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Mr. Arthur S. Cory,
Lewis County Savings & Loan Association,
Box 329, Chehalis, Wash.

March 18, 1955

Dear Mr. Cory:

Your letter of March 17 was such a surprise that it leaves me adrift on the well-known sea of emotion.

What small beginnings I have made in historical writing are due to the fortunate position of being employed by a public-service minded newspaper that makes every effort to present readable and interesting material in the historical field along with prime objective, news. It is a well balanced presentation of news and pictures representing all-around teamwork.

I came to Yakima because the newspaper here stood out head and shoulders above any in the public service field that I had observed during twenty years of newspapering in California. I joined it not as an individual but as a member of a well-organized team. I endeavored to make my abilities and experience in the research field an extra bit of the newspaper that would aid it in the same manner that a member of a football team, with a bit of special punch, could help his team score.

Then, some people spend their spare time riding hobbies, etc. Mine is spent developing the vast backlog of material I have been building on for some thirty years that in turn can, on occasion, be useful in my chosen profession. And all of this is secondary to the objective of being one individual in a team engaged in putting out a live, up-to-date newspaper that refuses to stand still and chooses to move ahead.

It is a rare honor to be considered for nomination as a member of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society. It is so much so that I would want to leave any decision as to my capabilities in the hands of those familiar with my work.

While my first duty would always be in my chosen profession, I would of course be glad to be of service in any way possible. There is no substitute for public service.

I deeply appreciate the expression of your letter. Irrespective of the outcome I sincerely hope that my contacts with the Society will permit me to personally meet and know you and others who I do not yet know.

And I feel doubly honored because so few from Yakima, and at such long intervals, have been considered for nomination.

Sincerely Yours

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