

Grandview, Washington
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Mr. Click Relander
Yakima Morning Herald
Yakima, Washington.

Dear Mr. Relander:

I appreciated very much your article on The Maryhill Museum in The Herald for April 1. I have clipped it, and will put it in my collection of scarce Washington information.

About Maryhill, I have found only a little here, a little there. A little in my Washington Guide Book, and a pamphlet that the Museum has; also some cynical sounding stuff in "The Columbia" by Stewart Holbrook.

Our family likes to visit the museum whenever it can, and does appreciate the exhibits, but always feels the need for more of the history of the project, and of Mr. Sam Hill. Your article referring to Mrs. Spreckles answers one of our questions that arose during recent visits.

The whole project intrigues us. What of the dam between the old Maryhill Loops and the new road? We walked down there a few years ago, and could see where the water had washed under. The Museum staff had no information except that Mr. Hill had tried to install an irrigation project. I am certain that that subject could fill an interesting chapter in a book, if the right old timer could be found to recollect it. The old hotel by Stonehenge that Mr. Holbrook dismisses with some sarcasm, might fill another chapter.

The people of Washington and their visitors have need of a book on this very interesting subject. Schools and Libraries need it. The book needs an information gatherer and narrator. You are the man who can do it. How about it?

Very truly yours,

Don Fortune chairman of the board
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