

Tuesday, March 2, 1955

Dear Frank:

The welfare boss told me this morning when I talked to him he would contact T^oppenish and Olympia if necessary to find out what was doing, about the welfare.

Before long he told me and said that your check, for one week I believe, is coming through and you should be getting it in a day or so. So I guess that means you go back there next Monday and get lined up for another if you are still out of work.

If you go back next Monday and they tell you that you can get no check-- and you have not your job--tell them to contact Mr. B^owden at Yakima ~~he~~ who is ~~o~~~~o~~~~o~~~~o~~ the boss. They are runningshort of money but if people are really in need they are taken care of.

Now about this other. I didn't hear from you or the garage at T^oppenish. But this is what I think you had better do. You may get a notice, or you may not, that you cannot drive a car anymore. If I am picked up for driving when I am drinking, they take my license and that is all the driving I do for a whole year. The next time they pick me ~~u~~ up, they just throw me in jail and I stay there, perhaps for several months. No one can tell another how to run his life. A person runs their life good or bad. A ~~g~~~~o~~~~o~~ person uses the brains that the Great Brother gave him or he he dosen't and that is that. What a person does wrong, no one else can undo.

I forgot to tell you about the good news for T^ommey Thompson's people. I am sending a story. They are putting a bill through so they can get paid for their homes along the river. That I suppose would be one big lump sum payment, lots of money maybe at one time instead of a little every year while others spend the rest, or it goes for buying buildings and things like that. That is the same thing that can easily happen at Priest Rapids when they go ahead with the dam there, which looks like they will. But now there are so few people who are Priest R^apids people that there won't be any money to pay out. That's the way it looks. I don't know.