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Dear Click:

The enclosed copy of my letter to Melvin Voorhees of the Columbia Basin News, is self explanatory. I don't think I need add anything. I hope they can pick a meeting where a presentation will really be important and I'm sure Voorhees values the publicity enough to see that a good meeting is available, probably the Chamber of Commerce.

I'm writing a little note to Mrs. Sumpter and will look up the material I sent to Pomeroy. I am sure teamwork between the women's organization and the paper will put the project over.

In my opinion you can't overemphasize the importance of getting the right officers at the outset--particularly the President and Secretary. Call it steam-roller or what have you, its vital to have those two officers persons who are really enthusiastic and with ability to see a project through. On Whidby Island I thought they had it all set but in the meeting the president -to-be suddenly declined. Then they went around the room, with one after another saying 'No'. Finally they landed on a poor old lady 80 years old who couldn't hear. That was the first and last meeting. Those who can make or break any society, particularly a new one.

Gradually we're closing the gaps in the local Society line. Believe me, I appreciate your cooperation.

Yours fraternally

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Mr. Melvin B. Voorhees, Editor  
Columbia Basin News  
Pasco, Washington

Dear Mr. Voorhees:

It is with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction that I advise you that at its last meeting the Board of Curators voted The News an Award of Merit for the paper's participation in the Lewis and Clark Sesqui-Centennial observance. The running news story by Ted Van Arsdall was a fine piece of work and your special edition was excellent. My own enthusiasm for the work done, and done so well, stems from many years as a publisher and it was gratifying to find our Board sharing my enthusiasm.

The Award has been signed and framed and I am sending it to you with this suggestion--- that it be presented to the paper at some suitable meeting where proper recognition can be given. Click Relander of the Yakima Republic, a member of the Board, has agreed to come down and make the presentation in behalf of the Society, so I am asking him to get in touch with you as to the date. I think your responsibility would be to select one or more possible civic meetings where the presentation could be made, and then see which one would fit into Click's schedule.

This probably is not the handsomest Award the News could receive, but I think it one of the most important and again my congratulations, personally and for the Board.

Yours very truly

CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Director

