ready
for it you have so many "Irons" in
the fire.

This is just a quicker note. Click
a more full and complete appreciation
letter will be sent you ere long.

Luck to you both.

Percy

Wednesday

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My Dear Chick —

This is a much delayed letter to you and Lorraine. I suppose it is a letter to say how much we enjoyed meeting you both at Maryhill — and surely it was a nice evening for me. This of course was brought about chiefly by those cumulative kindnesses that you have accorded Manser and his sons (in the past) and for which I am deeply grateful. The clippings that you have so faithfully sent to me from time to time were carefully filed and otherwise distributed to many people. Your stories of the Dalles and Celilo Indians were avidly read and kept then shown friends from time to time. When we (as we so often do) boast a wee bit of our friends in Yakima. Today I am sending to you and Lorraine one of my native colors that I hope you both may like.

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had we been home when you were in Hood River the summer. We would have been happy to have had you pick your own subject. (It can be framed or just covered with cellophane) and it can be exchanged (with no offense) at any time that you wish.

This fall I have not painted with my usual enthusiasm in fact all of the fall when the coloring was so beautiful. The wife was laid up and I discovered that it was a full time job for a man to keep house, cook, and otherwise take care of a wife confined to her bed. However she is coming along now and while progress is slow she seems to be on the right track.

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The Doctor did much experimenting it
seemed to me. even sent her to Portland
to verify his findings.
we read your article in the Madame Sam.
and realize more than ever just what the
History etc. of the Celilo Indians mean to you.
And Ouck we hope that the New Year will
be kind in every way to yourself and
Lorraine. to which we add our kindest
regards and best wishes

Cordially
Percy M.

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Dear Chick —

The fact that we were in Yakima and did not contact or see you bothered me no end. so a little note saying "why".

with my show we arrived there about Two o'clock (the day I opened.) we hung the show that afternoon. went to the Hotel (Chinook) for a bath as it was hot. tried to find your name in phone book but could not — only Joe Rellander. I think it was —

Guy Bruce called for us — took us to dinner at Washington School — the Harvest Banquet of the College I guess it was. we got home quite late. next morning catalogued the show etc. went to Lunch with Paul Allen then to the Hospites to visit Evelyn. then back to the

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College. then headed for Home. arriving
quite a bit after dark. (right driving I
do not care for.) I sent publicity to
Brace some time before the Show. and
I mentioned to him how nice you had
been in the past. but he apparently did
not contact you in any way. he promised
to send a story to our local paper. but
so far as I know nothing happened.
When we come over it will probably be "on
the fly" that is the way it has been
most all of this summer so - I do not
see you then. here is a special
"Howdy" to you both.

Sunday

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Mother Day

Lara Chet

Just a note,
I am due with a show at the Larsen
Gallery on May 25th and I hope
that we will be able to meet you
again when there. (Hope that you will
not be away.) It would not be
complete without seeing you.

I hope that my show will be up to
the Manser standard. In a good many
have gone this spring — and we always
feel that it is the best ones that
go.

Kind regards.
and our Best

the Percy Mansers

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Thursday

My Dear Click.

Thank you for your kindness
in sending me the clippings.
I appreciated it very much - I
file all such articles - (and have for
years) they are nice to look back
upon -

I felt that the publicity for my
show was certainly as much as one
could expect. So I thought that
the opening crowd was a little on
the "light" side. maybe the "Art"
season is drawing to a close.?
Naturally I would like to sell a few.

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Pictures. yet in a sense I want to
be disappointed if that department
is slow — for I like them I know
as they come. Some good — some, not
so good. It would be nice if
you both were to drop in upon us
this summer. and if you haven't seen
our valley now would, be delighted
to take you on a drive around about.
So we hope that you may plan accordingly.
With our best to you both.

Percy.

Some day when you get an extra piece
of Sculpture — a bust — maybe an Indian
would like to exchange a painting with you. P

Merry Christmas



"THE MOUNTAIN" by Percy L. Manser S.W.A

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A VERY

Happy New Year

PERCY AND CLEMA MANSER

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HOLLYWOOD, U.S.A.

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