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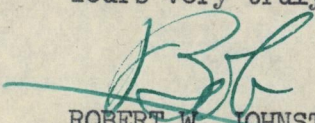
Congratulations on a very good yarn about the Fort Simcoe and Ahtanum Mission apple plantings. I enjoyed the piece immensely and we have cut out a couple of clips for our "apple history file".

When reading the article I naturally thought of the oldest tree of them all -- the historical tree at Vancouver, which was planted by Dr. John McLoughlin in the year of 1826. As a follow-up to your article, you might even like to make a two-column engraving of that tree and run a little item about it. I have, at various times, gotten good pictures of it and am enclosing one. So far as I know, the picture has never appeared in the Yakima newspaper, so it would be interesting for your readers.

With your extensive historical research and knowledge, you probably know as much or more about that tree than I do. I have considerable background material here in the office on that tree and if you decided to use it and need any information beyond that which you have, it is here for the copying.

Thanks again for the good article and also thanks to both you and Tom for the series on Apple Week -- the first picture was certainly a dandy and I am looking forward to seeing the later ones.

Yours very truly,


ROBERT W. JOHNSTON,
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P. S. Just one complaint. Please note our letterhead and don't be giving the Washington Fruit Commission credit for further research or as source material. We claim no credit for them; nor they for us.

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Dear Click:

Many thanks for following-up on the apple history material.

I would be interested in perusing any such materials you might have; I will return them to you within two weeks.

Cordially,

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