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William McGowan,  
Toppenish, Wash.  
Dear Sir:-

We are informed that E.C. Simpson, has been promoted to the position of District State Highway engineer in your District, to succeed Hamilton, who becomes Maintenance Engineer.

I hope Simpson will meet with success in his new field of endeavor and rather believe he will give us satisfaction on the work we have in view.

I was happily surprised on the bid for the last six and one half mile contract recently let. Sunderland, Swartz and I made a little bet on what it would be and I won the bet.

Our District Engineer Swartz figures were \$270.00, which was a wild guess and a poor estimate.

I believe there will be sufficient funds left in the appropriation, with the \$50.000 Federal aid money allowed us to grade to the summit, but our last information was that the next contract to be let would only call for two miles.

I very much regret the tragic death of Duncan Dunn, for he was not only a valuable man for us, but was a progressive man in every field of endeavor.

We have had a very good winter here, no severe storms or excessive cold weather. While the snow laid on for two months, yet it was just what we wanted to protect our winter wheat, which is looking good as this time.

I hope when we meet again for our annual picnic, the coming summer, we will hear trees falling along the right of way and blasts shooting rock along the line.

We have raised the money to buy land for an airport, so planes can stop here on their way from Portland, to Yakima and Spokane and perhaps on the golf grounds at Toppenish.

Should funds warrant it, we hope you will use your influence, with Mr. Simpson to recommend a longer contract than two miles next time, for when we reach the summit on your side, we can prepare for reasonable prospects for traveling.

Hoping all is well with you, I remain Very truly yours.

*N. B. Brooks*