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Dear Ed and Jean:

Just two months from the date of the Granite Creek trip for the Historical Society about which I wrote you a while back. The date has been set as Sunday, June 15. The plan is to picnic at Granite Creek. So far that is all anyone knows is in the plan other than that we MIGHT travel to your place if time permits.

I intend to make a trip over there along with one or two others to see everyone and be able to line it all up, soon after the 25th of April I hope. Can't go before then as I am working just now until after the convention of the ILMA.

However, a few things are puzzling me now that you might be able to throw some light on. (1) Would a bus be able to travel the road from Tulameen up to your place? We have engaged a bus from the local Impala Coach Lines to take people who would not otherwise have transportation. It carries 37 passengers so is about the size of one of these city buses. Mickey Schrader, the operator, tells me that he will go as far as Tulameen but that the road farther on has too many sharp curves and is too narrow for a bus to negotiate since it would be dangerous to try to pass cars with a heavy vehicle such as that. (It is George's opinion and mine that logging trucks are hauling on that road and if so, why couldn't a bus travel the same road?) What do you think?

(2) About getting across from Coalmont to Granite. There is a bridge to be crossed and therefore maybe the bus would be too heavy and we might need to have cars ready to take the passengers that last little bit. However, again, someone said logs are being hauled down from the Blakeburn area over that road.

What can you remember about your father & mother and their part in Granite, Princeton and Coalmont. We will need someone to give a bit of a talk on the place and if you could put together a bit of the history of your Dad's part in the area I would think you'd be the logical one to do that. I have quite a bit that my dad wrote about his days in Granite and the people he knew there so between us we should be able to give them a pretty good story. I was thinking maybe Walt Smart could give a talk at Coalmont. I will drop him a note to get him thinking about it too. Then of course we need to have Mrs. Rabbitt in the programme too. Anyway, when I come over maybe we can get together and plan it.

Actually, I need also to contact the Similkameen Branch of the Historical Society too and include them in on the planning since it is in their area. Do you belong to the Similkameen Branch? Have you ever seen any of the publications put out by this Branch? The books are really interesting. I will bring some over with me for you to have a look at. There is not very much ever gets into the book from the Similkameen area so maybe some of us should prepare a few articles. I had thought that maybe there might be room for a "North Similkameen Branch" or an Otter Valley Branch that could work on historical records of the country north of Princeton both in the Otter and the One Mile. However, maybe there wouldn't be enough people to keep it

going and it might be a better idea to try and stir up interest to join the present Similkameen Branch. They are pretty active. Mrs. Ray Walters is the President now – Sam Manery is a Director.

I sure hope June 15th fits in with your plans and that you are not going to be away at that time. Do drop me a line and let me know and also tell me what you think about the road – bus problem.

I hope to see you early next month.

Kindest regards to you both,

Sincerely,