

Sept. 20, 1956

Mr. Robert Ries, chief project engineer,  
The Grant County PUD No. 2,  
Ephrata, Washington.

Dear Bob:

Enclosed are receipts from those involved with the funeral of Puck Hyah Toot or Johnny Tuck, who died September 10 and was buried September 13 at Priest Rapids, in the Wanapum graveyard.

These expenses, I assure you, are traditional with Indians of importance as was Puck Hyah Toot. Additionally, the family paid out much of its own money for additional food expenses, and its own goods.

Enclosed you will find receipts showing payment by me to Jack's Market, Moxee, \$100; Anderson's Foods, Yakima, \$250, and to the family, \$350, a total of \$700. This balance with the check No. 2512, issued 9-6-56 by the Columbia River-Priest Rapids Hydro-Electric Production System, and made out to Click Relander, 1212 N. 32nd Ave.

Additionally enclosed are receipts for funeral expenses the family paid amounting to \$250, although this includes some medicine for Puck Hyah Toot. As I said, this is traditional and customary as funeral expenses.

Slips from the two grocery stores are also enclosed.

And as is customary, the largest crowd attended the dance and feast after the funeral. When I left this was running close to 400 persons. Cars were parked for over a quarter of a mile down the road outside the happy place. The number at the "wake" ran around 80 to 110, depending upon the time of day. One of the traditional meals was that at midnight, served with the corpse in the same room.

It is my estimation that additional expenses ran several hundred more dollars, and it is my knowledge that had the entire sum not been needed, it would not have been used. After the funeral the family waited until late in the day before taking a crowd count, and I accompanied them to the store in Yakima to complete their purchases. If the crowd had not been there, approximately \$150 would not have been drawn.

I will be glad to explain or substantiate any items desired.

Typical to their fashion, the family does not outwardly express its appreciation, but they did, so much, and will do so publicly upon occasion.

My own appreciation is expressed to the Grant County PUD and those involved for this humane handling of a lamentable situation.

Sincerely Click Relander



[Enclosure. Sep. 20, 1956]

Buckskin \$20

Help and drummers

Johnnie Barnie \$2

Johnnie Pimms \$2

Larry Ohappy \$5

Jim Ohappy \$5

Lester Umtuch \$5

Harry Tomalawash \$5

Harry Wynne \$5

Sam Joe \$3

Yallup \$5

Louie Melatary \$5

Cooks

Viola Ohappy \$5

At Watooks \$5

Annie Frank \$5

Katherine Cloude \$5 Box 505, Lapwai, Idaho

Watermelons and Oad@add Casaba \$8.18

Frank-Cas expense to PR \$15

24 teasp ons at 7 \$1.68

Lena "aters @200d \$2.



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Date

Sept 18 1956

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Your account stated to date. If error is found, return at once.

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SOLD BY

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NAME

Click Relander

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DEPOSITED WITH  
**SAVINGS DEPARTMENT**

**SEATTLE-FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

FOR ACCOUNT OF

Click Relander

1212 N 32ND AVE

Sept 12 1956

In making this deposit, the depositor agrees to be bound by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations governing Savings Accounts of SEATTLE-FIRST NATIONAL BANK; and by any changes, modifications or additions thereto, which By-Laws, Rules and Regulations are posted at all times in the Lobby of the Bank.

CURRENCY

COIN

CHECKS

DOLLARS

CENTS

350

350

**DUPLICATE**

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SEP 12 1956

**YAKIMA VALLEY BRANCH  
SEATTLE-FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

NEW BAL.



September 12, 1956

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of Puck Hyah Toot or Johnny Buck of the Wanapum Indians of Priest Rapids.

Rex Buck

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Bob Tomalawash

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Kenneth Crow

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